

Wise or Otherwise

By ETHAN GRANT

A lot of persons seem to want the war to end so they can buy a jeep. Personally, if all the people who want a jeep get one, I think I'd just as leave own a General Sherman tank. I've been looking into the possibilities of acquiring a tank, but so far have met with no great amount of encouragement.

I've also been investigating the chances of acquiring a dirigible. The world will be so full of jeeps that some of us at least will have to take to the skies. Dirigibles, or blimps, or as some call them, sauses (although they neither resemble nor smell like sausage) have many advantages. My investigation disclosed some interesting facts.

It takes a lot of people to build a blimp. Also a lot of geometry. This is because a blimp must have a shape which isn't alike in any two spots. The same as the shapes of some people. The Germans were the first to build blimps, but their jobs were dismal flops. Not being sure of their ground, the Germans kept trying and trying to get into the air, but finally took the things under water and started shooting torpedoes with them.

The Americans have done very well with blimps, and, come the war's end, maybe there'll be some attractive bargains auctioned off. I've been unable to get any reliable quotations, but I've an idea you ought to pick up a pretty good used job for around a million or so, on the easy payment plan.

These modern blimps have metal skins, guaranteed against shedding. In fact, you'd find it pretty hard to skin one of our blimps. Even scalding wouldn't help much. Although I'd never recommend a blimp skin for use as a living room rug, if you happen to acquire one, and want to raise poultry, it might make a pretty satisfactory chicken house.

One of the first things I noticed about our blimps was that they have eight fins, which is more than most fish have. The extra fins give the blimp greater maneuverability than a fish, particularly in the matter of altitude. Fish are notably inept when it comes to attaining high altitudes.

Our blimps have very stiff noses, but they are not at all snobbish. They only seem so, because they are always under pressure. The pressure increases in direct ratio to the increase of speed. Like a water boy, for example.

Our blimps have a number of features which should appeal to you. A feature that attracted my eye was their excellent air scoops. If you understand them, these new air scoops are nearly as easy to operate as a trans-Atlantic wireless telegraph station. Or a printing press.

And when it comes to maneuvering the blimp in and out of its hangar, you'll practically fall in love with the new type of hand blower. The remarkable thing about this modern device is that you can get your blimp out of its hangar without taking the hangar with you. As you know, sailing the skies with a hangar in tow impedes progress. Not to mention what it does to your dignity.

A remarkable feature is the fuel system, an amazingly novel arrangement whereby you merely fill the tank with gasoline and forget it. Tubes running direct to the engines do the rest. Of course, if the tanks run dry and there are no filling stations handy, you run into the same old trouble. And you can never blame the tubes for that.

I took particular note of the new suspension cables, which seemed to have no vibration at all. Nothing can be more disconcerting to a blimp man than suspension cables which shake his teeth all out. Especially on a romantic, moon-lit night.

And a new departure in design is incorporated in the thrust-point fittings, which are so well fitted you scarcely notice them.

At first, I didn't see them at all, and was beginning to worry a little. But then there they were, right where they should have been, tucked in as snugly as hidden earnings in your income tax report. One thing you never overlook when you're thinking of buying a blimp is the thrust-point fittings.

An outstanding characteristic of these new blimps is their low rate of helium loss. For a blimp whose initial inflation requires 2,840,000 cubic feet of helium, for example, you can expect a loss of only 96,520 cubic feet during the first month, and not more than a 2 per cent per month loss thereafter.

The total cost for a helium refill is only \$300,000, with spare parts (such as tubes, bladders, knobs and other loose gadgets your guests may have tossed overboard) thrown in.

Barring the necessity of a complete overhaul, you should be able to operate a blimp for something less than a few million dollars a year. Not counting depreciation, slippage and head winds. When not in use, the big metal bubble could be rented for advertising purposes.

Parked outside a vegetable market, I've an idea you couldn't find anything more suitable than a blimp for advertising cucumbers and water melons.

Late Rally Raises Grains

Wheat Still Down; Trading Hits Saturday Slump

By WILLIAM FERRIS

CHICAGO, Nov. 13 (AP)—Grains closed slightly on the lower side today, although a late rally cancelled a good part of losses established in the first few minutes of trading on more reports that an OPA ceiling on wheat and oats was to be expected. Trading was at the usual small Saturday pace.

Wheat is still below the parity level.

At the close wheat was 1/4 lower to 1/2 higher, December \$157 1/2-1/2, May \$1.56 3/4.

Wheat was supported by an announcement from the food distribution administration that it was in the market for 12,300,000 pounds of flour. It is estimated that during the past week the agency took 30,000,000 pounds of enriched flour. Most buying of wheat contracts seemed to come from commercial interests.

A board of trade complication showed total US stocks of wheat on October 1 of 1,109,107,000 bushels compared with 1,379,761,000 bushels a year ago.

Farm Bureau Asks Meat Point Cut

PENDLETON, Nov. 13 (AP)—A reduction in meat ration points to enable the Pacific northwest to dispose of a heavy surplus was asked by the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation.

Other recommendations, adopted at yesterday's conference, called for a ban against price ceilings on livestock; dropping subsidy plans; deferment of essential farm workers; provision of funds for importation of Mexican farm laborers next year; continuance of Government purchase of the wool clip for two years after the war.

Max Hoke, Pendleton, was re-elected president for the 11th time.

Amiable Motorman Passes Ice Cream

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—The street railway bus rolled to a stop. "Want some ice cream?" the motorman called to the passengers. Several did, so he took up a collection, walked into a nearby store and came out with some cones. The bus rolled along again with its passengers cool and satisfied.

Gardening Today

By LILLIE MADSEN

What we might almost call a link between the tree and shrub is the dogwood or cornus group.

In this are both trees and shrubs as to form of growth. Among the garden dogwoods are many sorts of unusual merit for their ornamental fruits, twigs and flowers. Some are bushes or small trees according to their twig-coloring.



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Speaking of the red-twigs, the yellow-twigs and the brown-twig varieties. The so-called coral dogwood is the most brilliant as to twig-coloring. This group does include a variety of interesting shrubs.

But when we speak of dogwood here we most frequently refer to the flowering dogwood (cornus florida). This comes in both red and white varieties. We also have the Kousa dogwood, a very compact tree, running a little to the bushy type. It differs from the ordinary flowering dogwood in that the flowers come fully a month later and the large bracts of the flower are pointed.

Some sorts of dogwood are troubled with oyster-shell scale and must be sprayed with lime sulphur. Newly transplanted flowering dogwoods must be watched closely for borer. Unless these pests are dug out they will destroy the tree.

Dogwoods grown for their colored twigs must be pruned each year, and heavily, to renew the young twigs which are the only ones which are highly colored.

Good drainage is essential. The trees like a rich loose loam and will grow in either partial shade or full sun. Perhaps the prettiest setting for the white flowering dogwood is against a background of evergreen trees. Even in nature the dogwoods often grow against a group of the fir trees. However, the flowering dogwood is also good as a specimen tree or in groups.

The flowering dogwood is also attractive for its colorful foliage and fruit in autumn. In favorable autumns it also blooms again. In early October this year I saw scores of dogwoods in full bloom for the second time this season.

Another group which includes both shrubs and trees is the hawthorn group. I recall that once, a few years ago, I was in the Shaw botanical garden in Missouri in hawthorn blooming time, and un-

til then I had no idea of the great variety of hawthorns. In many instances the fruit is as decorative as the flowers. Some of the very brilliant red fruit is as large and larger than the filbert nuts.

Hawthorns grow well in exposed positions. They do not like a shady place. Definitely they do not like an acid soil. They grow best in a limestone and will even grow in a comparatively heavy clay soil. If they must grow in a sandy soil it should be enriched with well decayed stable fertilizer and should be kept well mulched.

I note in L. H. Bailey's "Cyclopedia of Horticulture" a list of 28 species which "would give a good fruit display from August until mid-winter." He names Crataegus matura, C. praecox, C. Arnoldiana, C. Dayana, C. Robersoniana, C. pedicellata, C. Gloriosa, C. Ellwangeriana, C. lauta, C. submollis, C. champlainensis, C. arkansas, C. Dunbari, C. ferentaria, C. opulens, C. Compta, C. genmosa, C. livoniana, C. gennescensis, C. persimilis, C. maineana, C. Barryana, C. coccinoides, C. leiphulla, C. durobrivensis, and C. cordata.

None of these are the English hawthorn of literature. This is the oxyacanthae and can usually be found listed as Paul's Double Scarlet.

US to Spend \$200,000,000 For Paper

NEW YORK, Nov. 13 (AP)—Paper Mill News, a trade journal, reported today a survey indicated the United States pulp and paper industry would spend \$200,000,000 for modernization and expansion in the first year after the war.

The magazine surveyed a cross section of the industry, it said, and found that some mills already had placed orders for machinery and other equipment to be installed in the postwar period.

"It is expected that several new mills will be built in the south for the manufacture of newsprint, paperboard and insulating board as well as specialty papers," Paper Mill News said.

The 600 pulp and paper companies in the United States, it added, will average \$340,000 expenditure each if the plans now under consideration are carried out, it added.

Stocks Close Slightly Lower

NEW YORK, Nov. 13 (AP)—The stock market today emerged from another unsatisfactory week with leaders generally tilting slightly lower.

An early tumble in the recent liquor climbers, attributed to profit cashing on the lengthy upswing of this group and to the congressional move for an investigation of the industry, chilled bullish ardor elsewhere.

The Associated Press 60-stock average was off .1 of a point at 43 for the short session today and on the week showed a decline of 1.2 points against last week's retreat of 1.6 points. Transfers totaled 314,110 shares compared with 337,110 last Saturday.

FLAINEVIEW, Tex., Nov. 8. (AP)—A colt that Police Chief Hoyt Curry was trying to break kicked him on the right arm recently, tearing some ligaments.

Yesterday the chief, fully recovered, tried bronc-busting again. The colt kicked him once more. Same arm, same torn ligaments.

Aumsville Man Leaves Hospital

AUMSVILLE — T. C. Mountain is at his home again after a week in the Salem General hospital, where he went for a general check up. He is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Corser of Las Vegas, New Mexico, visited friends here Sunday. His mother, Mrs. Marjie Corser, and sister, Eva Corser, were with them here on Sunday. Mrs. Corser is employed at a Salem junior high school cafeteria and Miss Corser is teaching at the Park Rose school in Portland.

Customers Always Write

BUENOS AIRES (AP)—General D. Basilio B. Pertine, mayor of Buenos Aires, believes that anyone who pays cash to attend a public exhibition has the right to squawk in writing if he's not satisfied. Accordingly, the mayor has decreed that all places of entertainment, be they movies, prize-fights, night clubs or football stadia, provide "complaint books" in which the customer may enter his grievances.



THEIR FUTURE THOUGHTS ARE AS ONE . . .

From the greatly varied backgrounds of a country whose area is almost equal to that of the whole of Europe — from the plains of Texas to the rocky hills of New England, from homes of luxury and homes of simplicity — come these young men and women who are now scattered far and wide in the service of their country.

Yet, just as they are bound together to accomplish one purpose — to win the war, they also share a common dream of the future. Each is working and fighting for the day when they can return to the familiar, friendly surroundings they call home, to pick up the threads of the life they left behind and to live it in freedom and security. Observers who have had the opportunity to study the reactions of men in the armed forces of many countries say that of them all, the Americans are the ones who most want to return to what they had because they've had so much more than other peoples.

Their strength and courage are sustained by the thought of returning to their own private, peacetime worlds. They are different worlds . . . individual worlds. But the essence of each is a home — not a house with four walls and a roof, but a living thing, awake with people and the doings of people. Home to an American is a place where you and your family and friends can go about the little incidents of living freely, comfortably, aided by the best furnishings, by conveniences that make life pleasant. And for people facing the unknown, this familiar, knowable and peaceful simplicity is a shining beacon on a strange horizon.

Do your part to bring them home again by investing every possible cent in U. S. war bonds and stamps!



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