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## Confusing Conservation

One has two guesses on why the Luckman food conservation committee is quitting: either because it succeeded or because it failed. If it succeeded in saving the 100,000,000 bushels of grain it set out to, it has hardly been through the program of meatless Tuesdays and eggless Thursdays. That has not been in effect long enough. Success has come through the curtailment of livestock feeding and by government purchases of the grain wanted for export. The committee has accomplished little.

There is quite a little confusion over just what the various government agencies want and what they think may be provided. Last week Secretary Marshall told a committee of congress that 520 million bushels of wheat would be available for export. That was much in excess of what the agriculture department said would be available. A quick coverup was made with the explanation that it was 520 million bushels of all grain. In September the president's food committee estimated we could ship 400 million bushels of wheat and 70 million bushels of other grains. The Harriman committee moved the total up to 570 million bushels. Now the state department has informed the Herter committee of congress that it considers 450 million bushels of wheat to be the limit for export this year. Very confusing.

A late estimate of the agriculture department says that 100 million bushels more of grain is in sight because livestock producers are not going to feed it. In part it is to cooperate with the food conservation program; in part it is fear that there would be no profit in feeding high-priced grain to poultry and livestock.

The trouble is too many experts, too many advisers, too much ballyhoo. Perhaps it is well to put the whole business back with the cabinet food committee: state, agriculture, commerce. Then at least there should not be such conflict in reporting.

## Farmers Getting Added Help

A nation-wide survey which shows farmers still averaging a 65-hour work week has led to several independent investigations by midwestern and eastern universities, the results of which are somewhat applicable to Oregon even though there is a considerable disparity in types of farm operations.

Many conclusions have been reached in attempting to cut the farm work week (which even at 65 hours is a lot shorter than formerly), but one of them voiced by R. H. Wilcox, associate professor of agricultural economics at the University of Illinois, seems to cover the major ground:

"It is not unusual for a farmer to spend \$2,000 to \$3,000 for a new kind of machine to save time in the field. But it is hard, often-times, for him to see that the same amount of money spent improving the inside building arrangement or even in moving buildings to get the livestock feed stored nearby, would save more total man hours in a year's time than would the field machine."

As one example, at the University of New Hampshire a study of dairy barns was reduced to algebraic formula. A certain milking operation, covering 40 cows, totalled 2,420 feet to and from the milkhous at one end of the barn if the cows faced in, but if they faced out this distance was cut to 1,840 feet. Testers discovered the saving in steps thus would amount to more than 100 miles a year.

One bottleneck appears to be electricity. There still are an estimated 3,500,000 farms in the nation without power and an approximately \$5,000,000 demand backlog for new electrical farm appliances, power lines and power line facilities. But regardless, farm planning has become a major factor and the arrangement of operations apparently holds as much of the key to shorter farm hours as does any new equipment.

## "Coloring" the News

The Oregon Farmer Union backs up the criticism of the American press and radio by Louis Adamic who accused reporters of great press associations with coloring their dispatches at the behest of the state department. The FU says that press associations sometimes send out two stories on the same matter, "one covering the matter accurately and objectively, the other doing just the opposite."

The FU is letting its suspicions get the better of its judgment. Never to our recollection has the Associated Press of which this paper is a member, indulged in "double talk." It may send out numerous stories on one matter of news, whether it be a train wreck, a hurricane, a royal wedding, or a political controversy, but the stories supply added information or bring the news up to the moment. It doesn't submit different stories for "choosy" editors.

The working fraternity of news writers are for the most part conscientious journalists who send out trustworthy accounts of what is happening. Considering all the limitations they do a remarkably good job in keeping the world informed.

## Tightening of Credit

Credit is congealing, though slowly. The last issue of government bonds, the 2 1/2% maturing Dec. 1972, which held steady around 102 1/2 for many months have declined to about 101 in recent weeks, quite a steep decline for governments. Corporate bonds have declined, in part because they were selling too close to governments, so the decline in the price of governments may touch off another decrease for corporation bonds of high grade.

Preferred stocks are no longer salable on a 3 per cent dividend basis; 4 per cent is more nearly the going rate now. Southern California Edison, a very strong utility, which had planned a \$40,000,000 preferred stock issue, cut its program in one-half and is inviting bids on \$20,000,000.

These are straws in the wind. One cannot safely predict whether the force of the wind will grow stronger, but at least its direction is clear. Prudent businessmen will note the signs.

What seems to be needed in Italy and perhaps in France is restoration of public order, if necessary with what Corporal Napoleon Bonaparte used to quiet the mobs of Paris—a "whiff of grapeshot." The rioting and striking are for political effect. In such a pass, government must assert authority, by police force if that is adequate, by the army if added force is required. The first duty of a government is to maintain civil order. Prompt and firm action in these countries will quickly put an end to the communist-inspired disorders.

Hattiesburg, Miss. apes Memphis, Tenn. for applying racial segregation to the Freedom Train, so the train will make no stop in those cities. They are fighting a last ditch fight for antebellum ideas. The Atlanta mayor is not so pigheaded as his brother executives. He tells the train to come on, with no threat of segregation. Negroes and whites in Atlanta will get to file past the cases containing the declaration of independence and the bill of rights, but not in Memphis or Hattiesburg.

Faced with a new law to devalue the schilling by 66 per cent, Austrians rushed to stores to get rid of their paper money. The stores shut up shop, preferring merchandise to schillings. Whoever holds the paper money when the law goes into effect gets caught. Some people around here may still be holding some of the funny-money scrip that was circulated in the late and great depression.



## Book of the Month

### Woman, Children Tell Graphic Story of Nazi Brutality at War Crimes Hearing in Nuernberg

(Editor's note: Mrs. James T. Brand, wife of the Oregon supreme court justice who is presiding over a military tribunal in Nuernberg, Germany, writes the following description of testimony in a war-crimes case.)

NUERNBERG, Germany—Three survivors of Lidice were called as witnesses: a middle-aged woman, her 15-year-old niece and the 17-year-old daughter of a neighbor.

At 10 o'clock, so the witness testified, on the night of June 9, 1942, German soldiers in trucks surrounded the little Czech village. The men were herded to a nearby farm and the women and children taken to the schoolhouse. There they were stripped of all their valuables: jewelry, money and extra clothing. The children were separated from their mothers and sent to orphanages and the women crowded into box cars which headed for Ravensbruck concentration camp. Here they suffered every indignity that German ingenuity could invent.

Many towns raised away. The slightest infraction of discipline brought a beating. The younger girl testified that she had a scar from her left breast across her body to her right hip from an operation performed at the orphanage one day after school, when she "had not been sick or in pain at all."

When the war was ended the "matrons" just disappeared, leaving the children to shift for themselves. With Allied aid they got back to Kadua where the Red Cross contacted them and asked them to appear before the military tribunal as witnesses.

There are many villages in Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Greece which have been completely destroyed and the inhabitants scattered. The destruction of Lidice is known because it has been immortalized in poetry and so has become a symbol of Nazi brutality.

George Reay Rites Saturday

Funeral services for George Edgar Reay, 89, of 122 Abrams ave., who died Wednesday in a local hospital, will be held Saturday at 10 a. m. in the Howell-Edwards chapel.

The Rev. George Swift, pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal church, will officiate and concluding ceremonies will take place in City View cemetery.

The deceased, who is survived

by six children, was born June 8, 1858, at Newcastle-on-Tyne, England. He came to the United States 57 years ago and settled at Blackfoot, Idaho, where he engaged in farming. He came to Salem four years ago. He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal church here.

He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Anna Kirkpatrick of Salem, Mrs. Constance R. Schneider of Portland and Mrs. Alice Sullivan of Blackfoot, Idaho; three sons, James Edgar Reay of Salem, Jack M. Reay of Fort Lewis, Wash., and Dryden G. Reay of Blackfoot, Idaho, and by eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Lloyd V. Bell, 59, Succumbs

Lloyd V. Bell, 59, of 2030 Warner st., died here Thursday and funeral services are being arranged through the W. T. Rigdon company.

The deceased, who was connected here with Producers Cooperative Packing Co., was born in Roseburg in 1888. He married Bessie Putnam, daughter of James B. Putnam of Salem, in 1916 at Salem. Following residence in Corvallis, Mr. and Mrs. Bell returned to Salem to live in 1930. He was the son of the late Dr. J. R. N. Bell of Corvallis.

In addition to the widow, he is survived by a son, Kirk Vernon Bell of Washington, D.C.; a daughter, Mrs. Rosemary Berg of Seattle, Wash.; three sisters, Mrs. O. B. Hedengren of Palo Alto, Calif., and Mrs. John Richardson and Mrs. J. L. Rogers, both of Portland, and by two nephews, Marvin Richardson of Portland and C. V. Richardson of Salem.

Canadians Study Salem Bank Unit

A. F. Jolly of San Francisco and R. F. Raikes of Vancouver, B.C., vice president and special representative, respectively, of the Bank of Montreal, were in Salem this week to study the new First National bank building in regard to incorporating many of its features in financial institutions of larger Canadian cities.

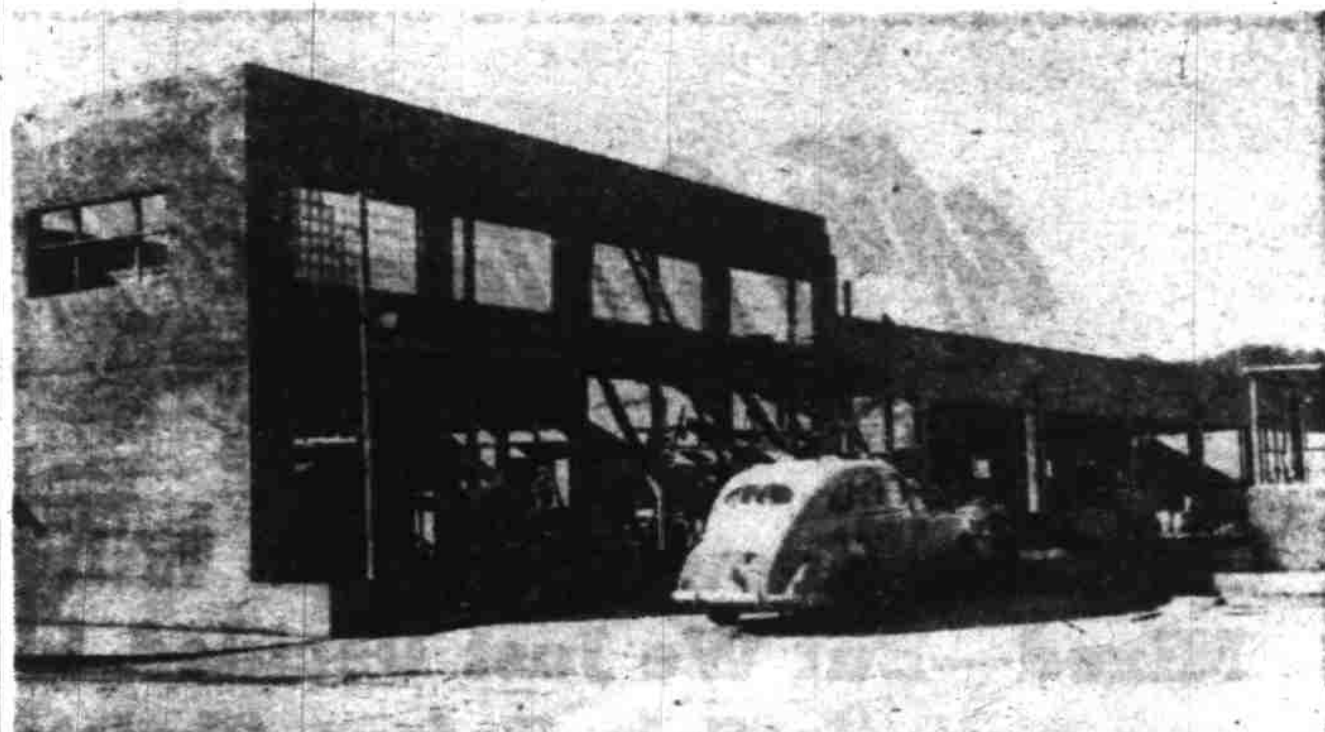
The Bank of Montreal, which celebrated its 130th anniversary early this month, has more than 500 branches and is planning a large building program, the visitors said. They were guests of Guy Hickok, manager of the Salem branch of the First National bank of Portland.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"—By the way—What does Congress say about this one? —Did they like it?"

## Building Rises for Salem School Buses



New repair shops and covered housing of Salem school buses will be furnished by the above building when it is finished in mid-December. Located alongside Salem high school, it will provide offices and storage rooms, two repair shops, a wash room for buses and storage. A total of 17 buses will be housed inside the building, according to Winston Buck, Salem school transportation supervisor. At present there are 22 buses being operated by the city, and they serve Highland, Washington, Garfield and Bush grade schools, Farrish and Leslie junior high schools and Salem high school. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

## IT SEEMS TO ME

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fisher he has been irked by scouts stoning his fishing pools or hacking down saplings with their puny hatchets. With hair on his chest he scoffs at the scout neckerchief. Having served his apprenticeship under genuine outdoors men he scorns the organized camp life of scouts, with "organized" recreation, "organized" crafts, "organized" hikes.

It would be easy to dismiss Wolf as an old stuffy who can't understand that times have changed, that city-bred youngsters are "babes in the woods" without supervision. But it would be well for the men who frame the Boy Scout program to take a look at their work through Bill Wolf's eyes for a spell and see if they are really doing the best job possible in scouting. Is there too much "boondoggling"? too much patting on the back and pinning on merit badges?

And the uniforms — why not get away from the Spanish war campaign hat and dull khaki, the shorts and low shoes; and get along with a little less hardware on the shirts? In appearance, at least the scouts haven't improved since the organization was set up.

No, the Boy Scouts are not as bad as Bill Wolf thinks they are; but they are not as good as the scout promoters think they are or as they ought to be.

## Auto Accidents Minus Injuries

Some damages but no injuries resulted from three auto accidents on Salem streets, reported Thursday by Salem city police.

Damages to both cars resulted when vehicles driven by Wilfred A. McDonald, 2108 University st., and Clair E. Friem, 170 S. 25th st., collided Wednesday evening at North 12th and Chemeketa streets, police reported.

Accidents Thursday involved cars driven by James McManaman, 645 S. Summer st., and Maud D. Lee, Portland rd., colliding at Mission and South 25th streets, and autos driven by Lois V. Hamer, 2235 Chemeketa st., and Walter J. Toy, 2080 Jeldon st., at North 21st and Breyman streets.

CATHOLIC PRIEST DIES

MEDFORD, Nov. 20.—(AP)—The Rev. Francis W. Black, 59, pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic church here since 1925 and dean of priests in the southern Oregon district, died in a hospital today after suffering a stroke.

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## Emergency Board Approves State Training School Projects

(Story also on page 1)

New construction will add a 50-bed dormitory, gymnasium and service shop to the Oregon state training school at Woodburn, as a result of joint approval Thursday by the state emergency board and the state board of control at a meeting in the statehouse.

Board members voted unanimously to award a contract to W. C. Smith, Inc., of Portland on a low bid of \$319,785. Of that amount, \$226,535 will be taken from the state building fund authorized by voters in 1945.

State Sen. Dean Walker, emergency board member, said that while he intended to vote for awarding the contract he felt that construction prices might be reduced within a year or two. State Sen. Carl Engdahl, Pendleton, who at the last meeting of the joint boards voted against the over-all contract, announced he had changed his mind since.

Population Decreases  
Need for the new buildings was stressed by W. D. Woolley, institution superintendent, who said the existing plant was not adequate for the proposed educational and rehabilitation program. He added that while the population had decreased from 165 to 110 this situation was due largely to an arrangement with county judges not to send boys to the school if any other plan could be worked out.

Twenty-two per cent of the boys at the school are repeaters, Woolley said.

Building for Portland  
Importance of a state office building in Portland, authorized under a 1947 legislative act, was called to the attention of the two boards by State Rep. F. M. Dammasch, Multnomah county. Gov. John H. Hall said the board of control would discuss the law at its next meeting. The proposed office building would cost not to exceed \$2,500,000.

Resolution of Condolence  
The joint board adopted a resolution of condolence addressed to the families of the late Governor Earl Snell, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, jr., and Senator Marshall E. Cornett.

Voting for the boys' school contract were Governor Hall, Secretary of State Newby and State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott, board of control members, and Senators

## MINE TOTAL RAISED TO 18

SEATTLE, Nov. 20.—(AP)—Two more derelict mines were destroyed off the Washington coast today by the coast guard cutter McLane, working out of Grays Harbor, bringing to 18 the number detonated in recent weeks on or off Washington and Oregon shores.

The dodo bird gets its name from the Portuguese "duodo," "simpleton."

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