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CHRISTMAS SEALS

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Envelopes are in the mail carrying Christmas Seals to a large number of families on the mailing list of county chapters of the National Tuberculosis Association. Booths have been set up in Roseburg and other towns of the county to accept contributions to the tuberculosis fund. The collection of funds is proceeding in like manner all over the nation. A large sum of money will be collected through this annual sale of Christmas Seals but the amount will not be nearly enough to do all the work that should be done.

From a point of economics we are spending on our anti-tuberculosis work only about one-half as much as we should be devoting to the campaign, according to a report by the National Planning Association, Washington, D. C. Our present cost in the care of tuberculosis patients, the Association reports, averages around \$174,000,000 annually. This expense could be reduced, it is estimated, to \$37,000,000 per year if for a few years we had an annual budget of \$321,000,000 to be used in eradication, control, health service, hospitals and sanitariums, research and other purposes. The Association points out that there is an estimated loss in wages amounting to \$181,000,000 annually, together with a loss of \$348,000,000 worth of goods that would have been produced had workers been physically able to remain on their jobs. Thus the expenditure of \$321,000,000 would be fully justified from the viewpoint of straight economics.

Normally we consider our contributions to the tuberculosis fund from an idealistic view, but actually each dollar spent to eradicate the disease, control its spread, and rehabilitate victims is a dollar spent economically.

Vast strides have been made in the past few years in combating tuberculosis. One major activity has been that of mobile x-ray units which seek out persons who are in the early stages of the disease and who, therefore, are in favorable position for successful treatment. Many more of these units are urgently needed. All Douglas County communities now are visited twice annually, but only a small percent of the population receives the benefit of this service. More units would permit examinations for a much larger number of persons and at more frequent intervals.

Research has made much progress. New drugs, such as streptomycin, which has been found effective as an adjunct to other methods of treatment in some forms of tuberculosis, have been discovered. New surgery techniques have been developed. Medical science has advanced processes for prevention. Public health services are expanding their operations. Altogether, considerable headway has been made, but with a half million cases still in existence in the country much work remains to be done.

Christmas Seals will finance a new activity in Oregon during the coming year when the Oregon Tuberculosis and Health Association will join with the Oregon Division of Vocational Rehabilitation in furnishing more aid to tuberculosis patients than in the past.

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation is charged with aiding handicapped persons in training for new employment, placement in jobs, etc. Many persons who suffer from tuberculosis are unable to return to their former employment, particularly where their occupations required heavy physical exertion or subjected the worker to injurious dusts or fumes. Consequently, after treatment to arrest progress of the disease, the patient must find a new type of work.

Through cooperation on the part of the two organizations, tuberculosis patients now are to receive vocational training necessary and will be aided in fitting themselves into new occupations. They will be furnished with special tools where necessary and other welfare services performed until their rehabilitation has been completed.

Sale of Christmas Seals is the only means by which this work is financed, which makes the campaign deserving of fullest cooperation.

High Court Again Refuses to Review Portal Pay Ruling

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—(AP)—The Supreme Court yesterday in effect upheld constitutionality of the "good faith" sections of the portal-to-portal law.

Those sections permit employers sued for back portal-to-portal pay to plead as a defense that they acted in good faith, or that they relied in good faith on an interpretative ruling made by a government agency.

Only a week ago, the court in effect held that Congress had the right to outlaw certain portal-to-portal claims retroactively. That action, as was yesterday, was by refusing to review lower court decisions.

So-called portal-to-portal claims are for pay for time spent at the employer's plant changing clothes, sharpening tools, or otherwise preparing for productive work. Some \$6,000,000,000 of such claims were filed after a court decision in 1946 apparently opened the way for them.

Congress then stepped in with the portal-to-portal act outlawing most of them.

The case the high court refused yesterday to review was one filed by maintenance workers employed in a building in New York owned by the Mutual Life In-

urance Company of New York. Two 5-4 decisions.

The court yesterday: Upheld 5-4 an \$800,000 award to Grandchild, an Oklahoma corporation, for 1,482 acres of land condemned for use in construction of a dam by the Grand River Dam Authority. The big point was that the award included estimated value of the land as a power site.

In another 5-4 split, the court held that the Food and Drug Act's provisions against misbranding of drugs can be invoked when the drugs move across state lines in one container and the labels in another.

Among the new cases the court agreed to review is one raising this issue: "Can the job seniority rights of veterans under the G.I. bill of rights be changed by a new collective bargaining agreement?"

The U. S. District Court at Los Angeles ruled the veterans' rights can't be changed. The case involves Lockheed employees and a union agreement that gave union chairmen seniority over other employees, regardless of length of service.

Medford Man Appointed To State Forestry Body

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 23.—(AP)—Floyd Hart of Medford was appointed Monday to the State Board of Forestry by Governor John Hall. Hart succeeds the late George Gerlinger.

We Can Go When You Hoist the Anchor, Joe



Scrapes from the MENDING BASKET

By Vianett S. Martin

If every high school teacher of history were to do what a teacher in Austin, Texas, did, what a lot of valuable material would be preserved that might otherwise be lost!

As part of the year's work he inspired the students to search attics, listen carefully to reminiscences and jot them down, and in any way that occurs to each young enthusiast, preserve for posterity stories and first-hand accounts of interesting happenings.

Of course, such a project could miss fire and become a resisted "homework" type of assignment. But really it is hard to believe it likely.

Some years ago my father-in-law took pencil in hand and whittled away a good bit of time describing life in his boyhood. It was so interesting to me that I made a manuscript out of several of the letters and they were published in the Pioneer Magazine in Texas. The stories brought reader-letters to J. T. M. and inspired him to write more for the magazine. The letters were bits of history really, although written as much, I think, to live over the childhood days in memory as to interest me. Certainly there had been no thought of publishing.

Soon there will be no opportunity to receive such accounts firsthand; why not try to get them while they are available!

Such material, seems to me, could be useful in the English department. And it might even begin a movement for a local museum. At least, they could be stored with the State's Historical Society if of sufficient value.

I have just received from a New York State cousin some newspaper accounts of the founding of Onida, S. D.; her father was one of the original settlers. And her mother left the pleasant life of a town belle, gifted in painting and music, to live in a sod-house out on that windswept prairie. I remember hearing Aunt Isabel say, as we were talking about the fall panels in a screen which she had painted in those days.

"That one of Chauncey when he was little was painted while we were snowed in. He was playing peek-a-boo, and I 'caught' him just like that peeking around the doorway."

Her painting talent was not 'wasted'; it enriched her difficult days in a life requiring an unmeasured devotion not only to her home and family, but also to her country. Was she not one of the unsung heroines who pushed forward our country's frontiers? Can we ever say enough of the brave women who forgetting self make life brighter for loved ones around them? I never weary of hearing of pioneer women's stories... and I give thanks for their courage.

In the Day's News

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your parking place and plunge into the traffic, you're sunk. There is no place to drop the thing.

You could, of course, go back to where you started. But even then, you tell yourself, your parking place might be gone, and then where would you be? Besides, there's a stubborn streak in most of us. We get started on some enterprise or other, and we're darned if we're going to give it up and start all over.

That's the way it was with me. I just wasn't going back and start out again on foot. So I cruised. And I cruised. And I CRUISED. Getting worse 'riled every minute. Every spot was full.

EVENTUALLY, I saw a woman come out of a store and head for her car. I double-parked behind where she would come out, and waited. And WAITED. She opened the back door and disposed of her bundles on the back seat. Then she opened the front door and got in under the wheel. She opened her bag and inventoried its contents leisurely. In the course of time, she came up with a compact. She adjusted the rear-view mirror and made a careful toilet. Then she put the bag back on the seat and turned to see if her packages were all there. After that, she picked up the bag again and re-inventoried it, coming up finally with the car

key, which she inserted in the ignition lock.

For three minutes by my wrist watch, held ostentatiously before my eyes, she sat comfortably and surveyed the traffic. Then, relaxed and fortified, she faced life's problems anew, releasing her hand brake, starting her engine and driving off.

WAS I frothing at the mouth by this time? Well, I might have been but for the interposition of a philosophical thought. THIS IS MODERN LIFE, I said to myself. This is PROGRESS. What wouldn't my grandmother have given for a car like that, to be started at the touch of a toe and driven down town to do her shopping in?

Grandmother would have had two choices. She lived out at the edge of town. She could have prevailed upon Grandfather to catch old Lassie up out of the pasture, curry her, harness her, hitch her to the top-buggy and leave her tied to the rail until Grandmother was ready for her shopping trip. Then—assuming that Lassie hadn't meanwhile switched at a particularly hard-biting fly and got her tail over the reins (something that always upset her unbelievably) and kicked over the shafts and raised merry hell generally—Grandmother could have driven down town, hitched to the rail in front of the store, done her shopping and driven home again. After which Lassie would have had to be unhitched, unharnessed and turned out again.

OR—Grandmother could have

Army Air Pilot Training Opened To Married Men

Married men may now apply for pilot training with the Air Force under a new Department of Air Force authorization to accept qualified married men as Aviation Cadets. S/Sgt. W. M. Stauffer, station commander of the Roseburg Army and Air Force Recruiting Service, announced today.

Other qualifications, the Sergeant said, remain unchanged. To be eligible for Cadet Pilot Training, applicants must be between 20 and 28½ years old, in good physical condition, and have two years of college or be able to pass an examination to measure the equivalent.

Men who have been accepted for Aviation Cadet training may be deferred from induction under selective service for four months, to assure their entry into pilot training. Those who successfully complete the training receive commissions as Second Lieutenants, Air Force Reserve, and are placed on active duty.

Sgt. Stauffer said a special Air Force Cadet procurement office will be in Portland, Oregon soon, to interview and screen prospective cadets. Appointments may be made in advance at the local recruiting station.

LaGrande Officials Guests at Rogers Home

City Manager E. H. Ford and his wife, of LaGrande, Ore., and Ray Williams, school district clerk, and Mr. Sinden, city commissioner, also of LaGrande, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lew Rogers on Mulholland Drive Friday.

The LaGrande officials had been to Eugene Thursday and Friday attending the League of Oregon Cities meeting. After a seafood dinner at the Rogers' home here, they motored to Medford to attend the LaGrande-Medford football game.

WALKED.

SUCH was transportation in the good old days we now look back to so nostalgically, telling ourselves that then LIFE WAS LIFE, and a very good life indeed as compared with these hurly-burly days when nobody has time enough to turn around. Such it remained until Henry Ford came along and built automobiles cheap enough that nearly everybody could have one.

Now about all we have time for between birth and death is to get together the money with which to buy a car and after that to find a place in which to park it.

Worra! Worra! Toil and trouble! Such is our plight from morn till dewy eve.

But would we go back to those good old days? Not on your life! We wouldn't.

PROGRESS, you see, is progress. It is something we want and couldn't do without. And still be happy.

As such, it has to be paid for—for there is no such thing as something for nothing. When Henry Ford made automobiles cheap enough for most of us to own, he started something. It is up to us to finish it.

In using a double boiler it is usually best to fill the bottom part about one-third full. If too little water is added it may boil away before the preparation in the top part has finished cooking.

State Bond Sales Show Increase During October

According to an announcement by H. O. Pargeter, Douglas County Chairman of the Savings Bonds Division of the Treasury Department, sales and redemption figures in Oregon for the month of October are most encouraging. The total volume of Oregon sales in that month was \$3,951,100, which exceeded sales for October, 1947, by \$278,459.

At the same time, redemptions in October of the present year fell substantially as compared with redemptions a year ago. The total amount of Savings Bonds which were matured or cashed-in by Oregon people last month was \$3,385,478, a sum \$1,438,522 less than the corresponding figure a year ago.

Pargeter expressed the view that this showing is rather astonishing because of unfavorable conditions in several local areas. A continuation of the longshore strike has affected a good many Oregonians and the natural supposition would be that sales last month would be down and redemptions up.

At the present time, the Treasury Department's Savings Bonds Division is engaged in many Oregon plants in a campaign designed to increase the number of salary and wage earners on the Payroll Savings Plan by more than 10,000. At the same time, efforts are being made to add substantially to the number of Oregon people who are buying bonds regularly at their banks through the Bond-A-Month Plan. According to Pargeter efforts are also being made to bring to the attention of farmers and ranchers in every county the desirability of placing at least a portion of any surplus accruing from this year's crops in Savings Bonds as a reserve which can be called upon later on in case of need.

Stork Overtakes Pair Enroute to Hospital

FOREST GROVE, Nov. 22.—(AP)—A mother and twin daughters were resting comfortably today, but the father was still nervous about his emergency role as midwife.

Don Jacques of Seaside was driving with his wife from Portland toward home when the Stork arrived unexpectedly two months ahead of schedule. On a stony road stretch west of here, Jacques helped with one girl.

He then hailed a passing motorist for a string to tie the umbilical cord. Then he drove to a hospital here where Mrs. Jacques gave birth to the second child. The girls weighed 4 pounds, 8 ounces, and 3 pounds, 14 ounces, at their Friday night birth.



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Lye Intended for Rival Kills Woman, Instead

VAN BUREN, Me., Nov. 22.—(AP)—County Attorney James Archibald said today Carl Peterson, 39, Fort Fairfield laborer, will be arraigned here on a murder charge in the beer party poison death yesterday of his fiancée, Mrs. Yvonne Poltras.

Judge Harry C. McManus issued the murder warrant.

Archibald and State Police Lt.

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Don Herron said Peterson told them Mrs. Poltras drank beer containing lye he had intended for a man who had paid attention to the 21-year-old widowed mother.

"I didn't mean to do it. I didn't want to hurt her," Herron quoted Peterson as saying in an oral statement.

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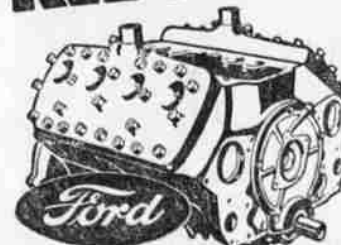
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