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Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY

SO, even after the ups and downs of the potato situation, the 1946 agricultural income for the Klamath basin hit a new high—exceeding the 1945 figure by $3,000,000! You'll find the story and a table showing County Agent Charles A. Henderson's figures elsewhere in today's paper.

EPLEY

The final figures for the last year will come as somewhat of a surprise to most people, because it was known that potatoes had not done quite so well as in the past, when they have customarily led the upward trend.

But barley, livestock and small seeds boomed ahead in 1946. The income from all grain, in fact, mounted near to that for potatoes. It is significant that in a year in which financial returns from potatoes showed a decline, still the total agricultural income of the basin produced a substantial increase. It emphasizes certainly that this is not a one-crop country, and it indicates progress toward a more balanced situation than has existed through the period of rapid ascendancy of King Spud.

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Potato Problems

THERE are encouraging evidences that Klamath's potato growers are aware of the new problems that have arisen in their industry as it has passed out of its bonanza youth into adulthood—in just about 21 years, incidentally.

The reputation of the Klamath potato was built through those early years by sound practices in culture, grading, storing and so on. At the same time, the industry had the advantage of new land, where pests and insects had not yet become entrenched.

In recent years, two conditions have developed that tended to lower the quality of potatoes. Increase of pest and disease problems, inevitable as the industry grew older, has come right along with a period of exceptionally good market conditions. When almost anything produced can find a market and a good price, there is a natural tendency to lower standards. That weakening of standards came right at a time when pests and disease opened up an attack.

But Klamath growers, as indicated by the leadership of the grower organizations in this county and the Tulelake area, are preparing to meet the problems thus presented. There is a drive on to tighten standards and return to the practices that made the Klamath potato famous on the metropolitan markets. Constructive programs are being designed to meet the disease issue.

The Klamath country has impressively demonstrated its ability to grow fine potatoes for the great metropolitan markets close by. All the indications are that it will continue doing that in a big way. Soil, water, climate, markets and MEN will do the job.

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON

OUR TOWN, .USA., April 11—Some of the papers here say Mr. Truman is really deeply disturbed about prices now—not merely from the personal standpoint of proving he was right about OPA when congress overruled him, and not from the political standpoint of chiding republicans. Someone around him said something about actually doing something, say, perhaps putting an excess profits tax on profits again. That would not do any good around here, maybe a little, but it does not even reach toward a basic understanding of our local problems, as the people are telling how they face it in our clubs and social gatherings and such.

A husband and wife here, for instance, who were well known have been compelled to move to a cheaper apartment because she simply could not meet her increasing budget costs, although both had received good raises. No one is charging anyone with gouging around here—at least not publicly—but the money just seems to flow in larger and larger quantities every time you turn around and the promise that everything would work out when production was acquired simply has not proved true. For one thing we don't have production yet.

One of our largest retailers thought he found a flaw in the production-price theory when he started to build an annex for post-war expansion. He had to take a cost plus contract in order to get the work done fast.

No one would guarantee anything on material prices and labor. The work has dragged on twice the allotted time and the cost has been run up from two to four times the original estimate (he confesses the bite increased within those estimates but will not say how much.)

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Reason For Price Boosts

THE reason for this price increase may be found in another specific instance our people are talking about and this incident explains why an excess profits tax or even the shortage of materials has nothing to do with the trouble. The steel workers agreed to work Saturday in order to push the job through, and with their time and a half or double time that day, they got $32. You might think this enough to pay rather high prices. But on Monday they all failed to show up. In short, they earned double time working a holiday and then took off the day of normal pay. The bricklayers on the same job disappeared one day. No one seemed to know for sure where they had gone but it was reported they ran off to the city for a day to get a premium wage of $22 on a special job.

Now an excess profits tax might be justifiable, our people say, on some of those big concerns—if they have any excess in general—but you cannot talk along that line to the restaurant man who got one third less trade this year on Easter Sunday than last, and says he served 200 less dinners over the Easter period. Nor can you talk that way to the main street merchant who is not getting his stocks moved because people are not buying as they formerly did.

This is a nation of small towns for the most part and these true conditions of a small town are the ones Mr. Truman and his economists will have to face, not statistics. No one here believes you can cure prices by pressing a button, but we certainly might have production, a market saturating production this far after the war. That is what our people say.

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Excess Profits

NOW I do not wish to report from these hustings that we hear nothing of excess profits. One fellow bought a piece of real estate for $2500, for which our best judge of real estate had offered $500. Others have paid $17,500 for small houses with bedrooms so tiny there was just room enough for a bed and for you to get into it.

In fact there was one particular excess profit case which caused police to search for the profiteer. A couple wanted to buy a house, saw an ad in the paper, actually met the owner, went through the house, then met him on a street corner and paid him $500 down. When they tried to move into the house, they found it long had been occupied. A trickster had succeeded in getting a key impression, thus admitted with a key the prospective purchasers, while the occupants were out of town.

You can see there are all kinds of things going on in Our Town, no doubt somewhat like yours, prices and profit conditions are of primary interest to nearly all the people, but in a confusing sort of way, if you know what I mean.

Bus Accident Leads To Safety Recommendations

SEATTLE, April 11 (AP)—Installation of emergency exits on tops of all public service passenger-carrying vehicles was recommended yesterday by a coroner's jury after completing its inquiry into the Monday night collision of a North Coast Lines bus and an oil truck.

Nine persons were killed in the crash, eight of them passengers of the bus which plunged into the Duwamish river and virtually submerged.

The jury also recommended that:

Public carriers be required to carry "such other equipment as will enable passengers to handle emergencies."

Seattle and King county "equip and man a vehicle with apparatus and tools suitable to take care of highway emergencies for the future protection of the traveling public."

Death of the truck driver, Talfred Smithee, was attributed by the jury to Smithee's own actions.

"Contributing factor" to the other eight deaths, the jury said, was the "inattention to the road" of Melvin D. Long, of Olympia, driver of the heavily loaded bus.

Long was absolved of all blame by Capt. C. E. Spencer, state patrol vehicle safety inspector, who testified the impact of the crash had jammed the steering gear so the driver had no control over the bus' movements.

Long testified he might not have seen the truck cross his path in time to avoid hitting it because he had been checking traffic in his rear vision mirror at the time.

Elks Inaugural Ball Saturday

Elks will dance in honor of their new officers at the Elks lodge Saturday night in the annual inaugural ball.

Past Exalted Ruler Robert A. Thompson is chairman of the dance committee, and special features are planned honoring Exalted Ruler Charles Seavey and his staff of new officers. All Elks are invited, and there will be no admission charge.

Pappy Gordon's band will furnish music.

Classified Ads Bring Results.

RADIO PROGRAMS

FRIDAY EVE., APRIL 11

* KFLW Feature	* KFJI Feature
6:00 Sports Lineup*	Gabriel Heatter MBS
6:15 Home Town News*	Klamath Theatre Quiz*
6:25 World News Summary*	" "
6:30 The Sheriff ABC	Around Town*
6:45 " "	Dinner Dance*
6:55 Champion Roll Call ABC	" "
7:00 Gillette Fights ABC	Mischa Borr Orch.*
7:15 " "	Voice of Sports*
7:30 " "	Cisco Kid MBS
7:45 Submarine Anniversary*	" "
8:00 Music by Bovero ABC	Let George Do It MBS
8:15 " "	" "
8:30 This Is Your FBI ABC	Burl Ives MBS
8:45 " "	Miller's Evening Classics*
9:00 Break the Bank ABC	Glenn Hardy, News MBS
9:15 " "	Mel Venstner's Pict. MBS
9:30 Bob Wills & Play Boys*	Lakeshore Remote*
9:45 " "	Henry J. Taylor MBS
10:00 Stardust Melodies*	News Roundup & Concert*
10:30 Freddy Martin Orch. ABC	Music As You Like It*
11:00 Night News Summary*	Henry King Orch. MBS
11:05 Sign Off	
11:15	Jack Barrows Orch. MBS
11:30	John Wolahan Orch. MBS
11:45	News MBS

SATURDAY A. M., APRIL 12

6:30 6 A. M. Serenade*	Musical Reveille*
6:45 Farm Fare*	" "
7:00 News, Breakfast Edition*	F. Hemingway, News MBS
7:15 Rogers Roundup*	Rise and Shine MBS
7:30 News ABC	Headline News*
7:45 Music For You*	Best Buys*
8:00 Wake Up and Smile ABC	Favorites of Yesterday*
8:15 " "	Morning Matinee*
8:30 " "	Allen Prescott Salon*
8:45 " "	Fashion Flashes*
9:00 Junior Junction ABC	Pro-Art Quartette MBS
9:15 " "	" "
9:30 American Farmer ABC	Nat Brandwynne Orch.*
9:45 " "	Mill Herth Trio*
10:00 Musical Closeups ABC	Glenn Hardy News MBS
10:15 " "	Gwen Williams Sings*
10:30 Youth Asks the Govt. ABC	Sym. For Youth MBS
10:45 " "	" "
11:00 Our Town Speaks ABC	Robert Hilliard Concert*
11:15 " "	Fireside Quartet*
11:30 The Hilltoppers ABC	Rainbow Wrangler*
11:45 This Is For You ABC	" "

SATURDAY P. M., APRIL 12

KFLW—1450 kc.	KFJI—1240 kc.
12:00 Noon Edition News*	Melodious Melodies*
12:15 Speaking of Songs ABC	News*
12:30 Gem Session*	Your Dance Tunes*
12:45 Music of Manhattan*	Farm Front*
1:00 Horse Races ABC	Des. Experi. Handicap MBS
1:15 " "	Veterans Voice*
1:30 F. Roosevelt Memorial ABC	F. Roosevelt Memorial MBS
1:45 " "	Klamath Matinee*
2:00 Saturday Concert ABC	For Your Approval MBS
2:30 " "	Rickys Request*
3:00 Jimmy Blair ABC	" "
3:15 Chittison Trio ABC	Haven of Rest*
3:30 Buddy Weed Trio ABC	Tea Dance*
3:45 Texas Jim Robertson ABC	Harry Horlich Concert*
4:00 Bible Messages ABC	Hawaii Calls MBS
4:15 Requestfully Yours*	" "
4:30 Requestfully Yours*	Voice of Army*
4:45 " "	Les Brown Orch.*
5:00 " "	News MBS
5:15 " "	Christian Science Pgm.*
5:30 Requestfully Yours*	Bobbie Norris Strings MBS
5:45 Frank Hemingway ABC	Traffic Safety*

SATURDAY EVE., APRIL 12

6:00 Sports Lineup*	Dave Rose Orch.*
6:15 Hometown News*	Quiz Show*
6:25 World News Summary*	" "
6:30 Klamath Theatre Guide*	Stephen Graham MBS
6:45 Sammy Kaye Orch.*	" "
7:00 Famous Jury Trials ABC	Klamath Temple*
7:30 I Deal in Crime ABC	Red Ryder*
8:00 American Legion Pgm.*	Crime Club MBS
8:15 Music by Cugat*	" "
8:30 The Fat Man ABC	Shoot the Works*
9:00 Gangbusters ABC	Glen Hardy, News MBS
9:15 " "	Oregon Tourist*
9:30 Leighton Noble Orch. ABC	Hunting-Fishing Club MBS
10:00 Stardust Melodies*	Date Night MBS
10:30 Freddie Martin Orch. ABC	Let's Dance*
11:00 Night News Summary*	Clev. Symphony Orch. MBS
11:05 Sign Off	" "
11:15	" "
11:30	" "
11:45	" "
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SIDE GLANCES

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"I can't imagine why the bills are so high this month, unless it could be that new pair of shoes you bought!"

The World Today

By DeWITT MacKENZIE
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

Senator Tom Connally, ranking democratic member of the senate foreign relations committee, left nothing to imagination in his forthright declaration yesterday in urging the senate to pass the bill implementing President Truman's proposal to extend financial and limited military aid to Greece and Turkey.

The Texan described Russian aims with a bluntness which most administration officials have avoided thus far. Said he:

"Soviet Russia by her system of spreading creeping paralysis among smaller and weaker nations, hopes to bring about world domination and to control the destiny of Europe . . . There is no denial that one of the purposes of this bill is to enable Greece and Turkey to resist the encroachments of Soviet Russia and her satellite states . . . We should make that purpose clear . . . We should make it plain that as a nation and a people, we shall resist this effort to destroy the independence and integrity of free peoples."

And from Lake Success, N. Y., came an echo. Greek Ambassador Dendramis charged before the UN security council that Russia and her sattellites were encouraging and strengthening disloyal Greek minorities in efforts to bring his country under a "communist dictatorship."

Pepper Sees War

But there is a school which holds that the president's program spells trouble, and Senator Pepper, Florida democrat, is of that view. He told the senate that this aid to Greece and Turkey would "subject this nation to the serious accusation of aspiring to become the new Rome or the old Britain and risk for the American people a war which may destroy civilization."

Pepper charged that this program would sabotage the United Nations and destroy any hope of conciliation with Russia. He declared "it would launch us on an unprecedented policy of intervention and ally us with reactionary and corrupt regimes." The senator contends that aid should be through the United Nations.

Senator Connally took the position that America wants only peace, and he said Russia could gain the friendship of the United States by (1) ceasing to infiltrate other countries; (2) ceasing to employ her armies as a threat to her neighbors; (3) respecting the sovereignty and integrity of other nations, and (4) performing her obligations to the United Nations to promote peace and peaceful settlements.

Last Monday Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Gromyko made a bitter attack on the United States in the UN security council, charging that the Truman administration by-passed, weakened and undermined the UN in proposing direct aid to Greece and Turkey. He agreed that the Greeks should have aid but proposed that it be administered under a security council commission. He rejected any aid to Turkey, saying that nation came into the war too late to be of assistance.

Gromyko Answered

Senator Connally replied to Gromyko yesterday. The senator said there was no hope of obtaining an equitable settlement of the Greco-Turkish problem from the UN, adding:

"If a proposal should be made to the United Nations organization to supply the aid carried in this bill, Mr. Gromyko as a representative of Soviet Russia would, according to my belief, promptly interpose a veto."

Great men in many countries are trying to find the answer to the grave and growing difficulties between the two blocs. Thus far we haven't seen a trial of the idea which a lot of observers have thought worth consideration. That is for the Big Four chiefs — President Truman, Marshal Stalin, British Prime Minister Attlee and French Premier Ramadier—to get together for a heart-to-heart talk across the table.

After all, they're the head men, and they might be able to reach a compromise. Especially since much of the trouble is mutual suspicion between the two blocs. Many students of the situation believe that if distrust were removed, a solution might be achieved.

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Forest Service Timber Up

PORTLAND, April 11 (AP)—The average price of Pacific northwest forest service timber is up to a new high of $8.15 a thousand board feet.

The forest service said the mark was reached in the January-March quarter this year. The previous high was the 1946 average of $5.31.

The average bid in the state of Washington was even higher in the last quarter, reaching $9.58. Oregon's was $6.96.

The forest service said sales totaled 405,808,000 board feet in the north Pacific region for $3,306,681, compared with 54,104,000 feet and $314,642 for the same period last year.

Two more auction sales on timber are scheduled soon—at Eugene May 12 and 13. The first will offer 105,200,000 feet appraised at $715,892, and the other 67,245,000 feet appraised at $491,600. The timber is in the Willamette national forest.

Seattle Armory Building Burns

SEATTLE, April 11 (AP) — A spectacular three-alarm fire heavily damaged the roof and interior of the old armory building adjacent to the Pike Place market early today.

The castle-like structure, built in 1909, was used, in part, as a storeroom for records of the state unemployment compensation department.

Fire Chief William Fitzgerald said he was considering the possibility that the fire was set to destroy the records which now are being studied in an attempt to discover fraudulent compensation claims.

STATIC

By KELLY ROBERTS

Above is a bit of feminine pulchritude combining the two honeys from the "Honeydrippers" quintet. The three drippers didn't quite make the picture, luckily. The group was formed while they were all fellow students in college, and is now making a name for itself on records and over the ABC network.

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Just in case you wondered who the gent was that was standing with his back to the camera in yesterday's pic of Bob McCarl and his new car, it's L. L. Lombard, local Plymouth dealer, who hands the keys to the first postwar Plymouth convertible he has sold to the proud new owner.

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Cavalcade of Sports presents a 10-round light heavyweight bout between Billy Fox of Philadelphia and Georgie Kochan of New York. Billy has 43 successive KO's to his credit, but lost to Gus Lesnevitch in a light-heavy title match. Georgie Kochan recently staged an upset by defeating Johnny Colan.

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Dave Beach, a local ham operator, scored quite a scoop on everyone yesterday by getting in touch with operators in the tornado area in Texas. It was pointed out by the KARS, Klamath Amateur Radio society, that the only means of communication reported in the area, was the operation of the portable transmitters by amateur operators. They performed an amazing service. The KARS restated that they were ready to offer similar service in the Klamath area in case of an emergency.

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One of the most unique alibis for getting drunk was overheard by us yesterday in justice court. The man claimed that he was suffering with some "horrible disease" and that if he filled his stomach full enough of alcohol it would kill the bugs and cure him. Maybe he's got something, but it didn't work.

Packer Sinks During Storm

PORT ALBERNI, B. C., April 11 (AP) — The Packer Willing Slave, owned by Canada Packers, Ltd., foundered and sank in Pachena bay at the height of a storm Wednesday night, provincial police reported. The crew was reported to be safe at Ucluelt, B. C.

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Katherine Arant Is Sears ALLSTATE-KFLW Contest Winner

Pictured above from left to right are C. L. Terwilleger, Sears' Klamath Falls manager; Mrs. Arant of Weyerhaeuser Camp No. 4, winner of four new ALLSTATE tires; George Willis and Pete Colley, Sears employees who served as featured vocalist and pianist, respectively, on the "SEARS SHOW" series of radio programs just concluded over KFLW. Mrs. Arant won the set of ALLSTATES by writing the winning lyric about ALLSTATE tires to the tune of "Give Me Five Minutes More." Entries were received from every section of the Klamath basin.

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