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Need for Aid to Finns Greater Than Ever

The people of Finland are in greater need of assistance than ever following their costly and valiant defense of their tiny country against their big neighbor, soviet Russia, and an appeal has been made to the American people to again assist if possible. With many thousands killed and many more wounded, besides the hundreds of thousands made homeless by the unwarranted Russian attack, the need is all too apparent.

Ferd Groner of Scholls, who has taken a lead in this movement right from the very first and has given days and days of time to the cause, has started this most recent drive for funds with a personal donation of \$50 and makes a fresh appeal for assistance. He has had to make many, many personal solicitations. This should not be necessary. Donations can be left at either of the two Hillsboro banks or at the Argus office. Those who want to and feel that they should give should act voluntarily without making it necessary for someone to make a personal solicitation.

As an example of the unfortunate circumstances prevailing the fate is uncertain of thousands of Finnish children evacuated to Scandinavian countries, most of them from territories now transferred to Russia.

Many Washington county people doubtless noticed with regret the announcement that Paul L. Patterson would not be a candidate for the state senatorship from this county. He is well qualified to serve the people in such a position and those who know him felt that if elected he would have served with honor and distinction. Perhaps another year he will enter the field and if he does he will get a lot of substantial support.

Our Yesterdays . . .

Fifteen Years Ago

Argus, March 19, 1925—Fire Monday destroys home of W. O. Cooper, north of high school.

B. E. Maling, manager of Ray-Maling, returns from east optimistic as to business conditions.

Miss Jessie MacKay named president of Coffee club succeeding Mrs. M. B. Signs, resigned.

Banks Herald and Tribune consolidate.

Hillsboro baseball team starts workouts under Manager Paddy Greitz.

Miss Mayme Krenbemer and A. C. Heston married here Saturday.

Thirty Years Ago

Argus, March 24, 1910—Census enumerators named for county.

Grant Landess and Marion Jacobs open cement block manufacturing on lot north of Oregon Electric depot.

Frederick William David, resident of county since 1870, dies at Forest Grove March 19.

General Manager C. E. Lytle of P. R. & N. favors establishing of car shops, engine houses and car sheds here, this being terminal of Tillamook line.

Forty-Five Years Ago

Argus, March 21, 1895—Cal Jack, deputy recorder, made a trip to Portland, and as a result now rides a new Imperial wheel.

A handsome organ was donated to the Verboort church.

Holding Companies on Spot Again

(By Roger W. Babson)

WINTER PARK, Fla.—The S. E. C.'s recent move in asking several public utility holding companies to file their plans to be held under the Holding Company act may be just a warning shot. But whatever its purposes, its only effect on the industry has been (1) a loss of \$250,000,000 in security values, (2) less ability to cooperate in national defense, and (3) curbing new expansion that could provide 100,000 jobs. The industry, which had been slowly regaining the confidence of investors, has been plunged once more into a morass of uncertainty and confusion.

In an industry that faces uncertainty and change, investors always become over-excited. The present situation among holding companies is an excellent illustration in my opinion, the utility business is not on the way out—it is on the way back! Despite unsettlement, I don't believe that the utility industry securities now. They are already selling at distress values. Remember, the recent S. E. C. move was fully discounted five years ago when the Holding Company Act was passed.

Unraveling the Scramble

But investors are not the only ones who are scared. The utility men themselves are worried sick over the thought of trying to unscramble the mess. The industry is a great scramble. According to a strict interpretation of the so-called "death sentence" most of the larger holding companies would have to make radical changes in their operating systems. A holding company, for instance, which owns operating companies in Arizona, Montana, Florida, and Ohio would have to give up most of them. The original idea was that the Arizona properties of this concern could be swapped for the Ohio properties of some other holding company which wanted to keep its Arizona company.

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All Securities Distressed

Utility officials, however, believe that the market might become so glutted with common stocks that the price of the holding companies, if any money were left, the holding company preferreds would be called in and paid off. Then, if any money still remained, something could be paid on the holding company common stocks.

President will probably have an opportunity to veto a rivers and harbors measure. The chief executive of the industry, which has vetoed a bill this year as the money can be used for other purposes, such as army and navy.

No Major Savings

I can foresee no important saving to the public in carrying out the death sentence. Electric rates may be cut slightly, but I do not see any possibility of substantial reductions which could not be made, program or no program. There may be some further economies in operations that are not possible under today's set-up—but no major savings. To get through with the contemplated program seems to me to be unnecessary, unfair, and uneconomic. Of course, what the S. E. C. is doing is nothing more than it is required to do under the provisions of the act.

What effect would the strict execution of this program have on the electric customers? Their service would suffer and financing would certainly be more difficult. The industry right now should spend billions on new plant and equipment. Their projects would provide thousands of new jobs. But can you blame any company for stalling off new expansion projects when its life or death status is being debated? The day that the unravelling process begins, cross the utility industry off your list as one of the potential leaders of the next construction boom!

Ten years ago many holding companies were a hard lot—security-minded, haughty, domineering. Today they have quit the rough stuff. Their managers have been steadily strengthened. The depreciation charges have been increased. They have consistently cut rates until the average kwk. of electricity costs less than four cents against a national average of 9.29. On top of all this, they have become the country's biggest and best tax payers. Out of every dollar they collect from their customers, they turn 18 cents over to the public tax coffers. The clean-up job is "death sentence" will hurt customers, workers, managers, investors—and will help no one!

Crocodiles and geese. It is revealed by similar sized eggs. And so do the tooth-paste comedian and the gasoline jockey on the radio.

Great American Home



At the National Capitol

(By John W. Kelly)

WASHINGTON, D. C. (March 20)—People of the general type in the Valley-Columbia area will be used to colonize the 1,200,000 acres of the Columbia basin. Mostly they are poorly financed but are willing to work and establish homes. Without any advertising, the 600 families in that area have been canvassed until everything is known about them; their background, former occupation, number of children, finances, where they came from.

From the data thus assembled, government officials are attempting to work out a plan which will be applied to prospective settlers at Grand Coulee. The plan will estimate what it will cost a settler to start with and keep his family until crops can be grown. Also the plan will provide a recommendation on how the necessary finances can be raised, the money being loaned from some government agency with ample time granted for payment.

A survey indicates that there are enough migrant families in Washington and Oregon which had settled 50,000 farms in Columbia basin.

Pinch of the war in Europe is being felt increasingly in the Pacific northwest, despite the neutrality law. First to feel the disruption and loss of business were the growers of apples and pears. Then the lumber industry received an additional jolt as exports were curtailed. Now England and France have placed a regulation against the importation of canned goods, such as are produced in the packing plants of Oregon and Washington which had a market in those belligerent countries.

Afterward there had been silence; peace about the dying fire, and moonshine gaining over firelight, and the soft rustle and rush of the sea. Sheila had been carrying her pocketbook, through this marvelous week of beach holiday, and she had opened it to find a pencil and a piece of paper, and had scribbled her name and address, there in the firelight, for Peter to carry away.

Public Forum

SEES POSSIBILITIES

To the Argus: The co-operative spirit of the business men of Hillsboro and the farmers in the surrounding trade area has been shown again in the recent banquet staged by the chamber of commerce. Contacts like this have made possible the Washington County Fair, the Hillsboro union high school, and the annual 4-H corn show. The development of business enterprises such as the Maling and Haley canneries has been encouraged by both groups.

With the advent of cheaper power rates in the northwest, these two groups have further opportunity to prove their ability to work together. A recent report of the TVA suggests one problem of the near future in this trade area that the businessmen can help the farmers solve intelligently. The choice of the best electrical equipment for the money to be expended.

The TVA reports that in the year just past residential consumers of its power purchased \$7,000,000 worth of electrical appliances. That means more conveniences and much labor saved in thousands of homes. It does not of course represent the total amount of appliances put to work in the TVA region, since TVA's great accession of consumers did not come until late summer with the consummation of the TEPCO purchase.

The 1940 appliance figures will be even more impressive, and it is soundly estimated that more than \$40,000,000 worth of electrical appliances will be purchased in the next five years in the Nashville trade area.

TVA's figures are compiled from the sales reports of some 800 dealers, who give employment to about 3000 persons engaged in selling and servicing appliances. "This," observes the agency, "does not take into account the employment resulting from the manufacture and transportation of the appliances, most of which are made in northern communities."

"In our own region, in the center of this rapidly mounting market for electric power, the manufacture of appliances has begun at Shelbyville, Nashville and Chattanooga. It is a most logical development, and we may hope to see the industry grow here in pace with the growth of power use made possible by TVA rates—MRS. E. F. LEMING, Corvallis route 1.

At the State Capitol

(By A. L. Lindbeck)

SALEM—With only ten days remaining until the doors will close on the entries for the primary race, filings of candidates have hit a decidedly faster tempo this past week—a tempo that can be expected to increase day by day as the deadline approaches.

Among the outstanding political developments of the week was the entry of Vice President Charles McNary into the race for primary in his fight for the Democratic nomination for president. Former governor Charles H. Martin also dropped his name into the pot as a candidate for nomination for state treasurer, thus assuring Earl Hill of Cushman opposition for that honor.

Oregon property owners who feel themselves overburdened with the little may well welcome the little measure of Shanika in Wasco county which boasts the lowest combined tax levy of any Oregon municipality.

A study of city tax levies just completed by Walter Pearson, state auditor, shows that Shanika's combined levy—for state, county, school and city purposes, is only 21.8 mills.

Residents of Oregon enjoyed a greater measure of prosperity in 1939 than they did in 1938. If income tax returns can be accepted as a reliable barometer.

A study just completed by Tax Commissioner Earl Fisher shows that net incomes of individuals in this state are running approximately 16-47 higher than the incomes of the same individuals the previous year.

Tax payments are also higher, not only because the net incomes are larger but because of the boost of the tax rate by the last legislature. Commissioner Fisher's study made from tax returns taken at random

IRISH EYES

by Kathleen Norris

"I knew the minute I saw the child it'd be something like that," she said. "God be good to us all!"

"Paul, was thinking—was wondering, since this girl has lost her job, whether she'd come to us for next week? We're going to be simply rushed out of our senses. She could keep an eye on Veronica—she'd be the greatest help to Katie. Then I could get some idea of what she can do, and what they need—what is it, Gertrude?"

The last phrase was an abrupt interruption. Gertrude, clad in a dressing-gown, and with a tragic face and loosened hair, had entered the room without announcement.

"Aunt Ellie, do you know where Peter is?"

"Do I—Peter? Where would he be?"

"Well, he's not home; he's not here!"

"He's on his way home then, darling."

"Aunt Ellie, he's not! He was to go to the tailor, and meet Frank

in the office. She went to Miss Mc Cartney's desk with her heart beating fast. It must be Peter."

It was not Peter. It was Frank Mc Cann who had called.

"Are you doing anything this afternoon, Miss Carscadden?"

Sheila was bewildered. Her wits deserted her completely.

"I mean—my young lady has an engagement this afternoon," Frank said in his easy, self-confident way.

"The Cahills are giving Gert and Peter a big blow-out, up the country somewhere, and of course we have to go. But I might have several hours free, and thought I would and I could go to a movie."

She felt, a few minutes later, that she need not have been so brief in declining. After all, he had meant it well. After all, he was the oldest of the Mc Canns, and the Mc Canns had suddenly become to Sheila the most important family in the world. But—well, it didn't matter. Frank Mc Cann didn't matter. What did matter, supremely, was the eternal question: Was she going to meet Peter in the library or not?

CHAPTER V

Still, she did not intend to go to the library.

She couldn't go to the library anyway, because Joe was usual on Saturdays called for Cecilia, and it was natural that they should all walk out into the cold streets together. Joe took them to the drug-store counter, and they had toasted three-decker sandwiches and coffee. It was then almost half past three o'clock, and Sheila was a long way from the Law Library on Broadway.

Then it seemed that Joe wanted to see a man in Brooklyn named a job. Cecilia said she would go, too, and they could stop and see Aunt Teresa. Joe, as always when he was with his girl, looked darkly radiant; Cecilia was as usual composed and quiet under his attentions.

At twenty-five minutes of four, Sheila found herself alone in the cold, dirty, dark street. Snow was threatening; the sky was ominous and low, the air had a cool, fresh rush.

She hesitated; walked a block east. No, she wouldn't keep this date with a Peter. She turned and went resolutely westward, and into the subway hood. She was going home.

Resolutely, Sheila changed to an express train, was whirled north, under the thundering streets. She got out at One Hundred and Forty-ninth Street, as she always had done, mounted to the sidewalk level, loitered at the bakery window. Coffee cakes; Ma loved them. Little chocolate layer cakes with holes in the middle. The girl was sticking tiny clean signs into them: "Today's special, 25 cents."

The drug-store clock said three forty-eight. Suddenly, breathlessly, Sheila had turned, had crossed the street to a Peter's. She turned and went resolutely westward, and into the subway hood. She was going home.

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She was on her way. She would be late. No matter, he would wait. A great relief inundated her heart. Sheila had given in. No use fighting it any longer; she had to see him.

The Law Library was on the fifth, and top floor of a dark old rubber-scented building, whose mahogany-boxed elevators tottered on their way up. Everything looked grim and smelled of dust. The closed doors of all the offices they passed were of dull old opaque glass, dimly lettered in chipped black.

Peter was not in sight. Sheila stood hesitating, with shame and self-contempt in her heart. But after a long minute he touched her on the arm; he had come quietly up behind her and was smiling at her.

"Good girl!" he said in approval. And Sheila was instantly sorry that she had come. It was giving to him; he had known that she would; he was taking her for granted.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Opinion Parade . . .

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

What about leap year?

For women: Do you believe unmarried women should avail themselves of the opportunity to "pop the question" or is it your opinion that women do the pursuing anyway? Explain your answer.

For men: Should eligible young men encourage the old custom of allowing the "weaker sex" to propose marriage in leap years of should they insist that this privilege be strictly reserved for masculine talents? Generally speaking, do you believe that man is the "pursuer" or the "pursued"?

BIRDLYN MATTESON, stenographer, Hillsboro—This matter of pursuing or being pursued depends on the "blowing" nature of the man involved. In most cases I doubt that the woman is the pursuer. According to tradition, if a man refuses when marriage is proposed, he must buy the jilted girl a new dress. Being unmarried, I dare not commit myself on the "leap year" question, but I could most certainly use a dozen new frocks.

FLORENCE BEHG, stenographer, Hillsboro—Insofar as I myself am concerned, I wouldn't consider—even remotely—proposing marriage to anyone for year of finding myself in possession of an unwanted article, and not being an exponent of divorce. I'd rather be safe than sorry. I have known instances when women did the pursuing and bagged their game but personally I consider such tactics beneath my dignity as a woman and I believe most women feel the same way.

E. STAFFORD, logger, Hillsboro—It is a man's place certainly to take the "offensive." Leap year is an opportunity, I believe, for men whose knees are a bit too weak to hold them up through the strain of a proposal. Marriage is more important to women than it is to men and the consequent pressure is terrific.

ANN MUNKRES, Pacific university student, Hillsboro route 1—Of course women do the pursuing—how else would they ever get a man? If they are subtle enough they won't need to actually do the popping. It is my theory that if you can't get them that way they are not worth having anyhow!

DOROTHY SAMSEL, secretary, Hillsboro route 4—Why, sure! Turn about is fair play, isn't it? It is more fun to be a hunter

than the hunted anyway. I'd rather be a hunter than a rabbit any day, wouldn't you? But then there is the case of the "little red fox."

JACK H. MURTON, P.G.E. Hillsboro route 4—Leap year is an essential institution. It makes the calendar come out even.

FRANKLIN MCCOY, cannery worker, Hillsboro—Being of diplomatic bent, I'll have it understood before beginning that the following answer is objective and is not to be laid on my backdoor stoop. There's no doubt that women do the pursuing, else why do they wear tight-fitting dresses in the "good old summertime."

R. E. WILEY, water office manager, Hillsboro—Being very much a married man, I have to play safe. My answer is yes and no.

MORE OPINIONS

BOB COATS, student, Hillsboro—Women, in my opinion, are in reality the pursuers. Some women need leap year assistance because they would not have a chance otherwise. Then there are a lot of tongue-tied males at large.

NADINE BUNNELL, school girl, Hillsboro route 2—Leap year is virtually all hers. I personally find the right man. I personally would not be so bold as to propose, but most women do whether it is leap year or not. Amen.

NEXT WEEK'S QUESTION:

What is your opinion of a man who habitually eats cream and sugar on tomatoes, sugar on beans, chicken gravy on apple pie, strawberry jam on mashed potatoes, horseradish or catsup on eggs, raw hamburger in a sandwich, bacon and peanut butter on waffles or some other strange combination of foods which may come to your mind? Do you have any pet food combinations which your friends cannot understand? Perhaps you would not mind naming them.

(Editor's Note. Written answers to next week's question will be accepted for publication if received in the Argus office not later than noon Monday.)

Jots in Jest

Boys smoking in a barn—barn burns down—cause, spontaneous devils.

It rained so hard today that the church services were attended almost wholly by women and children.

There are no aristocrats among the birds. All have to work for a living and launder their own clothes.

The weather man says watch for showers. That's hardly necessary.

A spring Byrd song: "Carry Me Back to Ole Virginia."

People . . .

Wore Handle-bars

J. H. Garrett, former mayor of Hillsboro and one of this community's oldest business firm executives in point of continuous operation here, dug into an old picture album and was mildly surprised to come up with evidence reminding him that he at one time sported a handle-bar moustache.

The evidence dated back to 1909. Garrett was born in Marshalltown, Iowa, June 25, 1873. He was "burned out" of a former dry goods business in Pendleton before opening his store here in partnership with W. E. Carter of Vancouver, Wash. The partnership was severed in 1910 and shortly thereafter, in 1911, J. A. Imbrie built the present C. C. store building for Garrett's occupancy.

In August, 1936, Garrett formed a partnership in the CC store with Kathryn Weik, who had been his employe continuously for 23 years. She has been a Hillsboro resident virtually all her life. The late E. T. Boatman bought space for a shoe department in the store in September, 1938.

Garrett has seen a good many years in public service other than that performed in his store. He was mayor of Hillsboro from 1934 to 1938 and prior to that served for eight years on the city council and for a number of years on the school board. He is a member of the old CC store, was Mrs. Tom Rood, who was with Garrett when the firm first opened its doors to the public. She has been employed off and on by the store ever since and is still a part-time clerk. Mrs. Ruby Estep has been an employe for six years.

With the possible exception of Bill Wiley, who has been continuously in business here since 1889, and Mrs. Emma McKinney, who has been associated with the Argus since 1904, Garrett is believed to have the longest continuous service record of any Hillsboro business executive.

No matter how handsome or how homely you are, you always look better when you smile.

Some men are like beef when they are old, in that they get hard-boiled.

When a couple is married 65 years they are the best reason for staying married.