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KLAMATH FALLS, ORE., THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 1941

(Every Morning Except Monday)

Pelicans Defeat Roseburg, 31-18 At State Tourney

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS. AT 11 a. m. today (one has to date even guesses these days) the news is full of rumors and not much else.

THERE is a rumor from Belgrade (Yugoslavia) that Russia has promised the Turks she won't attack them if they fight to defend Greece.

There is another rumor that the Germans have placed long-range guns at Varna, on the Black Sea coast of Bulgaria as a threat to commerce in that area.

FRANCO is reported to have rejected flatly as "inconsistent with Spanish honor" a German demand that Spain give territorial facilities for the flight of Nazi planes to assist the Italians in Libya.

At the same time Serrano Suner, Franco's foreign minister, gives out a statement to the effect that Spain and the axis trip-lets are just like peas in a pod.

THERE is a rumor that German planes have already begun to bombard Greek towns from bases in Bulgaria, and indications that the zero hour in the Balkans may be near are seen in reports that the steady southward movement of German troops through Bulgaria, under way for ten days, has suddenly dwindled to a trickle.

It is further reported that German staff officers have disappeared from Sofia, Bulgaria's capital, and are headed for field headquarters near the Greek and Turkish borders.

Thousands of German planes are said to be massed along these same frontiers.

CONTINUING the recital of rumors, Yugoslavia is reported to have agreed "in principle" to sign the axis pact.

A glance at the map will make Yugoslavia's position plain to you. She is surrounded on practically all sides by the axis.

Her choice would appear to be between submission and suicide.

IT looks like the crisis in the Balkans is heading up to a peak, but of course one never can be wholly certain. Surprise is an immensely important element in warfare, and this mass of rumors may be a smoke screen designed to mask the spot where the blow is really to fall.

MEANWHILE, listen for a moment to our old friend "informed nazi spokesman," who says today in Berlin (with the AP correspondent reports, more solemnity than usual):

"Mr. Roosevelt is an unpredictable man. Let him send ONE CONVOY and—"

There he left the sentence hanging. Then he added: "We are determined to torpedo EVERYTHING that approaches England."

THE War 25 Years Ago. By The Associated Press. March 12, 1916—Germans gain foothold in Alsace Salient on western front.

Local Basketball Quint Set Up as Team to Beat; Bocchi Scores 11

Oregon state tournament scores: Salem 41, Columbia Preps, Portland, 32. McMinnville 40, Beaverton 22. Klamath Falls 31, Roseburg 18. North Bend 37, Parkrose 28. Astoria 41, Vale 35. Eugene, 24, Corvallis 19. The Dalles 32, Baker 27.

SALEM, Ore., March 12 (UP)—Salem, McMinnville, Klamath Falls, North Bend and Astoria, all but McMinnville considered powerful contenders for the state

That the state basketball tournament in Salem has created local interest was shown by the great number of telephone inquiries to The Herald and News throughout Wednesday afternoon and night. Results of today's games should be available by early evening.

high school basketball championship, won first round games in the state tournament today.

Salem, the host team and champions for two years running, got by Columbia Prep of Portland 41 to 32; Klamath Falls downed a nervous but potentially dangerous Roseburg squad 31 to 18, and North Bend, with Forward Sam Crowell shattering the all-time tournament scoring record with 31 points, easily trampled Parkrose 57 to 26.

Previously the tournament title had been held by Ted Sarpola, of Astoria, with 27 points in one tournament game. Astoria had to come from behind to down little Vale high school, 41 to 35, after trailing 17.

Langell Valley Soil District Formed in Vote

By a vote of 92 to 0, landholders in the proposed Langell Valley Soil Conservation district voted in favor of the formation of the district in a referendum election conducted at the Langell Valley irrigation district offices Wednesday.

There were a possible 141 votes in the district. The acreage voted was 26,215 out of a possible 32,772, or 80 per cent. Inasmuch as a 70 per cent vote is required to pass the soil conservation district formation, it was believed the district was assured by Wednesday's balloting.

The boundaries of the district now proposed are somewhat different from those of a district on which a referendum was held in September, 1940, when the proposal lost by a narrow margin.

The referendum was held under the soil conservation district laws of Oregon. M. T. Prince was superintendent of polling, and election board members were O. S. Campbell, Lloyd Gift and M. D. Fettle.

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Here on Christian Mission



Rev. Victor Phillips of the First Methodist church, chairman of the local committee arranging for the three-day Christian Mission in Klamath Falls, greets Catherine Lyon, president of the Oregon Methodist Youth Council, and the Rev. Norman K. Tully, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church of Eugene, upon their arrival here Wednesday to take an active part in the mission.

BRITAIN SENDS THANKS TO U. S.

Commons Cheers as Note of Gratitude Read by Churchill on Aid Bill

LONDON, March 12 (P)—Prime Minister Churchill formally thanked the United States today for passage of the British aid bill, which he termed a "new magna carta . . . an inspiring act of faith."

With a United States military mission in the gallery—he later received the Americans in a private room—Churchill formally read the following statement to the house of commons: "The lease and lend bill, as the house is aware, became law yesterday when it received immediately the signature of the president (cheers)."

Minor Forest Fires Started In Northwest

SEATTLE, March 12 (UP)—Unusually warm weather throughout the Pacific northwest today was accompanied by an outbreak of forest brush fires, most of them minor.

Taxpayers

The internal revenue bureau's branch office in the federal (postoffice) building will be open Friday night until 9 p. m. and Saturday until midnight to assist federal income taxpayers in making out their tax returns.

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An official spokesman said the Vichy government is highly satisfied with American reaction to Vice-Premier Admiral Francois Darlan's warning Monday—that unless Britain lifts the food blockade within "a few weeks" he is prepared to use the guns of the French fleet for convoys.

Youth Banquet Opens Mission Meeting Here

"We need Christ as the cornerstone of our lives." This was the thought expressed Wednesday night by Dr. Ray S. Dunn, pastor of the Rose City Park Methodist church of Portland, principal speaker at the opening of the Christian Mission in Klamath Falls.

The mission opened with a youth banquet, with Charles Uhlig presiding. More than 100 young people gathered in the dining room of the Methodist church to hear talks by Catherine Lyon, of Albany college, and Dr. Norman K. Tully, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church of Eugene.

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The blaze started from an overheated stove in the clubroom, firemen said, and spread quickly to the woodshed and into the kitchen of the two-story house occupied by Lewis Larson. Firemen had the blaze under control in a few minutes.

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Conscription Follows Induction of Volunteers From Klamath Area

First actual draftees from Klamath county will be included in the next selective service quota, which will leave here Thursday, March 20. Major Ted Case, of the Klamath headquarters said Wednesday.

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Of the 30 men from boards 1 and 2 in the fourth call since are volunteers, Case revealed. Volunteers have thus far filled Klamath's quota to give the county one of the highest marks in the state.

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Following are the March 20 selectees from board 1: James Creason, Box 1151; Robert C. Chase, 1842 Esplanade; Alfred M. Carlson, 406 South Riverside; Raymond E. Fuller, 2252 Vine; George W. Dodson, 230 North Spring; Melvin C. Nelson, 2219 South Sixth; Harold B. Uglum, 231 North Sixth; Don L. West, 906 Upham; Raymond C. Guernsey, 1030 Upham; Jasper E. Hall, 1233 Front; James R. Wakefield, 230 North Sixth; Charles H. Stone, 1926 Main; Everett C. Jones, 73 Pine.

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Robert Quinton Preheim, Rheuben A. Talbot, Sprague River; Guy Harry Johnny, Klamath Falls; John Joseph Schram, Klamath Falls; Lester T. Gentry, Klamath Falls; Eddie F. Barker, Klamath Falls; Morris C. McNichols, Merrill; Walter H. Stastny, Malin; Stanford Revenue, Klamath Falls; Orus J. Jones, Merrill; Herman W. Hodges, Merrill; Dale G. Hollinger, Sprague River; Virgil T. Hill, Lapine; Francis J. Lee, Klamath Falls; Elmer O. Moore, Klamath Falls; John P. O'Sullivan, Sprague River; Dick Oscar Snuffer, Klamath Falls.

Broadcasters To Talk Music Row

NEW YORK, March 12 (UP)—Neville Miller, president of the National Association of Broadcasters, announced tonight that the organization's board of directors will meet here Monday to "consider the whole question" of a new contract which again would make available for general radio use the music controlled by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers.

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ASCAP-controlled music has not been heard on network and most independent stations since January 1, when a previous contract with the composers' society expired. The broadcasters had rejected an ASCAP proposal for a renewed contract. Broadcast Music, Inc., was established as a rival to ASCAP and all but about 200 radio stations depended on BMI and uncopyrighted music.

Obstructions Banned

PORTLAND, March 12 (P)—The state aeronautics board yesterday adopted regulations forbidding the erection of anything that might prove an obstruction at an airfield. The action followed adoption by the legislature of a measure making obstructions around airports illegal.

HOUSE DELAYS TAX ON SALES FOR ADDITION

Referendum Plan Sought As Aid to Passage of \$8,000,000 Measure

SALEM, March 12 (P)—Beginning work on the four unemployment compensation bills, the senate passed today a measure to provide that payroll taxes on employers shall range from 1 to 2.7 per cent when the unemployment compensation fund totals \$14,000,000. The fund now totals \$11,000,000.

The next measure to be passed, 19 to 10, was the seasonal bill, containing a senate amendment to provide that an industry can't be ruled to be seasonal unless it is shut down three months a year for four straight years.

The effect of the bill is to increase benefits of seasonal workers, particularly loggers, who do not now draw benefits during off seasons. The bill would cause 83 per cent of the logging operations to lose their seasonality, and thus pay increased benefits.

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Knox Opens Biggest Air Training Base

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex., Mar. 12 (UP)—Secretary of Navy Frank Knox today dedicated the navy's largest air training base, a \$44,000,000 complex of southern coastal defense.

"The United States has never engaged in an aggressive war, and I dedicate this station to the preservation of peace," he said as the flag was run up in a brief ceremony.

"But the young men we send here will come for but one purpose, to learn the art of making war. By virtue of this fact, please God, we will build a lasting peace—based upon justice which is not a mockery."

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One thousand enlisted men and 200 officers stood at attention while Capt. Alva D. Bernhard, a veteran of 30 years service, read the commission orders.

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The station is 70 per cent complete. It covers 10,000 acres on a peninsula southeast of Corpus Christi, has four landing fields, and total personnel will total 15,000. The station is to have 1000 planes of all types and train 700 naval air cadets at a time.

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British Forces Said Landed At Bulgar Frontier

F. R. S LETTER ASKS FUND OF SEVEN BILLION

Making "Every Plane, Every Gun" for Democracies Is Requested

WASHINGTON, March 12 (P)—President Roosevelt sent to congress today a request for a \$7,000,000,000 appropriation to carry out a "fixed policy of this government to make for democracies every gun, plane and munition of war that we possibly can."

In a letter to Speaker Rayburn, transmitting detailed estimates of the budget director for the \$7,000,000,000 expenditure, Mr. Roosevelt asserted:

"I strongly urge the immediate enactment of this appropriation. The chief executive declared that America has felt that it was imperative to the security of America that we encourage the democracies' heroic resistance to aggressions, by not only maintaining but also increasing the flow of material assistance from this country."

Therefore, he said, congress had enacted and he had signed the British aid bill.

The president's request for the biggest peace time appropriation bill in the nation's history went to congress less than 24 hours after he signed the bill into law and approved the first list of supplies to be shipped to Britain and to Greece.

The appropriation estimate of Budget Director Smith broke the \$7,000,000,000 down into various categories, of which the largest by far was \$2,054,000,000 for "aircraft and aeronautical material." (Continued on Page Two)

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Date Set for Labor Election

Thursday, March 20, is the date set by the NLRB for the run-off election at the Shaw Lumber company operations at Tionesta, union officials here were informed Wednesday.

The election will be held through the afternoon, and will determine the question of selecting as collective bargaining agent either the AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers local No. 6544, of the CIO International Woodworkers of America, local 6-12.

Dust Storm Hits Columbia Gorge

THE DALLES, Ore., March 12 (UP)—A freak early spring dust storm developed today in the Columbia river gorge as a result of unusually warm weather.

Bulgaria Agrees to Join Axis; Nazi Bombing of Frontier Area Rumored

Copyright 1941 by United Press. British expeditionary forces have landed in Greece and are setting up a base at strategic Salonika barely 60 miles from where German mechanized troops are massed along the Bulgarian-Greek frontier, according to private advices to the United Press late Wednesday.

The British arrived both at Salonika, at the top of the Aegean sea, and at Piraeus, the port of Athens, after secretly crossing the Mediterranean from Egypt aboard convoyed troopships.

No Confirmation. Official confirmation of the move could not be obtained in London. The United Press bureau there was "unable to reply" to direct inquiries concerning the expeditionary force.

It was announced by the British dominions office Wednesday that new large reinforcements of British troops, including Australian and New Zealand contingents formerly earmarked for defense of the British Isles against invasion, had been moved to the war zone in the "middle east."

Information to the United Press from abroad disclosed the British expeditionary force—its size unrevealed—departed from Egypt last week, presumably from the great Egyptian naval base of Alexandria which is more than 500 miles from Piraeus and 750 miles from Salonika.

Senate Kills County's Hope For Senator

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SALEM, March 12 (P)—Klamath county's hopes of gaining a state senator of its own died today as the senate upheld a recommendation of its rules committee that a house bill to split the 17th senatorial district should not be considered.

The bill by Rep. Henry Semon (D-Klamath), identical to a measure killed earlier in the senate, would have given Klamath a senator by separating it from the Klamath-Crook-Jefferson-Deschutes-Lake district. The measure also would have abolished the joint Morrow-Union-Umatilla district, now represented by Sen. Rex Ellis (R-Umatilla).

A move by Rep. Marshall Cornett (R-Klamath) to suspend the rules so that the measure could be considered again failed to receive the required two-thirds vote, the count being 15 for and 12 against.

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