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GAGGING CRITICISM

Secretary of Defense Forrestal is reportedly perturbed at some of the things his former generals and admirals are saying now about the way the war was waged.

The men who did the fighting are beginning to voice publicly their criticisms of many of the decisions made by Washington and by their colleagues. The secretary, according to press reports, thinks these criticisms are embarrassing to a unified national defense program and he has asked for suggestions as to how the officers can be kept silent.

Many years ago, when the United States was at peace, Gen. William Mitchell said some things about air policy that were embarrassing to the War Department. He was court martialed and died in disgrace. In March of this year a special medal was awarded posthumously by Congress to General Mitchell for saying these embarrassing things.

There were many blunders made during the past war—beginning with Pearl Harbor. There were some grounds for holding that during the war these mistakes, these differences of opinion, should be withheld from the public because only in that way could they be withheld from the enemy too.

Now it is high time some of these things were aired. Most of the generals' books make dull reading, but where they have lessons to offer they should be listened to. Doubtless the reminiscences are "embarrassing." But we have a right to judge for ourselves how well we were served by whom.

—Wall Street Journal

POPULATION GAINS AND LOSSES

Voter registration increased only 13.2% in a state (Oregon) credited with 49.3% increase in population during the same years, 1940 to 1948. School census increased only 27.3% during seven of the eight years. State Health Dept. estimate showed an increase of 30.6% during the 7 years 1940 to 1947. An average of voter registration, school census and health department estimates would show an increase of only 23.7%.

Voter registration to some extent is affected by lack of interest in the presidential election of 1948 as compared with that of 1940. School census is somewhat affected by expense of taking same in Portland school district. The health department estimate was quite in line with trends, especially great excess of births over deaths. It may be that the U.S. Census estimate carried migration trends forward from 1947 to 1948 for the entire Pacific Coast. If these trends were being maintained, it is possible that the U.S. Census 1948 estimate will be justified, but we would not be surprised to learn that migration had slowed and that none of the Pacific States has so great a gain in population as was estimated by the U.S. Bureau.—Oregon Voter.

A phenomenon of postwar operations, common to every industry, is that without having had any serious voice in the matter, industry's energies have been progressively diverted from its central purpose of making things people want to buy. Industry has been used to produce the financing of the "free" services rendered by governmental agencies. The impact of taxes has grown great enough to force its way directly into virtually every business decision.

—K. T. Keller, President, Chrysler Corporation

PROTECTING THE FOOD SUPPLY

Country Gentleman recently published an editorial dealing with one of the most important yet least understood problems confronting the American people. The theme of it is found in its title and subtitle: "America's advantage must be maintained. Only by protecting our sources of abundant food can we continue to lead the world."

Few of us realize the extent to which our standard of living is dependent upon food which is moderately priced in relation to income. Over a long period of time, food has taken only about 24 per cent of our spendable personal income. The balance has been left to buy other things—the things which keep industry going and employment high. As the Country Gentleman said, "Nowhere else in the world has so much been left . . . to be used in raising the general standard of living." In other countries, by contrast, the cost of food accounts for as much as 70 per cent of the average worker's earnings. Little remains for anything else—so industry lags and living standards are low.

The Country Gentleman recommends a two-faced program to assure an ample and permanent food supply—first, adequate safeguards for farmers, and, secondly, conservation of soil and other productive resources. The first is being accomplished. The second offers a challenge to farmers, and others, to prevent the exhaustion and depletion of the land by adopting proven farming processes that make for conservation and soil maintenance.

To cite a current example, the nation needs more meat animals. They furnish food and put fertility back in the soil. Meat animals make food of grasses, fodders and waste products which are not suitable for the human diet. Consumption of meat has tended to rise while supplies have tended to decline. To achieve greater production we must have fair prices to encourage producers. Food is the basis of the American economy.



THOUGHTLETS

By Earl B. Balch

God is all powerful but He is no dictator.

When churches fight among themselves, the cause of Christ suffers.

Education banishes superstition but education does not establish righteousness.

The most dangerous criminal is the highly educated one.

Political sagacity is not necessarily dirty politics.

Contrary to what many Americans appear to think, not all wisdom is confined to the boundaries of the U. S. A.

A thief thinks it is terrible if another thief steals from him.

When our national legislators put away private selfishness and political sagacity, then congressional legislation will become constructive.

When business management and labor leaders fall out the general public suffers. The general public should have some say in the settling of labor and management troubles.

Keeping your own front doorway clean is not enough. To cooperate with your neighbor in keeping his front yard clean will make it easier for clean doorways for both.

I once knew a man who said he was never sorry for anything that he did. There is something the matter with either a man's mental or spiritual mechanism who never did anything for which he was sorry.

Some people believe that if they cover up their doubtful deeds, they are making a success of life.

Our senators and representatives that we elect to congress are no better than the people that elect them.

Four Drain Men Enlist in U.S. Air Force Recently

M. Sgt. Cletus M. Lesley of the U.S. Army Air Force Recruiting Service located at the Army in Cottage Grove, Oregon, reports the following enlistments from this area:

Robert M. Sawyer of Drain, Oregon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clare M. Sawyer of that city enlisted November 2, 1948 in the U.S. Air Force for a period of three years.

Myron W. DeMeritt of Drain, Oregon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Myron L. DeMeritt of that city enlisted October 23, 1948 in the U.S. Air Force for a period of three years.

William A. Sagaberd of Drain, Oregon, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sagaberd of that city enlisted November 2, 1948 in the U.S. Air Force for a period of three years.

Bruce O. Bridges of Drain, Oregon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Bridges of that city enlisted November 2, 1948 in the U.S. Air Force for a period of three years.

All four men will take their basic training at Sheppard Field Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas.

Junior Red Cross Elects Officers

O. D. Mickelson, chairman of the Lane County Junior Red Cross announces a representative from all large high schools in Lane County met November 13 at the Red Cross Headquarters. A sound film was shown of some of the activities Junior Red Cross can carry on in the schools. Miss Evelyn Jennings, Junior Red Cross teacher-sponsor, in the McKenzie River Schools gave a report on her trip to National Red Cross convention.

Election of officers for the council resulted as president, Joan Paine, Junction City High School, Alice Romberg, McKenzie High School as vice president, Peggy Allen, Woodrow Wilson, secretary. The group voted to publish a Junior Red Cross newspaper, and elected David Rethoret county reporter. News from any high school in the county which you wish published in the paper should be mailed to David Rethoret, McKenzie High School, Finn Rock, Oregon.

Representatives were present from the following high schools: Lowell, Cottage Grove, Coburg, St. Mary's, Springfield, Woodrow Wilson, Junction City, and McKenzie River.

It was voted to have a council meeting the first Saturday of each month at Red Cross Headquarters, 43 West 8th, 10:30 a.m. It was emphasized at the meeting that the main work of the Junior Red Cross is in the councils in the schools.

ARCHEOLOGIST AT U. OF O.

Dr. Chester D. McCown, scholar and specialist in near-east archeology, has been appointed visiting professor in the University of Oregon for winter term, 1949. Dr. Paul B. Means, head of the religion department has announced. The appointment is subject to confirmation by the state board of higher education.

Nutritionists Learn from FAO Experts



A group of nutrition specialists in Greece learn how to make the most of a short food supply from an expert (standing, right), from the staff of the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). Reports from these experts and dozens of others from many nations are being reviewed this month in Washington at the FAO Conference.

UNITED NATIONS IN ACTION

Narcotic Drug Traffic

A sailor, sneaking down the gangplank of a rusty steamer in one corner of a great port, is suddenly grabbed by a group of men who were waiting in the shadows. A small package is taken from one of his pockets and opened. One of his captors then pulls a pair of handcuffs into the open and the sailor is manacled. A few moments later a police van takes away the group.

Scenes like that are duplicated all over the earth in the constant fight to keep death-dealing narcotics out of illicit trade channels. The prizes are high: on one side there is the profit to be made from the highly-concentrated drugs which are often worth their weight in gold; on the other side is the value of human life, which addiction can destroy and which the drugs, properly used, can help save.

The traffic in narcotic drugs is international, as narcotics, such as morphine and cocaine, are not manufactured in all countries of the world. Most physicians, who must use narcotics to heal the sick, depend on imported supplies, as do most of the inhabitants of the underworld who sell and use

the drugs for illicit purposes. Because of this international character, governments have agreed to put drugs under international control, which dates back to pre-League of Nations days and is now part of the work of the United Nations.

The control of narcotics is made possible by a series of international agreements, which in the long run make possible the suppression of illicit trade and the channeling of drugs to the proper persons. Annual reports requested from all countries and territories disclose information on all problems relating to narcotics and show where narcotics are being produced. Special import certificates and export authorizations control shipment. And annual meetings of the U.N. Commission on Narcotic Drugs provides international review of the whole web of controls instituted by national governments.

The high price of narcotics in the underworld market is one testimony to the success of international control. In more than 30 years of control, addiction has disappeared through most of the earth and is now on the wane where it once was strong.

KNIFE AND FORK CLUB NOW HAS WAITING LIST

Virgil Kingsley, president of the Knife and Fork club announced at a club meeting Monday at the Osburn hotel in Eugene that the club membership has been filled and that there is now a waiting list of eight or nine members. The membership is limited to 150 members due to the fact that this number is as large as can be accommodated in any Eugene dining room. There are upwards of 25 members at the present time from the Cottage Grove area. Fred Bickie, who with Mrs. Bickie, attended the club meeting Monday, was introduced as the newest member from here.

Gerald A. Wendt, editorial manager of Science Illustrated, was the guest speaker of the evening and addressed the club members and their guests on the progress of science. Two principal thoughts gathered from the address of Dr. Wendt were connected with problems caused by changes made by science. One concerns life span of the human being, which is now past sixty years, and three score and ten years visioned as the av-

erage life span in a few years. This has added up to several million old people over a few years ago. Another problem created by labor saving devices which science has brought about is more leisure time for the average individual and what to do with this time.

CUB SCOUTS IN ARMISTICE DAY PARADE

November 11, 1948, 30 years after World War I, was a day many renewed their loyalty to a great nation, the United States of America, that so many gave their lives to make a better place for us to live in peace and freedom. Among these loyal citizens were the small boys dressed in blue, the Cub Scouts. They are the ones who will lead our great nation in the near future. The parents, den mothers, den dads, the cubmaster, their sponsor, Junior Chamber of Commerce, and many others were proud to see these Cub Scouts marching in the parade with the colors, National Guard, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Boy Scouts and Brownies. —Contributed.

OUR DEMOCRACY by Mat

Thanksgiving

For the hay and the corn and the wheat that is reaped,
For the labor well done and the barns that are heaped...
For the trade and the skill and the wealth in our land,
For the cunning and strength of the working man's hand...
For our country extending from sea to sea,
The land that is known as the land of the free,
Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!

—ANONYMOUS

County Affairs

(Lester Schlangen)

Hearings on the ten Meridian dam condemnation suits opened Tuesday morning at the Moose hall in Eugene, where the Oregon Federal District Court is in session for the first time in Lane county history. Judge James A. Fee of Portland is presiding.

The condemnation suits have grown out of the relocation of 15 miles of Southern Pacific track, which will cross the river at Jasper and run south to the Holloway station, a point 16 miles east of Lowell. The relocation is under the supervision of the U. S. Army Engineers and has made necessary the condemnation of several homesites and farmlands around Dexter.

Defendants in the action have asked higher prices for the property than the government has offered.

Registration for the Lane-Douglas County High School Workshop begins this morning at 9 o'clock.

Some of the topics scheduled for round table discussion are business education and administration, agriculture, art, language arts, library, mathematics, music, social studies, and child counseling.

High school teachers from both counties have been chosen to lead group discussions.

County judges and commissioners will meet at the Multnomah county court house in Portland November 17, 18, and 19 for their annual convention.

They plan three days of round table conferences on various issues of community government.

Marriage Licenses
Eldon Leonard Carlson, 28, Cottage Grove, and Madelyn Ocum-paugh, 20, Cottage Grove, on November 6.

Junior Addison Heath, 21, Cottage Grove, and Dorothy Nadine Speck, 20, Eugene, November 6. Gilbert Junior Shipp, 20, and Mabel Nancy Bolton, 18, both of Cottage Grove.

Delbert Leo Myers, 23, and Letha Marie Thayer, 17, both of Route 1, Cottage Grove.

Treasure Troves

Few people can explore an old building without hoping for a secret passage or mysterious box with digging instructions. In the fireplace of a house near Quebec, one man turned up an 18th-century box with a key that led to an exciting, though unsuccessful, hunt for the still lost French treasure buried before the British siege of Quebec.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the undersigned has been appointed Administrator of the estate of ANCHOR ALSTED, Deceased, by the Circuit Court of Lane County, Oregon, by an order dated November 17, 1948. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same duly verified to the undersigned at the law office of HERBERT W. LOMBARD, Wiser Building, Cottage Grove, Oregon, within six months from date hereof. Dated and first published November 18, 1948. CARL J. MADSEN, Administrator. HERBERT W. LOMBARD, Attorney for Estate. 15-5tc-19

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the undersigned Administrator of the Estate of RALPH J. LONG, Deceased, has filed his Account for the final settlement of said Estate in the Circuit Court for Lane County, Oregon, and that Tuesday, the 21st day of December, 1948, at the Circuit Court Room of said Court, in the County Court House, Eugene, Lane County, Oregon, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day has been by said Court fixed as the time and place for hearing of objections thereto and for final settlement of said Estate. RALPH J. LONG, Administrator. HERBERT W. LOMBARD, Attorney for Estate. 15-5tc-19

DAIRY-TALES



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John Bussear Writes on Life at Large Army Base in the Philippine Islands

The road, and even the railroad to Manila was closed for several days. However, even though I got soaked wet every day it never was cold enough to wear a coat, or even an undershirt, for that matter. The nights are fairly cool though. I sleep under a sheet and mosquito net, and lately since the rains, I pull up my blanket about three a.m. I have taken quite a few pictures over here, but don't have a single print on hand to send you, as I have sent them all to Alice, or given them to people here in camp. I'll sort out some of the best negatives today or tomorrow and get some prints made to send you soon. The company is negotiating for another big contract for the navy at Subic Bay, and if they are successful, I think I will go down there with them, and send for Alice and Donnie. She hasn't fully made up her mind yet whether she would like to come here. She is mainly afraid of the effect of the climate on Donnie's health, but I think it would be fine for him. Well, I put the last stamp I had on a letter to Alice this morning, so I had better close and go get some. Write to me as often as you can, and I will try to answer soon. You can show this to Bea, and the rest of the family if you want to, and give them all my love, and keep a lot for yourself. John.

Dear Dad:
Your very welcome, if rather stingy letter arrived last night. I was surprised to get it so soon, as I had just received Alice's letter in which she said she had written you where I am. Well, you ask about the job out here. We are building a large, permanent army base. It includes a landing strip capable of taking care of the largest bombers in the world, barracks, power houses, laundry, and all other buildings to house a garrison of 20,000 men. All of the buildings are reinforced concrete construction, and some of them are three stories high, three hundred feet long, and seventy feet wide. The whole job is being done with native labor. Americans are employed only as supervisors. We have about nine thousand Filipinos here now, and a little over two hundred Americans. I came out as general foreman, arriving here the first day of May, and the first of this month I was promoted to superintendent. It really is a good job. We have four other Americans in the sheet metal shop; the old man, who is a general superintendent, another superintendent, who is inside the shop, one general foreman and one foreman who works for me on the outside. I have about seventy Filipinos at the present time, and believe it or not some of them are better mechanics than a lot I have had in the States. The greatest difficulty I find is in the language. Only a few of them speak enough English to get along well. I have been studying Tagalog which is the national language, but so far I haven't enough to get along unaided. I have my own jeep and driver, and he speaks quite good English, so I depend on him a great deal to interpret for me. Even then there are a lot of mistakes, some of them are funny, and some make you so mad you could bite nails, but they can't be helped. I think you can locate me on your map of the Philippines in the Atlas. We are in the province of Pampanga, in Central Luzon. We are about 60 miles north and a little west of Manila, at the site of old pre-war Fort Stotsenburg. The nearest town of any size is Angeles, about seven or eight miles southeast. San Fernando, the provincial capital is about twenty miles in the same general direction. We have a very good camp here, where we live in Quonsets, and eat in the central mess hall. Every thing is nice and clean, and the food is good, and board and room is only ten dollars a week. The climate isn't nearly as bad as some people tried to make me think it was before I came out. I arrived in the middle of the dry season, which of course is the hottest time of the year, but by going without my shirt and eating lots of salt tablets, I survived very well. One sweats rivers all the time, but it is not nearly as uncomfortable as it sounds, and you soon get so you don't notice it. The rains got started in earnest about two months ago, and since then it has been much cooler. But you have never seen it rain in your life! We have had as much as four inches of rain here in a single afternoon. We had one storm last month which lasted for twelve days, and all the roads were flooded all around the camp.



by GENE WARE

"Once upon a time", there was a taxpayer, whose struggles with a Form 1040 were almost tragic! All types of confusing calculations, from adding to subtracting . . . arguments with himself about, "what can be deducted"? Howls of complaint and frustration were emitted, because of the hopelessness of "decoding" the four-page instruction sheet which accompanied the 1040. Next March, a change is coming! The Treasury Department will send each taxpayer a simply written, 16-page booklet. It will tell how to legally reduce one's tax and from all reports, the task of figuring the tax will be so easy that we'll all be able to pay Uncle Sam before the deadline! So, watch for this Instruction Book, it'll save taxing your brain!

The School Fund Bazaar is progressing very nicely and although it isn't 'till Sat. Dec. 11th we want you to keep that day open. They are planning a wonderful day for you and there are prizes galore.

You'll save yourself a lot of "watchful moments" in the morning, if you don't have to "watch the toast"! With a Sunbeam TOASTMASTER on your breakfast table, your toast is automatically prepared exactly the way you like it! You'd be surprised what a difference GOOD toast will make in your disposition! For yourself or for a gift, get a TOASTMASTER from COMMUNITY JEWELERS, 612 Main Street. Phone: 351.

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9:00 P. M.

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