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## Postwar Dreaming

While there are still echoes of the super-duper world which would dawn with the peace they are only echoes. Even the advertising agents have quit soaring into the blue empyrean of their imagination to sketch the house, the motor car, the refrigerator of the immediate future. The zest for a helicopter on the roof of every garage has waned as people become happier at the prospect of one steak in every skillet.

In the field of automobiles it is now announced from men who are in position to know that the first models will be the 1942 models of which few were produced. Initially the production probably will be confined to the lower-priced cars, though there will cost some 20 per cent more than two years ago.

Houses of the future will not be quite the dream houses of the illustrated magazines. There is still stock of multiple housing and prefabrication with plywood. But designers still are leaving a roof on the house as well as one on their own imaginations. As for radios, refrigerators and other appliances the demand will be so great that manufacturers will start in where they left off, introducing new models later on after they have gone through experimentation and when the market needs a fresh stimulus.

The postwar world will look pretty much the same for a time at least—just as the new year now seems little different from 1943. There is a momentary thrill about January 1, and retrospect and prophecy flourish, but by January 10 or 21, the new is wearing off, we become accustomed to making the date 1944 instead of 1943, and we forget the changes that were prophesied for the new year.

This is not to say that the postwar world will be static. Not so. Change—call it progress if you will—may accelerate. But initially there will be merely the tying of threads in with the 1941 skein—a period of lull, of readjustment, before the fresh new currents take hold. The war calls for such a concentration of energy and attention that its termination will not release at once the products which may be contemplated. In few fields will there be revolution; in most all there will be evolution.

## Another Centennial

Receipt of the Old Oregon Trail Centennial commission's report of its activities serves as a reminder that the centennial year of the "great migration" and of the historic though controverted Champoux meeting is past, and that the observance was through no fault of the commission, less extensive than originally had been planned. There was in 1943 more urgent business than recalling history of a century before.

Yet to the degree that was appropriate, the centennial was observed. The commission sponsored essay and art contests, provided historical sketches which were published in newspapers, some of them in The Statesman; distributed 35,000 copies of the historical booklet "Wagons West"; arranged through the Boy Scouts for special attention to pioneers' graves; observed a trail marking day in August and was host to the American Pioneer Trails association convention in November; sponsored a historical exhibit week in August; encouraged Oregon history programs in schools and churches and on the radio; brought about the naming of a number of Liberty ships for pioneers; distributed 2000 Oregon Trail maps. The report makes no mention of it but the commission also participated in the Champoux day program, of particular interest to Marion county, though that observance was not what it might have been in the centennial year, war or no war.

The centennial year is past, and there must be regret that its potentialities could not be realized to the fullest. But there are other centennials coming up; early Oregon history is packed full of significant events.

This year 1944, for example, is the centennial of an episode in which Oregon assumed international importance, remote and thinly populated though it was in 1844. That also was a presidential year, and the slogan "Fifty-Four Forty or Fight" rang out in the campaign. For the present, merely a reminder; more will be said of that interesting chapter at a later date.

## Nite-Club for Carol

The Russians have passed the word along to King Carol of Rumania, now night clubbing in Mexico City that he should just forget about going back to Rumania. They call him a comic opera field marshal who was ambitious for territorial gains and not at all the democrat that his American publicity expert claims he was. Since Russia is getting ready to take back Besarabia which Russia lost following the first world war Rumania is shivering in its boots; and King Carol can't save it.

But why should Carol want to go back to Rumania when he can enjoy the luxuries of Mexico City and the company of Mme Magda Lupescu? He can run his night club, mix with the social set, play with the American and European playboys and girls who will visit Mexico after the war. But he doesn't seem to be very happy. Wants to get into this country, and seems to yearn for his place in the king row again.

What will happen in Europe is still obscure, but the prospects for royalty are very poor—whether George of Greece, Carol of Rumania, or Peter of Yugoslavia. Carol should stick to his night club.

A Portland Journal reporter quoted Adm. Vickers of the maritime commission as saying the new Victory ships are in design about midway between "sea ships and Liberty ships." Probably the admiral meant the C model ships of commission design. But C and sea sound alike, so what was the non-nautical reporter to do? Anyhow they are not land ships.

## Parsons in Uniform

The churches and especially the ministers were against war. Well, who wasn't? Ministers were perhaps a bit less realistic than the average, in their failure to recognize that it takes two to keep a decent peace. But when war came in spite of their best efforts, they made up for that. The comment accompanying one young Texan pastor's application for a chaplaincy was significant: "If the church does not respond to the religious needs of our boys at this time, we may expect them not to respond to our appeals afterward."

The "parsons in uniform" are to be found wherever service men are. Writing from a troop transport passing through submarine-infested waters, a soldier informed his mother, according to the censor: "Our souls are safer than our bodies on this trip; we have nine chaplains aboard."

By all accounts, the chaplains are doing an outstanding job. Pictures of well-attended religious services in New Guinea's jungles and on African wastelands attest that fighting men take an interest in religion—including many who didn't before. To say "there are no atheists in foxholes" is merely to say that war's experiences cause men's thoughts to turn to religion. "A soldier," remarked one chaplain who had been in the thick of things, "has born in him a conviction that makes him conscious that God is very real and close to him—a conviction that he isn't going to lose when he comes out of that."

What about that—the durability of religious conviction born in wartime? It may be recalled that similar reports came out of France in the last war. Yet the veterans, later on, could not be described, as a class, as particularly religious—or at any rate, as particularly active in the churches. But there may be an answer to that, though the way to it leads to another question:

What is the nature of the soldier's religious faith? The same chaplain, Maj. John S. Garrenton, quoted in United States News, has part of the answer. Soldiers are not interested in creeds, dogma, denominational differences. Protestant, Catholic or Jewish chaplains hold services; Protestant, Catholic and Jewish soldiers attend. As for the various shades and divisions of Protestantism, they are totally submerged. At this point another question arises:

What sort of religious ministry are these chaplains performing? It is safe to say that men facing the realities of life and death in combat are not satisfied with anything synthetic, with mere words or with preaching that doesn't ring true. Chaplains, facing the same realities, are in favorable position to supply the sort of religious guidance they need.

Possibly when the chaplains return to civilian pulpits they will retain the ability to present religion in such manner that it will remain vital. Perhaps it's unjust to the cloth in general, but we harbor a suspicion that the chaplains have gotten hold of something which is partly new.

## Interpreting The War News

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON  
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The red army's capture of Novgorod, central defensive stronghold on the lower Volkhovo, strongly suggests that a line-S German retreat is underway from the upper Lovat river in the south to the Baltic coast in the north.

Even before Moscow announced its capture, official Berlin war bulletins acknowledged "evacuation" of the city on the Volkhovo at the northern extremity of Lake Ilmen.

Moscow reports indicate that the Russians are promptly expanding both southward and westward from Novgorod. They are within 80 miles of Shlmsk along the rail and road system skirting the western rim of Lake Ilmen. Its capture would isolate Staraya Russa except for the Staraya Russa-Dno-Pakov railroad which is also threatened.

Complete lifting of the Leningrad siege, possible entrapment of German forces between Leningrad and Lake Ilmen and a wide-based central jab to split the Nazi Baltic front apart to the Piegus lake chain, were the indicated first objectives of the Mighty Russian attack in the north.

With the loss of the essential Novgorod anchorage, however, the whole German front in Russia from the marshes of the Pripiet to the Baltic is endangered.

Tremendous as has been the success of the overwhelming Russian two-pronged attack in the immediate Leningrad area, the break-through on the lower Volkhovo has far greater potential strategic significance. With the Novgorod strong point lost, the whole German center on the Baltic flank is threatened with collapse. Russian spearheads already must be forcing westward down the Novgorod-Luga escape route left open to the fleeing Nazi garrison when Novgorod was cut off to the north and south.

An advance of less than 50 miles westward on that line would cut the last north-south connection for German forces in the Leningrad and upper Volkhovo theaters except for the Pakov-Narva line just east of the Piegus lake chain. Nor is there any indicated strong natural defense front for a new Nazi stand to be picked out on the maps east of the Piegus lakes.

The country through which the Russian westward push from Novgorod is aiming is dotted with small lakes and swamplands, now heavily frozen. It is devoid of north-south river barriers or substantial heights. The fall of Novgorod means open winter warfare on the whole Baltic flank at which the Russians have never failed to outmatch their Nazi antagonists.

That was demonstrated anew in the surprise Russian crossing over frozen Lake Ilmen to cut Novgorod off from the south as well as the north and wrench it overnight from German hands.

The Nazi high command failed utterly to read the portents at Stalingrad a year ago, and lost an army. The indications are strong that in the Ukraine and the Dnieper bend it has again failed to fall back in time to escape very grave entrapment dangers hovering over the whole German Black sea flank.



## State of the Union

# Today's Radio Programs

- 8:30-9:00—FRIDAY—1200 Kc.
  - 7:30—Cherry City News.
  - 7:30—Newton County Farm and Home Program.
  - 7:15—Rise 'n' Shine.
  - 7:30—News.
  - 7:45—Morning Moods.
  - 8:00—Cherry City News.
  - 8:05—Program Parade.
  - 8:15—Rhythm Five.
  - 8:30—Tango Time.
  - 8:30—Pastor's Call.
  - 9:15—It's the Truth.
  - 9:30—Cote Glee Club.
  - 9:45—Popular Music.
  - 10:00—Cherry City News.
  - 10:05—Song and A Dance.
  - 10:30—Music.
  - 11:00—Cherry City News.
  - 11:05—Sentimental Song.
  - 11:15—Maxine Buren.
  - 11:30—Bits of Yesterday.
  - 12:00—Organette.
  - 12:15—News.
  - 12:30—Hilbilly Serenade.
  - 12:30—KLM Concert Hour.
  - 1:00—Lugs 'n' Abner.
  - 1:15—Orchestra.
  - 1:30—Polka Dot.
  - 1:45—Spotlight on Rhythm.
  - 2:00—Isle of Paradise.
  - 2:15—Vocal Matinee.
  - 2:30—State Safety Program.
  - 2:45—Broadway Band Wagon.
  - 2:45—KLM Concert Hour.
  - 3:00—Cherry City News.
  - 4:15—News.
  - 4:30—Vikings.
  - 4:45—Music.
  - 5:00—Mahlon Merrick's Vocal Group.
  - 5:15—Let's Reminisce.
  - 5:30—Vocal Matinee.
  - 6:00—Tonight's Headlines.
  - 6:15—War News Commentary.
  - 6:30—James Abba Covers the News.
  - 6:30—Ten-Two-Four.
  - 6:45—Beyond Victory, What?
  - 7:00—News.
  - 7:05—Clyde Lucas.
  - 7:30—Keystone.
  - 7:30—War Fronts in Review.
  - 8:10—Orchestra.
  - 8:30—Lubri Gas.
  - 8:45—Treasury Star Parade.
  - 9:00—News.
  - 9:15—Castles in the Air.
  - 9:45—Between the Lines.
  - 10:20—Horseshoe in Swingtime.
  - 10:30—News.
  - 10:45—Sign Off.
- 2:30—What's Doing, Ladies.
- 2:30—Voices in Harmony.
- 2:30—Labor News.
- 2:45—Jack Armstrong.
- 3:00—Hollywood News Flashes.
- 3:15—News.
- 3:30—Blue Frolics.
- 4:00—News.
- 4:05—Archie Andrews.
- 4:20—Hop Harrigan.
- 4:45—The Sea Hound.
- 5:00—Barry and the Pirates.
- 5:15—Dick Tracy.
- 5:20—Jack Armstrong.
- 5:45—Captain Midnight.
- 6:00—The Three Romances.
- 6:15—News.
- 6:30—Spotlight Bands.
- 6:55—Sports.
- 7:00—John Gunther.
- 7:15—News.
- 7:30—Brooks.
- 8:00—Orchestra.
- 8:15—The Parker Family.
- 8:30—Gang Busters.
- 8:30—East Your Navy.
- 9:30—News Headlines & Highlights.
- 9:45—Art Baker.
- 10:00—News Memory Lane.
- 10:30—Music.
- 10:45—Music.
- 11:30—Concert Hour.

- 6:00—Waitz Time.
- 6:30—People are Funny.
- 7:00—Amos and Andy.
- 7:30—Bill Stern Sports Newswel.
- 7:45—Music.
- 8:00—Fred Waring in Pleasure Time.
- 8:15—Frontway Bulletin.
- 8:30—Your All-Time Hit Parade.
- 9:00—Furlough Fun.
- 9:30—Music.
- 9:55—Musical Interlude.
- 10:00—News Flashes.
- 10:15—Your Home Town News.
- 10:30—Labor.
- 10:30—Gardening for Food.
- 10:45—Voice of A Nation.
- 11:30—Hotel Billmore Orchestra.
- 11:30—War News Roundup.
- 12:00-3 a.m.—Swing Shift.

- 7:58—Nelson Fringle, News.
- 8:00—Northwest Farm Reporter.
- 8:00—Breakfast Bulletin.
- 8:30—Texas Rangers.
- 8:45—KOIN Clock.
- 9:00—Joyce Jamina.
- 9:15—Headline News.
- 9:30—News.
- 9:58—Nelson Fringle, News.
- 10:00—Consumers.
- 10:15—Valiant Lady.
- 10:30—Stories America Loves.
- 10:45—Our Gal Sunday.
- 10:50—Kate Smith Speaks.
- 10:55—Big Sister.
- 11:00—Romance of Helen Trent.
- 11:00—Cur Gal Sunday.
- 10:00—Life Can Be Beautiful.
- 10:15—Ma Perkins.
- 10:30—Bernadette Flynn.
- 10:45—The Goldbergs.
- 11:00—Young Dr. Malone.
- 11:15—Joyce Jamina.
- 11:30—We Love and Learn.
- 11:45—News.
- 12:00—Neighbors.
- 12:15—Open Door.
- 12:30—William Winter, News.
- 12:45—Bachelor's Children.
- 1:00—Broadway Bulletin.
- 1:25—Air-Flie of the Air.
- 1:30—This Living World.
- 2:00—Mary Martin.
- 2:15—Newspaper of the Air.
- 2:45—American Women.
- 3:00—News.
- 3:15—Lyn Murray Show.
- 3:30—Songs.
- 3:45—The World Today.
- 3:55—Chat Show, News.
- 4:30—Stars of Today.
- 4:15—Bob Anderson.
- 4:50—Friday on Broadway.
- 5:00—Caleb Clark.
- 5:15—Henry's Gang.
- 5:30—Harry Flannery, News.
- 5:45—News.
- 5:55—Bill Henry.
- 6:00—Music.
- 6:15—Oregon at War.
- 6:20—That Brewster Boy.
- 7:30—Jimmy Durante & Garry Moore.
- 7:30—Stage Door Canteen.
- 8:00—I Love A Mystery.
- 8:15—Date Line.
- 8:30—Playhouse.
- 9:00—Kate Smith.
- 9:35—What's to Become of—?
- 10:00—Five Star Final.
- 10:15—Wartime Women.
- 10:30—Horace Heidt.
- 10:30—Meaning of the News.
- 10:35—Music.
- 10:45—Voice of the Army.
- 11:00—Milton Charles.
- 11:30—Orchestra.
- 11:45—Dale Jones Orchestra.
- 11:55—News.
- Midnight to 3:30 a.m.—Music & News

## KALE—FRIDAY—1200 Kc.

- 6:58—Dave West.
- 7:00—Young Wilder Brown.
- 7:15—Texas Rangers.
- 7:30—Memory Timekeeper.
- 8:00—Bible Institute.
- 8:30—News.
- 8:45—What's New?
- 8:55—Do You Say It?
- 9:00—Boake Carter.
- 9:15—Woman's Side of the News.
- 9:30—Clyde Lucas.
- 9:45—Hear Music.
- 10:00—News.
- 10:15—Hear Music.
- 10:30—This and That.
- 11:00—Cedric Foster.
- 11:15—Music.
- 11:30—Concert Gems.
- 11:45—Music.
- 12:00—News.
- 12:00—Lionel Lincoln.
- 12:45—On the Farm Front.
- 12:50—Melody.
- 1:15—Learn to Dance.
- 1:30—Sentimental Music.
- 2:00—Ray Dady.
- 2:15—Texas Rangers.
- 2:30—Yours for a Song.
- 2:45—Wartime Women.
- 3:00—News.
- 3:30—Radio Tour.
- 3:45—Stars of Today.
- 3:50—Music.
- 3:55—Bill Hays Reads the Bible.
- 4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
- 4:15—Johnson Family.
- 4:30—Rainbow Rendezvous.
- 4:45—News.
- 5:00—Learn to Dance.
- 5:15—Superman.
- 5:30—Show Time.
- 5:45—Horton Hears.
- 6:00—Gabriel Heatter.
- 6:15—Gracie Fields.
- 6:30—Double or Nothing.
- 7:00—Dale Carnegie.
- 7:15—Fulton Oursler.
- 7:30—Lonnie Ranger.
- 8:00—Music.
- 8:15—Turbulent Journey.
- 8:30—What's the Name of This Song.
- 9:00—News.
- 9:15—Speaking of Sports.
- 9:30—Duchess Fairings.
- 9:45—Fulton Lewis.
- 10:00—Freedom of Opportunity.
- 10:15—News.
- 10:30—Songs by Horton Hears.
- 10:45—Bobby Lewis Orchestra.
- 11:00—Music.
- 11:45—Music.

## KEK—FRIDAY—1100 Kc.

- 6:00—Musical Cloc.
- 6:15—National Farm and Home.
- 6:45—Western Agriculture.
- 7:30—Musical.
- 7:45—Choral Singers.
- 7:55—James Abba Observes.
- 7:45—The Husband Family.
- 8:30—Breakfast Club.
- 9:30—My True Story.
- 9:30—Breakfast at Sardinia.
- 10:00—News.
- 10:15—Sweet River.
- 10:30—Ed Jorgensen.
- 10:45—The Baby Institute.
- 11:00—Business Talkings.
- 11:15—The Mystery Chef.
- 11:30—Ladies, Be Seated.
- 11:45—Songs by Horton Hears.
- 12:00—News Headlines & Highlights.
- 12:30—Treasury Song Parade.
- 1:45—News Headlines & Highlights.
- 2:30—Blue Roomroom Review.

## Wool Growers Seek Easing Meat Rationing

THE DALLES, Jan. 20—(P)—More flexible meat rationing rules are sought by the Oregon Wool Growers association.

A resolution passed at the 48th annual convention here called on the office of price administration (OPA) to lower point values in areas where surplus meat is threatened with spoilage.

The association also urged that all food problems—production, distribution and pricing—be turned over to the war food administration. The growers asked cancellation of ceiling on live animals and expanded federally-inspected slaughtering plants as part of an effort to redirect supplies from the black market into normal channels.

The state legislature's emergency committee was called upon to increase bounties on predatory animals by matching state funds to county money. The growers al-

## Best Speaker



Tom Riggs, Dallas, Oregon State college student, won the National Intercollegiate Peace association speech contest.

so recommended continuance of the government wool purchase program.

All officers were re-elected: Mac Hoke, Pendleton, president; Wayne C. Stewart, Dayville, vice president; and Walter A. Holt, Pendleton, secretary-treasurer.

## IT SEEMS TO ME

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made by the member to the AP over a long term of years is to be shared with the newcomer without cost. That is a clear invasion member rights, and may have the effect of impairing the value of its property.

It has been the economics of newspaper production which has caused the reduction in number of newspapers published over the last quarter century, not the lack of news services. In this regard the legal question is somewhat academic now; but that is no reason for letting the adverse court decision go by default. To the extent that it may encourage spite or racket papers it does the community a disservice.

Considering the splendid performance of the Associated Press and the fact that it has been in existence all the time the Sherman act has been on the lawbooks it seems an outrage that now it should be attacked, when the competing services, UP and INS, are also at the peak of their strength and quality, proving that no crushing monopoly in the news field exists. The decision of the lower court was two-to-one, and the majority opinion, like the original complaint, carried a sort of apologetic tone. Hence, the case should be carried to the federal supreme court to see if the full liberty of the Associated Press as a cooperative may be preserved.

## Draft Boards Order Exams

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20—(P)—Draft boards are ordering 1-A men to report for pre-induction physical examinations whether or not they have appealed their 1-A classification, a selective service spokesman said.

The idea is to get the pre-induction physical out of the way first, and determine whether the man is fit for service, before proceeding to hold hearings or otherwise consider an appeal which he may make within 10 days after being classified 1-A.

In such cases, the spokesman explained, the 21-day period of civilian life, which every registrant is guaranteed after passing a pre-induction physical, dates from the day the draft board mails the man his certificate of physical fitness, and not from the day his appeal is finally turned down.

## Nazi Planes Hit, Norway

By W. W. HERCHER

LONDON, Jan. 20—(P)—Several large German flying boats were attacked at Stavanger, Norway, by mosquito fighter-bombers on offensive patrol Wednesday in the first aerial activity reported from Britain in three days.

The big German planes, three-engined, long-distance Blohm and Voss 138s, suffered several cannon hits. One was destroyed, the air ministry announced.

An informant reaching Britain recently from Germany (his identity was not disclosed) reported the manufacturing city of Hanover had been "practically destroyed" and that the ball bearing industry at Schweinfurt had been thoroughly smashed by the American and British bombings.

## Fourth War Loan Thought For Today

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## Oregon Is Leader In Mercury Production

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20—(P)—Oregon ranked as one of the nation's largest mercury-producing states last year with an output of 4300 flasks, the bureau of mines has reported.

California, whose Idris mine in San Benito county speeded up its production 75 per cent, topped the country with 35,000 flasks. The national output reached 53,500 flasks—largest number since 1931.

## The Safety Valve

PROHIBITION OR LIQUOR CONTROL

To the Editor:

A short time ago I heard a voice over the radio in favor of prohibition urging everyone to vote dry. Dear readers, do you remember how it was in prohibition days, crime was on the rampage. Men and boys were sent to prison by the score. It took twice as many law enforcement officers to cope with the crime. No revenue was paid to the state or government by the bootlegger so the old age pension was from \$8 to \$22 a month for an old person to live on.

Men, women and children were putting in 10 to 12 hours a day at from 80 cents to \$2 for a good hop pickers. Now they make from \$3 to \$10 a day. Hop men were begging for contracts for enough to live on. Beer joint restaurant men were standing in front of their places begging for customers in dry days.

Now the old age pension is \$22 to \$40 a month, and all business is fine. The hop men get from 80 cents to \$1 a pound for hops. The only men who want prohibition are a few sky pilots who can't preach good enough for a living, or some cheap lawyer who is praying for a better political job using the dry stuff as a cloak to put his political job over.

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