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rog (see your map), having followed the railroad that far. A British broadcast says Tanager is under fire from Russian guns. Where these Russian guns are placed isn't stated. For information on that interesting point, we'll have to wait.

At Tanager, the railroad turns NORTH. It has been CUT by the Russians. So the Germans can't escape that way.

From Tanager to Mariupol, along the Sea of Azov, there is only a highway, which the Germans have undoubtedly been improving both to get supplies in and to get themselves OUT.

WHAT the Germans are trying to do is to form a new line WHERE THEY CAN HOLD. What the Russians will try to do is to run them so ragged they won't be able to force a new line. Keep this in mind as you read the news of coming days.

IN the south Pacific our heavy bombers attack Rabaul in four waves, using demolition, fragmentation and incendiary bombs. The attack lasts more than two hours.

One of our fliers says of the attack: "The Japs had been building up Rabaul since we first burned her down months ago until now she's heavily fortified—a regular Malta in regard to concentrations of searchlights and anti-aircraft guns."

THE regular pattern of bombing in Germany and Italy goes on with heavy raids.

Remember that these bombings are aimed primarily at demoralizing the enemy's war factories and his railroad lines. They have little IMMEDIATE effect, for the weapons the Germans are using now are made and delivered long ago. Their ULTIMATE effect will be devastating.

IMAGINE Detroit being bombed every day of so. Our production of war materials would GO DOWN. If Los Angeles and San Diego were bombed every day of so, our production of planes would go down. If Portland were bombed every few days, our production of ships would go down. It couldn't be otherwise.

THE news from the battlefronts isn't all good. In Tunisia, the Germans have apparently hit us pretty hard. Just how hard isn't clear from the censored dispatches.

It is probable the Germans have more strength in Tunisia than the uniformly optimistic tone of the dispatches has led us to believe. Our leaders, of course, KNOW. In judging the news for yourself, you must keep always in mind the perfectly obvious fact that the day-to-day tone of the news which is available to the enemy as well as to us is to the general effect that one side has everything safely under control.

You can be pretty sure the battle of Tunisia, when it finally gets under way in earnest, will be a tough one.

ON the home front, the house appropriations subcommittee voting six to one, turns down a request from FDR for \$100,000,000 for INCENTIVE payments to farmers to increase the production of food.

This is the point involved. Under "incentive" payments, the farmer sells at ceiling prices and his losses are made up by SUBSIDY payments from the treasury—thus postponing the evil day of payment and adding to the debt. Under higher prices,

THE MANPOWER PROBLEMS

EDITORIAL

By Charles V. Stanton

A GREAT deal is being said and written these days about the manpower problem. A great deal more could be said about the failure to efficiently utilize the manpower already available.

For instance, a local farmer who each year devotes a large number of acres to truck gardening told us today of his problem. He is in critical and immediate need of an assistant. He had an applicant for the job—a man who has had 30 years of experience in truck gardening. Right now, however, that man has part-time employment in the logging woods operated by a local mill company. Because of the limitations of woods work, due to weather, this applicant has not been making enough money at his present employment to properly support his family. He would like very much to go to work for the farmer, where he can have a house, garden space, chicken yard and a substantial cash wage, but has been advised he has been frozen on the present job and cannot change employment.

The effort to fit square pegs in round holes is not confined alone to civilian affairs. We have in mind two Roseburg boys with whom we are well acquainted. Both are in the armed services. One will never be a fighter. He is no coward, but he is not temperamentally suited to the combat life, yet he would fit, by experience, into one of the specialized office jobs the army is having difficulty in filling.

Another boy was a worker in an aircraft factory prior to volunteering for army service. He enlisted in a department where he believed his training as a sheet metal worker would be of the greatest benefit to his country. Today he is punching a typewriter in the company office, while the army trains men to do the job he enlisted to perform.

Apparently things have not changed as much in the last quarter century as we might have believed, for the instances cited above remind us of the army days of 1917-18, when we had one cook who in civil life was a florist and another who was a blacksmith. The commanding officer of our post hospital had been a specialist for 25 years in pediatrics and obstetrics, and our post dentist was a veterinarian.

The manpower situation would be far less critical if some thousands of employees in federal bureaus and departments could be shunted into essential employment, instead of being put in positions where their sole achievement seems to be that of keeping things gummed up.

But we know one man who is ready to help in the manpower crisis. Dan Keohane, city attorney, read of the plea of the Roseburg fire department for volunteers and he is ready to be a fireman, if he can be the man who cuts the hole in the roof.

the public would PAY NOW and the transaction would be ended.

The farmer is insisting on high or prices instead of subsidies.

KRRR

Mutual Broadcasting System,
1490 Kilocycles.

BEST BETS FOR TODAY

WEDNESDAY
8:15—Recital Hall of the Air.
8:30—Eyes Aloft.
9:15—Cal Tinner.
THURSDAY
10:10—Talk by Eddie Rickenbacker.
11:30—R. H. S. on the Air.
6:30—Curtain America.
7:15—Guest Artist Series.
8:30—Salute to the States.

(REMAINING HOURS TODAY)

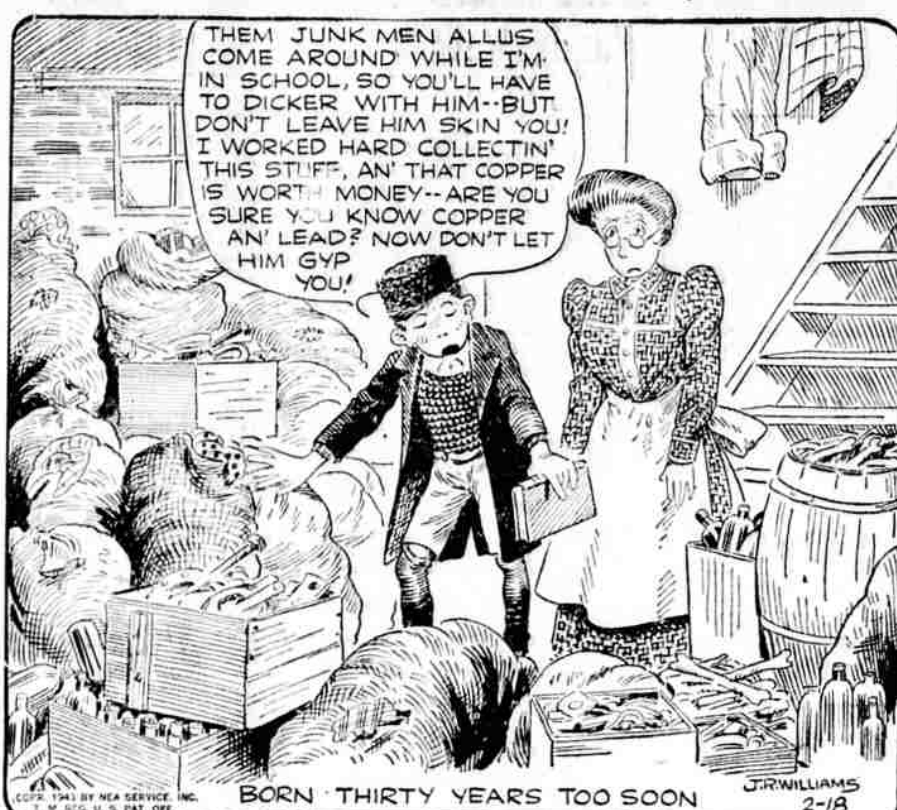
4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Plough Chemical Co.
4:15—Johnson Family.
4:30—Flying High.
5:00—Black and White.
5:15—Superman, Kellogg's Pep.
5:30—Norman Nesbitt, Studebaker.
5:45—Young Widder Brown.
6:00—Dinner Concert.
6:30—Columbia Melodies.
6:50—Coco News.
7:00—John B. Hughes, Anacostia.
7:15—Uncle Sam, M. Lawson.
7:30—Lone Ranger.
8:00—Treasury Star Parade presents Carmen Cavallaro's Orchestra.
8:15—Recital Hall of the Air.
8:30—Eyes Aloft.
9:00—Alka Seltzer News.
9:15—Cal Tinner.
9:30—John B. Hughes, RKO Pictures.
9:45—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
10:00—News Bulletin.
10:02—Sign Off.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

7:00—Rise and Shine.
7:15—111 Club Program.
7:30—State and Local News, Boring Optical.
7:45—Rhapsody in Wax.
8:00—Haven of Rest.
8:30—Yankov House Party.
9:00—Bonnie Carter.
9:15—Man About Town.
9:30—Chapel Singers.
10:00—Alka Seltzer News.
10:15—Musical Interlude.
10:30—Talk by Eddie Rickenbacker.
11:00—Curtain America.
11:15—Radio Bible Class With Dr. Roach, Presbyterian Church.
11:30—R. H. S. on the Air.
12:00—Interlude.
12:05—Sports Review, Dunham Transfer Co.
12:15—Rhythm at Random.
12:45—State News, Hansen Motors.
12:50—News Review of the Air.
1:05—Interlude.
1:15—Secret and Sentimental.
1:30—Broadway Ensemble.
2:00—Tom Lee Newsreel Theatre.

OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



News of Men From Douglas County In War Service

Lewis Suter, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Suter, Rt. 2, Roseburg, has recovered from an operation for appendicitis, according to a letter received by his parents. Suter, a yeoman second class with the U. S. navy and on active duty in the Pacific area, had not notified his parents of his illness and their first news of his operation came only after he was able to return to duty. A graduate of Glendale high school, he has been serving with the navy for the past two years.

Private First Class Lester J. Rainville, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rainville, Tillamook, is now stationed with the army air forces at the new two-engine advanced pilot training school, Marfa, Texas, according to word received here. The new school is located in the heart of the Big Bend country of West Texas, 60 miles from the Rio Grande river.

Godwin L. Harness, son of Mrs. Mable Harness, 303 Commercial avenue, Roseburg, has been promoted to staff sergeant with the army air forces, and has been assigned to the duty of squadron instructor, according to word received from the army air base at Jackson, Miss. Formerly employed as a clerk in the Montgomery Ward company store, he enlisted in the army air forces and attended the Telford trade school at New Orleans, where he became a specialist in aviation mechanics.

Senators Form Bloc to Up Farm Products Prices

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—AP.—Farm state senators have organized to enlist public pressure for higher farm prices and to investigate administration agricultural policies which they contend will cause food shortages by the end of the year.

A chairman Smith of the agriculture committee announced that a subcommittee had voted to call Secretary of Agriculture Wickard next week as the first witness at hearings which the South Carolina senator said would expose "the part in which administration farm policies have placed our food program."

Wickard will be followed later by a series of every government agency concerned with the production, transportation and distribution of food, here and abroad, Smith said.

"We are going to bring the lid on the public will know the desperate outlook for food production due to price-fixing, the manpower shortage and the lack of farm machinery," Smith said.

The people are fed up with policies that won't feed them and this committee is fed up with the habit of saying, "yes sir, Mr. Wickard," to every bureaucratic down town.

Tire Inspection Urged On Truck Operators

To avoid waiting and confusion at the office of defense transportation today urged operators of all commercial vehicles, including farmers, not to wait for the deadline for tire inspections, February 28.

Babies, Adults to Share Equally in Meat Rationing

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Babies, children and adults all will get the same meat allowance when the rationing plan goes into operation, now expected about March 28.

Officials of the OPA said that they had failed to find any sensible or workable plan of graduated meat rations according to age, and are making final plans on the basis of everyone getting the same amount.

Fehl Sues for Back Pay On County Judge Term

MEDFORD, Ore., Feb. 17.—(AP)—Earl H. Fehl, county judge during Jackson county's political flap, a decade ago, filed suit in circuit court yesterday for \$11,000 he says is due him in salary.

Fehl said he was elected for period from Jan. 1, 1933, to December 31, 1939, part of which he spent in the state hospital as a patient and part in the state prison after conviction of ballot theft. He says he was paid only \$1000 of an annual \$2000 salary.

His election came in a period of political violence climaxed by the slaying of City Constable George Prescott, L. A. Banks, Medford publisher, was convicted of the slaying and is serving a life term in state prison.

Fehl was sentenced to four years for ballot theft. He later was paroled. He was committed to the state hospital and released about a year ago.

U. S. DIPLOMAT

HORIZONTAL

1.7 Pictured U. S. diplomat.

13 Mineral substance.

15 Crustacean.

16 Symbol for calcium.

17 Chastable gift.

18 Dash.

19 Either.

20 Root final.

22 Exits.

23 Egyptian jackal god.

24 Czar.

26 Spare.

27 Son of Seth (Bib.).

29 Ethical.

31 The gods.

32 Hawaiian bird.

33 Hammer head.

35 Fourth month.

38 East Indian starch.

39 Prickle.

43 Bad.

45 Jubile.

46 Adapts to the taste.

48 Yes.

49 Symbol for 2 Expire.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

VANDERBILT SEW

ASEA HOLDER OPEN

STATUTED PRIDE

BEERETNADCESTIE

SRIEEDARESTER

SCOLOMAD

CLORIA

WANDERBILT

GOSENDA

LIVETES

OASTSRETAFFINE

ABELNEVERBREE

MARTWEALTHIEST

term.

15 Myself.

21 John (Gaelic).

23 Fourth Arabian caliph.

25 Roundup.

26 Coast.

28 Iniquity.

30 Spinning toy.

33 King's home.

34 Egbert (abbr.).

35 Revokes.

36 Climbing plant.

37 One whose property is subject to a lien.

38 Silken.

39 Years between 12 and 20.

40 Solid.

41 Bone.

42 Steals.

43 Dens.

46 Box with the flaps.

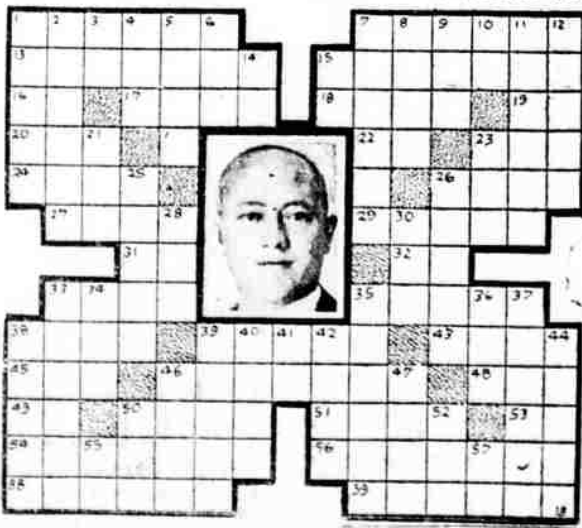
47 To cut.

50 Wing.

52 Weight of India.

55 Editor (abbr.).

57 Jumbled type.



Concerning the NORTHWEST As Viewed at the National Capital By John W. Kelly

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—Maritime commission says "we have just begun to build ships and the big construction job is ahead of us." Reason, of course, is that the German submarines have been sinking merchant vessels almost as fast as they can be built, on a tonnage basis, and that very few of an army of 11,000,000 men can be transported and supplied until the fleet of cargo vessels is vastly increased. And this focuses attention on the manpower situation in the Pacific northwest, the leading section of the world for the construction of ships.

It is admitted that workers are not imbued with the proper spirit—that absenteeism and inefficiency are increasing the cost of every freighter and airplane produced. The top men of the unions have admitted this and say they are trying to remedy the fault. The shipyards are turning out the vessels but, it is asserted, their schedule could be maintained with many thousands of fewer men. In other words, there could be a saving in manpower if the workers were more efficient and did not lay off so frequently.

Cost of government jobs is estimated at 50 per cent more than it would have been two years ago. Of this 25 per cent is charged to inefficiency of labor and 25 per cent to increased cost of materials. Pay scale is high, and there is not a construction engineer building an aircraft factory, airfield or other war plant who is supervising the work of several thousand men who are making more money than the army officer. Contractors do not haggle over the wage scale; they are working on a cost-plus-fixed-fee basis and it is all paid for by the taxpayers.

Absenteeism is costing a heavy toll of lost man-days. This is attributed to the short work-week and payment of time-and-a-half for Saturdays and Sundays. There is little absenteeism on Saturday and Sunday, but come Monday and Tuesday when the straight scale is in effect, thousands of workers give themselves a holiday. This condition is not confined to plants in Washington and Oregon but is nationwide. Interviews with industrialists from the northwest who come to the national capital in connection with their war contracts, all bring out the same story of absenteeism which show up on Monday and Tuesday have been made. Employers and labor bosses have held round table discussions in the northwest area seeking a solution to the problem. One proposal is that all plants shut down on Sundays to make repairs and clean up to have everything in readiness for Monday morning. One of the vital industries is now following this program and is making a production record—one of the four top in the land.

Public distribution of these ration books will begin Feb. 22.

Labor Pirating Rife

There is hoarding of labor in some of the shipyards. The head man of one admits there is no need for these extras at present but that later he will require every man he can lay his hands on. Pending that time, he says, the surplus labor is being instructed so that when the big rush comes they can be used as leaders. And there is labor pirating. Men with cards for one plant are met outside the gates and told that establishment "will work your tails off," and "come over to our plant and get on the gravy train." Affidavits of such instances have been procured. There are dark hints that these "outposts" who are engaged in stealing men are receiving blood money; so much per head for each worker switched.

When it was announced that workers in the forests would be frozen in their jobs there was a rush to the shipyards. Today scores of these workers have returned to the logging and lumbering industry, expressing dissatisfaction with the yards, saying they much prefer being in the woods or sawmills.

Labor Opposes Probe

Labor bosses are writing to the northwest delegations urging their opposition to the proposed legislation to place a check rein on the unions. The bosses explain that what the unions receive from initiations and dues from members, and how this money is expended and what the officers receive in the way of salary, is strictly a private matter and no concern of the public. They are not, they allege, to be classified with commercial organizations which must give an account of their financial affairs and pay an income tax on their "take." The unions wish to be left alone.

A number of northwest unions are rolling in wealth from the activity in war industries, as is generally known. One reason the CIO is demanding an election in the Kaiser yards is to break the grip AFL has on Kaiser works, and a report to the government is not to their liking. Attitude of Washington delegations will not

DAILY DEVOTIONS

DR. CHARLES A. EDWARDS

The crowning virtue for which time and eternity pay biggest dividends is faithfulness. It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful. "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." Faithful over a few things. That narrows the challenge to just what we have, five talents, two talents, or even one talent. The reward is the same, "Well done! I will make thee ruler over many things, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Yes, my faltering, hesitant, defeated, downcast, discouraged steward, forget the numbers and be faithful with what you have. It may be a class of only a few children, but faithfulness will win the day. You will render loyal service and receive rich rewards. In due season we shall reap if we faint not. In the parable of the talents, two men who had received rewards. The man who hid his talent last all. You may be able to do little, speak only a few words, give only a few dollars, speak to only a few people about Christ, a few friends, a few opportunities, but because you have been loyal and faithful you will hear the Master say to you, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." Amen.

LETTERS to the Editor

"BOOZE RATION" POEM IN ENTIRETY OFFERED

Editor News-Review: In a recent issue of your paper was a short poem on "Booze Rationing." It was half of a poem by Dorothy W. Stuller, a Colorado school girl. As one of the Roseburg pastors called attention to the part-poem, I would like to give the entire poem for your paper.

Booze Rationing

They are rationing bathtubs and rationing cars,
And soon they'll be rationing rubber for fars.
They are rationing many good things that we use,
But not a word have I heard about rationing booze.
We gave up the candy like Mom used to make,
And likewise give up home-made cookies and cake.
We even give up the nails from our shoes,
But the pedrose brigade needn't give up their booze.
When we go to the hardware or implement store,
They've sold all the stock and can't get any more.
Their business is ruined, it gives them the blues,
But all the booze dealers can still get the booze.
The men folk can't have cuffs on their pants,
Their wives can't even have girdles; nor can their fat pants.
The kiddies can't have rubber shoes on their shoes,
But all the old toppers can still have their booze.
There are now "bikes" for would-be buyers,
We can't get much gas, and can't get new tires.
We can go out and walk if we're healthy and strong,
But the beer "wagon" tires keep rolling along.
For the boys in the camps, there are mothers who pray
With hearts growing heavier day after day,
To the horrors of war they must add this bad news:
The boys in the camps can get plenty of booze.

Even a school girl in her teens realizes the horror of a business which is apt to unfit this nation to do her part to win the war. Other nations prohibit "booze" to soldiers and all defense workers. Why not U. S. A. do the same?

Mrs. Emma P. Woods.

Students Discuss Peace, War at Kiwanis Meet

The subject of war and peace—the peace that is to follow cessation of current hostilities—was presented before Roseburg Kiwanians at the club's regular Tuesday luncheon program held Tuesday. Speakers were David Waite and Harold Gray, students at the University of Oregon. Both are preparing to enter military service within the next few weeks.

STARTS THURSDAY
MEN OF TEXAS
HUNT'S INDIAN THEATRE