

After Two Years: What War has Done to Europe's Average Citizen

Frenchmen Ask "When Did You Eat Last?" as Government Wages War on Bootlegging of Food

(This is the third of a series of four articles from European capitals—telling the effects of two years of war on the average man.)

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VICHY, Sept. 8.—Before the war the traditional greeting of the middle class Frenchman at lunch time was "bon appetit"—good appetite—but now, in all kindness, he wishes you "petit appetit"—small appetite. There isn't enough to eat to wish you any other kind.

The main problem among all classes is where the next meal is coming from, and the main topic of conversation is what one had for the last meal and what he hopes for at the next.

The magazine L'Illustration recently suggested more seriously than humorously that housewives start serving meals on small plates so they would look like meals of normal size.

A Frenchman with a family of two or three children is having a hard time making ends meet even if he earns as much as 20,000 francs a month in a better-than-average position. I know numbers of white collar workers who say that day in and day out they don't get enough to eat.

The term "black market" used to apply only to money exchanges, but today it signifies bootleg food and clothing markets almost altogether.

The government is waging constant war against the black market. In July in the Paris region alone the price control services seized 5300 pounds of wool yarn, 12,000 pairs of stockings, 5000 sweaters, 11,000 bottles of champagne, 2200 pounds of soap, 1500 packages of cigarettes—among "tens of millions" of articles.

Prices on the black market are fantastic and out of the reach of the average family. Wool worth \$1.50 a yard is sold for \$8, soap worth four cents a 50c a half pound, rayon worth 60c is \$4.20 a yard, chocolate \$1.50 a pound, butter \$1.25 a pound.

Some of the most prominent people in France are involved in black market activity. Among 34 persons recently sent to internment camps were the president of the syndicate of fruit and fresh vegetable importers, the director of the Marseille public slaughterhouse, the director of wholesale butchers of Cannes and the president of the Villeneuve Sur Saone chamber of commerce.

Indications are that rationing will become more and more strict as winter approaches. The only items of food which are reasonably plentiful are bread, potatoes and vegetables.

Children suffer the most since they receive insufficient vitamins and body building elements in available foods. Cream or even "creamy milk" are luxuries reserved for children under three and for pregnant and nursing mothers. Butter and cooking oils are almost unobtainable except in some rural districts. Meat and meat juices are among the things you brag about to your friends, when you've had some.

Most families stint themselves to see that their children get as much as possible to eat, but after a year of armistice the youngsters are pale, thin and small-boned.

The average housewife spends at least half her time waiting in line at the grocery store or butcher shop. The other half she spends trying to figure out a way of making food substitutes taste good.

Clothes are restricted by the ticket system, but even if you have the 30 tickets necessary to buy a suit of clothes it is almost impossible to find the material.

Commercial recovery has been halted by the shortage of raw materials. Before a manufacturer can do business he must get his raw materials unfrozen with "material money," which are certificates of value approved by the government.

The shortage of gasoline also has hampered recovery. Sunday joyrides are not only out of the question, but there is so little gasoline available for traveling salesmen that they have to travel four or five in a car and can cover only a small territory.

(Next: London)

Sunnyside Girls In Hospitals

SUNNYSIDE—Maxine Sherwood is in the Desmettes hospital with an infected foot. She is reported much improved.

Mrs. William Christensen and children of Portland spent the weekend with her sister, Mrs. Clifford Peller.

Jacob Conboy, who is working at Hermiston, spent Sunday and Monday with home folks.

Word has been received that Betty McMillan underwent an appendectomy at Forest Grove Saturday. The McMillan family are living there temporarily, where he has work.

"Strictly Private" By Quinn Hall



Private Peter Clink

Jefferson's Oldest Resident Widely Feted on Anniversary

JEFFERSON—Persons have the opportunity of celebrating their birthday anniversary more than one day. However, this was the pleasure of Mrs. Julia Ann Vaughn, oldest native born resident of Jefferson, whose 93rd birthday anniversary occurred August 28.

Thursday Mrs. Vaughn and daughter, Flora, were entertained at the home of her grandniece, Mrs. Fred Sommers, near Gilkey. On arriving at home that evening, Donna Oldenberg presented Mrs. Vaughn with a decorated cake. As Mrs. Vaughn was out of town the afternoon of her birthday, a group of friends gave her a surprise party Friday.

Special visiting groups and special music are planned each evening. The meetings continue two weeks. The public is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. John Henderson spent Sunday and Monday at McCleary visiting their sons, Elmer and Carl and their families.

Charles Loveland has retired from work on the Southern Pacific section and will receive a pension from the company.

Bean picking is about finished in this vicinity; because of the shortage of help in harvesting the crop, some growers left a part of the field unpicked. The rain interfered with picking, making the beans grow too large for the canner. One grower reported he lost 15 tons because of the incessant rain.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lynes and son Wesley left for their home at Redwood City, Calif., Wednesday, after a week's visit with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lynes, and other relatives here.

Mrs. Fred Barna has returned home from the convalescent home in Salem, where she has been critically ill. She is improving slowly. Mrs. Wirt Dailey is caring for her.

Her father organized and taught the first Sunday school. The first sermon preached here was in their log house by a Rev. Lewis, Salem. This community was nothing but a wilderness then, with only cow trails through the brush. Mrs. Vaughn has watched with keen interest the growth of Jefferson from its infancy until it now has a population of over 500.

New Priest To Be at Scio

SCIO—Scio members of the Jefferson chapter of the Eastern Star plan attendance at the September 9 meeting of the lodge, when a special feature will be formal honoring of past matrons and past patrons of the unit, Kelly, Janet Stelwer, Neva Kester, Ada Hinz and Mrs. Irvine Wright. Mrs. Joy Kelly is present matron, and Mrs. Fae L. Smith is veteran secretary.

A priest recently from Wisconsin is soon to relieve the Shaw priest, who has been serving St. Bernard's Catholic church at Scio for some time. The new man is with Father Ludger Gloegler at Jordan for the present. Two weeks of early mass has just been completed at the Scio parish.

The Linn county court is said to have urged upon the state highway commission early completion of repairing and oiling the secondary highway connecting Scio and the Elliott lane sector to the south.

Marion County Pomona Council will meet at Macleay grange Wednesday at 8 o'clock. Fred McCall, master of Pomona grange, will preside. Rex Hartley, Ankeny grange, will talk on the duties of various committees.

Mrs. Hattie Van Cleave and house guest, Mrs. Nora Davis of Corning, Calif., are visiting relatives in Moscow, Idaho, and will visit the Grand Coulee dam.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark and four children of Aumsville have moved to the Rodgers house, now owned by J. A. Zielinski, recently vacated by the Boyd Elliott family, who moved to Los Angeles where Mr. Elliott has accepted a position.

College Plans Told
SILVERTON HILLS—Marjory Maulding plans to enter Oregon State college this fall. Miss Maulding was graduated from Silverton high school in June with honors. She is the daughter of the J. H. Mauldings.

Visits From Michigan
WOODBURN—Pvt. 1st Class Tom Settlemier is spending a two weeks' furlough from camp at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Settlemier. He is an office clerk in the medical corps at Fort Custer, Mich.

Teacher to Leave Friday

SWEGLÉ—This week marks the close of vacation for teachers whose work is out of the valley. Mrs. Emma Jean Miller has spent the summer at the home of her mother, Mrs. Elvina Hoffman. She returns to Hammond on Friday for her second year of school work there. Mrs. Miller attended summer school at Willamette university and special art classes at the art center.

Several weeks ago Ted Hoffman fell from a load of hay, breaking the lower vertebrae of his neck. He is wearing a plaster cast, but can be up and walk around.

Mrs. Genevieve McKinney, mother of William McKinney, has returned to her home at Loring, Kan. Mrs. McKinney has been in the west over a year. A granddaughter came from Kansas to accompany her home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Curzon were callers over the weekend at the home of Mrs. Curzon's daughter, Mrs. Marion West. Mr. Curzon is a naval officer stationed at Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wilson and children of Portland spent the weekend with the Coney family. Virgene Wilson who has spent the past ten days here, visited Saturday with her cousin, Veva Coney at Salem and returned home with her parents Monday. Veva and Virgene came home on the bus Saturday evening.

CE Group Has Social

ROSEDALE—The Christian Endeavor young people enjoyed a social at the Sherman home Friday night. The time was spent playing games and singing. Wieners and marshmallows were roasted over a bonfire.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bates and son of Huntington Park, Calif., are visiting at the Floyd Bates home this week.

A farewell party was given Tuesday night at the Caldwell home for Esther Cammack who will take up teaching duties in Kent, Ore., next week. Those present to enjoy the affair were Clara Sparks, Marjorie Shover, Barbara Bates, Ivan Bing, Almon Lehman, Dorothy Sherman, Sid Sherman, Evelyn Stephens, Vernon Smith, Ronald Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Caldwell, and Gus Cole.

Gus Cole spent the weekend in Grants Pass.

Forest Worker Going to School

WALDO HILLS—Harold Roop, Jr., who has been employed in state forestry work on Sardinia creek during the month has been transferred to the Molalla district. Young Roop plans to return to Oregon State college late this month. He will begin his sophomore year.

Opening date at Evergreen school has been tentatively set for September 22, but due the shortage of help in the harvest fields, may be postponed for another week.

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Suver News

SUVER—Peggy and Dale Crippen are staying with their sister, Mrs. Milton Frink at Perrydale and picking prunes. The Frink baby is being cared for at the John Crippen home by his grandparents while his mother picks prunes.

M. Conger had all his teeth extracted last week.

The Aebi, Ed Fleischman and Lehman Bros. are picking prunes and have the Fleischman and Lehman dryers running. The Green, Rutschman and Neil Curry families are all picking prunes and Carl Linegar is helping in the Lehman dryer.

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The Saturday luncheon club met Friday at the home of Mrs. Owen Cook. Bingo was played during the afternoon and winners of prizes were Mrs. John Heffley and Mrs. Sam Suver. Others present were Juanita Ramey, Emma Benedict, Opal Kester, Lois Vanderpool and Geraldine Flickinger.

Charlie Hurd of Elkton is back in Suver living in his home and has some friends with him. They are picking beans.

Theda Condon, who worked for Mrs. S. Benedict for three weeks, left last Tuesday and is staying with her cousin, Mrs. Blair Douglas and picking hops.

Mrs. Irvine Peterson entertained the Valley View club Thursday afternoon. President Mrs. Withrow presided and it was decided to hold a picnic with everyone invited, at the Dallas park the second Sunday in July next summer if the cantonment is built. Roll call was answered with a quick oven dinner. Present were Mrs. Oglesbee, Mrs. S. Benedict, Mrs. Tom, Mrs. Voss, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Wolverson, Mrs. Hagmeier, Mrs. Conger, Mrs. E. DeArmond, Mrs. Conkey, and Mrs. Ray Madely was a guest. Mrs. Conkey and Mrs. Benedict have the next meeting.

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Ex-Mill City Man Visits

FOX VALLEY—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Bates, Klamath Falls, visited friends in Fox Valley on Tuesday. Mr. Bates was pastor of the Mill City Christian church until he was elected rector of the Klamath Falls church seven years ago. He is president of the Oregon Christian Church Ministerial association, which is convening in Turner this week. The Bates visited the state fair Friday.

William Downing and son Ted of Malin are visitors at the Orville Downing home since Sunday. They plan to leave for Malin Thursday.

Mrs. Ellen Logan, MaComb, Ill., is visiting her brother, Will Ingram and wife, this week. Mrs. Logan had not seen her brother for 47 years until she came to Oregon this summer. She expects to return to her home in Illinois in a short time.

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