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Thanksgiving has come and gone—this day that is truly American, this day that means to us a staunchness of heart, an independence of thought, a freedom of worship. It welled up first out of the hearts of the Pilgrims, exiled from a tight and oppressive Europe, as they stood on the eastern shore of this vast new land.

For us today and in this year of 1941, we too are looking to new vistas, to new freedoms that this land of ours offers. Not only has it proved so far a refuge from European oppressions, not only has it proved a land where men and women of staunch endeavor can blaze

their own trails toward happiness and success, but today greater opportunities are offered us by the government of this land "of the people, by the people, for the people".

The added significance of Thanksgiving this year was that it fell within National Defense Week. Civilian Defense! For the first time the temper of our people in time of war is given a new name. In the old days it was "the farmers who gave them ball for ball, from behind each fence and farmyard wall." But today we have many Paul Reveres and our trenches and lines of defense, at least for the moment, are somewhat different. As yet our lines of defense have not had to stretch out in America to oppose advancing lines of an armed enemy. Today our lines of defense are invisible, but they reach to every home in the nation and from that home engender strength, endurance, determination and the metal for resistance of a free people to tyranny. This new type of defense moves shoulder to shoulder with our National Defense movement. It is called "Nutrition for Defense". States and counties are being rallied under its banner. Home economic groups, nurses, teachers and all who have had training in foods

and their respective values, as necessary to building strong bodies, and minds, are asked to step forward from the rank and file of our peoples, become acquainted with this new yardstick of food necessities that Uncle Sam has put out and against which we are to measure our respective diets in our search for this invisible enemy, this hidden hunger, this vitamin lack, this nutritional unbalance which in all probability 99 out of 100 of us harbor in our home through ignorance of the vital needs of body structure. The shocking story of the number our selective service had to turn down for military duty in this time of need, because of physical defects, is startling and most of those deficits were due to impoverished or improperly balanced meals in this land of plenty, yet Oregon statistics show our food consumption per capita is far above that necessary to keep one in the pink of health. This must mean that we are prolific. Millions of dollars of food must go into our garbage cans. Precious vitamin and mineral content we know go down our sinks.

With this shocking revelation coming more and more to the fore and appearing in every state of our nation, among rich as well as poor, among educated as well as ignorant people, Uncle Sam has suddenly come to the conclusion that this question of food is a problem which must be met and met at once, through education and demonstration which will reach all peoples in the United States. Hence the Nutrition for Defense. The Nutrition for Defense in our counties is directly aligned with some national organizations or put in the programs of the Women's Clubs. Here in Curry it has been associated with our Health Association.

The purpose of the organization is to inspire each locality to open its eyes, look about it, recognize and understand nutritional needs peculiar to its own people, to remedy these in every way it is able to do so and to make use of government agencies and help available. In Curry Mrs. Gable is organization chairman. Several meetings have been held at Port Orford. The next one will be Monday night at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. Gable. An attempt is being made to coordinate all organizations already existing interested in foods. This would take in such things as surplus commodities, home produce and gardens, school lunches, restaurant menus, meal planning, canning, preserving, etc. This is a question that touches the lives and

well-being of all of us, it's an attempt to eradicate from our community listlessness, tiredness, any kind of under-par feeling to which at times we all seem more or less subject. Most of our ills and many of our grievances can be cured by proper food properly prepared and properly assimilated in company with the minerals and vitamins necessary to make the body accept them.

Volunteers for help with this program are earnestly sought. It is not necessary to know anything about nutrition or cooking. The present desire is for men and women who can give some time to organizing. Those who can type, those who can tabulate, who can contact other people, those who can drive a car, those who have had trouble in the past of disposing of their produce, those who find it impossible to buy in this community potent foods that can be had elsewhere, those who appreciate the fact that it will be difficult for many to meet the steady rise in prices and so are interested in spreading gospel of essential protective foods that every budget, however small, must surely include. These people are invited and urged to come and help.

The meeting Monday night and those following are not invitational affairs. They are to be regarded in the light of emergency meetings dependent upon volunteer aid. It's probably one of the biggest movements ever launched for it seeks to provide "officers and men" for properly enlisting every man, woman and child of all economic groups under the standard of

There was a fine turnout at the last PTA meeting held at the Grade school. Miss Saebers, our county nurse, gave a splendid talk. There was a short program put on by the two groups of children from the grade school. Tea and cookies were served following the meeting. The next meeting will be the second Monday in December at the high school.

The question of a long needed play shed for the grade school children was brought up at the last PTA meeting but pushed off the floor by a surge of questions relative to the possibility of having a new school. The organization asked that the school board at its next meeting be requested to look into this matter. If money for patching up the old school and providing such items as proper recreation facilities for the children might just as well be included in the sum total necessary for the new school (which is obvious to everyone must be had in the near future.)

**News Briefs of Port Orford and Vicinity**

The old-fashioned bazaar held at Legion Hall last Friday was a financial success for both the Ladies' Aid and the Legion Auxiliary. The former cleared about \$18 on sales while the latter cleared \$10 on the booths and chili dinner.

L. H. Redenbough and wife of Iowa, in Port Orford on their annual winter visit, made a run to Portland this week for car repair work. They will return in a few days.

The Redenboughs took Mrs. Friant to Marshfield one day this week on business.

A woman's gymnasium class will be started at the high school gym Monday night. Those interested should get in touch with coach Royal Morrison.

Fred Jamison is improved after a severe attack of rheumatism, which put his arm in a sling last week.

C. D. French of the state traffic safety division was in Port Orford Tuesday preparing to conduct driving classes which will be held for high school students' next Tuesday.

Receding and clearing water in the Elk and Sixes found fishermen again whipping the streams for steelheads.

John Leith and son Ted, and Mrs. Alma Scramm will have Thanksgiving dinner with Mrs. Leith's mother, Mrs. D. O. Breeden at Spring Valley, Calif., according to a card received from John, Monday. He left last week-end during the rainstorm for a vacation and writes that he's still all wet after a couple of days in California.

Mrs. Norman Morsing was a Coquille and Myrtle Point visitor the first of the week.

The Martin Lees made a business trip to Portland this week.

Mrs. Keith Paddock was down from Portland visiting at the McCintock home a few days.

The American Legion and Auxiliary will meet at Gold Beach Saturday evening at 8 o'clock.

J. A. Stankavich of Bandon was a business visitor in Port Orford this week.

A warning to Oregon shippers of vetch seed who fail to meet the California fumigation requirements in full is contained in a letter received by the plant division of the Oregon department of agriculture from officials of the California department.

A new Hudson automobile was delivered to Ralph Sturdevant by the Port Orford Motors last week.

The Charles Weavers spent Thanksgiving at Ashland as guests of Mrs. Weaver's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hoagland.

Norman, son of Mrs. Perle Dornier, has gone from N. Y. A. training at Eugene into the Lockheed Aircraft plant at Burbank, Calif., according to word received this week. Norman writes that he is working on the final assembly line of big planes and "it appears to be a swell job."

It's a swell-looking soldier Pat Miller has turned into as pictures received by his folks this week will attest. Pat is still stationed at Wichita Falls, Tex., in Air Corps training.

Lambda, Chi, literary club at the Southern Oregon College of Education at Ashland, had pledged Gloria Raniele of Langlois. Other students pledged are Gloria Hartley, Bonanza; Pat McMartin, Red Bluff, Calif., and Frances Brobert of Bend.

Mrs. Clyde Miller returned home after several weeks spent visiting her sister Mrs. Frank Emp at Corvallis. While away Mrs. Miller took a series of treatments for the severe headaches from which she suffers.

And then there was that one they sprung about a Port Orford landlord who threatened to raise the rent on his tenant during the storm of last week because the roof DIDN'T leak.

With the clearing of the weather, the local shark fleet put to sea Tuesday morning. Repair work is being rushed on several boats now on the pier that they may get into the soupin chase before the season ends.

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**NIXON DISCLOSES  
WORK DONE IN  
CURRY COUNTY**

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Oregon with the technical staff permitted by our salaries and wage appropriations," Nixon said. "Oregon is very far behind in its mineral inventory. There was no department of any kind to encourage mining or mineral investigation from 1933 until 1937. We have since 1937, however, made, what most informed people tell us, is outstanding progress in the mineral inventory of Oregon and additions to the state geological map."

This statement recalls charges recently made by Mayor Gable that the state department of Geology and Mineral Industries was sadly under-staffed and utterly inadequate to meet the demands of the national emergency when the cry is for more and more strategic defense minerals that are being uncovered daily in Curry county.

Mayor Gable, however, reiterated previous statements that the fault lies not with Nixon, whom he terms one of the outstanding experts of the country, but with state officials who have failed to recognize the growing importance of the department of Geology and Mineral Industries.

Nixon suggests as a logical program for Curry county a movement to obtain more useable roads into the back country and provide access for technical investigations and outlets for minerals found in commercial quantities. He urges Curry county authorities to make representations to their congressmen and to state authorities for a topographic map to provide the basis for completion of the geological mapping of the county.

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