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You Haven't Quite Got the Idea Yet, Nip!



EVENING OBSERVER'S PROGRESS PROGRAM

IRRIGATION—Complete the Grande Ronde Valley Irrigation project.
LA GRANDE—A city of 10,000—Extend the city limits.

TODAY'S TEXT

If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.—Leviticus 26:3-4.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

A woman is the most inconsistent compound of obstinacy and self-sacrifice that I am acquainted with.—Richer.

Coast Guard Now 155 Years Old

The nation's oldest fighting sea service and one of the most diversified fleets in the world, the U. S. coast guard, observes its 155th anniversary August 4. The country joins in this observance to honor some 172,000 coast guardsmen at battle stations throughout the world.

Created Aug. 4, 1790, when President George Washington approved a congressional act establishing the revenue marine, the service's first function was suppression of smuggling on the Atlantic seaboard. The coast guard

came by its present name in 1915 when the revenue cutter service was merged with the life saving service.

In observing its birthday this year, it looks back on a history fraught with tradition. From such tradition stemmed its motto, Semper Paratus . . . Always Ready, and its unofficial slogan, "You have to go out, but you don't have to come back."

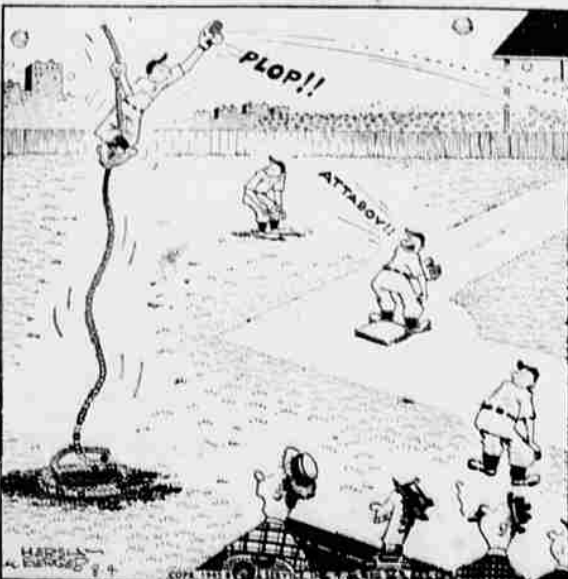
It has an outstanding record of action in every conflict in which this country has engaged, beginning during trouble with France in 1799, when eight cutters served with the newly organized navy. Of 22 prizes captured, 18 were seized by the cutters. During World War I it fought conspicuously as part of the navy, suffering the greatest proportionate loss of life of any of the armed forces.

The present war has expanded its fighting duties many fold. Its men have been in every major invasion of World War II, have transported thousands of troops to the battle zones, and carried on intensive anti-submarine warfare in both the Atlantic and Pacific. In addition the service's famed peacetime functions have been continued.

We join in congratulating the coast guard . . . its men at their battle stations, and its 10,000 SPARs, women reservists, who are serving in shore jobs in the United States, Alaska and Hawaii. We add a hope that it will be its last wartime anniversary.

In the five western states, 70,000 persons are employed in the lumber industry as forest and sawmill workers.

Funny Business



"It's that new rope-act player they imported from India!"

SO THEY SAY

If the citizens of producing nations could see the plight of Eastern Europe, they would not rest until they had secured . . . curtailments of their own consumption so fewer people would starve in Europe this winter. —Michael Sergeichev, Russian head of the UNRRA Mission to Yugoslavia.

And why must Americans bear so much of this (cried) burden? The answer is, because we have most of the means of supply and restoration, and "of him to whom much is given, much shall be required." —Egin, Ill., Courier-News.

The sooner the Poles from abroad return, the sooner we shall hold elections. —Premier Osobka-Morawski of Poland.

Every American knows he is the nation. —Alexandria, La., Town Talk.

Washington Merry-Go-Round

By DREW PEARSON

WASHINGTON—Former Vice President Henry Wallace has been keeping mighty quiet since he took over Jesse Jones' job as secretary of commerce last March. Many people wondered whether Wallace would wield a swift broom and houseclean the dusty, sleepy commerce agency.

Several weeks have passed and the impression has got around that Wallace has done little to revitalize the department. Instead of indulging in wholesale firings, however, Wallace proceeded on the premise that there might be a lot of good, suppressed talent inside the agency. He began a careful manhunt to see what physical resources he inherited from Jesse Jones.

What Wallace found was amazing. He discovered that beneath the top crust of weary, over-aged personnel was a group of courageous, energetic, young men, who had never had a chance to show their stuff during Jones's administration. Wallace promoted them, and is now beginning to surround himself with some first-class people.

One sample is the civil aeronautics administration, which Wallace has completely revamped and turned into a live-wire public service outfit, geared for expanding post-war aviation.

Wallace is doing the same thing throughout the department. A dozen experts have been at work for more than two months on a complete reorganization of the agency which he will submit to congress after the recess. Wallace sees he is in for tough sledding with the Truman administration and with congress, but he is plugging ahead.

Inside fact is, that if Wallace doesn't get the support he has been promised by Truman, he will join the ranks of the former Roosevelt cabinet members by becoming a former Truman cabinet member in a hurry.

San Francisco: Dream City

A lot of people crowding the hotels of San Francisco during the united nations conference wondered why Roosevelt, Churchill, and Stalin picked that city for the parley. So did a lot of people in San Francisco. Here is the reason why. It was the result of superstition plus a dream.

In the late summer of 1943, Ed Stettinius happened to be in San Francisco when Cordell Hull phoned to say that he had been

picked to take Sumner Welles's place as undersecretary of state. So San Francisco, to Stettinius, has always been lucky.

Then one night during the Yalta conference, Stettinius had a dream about the San Francisco phone call from Hull. Before going to bed Churchill, Roosevelt, and Stalin had been talking about the meeting place for the United Nations conference. When Stettinius woke up next morning, he thought again of San Francisco.

At breakfast, he suggested the idea to Roosevelt, who agreed that San Francisco was a natural. Later Churchill agreed. So did Stalin. And that was why the people of San Francisco had to be subjected to having several thousand extra persons jammed into their already crowded city.

Note—Rival Los Angeles claimed: "Nobody ever heard of Yalta either, until they held a conference there."

Capital Chaff

A lot of senators are now talking about the importance of scientific research for war preparedness, but it took Wisconsin's far-sighted senator Alexander Wiley to emphasize this back even before Pearl Harbor. Speaking in Milwaukee on June 9, 1941, Wiley said: "We need a great defense laboratory involving the navy, the war department, and the state department. It isn't enough for this administration to write our defense plans in the shifting sands of day-to-day expediency . . . Nazi inventions of rockets, long-range artillery, and electric mines certainly bore him out . . . Gen. B. F. Giles and Lieut. Col. John Breckenridge are given credit for arranging the airplane joy-rides of tobacco heiress Doris Duke around the Mediterranean. She was supposed to be a hostess in a maritime recreation center, but got bored and flew to Italy . . . Vermont's hard-working senator Aiken is reintroducing his St. Lawrence waterway bill. This was one of FDR's pet projects. Truman voted for it while in the senate, though it's not known how much steam he'll put behind it now. Many commerce economic experts feel that the St. Lawrence waterway project would benefit the country as much or more than the Missouri valley authority, TVA, Boulder dam or Grand Coulee.

WE, THE WOMEN

By RUTH MILLETT

CLEVELAND has a landlord who not only welcomes families with children in his several apartment houses—he gives a war bond to every baby born under one of his roofs.

How come?
Well, it seems that years ago when Henry Solomon moved to Cleveland with his wife and baby daughter door after door was slammed in his face by landlords who disapproved of children. Then and there he made up his mind that if he ever owned rental property he would welcome kids.

The remarkable thing about the story is that he remembered his vow. Most people don't.

The hard-hearted landlords who think of children only in terms of finger marks on the wall and peace disturbers usually are

bringing up or have brought up children of their own. Their insistent stand is, "I like children but . . ." They mean: "But not enough to be interested on whether they have a place to live, if the place is mine."

Mad Clear-Through!
Thousands of young couples today, especially servicemen and their wives, are mad clear through at the hard time they have had finding a place to live, simply because they have a child or two.

They think it is a shame and a disgrace for landlords to have a "no children" rule. But will they remember when they are a little older and renting property to others?

Or will they be like today's landlords who say, "I have three children myself and I like children but . . ."

Behind Scenes in Washington

By PETER EDSON, La Grande Evening Observer Washington Correspondent

(Description of what happens in a huge war plant community when cut backs start is used today in place of the usual dispatch from Peter Edson in Washington.)

By S. BURTON HEATH

DETROIT (NEA)—To determine what will happen to the labor market when cutbacks in war production close down many plants, Uncle Sam has conducted an exhaustive study at Willow run. Encouraging results indicate that a large percentage of war workers will return to the home towns they left when war jobs beckoned.

Labor department experts sought the answers to these puzzling questions: What are hundreds of thousands of workers who moved scores of thousands of miles from home to take war jobs, going to do when those jobs evaporate from now on? Will they stay around, spend their savings and war bonds, and then go onto relief rolls? Will they return to their old homes? Will they seek some entirely new community in which to settle down and establish new home roots?

One of the first large-scale attempts to answer such questions out of experience, is that made by the U. S. Employment Service among the more than 20,000 who lost jobs when Henry Ford's mammoth Willow run plant rolled the last Liberator off its production lines June 30.

Final results are not yet available. Even when they are, they will not be complete and bullet-proof. They rest upon what the ex-Willow run employees say they are going to do. And one can only guess whether Willow runners are typical.

Tips For Boom Towns

But if it be assumed that American war workers in the mass are much alike from Portland, Me., through Ypsilanti to San Diego, then even the preliminary data available here should be of interest and value to other war boom communities.

At the height of its employment Willow run had more than 45,000 on its rolls. At the peak of production that number was down under 25,000. March 15 it was 22,500. April 15 the first notice of coming shutdown was given. By June 30 there were only about 2,000 on the job, and 21,833 had been let out.

Ford has said that he, at least, has no idea of converting Willow run to civilian production. So this is not temporary reconversion

idleness. It's a matter of get another job or—what?

The first 13,000 questioned showed a ratio of 61 men to 39 women. About 15,000 had been questioned when the war manpower commission's office here told me some preliminary findings.

Of each 100 questioned, 30 said they intended to move out of Michigan entirely and another 15 said they would leave the Willow run area, which, because of overcrowding and for other reasons typical of most boom cities, they had not found pleasant.

Out of about 5000 who have been living around Ypsilanti a few have found other jobs, but a large majority said they would return to the homes they left for war work.

Back to Old Jobs

A substantial proportion of those who are leaving the Willow run area said they were returning to small business enterprises they had operated before the war boom—some to farms, but more to filling stations, roadside stands and restaurants, service establishments and add job operations of various sorts. Those from northern Michigan, in almost one instance out of every four, said they had left such enterprises in custody of relatives from whom they would now take over again.

Manpower shortage, and high wages with much overtime at premium rates, brought into labor ranks several millions of marginal utility workers at a moment when 11,000,000 of the best men were going away to war. As demobilization frees the best men they will replace marginal employees, because factory payrolls now are well in excess of the normal 13,500,000 to 14,000,000 to which all but super-optimists assume we shall return.

How are those who will be retired by demobilization and simultaneous cutbacks going to take enforced joblessness? The poll of Willow run discharges is encouraging.

Many women and some men, who have been getting good wages for tiresome repetition of simple assembly line processes, appear to realize that they are not really trained workers and that they have little to offer in the stiffer competition after the war.

Some women have had enough factory work. Others would be willing to continue at high war-time wage scales, but say they would not think of it at, say, 50 or 60 cents an hour.

Side Glances



"This is the worst summer Junior has ever had—there are three girls at this resort who are crazy about him!"

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY America's Card Authority

TRUMP IN DUMMY'S HAND OFTEN HELPS

A bridge player who happened to be in my office when I was writing today's hand looked it over and said, "There is nothing

♠ K 8 6	♠ 10 9 3
♥ K J 9 3	♥ A 8 7 6 5
♦ A 8 5 3	♦ J 9 6
♣ 5 2	♣ J 10
♠ J 2	♠ A Q 7 5 4
♥ 4 2	♥ Q 10
♦ K 10 7 4	♦ Q 2
♣ K Q 9 8 4	♣ A 7 6 3

Dealer

Duplicate—Both vul.

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening—♠ K.

to that hand—you lose a club, a diamond and a heart." It is true that there is nothing to the hand, but when I saw two outstanding

BARBS

The Tokyo radio tells the Japanese to eat acorns. And how about nests in the hollow trees?

Maybe clothes do not make a man, but many a man owes a lot to his tailor.

Scientists say Vitamin A postpones the process of aging. But they fail to tell us how to apply it to shoes.

Don't get stuck up over a little money.

A nice round figure is very helpful—in the bank.

The English are reported to like our juke boxes. Now that there are no more buzz bombs they're probably lonesome for some kind of pizance.

He who laughs last is slow to catch on.

An Ohio farmer was arrested charged with selling chickens for three times the selling price. The last word in fowl play!

players handle it, it was sadly butchered. The opening club was won with the ace and the queen of hearts returned, East refusing to win. The ten of hearts was won by East, the jack of clubs was cashed, and a heart led back. Declarer discarded a diamond, West ruffed with the deuce of spades and returned the queen of clubs. Declarer ruffed with the spade six, East overruffed with the nine and led another heart. Declarer ruffed with the seven of spades, West overruffed with the jack. Another club came back, and, believe it or not, declarer ruffed with the eight-spot and East overruffed with the ten. Thus East and West took six tricks. Of course, the hand can easily be made by cashing the king and ace of spades and then leading the heart. Leaving the third trump in dummy is the protection needed to make the hand.

IN FORMER YEARS

Thirty Years Ago
While the basement under the home of J. M. McShain, 1705 Washington avenue, was being enlarged this morning the temporary props supporting the house gave way and one corner of the building fell into the cellar. No one was hurt.

Haying in the Cove district is not finished on account of the recent rains. Several farmers are binding their grain.

Fifteen Years Ago
The Joseph State bank was relieved of \$100 in cash by an unknown man last night.

The new concrete bridge being built at Hilgard is nearly completed.

Ten Years Ago
La Grande tennis team, undefeated in four matches, travels to Walla Walla tomorrow to play the Walla Walla tennis team.

Fifty-seven girls are now taking advantage of the "Camp Tuckway" playground camp situated immediately across the river from the Pine Cone swimming pool.

This Curious World



ANSWER: Yes. The upper shell is known as the carapace, and the lower one as the plastron.

NEXT: How to cure alcoholism.