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**GASLESS SUNDAYS.**

Many will feel the effect of the national defense program and the European war within the next few months. Already Eastern users of natural gas may have to go on 6-day cooking basis. Motorists of that section may have to store the pleasure cars if the recommendation of the national coordinator, Harold Ickes, are followed in the strictest sense.

Those who lived through the first World War will recall the inconvenience of the meatless, wheatless, sugarless days. In the modern warfare not all the sacrifices are made on the battlefield.

Coincidental with these prospective regulations, many of us may find it hard to reconcile, that while we may do without oil and gas, Japan has received approximately a million barrels of high grade oil with which to fight the democracies.

Another prospect not so easy to take is a higher gasoline price. And even with higher gas prices motor fuel may not be available to residents of the eastern seaboard. This depends of course on the demands of the national defense.

To many people nowadays a car is not a luxury but a necessity. Doing without a necessity is what may hurt.

**MODERNIZATION PAYS.**

A local merchant modernizing his store building has found that it improves his merchandising service and provides more pleasant surroundings and pays big dividends. People he says have gone out of the way to comment on the improvement and have expressed their approval of the fact that they will not have to go out of town to buy their needs.

The same story told by other merchants who feel that one way to increase local sales is to modernize their store building and to carry a larger assortment of merchandise. These experiences prove that in most instances business goes where it is invited and stays where it is well treated.

We would like to see more merchants improve their store fronts by the use of paint and changes necessary to get a good display of merchandise. These suggestions we believe will keep trade in the community where it belongs and will enable local merchants to get their share of increased business which many localities are enjoying.

**U. S. O.**

Profiting by the experience of the last war, recreation, social and civic activities of the men in training will be under one organization, the United Service Organization, instead of trying to serve the needs of the soldiers with 5 or 6 organizations, as was done in the last world war. The public can donate to the one organization with assurance that no duplicate will be made. S. L. Mackin, local U.S.O. chairman, reports that the public response has been very gratifying even though no united effort has been made to solicit funds. Cottage Grove should raise a quota of \$300 without delay and thus assure proper social activities for those in the service.

**THE FARMER.**

Along about the last of May  
The farmer's grief has gone away,  
And after that it's rest and fun—  
Because corn plantin' is all been done!

—New York Register.

Those city dudes who write farm verse  
Should take a ride inside a hearse;  
I'll bet that city guy don't know  
A Hampshire barrow from a crow;  
He never plowed a field of corn  
Beginning with the sun at morn;  
He never shocked a field of oats,  
Or fed the steers or colts or shoats;  
He never dug post-holes all day  
When Sol was shooting heat his way;  
He never combined wheat or rye  
When temperature was super-high;  
He never worked up on the stack  
A-forkin' chaffy oats straw back;  
He never worked a single day

Up in the mow a-pushin' hay;  
He never shoveled wheat up in  
An elevated granary bin;  
He never pushed a scythe, im-  
mense.

A-mowin' weeds along the fence;  
He never ran a small-grain header  
A cultivator or a spreader;  
He never rose at 2 at morn  
To drive the horses from the corn;  
He never even hoed tomatoes  
Or built a bridge, or bugged po-  
taters;  
He never walked behind a plow  
Or milked a wild and wooly cow;  
He never wore out shoes and feet  
A-keepin' chinch bugs from the  
wheat;  
He never fought cutworms that  
chewed  
His early corn in manner rude;  
He never had to work and strain  
To finish hayin' fore the rain;  
He never worked 12 hours a day,  
With stock, and grain, and beans,  
and hay,  
And then go home, all tired and  
sore,  
And do barn chores two hours  
or more;  
He never greased a wagon wheel,  
Or argued with a planter reel;  
He never ran a disk or harrow,  
Or even pushed a farm wheel-  
barrow;  
He never got a chicken coop  
To nurse a hen that had the  
croup;  
He never salvaged a bad-cut knee  
That Old Dan got while on a  
spree;  
He never pared a work-horse  
hoof,  
Or fixed a leaky cornerrib roof,  
He never drove a balky tractor  
Or horse that was a wicked actor;  
He never milked a cow in summer  
When flies had put her on the  
hummer;  
He never had to haul the water  
When wells went dry as days got  
hotter;  
He never fed his high-priced grain  
To hogs that ailed and wouldn't  
gain;  
He never spent a lot of time  
A-spreadin' phosphorus or lime;  
He never spent a day or so  
A-walkin' corn fields, row by row,  
And droppin' corn where corn was  
not—  
For squirrels the other corn had  
got;  
He never trimmed hedge with a  
knife,  
Or cooked for seven when his wife  
Was called to town to help Aunt  
sue  
Who had a slight attack of flu.  
In fact, this city dude, I'd bet  
Had his first farm to visit yet;  
And he would need help from his

**OUR DEMOCRACY** by Mat

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mater To drive the ducks down to the water! —E.S.W.

**ABOUT STRIKES**

Anybody poppin' off and saying the Germans must be a queer lot to be led around by the nose, are just poppin' off. You don't need to go 4 thousand miles to see sights, you just glance down our own Main street.

The latest I see, is where the U. S. A. is fixing to furnish free mobile homes for lemon strikers in sunny California. The govt is helping to keep the strike going there with its left hand, and sweating blood — or claiming to do so—building ships, etc., with the other hand, elsewhere.

I don't know, but it is just a bare chance that in this lemon strike the Boys on the raging 'otomac who are furnishing the free mobile homes, do not like lemonade—they might all hail from Kentucky.

But to go back to strikes, I been trying to find out why we keep on tryin' to run our U. S. A. labor department from a side-saddle.

Yours with the low down,  
JO SERRA

**EIGHT CHILDREN RECEIVING AID.**

PORTLAND, OREGON (Special)—Eight dependent children from Lane county are receiving care from the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society of Oregon at the present time, according to a report released this week from society headquarters. Under supervision of the society, which provides clothing and medical and dental care, the children are placed in private family homes throughout the state.

The Boys' and Girls' Aid reports that since 1914, it has provided for 66 homeless and neglected children from Lane county.

Fifty-five percent of the society's wards come from counties other than Multnomah, yet substantial financial support from private sources is provided by no other county, officials of the organization point out. Without additional funds from the counties to meet the increased cost of living, services to dependent children

will have to be curtailed. The agency is asking the co-operation of every Oregon community in meeting present needs which total \$5,000. The fund-raising appeal, organized on a state-wide basis, is going forward rapidly in Lane county under the chairmanship of Mrs. Gaven C. Dyott of Eugene.

**MONTHLY LUMBER FACTS.**

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.—The weekly average of West Coast lumber production in May (four weeks) was 153,167,000 board feet, or 96.2 per cent of estimated capacity. Orders averaged 183,965,000 b.f.; shipments, 171,583,000. Weekly averages for April were: production, 171,335,000 b.f. (87.0 per cent of the 1926-1929 average); orders, 172,863,000; shipments, 175,072,000.

Twenty-two weeks of 1941, cumulative production, 3,592,664,000 b.f.; same period, 1940, 2,916,280,000; 1939, 2,534,919,000.

Orders for 22 weeks of 1941 break down as follows: rail, 2,016,706,000 b.f.; domestic cargo, 1,139,211,000; export, 95,762,000; local, 499,848,000.

The industry's unfilled order file stood at 787,299,000 b.f. at the end of May; gross stocks, at \$66,829,000.

The volume of West Coast lumber produced during May directly reflects the effect of the closing down, by strike, of some fifty logging operations and a number of medium and large manufacturers. Additional mills, where no labor disturbance exists but where log supplies have been exhausted, have been forced to close, contributing to the effect of the forced discontinuance of production by struck mills.

In the meantime, volume of new business shows an increase over the totals of a month ago, partially due to seasonal trend, with weather conditions throughout the West Coast distribution area favorable to general building. Defense demand during the month continued at about the same level as in April. It reflects a wide variety of items going into general housing, for direct Army or Navy requirements, for ordnance housing units, shipbuilding and many other associated defense projects.

**Softball Highlights**

(Johnson and Davenport)

**Team Standings**

Team	W	L	Pct.
Drain	2	0	.1000
Eagles	2	0	.1000
Creswell	2	1	.667
Culp Creek	1	1	.500
Quality Market	1	1	.500
Lorane	0	1	.000
Grove Hardware	0	2	.000
Knickerbockers	0	2	.000

**Team Briefs.**

The Rampaging boys from Drain, a newcomer to the league this year, proved to be one of the leading teams in the league, turning back two of the toughest teams, Creswell and last years champs, Quality Market.

It seems that one of the underdogs of last year's league, the Eagles, are tired of being on the bottom and so thus far it looks like they mean to stay at the top, having defeated the Grove Hardware and Knickerbockers.

The big disappointment is Knickerbocker's, a team that was runner up last year, but so far has been beaten twice and now holds the cellar position with the Grove Hardware.

The Grove Hardware is another team that has had some bad luck, losing two straight, but the Hardware boys are still game and a good team to watch for a surprise comeback.

Lorane's strength is fair, even though losing to Creswell. They carry a good pitching staff, so fans watch that Lorane team.

Quality Market, the defending champs, got off to a bad start, losing to Drain but returned to their winning stride by defeating the Grove Hardware. They will probably be one of the leading teams this year.

Culp Creek, with those hard hitting lumberjacks, is a team to watch. They have one win and one defeat.

Creswell has been one of the leading teams since night softball started and boast their strongest team and are now up with the leaders.

Wednesday's game brought bad luck to the Quality Market boys, being trumped by the Drain boys by a convincing 7 to 2 score to take their first taste of defeat this season.

The Butcherboys took a first inning lead that seemed like a start of an easy win but Jacobs' home run in the third started the ball rolling for the Southerners that ended in a 7-run spree. Wyatt, Drain chucker, held Quality Market to only 3 hits.

	H	R	E
Quality Market	3	2	3
Drain	6	7	3

In the nightcap Creswell upset Lorane 10 to 8.  
Creswell 10 10 8  
Lorane 6 8 7

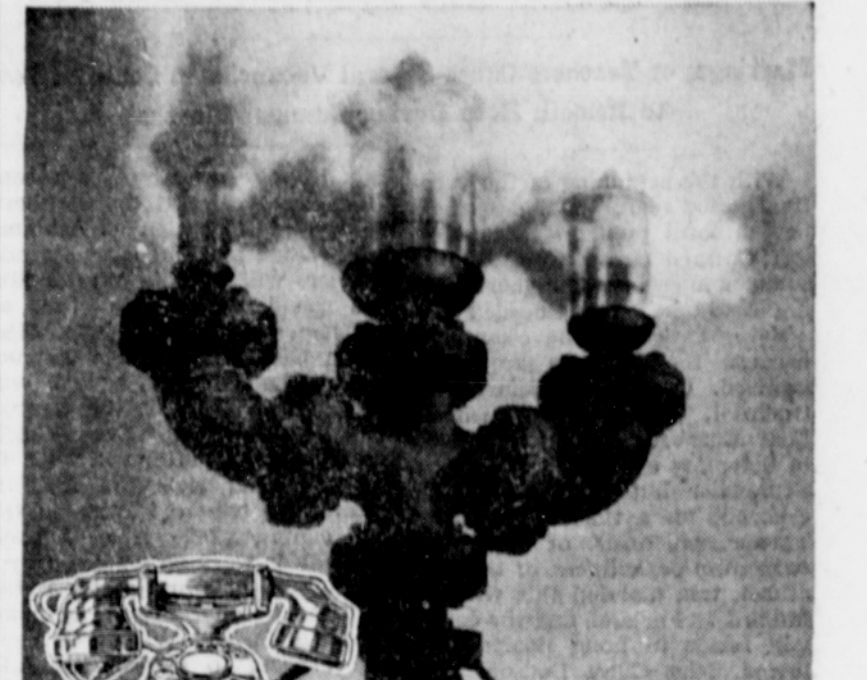
Monday's game saw Quality Market, behind Butterworth's pitching, dump the Grove Hardware 9 to 3.  
Grove Hardware 8 3 6  
Quality Market 10 9 3  
In the nightcap Drain made it two straight, upsetting a strong Creswell team 14 to 10 to set the Creswell team down from the undefeated list. Creswell tried desperately to overtake Drain in the last inning but failed to do so.  
Drain 6 14 5  
Creswell 10 10 13

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