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Educational Deficiencies

DEFICIENCIES in the educational system of the state and nation have been exposed by wartime needs, pointing to the prospect of numerous changes in required courses of study in the postwar period. Professor Edgar E. DeCou, a member of the University of Oregon mathematics faculty for the past 40 years and a national leader in his field, has charged in a letter addressed to principals and teachers of high schools throughout the state that there is a distressing laxness in mathematical requirements. Some high school students, he declares, can graduate with absolutely no or very little mathematical training. In view of the fact that one of the biggest problems faced by the armed forces today is the instruction of candidates for commissions, this situation is indeed critical, for a solid foundation in mathematical training is one of the major requirements of an officer.

The solution to this problem, Dr. DeCou declares, cannot be furnished by the universities and colleges alone, but must begin in the high schools. The strain placed upon the institutions of higher education, he points out, is demonstrated by the fact that courses usually accomodating 25 students at the University of Oregon have been filled with 125 or more. Complete facilities have been put to maximum use and professors with mathematical training have been borrowed from departments to take care of the increased demand for work in this field.

The failure of the educational system to adequately train students for future activities has been recognized by many educators in recent years and numerous changes in the proper direction have been made.

The efficiency of the Roseburg schools has been amply demonstrated by the large number of former students who have passed tests in armed service schools with high honors. The Roseburg schools for many years have been recognized for high scholastic standings, but fundemental changes in requirements doubtless can make still further improvements in fitting a student for his activities in later life.

As has been pointed out by Dr. DeCou, more stress is needed in mathematics. The war also has shown a crying need for the instruction of students in manual arts. Thousands upon thousands of men and women went into shipyards, airplane factories, munition and other industrial plants, requiring a high grade of mechanical skill, with no previous training in the use of tools. There has been a crying need for skilled mechanics in all fields of the war effort. So great has been the need that federally sponsored schools have been instituted everywhere to train men and women for war production.

This need to train young people to work with their hands has been recognized by many educators. In the Roseburg schools efficient departments have functioned to give students training in these fields. The Roseburg high school was the first in the nation to introduce a trades course in which students might learn a trade through part-time work, gaining actual experience under competent supervision, while studying theory in the classroom. This course proved so popular nationally that certain labor leaders became afraid that too many apprentices in skilled fields might produce an overabundance of available labor, and restrictions regarding hours and wages were written into the labor laws which made it impossible for many employers to give work to those who would otherwise have sought the training. The shortsightedness of this policy has been demonstrated in the labor bottlenecks of war production. Legislative action to remove the existing barriers to resumption of untrammelled high school trades courses should be one of the imperative items at the next session of the state legislature.—C.V.S.

Editorials on News

(Continued from page 1.)

planned objective was the south seas empire they have already seized, and they didn't want to turn aside from that.

NAVY Secretary Knox tells us her loss of warships, cargo vessels and troops transports (he places the total number SUNK at 394) is bringing Japan near the point of desperation and is imperiling the security of her far-flung Pacific bases.

He adds:

"The time is actually close when Japanese forces in the Jap-occupied islands of the Pacific will suffer for lack of manpower, weapons, ammunition and medical supplies because of LACK OF SHIPS to transport them."

He concludes:

"Patient whittling away of the ship strength of our maritime enemy, Japan, LESSENS the magnitude of the task our men will have to do with bomb and bayonet along the long, hard road to Tokyo."

He gives much of the credit for this whittling away to our submarines operating in the western Pacific.

JAPAN'S empire is an ISLAND empire. It takes ships to get from island to island. Knox tells us we're hacking down the Jap total of ships. His meaning is plain.

It is an encouraging statement.

GLANCING hastily at the dispatches from the rest of the world, we learn that German resistance on the central Russian front has been stiffened by airborne reinforcements, but the Russians claim to be still MAKING PROGRESS on both the central and the Stalingrad fronts, battering down German counter attacks and maintaining the initiative.

DISPATCHES from Tunisia say the allied command has planned its next blow and has MOVED UP THE FORCES to deliver it.

Dramatic color is lent to the dispatch by the statement that the plans were made by candle light in an old house near the fighting front.

The REAL MEAT is contained in the assertion that FORCES HAVE BEEN MOVED UP to deliver the blow. That indicates that we are mastering the difficult problem of supply.

THE British deliver another big air raid against towns in southern Germany, where supplies are FED INTO ITALY. Remember that the big factor in beating Rommel at El Alamein was disrupting his supplies and communications in the rear.

Italy has become a hot spot. Disrupting her line of supply from Germany is significant.

ON the Buna-Gona beaches, our boys and the Australians have driven their FOURTH wedge through to the sea, thus pinning the Japs into ANOTHER pocket.

We seem to be making steady progress and so far the Japs seem to have failed to get effective relief to their trapped forces.

Jap "face" seems to call for another desperate effort at reinforcement and supply.

SECRETARY of Agriculture Wickard has been made food czar, and estimates that up to 25 per cent of our 1943 food output will be required for lend-lease and the armed forces. That is less than most of us had expected, but clearly foreshadows belt-tightening.

American farmers, in spite of labor shortage and other handicaps, will make a determined effort to meet the production requirements placed upon them.

They always have.

Cheese Company Buys Creamery at Reedsport

REEDSPORT, Ore., Dec. 9.—(AP)—Sale of the Reedsport creamery to the Reedsport Cheese company, effective January 1, was announced today by the creamery owner, W. C. Conger.

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OUT OUR WAY By J. R. Williams

County Court Members To Attend Assn. Meet

The members of the county court will be absent from Roseburg Tuesday, December 15, as they will be in attendance at a meeting in Medford, it was announced today by County Judge D. N. Busenbark. A meeting of district No. 4 of the Association of Oregon Counties has been called for that date in Medford, and representatives of each county court, together with state legislators from each of the counties, will assemble for a conference on legislative matters. Judge Busenbark will also spend Monday in Medford attending a meeting of the Production Credit association, in which he is a representative from Douglas county.

Victory Fund Drive Sets Record in West States

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9—(AP)—The victory fund drive in the seven western states booked orders for $328,787,000 government securities in the first week of the nation's nine billion campaign.

Arnold Grunigen, Jr., executive manager of the victory fund committee for the Twelfth federal reserve district, said no such amount of money had ever been raised in the west in so short a time.

About 30 per cent of the subscriptions came from investors other than banks.

Myrtle Creek

MYRTLE CREEK, Dec. 9—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baird of The Dalles, who were formerly pastors of the Christian church here, were calling on friends in town for a short time Friday. Mr. Baird's father had been visiting in Eastern Washington and ore- to his home in Wilbur by his son.

Following the Frank Hamm funeral in Klamath Falls, Tuesday of last week, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Brewer accompanied their daughter, Mrs. Hamm, back to her home in Portland. Mrs. Hamm's sister, Mrs. Tempa Roberts, and son, Raymond Hunsaker, also went, all returning to Myrtle Creek Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Powell, pastor of the Myrtle Creek Church of Christ, went to Eugene to spend the week end and were almost marooned on several different roads and failed altogether to reach their old home at Coburg. They found the highways awash in several different places but finally reached Myrtle Creek on their return trip with no very serious inconvenience.

Mrs. W. F. Sergeant of Portland who has been spending several weeks visiting here with her son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Verne Adams, has returned to her home. While here she also visited in Medford with her son and wife and her new granddaughter.

Mrs. Wynter is spending some time in San Jose visiting at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mrs. Margaret McManmis accompanied her on trip south and is spending some of her time visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Leslie Childers, and family at Napa.

Leonard Skinner writes from Guadalcanal that while he has seen some action he is still all right and is having a good time. For awhile he had an alligator for a pet but is now making friends with some of the beautiful parrots that haunt the jungles.

Mrs. Marjorie Johnson Chaney spent the week end visiting with her mother, Mrs. Madge Gazley, and the other members of her family. She returned to her work in Portland Sunday.

George Taggart has been seriously ill for about a week. He is improving very slowly. Mrs. Taggert is not well and is suffering with some bad burns which she received when she overturned a pan of roasting meat.

Roy Alspaugh was recently called to Portland by the death of his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. (Shorty) Trankle have moved from Frozen Creek to the Farrar place on top of the hill back of the high school.

J. S. Aldredge has been crippled for the past week or two as a result of a fall which gave him a serious back strain.

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FORMER AMBASSADOR

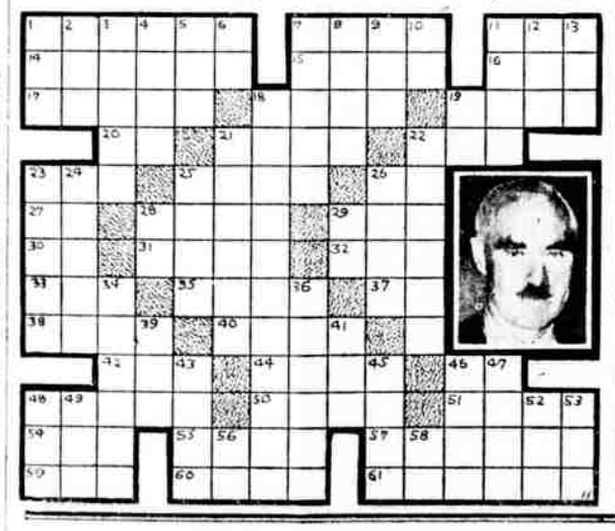
HORIZONTAL

1,7 Pictured former U. S. ambassador to Japan.
11 Value (abbr.).
14 Verbally.
15 Hoarfrost.
16 Unit.
17 Fragrant.
18 Helps.
19 Quote.
20 Like.
21 Amperes (abbr.).
22 Bow slightly.
23 Article of furniture.
25 Debutantes (colloq.).
26 Jumbled type.
27 French article.
28 Default.
29 Knock.
30 Chaldean city.
31 Girl's name.
32 Cut off.
33 Clothe.
35 Erase.
37 Negative.
38 Mexican Indian.
40 Fatten.
42 Ontario (abbr.).
44 Illustrate.
46 Exclamation.
48 Aggregate of animals of a given region.
50 Sworn pledge.
51 Granted facts.
54 Feminine name.
55 Morning (poet.).
56 Fungus (bot.).
59 Color.
60 Gone by.
61 House of worship.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

VERTICAL

1 Book of the Bible.
2 English money of account.
3 Food dish.
4 Trees.
5 Bend.
6 Henry (abbr.).
7 Grasps.
8 Eliminates.
9 Print measure (pl.).
10 Us.
11 Vacant.
12 Insect.
13 Sheltered side.
18 He is an able —— (pl.).
19 Company (abbr.).
21 Antenna.
22 He was ambassador to ——, or Japan.
23 Smears.
24 Weird.
25 Portal.
26 Ache.
28 Mail (abbr.).
29 Registered nurse (abbr.).
34 Earth's surface.
36 Wandering.
39 Tavern.
41 Dative (abbr.).
43 To plug.
45 Interrogative word.
46 First man.
47 Musical instrument.
48 Distant.
49 Chemical suffix.
52 Sesame.
53 High card.
56 On account (abbr.).
58 Symbol for germanium.



Concerning the NORTHWEST As Viewed at the National Capital

By John W. Kelly

WASHINGTON, D. C. Dec. 10—In these closing days of the 77th congress general criticism and dissatisfaction is being expressed by good new dealers at the way the war is being run—the civilian steps to regiment the people. The criticism ranges from censorship to rationing, all of which affect the burghers of Washington and Oregon. Republicans are saying little but are enjoying the new dealers carring the ball. The house whip, Representative Ramspeck of Georgia, who is one of the three members selected to carry out administration policies, is blasting the rationing of gasoline and meat. Walter M. Pierce announces "there is paralysis among responsible agencies" in the national capital.

There are injustices in the rationing of meat, charges Ramspeck, and he has introduced a bill requiring commodities to be rationed on a geographic instead of a sectional basis. For instance, the best cuts of steaks and beef roasts under the meat rationing go to the restaurants and hotels and are available to anyone with the price who patronizes these establishments. Unless there is a change in the regulations a person can have a steak or beef roast every day by dining at a hotel or cafe. Housewives, however, are limited to 2.5 pounds of meat a week for each member of the family over 15 years. After the best cuts have been sold, whatever is left the housewife may buy. Better grades have always cost more in public eating places and these are given first call in allotments.

The lowly hamburger, a staple in hundreds of stands, coffee shops and wayside drive-ins, has become a luxury; the proprietors, in many instances, are unable to buy a pound of this chopped meat, but the filet mignon will continue to be sold in the high-priced restaurants. Big packers are selling most of their product to the military and lend-lease organization; the little packer, who kept many meat shops supplied, is being put out of business by regulations.

Extra Coffee Available

Again, if you eat at home you can have one cup of coffee a day, but if you dine in a hotel or restaurant there is no limit to the coffee you can have. This may be accomplished by drinking a cup and paying for it, then when a second cup is ordered it is a new transaction—you are a new customer. This circumventation is possible also at lunch counters of drug stores, or if the waitress will serve only one cup there is always another lunch counter in the vicinity. There is no shortage of coffee. The United States has bought up the crop in Brazil and it is stored in warehouses in that country until such time as the submarines are disposed of and cargo ships can bring in supplies.

Rationing Absurdity

Kicks from the northwest continue to roll in against gasoline rationing. A farmer writes that he had to drive his car to town, 21 miles from his ranch, to see about a gas supply, thereby wasting rubber and gasoline. The round trip was 42 miles and the gas he is allowed is four gallons a week, estimated to cover 60 miles. Indignantly he protests that 60 miles a week may be satisfactory in Deleware or Rhode Island, where you can drive through the state in 20 minutes, but the regulation is absurd so far as the open spaces of the west are concerned.

Truth Perferable

Censoring of mail to Alaska has fired the investigators of congress and they are talking of going to the bottom of the entire policy of censorship. Almost anything can be construed as "giving aid and comfort to the enemy," although no military information may be dealt with. The opinion is spreading that as between keeping the American people in the dark and running the risk of giving military information to the enemy, the better course would be to tell the people the whole truth.

Pierce Blames Roosevelt

In a speech on the floor of the house Congressman Pierce, who went into office with the new deal 10 years ago and was swept out by the republican wave last month, charged the president with a large part of the responsibility for the defeat of so many congressman. He said that the president joined with certain commentators in attacking congress, with the result that the president lost some of his most loyal supporters who were replaced by republicans. Another cause for the defeat, said Congressman Pierce, was the indifference of the average voter who did not go to the polls. He said that 50 years ago, when Umatilla county, Oregon, had a small population, it cast more votes than it did last month, in proportion to the number registered.

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(REMAINING HOURS TODAY)

4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Plough Chemical Co.
4:15—Treasury Star Parade featuring Monty Wooly in "I Escaped from Hongkong."
4:30—Confidentially Yours.
4:45—Fight Night.
5:00—Office of War Information.
5:15—Johnson Family.
5:30—Dark Destiny.
6:00—Dinner Concert.
6:30—Jamboree.
6:45—Interlude.
6:50—Copco News.
6:55—Interlude.
7:00—Raymond Clapper, White Owl.
7:15—Moylan Sisters, Swansdown.
7:30—Art Kassell's Orchestra.
7:45—Chuck Foster's Orchestra.
8:00—Memory Lane.
8:15—Woody Wilson's Orchestra.
8:30—Pass in Review.
9:00—Alka Seltzer News.
9:15—Round-Up in the Sky, E. G. High Insurance.
9:30—Harland Leonard's Orchestra.
9:45—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
10:00—News Bulletins.
10:02—Sign Off.

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6:45—Eye Opener.
7:00—News, L. A. Soap Co.
7:15—Happy Johnny, 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.
8:30—President's Press Conference.
8:35—Yankee House Party.
9:00—Boake Carter.
9:15—Man About Town.
9:40—Don Allen's Orchestra.
10:00—Alka Seltzer News.
10:15—Shopper's Guide.
10:30—News Bulletins, Am. Home Products.
10:35—Treasury Song Parade—Interlude.
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.
12:25—Rhythm at Random.
12:45—State News, Hansen Motors.
12:50—News Review of the Air.
1:05—Musical Interlude.
1:15—P.T. A.
1:30—Man With A Band.
2:00—Don Lee Newsreel Theatre.
3:00—The Dream House of Melody, Copco.
3:30—Mutual's Overseas Reporters.
3:45—Dance Music.
4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Plough Chemical Co.
4:15—Office of War Information.
4:30—Salvation Army Program.
4:45—Bob Crosby's Orchestra.
5:00—Lest We Forget.
5:15—Johnson Family.
5:30—The Cisco Kid.
6:00—Dinner Concert.
6:30—Treasury Star Parade Featuring Igor Gorin.
6:45—Interlude.
6:50—Copco News.
6:55—Interlude.
7:00—Tammi Muriello vs. Lou Nova, Gillette Boxing Bout.
8:00—Lone Ranger.
8:30—Music Without Words.
9:00—Alka Seltzer News.
9:15—The Boys in the Back Room, McKean & Carstens.
9:30—John B. Hughes, Studebaker.
9:45—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
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Landlords Strike Over Rent Rules In Vallejo Area

VALLEJO, Calif., Dec. 10.—(AP)—Organized landlords in this war-booming town went on record yesterday to "refuse to recognize the rules and regulations" of the OPA and said "we separately and collectively strike" in regard to specified rents.

The resolution, made public after landlord representatives conferred with Attorney C. M. Walter, said the "strike" would last "until * * * local and regional offices (of the office of price administration) comply with their own rules and regulations, and show by their deeds their willingness to cooperate in fairness and justice" with landlords and tenants.

It was adopted by the Greater Vallejo landlords' association Monday, and followed by three weeks a previous resolution of intent.

Vallejo, bordering on the busy Mare island navy yard, has tripled in population since the start of the war building program. Its landlords object most strenuously to the fact that its rents have been frozen at the Jan. 1, 1941, levels, whereas in most other sections the ceiling is as of last March 15. They complain also that OPA has been inefficient in handling their business and has singled them out for "nationwide ridicule."

Prices in Greece Hit Stratosphere Elevation

New York, Dec. 9—(AP)—How'd you like to have to shell out $22.40 for a loaf of bread? or $27 for a dozen eggs? or $1,500 for a suit formerly worth $25.?

That's how it would be if prices here had gone up in proportion to those in Greece, the Greek War Relief association said yesterday after doing some arithmetic based on Red Cross reports.

One pound of round steak, $34; a pound of sugar, $22.50; five pounds of potatoes, $14.25; one pound of rice, $14; same of macaroni, $37.50; a cake of soap, $11; a pair of shoes formerly worth $5, $500.

Reedsport Finds Boston Market for Its Fish

REEDSPORT, Ore., Dec. 9.—(AP)—Kippered salmon and shad have been shipped from here to Boston this month, inaugurating a new commerce for coastal Oregon. Packers here hope the traffic becomes sufficiently great to make fish packing a year-around industry.