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NEWSPAPER WEEK

By Charles V. Stanton

"Ours then is the plain duty, as we face the grave days ahead, to work without ceasing to make a free press the true torch of world peace.—Harry Truman.

Dates from October 1 to 8 have been set aside as National Newspaper week. The first national observance of this week was in 1940, being established through a resolution passed by the Newspaper Association Managers, at a convention in Chicago in 1939.

The purpose of the observance is to demonstrate to the public the importance of newspapers in each community and the need for preserving the public's right to a free press.

Earl Snell, governor of Oregon, in his recent proclamation says:

Facts and opinions on all aspects of national life, are, in this country, presented to the public by the medium of a free press. This service has been of incalculable value both in the prosecution of the war and in the determination of public opinion in peacetime.

Government, in a democracy, is by the people, and only a well-informed, thinking public can provide the spirit and background of real citizenship which are necessary to the state and nation.

The job of presenting this information, in an easily understood form, has been and is being ably performed by the newspapers of the nation, more than any other one agency. The extension of this job into the challenging years ahead will be of great benefit to our thinking and to our adjustment to the better world now being built.

We owe to the newspapers of the country our gratitude and continued support that they may continue this great public service.

The free press of the United States has completed a most difficult and responsible task. Operating under a self-imposed, voluntary censorship, it has brought to the people of this nation unexcelled coverage of a world war. It accepted regulations involving military security, but fought vigorously and successfully against bureaucratic and political abuse of censorship policies, and succeeded in making the people here at home the best informed in the world.

James Thrasher, writing from Washington says:

American coverage of the war certainly was fuller and fairer than that of any other country. At the front our newsmen shared the fighting man's hardships and dangers (but without his training and weapons) to send back in words and pictures the factual, tragic, moving day-to-day history of the war. Thirty-one of those correspondents lost their lives. Others are reported missing.

Here at home the press did an efficient job of keeping people informed as to the duties and restrictions of wartime living. Newspapers conducted drives for scrap metal and scrap paper. They encouraged bond buying and blood donation. They kept readers abreast of the latest rationing regulations. Some printed overseas editions for hometown boys in service. All contributed voluntarily and in many ways to their communities' welfare and morale.

But the newspapers of this country will not be content to rest from the strenuous task of the past few years. The war just ended was fought to produce enduring peace. But war is sure and certain to strike again unless the common people of the world are educated to a determination that blood shall not again be spilled in combat.

A world-wide free press can prevent war and assure peace. When every nation of the world opens the door to free expression of opinion, to true, factual reporting of the news, to education of the public in ways of peace, the dream of mankind for permanent peaceful relations may be achieved.

However, as long as one nation withholds from its people a free press; as long as controlled propaganda is forced upon any country by its leaders and its population deprived of access to the truth and free expression, just so long will the world be threatened by war.

land) export roughly 500 million pounds worth of goods. It IMPORTED 900 million pounds worth of food and raw materials. The difference was made up by British services, such as shipping, banking, insurance, foreign investments, etc.

The war has destroyed most of Britain's ships, has resulted in the sale of most of her foreign investments and has badly wrecked her world-wide banking and insurance interests. How they are going to fill the gap right now is worrying them badly.

Hence their concern over the ending of lend-lease. They don't just want to scrounge off of us, as our British-haters will insist. But you have to be over here on the ground to understand that fully.

They will have to go on patching up their old clothes so that the new cloth from the mills can be sold abroad. They will have to go on doing without electric irons and washing machines, and soap—and so on through all the long list of peace-time desiderables.

They will have to draw their belts tighter, and ration their food even more closely than they have been doing it. England must EXPORT OR DIE—and every Briton knows it.

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They Thrive Only in Darkness



Washington News From an Inside View Argument, Sentiment, Comment

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH Congressman, Fourth Oregon District

Since the House has been in session following the recent recess, I have noticed a decidedly different atmosphere. While the war was on, there was more or less restraint. Criticism of government agencies, which in any way touched the actual prosecution of the war, was always carefully voiced, so that the speaker could not be accused of hampering the war effort.

The House passed H. R. 1591, to provide for additional Naval midshipmen and West Point cadets; H. R. 1645, which provides that veterans who are engaged in war jobs after being discharged, may have 90 days after leaving their war plant job in which to apply for their pre-war positions; H. R. 3755, which, if passed by the Senate, will establish an Optometry corps in the Army Medical Corps; H. R. 1123, which increases the age limit for admission to the United States Military Academy at West Point to 25 years for boys who have been in the service one year or more during this war.

A bill to stimulate voluntary recruitment in the armed forces was also passed. It is anticipated that this bill, when it becomes law, will have the effect of hastening demobilization by adding additional personnel to the services.

The recent reorganization of the Department of Labor is something that should have been done some time ago. For a long time, the Secretary of Labor and the entire department have been almost a useless part of our government. Other than the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which has always enjoyed an excellent reputation, the Labor department apparently has not been functioning. Now, with the addition of the War Manpower Commission duties, and with the War Labor Board operating under the department, the Secretary of Labor is getting set to do a real job.

The other reductions and consolidations of agencies is also obviously a good trend. Many of us have felt that far too many new agencies and offices have been created during the last several years, to solve problems which could have been handled by existing organizations. The elimination of these surplus groups will make for reduction of federal expense and greater efficiency in government.

Although there have been many

New Decoration For Duty Awarded Sgt. W. C. Wilson

ELMENDORF FIELD, Alaska

M-Sgt. Walter C. Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Wilson, Roseburg, Oregon, was recently awarded the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal, according to an announcement here, "for exceptionally meritorious achievement in aerial flights throughout Alaska and the Aleutian Islands during the period of April 25, 1943 to July 15, 1945."

His citation stated further, "Flights were often made under extremely hazardous weather conditions. Flight checking facilities of the Army airways communications system. Sgt. Wilson has constantly exhibited the utmost devotion to duty, and through his efficiency and skill he has contributed materially to the successful operation of the Army airways communications system's facilities in this theater."

As an aerial engineer with the Third wing of the Army airways communications system, Sgt. Wilson has been doing vital work in aircraft maintenance with his organization. He has been in Alaska since November, 1942. As a civilian he was employed as a mechanic with the U. S. Forest Service.

He is a member of the Knights of Pythias. In Alaska he has enjoyed pursuing his hobby of photography.

His two sisters, Mrs. W. F. Thomson and Helen Wilson, and his brothers Warren and Wesley live in Roseburg. Another brother, Wallace Wilson, is with the Army in the Philippines.

The Army separation center at Ft. Lewis, Wash., today reports honorable discharges to M-Sgt. Vern A. Morin, 337 S. Pine street, and PFC John M. Justice, 722 W. Mosher street, Roseburg. The Naval separation center at Bremerton, Wash., reports discharge of Edward Melvin Haines, beat-wain's mate, second class, Drain.

Four Douglas GIs Freed from the Douglas county men are reported from the Army separation center, Fort Lewis, Wash.: T-4 Robert L. Abouf, Antwerp; T-4 Irvin W. Frieze, Drain; PFC Raymond E. Hanson, Reedport; S-Sgt. Horace J. Pendergrass, 727 Flesher street, Roseburg.

Lt. M. T. Dimmick Slated For Release October 21

PORTLAND, Sept. 28.—First Lt. Martin T. Dimmick of Roseburg, Oregon, the son of George W. Dimmick, who lives at Roseburg and who for the past five years has served in the Army air forces as a supply officer, will revert to inactive status on Oct. 2, Col. E. B. Bayley, commanding officer of the Portland Army air base, announces.

Having spent 37 months overseas with the 3rd Air Force in the Southwest Pacific theater of operations, Lt. Dimmick received

the three bronze stars for New Guinea and Philippine liberation, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, and American Defense Medal and Ribbon.

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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office Roseburg, Oregon
Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday.
Highest temp. for any Sept.—104
Lowest temp. for any Sept.—29
Highest temp. yesterday—84
Lowest temp. last night—45
Precipitation yesterday—0
Precipitation from Sept. 1—1.07
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In the Day's News

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ers including Churchill. It is likely that these sentiments were cabled promptly to the States—where, this writer has a notion, they served as water on the wheel of our British-baiters. Even at this distance, one could hear cynical American comment to this general effect: "What do these — Britishers want? Do they expect us to go on feeding and clothing them indefinitely for nothing?"

NO, it isn't as bad as that. Believe it or not, the British expect, within the limits of the possibilities of international exchange, to pay for everything they get. They aren't weishers. They aren't debt dodgers.

BUT they DO face a somewhat terrifying problem. They live—not chiefly WITHIN THEMSELVES, that is, within their own resources, as we in America do—by importing raw materials which they fabricate and export. They also import food, which their workers consume. Their whole economy is BASED ON EXPORT TRADE.

What is terrifying them at the moment is how they are going to find dollars enough to pay for the raw materials they need to import from us in the interval between the ending of lend-lease and the rebuilding of their export markets, which have been lost during the period when British industry was concentrating on war production.

AS they see it, there are just two ways by which they can turn the trick—by getting the bulk of their raw materials from the sterling area (that is to say, the countries using the pound, instead of the dollar, as money) and by reducing SHARPLY the proportion of their total production that can be permitted to go into domestic consumption.

They are going to have to do BOTH.

ALL this has been talk in big words. Let's see if we can get it down to earth. Reducing sharply that part of British production that can be PERMITTED to go into domestic consumption means that British people will have to go on DOING WITHOUT the products of peace that they now want as acutely as we do.

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KRRR Mutual Broadcasting System, 1490 Kilocycles. REMAINING HOURS TODAY: 4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Plough Chemical; 4:15—Rev. Miller, National District; 4:30—Evening Vespers, Methodist Church; 5:00—The Harmonies; 5:15—Superman, Kellogg's; 5:30—Captain Midnight, Wauson Co.; 5:45—Tom Mix, Radio City; 6:00—Mabel Hunter, Krrm; 6:15—U. S. Army World of Sports; 6:30—Spotlight Bands, Cox Cds.; 6:45—The Lone Ranger; 7:00—Musical Interlude; 7:15—The Lone Ranger; 7:30—The Lone Ranger; 7:45—Michael Shane, Cox Oil; 8:00—The Lone Ranger; 8:15—The Lone Ranger; 8:30—The Lone Ranger; 8:45—The Lone Ranger; 9:00—The Lone Ranger; 9:15—The Lone Ranger; 9:30—The Lone Ranger; 9:45—The Lone Ranger; 10:00—The Lone Ranger; 10:15—The Lone Ranger; 10:30—The Lone Ranger; 10:45—The Lone Ranger; 11:00—The Lone Ranger.

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Annual Institute, Douglas Teachers, Dated in Roseburg

Announcing the annual Douglas County Teachers' Institute, to be held in Roseburg Thursday and Friday, October 4 and 5, Mrs. Lina C. Gorrell, county school superintendent, invites public participation at any or all of the sessions. Mrs. Gorrell particularly urges attendance of parents at the Thursday afternoon program in the Junior High school auditorium, where topics dealing with various physical handicaps prevalent among young children will be discussed.

Speakers will discuss handicaps of sight, hearing and speech and the work of the public health department will be discussed. Schools throughout the county will be dismissed for the two days of the Institute.

The program has been arranged by Mrs. Gorrell as follows: THURSDAY, OCT. 4 High School Section, Senior High school—9:00 A. M., Registration; 9:30 A. M., opening, chairman Mr. Chas. Hill, principal, Elkton High school; introductory comment, Mr. D. A. Emerson, assistant superintendent of public instruction; 9:45 A. M., The High School Library, Miss Agnes Shields, Oregon State library; and panel, Mr. Paul Elliott, Roseburg; Mrs. Rose Martin, Myrtle Creek; Mr. Ivan Parker, Sutherlin; Mr. David Clark, Glendale. 10:50 A. M.—Departmental meetings. 1. Language, Arts, room 207, chairman, Mrs. Helen Hance, Elkton High school; leader, Miss Helen Schaper, course of study revision committee, La Grande; 2. Social Studies, room 206, chairman, Mrs. Margaret McGee, Myrtle Creek High school; leader, Miss Joy Hill, principal, Leslie Junior High school, Salem; 3. Science, room 102, chairman, Mr. F. A. Galleghy, Drain High school; leader, Dr. Elmo Stevenson, Oregon State college; 4. Mathematics, room 201, chairman, Miss Alice Ueland, Roseburg High school; leader, Miss Beryl Holt, head of mathematics department, Salem High school; 5. Commerce, room 205, chairman, Mrs. Clara Berwick, Heedsport High school; leader, Dr. Charles Theodore Yearian, Oregon State college; 6. Home Economics, room 105, chairman, Miss Ethel Wooley, Yoncalla High school; leader, Miss Evelyn Swartz, assistant supervisor of home economics education, State department; 7. Industrial Arts, Shop, Chairman, Mr. Archie Thomas, Yoncalla High school; leader, Miss Agnes Shields, Oregon State library. 11:45 A. M.—Lunch in High school cafeteria. 1:00 P. M.—Departmental meetings continued. 3:30 P. M.—Dismissal. Elementary Section, Junior

High school assembly—9:00 A. M., registration; 9:30 A. M., opening, chairman, Mr. Lawrence Chestnut, principal, Elkton Elementary school; introductory comments, Dr. V. D. Bain, State Department of Education, Division of Special Education; 10 A. M.—The Visually Handicapped Child, Mrs. Ethel N. Fortner, supervisor of education of visually handicapped, State Department of Education. 11 A. M., Children with Hearing Difficulties, Mr. Marvin Clatterbuck, superintendent, Oregon State School for the Blind. 11:30 A. M., Lunch. 1:30 P. M., The Work of the Health department, County Nurses. 1:30 P. M., Preventing and Correcting Poor Speech in Children, Dr. Leon Lassars, supervisor of speech correction, consultant in University of Oregon Medical school. FRIDAY, OCT. 5 Roseburg Junior High School—9:00 A. M., Chairman, Mr. Wm. E. Buell, Roseburg Junior High school; assembly singing, leader, Mr. Leslie Erwin, Roseburg High school; invocation, Rev. Wm. L. Blaker, rector, Roseburg Episcopal church; violin solos, Zigeunerserven (Gypsy Airs) by Sarasate; Estrellita by Ponce. 9:30 A. M., Address, "The Teacher's Job, Changing with the Changing World," Dr. Norman Coleman, Lewis and Clark college. 10:15 A. M., Recess. 10:30 A. M., Address, Dr. Henry M. Gunn, city school superintendent, Eugene. 11:30 A. M., Lunch. 1:00 P. M., Chairman, Mr. Ivan Parker, principal, Sutherlin High school; assembly singing, leader, Mr. Leslie Erwin. 1:15 P. M., O. S. T. A. meeting. Address, Dr. Frank Parr, executive secretary O. S. T. A. 2:00 P. M., School Board association, Mr. Paul Elliott, school superintendent, Roseburg. 2:15 P. M., Recess. 2:30 P. M., Address, The Present Crisis in American Family Living, Dr. Laurence Bee, Reed college. 3:30 P. M., Dismissal.

No AFL Convention PORTLAND, Oct. 1.—(AP)—No state AFL convention will be held this year, Executive Secretary J. T. Marr reported. Reasons include lack of facilities for 400 delegates in any one city, reconversion problems, and economic conditions, he said.

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