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## Excess Housing

Somene time ase the question was risted in this heb buididing of housing in the Portrund area, the great dormitories built by the government at a cost of nearly $\$ 5,000,000$ was being closed
for lack of tenants, and now the executive diIor lack of tenants, and now the executive di-
rector of the federal housing authority in Portland says that more than 3000 of the 18,578 ven these houses to the general public. This is just another case of poor planning and
overdoing the job which has been seen so often in government management. The country over vorse, which will have to be cleaned up. This waste not only is a drain on the taxpayer, but also damages one's. confidence in his govern-
ment. Of course the excuse "this is war" will be offered, but that is already growing thread-
bare. There are just too many Canol projects for the people to swallow them all without

Rennie of Benton
ature in recent sessions had the solid respect and confidence of the public and of his fellow Benton county in the house for five sessions was a case where the office sought the man, for he had wanted to retire several times, but was
prevailed on by his loyal constituents and ad mirers over the state to return.
Rennie's chief service was on the ways and means committee, where he and Senator Dean
Walker really saved the state when its finan cial situation was precarious. Conservative as was his constituency in Benton county, Rennie
helped to keep Oregon on an even keel. At the same time he was interested in the state instiwe well cared for. His passing is a great loss to the state.
promised a simpler tax return-but no lower

## Interpreting

## The War News



## Editorial Comment

##  <br> dates ran. The two top ranking favorites, PDR <br>  to goodnese withtrawal hur executes a real honest the nomination if 'twas brought to him on a silver platter. <br> Its the only flaw in the MacArthur disclafmer in $n^{\prime} t$ in the about six months too late. It just was can in the cards for a man to command an Ameri- at the same oitte overseas and run for presiden the vietim of over-zeelous admirers and some others who used thim for their own ends, making tion in the republican party, probably without his Finally someone in whom the general has con- fidence-like as not Senator Vandenburg of Mich-san-has given him the "low down" on the situ- ation As a result he has stepped aside to let divilian carry the political ball against the New civilian carry the political ball against the New Deal while he carries the military ball against the Japs, the role for which he is best qualified. Baker Democrat-Herald. <br> The vegetables have sone republican", saic Mri. Lewls Sorensen as the preesented us with a turnip shaped like a GOP elephant-oven to truink. fail and liet.. We have him on dieplay in our ing prowpervas tivy ahend, He doesn't look very 

Two for One
It iss't clear to Mr. Average Citizen why two Congressional investigations of the Montgomer Ward seizure are in order. The senate has al one for itself. Surely one would be enough, and since the senate was first in the field, the While the terms of the approving resolution were broad, the type of investigation will de pend very much on the ability and the slan times these committees begin with fixed opinons and sort the evidence or the witnesses or
manage the hearing in such a way as to warp th hearing and impair the quality of its findings. The Ward case is one which by virtue of it,
prominence calls for investigation, both as to the facts in the case in fart as the both as agencies are concerned and as regards the la bor policies of the company. Legal and consti-
tutional questions will be passed on by the courts in puentions will be passed on by the should be complete and it shouid be fair. the committee is loaded with new dealers the may want to "rry" Avery; if it is loaded with velt. The public is interested in an impartia inquiry which reveals all the pertinent fac and orfers opinions based on the facts. In thi ten, fail to get what it wants.

The British raj, the government of India
has released Mohandas K . Ghandi because o his ill health. He is probably too ill to stir u trouble, and the government doesn't want t have him die on their hands. Meantime if the Japs would be overrunning India; and what would they do to Ghandi and his kind?

## News Behind The News

washigror, 7 Wod story of the reasons behind the abendonment
of the cheaper meats rationing, but tit contain
eeats rationing, but it contains
holes which may not sustain his
expectations. expectations. His explanation was that feed is short and, tharefore, the
points were taken off to in points were taken off to in-
duce greater consumption. But consumption depends these days consumption depends these days
primarily on supply and also
an price, rather than the ald on price, rather than the num-
ber of ration coupons outstand-
ing ing.
There is to be no change in Paul mainon price and all the other econo-
mic factors of supply still prevail today-only the consumer coupon phase having been removed.
Will the farmers rush any more or less cattle or hogs to market as a a result of that single change?
Or will people but So also with the feed angle, thire is a large un-
observed question mark. Nothing has happened observed question mark. Nothing has happened
lately; no new crisis has arisen in that long dan-
gerous condition to explain the suddenness of Mr. Bowles' step. The only development has been an The government went the 100-odd western farm counties and commandeered all corn supplies to
get enough to keep the processing plants cane get enough to keep the processing plants (cane
syrup, etc.) going. No one in those counties can
sell any corn except to the commodity credit corporation. Thus, the government is. getting enough
corn for the processing plants, but has left less for feed. the scheme works as Mr. Bowles out-
But say and
lined it, and the farmers now rush more hogs and lined it, and the farmers now rush more hogs and
cattle e o market, and consumers rush to buy this
increased supplx. In that event, Mr. Bowles himself increased supplav. .n that event. Mr. Bowles himself
said he may have to renew rationing on these less
dem itemantein that harder rationing than we have known
must follow the decline of cattle and hogs avail-
must folilow the delle
able.
We have no reserves of corn, only a little of
wheat. The farmers being shorthanded cannot be expected to cure the feed situation unless provi-
dence enabtes. .ever hands to grow areater crop.
The corn feed crop will be available in September or October, but there is a presidential election
coming in November, and the betting around here coming in November, and the betting around here
una about tioo that that the much rarder rationing
which seems to be in prospect for fall will not be Which seems to be in prospect for fall will not be
put indo effect until after November 7 . sible explanation for the removal of the rationing
than the others. None of thiss is said in criticism of Mr. Bowles'
adminitration, only his excuise. His administration administration, only his excuse. His adiministration
may be tar from perfect, but it looks like magnificent efficiency when compared with the earlier recting the Henderson mistakes botht in orders and
in personnel, apparently even the biggest one of coupon rationing ittelf.
The government really rations the supplies of much for army, navy, lend-lease, etc., leaving certain amount to be distributed, If that amoun
is not sumficient to meet consumer needs as has
always been the case it mikes no difterence haw many coupons you have. The real rationing, therefore is done betore selling to the consumer.
As everyone knows, unles you are early in line at the grocery for your butter, steake, or any ra-
tioned product, you will not get tit. Truth is there has always been less rationed food available than
coupons. Hoarding could be prevented more simply by limiting the amounts to a elistomer.
A great deterioration in quality of meats avai-
able has been noticed in recent monthe due to the direct movement of cattle from grazing to market without going fthrough the feeder lots
where they formerly were given corn. The ampy and navy, however, are getting zooo in Rurrope are fargely beifg fod with Arr troopine

The fact that we have so many men abroud now Consuuption on a coupon basis alone.
The frozen fruit and vesetable ond canned voge:
table rationing points were talien off apparently


## Radio Programs



