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**MUSCLE GREASE PLUS**

Possibilities of making the residential section of Cottage Grove more attractive during the late spring and summer months have been revived here from time to time, so far the accomplishments have been more or less discouraging. The north-west has long been the envy of many sections of the United States because flowers and shrubs can so easily be grown here. Many progressive centers have capitalized on this advantage with the result that new residents have been added and property values stabilized.

One trouble has been the lack of water for irrigation, which may be improved by the city in years to come and another has been the disinclination to physical effort, so necessary in ventures of this sort. The point we would like to make is the outlook is not entirely hopeless and that we can't afford to fold our hands and quit.

We hoped last year and we are optimistic to hope again this year that the garden club will not cease its efforts in behalf of a more beautiful city, since the garden club is the logical organization to lead a movement of this sort.

**CITY SLICKERING**

Because public officials failed to pay their personal electric bills, owed to the municipal plant, an Ohio town finds itself in serious financial trouble. And a Pennsylvania village paid \$35,000 for a paving job that should have cost \$6,000. In another community a mayor sold a \$50 radio set to a contractor for \$500 the day before paving contracts were let. This sort of shenanigans explains why many American communities don't get their money's worth for the \$4,500,000,000 they spent last year for government, says the National Consumers Tax Commission, whose study groups in 5,000 communities are seeking lower taxes through more efficient and economical local government. Those cases were among the more glaring of preliminary samples turned up by NCTC women in surveying for "economy begins at home" drives.

**IN THE BUSINESS WORLD**

Do you ever worry about when all our gasoline will be gone with the exhaust? Don't, for the geologists now report that, during 1939, there were 2,400,000,000 (billions) barrels of brand-new, proven reserves of crude oil discovered or developed in new and old U. S. oil fields. This is virtually twice the amount actually produced last year, which means they're finding it faster than we're burning it up. . . . Wheat prices are bouncing up and down. Domestic supplies for 1940-41 season are expected to total 900,000,000 bushels, against 1,009,000,000 for the previous season. Dust storms in Kansas and Oklahoma are expected to have more damaging results than usual because of the late and weakened condition of the plant, and a Chicago expert says Nebraska and Kansas can expect only half a normal crop. . . . Already plans for 1941 model automobiles are in the air, with manufacturers getting together with tool makers. Rumor that Ford will finally come out with its long-reported six-cylinder job are revived. Orders for machine tools have been quite heavy.

**Found: One Detective**

A telephone call sent six policemen to a Cheltenham, Pa., home in search of a prowler. They saw a suspicious looking man, crept cautiously up behind him, suddenly pounced on him. Then they apologized. Their captive was a fellow detective assigned to patrol the district nightly—looking for prowlers.

**First Temperance Society**

The first temperance society in this country was formed at Litchfield, Conn., in 1789, by 200 farmers who pledged themselves not to give strong liquors to workmen engaged in carrying on their farm work.

**Oversized Bed**

The sultan of Johore has in his personal apartment a mahogany bed said to be large enough to sleep a normal family.

**Steer-Horn Chair**

Mrs. J. O. Newscomb, Hiram, Ohio, has as her most prized possession a chair made from the horns of Texas long-horn steers. It was a gift to her father, the late Prof. Colman Bancroft. The entire frame is made from the steer horns and the seat covering is of leopard's skin. It bears a silver name plate engraved January 1, 1895.

**'Friendship' Church**

"Friendship" church at Pyle, N. C., is so called because the original sign on the church was so misspelled and the congregation adopted the name rather than correct the sign.

**RFD Route Mileage**

Rural free delivery of mails extends over routes totaling 1,390,000 miles of public roads.



**GENERAL HUGH S. JOHNSON Says:**

**AMATEUR AMBASSADORS**  
So the Germans say that Bill Bullitt said that if war should break out we wouldn't take part in the beginning but "will in the finish?" So what? Mr. Bullitt wasn't ambassador to Poland and he wasn't speaking as ambassador to France or in any responsible official capacity. He was just shooting off his face. Everybody who knows him, knows he is strongly pro-ally and militant too, which is more important than this incident.

The notable thing is not Bill's alleged sound-off, but the resulting Washington commotion about it. Why should it instantly be ballyhooed as a German attempt to horn into our presidential election? If it was, it was a sickly try. If true, it would only show that the President likes to pick amateurs for ambassadors with a strange preference for plutocratic playboys.

But it didn't need any German white book to tell us all that. It is one of the outstanding facts in all New Deal history. Joe Davies, after a career conspicuous for its un-falling inanity, married General Foods and so became a top-hole



**AMBASSADOR BULLITT—**  
"He was just shooting off his face."

diplomat, so tactful and suave that he went to his first post, the proletarian government of Soviet Russia, conveyed by a luxury yacht as big as an ocean liner loaded to the gunwales with General Foods groceries. He bounced from there to Brussels and then back home as adviser on diplomacy and European affairs and the kept fat cat of the New Deal party.

Tony Biddle, is another marrying fool—like a fox. He also swore to love honor and cherish a vast female fortune and so qualified as ambassador to Poland. He didn't stay long. When the German army came he forgot his stranded nationals, decided that Hitler had declared war on his Warsaw country estate and got the hell out of his post of duty with an account of his hasty retreat that sounded like Eliza crossing the ice or General Putnam's escape from the Hessians by riding down Breakneck Hill.

Then there is Jimmy Cromwell, who married not one but two of our foremost unearned increments and after making an ass of himself in all respects save matrimony all up and down the Eastern Seaboard, became minister to Canada and did it there also.

There is—but what's the use? It is all stale. Bill Bullitt has a little less dough and a little more sense, but he is not exactly qualified to steer us away from war as ambassador to his beloved France.

**THE GANG BUSTERS**

This column is no pre-convention booster of the candidacy of Mr. Dewey. His bid rests largely on his reputation as a brilliant criminal prosecutor. To that, all hail! He did a swell job in New York cleaning up gangsterism, the judiciary and the office of public prosecutor. Neither do I carry any torch for Mr. Roosevelt's third term candidacy. Yet, I believe that the smash against the backwash of filth and corruption of the prohibition era was sparked by the President himself. Certainly the ending of the era was his alone.

He laid the job out in his 1932 campaign. He promised to clear the mess. Whether under Attorney General Cummings, Murphy or Jackson, there has been no let-up. I hate some of the methods. Of the result there can be no question—kidnaping is almost out, gangsterism is on the run, judicial speculation and low ethics at the bar have become too dangerous to practice—much.

I give the New Deal credit for this, notwithstanding that I could name a few places that have been soft-pedaled. In general, the atmosphere has been greatly cleared. I doubt whether, without this presidential trail-blazing and fog-clearing, even Mr. Dewey could have done what he did.

However that may be, there is splendid credit enough for all and there is no occasion to balance merits. But, as a lawyer, I don't believe that the mental attitude of A-1 public prosecutors is a proper one for Presidents.

**Lumber Output Is 68 Percent of 1929**

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.—The weekly average of West Coast lumber production in March (4 weeks) was 134,612,000 board feet, or 68.4 per cent of the weekly average for 1926-1929, the industry's years of highest capacity realization. Orders averaged 136,441,000 b.f.; shipments, 133,434,000. Weekly averages for February were: production, 127,034,000 b.f. (64.5 per cent of the h.c.r. index); orders, 130,595,000; shipments, 129,073,000.

First 13 weeks of 1940, cumulative production, 1,664,348,000 b.f.; same period, 1939—1,443,056,000; 1938—1,172,168,000.

Orders for 13 weeks of 1940 break down as follows: rail, 717,933,000 b.f.; domestic cargo, 672,412,000; export, 98,986,000; local, 234,659,000.

The industry's unfilled order file stood at 520,378,000 b.f. at the end of March; gross stocks, at 976,000,000.

West Coast lumber held its lines during March, with neither marked advance nor retreat from its February position. While the prospect for the industry was brighter at the end of March than at the last of February, the shortage of intercoastal space was an increasing barrier across routes to water-borne markets for West Coast lumber, including California and the Orient as well as the Atlantic Coast. The industry's major problem is how to get its lumber to these markets. Some shipments that normally should go by water have already been made by rail.

The market prospects for West Coast lumber are promising in two spots—the big midwest territory and California. The latter market emerged from its winter-long lethargy at the first of March and its spring volume prospects are now good. Residential building in the Midwest was active in March despite an extended winter of extreme severity. When the frost is out of the ground and masons and carpenters are enabled to work full time, the 1939 rate of home building should be resumed in most sections of the country.

**Dorena**

Esther Volgamore visited during spring vacation with her aunt, Mrs. Bob Coombs, and family of Springfield.

Mrs. Floyd Chaffee and children of Cottage Grove spent the week end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Doolittle.

The young people's club met at the Farmer's Union hall Friday evening for a social gathering.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Haynes of Eugene were Sunday guests at the Ed Twing home.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Teeters, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Peterson and children visited Sunday at the Robert Coombs home in Springfield.

The Y.G.A. of Dorena Grange held a skating party at Midway rinks Thursday evening.

Delbert Jennings returned home Wednesday from Grand Mound, Washington, where he had spent the winter.

Church day for Dorena Grange will be held Sunday, April 14, at the Ladies' club hall, with a basket dinner at noon and services at 2:30 by the Rev. Ellsworth Tilton of Cottage Grove with special music. Everyone invited.

Alfred Montgomery who is employed in Portland spent the week end at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Read left Thursday for Eldorado, Kansas, for a visit with relatives and friends. Mrs. R. M. McKaig of Coquille will have charge of the store during their absence. The Reads are former residents of Kansas.

Grace Smith of Eugene spent the week end at her home here. She is attending a beauty college in Eugene.



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**GREYHOUND**

The George Fisher family of Camp Creek and the W. M. Ruth family of Springfield were Sunday guests at the Myrtle Montgomery home.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jennings Jr. of Cottage Grove visited parents and other relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. Mabel Coates and small daughter of Eugene visited several days last week at the Oscar Nichols home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tod Glasgow spent Sunday at Veneta visiting their daughter, Mrs. Earl Mzingo and family.

Mrs. Harry Crites was called to Drain Friday to care for her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Geo. Crites, who is ill.

Lita Mosby returned home Tuesday from Los Angeles, California, where she had spent two weeks visiting Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cariker.

**ANOTHER SAWMILL FOR SPRINGFIELD**

Another sawmill will be located in Springfield, it was reported Saturday. The Lindsley Lumber Co. of Vernonia has purchased an eleven acre site for a planing and saw mill, it was understood.

**FLAGS OUT FOR ARMY DAY**

Flags lined Main street Saturday in observance of Army day, but few people knew what the flags represented. In some parts of the state, programs were given in observance of the day, but not here.

Mrs. Holt Grimes of Burns is here for a visit with relatives and friends.

"I see that you are a clergyman."

"Can I be of any service to you?"

"Would you tell me where Abraham was born—a name with only two letters in it?"

**GET YOUR VITAMINS FROM THESE Fresh FRUITS AND VEGETABLES**

<b>CARROTS</b> Crisp Tender New Crop Delicious in Salads or Creamed 3 bunches 10c	<b>COFFEE</b> Crescent Rich in Flavor Pound 21c
<b>SPUDS</b> Fancy White Try Them With Peas 4 pounds 19c	<b>Log Cabin SYRUP</b> Rich Maple Flavored Tin 39c
<b>RADISHES</b> Crisp Red 4 bunches 10c	<b>Alber's FLAPJACK</b> Is Better Lge. pkg. 19c
<b>RHUBARB</b> For Better Pies or Sauce 4 pounds 15c	<b>YOU CAN SEE THE DIFFERENCE</b> Albers Instant TAPIOCA See Recipe Offer LG. on Package PKG 9c
<b>Radio Ray</b> Has This to Say: After 16 years of paying rent (we figured it came to \$4800) and nothing to show for it except a stack of receipts, we celebrated our 16th anniversary by buying the Chas. Hall building, next to our old location. In another week we hope to welcome all our friends there, in a new and pleasant display room. Watch for our Anniversary Announcements.	<b>LARD</b> Pure and Fresh 2 pounds 15c
	<b>BACON</b> Mild Sugar Cured Pound 15c

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**Wings on the Highway**

This photograph of Donald Douglas, president of Douglas Aircraft Inc. with the new Pontiac "Torpedo" sedan which he owns, was made right under the wings of one of the big Douglas Capital Fleet ships at the company's Santa Monica plant