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Dangerous Delay

A SAMPLE of costly delay, which might result seriously should the Pacific coast ever be attacked by an enemy force, is exhibited in the condition of the Roseburg airport. Everyone expects waste, extravagance and inefficiency in time of war, when inexperienced men must assume tasks with which they are unfamiliar, when work piles up faster than facilities can be provided for suitable management, and when red tape interferes with normal processes. But there should be a period, even under chaotic conditions, when operations catch up with needed projects.

The federal government has already spent more than \$100,000 in improvement of the Roseburg airport, yet recently, when an emergency developed, demanding the presence of army planes in the Roseburg area, it was necessary to base the planes on the emergency field at Myrtle Creek, where practically no facilities have been developed. In other words, the government has spent \$100,000 on a field, which, had it not been improved, would have been in far better shape for use when needed.

Under WPA, the federal government sponsored the grading of a new runway, suitable for all except a few types of "hot landing" warplanes, at the Roseburg port. The grading was completed and the runway was given a coat of coarse gravel and made ready for fine gravel and oil macadam surfacing. There the work stopped. It has now been many months since anything has been done to complete the job. Without the finishing coat and final smoothing of the runway, the field is not usable. Within a very short time, it will be impossible, because of weather conditions, to surface the field. Then it will be next spring, at least, before the surface can be laid.

The excuse is that no contractor can be found with equipment to surface the field. Yet the state of Oregon has ample oiling machinery. The Douglas county court has offered to do the light grading still required on the runway if it can get a blade for its grader. The county has three graders sitting idle because priority cannot be obtained for the purchase of grader blades. Civilian aeronautic authorities have appealed on behalf of the county, and the matter even has been submitted to members of the state's congressional delegation, but as yet no grant has been made.

Consequently a \$100,000 improvement lies absolutely useless and idle. The army is deprived of the use of a field which will be badly needed during the winter months, particularly in foggy weather, when some fliers may lose their lives because of inability to put their planes down in case of storm or poor visibility. Still more serious is the fact that there is lacking a place where planes may be based in the event of enemy attack, thus endangering the defense program and civilian lives and property.

The Roseburg airport is not the only field in such an unsatisfactory condition. Several other fields, strategically located, are in exactly the same situation.

There is only a little time left to act if these fields are to be made ready for emergency use during the winter. Prompt action is needed before weather conditions make completion of the runway construction impossible. Further delay is not only an aggravation of an already overgrown case of inefficiency, but might prove dangerous and costly.—C. V. S.

Editorials on News

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crawling pace.

War is now the chief business of this whole area.

In the fields beside the road, harvest gangs are busy. Many of the workers are women.

NONE of them are attired in bathing suits.

Where do the cameramen get all their pictures of these natty and eye-filling farmerettes?

ACCORDING to the pictures in the newspapers and the magazines and the ads, the girls who flock to the fields to save the nation's crops have all come straight from the hairdresser and the smart sport clothes shop.

These out here in the fields are wearing dirty overalls. As for hair-dos—well, they just simply "ain't."

There must be a catch in it somewhere.

BEANS, beans, BEANS. Field after field of them. Mile after mile of the fields. Bean harvesters traveling slowly down the rows fade finally into the misty distance.

If all the beans grown in California this year were laid end to end, it would take a lot of pork to make them palatable.

It is seldom indeed in these lettuce and milk, vitamin-for-pep days that the lowly bean can get the nod of complete approval from the dieticians.

But they must be going to do SOMETHING with all these beans. They can't be meaning to just take 'em out and throw 'em in the creek.

THERE has been much talk of rotting crops due to labor shortages. The shortage of farm labor is unquestionably acute. Yet SOMEHOW the crops down this way seem to have been harvested. One can't see everything from the road, admittedly, but there is no sign anywhere of crops having gone unharvested on any considerable scale. Even in the Salinas valley, which requires vast quantities of labor for the growing and harvesting of its mass production vegetable crops, there is no visible evidence of food having gone to waste.

Whatever may happen next year, it looks very much as if this year the west has taken care of the food it has grown.

Logging Road Will Tap Lower Umpqua Timber

The Bridge Lumber company of Reedsport has announced plans for construction of a five-mile logging road into timber recently acquired on the Umpqua-Smith river divide about five miles north and west of Elkton. The road will branch off from the Drain-Reedsport highway and will be surfaced for all-year use. It is planned to transport logs by truck to tidewater at Scottsburg, where they will be dumped into the river to be rafted to the company's mill at Reedsport. The road will be 18 feet in width. Gravel will be procured from a pit near Scottsburg.

Mrs. Lucy E. Thompson Of Glendale Passes

GLENDAL, Ore., Oct. 20.—Mrs. Lucy Euphemia Thompson, 62, wife of Albert C. Thompson, died suddenly Monday at her home in Glendale. Born in Boston, Mass., Jan. 25, 1880, she had been a resident of Oregon for the past 25 years and had made her home in Glendale for the past two years.

Surviving are her husband; a sister, Miss Kate Snively, Brimley, Mich.; and a brother, Sidney Snively, Denver, Colo.

Services will be held at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday in the Presbyterian church in Glendale. Rev. Paul Tidball officiating. The body will then be taken to Corvallis for concluding services at the DeMaris-Britt funeral home at 3 p. m. Thursday, to be followed by interment in Crystal Lake cemetery, Corvallis.

Local arrangements are in charge of the Eberle-Stearns mortuary, Glendale.

NOTICE

Notice to holders of preferred stock certificates numbers 119 to 136 inclusive, of the Douglas County Farm Bureau Cooperative Exchange. You are hereby notified that the above mentioned certificates have been called for payment, and will be paid on presentation at the company's office. Interest on the above mentioned certificates will cease on Oct. 21, 1942. A. R. Kronke, Secretary.—(Adv.)

OUT OUR WAY



THE CASUALTIES

By J. R. Williams

Concerning the NORTHWEST As Viewed at the National Capital By Paul Dunham

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 20.—The house civil service committee has decided that there is so much smoke there must be some fire. In this case the smoke is the oft repeated statement as to inefficiency in the use of government personnel in Washington. Some of this comes from the workers themselves, who complain because they are not given enough to do or are given work beneath their capacity and training.

Chairman Ramspeck of the house civil service committee has introduced a resolution calling for an investigation by the committee of the federal personnel practices. Whether it will be possible for the committee to secure adequate information and enforce correction of existing abuses is problematical. However, with the manpower shortage becoming more acute each day there is sufficient excuse for an investigation, since the government now has more than 2,500,000 civilian workers.

The war department alone now employs more civilians than the entire government hired as late as June, 1940. The department now has about 1,100,000 civilians employed, which is 15 per cent more than the peak of civilian employment by the entire federal government during world war No. 1.

Efficiency experts have never been popular in industry, among employees, for quite often they were brought into an organization to do the "dirty work" that regular officials were unwilling to do. It seems they are no more popular in government service. Anyway, the story is going around Washington that a certain efficiency expert removed the large mirrors from washrooms in a certain government building because the girls spent too much time primping. Sequel to the story is that they took twice as much time with the small mirrors that replaced the large ones.

Dairy Situation Dark

Officials of the department of agriculture are worried about the dairy farmer situation. The department has requested an increase in milk production this year of ten billion pounds and indications are that this goal will not be reached by more than five billion pounds. In consequence ice cream manufacturers may be forced to curtail production, and there will be a shortage of fluid milk.

Lend-lease and increased military and civilian use of milk and dairy products is blamed for the shortage as well as the decreasing dairy herds. In the Midwest, where dairying is often a sideline to other farm activities, the farmers are selling their dairy cows in large numbers, primarily due to the labor situation but also because many farmers went in for dairying to increase their slender income during the depression who never were dairymen at heart and who hated the thought of milking and caring for dairy cattle morning and evening on top of a full day of work in the field. Now with mounting prices for other crops they find they can live without the added burden of the dairy herd, and with sons or hired men in army or war work and a good price for animals on the beef market, they are going out of the dairy business.

Farm Income Eyed
Income received by the Ameri-

Famine Threatens 6 Million Chinese

CHUNGKING, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Stricken by one of the worst famines of modern times, Chinese are dying by thousands in the battlefront province of Honan, where 6,000,000 persons are reported officially to be on the verge of starvation.

Reports brought to Chungking by officials of the government and relief workers said that 18,000,000 have become famine refugees and that the clogged roads from Honan into Shensi and Hupeh provinces are strewn with dead and dying.

The situation was intensified by the necessity of supporting a large military force to hold the present front through the province against the Japanese. The famine extends into Japanese-held territory, but exact information on conditions there was not available.

The famine was attributed in part to two years of drought conditions, crop-killing spring frosts and locust and rabbit plagues, but this was coupled with the Japanese invasion of some districts last October causing the abandonment of the rice crop and delay in wheat planting.

In a vast program of relief, the government has remitted taxes in the area increased those in richer sections to provide funds for aid. Loans amounting to \$400,000 (in U. S. dollars) have been advanced to help farmers buy seed, and large sums are being allocated for other relief work.

E. R. Worth Heads U. S. Job Service in Oregon

PORTLAND, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Emory R. Worth is the new acting director for the federal employment service in Oregon.

He was appointed to fill the vacancy left when L. C. Stoll accepted directorship of the war manpower commission for the Portland area.

Worth was Stoll's assistant.

INVADIED ISLAND

HORIZONTAL

1. 4 Depicted island.

10. Remained.

14. Wood sorrel.

15. Dormant.

16. Monster.

17. Conceal.

19. Flavor.

21. Proceed.

22. Settlement.

24. Aerodrome tower.

26. Street (abbr.).

28. Half an em.

30. Card game.

31. Toward.

32. Transgression.

34. Halt.

36. The Japs have a base at — (pl.).

38. Quantity of thread.

41. Joke (slang).

43. Portico.

44. Senior (abbr.).

46. — troops invaded it.

48. Make lace.

50. Decigram (abbr.).

51. Exclamation.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

BERNHARD SHAW
COMA AVER EERIE
GRIT SET SPRING
MATED RUBI GO
SILEY OLAF
P. S. N. BERNHARD
OAT A SHINEE
DREAM ARP ITT
ENIGMA MARC
ID. STANCE LIONS
CORWEBERN SLIT
EMER ERIAL OILY
EARS ERIAL ABEANCE

VERTICAL

1. Negative.

2. Reverberate.

3. Lament.

4. Valley.

5. Underwriting account.

6. Belongs to it.

7. Low tide.

8. Cove.

9. Coral islands.

10. Behold!

11. Hen fruit.

12. Frozen moisture.

13. Symbol for

18. Perform.

20. Foundations.

23. Affirmative.

25. Corners.

27. Carrying capacity of a ship.

29. Nothing.

33. Scold.

35. Fondle.

37. Devour.

39. Treated with iodine.

40. Seem.

42. Gallen (abbr.).

44. Therefore.

45. Nose (comb. form).

46. Junior (abbr.).

47. Be sick.

49. Dusky.

53. Rafter.

54. Foster.

56. Shilling (abbr.).

57. Pedder vat.

59. Tree.

61. Salt.

63. Upward.

64. Size of shot.

66. That one.

68. Editor (abbr.).

Noted Churchman On Program Of Rally in Roseburg



The Rev. Clarence K. Vliet, M. D., above, a secretary of the board of missions and church extension of the Methodist church, will be one of the several guest speakers at the sub-district missionary institute and church rally to be held at the Methodist church in Roseburg Thursday. Delegates from Marshfield, Coquille, North Bend, Myrtle Creek, Dillard, Elkton, Sutherlin and Roseburg are expected to participate in the meeting. Sessions will be held at 10 a. m., 2 p. m., and 6:30 p. m.

Dr. Vliet, who will be one of the principal speakers, is a native of New Jersey and a graduate of Pennington seminary, Syracuse University and Baltimore Medical college. He practiced medicine for 12 years in New York and then engaged in business in Florida, where he was licensed to preach by the Florida conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South. He held a number of important pastorates before joining the staff of the board of missions and church extension.

Other speakers will include Miss Pearl Sherlock, Christian education director of the Oregon Methodist conference, and Dr. L. M. Coy, president of Rust college, Holly Springs, Miss., an outstanding Negro educator and Christian statesman. Other church leaders and the pastors and lay leaders of the various congregations of the area are expected to participate in the programs.

The evening meeting will follow a 6:30 o'clock pot-luck supper. This session will be in the nature of a get-together for the local and visiting members and will feature talks by the visiting speakers. All members and friends of the local congregation are urged by the pastor, the Rev. Melville T. Wire, to plan to be present.

Arrangements for the supper are in charge of Mrs. R. L. Whipple, Mrs. A. N. Orcutt and Mrs. Wire.

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(REMAINING HOURS TODAY)

4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Plough Chemical Co.
4:15—Johnson Family.
4:30—Confidentially Yours.
4:45—Carlos Molino's Orchestra.
5:00—U. S. Army Program.
5:15—Musical Interlude.
5:30—The Federal Ace.
6:00—Dinner Concert.
6:30—Jambolee.
6:45—Interlude.
6:50—Coppo News.
6:55—Interlude.
7:00—Bob Pastor vs. Jimmy Bivens Boxing Bout, Gillette Safety Razor Co.
7:15—Health Talk by Dr. Wainwright.
8:00—Musical Interlude.
8:15—Rennie Cummins' Orchestra.
8:30—Melody Hall.
9:00—Alka Seltzer News.
9:15—Round-Up in the Sky, E. G. High, Insurance.
9:30—Johnny Richard's Orchestra.
9:45—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
10:00—News Bulletins.
10:02—Sign off.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21
6:45—Eye Opener.
7:00—News, L. A. Soap Co.
7:15—Happy Johnnie, Block Drug Co.
7:30—News Bulletins.
7:33—State and Local News, Boring Optical.
7:40—J. M. Judd Says "Good Morning."
7:45—Rhapsody in Wax.
8:00—Breakfast Club, Mentholum.
8:30—Yankee House Party.
8:45—Morning Melodies.
9:00—Boake Carter.
9:15—Man About Town.
9:30—Lee Cubes.
10:00—Alka Seltzer News.
10:15—I'll Find My Way.
10:30—News Bulletins, Am. Home Products.
10:35—Strictly Personal.
10:45—Palmer House Orchestra.
11:00—Cedric Foster.
11:15—Wheel of Fortune.
12:00—Interlude.
12:05—Sports Review, Dunham Transfer Co.
12:15—Interlude.
12:20—Parkinson's Information Exchange.

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Carrots, highly recommended as a conditioner of eyes for night sight, are no better than butter, cheese or green vegetables for this purpose, he added. All provide about the same amount of vitamin A.

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The army said that regardless of nationality, dangerous individuals would continue to be excluded from strategic coastal areas.

CARD OF THANKS

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From where I sit . . .

by Joe Marsh

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