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A RURAL FIRE ASSOCIATION.

The county-wide rural fire association proposal has many merits and is an organization that should interest every home owner without municipal fire protection. But to get the plan in operation quick action is necessary since the item of expense would, as we understand it, have to be included in the county budget, which is completed and ready for publication. The cost of such an association would be small; probably the saving on fire insurance rates would offset and more the increase in taxes, if a levy is assessed for this purpose.

The proposal has advantages both to the urban and city property owners. Now that a municipal fire department won't answer calls outside of the city limits, such an organization would stop criticism of the municipal fire departments by supplying needed equipment for fighting rural fires and would be the means of saving thousands of dollars annually suffered by rural people. In municipalities as this community it would enable a more efficiently organized fire department with probably one paid truck driver.

In the Junction City area, the only community in the county with a rural fire organization, the department answered fifty-three calls the past year.

ICKES ENERGY CZAR.

United States Senator Homer T. Bone and Representative Martin T. Smith last week charged that Secretary of Interior Harold Ickes wants to be the "energy czar of the United States" and that such plans have been made by the secretary with reference to the Bonneville power administration. In the light of the past happenings, it might be well for the people of the northwest to think twice before submitting to any proposal advanced by the secretary or his cohorts.

Here are the seven real issues in the bills introduced in congress to set up a Columbia power according to Senator Bone and Congressman Smith:

"While Mr. Ickes in speeches in the Northwest has conveyed the impression that the issue raised by the two bills is whether one man or three men shall run the Authority, that is relatively a minor issue, although not without importance. Here are the real issues:

"1. Shall the Authority be plunged into politics by being made a mere arm of a political bureau, the department of interior; or be a non-political independent agency?"

"2. Shall the Authority be run by an official 3000 miles away in Washington, D. C.; or be operated by a fully responsible board residing in the region of operation?"

"3. Shall the Authority be allowed to exercise arbitrary and dictatorial control over municipalities with which it does business; or shall the Authority be restricted by law to permit a large measure of local autonomy to cities, towns and public utility districts in operation of their plants?"

"4. Shall employees of Columbia Power Authority be denied rights important to labor and enjoyed by employees of private business and by employees of T.V.A.; or shall the Authority be required by law to bargain collectively with its employees?"

"5. Shall the administrator of Columbia Power Authority be appointed by the Secretary of Interior without notice and without possibility of appeal or hearing; or shall a board or single administrator be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate after public hearings?"

"6. Shall we rely on the vague hope that future congresses will appropriate to develop the Columbia Basin Irrigation project; or shall adequate and definite provision for construction of the project be made now?"

"7. Shall the Authority be so surrounded with bureaucratic routine and red tape that it will take weeks to accomplish what ought to be done in days; or shall the agency be set up like a modern streamlined private business?"

KEEP IT BREATHING HERE.

"It we are to devote a large part of our energies to preserving the free way of life and the freedom of enterprise in the world at large, we want to be careful to preserve them at home as well," said P. D. Houston, President, American Bankers Association, recently.

That is a timely warning. The permanent expansion of government in all economic and social fields is a very definite menace to the free enterprise system—the system upon which representative government depends. It is admitted that in times of emergency the authority of government must be increased. But it should never be forgotten that this must be temporary, not permanent, if our kind of government is to live in the future.

In the field of credit, government has taken some of the most far-reaching steps. The number of Federal agencies which are today unnecessarily loaning money for one purpose or another in direct competition with private enterprise, makes a lengthy, growing list.

The great "must" of this time is to preserve economic and social freedom at home while we are spending billions to protect ourselves against the enemies of freedom abroad.

Hitler's last speech, on the occasion of the opening of the Nazi winter relief drive, was in a sense a confession of failure. He admitted that the German General Staff had tremendously underestimated the Russians.

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Umpqua Forest Has Established Enviably Record

Not at all with the idea of throwing any bouquets at ourselves, the Umpqua National Forest has a very enviable fire record up to the present time this year. Contrary to what may be a common belief, the forest has experienced 108 fires this year as against an average of only 75. Every one of the 108 has been a lightning fire. This is very unusual, since the normal record for Oregon shows that more fires are caused by man than by lightning. The local office of the forest service wishes to express sincere appreciation to the camping, fishing and hunting public this year for the unusual care that has been exercised. The record so far for 1941 on the Umpqua shows that out of the 108 fires experienced, 103 of them have been "Class A," or less than one-fourth acre in size, and that five were larger than one-fourth acre, but still very small, and that the total acreage burned by the entire 108 fires has been only nine acres. This record is surpassed by no other forest in Oregon.

What is a source of annual worry to forest men is the habit of some hunters of building fires during cold or stormy weather against dead logs, stumps, snags, and the like, where it is difficult or perhaps impossible, with the tools at hand, to totally extinguish the fire when through with it, and thus a hazard is created that may break out in the form of a fire later on after weather conditions have changed, with possibly an east wind and low humidity at higher elevations, in particular. This low humidity feature is another point probably not generally understood by the average citizen, but it is a fact that ordinarily above the so-called "fog belt," or above an elevation of 1500 to 2000 feet or thereabouts, we often have bright, sunny weather with low humidity during the day and often nights, which brings about a fire hazard not experienced at all at the lower elevations.

Hence, it is urged, and will be greatly appreciated by forest officers, if hunters will use extreme care in building "warm-up" fires and not build them in any place where the fire cannot be totally extinguished before leaving it, for this is not only contrary to State and Federal law, but the chance is probably at least 50-50 that some of these fires may later spread and cause damage and expense. Three years ago one of the worst situations of the whole season occurred in October during a light snowfall when numerous hunters' fires were built in dangerous spots only to later develop into forest fires after the storm was over and forest conditions again became dry. Let us remember that it was about October 1, 1936, when the huge fires in the coast country broke out, including burning of Bandon and much forest land. These fires continued until near the first of December of that year. We have no assurance at all that the same thing could not happen again; so the hunting public is requested to keep all of these things in mind and cooperate with the forest service and the state of Oregon in maintaining for the remainder of this season one of the best fire records that the state has experienced for many years.

Farmers Advised To Prepare for a Machine Shortage

Faced with a possible shortage of farm machinery for next year, and inability to get prompt delivery of repairs, Oregon farmers are being advised by Robert Taylor of Adams, chairman of the state U. S. D. A. agricultural defense board to make plans now to foresee their 1942 equipment requirements. The days when a grower can rush to town and buy a new piece of equipment, or even get the right replacement part on a moment's notice, are probably over for the duration of the emergency, says Taylor. On the other hand, the government is making every effort to see that needed farm machinery and repairs are provided for as adequately as possible through favorable priorities. A statewide equipment survey recently conducted by county U.S.D.A. defense boards shows that Oregon farmers expect to need more than the usual amount of farm machinery next year, both because of the farm labor shortage and the increased production under the "food for freedom" program.

The big expansion of cover crop seeds, the need for more feed crops to supply the needed increases in pork, dairy, poultry and beef products, and the general farm labor problem are all factors in the indicated need for more equipment," the defense board chairman said. The results of the machinery survey will be used to establish new priority ratings for materials to manufacture new equipment classed as absolutely necessary. These priorities, the chairman said, are designed to maintain the existing farm plant at a high level of efficiency by assuring supplies of needed repair and maintenance parts and of essential new equipment. Accordingly, he advises farmers to repair old machinery whenever possible, and to utilize all suitable farm equipment. Purchases of new equipment, he said, will best be held to a bare minimum.

Farsighted farmers can head off a lot of harvest time trouble by advance planning now, Taylor declared, pointing out that attention to repairs and ordering of needed parts during the coming winter months will do a lot to prevent hardships arising from shortages or delays next summer.

SENTINEL TO FAR AWAY AUSTRALIA.

Among the new subscribers added to The Sentinel list recently is a copy to Johannah Swift, columnist of the Melbourne, Australia, Sun. The copy is being sent complimentary of Ed Gotch, a World War buddy of Mr. Swift.

Largest Strawberry Points

The five largest strawberry shipping points in the United States are in Plant City, Fla., Ponce de Leon, La., Hammond, La., Wallace, N. C., and Independence, La.

President's First Auto Ride

President William McKinley was the first President to ride in an automobile. His first ride was in 1899.

THIS WEEK IN DEFENSE

Neutrality Law Modification Asked.

Stating "we will not let Hitler prescribe the waters of the world on which our ships may travel..." the President asked Congress to repeal Section 6 of the Neutrality Act which prohibits arming of American merchant ships and to examine other phases of the law. The President said this action "is a matter of immediate necessity and extreme urgency." He also said "it is time for this country to stop playing into Hitler's hands and to unshackle our own." He said the U. S. should not "be forced to masquerade American-owned ships behind the flags of our sister Republics."

"Most of the vital goods authorized by the Congress are being delivered," Mr. Roosevelt said. "Yet many of them are being sunk; and as we approach full production requiring the use of more ships now being built it will be increasingly necessary to deliver American goods under the American flag."

Aid to Britain and Russia.

The American Red Cross instructed the British Red Cross to forward immediately to Russia 800 tons of medical supplies. The American Red Cross will send replacement supplies to England.

Priests.

Retail food prices continued to rise between mid-August and mid-September, increasing 2.6 percent to reach the highest level since January, 1931, the Labor Department reported. Consumer Commissioner Elliott reported food prices have risen 29 percent since the war began as compared to 18.4 percent in the comparable World War period and farm products have risen 43.1 percent as contrasted to 12.6 percent during the last war.

It was reported that the cost of living last August was 7 1/2 percent higher than two years ago. Since March alone, Henderson said the cost of living is up 5 percent.

Priorities.

The Supply Priorities and Allocation board ruled that no new public or private construction can be started unless it is essential for defense or the health and safety of the people or does not involve use of strategic materials. The ruling applies to federal, state and local government buildings, roads and highways, river and harbor improvements, residential building and all commercial building. Efforts will be made, however, to aid completion of construction already substantially finished.

The SPAB also voted to permit building of 228 commercial aircraft—with the reservation that Army can take them if they are needed.

Air OPM announced 1,191 military aircraft were delivered during September—a new monthly record. The War Department announced it will allow Army aviation cadets 30 hours credit for flight training prior to enlistment—thereby cutting in half the flying time necessary in the Army to win wings. Mimmie air raids began along the East coast from

Boston to Savannah to test ability of civilian spotters and their communication system.

Nursing The Red Cross announced a program to instruct 500,000 American housewives in home nursing in the next year. Courses will take six weeks of class work and practical experience. Miss Olivio Peterson, director of public health nursing for Minnesota, will conduct the program.

Labor.

The President, in a message to the AFL convention in Seattle, said the time has come when Federal mediation machinery "must be used... before any recourse is taken to a strike or lockout. He said organizational rivalries and jurisdictional conflicts must be discarded for the duration. Labor Secretary Perkins told the meeting "it is of extreme importance that trade-unions develop in the near future a pattern of self-imposed discipline." She said the closed shop, closed memberships and high dues should be "re-studied with a view to the public welfare" and to provide for those who "are not joiners by nature."

Labor Safety.

Navy Secretary Knox told the 30th National Safety Congress in Chicago a killed or injured worker is as much loss to defense as a wounded soldier because "we have no time to train replacement workers." He said time lost through injuries last year would have built 45 battleships, 75,000 fighter planes or 15,000 heavy bombers.

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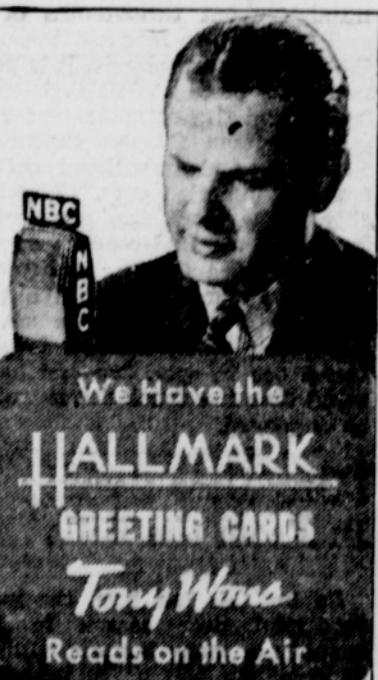
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Lynx Hollow

Miss Kay Taylor entertained recently with a weiner roast at a camp fire. Twenty-one juniors were present.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Queener and family of Cottage Grove have moved in the cottage on the Jos. Eppenbaugh ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Beach entertained recently with a duck dinner, the following guests were present: Mrs. J. Clyde Cooper of Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Peck, Mr. and Mrs. James Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Eppenbaugh of the Hollow.

The Lynx Hollow Pinochle club was entertained recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Radway in Cottage Grove. Four tables were in play.

Mrs. Viola Adams of Eugene, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Eppenbaugh of Springfield were guests recently of Alvin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Eppenbaugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kinsland and daughters of Oakridge spent the week end on their ranch in the Hollow.

Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Lebow of Cottage Grove were guests recently of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Radway.

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