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Wrong Again!

Did Dad ever, while taking you to the woodshed for a much needed whaling remark: "Son, this hurts me worse than it does you?" It always seemed to us that Dad was overestimating the pain HE was going to endure, and discounting ours pretty sharply.

But as we grow older, we begin to think Dad had something after all. The difference was, that his anguish was of the mind and ours was purely physical. So, we both suffered.

With this preamble, which we sincerely hope has served to soften the shock for you, we prepare to make an announcement. Feed is hitting another high spot. It bounced. And HOW WE HATE IT!!

The Government outguessed us again. They bought and bought wheat for foreign shipments until wheat finally hit \$5.00 a sack. Then they quit wheat and started in on corn, and now corn has gone from around \$58.00 a ton up to \$78.00. Of course other feed grains trailed along.

It is all so complicated, and as far as we can see, so unnecessary, that we are frankly puzzled. Last year the U. S. harvested by far the greatest crop in history. Yet the experts glibly predicted that we would be nearly out of wheat before harvest. So the speculators got busy, and somebody made a killing on paper wheat and corn, and some other body lost his shirt, and probably had to put a mortgage on his pants.

Of course, the markets sagged back, but nowhere near where they should be yet. UNLESS... We don't know much about inflation. But maybe we are getting a mild case of it. Goodness knows we have been exposed. Labor is demanding, and likely will get more increases in wages this summer. This will add to costs, and everything up and down the line will just naturally have to rise in price.

This will include feed, of course. But it will also include the commodities produced from feed. That is the only bright spot in the picture, as far as the producers of those commodities are concerned. If everything else goes up, so will eggs, hams, turkeys and milk have to tag along. That will mean in-

creased incomes, which will in turn call for higher income taxes, so we will probably end up with about the same old dollar six bits in our pockets.

Chaff From the Mill.

One of our customers is a great hunter, and a good shot. The other day he was listening to a bunch of durn liars telling how they had killed deer at 3 or 4 hundred yards; you know how it goes? Well he got tired of listening, and told them this true story:

"Last fall over east of the mountains I took a quick shot at a mule deer and missed him. So I pulled out the slug and put in some salt ahead of the powder, shoved the slug back in and sure enough, when I pulled the trigger, down he went."

"Yeah, but why in heck did you put the salt in?" asked one of the durn liars.

"Well, you see the buck was so far away I had to do something to keep the meat from spoiling till I could get it to."

BOSS: (hiring new stenographer). "There are two words so overworked in the English language that I don't want to ever hear you use them. One of them is 'grand,' and the other is 'well.'"

On That Bum Feed.

Mike Church, who lives out east of town got 300 sexed pullets in February. They are now 8 weeks old, and his total loss is 7.

We were out on South Myrtle Creek last week testing a flock of turkey breeder hens for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Phipps. In a small yard, without green grass, eating wheat and UMPQUA BREEDER'S MASH, this flock has been laying 80% for quite some time. Mr. Phipps thinks he could make good money selling turkey eggs at 28c, but intends to hatch them all for his own use this year.

Classified Ads.
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America Backed By DeGaulle In Anti-Red Policy

By DEWITT MACKENZIE, AP Foreign Affairs Analyst
General Charles De Gaulle, who recently has been showing marked signs of hitting the return-trail for the political leadership of France, yesterday made a pronouncement of solidarity with America in terms which will be widely interpreted as subscribing to President Truman's policy of aiding countries whose independence is threatened by communistic aggression.

If that's what the general has in mind, it's a highly important development. It would mean that he is throwing down the gauntlet to the French Communists who are straining every nerve to take over the government of France, and are his chief opposition. His strength lies in the powerful middle-of-the-road popular Republican movement—which polls about the same number of votes as the Communists—and in the more conservative groups.

Truman Views Endorsed
General De Gaulle made his declaration at Strasbourg in the course of a speech paying tribute to American soldiers who died to help liberate his country. It is interesting that the night before President Truman reaffirmed his new foreign policy in his Jefferson day address. Without naming any country or ism, Mr. Truman said of this burning subject:

"We, like Jefferson, have witnessed atrocious violations of the rights of nations. . . . We, too, have declared our protest. We must make that protest effective by aiding those peoples whose freedoms are endangered by foreign pressure. . . . We know how the fire starts. We have seen it before — aggression by the strong against the weak, openly by the use of armed force and secretly by infiltration. . . . Our responsibility is to stand guard before the edifice of lasting peace which, after so long a time, is at last being built. That edifice is the United Nations. . . . By aiding free nations to maintain their freedom we strengthen the United Nations in the performance of its function."

Yesterday De Gaulle declared his country would stand beside the United States against any new tyranny. "It is a fact," he said, "that this young nation (the United States) like our elderly country, has shown not only love for its own liberty but, still more, a respect for that of others. . . . It is a fact that each time in the world that justice finds herself assaulted, a loud alarm at once awakens the French and American conscience."

Lawyer Is World's Bridge Champ



Scoring 612 points in the American Contract Bridge League's tournament in New York, Charles J. Solomon, Philadelphia, Pa., attorney, won the Steiner Trophy, emblematic of the world's bridge championship. Above, William E. McKenney, right, league executive secretary and bridge editor of NEA Service, presents the trophy to the new champ.

ces. Our two democracies have always found the same and powerful inspiration when they have had to defend threatened liberties."

Would Give Moscow Base
Now of course De Gaulle may not have been responding to President Truman's Washington address. However, there is no mistaking the Frenchman's pledge to stand with America against any new tyranny. There is nothing equivocal about that statement, and he has had plenty of time to absorb the world-rocking Washington policy regarding aggressive Communism.

De Gaulle has no official position now. He created a sensation and threw France into political confusion when he resigned the presidency on January 20, 1946, because the Communists and other leftists defeated his plan for a constitution which would provide for a strong executive. The opposition wanted a weak president and a strong assembly. Since then De Gaulle has, Achilles-like, clung pretty close to his tent. However, the signs are that he once more is ready to give battle. If this is so, it will be a bitter conflict in which Communism is bound to become the main issue. If France should go communistic, it would give Moscow one of the most formidable bases on the European continent — in the world, for that matter.

Another Ex-Nazi Official Kills Himself in Jail

FRANKFURT, Germany, April 7. —(AP)—Herbert Backe, 50, German minister of food and agriculture during the latter part of the war, hanged himself yesterday in the Nuernberg jail, where he was awaiting trial on war crimes charges.

Army officials said Backe had fashioned a noose from two handkerchiefs, which he fastened to a pipe in his cell. Hermann Goering and three other Nazi leaders previously had committed suicide in the same jail.

Prisoner Burns to Death In Bandon City Jail

BANDON, April 7. —(AP)—Harold B. Clark, a logging company employee who worked south of Powers, burned to death in the city jail here about midnight Saturday night.

Night Officer Walter Lindsey, who was burned on the face in a vain attempt to reach the locked cell, said the fire started in Clark's cell. Clark had been arrested in the city park.

MASONS TO MEET
Joint meeting of Ascalon Commandery and Laurel Chapter, 31, A. F. & A. M., will be held Tuesday at 8 P. M. in the Masonic lodge hall. Ray Asbury, commander, and Wm. Unrath, high priest, announce work in the past master degree. Attendance of all Royal Arch Masons and Knights Templar is urged.

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City Manager Job Given Eugenean

EUGENE, April 7.—Confirmation of his appointment as the first city manager of Sylvan Lake, Mich., was received last week by Henry Rolfe Jr. He will assume office April 15.

Rolfe may be the youngest city manager in the nation when he leaves the post of assistant city finance officer which he has held here since last August. He is 25.

A native of St. Louis, Mo., Rolfe came here from St. Joseph, Mo., where he was director of a government research project. Sylvan Lake is a suburb of Pontiac and has a population of 3000. The city adopted the city manager form of administration in a February special election.

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U. P. Streamliner Wreck Injures Eleven Persons

GRANGER, Wyo., April 7.—(AP)—Four cars of the Union Pacific eastbound streamliner City of Portland were derailed here yesterday in a collision with a freight train. Officials said eleven persons suffered minor injuries.

The injured included Mrs. Rosie B. Applin, bruised hip, and Mrs. C. L. Carson, bruised wrists and legs. Both are from Vancouver, Wash.

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