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FROM ABUNDANCE TO SCARCITY.

A few years ago we had an abundance of everything, now we have a scarcity, but no more people to feed and cloth except the normal increase in population. A few years ago we were killing off the pigs and plowing up part of the crops to stabilize prices. Now the government is hoarding all surpluses, despite the biggest grain crop and carry-over in the history of the country.

Increasing prices of grains and food stuffs make us wonder how the government proposes to curb inflation, unless a start is made in government-held commodities. Higher prices in many instances are desirable, if all commodities are affected, otherwise spiraling prices will work a hardship on those least able to afford it.

HOW COSTLY IS MODERN WAR.

The average American in the lower income bracket will learn next year just how costly modern warfare is if the present senate bill is passed by the house and approved. The bill is designed to raise \$3,583,900,000 or \$367,000,000 more than the bill originally approved by the house. And the increase will be met according to plans by reaching down in the lower income bracket, much of which has never been subject to taxation before.

The most important provision is dropping the exemptions for married people to \$1,500. Previously it was \$2,000, and \$750 for single persons, which was previously \$800.00. This change alone is calculated to yield an additional \$303,000,000 annually. The normal rate of income, four percent will be retained, but the surtaxes have been skyrocketed, ranging from ten percent in the lowest bracket up to eighty-one percent in the top brackets. In addition to boosting the corporation tax, an excise tax of seven percent will be placed on automobile manufacturers, plus a \$5.00 use tax on all autos. Wine and liquor taxes will be practically doubled. Ten percent will be levied on phone calls, theater tickets, radios and other equipment.

According to estimates our spending for arms will soon reach \$3,000,000,000 a month, or nearly as much as the bill is designed to raise in a year.

BOOM TOWN.

Peace and quiet usually fly out the civic gates when a major national convention comes to any large city, but the resultant cash income well justifies the effort involved. This year's biggest convention spending spree is at Milwaukee, where the American Legion is holding its national meetings this week. Although there is no charge for such official entertainment features as the drum corps contest, Schenley Post's huge "Pan-American Night" festival and the official convention frolics, the average Legionnaire will spend at least \$50 during the five-day session. Since upwards of 200,000 guests are expected to remain in town throughout the convention, this alone totals \$12,000,000, while an estimated half million additional visitors—remaining only a day or two—will spend at least \$2,500,000 more. All told Milwaukee's cash income from the convention should top \$15,000,000, which averages \$25 for each of the city's 590,000 citizens.

Difficult situations not only test the character but develop character, and the development of character is the aim of life.—President Cutten, Colgate University.

Farmers Face Big Loss From Rains

Oregon farm leaders at Portland Saturday estimated that between 50 and 75 per cent of the unpicked prune crop of the Willamette and Tualatin Valleys has been damaged by heavy rain since September 1. In many sections, precipitation has been more than 30 per cent above normal.

While prune farmers faced extremely heavy losses from the rain which causes the fruit to split and rot, growers of tomatoes, potatoes, onions and beans also were in danger of losing much of their produce.

Main threat to potato growers was from blight, a condition similar to mildew, avoidable only by sprays. Rapid recurrence of rain has made spraying almost useless, it was said.

TUNA PRICE SOARS

A new all-time high for albacore tuna was quoted yesterday

at Newport at \$350 a ton as dizzy fishermen, torn between desires to fish for salmon, tuna and soupfin shark, reaped a rich harvest for their catch.

Even tourists were deserting their automobiles and taking to excursion boats to fish for tuna as seas remained calm and schools of the choice fish came within 10 miles of shore.

FLOOD CONTROL APPROPRIATION ANTICIPATED.

A press dispatch from Salem Tuesday quoted Congressman James Mott as saying that congress would probably make the second \$11,000,000 appropriation for the Willamette valley flood control project. Congress is also expected to approve the revised highway defense bill.

Pari-Mutuel Betting

Pari-mutuel betting has been legalized in 22 states.

Harvest moon, a delightful orange and apricot blend, which makes delicious ice cream at Gustafson's of course. 6-1tc-4i

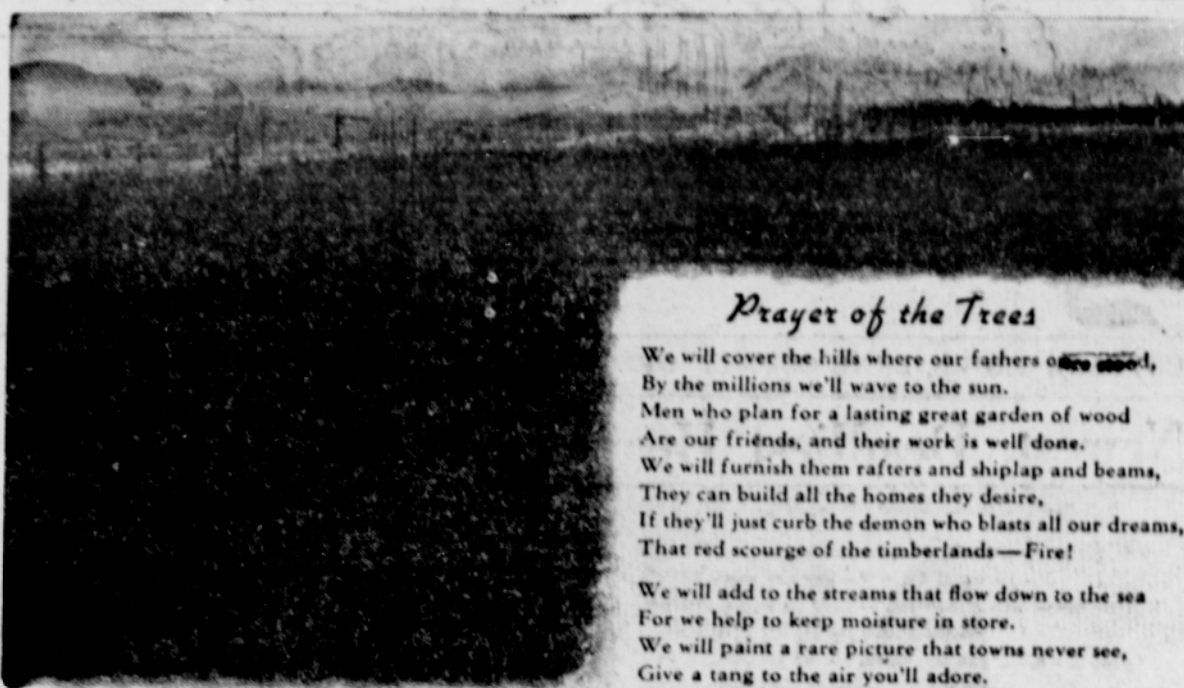
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Mr. Boling, whose verse has appeared in national publications, is a native of the Northwest and has worked much of his life in the big timber. He is now employed as a log bucker. The above verse is his contribution to the KEEP OREGON GREEN program.

Prayer of the Trees

We will cover the hills where our fathers once stood,
By the millions we'll wave to the sun.
Men who plan for a lasting great garden of wood
Are our friends, and their work is well done.
We will furnish them rafters and shiplap and beams,
They can build all the homes they desire,
If they'll just curb the demon who blasts all our dreams,
That red scourge of the timberlands—Fire!

We will add to the streams that flow down to the sea
For we help to keep moisture in store.
We will paint a rare picture that towns never see,
Give a tang to the air you'll adore.
You will surely be proud of our sweeping advance
As you pause on your way to admire,
And we only ask that you give us a chance,
That you stem our old enemy—Fire!

—Van Boling.

THIS WEEK IN DEFENSE

Defense Planning

The supply priorities and allocation board ordered its executive director, Donald M. Nelson, to compile an over-all list of U. S. and lend-lease defense needs as part of a detailed master plan for the defense effort. The SPAB ruled that no materials will be allowed for new plants for civilian goods if the materials were needed for military purposes.

Aid to Britain.

British Foreign Minister Eden informed the United States all materials received by Great Britain under the lend-lease act were used exclusively for war purposes and that none is being diverted to private channels. Secretary of State Hull said there had been some misunderstanding about British exports and the message explained what the two governments are undertaking to do co-operatively.

Federal Security Administrator McNutt said the U. S. Employment Service plans to seek several thousand American specialists between 18 and 50 for employment by the British Civilian Technical Corps as radio and automobile mechanics, electrical wiremen, instrument repairers, metal workers and other technical tradesmen, for service in England repairing vital equipment used by the British armed forces. Mr. McNutt said men needed for national defense jobs in this country will not be accepted but selective service headquarters have authorized local draft boards to grant deferment in class IIB for men joining the C.T.C.

The commodity credit corporation made available for lend-lease operations in the past two weeks 100,130 bales of cotton and 1,345,000 bushels of corn. The Red Cross announced it will send a delegation to Russia to study and report on most urgent needs in that country and how to meet them.

Ships Built.

The maritime commission announced the largest mass launching of ships since the World War will take place September 27 when 12 ships slide down the ways. Four other new merchant ships in the 500-ship long-range program are being delivered to operators between September 11 and September 19, making a total of 110 vessels completed under the program. The navy department announced launchings of two cruisers and one minesweeper. The maritime commission said to meet increased demand for officers in the merchant marine it has opened competitive examinations for cadet appointments. Applications must be submitted to the commission before November 8.

Ships Attacked.

The maritime commission announced the U. S. freighter "Steel Seafarer" was sunk in the Gulf of Suez. The state department reported the "Sessa," operated by an American firm, was sunk near Iceland with 24 men lost and the "Montana," an American owned ship was torpedoed on the way to Iceland with a cargo of lumber.

Air.

The Air Corps announced it is testing a new four-engine flying fortress which is bigger and has more fire power than models now in use by the U. S. and Great Britain.

Oil, Gasoline.

The special senate committee investigating the oil situation said the only shortage of petroleum products or of transportation facilities "is a shortage" in a large surplus which is desired. Acting Oil Coordinator Davies issued a statement saying, "the admittedly

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low condition of petroleum stocks on the east coast continues to mean shortage. . . (and) the necessity for public cooperation continues." SPAB refused to grant priorities on steel plates for construction of a 1,500-mile petroleum pipeline from Texas to New York. Mr. Davies said the South-eastern pipeline between Port St. Joe, Florida, and Chattanooga, Tennessee, will deliver 1,260,000 gallons of gasoline and other petroleum products daily to Georgia and Tennessee within 60 days.

Prices, Inflation Control.

The labor department announced retail food prices are at the highest level in 10 years—12.3 percent higher than a year ago. Treasury Secretary Morgenthau, speaking in Boston, said "inflation is no longer distant. . . We are facing it and. . . if we are selfish and shortsighted. . . the consequences may haunt us and our children for years, but if we look at the problem with firm resolve we can beat this thing."

Mr. Morgenthau said control of consumer installment credit, purchase of defense bonds and stamps and tax-anticipation notes are not enough to prevent consumer purchasing power from forcing prices up. He suggested extension and increase of social security benefits, an unemployment compensation "wage" for the workers and reduction in non-essential expenditures in Federal, State and local governments. He also suggested release of government held surplus stocks of food to hold down food prices.

Priorities.

Priorities Director Nelson made mandatory all priority ratings, issued ratings to assure civil air lines continued operation at high efficiency and to give assistance to 20 essential industries in obtaining repair materials.

Priority Unemployment.

The bureau of employment security and representatives of the OPM Contract Distribution division and labor division began a nationwide survey to find jobs for workers laid off because of production curtailment due to shortages and diversion of materials.

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TRAINING SCHOOL TO AID TURKEY BREEDING PROGRAM

A flock-selecting and pullorum-testing school for turkey breeders has been arranged by the Oregon Turkey Improvement association to be held at the poultry department of O.S.C. September 30. Any producer who plans to participate in the turkey improvement program and have his breeders approved or tested under official state supervision will find value in this school, according to N. L. Bennion, poultry extension specialist.

The program of instruction and discussion will start at 10 o'clock and continue all day. The school is planned as a means of giving instruction to those desiring to qualify as flock-selecting and blood-drawing agents for work in the turkey improvement program.

THINGS TO WATCH FOR.

Liquid coal mixed with oil, latest of high-powered fuels. Chemists say this development is coming along fast and will increase cruising range of ships, reduce fire risks because of lower volatility, help many industrial operations such as plastic molding. . . Sun glasses which can be dimmed at will from almost clear glass to complete blackness, another Polaroid research development. . . A rubber support attachment for the French-type or handset telephone which enables the users to have both hands free when telephoning. . . Continued rise in the affluence of the soy bean. Value of this year's crop is estimated at \$175,000,000, a neat jump of more than \$100,000,000 from 1940. It seems that a new use for soy beans is discovered almost every day. Recent samples: bakery products, macaroni, breakfast foods, malted drinks, salad oils, pancake flour, plastics, paint soap, printing ink, glue, and tanned leather.

Vitamin A

Vitamin A helps body grow, throw off cold infection, prevent certain eye diseases. Daily requirements: Pint of milk, one or two eggs, half ounce butter, vegetables like broccoli, brussels sprouts, carrots, sweet potatoes. (The deeper the color of the vegetable, the more vitamin A.) Fairly stable. Not readily destroyed in cooking, remains in frozen and canned foods. Can be stored in the body so a temporary lack is not immediately evident.

No Jews Unidentified

Although more than one-third of New York city's population are Jews, none are ever found among the 8,500 unidentified dead that are buried in its potter's field each year, as the Hebrew Free Burial association takes care of all such unclaimed bodies.

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THIS IS WHAT IT TAKES TO GIVE YOU THE SENTINEL

One-Third acre of newsprint for a single issue!
250 pounds of ink for a single year!
750 pounds of metal for a single issue!
3 employees who have an average of 10 years with the Sentinel and 15 years of newspaper experience!
\$9600 a year in payroll that return to local channels
\$ 550 a year in city and county taxes

These Are Only A Few Of The Items

But you can see that the Sentinel plays an important roll in Cottage Grove and Lane County other than its presentation of the news and contribution in space to our many civic organizations.

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