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## Weekend Roundup

SUNDAY, May 18, is "I Am An American Day." It will be observed in Klamath Falls with a program at the Klamath armory under auspices of the American Legion and with churches, schools and patriotic organizations participating. There should be a large attendance.

The tide of patriotism is running strong now. But it was not so long ago that patriotic sentiment was looked upon with something akin to ridicule. It was called flag-waving and foolish sentimentality in those days. But as soon as it becomes apparent the country's protection might be needed in an uncertain world, that gave way to a new burst of enthusiasm for the nation, its traditions and its honor.

Through the years when flag-waving was not popular, the American Legion kept to its patriotic theme. So did a number of other organizations participating in Sunday's program. They now come forward to emphasize anew what it means to be an American citizen, to awaken renewed pride in the privileges of citizenship. Here's success to their effort.

There has been general approval of the appointment by Governor Sprague of Judge James Brand of Coos county to the supreme court bench. This newspaper joins others in their admiration of Judge Brand — at the same time, it voices regret that Governor Sprague did not make his appointment east of the Cascades, the area from which came Justice Bean, whose death made the new appointment necessary.

Western Oregon now has three justices, Portland has three justices, and eastern Oregon is represented by only one justice on the supreme bench. Because of the voting situation, with supreme court justices almost invariably winning reelection, it appears doubtful if the east-of-the-Cascades district can have more than one justice for many years. It lost deserved representation on the bench through Justice Bean's death, although there were several highly-qualified men in this territory worthy of the appointment.

It is a source of satisfaction, however, that the appointee from western Oregon is a man of acknowledged high calibre, a jurist of distinction and proved qualifications.

Bend and Klamath Falls share interest in an important highway — No. 97 — and it appears they may get together on plans for promoting travel over this route.

Both communities are faced with the problem of overcoming ignorance of highway qualifications on the part of people living in the Willamette valley and in western Washington. Klamath wants to make people recognize the value of both No. 97 and the Willamette highway route on the north, and the Weed highway and the Reno route to Los Angeles on the south. Bend is interested in the same routes, with the exception, of course, of the Willamette.

Hence, there is no reason why these two communities, well equipped with civic leadership and lively business interests, should not work together to their mutual benefit. It is encouraging that a start was made in that direction this week, when Bend chamber of commerce men paid a visit to Klamath's chamber directors' meeting.

Bend emphasizes the strikingly beautiful Cascade skyline visible along No. 97 through the Deschutes county. It is worthy of exploitation as an attraction to any traveler.

A scenic asset in that district also is the huge rock formations which lie to the east of the Dalles-California highway north of Bend. These great piles look like huge cathedral-like buildings, and are particularly impressive in the evening light when traveling south.

Take notice of them next time you are in that area.

## Gold Beach Mining Scheme Held Fraud In Federal Charge

SHREVEPORT, La., May 17 (AP)—The federal government accused the Western Black Sand company, Gold Beach, Ore., of perpetrating a fraudulent gold mining scheme yesterday.

Complaints filed by the securities and exchange commission charged the Oregon company and five other corporations with selling stock in a "so-called magnetic mining machine which actually was not capable of recovering gold," as claimed.

The government also said the machine was "not even in operation" and accused defendants of using the mails to defraud through sale of stock.

The complaint named J. E. Parker, Blanding, Utah, as inventor of the machine which he said would recover large quantities of black sand material containing gold and other precious metals.

A temporary injunction was issued and defendants were ordered to appear in court May 26.

By the time the projected air force of 50,000 planes is delivered to the government, the American petroleum industry will be able to supply the 17,400,000 barrels (of 42 gallons each) required by the armed services.

Ivy on a house wall usually is a protection from dampness, rather than a menace, unless there is a defect in the wall.

## Russia, Iraq Sign Commercial Treaty At Ankara, Report

NEW YORK, May 17 (AP)—A British broadcast quoted the Moscow radio tonight to the effect that a Soviet-Iraq diplomatic and commercial agreement was signed today in Ankara, capital of Turkey.

The British broadcast was heard by CBS.

Moscow announced this week acceptance of an Iraq proposal to establish diplomatic relations between the two countries.

The Soviet announcement explained that Russian diplomatic recognition of Iraq had been held up by the Baghdad regime's request, since withdrawn, that such recognition be coupled with a similar step toward other Arab countries.

Aircraft manufacturers must hire more than half a million men during the first eight months of 1941 to supplement the 233,000 already turning out planes for defense and Great Britain.

If America has the task of defending itself—and I hope it has not in the immediate future—then certainly it is the duty of all Americans to make a contribution to a successful defense.—John L. Lewis, United Mine Workers' president.

## "Already in America We Have a Large Following"



## GRADUATES OF MERRILL HEAR EDITOR TALK

MERRILL — Students now graduating are facing a dangerous cycle in world affairs, and the events of the coming years will test their common sense and their fidelity to the principles of democracy, Malcolm Epley, managing editor of The News and Herald, told Merrill high school graduates in the commencement address Thursday evening.

War years, he said, are years of confusion, heartbreak and uncertainty, and they are followed by more years of confusion, heartbreak and uncertainty. There will be tremendous controversy in the years to come, he said, and some day some one may propose that the people of this country turn their lives over to some "superman," yielding up the privileges they now possess.

"The ignorant and the weak might fall for that theory," said the speaker, "but not the strong and the proud and the truly educated citizens of America."

Epley was introduced by E. E. Kilpatrick, Merrill high school principal.

Students in blue and white caps and gowns entered the auditorium of the high school to a professional play by James Hodges. The invocation was offered by Rev. Lawrence Mitchelmore, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Merrill.

Marjorie E. Bush offered the salutatory address and the Girls' Glee club, under the direction of Miss Betty Evanson sang "Italian Street Song" and "Merry Roundelay." Irene La-pait was valedictorian.

Buford Howard, Klamath Falls tenor, sang "I Love Life" followed by the main address. Kilpatrick presented an award in journalism to Lawrence Reed and Frank Calise; to the most outstanding athletes for 1941, Mary Chinn and Virgil Snapp; to Pauline Clemens and Paul Knox for citizenship; Irene La-pait, scholarship; Tom Chatburn received by virtue of a decision of the student body recognition as the senior who had made the best showing as an athlete for the entire four years.

## CHILOQUIN HIGH ANNUAL ISSUED

Chiloquin high school annual, Panther Tracks, was distributed this week to the combined student bodies of the junior and senior high schools. As a result of 100 per cent support of all students, 225 copies were sold. The 1941 issue of Panther Tracks is dedicated to Harold Rowe, band director and instructor in social sciences at Chiloquin high school for the past two years. Under his direction the Chiloquin high school band has developed into one of the outstanding organizations in Klamath county.

The annual was developed around the theme of "Chiloquin Then and Now," and contains many interesting pictures concerning the growth of schools and industry in Chiloquin. Clever art work was based upon designs frequently used by the Klamath Indians in their weaving.

The senior class of 1941 sponsored the annual which was printed by the Chiloquin Review. Members of the annual staff are: editor, Floyd St. Clair; feature editor, Jewell Fagan;

sports editors, Geno Cunial, Ben Angland, Albert Christy; sponsorships, Marilyn Wiley, Gloria Helmes; humor, Lois Loosley, Ada Giacomelli; snapshots, Alan Horton, Kenneth Ray; photography, Margaret Coutts; alumni reporter, Pat O'Donoghue; class reporters, Betty Bickers, Billy Robertson, Nina Sue Ferniman, Dean Fogle, Mary Christy; advisor, Miss McLarnan.

## Employees of Bly Schools Feted By Obenchains

BLY—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Obenchain and Mrs. Dave Campbell were hosts to all local school employees Wednesday evening at a dinner in the spacious country home into which the Obenchains recently moved. Seventeen were seated at the long table. School employees included Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Mabee, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Poole, Mr. and Mrs. Mann Varnum, Florence Trapp, Ethel Lien, Louise Swemelson, Kathleen Lavin, Mrs. Wilma Keffeler, and the hosts, Mrs. Henry Field of South Dakota was a special guest. This was in the nature of a final get-together of the school personnel and was much enjoyed. Pinocchio furnished the amusement after dinner.

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## NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, May 17—Great secret of all Washington secrets the past month has been the new treasury excess profits tax plan. Mr. Morgenthau's assistant, John L. Sullivan, has been emulating a fugitive from justice in efforts to avoid the house ways and means committee. His appearance has been scheduled every few days the past month, but he has always failed to appear. The treasury has been telling the tax makers nothing except that it wanted about \$400,000,000 more from that source.

It may now be told the official Sullivan excess profits tax plan has been in print for nearly a month, although not more than half a dozen people have known it.

The treasury gave out an official statement of all its tax recommendations except this one plan last April 24—so it thought. Actually in one of the dozens of copies then given to the press appeared a strange "page 8" which did not appear in any other copies. This page contained the Sullivan plan in full. The treasury officials failed to tear out this page in only the one copy when they decided against making public their original plan.

The overlooked copy was picked up by a newsman who carried it to his office for reference filing and did not discover what he had until later. It could not be published as an official announcement in view of the circumstances by which it was obtained. So what was really an official disclosure has been recognized only as an unofficial possibility for the past three weeks.

EXTRA PAGE  
The plan suggested on the extra page was this: Sharp downward graduation of invested capital credits which now allow a profit of 8 per cent. This rate would be allowed only on the first \$1,000,000 of capital. The rate would be 6 per cent on capital between \$1,000,000 and \$20,000,000, and 4 per cent on all the large businesses above \$20,000,000—chiefly public utilities, telephone company, railroads, steel, oil.

A further flat 10 per cent increase in the base tax rate was recommended (the rates now range from 25 per cent on the first \$20,000 of excess profits up to 50 per cent on excesses over \$500,000).

United States steel, for one instance, would pay nearly twice as much as at present, being jumped from \$47,000,000 to \$84,000,000 under this Sullivan plan.

SECRET MEETING  
A meeting of all interested tax parties was held at Treasury Secretary Morgenthau's house a few nights ago but no extra pages were left lying around loose on this meeting, in fact, no outsiders are supposed to know it was held. Some steam is supposed to have been emitted by Mr. Sullivan as the highlight of the gathering. His whole taxing plan, upon which he has been working for many months, has been kicked around officially by new dealing Messrs. Leon Henderson and Eccles, and apparently indirectly even by Mr. Roosevelt in his letter to Ways and Means Committee Chairman Doughton.

The result will be that both the published and unpublished parts of the treasury tax plans are being revised, and there is a live probability Mr. Sullivan will resign when the tax fight is over.

## VICHY PROBLEM

If Petain is going to bite the hand that is feeding French children, Mr. Roosevelt is going to have some changes made. The state department has quietly sent about 10 United States diplomatic troopers into North Africa to supervise distribution of supplies that this government is sending over to General Weygand and his people. Ten more are to follow, some leaving on the Clipper from New York Saturday. This troupe of silk-hatted guardsmen is heading for Casablanca, on the African coast north of Dakar, the strategic gateway to South America at which the nazis are clutching. The troupe has already handled shipment of gasoline, and fuel oil, coal and other supplies are on the way.

This aid will immediately be cancelled and other steps will be taken if Petain wants to trade off Franco-American prisoners for release of French prisoners from German camps.

In spite of urgent requirements of the military air forces, England currently is maintaining its empire air service at better than 90 per cent of the pre-war basis.

Once we read fashions to see what was going on—now we read them to see what's being pulled off.

## SIDE GLANCES



"Calm yourself, dear—I didn't intimate you had a bad temper!"

## Telegrapher Hears Report of Own Brother Drowning

NEW YORK, May 17 (AP)—Three soldiers drowned when an army launch sank in the East river Thursday after a collision with a tug.

John A. Moroso, 3d, ship news reporter for the Associated Press, was gathering the details by telephone in the AP office in Rockefeller center. There was the usual confusion among persons at the scene, but he quickly found someone who could give him the names of the victims.

"Mo-o-o-o-o," the voice at the other end spelled out. Johnny's face went white as he wrote the name down.

He knew it was his brother, Sergeant Henry J. Moroso, 25. But he kept right on, taking the other names, carefully spelling them back, remembering to ask for home addresses and all other pertinent details.

After obtaining all available information, Johnny turned to write the story.

The man next to him, aware of what had happened, offered to take it over.

"No thanks," said Johnny. "I'm pretty tough."

NEW YORK, May 17 (AP)—Three soldiers apparently drowned when the Fort Slocum launch Q-11 sank in the East river Thursday after a collision with the Leigh valley tug, Claremont.

Army officials named the men as: Sergeant Henry J. Moroso, native of Columbia, S. C., skipper of the craft; Private Melvin Calton, Kings Creek, Ky., and Private Clyde Fleming, 838 Peralta street, Pittsburgh.

The Q-11 had towed an army launch from Port Washington to Governor's island and was returning to New Rochelle when the unexplained collision occurred.

She plunged below the surface, shot into the air and sank again.

Motor vehicle registrations throughout the world have increased more than 29 per cent during the last seven years.

In 1916 the motor industry first broke the million mark, turning out 1,325,000 passenger vehicles.

Although a mink is not an expert at it, it is able to climb trees well.

## EAGLES AUXILIARY HOLDS MEETING

The Eagles auxiliary held a regular meeting Thursday night at the Eagles hall. A potluck supper was served after the meeting and "Bingo" was played until a late hour. Committees appointed were as follows, Tuesday afternoon, May 20, card party hostesses will be Peggy Long, Vera Linkenback, Wilma Larrouette and Kathleen Kriz. Thursday night card party hostesses will be Lorna Groves, Margaret Baker, Clara Rouse, Viola Kelly and Agnes DeChainsau. Tuesday afternoon, May 27, hostesses will be Nona Karr, Maude Larson, Mary Lewis and Alice Lawrence. The Lady Eagles club will meet Monday evening, May 19, at the home of Lucille Hoge, 1805 Siskiyou street, instead of Wednesday as previously announced.

## OBITUARY

BABY GRIFFIN  
Baby Griffin, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley W. Griffin, passed away in this city on Friday, May 16. Besides her parents she is survived by two sisters, Patricia June and Jacqueline Lee, and a brother, Donald Eugene, of this city; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Griffin of Clarks Fork, Ida., and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nutting of Billings, Mont. Baby Griffin will be taken to Clarks Fork, Idaho, for final rites and interment. Ward's Klamath funeral home in charge of the arrangements.

Today there are in the U.S. 14 universities giving degrees in aeronautical engineering, 16 others offer options in the subject and California's Institute of Technology gives graduate work in aeronautics.

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