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## Weekend Roundup

THERE is widespread discussion, born of concern, over the danger of repeated and protracted tie-ups of industry due to labor difficulties. Various methods have been suggested, one from President Roosevelt being an 11-man super mediation board to handle defense labor disputes. At this writing, the AFL appears to be favorable to the plan, and the CIO is against it.

The extreme and serious need in the whole labor question is a conciliatory attitude on the part of everybody concerned. That goes not only for the big tie-ups in the great industries, but for such smaller difficulties as develop in areas such as our own. The world is in pretty much of a mess right now because the hot-blooded belligerents have been permitted to take control of things. Temperate-minded people should resist the inflammatory urgings of the fight-first-and-think-afterwards type. Trouble with that theory is that so few survive to do any thinking.

It is significant that The Dalles-California highway is being quite regularly selected by the army for important troop movements through the northwest. The army wants good roads for its big convoys. It knows a good road when it sees it.

Latest announcement is that some 1600 officers and men will move through here in nearly 300 trucks late in March. That's the biggest movement of its kind in this area to date.

Indications are there will be more of that sort of thing as the defense military program picks up tempo.

Klamath county has been on its toes in the matter of making the army at home when it is within our borders. The city administration, the county court, the chamber of commerce, and various individuals and groups are co-operating in this worthy effort.

The hospitality committee includes Fred Heilbronner, chairman; Major Ted Case, vice chairman; Frank Howard, Angus Newton, Harry Wilson, Ed Bell and Earl C. Reynolds, secretary. This group stands ready to make advance local arrangements for the military units, and to provide entertainment and other hospitality features when stop-offs are made here.

This fine weather has started Midland Empire gardeners off on their annual enterprises among the bulbs and shrubs, and today The Herald and News renew the Garden Tips feature that won favorable attention last spring and summer.

It is gratifying that interest has increased by leaps and bounds in the gardening business in this region in recent years. It was slow in starting, mainly because of the "boom" nature of early development. But lots of people have settled down in this district now to make permanent homes and are winning health and pleasure in the interesting work of improving the surroundings of their residences.

We believe strongly in this sort of thing. Let's plant trees and shrubs profusely in the Klamath country, creating delightful contrasts with the rugged natural background. We'll not regret it in the years to come.

It is unfortunate the prospects are none too good for completion this spring of the city's stop and go signal system. The people voted a year ago to finance this system, and they no doubt anticipated then that it would be in operation long before this.

Now, although the contract may be let in April, it is feared the defense situation may slow up delivery of materials from the manufacturing centers of the east. July 1 is set as a possible date when the signals will be in operation.

There is not much can be done now to hurry things along. The preliminaries could have been handled in the winter, and for the delay the state highway department must take the blame.

Meanwhile, watch your step at those intersections!

Lots of daughters keep away from cigarettes by using a holder.

We know the U. S. navy "mosquito" boats will make a hit with the British—and we sincerely hope they will with the German subs.

Our idea of fun is a barber shaving himself and arguing that he doesn't want a shampoo.

An Alabamian, pinched for slashing a card game opponent, found out that a razor doesn't beat four aces.

Britain rejected Herbert Hoover's proposal of soup kitchens in Belgium—probably figuring that those supposed to benefit would be left in the soup.

## Sprague River Community To Present Play

SPRAGUE RIVER—A three act comedy, "Here Comes Charley," will be given as a community play in the new Sprague River gymnasium, Friday, March 28. This production, sponsored by the Women's Service League, unravels a very popular plot with comedy in nearly every scene.

The cast is as follows: Larry Elliot, George Hobbs; Aunt Fanny, Mrs. John Goddard; Ted, John Little; Charley;

Uncle Alec Twiggs, Roland Parks; Mrs. Caroline Smythe Kersey, Miss Florence Stone; Vivian Kersey, Mrs. Roland Parks; Mortimer Kersey, Shorty Book; Nora Olivea Hobbs; Tim McGrill, George Reeves.

The play is being directed by Mrs. June Leeper, assisted by Mrs. Fenning.

Ninety-four per cent of the pig iron and steel produced by American mills in 1939 was consumed by home markets.

A human being may perspire one and a half pints of liquid a day during very hot weather.

## NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, March 15 — Mussolini ordered our consuls out of Palermo and Naples to keep them from noting the embarkation of German troops to Africa from those ports.

Hitler slipped a German mechanized unit of 10,000 to 12,000 men from there across to Africa at night about two weeks ago. They left their heavy tanks behind in Italy but probably took 200 light tanks (these use one-third as much gas as the big ones). A second and larger mechanized unit followed a week ago. Now Hitler may have 30,000 troops ready to face the British in Africa and the movement is continuing. His orders call for 100,000 to be dispatched in all and he can undoubtedly get them through the British Mediterranean sea lines at night.

The British would be in Tripoli now if it were not for this reinforcement of the defeated Italians and their own detachments sent to Greece. As it is, they are likely to fall back on Bengasi and try merely to hold their own. This they should be able to do with difficult spring weather coming up, alternating between torrential downpours and heat in the desert.

### WEAK LINE

The news dispatches tell of hordes of British troops pouring into Salonika, but no one here believes that dangerous territory of northeastern Greece can be held. The Anglo-Greek line of resistance to the Germans will have to fall back to the mountains of old Greece, southwestward. Hopes that they can even hold this better defensive line are not high.

Military odds strongly favor success for a German drive through Greece to the southernmost tip. The British in that case would have to retreat to Crete and then to the Suez.

### SUEZ MINED

Another German Stuka nest has been set up on Rhodes and is sowing aerial mines in the narrow Suez canal at night. One British ship was sunk by this means in such a way that it had to be dynamited out before the channel could be cleared. Three or four British supply ships have hit these mines. The Suez is open and functioning "with reasonable efficiency" but not near 100 per cent.

Best the British can hope to do is to hang on against a growing menace to that single canal bottleneck which is their Near East lifeline.

### HEALTH

The official hints that Mussolini is at the front may have been designed to offset the private reports to officials here that Il Duce's health has faded. He has been drinking heavily the past few months. The Germans are policing Italy from the Brenner Pass to Palermo.

### NO CONTROL

The public has a false impression of the authority of Mr. Knudsen, Mr. Stettinius, and the other business men in the office of production management.

It is now clear they do not even control their own publicity men. A note has been sent to editors by the defense publicity organization informing them of a new independent publicity set up under the office of emergency management. In control of all defense publicity will be Robert Horton, friend of the president's information adviser, Lowell Mellett.

This publicity bureau will assign staff men to OPM, the priorities board, and other defense organizations. But it now develops that the old Horton regime in OPM was never under control of Knudsen or the OPM. The executive order under which it was established made it responsible for money and personnel only to the OEM, which is the top holding company composed solely of Mr. Roosevelt and another administrative assistant, William H. McReynolds.

### SLOW ACTION

The mills of justice also grind slowly. The Nazi agent, Manfred Zapp of Trans-Ocean News Service, was indicted March 12, five months after full exposure of his activities in this column October 14, 15, 16 and 22, and the evidence was dug up by the Dies committee several weeks before that.

### TOT FALLS FROM CAR

TULELAKE — Young Jimmy Porterfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Porterfield, suffered a two-inch scalp wound when he fell from the Porterfield car while it was in motion. The accident occurred to the year-and-a-half-old boy Tuesday, March 11, in the Tulelake district.

Watch the Classified Page!

## The Bear That Walks Like a Mouse



MAN WITH HORSE SENSE—Not every horse trainer can do what F. F. Dwyer (above) did: take a humble, unsung horse and send him in to win the \$100,000 Santa Anita Handicap. The horse is Bay View, 1941's "Cinderella" nag.

## Lakeview Men Raise \$500 For Plane Payment

LAKEVIEW — A committee of local business men headed by Dr. H. E. Kelly has raised the sum of \$500 for the down payment of an airplane which is to be purchased for use of the young men enrolled in the aviation

course under sponsorship of the Lakeview Flying club. Dr. J. J. Mayer visited the CAA office in Seattle last week in connection with Lakeview's application for approval of its proposed airport which is approximately one half mile square.

Looking for Bargains? Turn to the Classified page

## SIDE GLANCES



"You won't mind, I hope, but we'll all have to go to the basement and see my husband's lathes and what he's doing to speed up the defense program!"

## AUXILIARY FETES AMERICAN LEGION

TULELAKE — The American Legion auxiliary entertained the Legion with a potluck anniversary dinner in honor of the Legion's 22 years of existence.

The tables were decked in red, white and blue paper, small flags and birthday cakes with candles, with places marked for about 70 guests.

Lieutenant Bob Fensler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Fensler, here on furlow from Stockton, where he is a member of the air corps, was present for the dinner.

Bridge and pinochle were enjoyed after dinner.

## Bonanza

BONANZA — Mrs. Nellie Woods returned recently from Oakland and San Francisco, Calif., where she has been since last September visiting with her daughters and grandchildren. While in the south she also visited her brother in Los Angeles.

Ben Reed of Pasadena, Calif., called on friends in Bonanza last week.

The Junior class will present its class play, "The Nutt Family," next Thursday evening, March 20 at the grade school gym.

Mrs. T. M. Bieler was a visitor in town from Gerber dam last Wednesday.

Mrs. Lizzie Schmor attended the training school for the mattress making project at Klamath Falls on Thursday and Friday.

Bonanza Woman's club had its regular business meeting at the library last Tuesday evening. After regular business the ladies spent some time in working on scrap books for children at Doernbecher hospital in Portland.

## Clark Imports Herefords For Westside Ranch

LAKEVIEW — J. C. Clark, president of the Underwood Lumber company, and the late J. J. Van Kuelen recently imported 40 registered Herefords from Baker county for their Westside properties. Clark recently purchased the Don Lyon place about three miles west of Lakeview.

Practically all of the old buildings including the house and barn have been torn down and construction will begin within the next few weeks upon a model barn. Other buildings will be replaced at the first opportunity.

The whole nation ought to be drafted. For example, I think Senator Wheeler should be drafted to keep quiet.—Sidney Kingsley, playwright, on being himself drafted.

The new high-wing British monoplane, the Lysander, powered with a Mercury radial engine, has a top speed of 230 miles an hour and a range of 600 miles.

Fifteen thousand glass bottles are collected annually from the parks and open spaces of London, in normal times.

## BOY CLAIMS NEW FLYING RECORD

A new state record for model airplanes powered with rubber bands was believed Saturday to have been set by George McMahan, 14-year-old Altamont school boy, who Thursday flew his 44-inch-wing-span model for 43 minutes.

Young George said the accepted state mark is 17 minutes and the world record 48 minutes for rubber band powered planes.

George set his plane off from the Altamont school last Thursday afternoon in the face of a slight northwest wind. Following in an automobile he saw it land near Olene 43 minutes later. The plane hit three "thermals"—updrafts in lay parlances during the course of its flight.

His plane is a duplicate of the Cordia model which holds the world record, George said. The young model builder is a member of Francis Savage's airplane class at the Altamont school. His address is route 3, box 40.

The Republic "Lancer," designated by the US army as a high altitude fighter, is designed to attack bombing planes at altitudes upward of 25,000 feet.

## SITE FOR CITY'S SWIM POOL EYED

Tentative selection of a site for the municipal swimming pool in the Modoc field area was made at a meeting of the city recreation committee Friday night.

The proposed site adjoins the high school tennis courts on the west, lying between the courts and the reclamation canal.

There was a discussion of the question of softball playing on the industrial addition field, where games were played last year. Objections of nearby residents were heard. No final action was taken.

Tomatoes were California's largest vegetable crop in 1932, with a market value of \$53,247,000.

The twin-engine Bell P-39 has a top speed of 385 miles an hour with 1150 horsepower.

During 1940, the export of American-made airplanes to Canada and Great Britain increased more than 600 per cent.

There were 4,460,000 motor trucks in the United States in 1939.

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