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**WORLD'S BEST BUCK PASSER**

Uncle Sam has developed into the world's champion buck passer with resultant headaches for the tax payers and run around for the veterans. Government agencies have grown so unwieldy even the experts don't know what is going on nor can they find their way around. Our government has grown too big and growing bigger. One congressman in announcing his intention of retiring has charged that our congressmen are merely lucky boys, running errands for their constituents.

If you don't believe the government is hard to deal with just try to buy some surplus property, much of which is coming on the market. We are told there are lots of practically new items being turned back by the armed forces, but if a government bureau happens to need any or all of the items, the veteran, who is supposed to have a priority, or the private citizen never sees any of the needed items for the reason that our sprawling bureaus have a higher priority. Even then the private buyer is often disappointed and comes away from the sale empty handed. One wonders just how much graft and corruption is connected with a lot of so called surplus property sales. But wondering is about all we can do about it unless we have time and money to finance an investigation and even the results of the investigation can be doubtful. The whole trouble is pinning responsibility on anybody.

The disposal of properties of Camp Adair offers a fine example of what we mean. Several individuals and organizations, we are told, have either tried to get the use of a few buildings at Camp Adair or buy these buildings and equipment, but have given up in despair after spending several months in trying to unwind some of the red tape connected with the disposal of this property.

On V-J day we had a forty unit housing project started here. Several private citizens tried to save the project since housing is desperately needed here, but the project went into the ash can because we were told it was only four percent complete. Even at four percent we are informed the project costs the government \$50,000. Now we have another twenty-five unit housing project coming up for the veterans. The new project, supposed to be temporary also will cost the government in the neighborhood of \$50,000 according to one estimate. If these figures can be taken as reliable, we will have spent \$4,000 per unit in trying to build a temporary housing project. Pretty expensive don't you think? Or did you realize this when you paid your 1945 income tax?

**MAYBE LEWIS WAS RIGHT**

What successes or failures which may be laid at the door step of the OPA, this organization has certainly done a good job of antagonizing the retail merchants, particularly since most of the rationing went off. Apparently the OPA checker thinks he is doing a good job if he can manage to catch the retailer a penny above the ceiling price. Most of the violations are in the half cent bracket. One merchant says the checkers sent out of the regional office seem to be especially anxious to catch the merchant who charges above the established ceiling price on his commodities but never volunteers any information if he finds the merchant below ceiling on any article.

Another merchant tells the story that when he was hauled into court recently on an overcharge violation, the OPA official who was helping to direct the prosecution admitted that his OPA region was assessed a certain quota of fines and had to meet them. It is assumed that if the OPA checker failed to find any violation, he would have to make one as was reported in one instance here when a storekeeper asked the proper markup from the checker on a case of canned peaches. He took the suggested markup of 35 cents per can to wake up to the fact in a few days that he was facing a fifty dollar fine for overcharging the public on peaches.

Why can't the OPA work with the merchant? John L. Lewis says this organization is mostly small lawyers and two bit professors.

Here is the latest wisecrack as quoted in The Farm Journal: "We must retain the private enterprise system so that countries which have abandoned it will have a place where they can borrow money."

**THOUGHTLETS**

By Carl B. Balch

It is true that no life should be all sunshine, but it is equally true no life should be all showers.

Russia is no more consistent than other nations. She sets herself up as a champion of little nations and appears to be getting ready to grab helpless Iran.

There is not, nor has there ever been, a man with sufficient wealth to prevent sorrow and suffering.

Some people's consciences are like the ladies popular girdle, it has a two-way stretch.

Sometimes a cheerful greeting will drive away some other person's glooms.

It is refreshing that Russia has come out in the open on its Iranian trouble. It wants additional oil concessions from the little country.

A distinguished churchman recently wrote: "Selfishness, long continued, must lead to isolation."

No one ever made any achievement of lasting value without first counting the cost and then meeting the costs when they come up.

Even petty politicians pay the price for their political positions.

If there was more honesty in high places there would be less dishonesty in the so called lower walks of life.

**Washington Letter**

By Harris Ellsworth, Rep. in Congress from Oregon

**Atom Bomb Test**

Elaborate preparations to make a test of the effect of atomic bombs on naval craft have been under way for some time. All of the plans and specifications had previously been worked out. I believe even the lists of scientists and war and navy department personnel who will be permitted to see the tests are also nearly complete. But it was only this week that the bill to authorize the use of navy ships for targets in the test was passed by the house. It was argued on the floor by a few members who were opposed to the conduct of the tests that it was wrong to destroy a number of our ships, some of which have been completed less than two years. The answer to this objection was that we cannot tell what sort of ships to have in our future naval defense unless we know definitely what happens to ships when they are attacked with atomic bombs. The completion of some ships now under construction has been delayed until these tests are made.

I have been invited to witness the tests and may do so if too much time is not required, and if there is a lull in congressional business.

**Lend-Lease Still Going**

Believe it or not, we are still shipping vast quantities of goods on lend-lease commitments. Lend-lease officially was declared at an end on V-J Day, but it was later agreed that goods being manufactured and in transit would be delivered. Such goods, incidentally, include 18,000,000 feet of hardwood lumber, considerable of which could be used as flooring lumber for homes. The countries receiving lend-lease goods since the actual end of the war have agreed to pay for them over a period of thirty years at an interest rate of two and three-eighths percent on the unpaid balance.

This week, an attempt was made to reduce the amount of these commitments by \$200,000,000, but on a straight party vote, republicans voting to save the money and Democrats voting to spend it, the House insisted on going ahead and spending the \$200,000,000. The vote was close, 171 to 148.

**Magicians in Congress**

I was reminded by the announcement by Congressman Fritz Lanham of Texas that he would not seek reelection and would retire from Congress that we have at least two excellent magicians in the House of Representatives—one Republican and one Democrat. Fritz Lanham is positively a genius as an amateur magician. I have seen him do his act, and I believe he is far better than most professionals. Equally good is Congressman Paul Shafer of Michigan.

Although not a member of Congress, Carl D. Shoemaker, also an excellent amateur magician, has been closely identified with the work of Senate Committees for a number of years. Carl Shoemaker has done his act for the Oregon State Society and numerous other groups. He is a former Oregon man. His brothers, S. J. Shoemaker and Dr. B. R. Shoemaker, live in Roseburg.

**1947 Agriculture Yearbook**

The 1947 Agriculture Appropriation Bill, now pending before Congress, includes an item for a new Agriculture Yearbook which will be known as the 1943-47 edition. The title will probably be "Science and the Farmer" and will cover recent developments on such subjects as animal breeding, nutrition, plant breeding and diseases, soil, fertilizers, insecticides, fungicides, and kindred subjects.

The new book will go to the printer late this year and will be

ready for distribution some time in 1947. This will be the first new yearbook since the 1942 edition, publication having been suspended during the war.

I still have available for distribution a limited number of the 1942 Yearbooks entitled "Keeping Livestock Healthy," a copy of which will be sent on request as long as my supply lasts.

**ANOTHER RECRUIT**

Everything seems to be going wrong. Even the birds have hushed their song.

A heavy weight is on my heart. My boy and I are now apart. He's a new recruit in the training camp.

A sailor, he is the little scamp. Seems only yesterday he was small.

With no such ambition at all. Then home from school, he came one day.

Saying, "I'm joining up on Saturday."

"Mom, you and Dad must let me go."

"I'm only seventeen, I know."

"But Dad can sign the papers for you."

"I'll be going with pals the truest blue."

"There's Richard, Cork, Harold, Jerry, Clayton and Ray, Glen, Bob, Jake and Charley—now what'd you say?"

"We seniors graduate with the class."

"That's making two credits mighty fast."

With all his pleading we let him go.

It's dreadfully hard all parents know.

To tell your only son good-bye. Keep a smiling face when you want to cry.

We'll be proud of him in navy blue. Two years aren't forever, it's only two.

I tell myself this and plenty more. Thank God, he's not battling on foreign shore.

His advice to us is "always be gay. Time will pass faster that way." I resolve to make a better start. I'll erase this feeling from my heart.

—Lavern's Mom, Mrs. Henry Hess

New York—An hour and 44 minutes was shaved off the two-way New York-Bermuda air record for commercial flying earlier this year. One of the U. S. flag airlines covered the 1,340 miles from New York to Bermuda and back in 5 hours and 48 minutes. The flight down took 2 hours and 22 minutes and the trip back required 3 hours and 26 minutes.

**Silver Stains**

Keep some powdered silver polish in a salt shaker near the kitchen sink to remove stains on silver as you wash the dishes.

**WHAT TO DO FOR ASTHMA**

The condition "asthma" should not be confused with the rapid breathing that occurs frequently in heart and kidney disease. It is a condition characterized by periodic attacks of spasms of the bronchial tubes where it is difficult to exhale or expel air from the lungs. This produces the "wheeze."

Asthma is due in practically all cases to a "hypersensitivity" on the part of the individual. This hypersensitivity causes the bronchial air passages to go into a spasm.

The usual medical treatment is to subject the patient to many skin tests to determine the response to many substances. Medicines for the prevention or alleviation are, at the best, only temporary measures. There is no climate or locality which benefits all asthma patients. Some patients do well in a high, dry atmosphere, while others do best at sea level.

The best way to reduce the hypersensitivity of the patient is by means of chiropractic adjustments. This is a direct method of reaching the nervous system and removing causes of this unpleasant disorder. Results obtained under chiropractic are very gratifying.

DR. H. A. HAGEN.

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Men want to work.

Management wants to produce.

The public wants to buy.

The country wants prosperity.

Yet good times have been held up by an agony of strikes.

Strikes breed bitterness... hunger... and economic stagnation.

For the sake of our country, let's change this! Change it fast. Time is running out!

Let's work out a way to get — and keep — industrial peace and prosperity.

**THE FIRST STEP**

Isn't a sound national labor policy... one that treats workers and management exactly alike and above all one that is fair to the public... the first step toward that peace?

Sincerely believing this to be so, we offer this program for peace and production and prosperity:

1. Make employers and unions equal in responsibility under the law.
2. Let Congress set the rules for genuine collective bargaining, free from coercion and violence, and then let government enforce these rules with strict impartiality.
3. Provide safeguards for the public against strikes or boycotts arising from disputes between unions.
4. Insure against strikes until all orderly procedures for settling disputes have been exhausted.

Your representatives in Congress have the power to establish this pattern for an enduring and a fair labor peace. Let them know how you feel about it. Urge them to act promptly on legislation to include these four points.

Time alone won't bring industrial peace. Doing nothing won't bring it. Positive action is the only way. For your own sake and for the future of our country, let your voice be heard!

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