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Our Potato Production

IMPRESSIVE indeed is the 9250 carloads figure for Klamath's current season potato shipments up to and including the final day of April. That is an all-time record, and there are still possibly 500 carloads to go out from here.

One begins to wonder where the potato production of the area is going to stop. It was not so many years ago that we talked big about 4000 carloads. Now, the basin has more than doubled that production, and had this been a favorable price year, with everything available sold, it is highly probable shipments would have gone well above 10,000 carloads.

Heavy production (it averaged 420 bushels to the acre in the basin this year) brings with it such problems as the control of disease and the need for improved farming practices. Constructive effort is being made along these lines, through the leadership of the county agent's office. The generally high type of farmer in this area enhances the prospects for success in the effort to keep the potato industry's "feet on the ground."

Use of the best available seed, general care and adoption of the proved methods for producing quality, disease-free tubers, are in the program for continued success with potatoes in the Klamath country. The crop has proved so valuable, and conditions in the district so favorable for high quality production, that we cannot afford to do otherwise.

Klamath's Flying School

KLAMATH FALLS has one of three civilian pilot training programs in the state. The opportunity thus afforded to young people of this community should not be overlooked in a world that is rapidly turning to aviation as of vital importance both in peace and war. What aviation is going to do in future years, regardless of the outcome of the international situation, challenges the imagination.

Classes in the civilian pilot training program start this week, with Wilbert K. Carter as instructor. They are open to men and women between the ages of 19 and 25, inclusive. The ground school costs only a total of \$8, and 20 per cent of those taking these classes will receive flight training at the expense of the government.

There should be keen interest here in this program. Let those within the age limits consider its significance, and act accordingly.

Bend Bulletin reports indiscriminate garbage and rubbish dumping is a problem in the Bend area. We sympathize with the people of Bend who want to keep the roadsides clean, for we have had some of the same sort of trouble. Recently, however, the practice of roadside dumping has declined, possibly due to publicity campaigns and to a few timely arrests. Turning in the name or license number of a roadside dumper is a public service, and no good citizen should hesitate to do it.

Col. Lindbergh has resigned as an air corps reserve officer, following a verbal spanking administered last week by the president for his peace and war views. The former national idol is the favorite hate of millions, in high and low places. It is felt in many circles if the White House spoke as fiercely and firmly against known communistic leaders in and out of union labor, there would not be so many strikes, at critical stages, in defense plants. —Perry in Medford Mail-Tribune.

Diplomats Fail in Plan to Escape War Zone in Submarine

DURAZZO, Albania, April 28 (Delayed) (P) — Ronald Ian Campbell, British minister to Yugoslavia, is stranded in this Albanian port with his staff after failing in a daring plan to escape the invading axis armies by submarine.

The British officials with their families and a sprinkling of Greek, Belgian and Polish diplomats from Belgrade—about 40 persons in all—were found in a Durazzo hotel by foreign correspondents who arrived here from Rome on their way to the former Italian-Greek war front.

The party had been at the hotel for three days, not exactly refugees or prisoners but a bit of both.

They were brought here by

bus from the Yugoslav port of Dubrovnik, where they were found waiting on the dock for a British submarine when Premier Mussolini's soldiers marched into the city.

While they were on the dock, the submarine sent to spirit them away poked its conning tower above the surface of the harbor, but the crew spotted the Italian soldiers on the dock, and the craft immediately submerged. That was the last seen of it.

Outside the United States, there are active motor clubs in fourteen countries of the western hemisphere, according to the Oregon State Motor association. With intensification of efforts to bring about early completion of the All-American highway, a plan for an inter-American federation of motor clubs is now under consideration.



NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, April 30—

There is not much inside to the Lindbergh incident. The ex-hero has long been considered a popular spearhead of opposition to administration pursuits. The personal scouring of him with bitter names is, of course, designed to eliminate him as a source of agitation.

No one really believes Lindbergh is a nazi. Very few here believe his counsel is wise, but even fewer question his sincerity. The average official looks on him as a brilliant young flyer without any background in domestic or international politics, inspired by an idealistic devotion to peace.

There are other officials in this government, not unspoken however, who believe Lindbergh's futile counsel has given the nazis far less comfort than the strikes which are delaying vital defense materials for us and for Britain.

STALLING

The rush order for the Vinson bill requiring naval defense workers to cool off before strike, has quietly been cancelled. A right-of-way rule was to have been given the bill in the house this week. Now Floor Leader McCormack says two emergency bills must come first this week and next.

Private official explanation is that opposition has cropped up within both industry and labor to any repressive labor legislation at this time. House administration leaders profess to be afraid the whole national defense program might be injured if labor stands up and becomes angry.

Obviously they are stalling.

60 PER CENT

State and war officials generally give Britain a 60 per cent chance to hold out, although the top officials are more gloomy.

All are standing tiptoe to watch what happens to the Suez. Its closing might furnish incentive for the Japs to move south. The British line to Singapore would be lengthened several thousand miles, thus weakening

the possibilities of British resistance to the far eastern aggressors.

PILOTS

Preliminary consideration has been given the idea of sending fighting plane pilots to Britain when needed. The British are not short of pilots now, but semi-official calculations indicate they may be by fall, certainly by winter.

There is no doubt whatever that the British will get pilots if and when they are needed. This might yet prove the first step of direct involvement.

SHIPBUILDING

The official vision of this war concluding through superior democratic might on the seas (outlined in this spot yesterday) is being applied in practice to the shipbuilding program. Seven hundred cargo ships, averaging 7500 tons each, are to be built; 125 new ways on which to build them are to be constructed; nearly 100 keels have been laid.

Peak deliveries will come in mid-1942 when 25 a month are turned out. First quarter this year produced 175,000 tons; last quarter will furnish 400,000 tons. The last 200 will not be ready until 1943.

Fighting ship construction cannot be outlined in such detail, but the bulk of the new navy will not be ready until 1943. We will get 103 new ships this year and next; 140 in 1943; and 125 after that. The aircraft carriers will come last, battleships next, and early deliveries will be restricted largely to destroyers, submarines and small vessels.

WANT WAR

Increase is marked in number of officials who seem personally to want war. More such talk is heard lately from our diplomats and officers in the armed services, particularly navy.

None is suggesting much more that could be accomplished by war. Navy men just feel they would rather fight their own ships than give up any more to Britain. Diplomats think direct involvement would shake up the country and stop strikes.

On January 1, 1941, there were 2656 airports, seaplane bases, and landing fields in the United States and Canada.

The tires of the world's largest bombing plane, the Douglas B-19, weigh over a ton apiece. The American eel which lays only once, may lay as many as 10,000,000 eggs.



Mrs. Louis J. Lemstra, national president of the American Legion auxiliary, will make her official visit to Oregon, Thursday, May 1.

A noon luncheon will be at the Portland Heathman hotel in honor of the distinguished guest who will appear in a talk at 2:30 during the afternoon. Mrs. Lemstra will be a platform guest of Eleanor Roosevelt at the auditorium during the evening program instead of speaking at the mass meeting as formerly planned.

Luncheon tickets may be arranged for by contacting Mrs. Mae E. Whitcomb, department secretary, 4213 N. E. 28th street, Portland.

TRAVELER

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. (P) — Painstaking correspondence kept a local draft board up to date with one of its registrants, a traveling auditor, with these results:

He registered in Philadelphia, received his order number in Worcester, Mass., his questionnaire in Cleveland, his notice to obtain a physical check-up in Omaha, Neb., and his check-up in Kansas City.

He volunteered in Nazareth, Pa., was at Bath, Pa., when ordered to report for service, and was sent to Wilkes-Barre for physical examination and induction.

According to recent reports by German scientists, a lighted match in a blacked-out city is visible more than half a mile away, and the light from one window of a fully lighted room is visible for 12 1/2 miles.

ENGINE BACKFIRE

Whenever an automobile motor backfires on starting, it should be started again immediately in order to avert a possible fire, according to the mechanical service department of the Oregon State Motor association. Most car fires are caused by backfire, but the danger is lessened if the motor is kept running. This causes external flames to be sucked into the motor where they can do no harm.

During 1940, new passenger car registrations gained 29 per cent over 1939, to bring the total of new automobile registrations to 3,992,232 units.

Parachute troops of the U. S. army are now pioneering a new means of automatically opening parachutes. A line attached to the plane pulls the ripcord when the jumper is a safe distance away and then breaks loose from the plane.

INSTRUCTOR IN AVIATION COURSE HERE

Wilbert Carter, recently at the University of Montana, arrived Wednesday to take over his duties as instructor for the Klamath civilian pilot training program. First class of the new school was scheduled for Wednesday evening at Fremont school, and all persons interested were urged to attend at that time. The school is open to men and women from 19 to 25 years of age, inclusive.

Carter received his training with the Johnson Flying service, one of the best known flying organizations in the intermountain area. He holds a private pilot's license and has been teaching at the University of Montana.

Maximum membership of the current class is 50. Twenty per cent of these will be chosen for flight instruction. The cost for ground school totals \$8.

Carter said that those who receive a flight scholarship receive training which would cost at least \$400 if received through private instruction. The civil aeronautics authority is promoting the program here, with the chamber of commerce acting as local sponsor. Carter may be reached at the chamber offices.

NEW GOVERNMENT SET UP IN ATHENS

BERLIN, April 30 (AP)—The well-informed commentary Dienst Aus Deutschland said today that a new Greek government had been formed and added that this is viewed in Berlin as "the actual end of the war in Greece."

Indirect reports from Athens said General Tsolakoglu, commander of the surrendered Greek army of Epirus and Macedonia, had formed a new government for Greece in collaboration with a group of army officers.

These reports were noted with interest and open sympathy in Berlin, the impression here being that General Tsolakoglu proposed to form a government along authoritarian lines with which the Germans might cooperate.

The general's call to the Greek people over the Athens radio, as reported from Bucharest, said that continuation of the war by the Greeks was unthinkable and "the Greek people must face the facts as they are."

The general was quoted as saying his government intended to "give the unfortunate of the land security," and appealed for loyalty.

Although authorized German spokesmen said they could not comment because the text of the general's declaration was not yet at hand, it was obvious that the Germans would welcome such cooperation in their reorganization of southeast Europe.

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SIDE GLANCES



"I'll play you the next hole for the doctor bills our wives predicted when they saw this rain."

Transportation News

LAIRD LINE GIVEN ICC CERTIFICATION

Final certification of the Klamath Falls-Malin Freight line of Merrill, Ore., by the Interstate Commerce commission was announced Wednesday by T. W. Laird, owner of the line.

The line has been operating for the past three years between Fort Klamath and Malin over specified routes under a tentative ICC franchise. The new ruling legally affirms the existing setup.

FFA Convention Attendance High

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis—Dan Rowland, Independence, was chosen state president of the Future Farmers of America, succeeding Glen Kobow of Lebanon, at the thirteenth annual convention held here. Other officers chosen were Richard Baum, Union, vice president; William Hudson, Forest Grove, secretary; Harry Thomsen, Eugene, treasurer; and Keith Searles, Enterprise, reporter. The faculty advisers are Harold Bennett, Independence, Bill Holloway, Lakeview and Bob Sawyer, Nyssa.

Of more than 500 boys from 53 Oregon chapters attending the convention, 36 were elected to receive the State Farmer's degree and 21 of the chapters met the requirements for the designation of "Keystone chapter."

For the first time in history an FFA band of 26 pieces was made up of individual players from 10 different chapters, which played at the convention under the direction of Capt. Harry L. Beard, veteran state college band leader.

CALLS FOR EXPERT HELP BLOOMINGTON, Ind.—They have got plenty of help at Indiana university, but Coach Billy Hayes rakes and rolls the cinder paths.

NOW PLAYING



CARY GRANT MARTHA SCOTT THE HOWARDS OF VIRGINIA

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ON THE JOB

ROCHESTER, Ind. (AP)—Everything was operating smoothly on the Nickel Plate railroad, but Towerman Ora L. Mosher kept alert.

It was well he did. He spotted an impending tragedy. Hurrying down the steps of his tower, Mosher grabbed a ladder and freed a robin—entangled with a telegraph wire by a string it was carrying to its nest.

TALLEST TWIRLER

EL PASO, Tex. — The El Paso club of the Arizona-Texas league has the tallest pitcher in organized baseball this year in seven-foot Clyde Watkins.

PELICAN ENDS TODAY In Person!



Another Grand Stage Show 5 Big Acts

MAUD HILTON
GARMAN MIRANDA UNIT
MUSICAL COMEDY STAR
ART BONGER & ANDRILETTA
HODGE-PUDGE MUSICAL
CAPERS NOVELTY
MYERS & CARLOTTA
"Educated Birds"
LEWIS & VAN
Dancing Stars From
Broadway's Hit "The
Band Wagon"
OSAKI & TAKI
Oriental Magic

ON THE SCREEN



SLEEPERS WEST

with LLOYD NOLAN

Saturday Midnight
Owl Show Preview
OF SUNDAY'S COMPLETE PROGRAM
Deanna DUBBIN
"Nice Girl?"
HER BEST CAST
FRANK TONE
WILLIAM BRENNAN
ROBERT STACK
ROBERT BENCHLEY
PINE TREE

Today!
BIG DOUBLE BILL!
Rosalind RUSSELL
Brian AHERNE
"HIRED WIFE"
Henry Armetta
"Caught in the Act"
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NOW PLAYING
IT'S A Devil OF A JOB
HANGING ONTO A
HALO...for an angel
who'd rather raise
 Cain!
JEAN ARTHUR
"THE DEVIL AND MISS JONES"
ROBERT CUMMINGS Chase COBURN
CARTOON
"Pantry Pirate"
CINESCOPE "Feathers"
Cosmo Color
News
PINE TREE

NOW PLAYING
In each other's
arms they found
the strength to
hold for ever
ally the great
democracy that is our heritage!
CARY GRANT
MARTHA SCOTT
THE HOWARDS
OF VIRGINIA
"The Howard Family"
Presented by PEARL LEE
Produced and Directed by
FRANK CRUICKSHANK
COLUMBIA PICTURE
RAINBOW
Find the woman...
exciting pursuit of a
murder witness
aboard a
speeding train!
SLEEPERS
WEST
with LLOYD NOLAN