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AMERICA AT THE CROSSROADS

What the future holds in store for America will largely be determined by America itself.

It goes without saying that the people of the nation want that future to be happy and prosperous. But from most outward indications they are trying hard not to make it so. Labor and management engage in bitter disputes while strikes hamstring economic recovery. Meanwhile the public stands by, hardly lifting a voice in protest, certainly without exercising its tremendous influence which would speedily force a settlement in the industrial warfare.

What America really needs today is a dose of the spirit which lifted the Nation out of the depths of disaster four years ago and carried it to victory. That spirit, it will be remembered, was one of cooperation between all elements of our national life. It inspired great effort, it caused us to cast aside our soft ways of living and get down to hard work.

Some persons might say, "That's all very good, but now the war has been won and we're entitled to a rest." It seems to us that the principal thing the country has been doing since V-J Day is rest. Now it's time to get back on the job. Yes, the war has been won, but we've got to win the peace, too. And that calls for the same energy and effort which brought military victory.

Today America stands at the crossroads. The signposts are plain. One road—the road of industrial strife and public indifference—leads to depression. The other road—the path of co-operation and hard work—will bring us to prosperity. Which way, America?

FORWARD LOOKING PLAN

Saturday the writer heard an inspiring talk on the future of Oregon industries, by Joseph Gerber, head of the Joseph Gerber Advertising Agency, on what we have been overlooking in the way of developing a regional interest in products naturally adapted to this section, why these small industries have a chance to succeed and why others have failed. In approaching the problem of finding public favor and a market for the products we can grow, Mr. Gerber advocated the common sense method of doing the best we can with what we have.

We were so impressed with the talk of Mr. Gerber that we asked him to come to Cottage Grove at some future date and make the same talk, which he agreed to do. If Mr. Gerber elects to visit here, we hope it will be possible to have at least 200 people out to hear him. More about this in the not too distant future.

SO YOU'RE PANICKY ABOUT FLOUR

Wheat weevil, flour weevil or whatever you choose to call them, will have a field day in a good many pantries where the good housewife has laid in a year's supply of flour to beat the hoarders.

Most of us managed to live through the war in pretty good shape during the days when foods were much more critical than they are today. The situation regarding how much flour we will or won't have for domestic consumption has not been clarified yet. It depends on how much is diverted to Europe and the war-torn countries.

It's bad business in addition to bad taste to rush in and get a big supply of flour for the weevil to get. We prefer to take our chances, believing that we will come through unhurt.

SAILOR WORKS RACKET

With all of Washington's diplomatic pomp and intrigue, some of the most intriguing happenings concern the capital's little people. Just such a happening had Washington police scratching their heads last week.

In a serviceman's center, a sailor quietly sat himself down at a desk near the door, politely stopped entering fellow servicemen and suggested that they had better "check their valuables with him" for safekeeping. After a dozen or so had followed his advice, he just as quietly got up and left—with \$465 in cash and other personal possessions.—Pathfinder Magazine.

LONDON

Joe Lewis and brother George are visiting their parents in San Diego.

Miss Rita Bales and Miss Lois Brown returned to their home in San Diego Sunday after spending a week here with Rita's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bales.

London boys played basketball with Dorena Tuesday night. The score was 23 to 6 in favor of London.

There is 31 inches of snow at the landing of the W. A. Woodard logging operation.

Lloyd Gilham is visiting this week with his sisters, Mrs. Vera Kerr and Mrs. Ada Andrews in Ashland.

Letters to the Editor

Blackbutte, Oregon

February 11, 1946

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Cottage Grove, Oregon

Dear Mr. Martin:

The letters of Virgie Quimby as printed in the Sentinel seem to me to be a very timely warning to residents of Cottage Grove and particularly of the Junction area and Eugene.

I heartily agree that the results of the control during the recent high water were very poor, as at no time was the reservoir filled to half capacity. It appears that very much more water could have been held back during the peak flow and released afterwards, so the destruction in the Glenwood area would have been lessened.

I wrote to the Eugene Register-Guard along this line but apparently common sense is ignored in favor of propaganda designed possibly to hasten the erection of additional dams.

The people living below the dam should try to get action to have the dam used for its purpose, namely flood prevention, and not just for a pleasure resort. Very likely my friend the Lt. Colonel has instructions from higher ups, and these are the ones which would likely cause flood conditions.

Yours Truly,
Fred L. Mills

Editor's Note: Perhaps other papers are using good judgment in not printing a good many letters on the flood control. We still have faith in the ability of the U. S. Engineers and believe that when the resident engineer carries out his instructions, they are for the best interests of the public. If one were good enough weather prophet to foretell the weather a month or so ahead, then the resident engineer might gamble on letting one storm fill the reservoir and not make any preparations for a possible flood to follow. This was done in a flood control project on the Colorado river in Texas, we are told, with the result that farmers under that project suffered several million dollars in damages from a dam that was supposed to furnish protection. Now methods employed here and elsewhere are based on scientific knowledge of local conditions, rainfall, etc.

INSUFFICIENT MAILING ADDRESS

This office has been severely criticized by postoffice inspectors for spending too much time trying to deliver mail that does not show street number, post office box or name of route.

Therefore in the future to avoid having your letters returned marked "insufficient address" it will be well for patrons to obtain correct and complete address before mailing, and to advise your correspondents of your full address, not just Cottage Grove or city unless you wish your mail to be placed in general delivery at the post office.

It is also important that you advise your correspondents to place their return address on their letters for when there is no return address shown, if the mail is undeliverable, such letters will be sent to the Dead Letter Office in Portland, thereby causing delay and expense before being returned to the sender.

Business firms should obtain full address from their customers; street numbers if living in the city, post office box number, or if living on a country route do not take it for granted that the address is Cottage Grove as many patrons living on Diaton route receive their mail through the Dorena, Culp Creek, or Diaton post offices, and the address of more than half of the patrons on the Lorane route is Lorane, Oregon.

Business firms who wish to have their mailing list corrected may have this service for one cent per name; however, this office can only correct those whose address is in Cottage Grove or on routes addressed Cottage Grove;

cannot correct those addressed to Dorena, Culp Creek, Diaton, or Lorane or on routes therefrom.

This office will cooperate in every way possible in this matter and will expect the same cooperation from patrons.

N. J. NELSON JR.,
Postmaster.

To the Editor: A community center for Cottage Grove? What do you think of it? Or until such time as a proper building may be had shall we call it a waiting room?

A committee from the Hebron grange has been looking for a room close in that would serve the purpose. The Mother's club has long seen the need and felt the desire to help such a project. Tuesday a committee was appointed to help locate a suitable room that is available.

Here are some reactions met with: A lady from Creswell said she would rather shop in Cottage Grove than in Eugene but there was no place to rest in Cottage Grove.

A woman who lives a few blocks from Main street remarked that she would like it very much if she could find such a place. Furthermore she said it would surely be of great advantage to the merchants.

A woman of the Lorane grange when contacted exclaimed, "there isn't any place to wait in Cottage Grove," before the need was even explained to her.

We often see people from Yoncalla and other places shopping in Cottage Grove. Seldom can all members of the family get thru appointments or business at exactly the same time. A central waiting room will help solve that for both men and women. Many times the father has to wait with young children as well as the mother.

It is on behalf of the smaller children that the need is the greatest.

A small part of the rent of such a room has been offered. To any one in business in Cottage Grove such a contribution is not a donation but an investment. It has been proposed that a placard in this room bear the names of all organizations or individuals assisting in its support. The Mother's club members and others who offer will be in charge—probably afternoons only at first.

It is hoped that such a room with reading materials may be of assistance to the young families of returned veterans.

A plan for having an appropriate room included in the rear of the new public library which is to be built some day has met with favor.

Those who wish to take part list your donation of time or money on a slip of paper and hand to any member of the committees thus far appointed—Mrs. Fred Harris, Mrs. LaLonde, Mrs. Hugh Trunnell from Hebron grange; Mrs. Furr Adams, Mrs. Markam and Mrs. Cad Wallace from the Mothers' club.

Sincerely yours,
MRS. HUGH TRUNNELL
(Ed. Note: We will contribute \$50.00 to this project if suitable quarters can be found and the rest room be made a permanent proposition. We understand that Mr. Woodard contemplates such a room in the new library which he will erect.)

THOUGHTLETS

By Earl B. Balch

To be good is not enough. It is necessary to be good for something.

Prejudice and Superstition are twins that block progress.

It will not hurt any of us to eat bread a few shades darker than we are accustomed to for a short time, in order that the rest of the world are free from starvation.

In spite of widespread greed and corruption, ideals were never higher than now. The reason that there seems more of this than formerly, is wider communication and the uncovering of graft which in other years never came to light.

There is a committee that is preparing a measure that will streamline congress. It is to be devoutly hoped that some means will be found to eliminate filibustering.

Last Saturday, the southern senators staged a successful defeat of the Fair Employment Practices Act. This emphasizes the statement of a radio commentator that no race relations filibuster was ever successfully broken.

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From Old Files

80 YEARS AGO

It is understood that a resumption of activities at the Black Butte quicksilver mines is likely. The mines have been shut down for the last seven years.

Turbans of colored velvet with ostrich feather tufts are going to be worn with light colored afternoon frocks.

Monday was the warmest February day, known in this section since 1902. Citizens went about in shirt sleeves as the mercury hovered around the 70 mark.

A lone highwayman held up and robbed the eastbound Pacific Oregon-Washington limited train No. 18. He boarded the train at Green River.

A report reached here that one of the richest veins ever found on the Champion mine property of Bohemia.

For the first time in years, Cottage Grove was without water Friday when pipes were washed out on Layng creek.

The new state song "Oregon" recently sung by the Eugene Philharmonic Society, is written by Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Waterhouse, former residents of Cottage Grove.

Sam Veatch will play a trombone solo, "Rebecca of Sunny Brook Farm," at the band concert Thursday night.

20 YEARS AGO

During 1925 the city of Cottage Grove spent more than \$140,000 in public improvements. 34,977 square yards of pavement with curbs cost \$87,509.

The C. G. biddies have commenced their regular spring stunt of setting a record. A hen owned by H. A. Miller laid an egg seven and three-fourths inches in circumference one way and six and one-eighth the other.

Cottage Grove 7th and 8th grade pupils show highest score in a history test given to all pupils in Lane county schools. (C. G. scored 95.2 out of a possible 124).

This issue of The Sentinel carried the following head on a short item, "Two autos are injured by hit-and-run driver."

A large white air guidance sign for airplanes will be painted on the roof of Woodson Bros. garage.

Memorial day has been set as the date for the annual motorcycle hill climb on Mount David. Mrs. K. K. Mills and son Robert spent Tuesday with relatives in Eugene.

Radio Ray Nelson has moved from the brick building near the S. P. station to the Charles Hall building.

Mrs. Clara Burkholder will entertain the members of the Social Twelve club at her home Thursday.

10 YEARS AGO

January was one of the wettest months this section has ever known. 10.75 inches of rain fell.

Federal engineers working on proposed flood control of the Coast Fork have determined that the underground structure is not suitable.

During January the health officer quarantined 9 cases of measles.

The 240-acre recreation camp at Blue Mountain is to be named Camp Fisk in honor of County Judge Fisk.

A new grange unit was organized Wednesday of last week at Hebron.

C. S. Roberts was elected chairman of the library board at its annual meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gates and son Elmer of Crow visited Tuesday at the home of a son, George Gates.

Mrs. Eliza Howe is visiting relatives in Edmonds, Wash.

Billie Helliwell spent her week end in Eugene with Jack Titus.

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Herbert Lombard Jr. spent two days of this week in Eugene visiting relatives.

Tom Kem, Faye Stewart and Colin Garoutte, students at OSC, spent Friday night at their homes here.

LIQUOR DRINKING IN U. S. SETS NEW HIGH IN 1945

WASHINGTON — Liquor consumption in the United States during 1945 was the greatest in history—around 165,000,000 gallons, Treasury figures showed Tuesday.

On a per capita basis, consumption hit the highest mark since prohibition was repealed 13 years ago. The 1945 figure was 1.38 gallons per person, against 1.06 gallons in 1917, when the population was less, hence the total consumption was smaller.

Last year's sharp upturn followed two years of decline. Per capita consumption fell from 1.15 gallons in 1942 to 1.13 in 1943, and to 0.98 in 1944.

The figures represent only tax-paid liquor.



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