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THAT CANNERY AGAIN

We need a cannery here to aid the farmers in disposing of their surplus farm produce, but making the cannery pay from a financial standpoint might be another matter. Discussions for the need of a cannery here have been revived again. In these discussions we have heard it said that several business men don't want a cannery. We are inclined to believe that no business men are opposing such a project, but rather they may be indifferent, which of course amounts to the same thing so far as results are concerned.

We have also heard the Chamber of Commerce discouraged such a project and while we are not defending the Chamber of Commerce, we have yet to hear of where there is such opposition expressed by the Chamber of Commerce as an organization. We do know that at least two members of the Chamber of Commerce have attempted to interest large canning interests in coming in here and were told the market outlook did not justify such a venture.

We have also heard rumors to the effect that two or three plywood corporations sought to come in here and were discouraged by the Chamber of Commerce and townspeople, but if such attempts have been seriously made, the average business men knew nothing of it.

Personally we never knew of any town or community made better by knocking its organizations or its people or by refusing to assist such organizations in their efforts toward bettering the community, but we have heard of any number of instances where communities and towns lost out and remained small because its citizens refused to cooperate.

And personally we are for the establishment of a cannery here, if such a project is feasible and it would only take a little effort to find out the facts. It occurs to us that it might be well to investigate the possibilities of the old cannery building, which was originally built for a cannery we understand and later house a pencil factory, but the building is idle again.

The Willamette valley they say grows the best beans in the world and if the people here had the same spirit as the southern California people, we would in all probability establish a good market which would make the operation of a cannery easy.

STILL A NEED

It is a rare thing that one can find a community the size of this one where as many people are employed without the use of even an emergency hospital. But you start talking about a hospital and you'll begin to hear about what was once done to establish a hospital and why it didn't go over. A lot of other things we have heard mentioned were discouraged for the same reason. Most of us are not interested in what has happened in the past. What we would like to know is the possibilities now and in the future.

If the lumber industry expands which now seems likely and if the dams are built, and the chances are good, numbers of additional people will need hospitalization. The difference between at least an emergency hospital here and those in the neighboring cities may mean the difference between life and death in quite a few instances.

We have not changed our opinion. We still think Cottage Grove and vicinity could use 15,000 or more gallons of paint to a very good advantage. Painting buildings should have the same effect on the morale of the civic spirit of the town as a similar paint job has on the general morale of the ladies.

How About a Cannery?

To Whom It May Concern:

Sometime ago a business man in Cottage Grove asked me why so many farmers in this vicinity had to work out to make a living, and I told him it was because we didn't have a cannery in Cottage Grove. He seemed interested so I ask him to see what he could do to help us get one, but he tells me now that he can't do anything that everyone he's talked to (he was quite sure it would do no good to go to the chamber of commerce so he didn't), said we could take our produce to Springfield. I wonder if those people took into consideration the long haul we would have to make. All the way from a 40 mile to a 60 mile trip, and how much profit would we make? It just isn't feasible.

Now I'd like to know what's the matter with our Chamber of Commerce? It seems they won't do anything to get any kind of industry in Cottage Grove. Some of the business men in Cottage Grove tell me they won't get mixed up with them. Others say, "some of the members of the Chamber of Commerce are half dead." Altogether it would seem they don't have a very good recommendation around town. I always thought they were supposed to be a progressive organization, and work for the good of the people. Every other town around here is progressing more than Cottage Grove, and why is that? It's true that we are not fixed

to raise produce for the cannery now, for what would be the use of going to so much expense? But if we had a guarantee of a cannery coming in, the majority of farmers would borrow money, if necessary, to put in irrigation, as it seems everything has to be irrigated.

A cannery would not only help the farmers but it would give work to a good many people in Cottage Grove, especially the high school students, who do need work in the summer so badly. It would also help the different businesses in Cottage Grove, for it would put more money in circulation.

The editor of this paper has been kind enough to help us by printing my letter, and I thank him most sincerely, also he will print any of your letters about the cannery problem. So let's hear from one and all, and how about the Grange helping out? Also the different organizations in Cottage Grove and ladies clubs in the country. Thank you.

MRS. ROY KENNEDY.

OVERHEATED ENGINES

If the car engine begins to overheat, look for a low water supply in the radiator, a low oil supply, or a slipping or broken fan belt, suggests the service department of the Oregon State Motor association. These are the most common causes of overheating.



**GENERAL
HUGH S.
JOHNSON
Says:**

DONOVAN'S SOLDIERS

Wild Bill Donovan, the able lawyer, who turned out to be a whiz-bang soldier, a fighting fool and a medal of honor man in the World war, is advocating something new in raising armies.

He wants us to stop sending our kids first to war. He says that the only excuse for it was that they have greater endurance in a sudden spurt of speed, though not in long, steady pulls. Since soldiers are, to a continuously greater extent, going to war on wheels and pulling mechanical levers instead of clubbing muskets, he thinks men up to 500—and even older—could do just as well.

I know what is eating Wild Bill. I have felt it gnawing me. He is reaching the age where, if we don't pass a law or something, he might have to stay out of any possible shindy himself.

Seriously, Bill's got something there. Boys scarcely more than children fight wars. There are more reasons for this than Colonel Donovan gives. One is that, where there is any element of volunteering, they are more impulsive and



COL. WILLIAM DONOVAN
He would keep youth out of war.

rush first to the recruiting sergeant. A youth has fewer responsibilities—to a family, a farm, a business, or a job.

Men in actual combat service are only a fraction of the troops used in war. Supply and other auxiliary services require more soldiers than does fighting. There is no sense in culling out a physically perfect kid and setting him to rolling pills in a medical supply department in Kalamazoo. If we relaxed physical requirements to run-of-mill standard and created classes for "special and limited military service" for the less than perfect, we would greatly reduce the drain on the best of our youth crop with no loss in military energy. We tried that toward the close of the World war and it worked.

Furthermore, if we impose no arbitrary age limits, but only limits of physical fitness, even for combat service, we shall be using greater common sense and be getting far greater economy in the use of our national manpower.

ALASKAN FRONT

A glance at the map of the North Pacific will show that we are closer to Russia than any other good neighbor except Canada and Mexico. At Bering straits, Siberia and Alaska almost touch. That is under the Arctic circle and is not a dangerous menace. But, far to the south of that, our Aleutian islands lie like stepping stones on the way to Kamchatka. The outlying Russian islands of Komandorski and Bering seem to be a mere extension of the Aleutian archipelago and are within a few miles of the American Near Islands.

We have no fortification or air bases in the Aleutians, notwithstanding that they skirt the shortest of the Great Circle route between Seattle and either Japan or the Siberian coasts and that enemy air bases there could threaten the whole North Pacific and our main defensive line—Alaska, Hawaii and Panama.

It is a threatening and dangerous situation. I know of no professional authority that does not agree that, purely for defensive purposes, we must guard this flank. The army has authority for an auxiliary air base at Fairbanks, Alaska, but the proposed main operating air base is at Anchorage at the head of Cook inlet. This will require \$14,000,000 to complete and urgently and immediately demands \$4,000,000 to start.

The strategists of the house appropriations committee "economized" here, while refusing to do so to one billions of vote-getting handouts. They blacked-out the anchorage. They "economized" also on reserve airplanes for the army cutting the number asked from 476 to 57. Part of this cut the war department approved in view of the increased foreign purchases of military types, but it did not do so as to 166 planes of a type the need for which was not lessened by expanded airplane production capacity.

Divide

George Smith of Albuquerque, New Mexico, who is a law student at the University of Oregon, spent the week end at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Arnold.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Suiter of Curtin moved to Divide Saturday in one of Miss Alsea Hawley's cottages.

Donald Kenady attended a meeting of the F.F.A. in Corvallis Thursday till Saturday of last week.

Mrs. Evelyn Lebo and Mrs. Marion Chapman will entertain the Social Neighbors club today at the home of Mrs. Lebo.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Miller and children Betty Gene and Lester, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Everson of Noti, spent the week end at Port Orford with Mr. and Mrs. Al Miller, parents of Mr. Miller and Mrs. Everson.

Mrs. F. M. Chapman and Mrs. E. L. McReynolds visited Tuesday with Mrs. Ed Jones of Roseburg, who was at the home of Mrs. Daisy Hemenway to visit before leaving for an extended visit to her childhood home in Iowa.

Mrs. E. L. McReynolds spent one day last week with her sister, Mrs. John Overholzer, at Silk Creek. Mrs. Overholzer, who suffered a broken hip three months ago, is slowly improving and is able to sit in a wheel chair some each day.

Divide school 4-H club held their annual birthday club meeting Tuesday afternoon with a program and four children celebrated their birthdays, Doris Sage, Lucell Tonole, Wendell Cockrell, Adrain Spence. A number of mothers were present.

Mrs. Cora Hill of Portland visited Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Givins, at the Pass Creek Service Station.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sutton and family of Linslaw visited Sunday at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Amis McGarvin.

Mrs. M. J. Perini spent Sunday visiting friends in Scotts Valley.

Gwendolyn Spence was bitten by a dog owned by Mr. Glass so severely that medical treatment was required.

Rollo Stout visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stout, Sunday. Rollo is stationed with the CCC camp at Oakridge.

The 4-H Health club had their monthly birthday party April 30, besides the children present the mothers who were able to attend were Mrs. Stout, Mrs. Sage, Mrs. Kenady, Mrs. Cochran, Mrs. McReynolds, Mrs. Perini, Mrs. Crahan and Miss Linda Tonoli. The children served the refreshments of Cool-aid, cake, cookies and cinnamon rolls. Forty-one were present.

The Lee Crahan family visited at the John Herron home at Leona Sunday.

Hebron

E. J. Hinshaw, formerly of Hebron, died at his home in Pee Dee on April 20. The funeral was held in Dallas, April 24th, the Abner Gilchrist family of Knights Landing, California, being present. Mrs. Gilchrist is the step-daughter of Mr. Hinshaw.

Carl Zerung's talk on "Rural Youth" Sunday was well attended. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jepson and son Julian of Marshfield visited Sunday with their mother, Mrs. Frances Murry and the John and Walter Murry families.

Stuart Williams suffered severe burns on his left hand recently while working in his garage, when a gasoline torch exploded. Prompt treatment from a Grove surgeon is having good results.

Mrs. Charles Fuhrer was taken ill in the night Monday and a physician was called.

Poor Kiddies

More than 65,000,000 pounds of castor beans are imported annually for oil alone.

Silk Creek

Mrs. Nettie Estes is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hollock at DeLake this week. The Hollocks were visiting in Eugene and she returned home with them.

The Neighborhood Friendship club met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Minnie Ashby, with a large attendance. It was necessary to decide at this meeting whether the club would continue the work as a county extension unit and after much debate, it was voted to discontinue for next year at least. The last lesson of this year's extension program "The Cook Goes Out," will be given by the project leaders, Mrs. Ruth and Mrs. Ashley, at the next meeting at the home of Mrs. Ruth. This will be an all-day meeting, beginning at 10 o'clock. Mrs. Ashby served light refreshments at the close of the meeting.

Mrs. E. S. Hansen underwent a major operation the latter part of the week and is reported recovering nicely. She has been moved to Bird's Convalescent home in Eugene.

Capt. and Mrs. Burcham and David left Saturday morning for Chicago, where they will make a brief visit before going on to Kentucky, where Capt. Burcham will be stationed at Fort Knox. They had spent the past 6 weeks visiting Mr. Burcham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shade Burcham.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Rigby and daughter Phyllis of Oakridge visited from Friday until Sunday with the Wheeler and Darnell families and other friends in the neighborhood.

Wayne Hansen was home from Laurelwood over the week end to visit his mother, who is ill in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Ragsdale and son Kenneth of Corvallis spent the week end at the Hubert Haworth home, Mrs. Ragsdale is Mr. Haworth's sister.

Marion and Margaret Babcock

made a brief stop in Cottage Grove Monday on their return trip to the academy at Medford. They had been on a tour of S.D.A. colleges and were enroute from Walla Walla.

John Woolcott spent the week-end visiting friends at Portland and Seapooose.

The young people of the Cottage Grove Epworth League joined the group from Silk Creek at the school house grounds Saturday evening for a wiener roast. Games were played following. About 17 Leaguers were present, including Rev. and Mrs. Tilton, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Caton and Mrs. Wayne Monroe.

WORM HOLES PLUGGED WITH PLASTIC TO SAVE LUMBER

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—Use of a new plastic material to plug up worm holes in lumber is expected to make possible the salvaging of large quantities of logs from the old Tillamook burn that would be unusable otherwise. Tests with the material have been conducted by the school of forestry here with satisfactory results, says Earl G. Mason, acting dean of forestry.

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