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Forestry Program

The long awaited report of the governor's special committee studying the forestry question in Oregon is at hand. It covers too many subjects of such vital nature to be disposed of in a single editorial. We expect to study it carefully and discuss it at length in the interval before the legislature meets.

To handle the big job of reforestation of the Tillamook burn it proposes setting up a state corporation and to provide it with funds from a bond issue of \$25,000,000 to be spent over a ten-year period in bringing the area under proper forest management and restocking it with trees.

This is a constructive approach to the problem and of the right dimension. The editor of this paper has urged time and again that here is a major postwar project, challenging in its needs and in its promise for the future of northwestern Oregon.

A recommendation is offered for creation of a new department of conservation which would embrace forestry, fish and game departments, and other minor functions now separately administered. With no final opinion on this consolidation we would offer this thought that it may cover too much ground.

This report offers a program. Let it be thoroughly discussed in the months ahead. Nothing of greater importance has been presented to the people since the highway program was adopted in 1917.

In the Bikini Lagoon

One remembers standing as a child in mixed fear and wonder near the town battery before it fired a salvo on a patriotic holiday. How big would the "boom" be? Would you get hurt?

Similar emotions attend the spectators of the drama in the Bikini lagoon scheduled for 2:30 p.m. today, our own time. They are all children in the face of the marvel of the atomic bomb.

As the tests go forward the statesmen are laboring to bridle the energies which science has unleashed. For the statesmen, located half the world away from the Bikini lagoon, are full of fear, of desperate fear of the new force. They contemplate its unrestricted use in a future war as most terrifying, threatening devastation on a scale scarcely dreamed of. Bikini's once quiet lagoon may be the focus of many eyes and ears today, but one with a real sense of direction should turn his attention to what the diplomats and the statesman are doing, or attempting to do, to save the world from the woe which the exercise at Bikini will undoubtedly prove again is within the potential of atomic fission.

Subsidies Out? Presumably the veto of the OPA extension bill puts an early end to subsidies for farm products and metals which the government has been paying all through the war. This will be felt by meat processors, milk producers, metal mines. They can move prices up promptly to compensate this loss; but in the case of fluid milk in Oregon state price control becomes effective and dairymen will have to prove their case before Agriculture Director E. L. Peterson.

Market will probably be topsy-turvy for days and weeks until they settle down to solid ground. Of course the curbstone market on automobiles, nails, plumbing supplies and other scarce merchandise has been "topsy" for some time and growing "turriv" of late.

Consumers, if they start frantic buying, may do much to speed up the spiral of inflation. If they would strictly limit their buying to immediate needs they can do as much as anyone to put real price control into effect.

Behind the News By Paul Mallon (Distribution by King Features Syndicate, Inc. Reproduction in whole or in part strictly prohibited.)

WASHINGTON, June 29—Large quantities of sugar are stored in Cuba, I am told by an authority who has seen and touched it. Presumably this government, which bought Cuban crop, is itself awaiting its own favorable action of dismantling OPA. Other stores of goods, including shirts and shorts, are supposed to be in hoarding at the manufacturing or wholesale level.

In the face of shortages at the consumer level, prices are soaring. I paid \$1.90 for a pint of shrimp here at sea board where you could get the same amount a few years back for one-fourth or less.

Now the theory of the new OPA law, worked out finally by congress is to release stores and force up prices for a time, (which will get goods out of storage). Three months from now prices are expected to settle down to consumer demand, after the storage is gone. That is the theory in general. (If I were you I would buy no more now than necessary to my livelihood and plan to purchase unnecessary items later when promised price reductions are to be effected.)

Actual Outcome Still Conjectural But will it work? Will prices go up for a few months and then level off? Frankly I do not know. The liberals, conservatives or middle-landers do not believe congress has gone far enough with the de-control board (too hard to get to). They are suspicious of the new formula continuing OPA indefinitely (another year is specified), paying out a cool billion dollars from the treasury to producers NOT to raise prices, and exempting only food (meat, poultry and dairy products). Meat and butter are nearly extinct now in the east, and soon will be shorter. Grains are being shipped abroad. A balanced production and distribution program for food has not been worked out. No agency is doing it or is assigned to.

The new OPA law is a compromise among politics. OPA itself is half firm, half fluff. The theory of continuing price controls until production is achieved is satisfactory to most people, but the administration has been weak, neglected, spotty around the country (and has really hindered production which should be the goal).

The radicals are propagandizing for public effect. The Idaho Senator Taylor who recently called for a buyers strike against prices is the same unidentified senator mentioned in this column recently as advocating communist doctrines regarding war. He unpanned his way to election with a hillbilly band. He and the child-like Orson Welles got 500 to their rally for unannounced continuance of OPA, and obtained front page publicity which is what they wished also.

Theoretically they are right; actually they are wrong again when contests impede production they are not in the consumers' interest, as is charged to be the case in many items now.

This is not a question of conservation or manufacturing lobbies, as they think and yell. It is a problem in true economics, as the farmer, butcher and producer will tell you. Hereabouts they all want to get rid of OPA.

Thus the future rests with OPA administration. That this will get production I am not confident. Indeed it is not charged with that duty. If we get production and a downward leveling of prices in a few months it will be because of the natural energy of the capitalist system, and its desire to make profits.

Frankly, I do not expect much change. All foods excepting vegetables will continue short for the summer, and maybe winter. Production in other items should be showing, but is developing gradually (refrigerators, autos, etc., but not radios). All we can do on this is



"But I don't wanna be president Mem—I wanna be a labor boss!"

IT SEEMS TO ME (Continued from page 1)

had been badly mauled in the house and senate. The gangup of pressures groups was crushing. The growing contempt of OPA regulation all over the country made enforcement extremely difficult. The bill which congress finally passed, while short of some of its debilitating amendments, so crippled control by interfering with its mechanics that effective price restraint was rendered almost impossible.

Program is Given By Swegle Pupils

SWEGLE—Before their parents and friends present for the program Friday night at the school house members of the vacation Bible school classes proudly sang the new songs they had learned and recited the many memory verses given them.

Special parts on the program were a story told by Janice Isom, a number by a girls quartet, a whistling solo by Mark Maning and an illustrated story by the Rev. Peter Becker.

First year certificates were given Mary Ellen Gilman, Janice Isom, Margaret Ann Gilman, Keith Nelson and Kenneth Clemens; second year to Larry Jayne, Buddy Jayne, Gerald Gilman, Darrel Clemens.

In the third year class were Jack Isom and Paul LaVene and fourth year to John Gilman, junior members were Nancy Jayne and Virgil Nicklin. Prizes were given all members of primary class for their hand work.

Janice Isom received first prize for hand work and John Gilman for the most memory verses. Prizes for work books were for Jack Isom and Paul LaVene.



Public Records

Vernon A. Mouton vs Marie Mouton: Suit for divorce charging desertion. Asks for maiden name Marie Gates to be restored. Married July 3, 1943, at Columbus, Ga. Sunshine Dairy vs E. L. Peterson, director of the state agricultural department. Plaintiff files demurrer and demurs to the complaint in intervention.

Will-Drafting Contest Set For Attorneys A state-wide will-drafting contest calling for \$1,500 in cash prizes was announced today for 1946 graduates of Oregon law schools and all attorneys practicing in Oregon who were graduated from schools inside or outside the state from 1940 through 1945.

Jones Will Attend Farmers Union Directors Meeting Ronald E. Jones, president of the Oregon Farmers' Union leaves today by plane for Denver to attend the organization meeting of the new board of directors of the National Farmers' Union.

Practical Religion —by Rev. John L. Knight, Jr., Counselor on Religious Life, Willamette university. One of the most tragic errors of Modern thinking is the defecation of custom. That is, all too often we assume that what is customary or conventional is right. We blandly approve of many unchristian social, economic, or religious practices simply because they are the usual thing. In so doing we are actually limiting our Christian witness to the ordinary, the habitual, the traditional.

NEWSMEN ATTEND TRIAL DACHAU, Germany, June 29 (AP)—Twelve American newspaper executives touring the U. S. zone as guest of the war department attended the trial today of 74 SS men charged with massacring American soldiers at Malmédy during the battle of the Bulge.

VFW Delegates Attend Conclave Approximately 65 delegates from Salem's three Veterans of Foreign Wars posts are attending the five-day state convention at Corvallis.

ITALY PRESIDENT NAMED ROME, June 29 (AP)—Enrico De Nicola, 68-year-old veteran Neapolitan statesman, became the first elected president of the new Italian republic yesterday.

Tract Set as County Dump



Carl Porter, district manager for Warner Brothers in Salem for 12 years, who last week announced he was resigning that position to take care of his own business interests in this city.

Advertisement for Stevens & Son jewelry, featuring a woman in a diamond ring and the text 'Give her a Lovelier Diamond from STEVENS. Surprise her with a finer, lovelier diamond you have always wanted to give her.'



Advertisement for the Eleventh Annual St. Paul Rodeo, held from July 2-3-4. Features a one daytime show on July 4th, dancing nightly concessions, and is held at Stevens & Son in Salem, Oregon.