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Sense And Some NONSENSE -



By Dewey

Over the United States there seems to be varying opinions in regard to the president's appeal for meatless Tuesday, and eggless Thursday, that this food saved in this country will permit more grain to be shipped the starving peoples of Europe especially. In this varying opinion there seems to be no disloyalty either.

Take for instance a radio program that I listened to last week which originated from Chicago—There was a forum of people in which several were questioned if they had observed the president's appeal. Only one of the four interviewed, did, and one woman's argument was most enlightening to me.

"My family of a boy and three daughters are in high school; my husband is a foundryman, and works hard every day. Our budget calls for so few luxuries, and my children are just about impossible to satisfy in their appetites. My husband wants his bacon or ham and eggs every morning. Since he eats a cold lunch I feel he is entitled to this consideration.

"My son plays football, and in his spare hours, works at the neighborhood grocery. My daughters help the neighbor ladies in household duties when not helping at home. They contribute to

the family grocery budget, and since they do, I do not feel that their growing bodies should be denied such rights."

A Chicago suburban grocer was interviewed. He stated that his customers, nearly all of them, had been his customers for the few years he had operated this grocery. He said each of them were working people, with limited budgets, who always paid their bills, and all were careful in their buying. He repeated a number of times how some of them had come to him and told him that they didn't see how they could cut out any more, with prices as high as they now were.

Another housewife, a gold star mother who held no bitterness even toward the Japs whom she said tortured her son to death in a prison camp, came forward with a suggestion that Monday or Friday be made the meatless day. She said she had not had eggs for month with any regularity, but if she could buy eggs on Thursday she would. Her belief was that the people of the United States had borne more than their share of the load of the world caused by the greediness of the European countries.

Just from this program, it is hard for me to believe that such a program can be worked out in this country. It seems that the only solution remains in the fact that production must be stepped up to meet the increased demand for food in the world.

Locally, many people try to adhere to the president's appeal, but stores say that many are questioning the wisdom of the movement. Americans, especially in the smaller cities and rural communities try to do the right thing at all times. Most people sympathize with the starving of Europe, and right from the local post office have gone many food shipments to Europe.

V. A. Appoints Medical Consultant

SALEM—Dr. E. R. Edson, Portland, recently retired medical officer for the Veterans Administration, has been appointed by the Oregon Department of Vet-

erans' Affairs as a medical consultant. Director William F. Gaarenstroom announced Monday.

Dr. Edson will be made available to the state service officers of all accredited veterans organizations to assist in the development and presentation of claims before the veterans administration for service-connected disability compensation, according to Mr. Gaarenstroom.

"I feel that Dr. Edson will be of considerable value in helping service officers establish the rights of Oregon veterans to federal compensation, based on disabilities incurred as the result of serving in the armed forces during the war," the director said.

Dr. Edson joined the VA medical staff in Seattle in 1921, shortly after his discharge from World War 1 service. He has been with the Portland regional VA outpatient staff and at the veterans hospital on Marquam Hill since 1922. He was retired a month ago.

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania medical department in 1897, Dr. Edson was in England when World War 1 broke out and he immediately joined the Canadian army. When this country entered hostilities he transferred to the U. S. army medical corps and served in England and France. He was a major at time of discharge.

His new duties will keep him at the VA regional office at 1019 S. W. 10th avenue, Portland. He lives with his wife at 2350 S. W. Madison. They have

Local News Items

J. A. Rulla reports sale of his home, next door to I. O. O. F. hall, to A. F. Burmeister of Redmond, Ore. Possession is indefinite because the Burmeisters are not sure when they can move to this area.

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A new furnace is being installed at the Central Building, replacing the old one, which, last winter was burned out. The new installation will be working about the end of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Erickson went to Crescent City Monday for medical attention for Mr. Erickson's leg which was broken late this summer while working on Jack's Creek bridge. Mr. Erickson told the Pilot that it was not healing just right.

Dave Putnam, Coos Bay, scout executive, was a caller in this area Tuesday afternoon.

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