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## Happy Birthday to U. S.

AT this moment we are going through one of our periods of gloom, as the result of a series of setbacks by the axis powers. We are inclined to feel that this, the 166th birthday of the United States of America, is the most critical since the first.

That is not a bad national psychology. Surely it is much better than overconfidence.

A man who possesses real intestinal fortitude fights best when the odds seem against him. So does such a nation. With all our many faults, the people of the United States have no rabbit blood in them.

But, on this birthday, let's not be too pessimistic. Let's remember that, actually, our forefathers passed through many Fourth of July when there was more cause for gloom than we can find today.

Forget, if you choose, the entire period of the Revolution itself, when our citizen-soldiers suffered one disastrous defeat after another, underwent privations such as we today can not comprehend, but kept their faith until by sheer force of will power they won.

Remember 1814, when the nation's 38th birthday saw our fortunes at so low an ebb that 51 days later invading British actually burned the White House in Washington.

Pass on to 1861, when Independence Day found the North stunned by the disaster of the first Bull Run.

In 1864 the Fourth of July saw Sherman completing his march to the sea—a military achievement for the North, but one of the saddest moments in American history as we look back upon that deadly war of brother against brother.

In 1917, Germany had begun unrestricted submarine warfare and had forced us into the first World war, from which Russia's might had been withdrawn by the first revolution. In 1918 the allies had stopped Germany's march to Paris, and were holding on by their teeth, wondering whether another and this time irresistible blow might be struck before we could rush enough strength to France to turn the tide. The French, without whom we were licked, were all ready to collapse.

These were truly critical Fourth of July in war times. In comparison, the misfortunes the United Nations have suffered during the past few weeks are negligible.

From our defeats thus far we can, if we will, learn many lessons which will help toward eventual victory. Not the least is that moral victories, potential armies, armaments on the production lines, contempt for the enemy, strategic withdrawals, ostrich-like confidence unbacked by deeds, do not win wars.

In the midst of these defeats, we still are turning the direction of the war. It may take two years, or three or four or five, but we know now we can win.

Therefore, Happy Birthday to the U. S.

## Editorials on News

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days will probably tell the story as to Egypt.

IF Rommel is beaten and the Nile valley and Alexandria and Suez are saved, we shall all be happy and our leaders will be great men.

IF NOT, there will be an explosion.

FOR the moment, remember that this desert fighting is

DIFFERENT. From the beginning it has swirled back and forth, with victory first on one side and then on the other. Fixed strong points are relatively unimportant.

THIS odd note of confidence comes even from realistic Russia as well as from Egypt. In Kulbysh, General Nikolai Zhuravlev, Russian military expert, says: "Hitler's present offensives show that the Germans no longer are capable of strategic operations on a large scale. Axis forces are worn out and Goebbels is trying to save face by playing up local offensives as vast operations of strategic importance."

The general may be expressing only his own opinions—and military experts are NOT invariably right. But remember that his expression of opinion is permitted to PASS THE RUSSIAN CENSORSHIP, which is anything but loose.

That adds to the oddity.

ANOTHER minor oddity: Egypt, whose soil is being fought on, ISN'T at war with the axis. The fighting there is a BRITISH affair—with our help.

IN the Mediterranean, the U. S. carrier Wasp has delivered aerial reinforcements to Malta. They are described as British planes, INCLUDING RAF pilots. The implication is that they also include U. S. pilots.

The Wasp appears to have brought these planes WITHIN FLYING DISTANCE of Malta. They took off and finished the rest of the distance under their own power.

A LONDON military observer says:

"Jap air and land forces are concentrating on the Manchukuo border and there seems little doubt they are making their own preparations so that they may, at THEIR chosen moment, attack Russia."

The Melbourne radio says Russia has established a deep defense zone along the Manchurian border and is strengthening its Siberian defenses facing Japan.

Melbourne says this information comes from Chungking. The Chinese have been saying for weeks that Japan is getting ready to attack Siberia.

Most of us outsiders are convinced that if and when Japan does attack Siberia her mysterious (because censor-hidden) operations in the Aleutians will be explained.

THE fight on Churchill's leadership opens in the house of commons. In quieter times, it would be full of interest.

One has the feeling NOW that swiftly marching events in Egypt will determine more accurately than any legislative investigation can whether or not Churchill's leadership has been wise and far-seeing.

IN the general chorus of higher-up optimism already referred to, there comes from London this pessimistic note:

Official circles (in London) hint that the Suez canal may be destroyed by the British as a waterway if the Germans reach the Red Sea.

It is added that if Alexandria is lost the British Mediterranean fleet might continue to operate from Port Said, Haifa and possibly Beirut.

## Roseburg Will Observe July Fourth as Holiday

With the exception of federal offices, Saturday, July 4, will be observed as a general holiday in Roseburg. There will be no issue of the News-Review tomorrow, in keeping with the usual custom of this newspaper of observing Independence day as a full holiday.

Stores, public offices, banks, etc., will be closed all day.

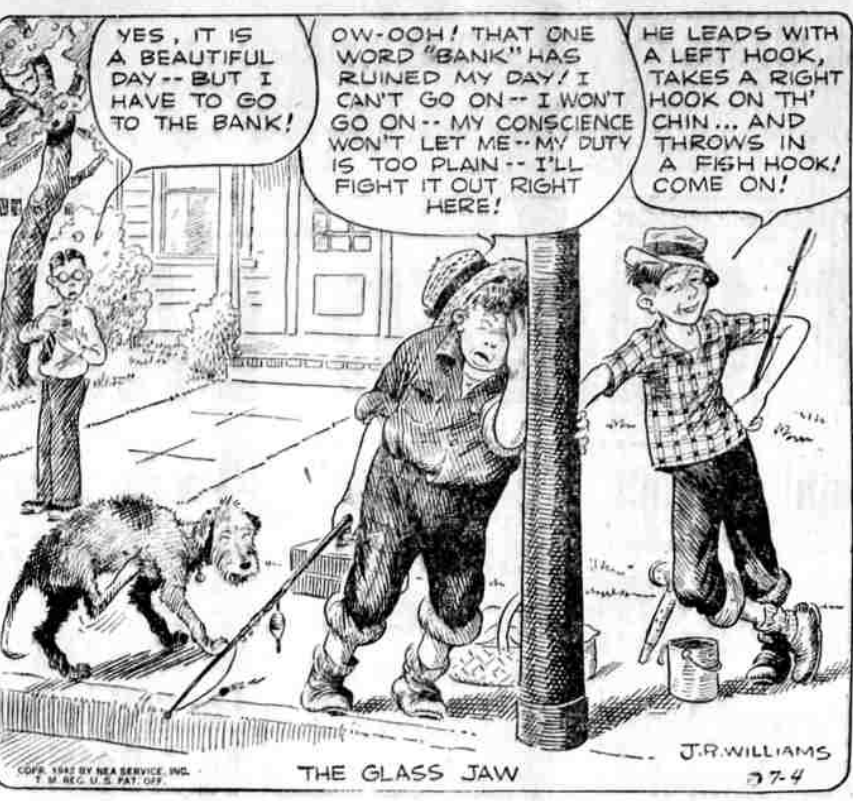
The post office, however, will observe usual Saturday hours, closing at noon, in keeping with federal instructions. The federal government has requested that no holiday be observed in plants engaged in production for war, and in keeping with this order is maintaining usual Saturday service in federal agencies. There will not, however, be deliveries on rural routes.

## Rationing of Bicycles Stated to Start July 9

WASHINGTON, July 3 (AP)—General rationing of bicycles will start July 9, the office of price administration announced. Local war price and rationing boards will start accepting applications on that date and, under rather broad eligibility rules, will issue bicycles purchase certificates to persons "engaged in a gainful occupation or in work which contributes to the war effort or to the public welfare."

In addition, the applicant must show that other means of transportation are not feasible or available.

## OUT OUR WAY



THE GLASS JAW

## Advice Given On Proper Harvesting Of Cascara Bark

By CECIL CALLISON

Hundreds of people, who know a cascara tree when they see it, are out peeling off the bark. The reason for this activity is the high price being paid for it, the highest in history—15c a pound.

Cascara, which is the base for a large number of laxatives, grows wild throughout western Washington, Oregon, and California. As the tree is often confused with the alder tree, many inquiries from amateur peelers have been received regarding description of the cascara tree and the proper methods of peeling.

The cascara tree thrives best in rich, well-drained loam, with a plentiful supply of moisture during the summer season. Banks of ditches and streams, and hillsides moistened by seepage water, are preferred locations. Frequently the tree develops like a shrub with several large branches separating near the ground. More often it forms a small tree 20 to 35 feet in height with a diameter up to 15 inches.

## How To Identify Tree

The cascara is identified from all other similar trees by its buds alone, for it is the only tree in this area whose buds are not covered by bud scales. Instead of protective scales, the under surface of each small leaf in the bud is protected by a thick coating of rusty brown hairs.

As the young leaves emerge from the buds, their tips curve outward in a manner typical of this tree. This characteristic enables one to recognize specimens at some distance.

The bark on young branches varies from green to purplish or reddish brown, often resembling that of twigs of red alder. The inner surface of freshly cut bark is a bright yellow color. It becomes dark when exposed to light, has a bitter taste when chewed and colors the saliva yellow.

Leaves, flowers and berries are used to identify the cascara tree during the summer months which is the season when the bark is harvested. The leaves have beautifully regular prominent veins and slightly serrated (saw like) margins. They may be from two to seven inches long, broadly elliptical, obtuse, or bluntly pointed at the apex.

The flowers which make their appearance in June are small, of a greenish color, and are borne in clusters near the end of branches. The berries, which appear in the early fall, usually August, are black, somewhat sweet, and very attractive to birds. Each berry contains two or three seeds which germinate readily. Birds eat the berries and help to distribute the seeds.

## Harvesting Suggestions

May, June, July, and August are the months when cascara bark is harvested.

The method adopted should aim at a maximum yield of bark from each tree, and the preservation of the tree's life.

Peel bark only from trees that are at least three inches in diameter.

Cut down each tree, leaving a stump not more than one foot above ground, then peel all the bark from the limbs one inch or more in diameter, as well as from the trunk. (Dormant buds on the stump will develop into shoots and in a few years another crop may be harvested.)

Do not peel the bark from the stump.

The foregoing is the right way to peel cascara. The wrong way is to strip the bark from the trunk up as far as can be reached from the ground, leaving the tree to

## Syringe Devised As Life Saver for Wounded in Battle

SEATTLE, July 1.—(AP)—A Seattle dentist, with an eye for invention as well as cavities, has devised a one-shot hypodermic syringe which he foresees as a life saver for wounded men on the battlefield. It's a cellulose-wrapped automatic device, to be used and discarded like a paper cup.

Dr. Ralph Huber, the creator, explains that its great virtue is in eliminating the time-consuming process of sterilization and the danger of infection from improperly sterilized needles.

Upon an expression of interest from medical chiefs of the army and navy, Dr. Huber said he sent samples of the new syringe to Washington yesterday.

"They are always ready for instant use and thus might save many lives in an emergency," the laboratory-minded dentist observed. "They would be factory-filled and sterilized. I believe every soldier should carry one of these in his kit. He would be able to use it on himself or on a wounded comrade."

The invention consists of a glass tube and a needle with a trigger on it. Upon insertion of the needle, the trigger automatically releases the contents of the tube. It can be operated easily with one hand.

Dr. Huber said the syringe could be made, sealed hermetically, for about 14 cents.

The dentist invented and contributed to the government last year a bombing calculator for small warplanes. He said its disposition was a military secret.

## Children Play With Gun; Boy of 8 Is Killed

TOLEDO, Ore., July 2.—(AP)—Police reported today the fatal shooting of Arthur Klamath, 8, who had been playing with a gun with his brother and sister Tuesday at their home in Logsdon.

## THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



WHEN A PLANT ROOT PUSHES ITS WAY THROUGH THE SOIL, IT WEARS ON ITS TIP A PROTECTIVE CAP MADE OF CELLS? AS THESE CELLS ARE WORN OFF, NEW ONES CONTINUE TO TAKE THEIR PLACE.



ANSWER: You hiccup!

NEXT: The wingspread of flyers.

## Concerning the NORTHWEST

As Viewed at the National Capitol

By John W. Kelly

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 3.—It now develops that James B. Eastman, director of office of defense transportation, has no more authority to close county and state fairs than the man in the moon. He has explained that he made a suggestion, not a "directive," to forego such fairs for the duration. Mr. Eastman's purpose was to save tires and gasoline and some railroad traffic. The reaction has been unfavorable.

For years various counties in the northwest have held fairs. It has been the farmer's holiday. The announcement by Eastman took the fair associations by surprise. After the first shock the associations and the individual farmers began asking questions. Why did Eastman wish to close the county fairs for the duration yet say nothing of night baseball and professional race tracks, where more people assemble in one day or evening than would be in attendance at any west coast fair during its season? Bus companies and railroads are carrying passengers by the thousand to these sporting events, the buses wearing out tires and consuming gasoline.

Upshot of the Eastman suggestion is that any county can proceed with its plans for the annual fair, and unless something develops otherwise these fairs will continue through the duration and after, providing the association does not voluntarily abandon the enterprise.

## Milk Prices Eyed.

Two special representatives of the office of price administration have been sent to the northwest to discuss prices for milk and cream. Some dairymen in the region are not satisfied with the regulation of OPA and they wish a clarification. There is no standard price for milk in either Washington or Oregon, different sections having different prices.

## Bone Bill Seems Doomed.

Senator Bone of Washington will have to make many concessions on the Columbia power authority bill which he is sponsoring if he ever expects to see it on the statute books. Best information available is that the measure is a gone goose and will never come out of committee. There is a question of its constitutionality, among other things, and this point will be raised in due time. As for the joint congressional committee going to the northwest and taking additional testimony, that is definitely out despite the urgings of city councils and service organizations that it make the journey so opponents can tell their story.

## 4th Term Talk Heard.

In two years there will be a presidential election and insiders say that President Roosevelt is planning on being elected for a fourth term. The reason they give for this is that the chief executive is not promoting any of his familiars to succeed him and anyone with the ambition is carefully being sidetracked, as was the case in 1940 when the two-term tradition was busted. As the war will probably continue into 1944, the insiders say that Mr. Roosevelt will be retained because of the commanding position he holds in the united nations; and if the war is over the people will re-elect him to wind up the mess.

## Ersatz Stuff Appears.

Reynolds Metals company, which has an aluminum plant at Longview, has developed a by-product from low grade aluminum class at its plant in the south. From this clay is manufactured sinks and bathtubs with not a particle of metal in them, providing a substitute for the iron and steel tubs and sinks which were enameled. In the same other substitutes are being made, such as a glass tube for oil lines, and a hollow timber is encased in cement, also as an oil line, by other ingenious manufacturers.

## KRRR

Mutual Broadcasting System, 1490 Kilocycles.

(REMAINING HOURS TODAY)

- 4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
- 4:15—Johnson Family.
- 4:30—USO Program.
- 4:45—Music Depreciation.
- 5:00—W. P. A.
- 5:15—Fight Against Inflation.
- 5:30—Songs for Marching Men.
- 6:00—Dinner Concert.
- 6:30—Treasury Star Parade.
- 6:45—Interlude.
- 6:50—State and Local News.
- 6:55—Interlude.
- 7:00—U. S. Army Program.
- 7:15—Waltz Time.
- 7:30—Lone Ranger.
- 8:00—Carl Harte's Orch.
- 8:15—Del Casino's Orch.
- 8:30—San Quentin Program.
- 9:00—Alka Seltzer News.
- 9:15—Hi Neighbor, McKean and Carstens.
- 9:30—Henry King's Orch.
- 9:45—Fulton Lewis, Jr.

## News of Men

From Douglas County

## In War Service

Darrell R. Lincks, son of Mrs. Floyd Smith of Roseburg, has completed a course in airplane mechanics at Sheppard field, Texas, and was selected as one of a group of 50 men out of a graduating class of 900 to become a part of the permanent personnel at the field. He will serve as an instructor in airplane hydraulics.

Graduated from Riddle high school in 1937, Private Lincks has been in Texas since last January. He studied aeronautical engineering for two years at Oregon State college and was a licensed private pilot at the time of his enlistment in the army air corps Dec. 26, 1941. He was employed at the Montgomery Ward store here at the time of his enlistment.

## Fountain Pens Used By Czechs in Attack On Nazi Trains

NEW YORK, July 1.—(AP)—Come along with a Czech-Slovak patriot as he blows up a Nazi freight train with fountain pens.

It's deep midnight when a motorcyclist speeds up to the leader of a group of Czech saboteurs in the German-occupied land, and according to this account received here today by the American Friends of Czech-Slovakia, hands him this message:

"Tomorrow at 4:10 a. m. A freight train leaves station—for the Russian front. See that it does not arrive."

That brief, unsigned order, borne by an unidentified courier, sets the chief saboteur in motion. Racing down the street to an inn, he summons a taxi driver and they roll out to the edge of a wood. The saboteur, a young student, stands in a clearing and makes a sound like a hoot owl.

The eerie call is answered.

Then, the account of this particular instance goes on, the student enters an old game warden's cottage and is welcomed by the housewife "with the look of women whose husbands have been dragged off to concentration camps."

The housewife takes the patriot to the cellar where, from a shelf behind some barrels, he selects six fountain pens of assorted sizes. He rejoins his driver, and goes to another wood near the railway, hiding in the brush along the right-of-way.

"A little after 4 in the morning," the report says, "a freight train appeared—coal cars and then tank cars. The student took a pen marked 'K' from his pocket and threw it onto the small platform of the tank car. His second pen landed on a flat car of straw. The third and fourth landed on two more tank cars of oil. The thickest pen landed on the roof of a box car which he rightly conjectured was loaded with ammunition."

"The results came out next day when the grapevine passed along word that there had been a serious railway accident at Lvov. A freight train rolling toward the Russian front had suddenly and inexplicably exploded in five places. A German troop train crashed into the wreck and some 800 soldiers were injured, many of them very seriously."

Thus does a beaten people write bad news for their oppressor, with pens of explosives far more indestructible than ink.

## Veterans Facility Here Featured in Magazine

The U. S. veterans administration facility at Roseburg is featured in the current issue of the National Tribune, a newspaper devoted to publication of news of special interest to veterans.

A feature article contains an aerial view of the local institution, together with a description of its setting, surroundings, buildings and equipment. A picture of the manager, George M. Melvin, M. D., together with an interesting sketch of his activities with the veterans administration is included.

The newspaper has a national circulation.

## Court Ousts Suit to Bar Japanese From Ballot

SAN FRANCISCO, July 3.—(AP)—A suit to bar persons of Japanese ancestry from voting was thrown out of federal court yesterday.

The action was brought by John T. Regan, grand secretary of the Native Sons of the Golden West, to force Cameron King, registrar of voters, to eliminate names of those of Japanese blood from voting lists.

Federal Judge St. Sure, dismissing the action, said:

"This case is exceptional because the sole question it presents to this court is one which has been definitely decided by the supreme court of the United States."

## Service Station, Drain, Reports Rubber Gather

The Richfield service station at Drain has collected approximately 10 tons of rubber for the period ending June 30, according to a report from the owner, H. L. Goodman. The station, he reports, has purchased 18,363 pounds of scrap rubber and has received approximately 2,000 pounds in the form of donations. The collection is exclusive of those made by other stations in and near Drain.

## Qualified Social Workers Needed By Oregon Board

PORTLAND, July 1.—(AP)—The state public welfare commission announced yesterday it was in dire need of qualified social workers, but refused to reinstate a former county administrator on the ground he was a conscientious objector.

The commission rejected the applicant, who said he objected to military service because of religious beliefs, despite the fact workers are needed so badly that present employees who failed to pass merit examinations will be retained at least temporarily.

The commission voted to continue participation in WPA sewing classes after the WPA reported it still had 1867 persons on the rolls in Oregon.

Administrator Elmer R. Goudy said the participation would be limited to three months, adding, "I can see no reason for a large number of persons being engaged in non-defense work at this time."

A report showed a decrease of 41.6 per cent in the number of persons receiving general assistance in May, compared to a year ago.