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Weekend Roundup

ALL indications point to one of the busiest summer seasons in years for Klamath Falls and the surrounding areas. Industry is active, business is good, tourist travel is expected to be heavy, construction and other development seems certain to move forward rapidly.

Generally speaking, Klamath has found itself up front on economic upswings, and behind the general trend when it started downward. Boom days, however, are probably over for this community, which is just as well. Substantial progress that builds for permanency and avoids the dangers of deflation is more desirable.

Time was, too, when every upward swing of business and industry caused a tidal wave of optimism. Nowadays, everybody expects the worst. Sure, they say, times are good but eventually something awful is going to happen to all of this. You have to do a lot of looking to find a long-range optimist anymore.

For one thing, people got badly burned after the last boom. And they are smart enough to realize that \$40,000,000,000 spent for national defense, and possibly the defense of other nations, isn't going to create permanent prosperity. After 10 years of it, government spending hasn't convinced a great many people that it is the answer to the economic riddle.

It is just as well that the old-fashioned type of optimism is gone. The man who expects trouble is more likely to avoid it when it comes his way.

Locally, the prospective season of bustle and activity will bring up certain problems, not the least of which is the traffic question.

Stop and go signals aren't in the cards until well along in the season. The state highway department is responsible for the delay, but the highway commission is helping pay for the signals and is letting the contract. Congestion is going to be serious at downtown intersections, and sensible, courteous driving will be more necessary than ever.

The parking situation will not get any better. There has been a lot of talk about parking lots, and they certainly would help. So long as everybody is agreed on that, why not get busy and get them started?

Klamath people are justified in expecting heavy travel through here this summer. It begins to look as if military convoys, alone, will mount up to near-record traffic volume.

The chronic kicker is usually the slowest to kick in.

Bend Bulletin advises us to keep our shirts on. And we advise Bend to consider Tacoma's example and not get caught with its bridges down.

A pleasant smile goes a long way, and the best part of it is, it almost always comes back.

Now don't spoil it all by telling us Bend hasn't any bridges.

Employment Bureau Serves As Guide for Traveling Jobless

Multi-state claims for unemployment insurance are on the increase, despite a drop of nearly a third in jobless benefits. Administrator Silas Gaiser pointed out today in urging workers to check closely with state employment offices before traveling far afield in search of defense work.

While stay-at-home Oregon claimants dropped from 43,046 for the first three months of 1940 to 39,538 for the same period this year, an increase from 2979 to 3007 was registered in outside claims. About 800 others recently transferred their Oregon claims to other states.

"With increasing use of the employment service everywhere and the clearance system between 1500 local offices working better than ever, we believe we can save time and money for both employer and employee," commented Gaiser.

"Our findings indicate much aimless wandering in search of work. Still many essential jobs in the defense program remain unfilled. The employment service, which brings men and jobs together, is vital in speeding up emergency production."

Although many Oregonians have left this winter in search of work, figures indicate new defense jobs here are attracting more workers than are leaving. During the four-month November-February period 5188 claims were taken here against other states, nearly 40 per cent more than the 3728 received from outside.

States from where this winter's unemployed came into this state were shown as follows: California 1787; Washington 1775; Idaho 364; Montana 213; Alaska 103; Colorado 90; Nebraska 83; Nevada 74; Minnesota 65; North Dakota 61; Wyoming 55; Iowa 52; Utah 50, Illinois 44; Missouri 42; Arizona 41; South Dakota 36; New York 35; Kansas 30, Texas 23, Oklahoma 20, New Mexico 19, Wisconsin 15, Arkansas 15, Florida 12; Michigan 12, Ohio 10 and Indiana 10.

SYNTHETIC RUBBER

Many motorists who read with interest of the progress toward using synthetic rubber for automobile tires do not know that a similar compound is already in use under the hoods of their cars, according to the Oregon State Motor association. Experience has shown that synthetic rubber is more enduring than natural rubber when used for insulation of cables and for gaskets, feed lines, etc.

SERVICE STATIONS

Persons who make the stand-around remark about new service stations being constructed, "well, pretty soon there'll be one for every car," may be closer to right than they realize. According to the Oregon State Motor association there is now one service station for every 128 motor vehicles registered in the United States—yet well over a million motorists run out of gas every year.

THIEVERY ON THE RUN

CHARLOTTE, N. C. (P)—Finally it had to happen. A man who gave his name as Ike Davis told police a new automobile tire had been stolen from the rear of his car—while he was waiting for the green light at an intersection.

Nations must renounce the claim to be the final judge in their controversies with other nations.—James T. Shotwell, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

It's a Good Road This Far, Neighbor, Now It's Up To You



Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 100 words in length, must be written on ONE SIDE of the paper only, and must be signed. Contributions following these rules, are warmly welcome.

LABOR MATTERS

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—Our news and radio reports have been crowded with labor reports. Mills are organizing, miners are striking, business houses are being picketed, longshoremen are constantly bickering over real or imagined woes, trucking service is impaired because of a teamsters dispute, etc., etc. For the past 20 years I have been hearing and reading about labor unions. Now with our nation suddenly building a great defense machine, labor unions and their activities have suddenly become the center of national attention.

Recently I have been listening closely to the local radio broadcasts by both CIO and AFL labor leaders. Excellent talks. One point both unions failed to emphasize emphatically is the responsibilities of members to their organization.

When coworkers are affiliated into an organized labor group, in their hands is placed a powerful and dangerous weapon. A weapon which may be used either in preserving or destroying a mighty democracy. Handled carelessly and selfishly without due consideration for all members and the employer it can be as dangerous as a loaded shotgun in the hands of an innocent and unsuspecting child. Conducted wisely, carefully, in a spirit of cooperation, it can be as great a defense to America as the greatest of Germanies "Big Berthas."

I am a firm believer in the good that can be achieved by organized labor. I have read any number of articles on nazism and communism concerning procedure in fifth column activities, ie "The Trojan Horse." Hitler's Plan to Take Over America's Merchant Marine. "Causes of the Fall of France." Lindbergh's "Defeatism" arguments. The first step in the rise of dictatorial government was the demoralization and disorganization of labor unions. Contentions by governments that labor was inadequate and incapable in conducting its own collective bargaining.

If we wished to kill or cripple an animal, where would we hit it? In the backbone of course! Laborers are the American backbone. Isn't it logical to believe that the first thing fifth columnists would attempt would be effective crippling or complete destruction of the American backbone? How could this be accomplished more effectively than by complete destruction of faith in organized labor?

The opportunity for laborers to meet with an employer, to discuss business problems, to settle their own differences and cooperate with others gives dignity to their work. This is the most effective method of keeping up the morale of all American workers. Organization gives labor a sense of strength and unity. It is an equalizer in the balance of strength between employer and employee.

If workers sign their names to the organized labor roll, accepting the benefits of organiza-

Writer Relates Story of Recent Bombing of London

The following story is by Eddy Gilmore, formerly of the Associated Press Washington staff, known for his stories on the lighter side of politics and government. He transferred to the foreign service last January. He is a native of Selma, Ala. This piece was written at the height of last night's bomb attack on London.

By EDDY GILMORE

LONDON, April 19 (P)—If my heart would just get out of my mouth for a few minutes, perhaps I could write this story.

Outside, the droning sounds like 50,000 bees.

Our phonograph is blaring

"Night and Day," but it doesn't do any good.

There's an ear-splitting wham from across the street—a 20-foot door blown down. All the doors along both sides of the streets are open. The locks were cracked by the force of the blast.

Oh well, nothing I can do about it.

The old phonograph now is beating "Daddy Eight to the Bar," but that doesn't help much either. Sounds like 80 guns just went off at once nearby.

This old house just shook like a dog after a swim. Dust that's been dormant for years fills the room.

It's getting so that when somebody sneezes everyone else jumps. In a rain of bombs, any strange noise makes you jump. We sit, waiting.

ITALY QUESTIONS REMARK BY F. D. R.

NEW YORK, April 19 (P)—The Italian radio said Thursday that President Roosevelt's statement that the law requires the government to protect American merchant ships wherever they operate outside of declared combat zones appeared as a "challenge" to the axis powers.

The broadcast said that "if the consequence is war Mr. Roosevelt can have it." The statement, as transcribed by CFS, follows:

"Mr. Roosevelt appears to challenge the right of the axis to exercise an effective blockade against American ships in certain parts of the northern Atlantic and in the Red sea. In other words he appears to contemplate the violation of his own neutrality law and to risk the consequences."

"One thing may be taken for granted. He cannot bluff the axis. The axis will try out the blockade of Britain and Egypt whatever Mr. Roosevelt may plan. If the president is bluffing, we shall call his bluff."

"The cards will then be on the table, and if the consequence is war, Mr. Roosevelt can have it. The winning cards are all ours."

GENIUS

FAIRBANKS, Ind. (P)—Citizens of this little town, weary of having it confused with cities in four other states and Alaska, had an idea for making it distinctive but Postmaster General Walker turned thumbs down on the proposal. They wanted to make the name Fairbanks Jr.

tion, then they must also accept the responsibilities of that organization. If they leave their business meetings in the hands of a few by not attending meetings, if they recognize unionism only when they themselves have an axe to grind, they are leaving the gates of their organization wide open to radicals and far worse, to skilled, trained fifth columnists. They will be lending their names to acts of which they have no knowledge, because they themselves will have failed to keep themselves informed of the procedure in those meetings.

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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS
by PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, April 19—Hardly a bubble has floated to the surface to disclose the terrific inside pressure of the last few days upon Mr. Roosevelt for conveying or a declaration of war.

The squeeze for war has apparently been coming indirectly and unofficially from British sources, but the whooping for convoys has extended from British-American propaganda forces in this country to his own official family. The last meeting of defense commissioners at the White House was absorbed by pro-convoys speeches.

The demand that the United States formally enter the war immediately comes directly from London but through unofficial channels. The plea is that unless Mr. Roosevelt comes in fighting now, the British are lost. The argument seems to be a hysterical reaction to the Balkan reverses rather than a realistic guide to Britain's actual requirements. There is actually little or nothing militarily important the United States could do in the war today.

CONGRESS OPPOSED

Congressional directors who have noted these pulls, picture Mr. Roosevelt as having listened non-committally to the initial endeavors at least. Well he might, for congressional pressure is just as hot in the opposite direction. Not all of it has been getting through to FDR lately, however. He failed to see his congressional leaders the early part of the week as usual. Congressmen complain of feeling left out. Certainly not in many a year has the legislative branch weighed so little in the developing schemes of policy.

Their leaders in both houses have assured them, however, nothing will be done without their approval.

PRICE POLICY

The cock-eyed government price-wage policy is extending, with each eye moving further in opposite directions.

Agriculture department has been preparing to add tomatoes and beans to the list of food products for which price boosts have been decreed by the government. The official explanation will be that the British will want these two products and the only way to expand their production is to get the canners to agree to pass on to farmers a price boost similar to those already decreed for pork, eggs, butter and poultry. Murmurings of objection have been heard from Miss Elliott's consumers division in the defense commission, although she approved the initial boosts.

Meanwhile Leon Henderson, price holder downer, is getting ready to spring further in the opposite direction. His decree against a steel price increase (after the labor department has negotiated a wage increase for that industry) will be followed shortly by further bans on industrial price boosts. Copper, cadmium and tungsten alloy steel are products in which immediate moves may be expected.

Plainly what is needed is the institution of an overall ministry of economic warfare.

COAL WAGES

What John Lewis is doing to the southern coal operators is shown in figures gathered privately by a government official. Prevailing wages are \$6 a day in Pennsylvania, \$5.60 in southern West Virginia, \$5 in Kentucky and \$4.20 in Alabama. If Lewis gets his demand for a national \$7 a day wage he will have forced a wage increase of 64 per cent upon Alabama, 40 per cent on Kentucky, 25 per cent on southern West Virginia and only 16 per cent in Pennsylvania.

SENATE POST

There is no question but what the administration lads have been quietly seeing what they could do to keep Senator Bob Reynolds out of the chairmanship of the senate military affairs committee. He ranked it as next in line, but if the administration could get rid of him, it would have its good friend, Elbert Thomas of Utah, in charge of defense legislation. The senate, however, has always been as clubby as the union league. Rarely has its seniority rule been cast aside.

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Note: How good Thomas is to

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"Spring must be in the air—our repair linemen are starting to call us Sugar Pie instead of Hey, You!"

Church Janitor Admits Burning Teacher's Body

AKRON, O., April 19 (P)—Police said today the 58-year-old janitor of North Hill Methodist church had confessed incinerating the body of Ruth Zwickler, 24-year-old music teacher, but contended she died accidentally in a scuffle after he sought a kiss.

Detective Inspector Verne Cross attributed the confession to Albert B. Lukens, father of three grown children. Cross said Lukens signed a statement relating:

Struck Head

"I asked her for a kiss and she struck my face. I grabbed her right arm and in the scuffle she fell, striking her head against the piano bench."

"Then I dragged her down the steps and into the coal bin. About 6 o'clock Easter morning I returned to the church and built a fire in the boilers. I threw her and the music sheets into the boiler."

Miss Zwickler had been missing since she went to the church last Saturday morning to practice piano. Detectives, acting on a hunch, sifted ash under the boiler grates and found the remains. The young woman's father identified the remains through dental work.

Cross said the janitor in his statement related he once clubbed to death a Cincinnati woman, and served time in Mansfield, Ohio, reformatory.

(Cincinnati records show that an Albert B. Lukens was convicted of beating to death 44 years ago the mother of William Stiegler, once dramatic critic of the Cincinnati Times-Star.)

Cross quoted the janitor as saying he burned the body for fear he would be incriminated in the death.

WINS MARATHON

BOSTON, April 19 (P)—Leslie Pawson, 36, of Pawtucket, R. I., won the 45th annual BAA marathon today, sprinting across the finish line of the 26-mile, 385-yard grind in 2:20:38 to become the second man in the history of the race to mark up three victories.

Looking for Bargains? Turn to the Classified page

The administration is shown by the fact that in this strike era his senate labor committee has not held a formal meeting to go into legislation so far this session.

CITY BRIEFS

Name Daughter—Nancy Ann is the name Mr. and Mrs. L. M. "Tex" Castleberry have given to their infant daughter born Friday afternoon at Hillside hospital. This is their first daughter and second child a son Bobby is two years old.

Leaves for Coast—Mrs. Charles D. Garcelon of Garcelon's electric store left Friday for Reedsport after receiving word of the illness of her mother.

To Wisconsin—Mr. and Mrs. Harold Faney will leave Sunday morning by car for Plymouth, Wis., where they are called by the illness of Faney's father, Thomas F. Faney, 72. The elderly man suffered a stroke recently.

Returns Home—Horace E. Getz returned to Klamath Falls this weekend after attending the Royal Arch Masons session in Portland this week.

Police Court—Two drunks, six traffic tickets, and one warrant issued against a tardy motorist, made up the Saturday morning police court report.

Local Girl Loses Whitman Primary Vote for Officers

WHITMAN COLLEGE, Walla Walla, Wash.—Helen Lois Wittingham, 1937 Painter, was today eliminated in the primary election held for the selection of vice president of the associated student body. Miss Wittingham polled 73 out of 330 ballots cast. Marjorie Bean, Portland, and Phyllis Lindquist, Montana, were the two candidates selected to run in the general election Saturday.

THE WEAKER SEX

VINCENNES, Ind. (P)—Five perspiring and embarrassed men struggled to carry a piano into Mrs. Evaline McGiffin's farm home. Two excited neighbor women had run out of the house with it when a nearby barn caught fire.

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