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Land Purchases by Workers

You do not hear much about it but real estate is in the condition described as "active." A lot of property is changing hands. Considerable of this is city residence property. No longer is it possible to find a choice of desirable houses for rent. If a person is at all choosy he almost has to buy to get what he wants.

Also there is a great deal of buying and selling of suburban property and small tracts. The buying comes from employed people who want to salt away part of their earnings in a home of their own, especially with some land attached where they can grow a garden and keep a cow, some pigs and chickens. They are looking ahead to the end of the war boom and wanting to secure their future by ownership of some land.

The ambition is both reasonable and laudable, but it is not without some hazard. Lands bought on contract, as many of these places are, call for continued regular payments which normally are made out of current income. So when the income stops it may not be possible to keep up the payments and then the equity may be lost. So it behooves those who enter such deals to speed up their payments and make their possessions secure by reducing their indebtedness to the point where they can obtain a long-time mortgage loan if they so desire. We would hate to see workers lose their home equities in some postwar slump.

Peremptory Summons

Tuesday death came to two distinguished members of the Oregon bar—I. H. Van Winkle, long attorney general for the state of Oregon, and John F. Logan, a veteran member of the bar of Multnomah county.

A native of the Willamette valley, of pioneer stock, Mr. Van Winkle was truly an Oregonian. Through his long connection with Willamette university law school he contributed much in the training of young men for the law. As attorney general he was competent and diligent in his duties. His knowledge of Oregon statutes and of their interpretations was most thorough. Few could excel him in opinions on applications of Oregon law; and his record in cases appealed to the supreme court will compare favorably with that of other practicing attorneys.

John F. Logan was more than a very able attorney. He was a man of broad education and interests. He had an interest as well as an identification with the newspaper business. He long served as attorney for the Oregonian, was its dramatic critic for a time, and often contributed editorial suggestions on historical or legal matters to that newspaper.

For each of these attorneys death came with peremptory summons, at the end of a day's work. The balliff of a higher court has called them hence, but their life-work merits the simple tribute "well done."

Lumber by Water

The current issue of The Timberman describes the use of the Columbia river in transporting about ten million feet of lumber upstream to Richland for use on an important government project. Because of the heavy burden on railroad and trucks, barges are used to haul the lumber from St. Helens to Celilo. They could be moved on up the river were it not for lack of powerful tugs to buck the stronger current above Celilo. So at this point cargoes are shifted to trucks for the final 150 mile haul.

By assembling the lumber in "packages," it is handled conveniently by cranes from dock to barge and from barge to truck. It does take a good many trucks however to take the load from a single barge.

With the building of the Umatilla dam there will be more slack water which will reduce the power requirement for upstream transportation. Our streams under proper improvement for navigation can be made suitable for handling of bulk commodities at low cost. In the present instance the Columbia serves to ease the load on rails and motor trucks.

Railroad Strike Vote

With the coal strike ended by government concession railway brotherhoods now attempt to force favorable action on wage increases for themselves by the strike method. The strike is a weapon which may be coercive in this instance because of the absolute necessity in wartime of keeping transportation going. The statement of the brotherhood presidents that in approving the strike ordered for December 30 they believe such action will rebound to the military success of the war defies logic. Transportation is indispensable; but a strike would paralyze production and demoralize the war effort and damage the war cause worse than a military defeat.

The necessities of the situation will force an adjustment, for a nation at war cannot tolerate a stoppage of its railroads. But it is most deplorable that orderly processes of wage adjustment are defied and resort taken to the mass coercion of a strike.

Those people who say government does things so much better in Canada or Great Britain, especially when it comes to keeping labor in its place, may ruminate on the strike of Montreal's policemen, firemen and street workers. Municipal workers in this country have not put on such an exhibition of contempt for the public interest in time of war. In fact we have had few such strikes since Cal Coolidge as governor of Massachusetts, cracked down on the Boston police strike with the dictum that no one has the right to strike against the public safety at any time. Municipal workers, too, are often the last ones remembered when pay increases go round.

Gen. Patton may have been on the welcoming committee when the president visited Sicily, but it was Gen. Mark Clark who got the DSC.

Timber From the Burn

Although it is ten years since the great Tillamook burn, loggers are still drawing timber out of the area. The second burn of 1939 by killing wood borers in the bark may have helped preserve the logs for future harvesting. But it is the high price for logs which has been the salvation of the burned timber. Even after sections were logged it was possible to go back and pick up logs that first were abandoned. The area has been combed for peeler for plywood mills.

Now tie mills are going in for further salvage. These are small operations which pick up usable sticks and work them up into railroad ties, for which there is good demand. So the owners of the timber are going to recover far more than they ever thought they would when they looked over the blackened forestland in the fall of 1933.

The burn presents a challenging opportunity for reforestation for the postwar period. The state should take the lead in organizing the scientific restocking of the vast area for future timber supplies. The land is rugged, with very few pockets of tillable land, and is in a region of very heavy rainfall where tree growth is most rapid. Money expended on such an undertaking would be an investment, not boondoggling.

OWI follows up its distribution of Roosevelt buttons to the Arabs with matchbooks bearing MacArthur's picture to the Filipinos. Is OWI just keeping neutral on 1944?

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, December 14—German ability to maintain herself lately, and even fight back from her hopeless positions on the constant brink of disaster, has disturbed some set calculations of the war.

Her counter attacks in Russia, especially in front of Kiev, have shown strong power in tanks and artillery. But the types of these weapons employed shows they were saved from easier German days when production was above need. Not many new type weapons were in evidence so the nazis are digging deeper into their last stores.

The Russians thought it strange when they captured Kiev that so few buildings in the center of the town had been demolished by the retreating Germans. Only the industrial works on the outskirts had been wrecked with customary thoroughness.

Now they know the Germans had even then planned this counter-attack to be launched when red fury was spent, and intended to occupy the buildings this winter themselves.

It looks as if the Russians will hold all these counterattacks to limited objectives and fly again into forward action as soon as the nazi strokes wane.

This conclusion must be tempered by the fact that a genuine agreement for synchronization of military actions was reached at Teheran between the Russians, British and American military men—whatever were the results of the meeting in non-military lines.

Russian blows, therefore may be restrained to match with our new invasion. Berlin radio says there will be no Russian winter offensive until we are ready to invade, and it might possibly be right.

But it is in German resistance to our air bombings that the somewhat altered military viewpoint is more apparent. American air generals, who were saying six months ago that Germany could be beaten by bombing alone and have been trying their excellent best to do it since then, now are talking of weakening her so much from the air as to make invasion easier (Gen. Arnold's remarks in Italy, Gen. LeMay's interviews at San Francisco Saturday).

Our accounts of these bombings give us a warped expectation of their decisiveness. Seventeen nazi cities have been destroyed, six more can be with one more large scale attack . . . thousand plane raids . . . 120 tons of bombs dropped per square mile per hour . . . what then is holding Germany up?

You can find the answer in accounts of Swedish travelers to Berlin, who weathered the bombings and came out to Stockholm. When the raiders come, the Germans seek shelter. The raids seldom last more than an hour or two.

Buildings are destroyed, say 10,000 persons killed, but, in a city of several million people spread out over 25 square miles or more, the effect is not destructive of city life. Indeed sometimes is hardly known to most residents. The bulk of the people merely come up for air and go to bed.

If we have good luck in precision bombing of a war plant, we may get 80 per cent destruction. With bad luck, we will destroy only 20 per cent. The average is somewhere between.

In a month the plant we claim as destroyed again may be functioning. That is why we let up now and then, allowing the Germans to start restoration before we go in again.

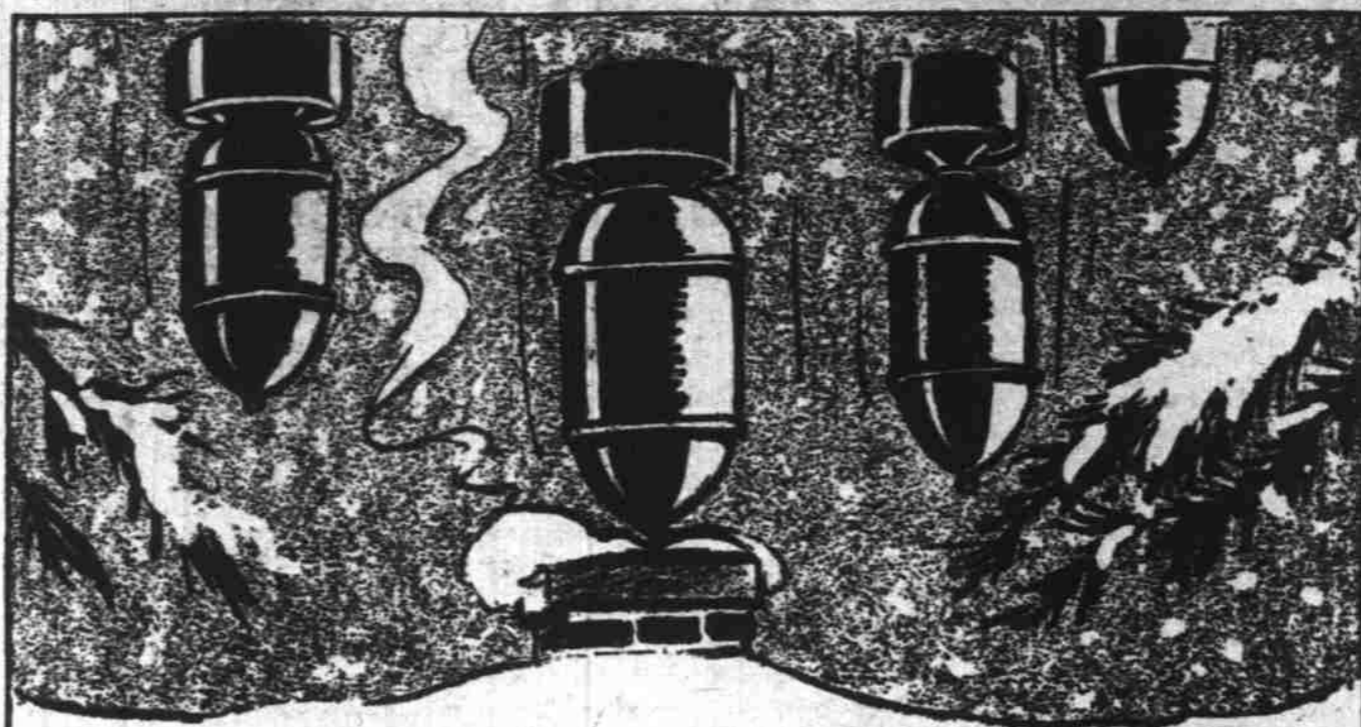
Then, too, some men like William Shirer, an excellent authority on Germany, placed too much confidence in the belief that inasmuch as Germans had been promised immunity from bombing, they would wilt or overthrow their leaders when they got a taste of it.

In truth, the bombings may have made the Germans more resolutely angry, as was the effect of bombings in London and earlier in Spain.

Now do not misunderstand me. Bombing strategy has proved itself outstanding new warfare, has hindered transportation and production to an unprecedented extent. Gen. Arnold now is in Italy arranging for a second bombing front from there (the Russian end may take more time until we can furnish the bombers, as they do not now possess the right types of ships.)

This long promised three-way air attack finally may cause the German economic system to collapse—and it may fall before—although the nazis have long practised necessarily a new defensive art of getting along with little, putting nothing and nothing together to get something they needed.

It is apparent the emphasis here is shifting to the necessities of invasion.



Tokyo Christmas

Today's Radio Programs

- KSJM—THURSDAY—1390 Kc.
- 7:00—News.
- 7:05—Marion County Farm & Home Program.
- 7:15—Rise 'n' Shine.
- 7:45—Morning Moods.
- 8:00—Symphonic Suite.
- 8:05—Program Parade.
- 8:10—Sextette from Hunger.
- 8:20—Tango Time.
- 8:30—Pastor's Calls.
- 9:15—It's the Truth.
- 9:30—Orchestra.
- 10:00—News.
- 10:05—A Song and Dance.
- 10:30—Lum and Abner.
- 10:45—Breeskin's Salon Orchestra.
- 11:00—News.
- 11:05—Symphonic Swing.
- 11:30—Hits of Yesteryear.
- 12:00—Organalita.
- 12:15—Spotlight on Rhythm.
- 12:30—Serenade.
- 12:35—Mid-day Matinee.
- 11:55—News.
- 1:15—Ray Noble's Orchestra.
- 1:30—Military Melodies.
- 2:00—Spotlight on Rhythm.
- 2:30—Isle of Paradise.
- 2:15—US Army.
- 2:35—Keystone String Quartet.
- 2:45—Broadway Band Wagon.
- 3:00—KSJM Concert Hour.
- 4:00—Langworth String Orchestra.
- 4:15—News.
- 4:30—Teatime Tunes.
- 5:00—Charles Magnate.
- 5:15—Let's Reminisc.
- 5:30—Strings of Melody.
- 6:00—Tonight's Headlines.
- 6:15—War Commentary.
- 6:30—Evening Serenade.
- 6:45—Orchestra.
- 7:00—News in Brief.
- 7:05—Henry Klaby Orchestra.
- 7:30—Keystone Karavan.
- 8:00—War Fronts in Review.
- 8:10—Doncuers in Action.
- 8:15—Del Courtney's Orchestra.
- 8:30—Mustangs.
- 8:45—Poland vs. Hitler.
- 9:00—James Levittov's Salon Orch.
- 9:30—American Legion Auxiliary.
- 9:45—Between the Lines.
- 10:00—Serenade.
- 10:30—News.

- 4:45—Tracer of Lost Persons.
- 5:00—Galen Drake.
- 5:15—Red's Gang.
- 5:30—Harry Flannery, News.
- 5:45—News.
- 5:55—Bill Henry.
- 6:00—Major Bowes.
- 6:30—Dinah Shore.
- 7:00—The First Line.
- 7:30—Here's a Romance.
- 8:00—Love a Mystery.
- 8:15—Harry James Orchestra.
- 8:30—Death Valley Days.
- 8:55—Joseph C. Harsch "Memory of the News."
- 9:00—Music.
- 9:15—Let's Waltz.
- 9:30—Mayor of the Town.
- 10:00—Five Star Final.
- 10:15—Wartime Women.
- 10:30—Chats About Dogs.
- 10:45—Hollywood Rhythmairs.
- 11:30—Henry Busse Orchestra.
- 11:45—Air-FLO of the Air.
- 11:55—News.
- 12:00—Serenade.
- 12:30-5:00 a.m.—Music and News.

- 11:45—Ladies Be Seated.
- 12:00—Songs by Morton Downey.
- 12:15—News Headlines and Highlights.
- 12:30—Sergeant Toley and Glenn.
- 12:45—News.
- 1:00—Blue Newsroom Review.
- 1:30—What's Doing, Ladies.
- 2:30—Voices in Harmony.
- 2:40—Labor News.
- 2:45—Gospel Singer.
- 3:00—Grace Elliott.
- 3:15—Kneass With the News.
- 3:30—Blue Frolics.
- 4:00—News.
- 4:05—Marching to Victory.
- 4:15—Letters to Santa Claus.
- 4:30—Hop Harrigan.
- 4:45—Sea Hounds.
- 4:50—Terry and the Pirates.
- 5:15—Dick Tracy.
- 5:30—Jack Armstrong.
- 5:45—Captain Midnight.
- 6:00—Schools at War.
- 6:05—Spotlight Bands.
- 6:35—Sports.
- 7:00—Raymond Gram Swing.
- 7:05—Listen to Lulu.
- 7:30—Red Ryder.
- 8:00—News.
- 8:15—Lum and Abner.
- 8:30—Music.
- 8:50—Inspector Hawks and Son.
- 9:00—Study Blues.
- 9:30—News.
- 9:45—Art Baker.
- 10:00—America's Town Meeting.
- 11:00—This Moving World.
- 11:30—War News Roundup.

- KOIN—CBS—THURSDAY—450 Kc.
- 6:00—Northwest Farm Reporter.
- 6:15—Koin's Last Minute.
- 6:30—Texas Rangers.
- 6:45—Koin's Bulletin.
- 7:10—Koin's Journal.
- 7:15—News.
- 7:30—News.
- 7:45—Nelson Pringle.
- 8:00—Consumer News.
- 8:15—According to the Record.
- 8:30—Stories America Loves.
- 8:45—Antony Jenny.
- 9:00—Koin's Speaks.
- 9:15—Big Sister.
- 9:30—Romance of Helen Trent.
- 9:45—Our Gal Sunday.
- 10:00—Life Can Be Beautiful.
- 10:15—Ma Perkins.
- 10:30—Bernadine Flynn.
- 10:45—The Goldbergs.
- 11:00—Young Dr. Ballou.
- 11:15—Joyce Jordan.
- 11:30—We Love and Learn.
- 11:45—News.
- 12:00—Neighbors.
- 12:15—Bob Anderson, News.
- 12:30—William Winter, News.
- 12:45—Bachelor's Children.
- 1:00—Home Front Matinee.
- 1:15—According to the Record.
- 1:30—Tales from Near and Far.
- 1:45—Mary Martin.
- 2:15—Newspaper of the Air.
- 2:45—American Women.
- 3:00—News.
- 3:15—Star Traffic.
- 3:30—Carols.
- 3:45—World Today.
- 4:15—According to the Record.
- 4:30—Stars of Today.
- 4:45—Bob Anderson, News.
- 4:55—Tracer of Lost Persons.

- KGW—NBC—THURSDAY—620 Kc.
- 4:00—Dawn Patrol.
- 4:50—Labor News.
- 5:00—Music from Manhattan.
- 6:30—News.
- 6:45—Labor News.
- 7:00—Journal of Living.
- 7:15—News Headlines.
- 7:30—Charles Runyan, Organist.
- 7:45—Sam Hayes.
- 8:00—Stars of Today.
- 8:15—Bernadine Flynn.
- 8:30—Robert St. John.
- 8:45—David Harum.
- 9:00—The Opash Light.
- 9:15—Glenn Shelley.
- 9:30—Mirch & Madness.
- 10:00—The Guilding Light.
- 11:15—Today's Children.
- 11:30—Light of the World.
- 11:45—Melodies of Home.
- 12:00—Women of America.
- 12:15—Ma Perkins.
- 12:30—Pepper Young's Family.
- 12:45—Right to Happiness.
- 1:00—Backstage Wife.
- 1:15—Stella Dallas.
- 1:30—Lorenzo Jones.
- 1:45—The Gutter.
- 2:00—When a Girl Marries.
- 2:15—Portia Faces Life.
- 2:30—The Gutter.
- 2:45—Front Page Farrell.
- 3:00—Road of Life.
- 3:15—Vic and Sade.
- 3:30—The Personality Hour.
- 4:00—Dr. Kate.
- 4:15—News of the World.
- 4:30—Music.
- 4:40—Golden Gate Quartet.
- 4:45—Carl Kalach Orchestra.
- 5:00—OK for Release.
- 5:15—Daise Cross Orchestra.
- 5:30—Day Foster, Commentator.
- 5:45—Louis F. Lochner.
- 6:00—Music Hall.
- 6:20—Betty Persons.
- 6:30—Abbott and Costello.
- 6:45—March of Time.
- 7:00—Fred Waring in Pleasure Time.
- 8:15—Night Editor.
- 8:30—Coffee Time.
- 8:50—Aldrich Family.
- 9:20—Elly Queen.
- 9:30—News Flashes.
- 9:35—Your Home Town News.
- 10:25—Labor News.
- 10:30—Young Widder.
- 10:45—Voice of A Nation.
- 11:00—Hotel Biltmore Orchestra.
- 11:30—The Plain Dealer.
- 11:45—News.
- 12:00—2 a.m.—Swing Shift.

Today's Garden

By LILLIE L. MADSEN

Mrs. Y. S. asks if it is too late to plant primroses and tulip bulbs.

According to Hoyle — or whoever is considered his equivalent in garden authority — it is too late. But if you happen to be a real gardener, do not let that frighten you. One of the finest beds of tulips that I saw last spring, I also saw Mrs. Earl Dedrick of Silverton calmly setting out on New Year's day. They were really almost perfect in April. Primroses may also be planted even when in bloom. But they are a little nicer if planted in August and not permitted to dry out before autumn.

R. P. writes that he believes a weevil is attacking his azaleas and wants to know what to do.

I don't believe any weevils are working now. But we have had some complaint of weevils attacking rhododendrons and azaleas in early spring. They may be controlled by sprinkling poison apple pomace around and beneath the bushes.

60 Acres Under Glass in State

Willamette Valley Has Most of Green Houses of Oregon

Oregon has upwards of 60 acres of land under glass used in greenhouse operations in 25 of the state's 36 counties, according to information contained in a new extension circular, No. 418, "Greenhouse Management," by A. G. B. Bouquet, vegetable crops specialist at Oregon State college. About 82 per cent of the total greenhouse area is in the Willamette valley.

The size of individual greenhouse operations range from backyard hobby greenhouses, now doing their share in the victory garden movement, to large operations of 50,000 to more than 100,000 square feet. At the time the 1940 census was taken, Oregon had approximately 250 greenhouse operators.

The new circular constitutes a fairly complete guide to greenhouse construction and operation, with information on sites, types of construction, heating equipment, and operation of the completed plant. A section on soil mixtures contains information usable by anyone who grows seedlings indoors, whether in actual greenhouses or not.

Greenhouses containing flats or pans of germinating seed are best maintained at 65 to 75 degrees until plans are lowering temperature, when somewhat lower temperatures may be used, according to the author.

The circular also contains a table which lists the most commonly used fertilizers, showing their action on the soil, whether acid or alkaline, and giving the usual rates of application. Other sections deal with seed treatment, seed sowing, transplanting plants, plant containers, application of water, crop troubles and pest control, fumigation and ventilation.

Copies are available at any extension office.

Interpreting The War News

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON Copyright 1943 by the Associated Press

Unequaled in its potential strategic impact upon the war in Europe by any conflict in Russia since Stalingrad, the battle of the Kiev bulge is racing through its fifth week.

As at Stalingrad, where a year ago the nazi attack on Russia reached its high-water mark, Russian and German official reports from the Kiev bulge front do more to obscure the situation than to reveal significant battle trends. They leave no doubt, however, that the Kiev salient fight is the pivot upon which events are turning in the east to shape the strategy pattern of the struggle on all European fronts next year, the year of decision in Russian-allied reckoning.

Earlier Moscow intimations that the massive German counter-offensive west of Kiev had been stalled prove premature. Russian surrender of the important highway junction town of Radomysl on the west bank of the Teteriv river represented a new dent in the soviet defensive line. It did not, however, imply a nazi break-through or even a critical defeat for red troops. Moscow announcement of the evacuation of Radomysl suggests retirement to the east bank of the Teteriv river to secure the added protection of its waters and banks against nazi tanks.

No Russian withdrawal from the Malin sector, 25 miles due north, is reported. At that point

soviet forces are still west of the Teteriv and astride three roads converging southward on Radomysl.

The impression is that the nazi thrust to Radomysl is on a dangerously narrow front and obviously open to Russian flank attacks from the north.

Unless the nazi commander can promptly expand his front, the Radomysl dent could become a trap for his advance forces. It appears to have been yielded by the Russians because it was more vulnerable to tank attack than positions along the east bank of the Teteriv.

The power massed by the nazis against the critical face of the Kiev bulge tends to confirm the impression that it is the key to the whole Russian front in the eyes of the German high command. London estimates that at least one-third of all nazi armored forces in Russia have been concentrated in the attempt to retake Kiev and thus unhinge the whole Russian attack front west of the Dnieper above Kiev.

The German thrusts at Kiev must tend to defer the expected Russian winter offensive campaign farther north. Short of an immediate and decisive breakthrough in the vicinity of Kiev, however, there seems small prospect that the rearguard nazi bulge offensive can materially relieve pressure in the Dnieper bend in time to avert a further German retreat on a wide front there.

12:00—News.
- 12:15—Concert.
- 12:30—On the Farm Front.
- 1:00—Harrison Wood.
- 1:15—All Star Dance Parade.
- 1:30—Let's Be Charming.
- 2:00—Ray Dady.
- 2:15—Texas Rangers.
- 2:30—Yours For a Song.
- 2:45—Wartime Women.
- 2:50—News.
- 3:00—Phillip Keyne-Gordon.
- 3:15—Treasury Star Parade.
- 3:30—Music.
- 3:45—Bible.
- 4:00—Fulton Lewis.
- 4:15—Johnson Family.
- 4:30—Rainbow Rendezvous.
- 4:45—News.
- 5:00—Invitation to Romance.
- 5:15—Superman.
- 5:30—Showtime.
- 5:45—Nebitt Commentary.
- 6:00—Gabriel Heatter.
- 6:15—Gracie Fields.
- 6:30—Song.
- 7:00—Raymond Clapper.
- 7:15—Fulton Oursler.
- 7:30—TBA.
- 8:00—Music.
- 8:30—Human Adventure.
- 8:45—News.
- 9:15—Rex Miller Revue.
- 9:30—Faces and Places in News.
- 9:45—Fulton Lewis.
- 10:00—Nocturne.
- 10:30—News.
- 10:45—Russ Smith Orchestra.
- 11:00—Yankee House Party.
- 11:20—Babe Rhydder Orchestra.
- 11:45—Ray Frassetto Orchestra.

- KOAC—THURSDAY—430 Kc.
- 10:30—News.
- 10:45—The Homeowner's Hour.
- 11:00—School of the Air.
- 11:20—Melodies for String.
- 11:30—Concert Hall.
- 12:00—News.
- 12:15—Farm Hour.
- 1:00—The Range.
- 1:15—U. P. Chronicle.
- 1:30—Variety Time.
- 2:00—Gospel Hour.
- 2:30—Memory Book of Music.
- 3:00—News.
- 3:15—Music.
- 4:00—American Legion Auxiliary.
- 4:15—Latin American Neighbor.
- 4:30—Novelties.
- 4:45—Science News.
- 5:00—On the Upbeat.
- 5:30—Story Time.
- 5:45—News.
- 6:00—Farm Hour.
- 7:30—University Hour.
- 8:30—Music.
- 9:30—News.
- 9:45—Evening Meditations.

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