TOTAL DELL

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More Acres, Fewer Farms

The nation as a whole, becoming increasingly the breadbasket of the world, can well be glad that there has been an increase of 82,000,000 acres-about 1 1-3 per cent-in farmed land since 1940. But the fact that there are 86,000 fewer farms isn't so heartening.

The latter disclosure of the census bureau can be interpreted in many ways-that largescale operation makes for economies with which smaller operators cannot compete; that war years have led many persons to sell their tracts and accept the high wages of industry; that lack of help has forced many ranchers to go out of business. Whatever the interlocked reasons, it is doubtful that the 1940-45 period can be termed one of "normalcy" insofar as a definite trend is concerned.

Of major interest to us in the west is the fact that all three Pacific coast states have gained both in farm acreage and in the number of farms. Only 10 of Oregons 36 counties were in the category, however-Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Lane, Lincoln, Malheur and Marion. And seven counties lost in both classifications-Benton, William Hood River, Linn, Polk, Tillamook and Umatilla. The others gained or lost in one category or the other, but there were enough increases to put Oregon on the plus side both in acreage

That is as it should be-and probably will be in increasing proportions as many servicemen, drawn from the soil by the years of war, return to buy their own long-dreamed-of plot or get back into production otherwise. But they should be well aware that the interest on present land prices will eat up a lot of profits, and profits may not be as fat as formerly.

It's all very well to preach "back to the farm," but farming now has become so competitive that it's more important for the veteran to look to his own economic good than to try to coast on the national statistics.

Civil War Fading Out

The Chinese civil war turns out to be similar to other internal wars in China, chiefly sound and fury. The nationalist troops are entering Mukden and Changchun without communist resistance, although a few weeks ago bloody conflict was presaged with the communists over occupation of Manchuria.

The communists hold control over large areas of northern China and Inner Mongolia but they seem to be fairly well content if they are not pushed around too much by the nationalists. They assert their communism is really democracy, although they claim to adhere to Marxian

Some kind of working relationship may emerge which will avert real conflict in China and still permit the unity which is essential for China's political and economic reconstruction. While we as a nation are genuinely concerned over what happens in China the responsibility is China's and we can't successfully dictate the course the Chinese must follow.

Lumber Surplus

ervice men returning from the Pacific report huge stocks of lumber piled on islands from Hawaii to Guam and probably well on to Australia. This is added to the stocks held at terminal bases on this coast. The lumber accumulated when it was anticipated that least an additional million men would be wed into the Pacific theatre of war who ald require housing, hospitals, warehouses, eks, headquarters, etc. The ending of the virtually wipes out need for much new lumber unless it be for the occupation troops in Japan. The lumber ought to be returned to the country where it is urgently needed. It can be sold as surplus and go into the housing of the same men who would have occupied the barracks planned in the Pacific.

It would be interesting to get from the army and navy an inventory of the millions of woard

Editorial Comment

"ARROGANCE" Union labor leaders have often surprised us by their absurd demands and the reason therefor but Phillip Murray outdid them all when he referred to Mr. Truman's fact finding recommendation as "arrogance." If there is ever anything more arrogant or unreasonable than Murray's castigation of the president we never heard it. All over this country owners and managers of plants are kept out of their own buildings by strikers who will not let them cross a picket line to get to their own property. Office forces, not on strike, have been turned back by pickets so that proprietors could not even answer their own mail. In many of these plants, too, mayors of the cities are so cowardly that they will not order the police to clear a path so that a proprietor can enter his own factory. If they can do this, they can also picket the man's house, thus preventing from getting home. In Stanford, Conn., the pickets used force to prevent the owner of a plant entering his offices and the police stood by and did nothing about it. This is clearly governby anarchy or rather a rule of anarchy for y prevents government. We have mob rule only because of the bold arrogance of the but because the spineless politicians are to do their duty. The reconversion period apposed to be a time for turning out goods opie need and want. Instead of that we ing but strikes in our leading industries, pobile factories, the steel plants, the longmen and the musicians' boss, Petrillo, denot where recorded music is all that and Congress does nothing about it. ident of the United States recomeven so weak a solution as a "fact finding inion," the heads of the various labor unions

feet of lumber they hold on this coast and through the Pacific. Such information would confirm the view here expressed that it is large in amount and definitely surplus.

Housing is top priority as far as need is concerned here at home. The government is concerned and anxious to "do something". Turning this lumber over for civilian use here would be one practical step toward speeding up house construction.

Five-cent Fare

New York must be about the only city remaining where the prevailing fare for streetcar travel is five cents. San Francisco's municipal railway kept a five cent charge until it bought out the private company when it went to seven cents and now considers going to ten cents. In New York the five-cent fare 1 has long been a sacred political cow. When the private subways groaned under the burden of hauling people for that fare and went into receivership the city finally took them over but kept the fare at five cents. As a result the city has an operating loss of about \$50,000,-000 this year, besides loss of taxes on the for- News Behind mer private property.

The board of transportation has a program \$632 million, financing of which may result in taking the five-cent fare "for a ride." The experience shows it still takes money to make the mare go, even under socialism.

Don't Lose Next War

It will never do for the United States to lose a war to Germany or Japan. Then we might expect execution of our statesmen and military leaders and at least imprisonment for those handling bond campaigns and moneyraising efforts for war causes.

A lost war might well mean overturn of our Zaibatsu (business heirarchy) too. And think of the upset that might be caused if some conquering general ordered that the sharecroppers in the south get title to their lands or that the big ranches in eastern Oregon be split up, or that "niggers" get jobs. No, we dare not lose the next war.

Interpreting The Day's News

By James D. White Associated Press Staff Writer

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.-(P) Six U. S. marine fliers have been cooling their heels in a remote north China village since their plane was forced down Nov. 10 .

The official marine version is that the plane was on a routine flight from Tientsin to Peiping. got lost, ran out of gas, and came down about 80 miles west of Tientsin.

Names have not been announced nor has the village been specified, but 80 miles west of Tientsin would put them in the mountains. west of Kaopeitien station on the

Peiping-Hankow railway, possibly in the valley that leads up to the Hsi-ling, or the western tombs of The mountains roundabout are

high and sugged, and in the past have raised crops of young Chinese who left the crowded, bare land to live as bandits. Other marine fliers have found

the plane, half covered with brush, and seen its tracks where it landed and which have since been ploughed over.

Today a marine transport plane flew over and dropped food and winter clothing to the six stranded men, because it is getting very cold in those parts and there isn't much to eat. Negotiations for their release, both local and through Chungking, thus far have failed to free them.

Because this area is within the territory nominally controlled by the Chinese communists, the question was put up to communist representatives in Chungking, who announced on Dec. 8 that the fliers were being released.

Matter of Established Policy During the war against Japan the communists rescued many American fliers from behind Japanese lines, and they would have little reason now to hold these six as a matter of sensible policy. Getting the local commander, who may or may not be a communist, to release them is another

matter under present circumstances. As mentioned, this is bandit country, and the marines well could be held by bandits who happen to claim right now that they are communists. There has been no mention of a ransom, but reports thus far have been meager and the pos-

sibility cannot be counted out. Chinese bandits can be brutal, and childlike. There was the elderly American missionary who was shot in cold blood by nervous bandits who held him up in his summer home.

On the other hand there was the case of four picnicking Germans from Peiping whom bandits nabbed in the hills in 1941. The bandits claimed to be "communists," but deft questioning by one of the Germans, who was China-born and a fluent talker, developed the fact that the bandits didn't know what communism was and had no connection with the red army.

Passed Over Request for Rice They had been starving under Japanese occupation so long that the first ransom they asked for was coarse kaoliang meal which is commonly fed to cattle. It didn't occur to them to ask for rice. When the question of money came up, they

wanted \$50,000. The Germans explained their country was at war, they were cut off without any business, and couldn't possibly pay that much. "Well, not a copper less than \$400," said the leader firmly.

He noticed a wrist-watch with a luminous dial, the first he had seen. The German let him try it on, then told him to keep it. "I couldn't possibly-it's yours," was the start-



think have been unpublished,

certainly have not been men-

(A) Mr. Byrnes dropped his

adviser Jimmy Dunn for the

Moscow trip (Dunn had been

charged by Moscow enthusiasts

as being fascist, Catholic and

otherwise unsympathetic with

Moscow causes) and Mr. Byrnes

is taking in Dunn's place Free-

man Mathews, a butterfly diplo-

mat, who has skipped around

the world in his assignments,

being against Russian interests.

Carter Vincent, head of the far

eastern division, which Pat Hur-

they, Senator Connally?)

it at Moscow, they say.

world peace.

been held.

Russians Blamed

Unless Molotov shows up at

the January 7 meeting of the

assembly in London, it will mean

Russia has turned thumbs down

on the Roosevelt formula for

tised as a routine assemblage

of the foreign ministers, as prom-

ised by Stalin to Roosevelt and

Churchill at Yalta. My inside

information is that Mr. Byrnes

went to his office on a recent

Sunday and began reading the

Yalta agreements. They say he

found the agreements calling for

ters every three months. (They

also called for independence of

Iran.) These meetings had not

The publicity men may claim

that the San Francisco confer-

came in July, and London in

September-but these were not

ters as prescribed. The only one

which was what was prescribed

was the London gathering in

September, and it broke up in

complete failure, due to Russian

By Lichty

meetings of the foreign minis-

The meeting has been adver-

"Crises" at Hand?

Mr. Byrnes is also taking John

tioned prominently:

Jockeying for Position

partmental informants tell me: the News

By PAUL MALLON of expansion and rehabilitation which runs to (Distribution by King Features Syndicate, Inc. Reproduction in whole or in part strictly prohibited.)

> WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. -Secretary of State Byrnes goes to Moscow! He says the Iranian government will make the trek also. So both Mohammed and

> the mountain go to Moscow. The senate, as all knowing individuals here, is worried. Realizing this, before his departure, the state secretary took both the sena-

off - the - record meetings. The attitude of the worried senators and in

tors and the

press into his

confidence in

dividuals is The Truman-Byrnes foreign Paul Mailon policy has been working well, by comparison with the appeasement policy of the Roosevelt administration, designed to goad

against the nazis. We have not established much. except our position in China. We have lost in Iran. The Russians are in the process of conquering that country.

the Russians to ever greater war

Have Won and Lost But at least we have not lost abjectly. We have won and lost, by defending our position, the Roosevelt Atlantic Charter. against make-believe freedom for peoples and world-democracy. We have ceased to lose every conference.

We ceased our losing because we had an adamant attitude, for what we believed was right. Does Mr. Byrnes' trip to Moscow mean we have abandoned that attitude?

Frankly, the senators think it may. They think generally appeasement of Britain (with money) is to be followed by appeasement of Russia (with a tom bombs, concessions, eye-blinking regarding Iran, China, and similar pretensions that conquest of ence came in April (against Europe and Asia by Russia is Yalta's January) and Potsdam "Peace In Our Time!"

The mere fact that Mr. Byrnes meetings of the foreign minisgoes to Moscow with atom bomb in hand reminds them of Chamberlain at Munich. That also meant "peace in our time." Remember? Their understanding is rein-

opposition. forced by two facts which I Mr. Byrnes thought, my de-GRIN AND BEAR IT

How about another foreign ministers meeting? He got Russian consent first (he needed it after the straight Moscow rebuff of his Iranian note requesting early Russian withdrawal of troops from Iran) and in spite of the fact that Mr. Truman had, just the day before, announced he expected no meetings of the big three, but thought the UNO could take care of everything.

Confusion Charged In the face of the president, Mr. Byrnes asserted the White House had confused the distinction between colossal big three's (Truman, Attlee and Stalin) and ordinary big three's (Molotov, Bevin and Byrnes.) yet never got the reputation of The latter meeting, he thought highly desirable, and arranged

What the senators think is

that the Roosevelt people in this ley said was sabotaging Americountry (Mrs. Roosevelt's procan foreign policy (the demomotionists, CIO, the auto workcrats sure stopped Hurley, didn't ers, etc.) raised such a publicity opposition to Byrnes, even causing communist pickets to de-In answer and apology to this mand his ousting in front of his line of thought, Mr. Byrnes' state department for one day, people explain a crises of the that he became freightened of United Nations organization is the domestic political consenow at hand, due to Russian quences of his non-losing policy lack of cooperation. If UNO is to and decided to embark upon be saved, Mr. Byrnes must save

appeasement-which is what the Rooseevlt radicals want. For the present only, they will keep quiet in hopes that the agreements at Moscow will be

fair and valid. The situation is so serious I will begin an analysis of world conditions soon, and will pursue it to its ultimate factual truth if I take four or five columns.

The Literary Guidepost

By W. G. ROGERS

FO'CASTLE WALTZ, by Louis Slo-bodkin (Vanguard; \$2.75). Louis Slobodkin has demonstrated in the past that he is a man of many talents. He is, first of all, a sculptor of considerable note, also an artist and illustraaccomplishments must now be there, announced Thursday. added that of story teller for Each bicycle owner is expected grownups, and in that category to take with him to the issuing Building Permit he rates with the best.

the day he decided to ship on a pointed out. freighter because he had seen and perhaps a little sadder. In those days-apparently in

service in our merchant marine day. today. The work was hard, esof water.

Nevertheless, life on the Hermanita had its interesting moments, provided, in the main, by a varied collection of crew members-Al and Mush and Scotty and Portuguese Peter, who liked "unsalted butta" on his bread, Pat the Oiler and others.

Slobedkin's style is sharp and direct. He has a lot to tell and he wastes no time in the telling. His trip covered five or six weeks but an incredibly large number of things happened, all of which the author avers are the truth. At any event, his story is a good one throughout.

FOUR HOUSES BURN PORTLAND, Dec. 13:-(A)-Fire destroyed four small houses on St. Helens road north of Linnton army or navy experience— last night. Owners estimated dam-

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his reputation did not suffer serlously in the defeat of the Dewey-Bricker ticket. Out of office in 1945 he has an opening ate seat vacated when Harold Burton went on the supreme court. A democrat was named to the place but Bricker is expected to be a candidate. He has a strong following in Ohio, having been elected attorney general and three times governor, so his prospects for winning the senatorial contests are regarded as favorable, A seat in the senate will get him back into the political main current in good season for the 1948 campaign. One dare not count out

Thomas E. Dewey, governor of man, and New York's 90 votes is candidate. But Dewey has a more immediate task than campaigning for the 1948 nomination. He first must be re-elected governor of New York; and don't doubt the democrats are laying for him with well-sharpened broadswords. Senator Mead is regarded as a likely candidate, but the one who might be even more of a threat is James A. Farley, former postmaster general and democratic national chairman. Farley left the cabinet in protest against a third term, but he stayed regular in his voting. Now he is said to cherish the ambition to become

New York city election when he prevailed on the republicans to Christmas Fete nominate an ex-Tammany man, Judge Goldstein, who made a miserable showing in the election. This miffed many republicans and lowered the governor's York's republican strength is largely upstate and there is no indication that Dewey has lost this. His potency as a 1948 aspirant hinges largely on his showing in his own state in 1946. If he is defeated, or if he squeaks through with a narrow margin his presidential strength will be the party usual refreshments will slight. Republicans have never be served. renominated a loser; and at present there is little indication 'hey will break that rule.

President Truman, organization candidate for vice president, is clearly in line for the democratic nomination in 1948. The organization can hardly desert him, and the radical wing, which would prefer Henry Wallace, on the party convention. The party suffers from having few entries in the paddock besides practice.

Cycle License Plate Sale Near

Truman. They may need them.

New bicycle license plates for 1946 go on sale at the city police tor, a lecturer and writer of station Saturday morning, Decembooks for boys and girls. To these ber 15, C. T. Jory, license clerk

desk a piece of paper three by The story that Slobodkin tells four inches containing his name, here is an account of a trip to address, telephone number, make Argentina he made in his young of bicycle and serial number. Bier days in the crew of the S.S. cycle owners who live outside the

A limited length of time in nothing of the world until he which to secure the new licenses comes back home a little wiser is permitted before bicycles found without 1946 plate will be ordered impounded. The license clerk will the early 20s - life aboard a seal the plate on the front of any freighter had not required some bicycle when there is no walting of the refinements which go with line of applicants, he said Thurs-

During the early period of the pecially for a youngster fresh out license rush, plates will be issued of a sculptor's studio; the food from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m., Saturday was of dubious quality-wormy included. After those hours, the natmeal for breakfast, greasy 50-cent license fee may be left pork chops for lunch, leathery with the desk sergeant and the chicken for Sunday dinner. Bath- plate picked up the next day. Jory declared.

Salem Clothes Distributed to Norwegians

The many people in Salem and vicinity who made contributions to the clothing drive for Norgegian relief will be interested to know that not only is such clothing reaching Norway but that it for political re-entry in the sen- is being distributed under government supervision free of charge and on the basis of need, Theodore G. Nelson, chairman of Norwegian relief for Marion county, said Thursday. Letters from different parts of Norway now reaching Salem people testify to that fact. In a letter dated November 2, to E. F. Arneson of South Cottage street, his brother Gustav at Nordstrand Heights, Norway, writes: "Now there is being distributed free American clothing throughout the country. They are being distributed on the basis of provident need. Because New York. His friend, Herbert of the generous supply of cloth-Brownell, is still national chair- ing which you have sent us direct it has not been necessary for us a powerful initial bloc for any to seek any help from that

Johanna Svensvold, an aunt of Ivy Swenwold of Salem, writes from Sandnes: "Much clothing and many shoes have come here from America. Coats and other articles have been distributed in Sandnes and I have heard that those who received them were very pleased with what was allotted to them. Those in greatest need are provided for first." After thanking for clothing sent to her direct. Miss Swenwold's aunt expressed special gratitude for a carton of

Dewey took a setback in the ew York city election when he

Plans for entertainment at the annual Christmas party of the American Legion Capitol post No. political prestige. However New 9 on Monday evening, December 17, are practically completed report James Garvin and Lawrence Osterman who comprise the entertainment committee.

A feature attraction of the evening, Garvin said, will be a girl champion baton-twirler who spins a blazing beton. Following

The Christmas program will ake place immediately following a short business meeting. All veterans and members of both Salem's Legion posts are invited. Garvin said:

Women's Club will hardly have sufficient Hears of Paris

Pre-war Paris as seen in 1938 in the "runner-up" class. The was the highlight of a talk by preeminence of Franklin D. Amanda Anderson at the 6 Roosevelt as party chieftain o'clock dinner meeting of Toastovershadowed other leaders and mistress last night at the Quelle. none can claim either his mantle | Esther Gulley was toastmistress or his power. But the democrats for the program and Grace Bottought to be looking over other ler conducted parliamentary A nominating committee was

elected last night composed of Marguerite Gleeson, Mrs. E. G. Ricketts and Mrs. James Hartley. Lois Hamer was introduced as a new member of the club. Because of many members

planning to be out of town during the holidays it was voted to transpose the December 27 and January 10 programs.

Issued for House

Edith Eyre White was issued a building permit Thursday by the Hermanita, a little freighter. Slo- city but ride within the city limits city building inspector's office to bodkin's story is complete-from must license their wheels, Jory erect a one story dwelling at 340 S. 20th st., at an estimated cost of A permit was issued to W. H.

Pettit to reroof a dwelling at 504 N. 14th st., at a cost of \$25. Frank N. Waters was granted a permit to repair an ice plant at 1551 Center st., at a cost of \$35. Nora E. Kufner was granted a

permit to alter a one story dwelling at 865 Pine st. at a cost of

MARINE ANGEL DOCKS

TACOMA, Dec. 13.-(AP)-Sailed from Calcutta, India, November ing was a luxury and had to be Changed addresses and sales of 19, the SS Marine Angel docked accomplished with one bucket bicycles must be recorded at once, at the port of Tacoma piers today with 2511 veterans aboard.

