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Wheatgrowers Approve Controls

By the lowest margin in parity history wheatgrowers have voted to approve the acreage controls proposed by the Department of Agriculture. The "yes" vote was 73.3 per cent of those voting, the requirement for approval being 66.67 per cent.

Secretary Benson gave out a statement after the result was known saying that most of the farmers recognize the serious problem of the wheat surplus and are willing to make production adjustments to help bring supply in closer relation to demand.

There is no doubt the wheatgrowers recognize the problem of surplus—haven't they been looking ahead to provide more storage bins to hold the new crop? But their favorable vote indicates primarily an acceptance of what they think is the lesser of two evils. They prefer a guaranteed price even with an acreage cut than to submit to the rigors of the free market.

And with a surplus equivalent to a year's needs already in storage one can readily see what would happen to the price of wheat if controls and guarantees were tossed overboard. It would be beaten down because only so-called "strong hands" could carry the load and work it off at a profit over the next year or two.

That's the crux of the farm problem: the grower sells his crop in a free market, and prices for primary commodities always are subject to the widest swings; but the prices he must pay and the wages he must pay are governed by quite a different set of conditions: rigid wage scales of modern industry, relative immunity to price fluctuation for machinery, supplies, etc. Political friends of the farmer do not want to see him thrown to the wolves, a victim of the ruthless grinding of economic law.

At the same time the parity guarantee has pretty well proven itself wrong. For one thing it is self-defeating. Growers produce for the government, not for consumers. Modern technology in farming has resulted in greatly increased production and the guaranteed price encourages full application of this technology: power machinery, improved seed, ample fertilizer.

We seem to go around in a circle, as in truth we have been since the first world war: Excess of production of wheat, resulting farm depression under the free market system; a glut of production under the parity guarantee system. It remains to be seen whether the acreage restriction which is drastic for 1935, and the probable cut of the guarantee to 80 per cent of parity, will bring the balance which growers as well as economists know is necessary for a healthy situation. One thing sure; the country just couldn't go on building bigger granaries to store more and more wheat.

A pair of men were nabbed in Portland by the Secret Service on charge of possessing gold bricks. They were not accused of attempting the old-style gold brick hocus pocus, but of possessing gold, which since the days of FDR is a crime!

Because Soviet General 'Knew' Too Much, Kremlin Orders Him Killed, Says Writer

By TOM WHITNEY (AP Foreign Staff)

General Ryumin knew too much. That's quite possibly the real reason the Kremlin ordered a bullet put through the back of his head earlier this month.

Last Friday the Soviet government announced the trial and execution of M. D. Ryumin, a former high Soviet police official who had languished in jail for a year and three months.

He was convicted of treason in organizing the frame-up known as the "doctors' plot" in which distinguished Soviet medical men were accused in January 1933 of plotting assassination of Soviet leaders.

Here's the background of this mysterious case insofar as it's known:

Ryumin in late 1932 was deputy minister of state security, who had control over much of the Soviet secret police and intelligence establishment, was a party man named Semyon Ignatiev.

The authority of Lavrenty Beria, who had previously run the police for Stalin for many years, was distinctly on the decline. The evidence is that Ignatiev had been given his important job over Beria's head.

Someone came to Ryumin in late 1932 with orders — to investigate charges made by a woman doctor in the Kremlin, Lydia Timashchuk.

Timashchuk, apparently a pathological anti-Semite, had made up her mind that certain Kremlin doctors, most of them Jewish and including the most distinguished medical names in the land, were murdering their high-ranking patients.

Ryumin's predecessors also had heard of her charges. They had investigated, and found them to be pure fantasy.

But whoever talked to Ryumin this time made it clear that different results were desired.

Ryumin was no fool. He did the job requested of him. He rounded up the suspected doctors and extracted confessions by methods for which the secret police are famous. He saw to it that medical

records were faked to prove the assassination charges. Thus the notorious "doctors' plot" was born.

It seems to have been meant to set the stage for a big purge with an anti-Semitic twist. It was clearly an important development in the power play of individuals and groups in the Kremlin fighting among themselves over inheriting Stalin's kingdom.

In this big picture, M. D. Ryumin was obviously just such a pawn as the doctors were themselves when he had them in his grip.

Who gave the orders to Ryumin?

Your Health

By Dr. Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

METABOLISM SLOWED BEFORE HEART SURGERY

Man is now using a technique somewhat similar to animals' hibernation, a torpid state, in the difficult job of heart surgery. Operations on the human heart are now becoming more and more frequent.

For centuries, the heart was viewed as a delicate organ to which the slightest injury could prove fatal.

Heart surgery usually must be done very rapidly because the heart cannot be stopped from beating for too long a period. In the past, much of this surgery was done blindly because of the speed and danger connected with this work.

In a new attempt at heart surgery, patients with heart difficulties are having their metabolism slowed down enough to allow circulation from the heart to be interrupted for a period of time.

This is done by lowering the body temperature from 98.6 degrees to a stage of almost hibernation, so that the body demands of the cells and tissues are decreased. A temperature of 33 degrees Fahrenheit is usually sufficient. This is attained by immersing the body in a tub of ice

water as long as necessary. During anesthesia, the heart can often be stopped from beating for as long as eight minutes when this procedure is used. The cooling is done very rapidly.

The body, after operation, is then immersed in warm water to raise the temperature again. Recently, this operation was performed on 15 patients with serious heart difficulties. The results were excellent in 13 of these cases.

This method has been used mostly on children, but it has been tried on a few adults. Children seem to tolerate it better than adults.

Question and Answer
A. M.: What would cause a woman to have more frequent menstrual periods after giving birth to a child?

Answer: This may be due to many factors. It might be due to retained tissue from the pregnancy. It might also be due to some form of hormone imbalance following the pregnancy. You should be under the care of your physician.

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GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"I shall wage a fighting campaign and let the chips fall where they may! ... If my opponent says one word about my record I'll have him indicted!"

IT SEEMS TO ME

(Continued from page 1.)

in California.

The very extent of the territory means that there are several Alaskas: Southeastern Alaska, timbered, mountainous, with numerous islands and inlets, where rainfall reaches to 200 inches a year, with relatively mild climate. Western Alaska or Interior Alaska, behind the coastal mountain ranges, semi-arid, extremes of temperature, broad valleys drained by glacier-fed streams, thin soil, cover of brush—spruce, poplar, birch ranging up to 30 ft. high. The Arctic barrens: covered with tundra, thick moss and ground-hugging plants and dwarf trees—willows, poplar—semi-arid, perpetual ice under the tundra cover, many lakes and potholes. The Aleutian chain, wind-swept, treeless.

Just as there are several Alaskas geographically there are others historically: Alaska of the freebooters, Russian, British, American, who stripped the coasts of sea otter, nearly exterminated the fur-bearing seals, and decimated the whales; who carried away riches of gold and copper; who have put the salmon run in peril.

There is also the Alaska of popular legend: the totem poles, gargoyles of a primitive people recording their family association; the Eskimos and polar bears and dog teams, all of which survive; the Alaska of the Klondike gold rush—Chilcot pass, Soapy Smith, Klondike

Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

July 26, 1944

At Hazel Green five members of the A. B. Meyer family, ranging in age from 12 to 18 years, picked 1818 boxes of boysenberries on the Alvin J. Van Cleave farm.

Towering Wally Borrevik, whose 6 feet 3 inches sparked last season's University of Oregon hoop quintet, was listed on the all-American team selected by Chuck Taylor, rubber company basketball expert.

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey indicated his presidential campaign would be pitched heavily on the theme of "conflict" between federal, state and local governments, which, he said, "has been a constant source of friction for 12 years in this country."

25 Years Ago

July 26, 1923

Acceptance by Aristide Briand of the job of forming a new French cabinet was hailed in official circles as an impetus toward negotiations for an international naval reduction parity.

The Steusloff Market (now Sully's corner — 1934) changed hands, under a lease, to J. H. Moyer and E. J. Donnell, who continued the business under the same name—Steusloff's.

Doris Hiday took first prize for the best dressed doll in the large girls' division at the Fourteenth Street Playground. Virginia LaVelle exhibited the best for the small girls.

40 Years Ago

July 26, 1914

Editorially — The Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Russia made its last trip across the Pacific, from Yokohama to Vancouver harbor, in eight days and 12 hours. That is surely "going some."

The State Board of Control is preparing for the next session of the legislature by making a list of stationary and various other articles needed, the largest item being 420 reams of linen typewriter paper and 20,000 envelopes.

Portland Austrians eligible for war service are being called for immediate return to the empire, with traveling expenses borne by the Austrian government.

Kate, the tales of Rex Beach and Jack London and poems of Robert Service.

The Alaska of today is very different from what survives in popular conception. It is an emerging land. The miracles of modern communication and transportation are breaking down its isolation. Certain areas are flooded with military installations, military personnel, military spending; and even remote sections are touched in the building of a continental defense network. Young people are present in abundance, families, many of whom are electing to cast their lot with Alaska. It is to them that Alaska's future belongs, and they are the ones eager to mold it.

Statedhood is of course uppermost in the minds of many. Opinions are divided, but a plebiscite would undoubtedly give a strong majority for statedhood now. It is not merely the ambition of politicians; it is the yearning of a free people for the responsibilities, the dignity and the rights of full citizenship. One may reason effectively that the territory is not sufficiently developed to function successfully as a state. That argument was used a century ago when ambitious citizens of Oregon Territory clamored for statedhood. It was used against creating a territory out of Alaska, forty years ago. The parallel proves nothing; but our history seems to show that progress is stimulated with the grant of the sovereign status of statedhood; and I think that will be true with Alaska.

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W. G. Rogers

Pravda Says U.S. Bound to Block Meeting

Moscow, (AP) — Pravda charged Monday that the U.S. government is determined to reject Russia's new proposal for an international conference on a European collective security system and also to force Western European countries to reject it.

The aim of U.S. opposition to the Russian proposal is to save "the ill-starred European Defense Community scheme," the Soviet Communist Party newspaper said.

Pravda claimed the Soviet proposals, expressed in notes delivered Saturday to Britain, France and the United States, found wide applause among Europeans "but it is characteristic that in Washington the note of the Soviet government was greeted with extreme belligerence."

"The American press states with cynical candor that the Soviet proposal is unacceptable for the ruling circles of the United States because it will hinder creation of EDC," Pravda continued.

"This once again confirms the fact that the ruling circles of the United States see their only aim in Europe in recreating German militarism under the screen of the ill-starred European army."

"The ruling circles of the United States are frightened by the obvious inclination of the peoples of Europe to solve international problems by negotiation and peaceful cooperation."

Literary Guidepost

By W. G. ROGERS

Rapture In My Rags. B. Phyllis Hastings. Dutton.

Agnes, oldest child of a farmer's family in isolated English countryside, is left alone with her father after the mother dies and the other children leave. Target of her father's rough tongue and his blows, she takes refuge in the fields, the woods, the weather. Her loneliness becomes overpowering. She decides to make a scarecrow for company out of sawdust, a keg, a pumpkin, cloth, boots, gloves, her father's old suit.

She finishes the figure in her room. To this girl who discovers faces and shapes in clouds, who can't tell left from right and right from wrong, who sees with the mind's eye what the real eye can never corroborate to this girl so starved for the love which is enjoyed even by the farmyard beasts, this man in her room seems so real "I was too shy to undress."

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Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "What business have they to interfere in our plans?"
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "studious"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Colossal, colonize, collusion, collaborate.
4. What does the word "ominous" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with pa that means "to appease"?

ANSWERS
1. Say, "What right have they to interfere with our plans?"
2. Pronounce first u as in use, not as in rude. 3. Colossal. 4. Foreboding evil. "The dark clouds on the horizon look ominous." 5. Pacify.

One-Time Alcoholic Finds No Way Out of Despair Except Through the Help of God

(Editor's note: No one knows better the agonies of self-reproach and the bitterness of the road toward ruin than those who have come back from the shadows of alcoholism. Following is one of a series of stories which will appear in The Statesman each Monday. The series was prepared by a member of Alcoholics Anonymous, not a "professional writer," at Boise, Idaho. It has appeared in several newspapers in the northwest. The Statesman offers the series as a public service.)

"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

Alcoholics are poor players in this game of life, hamming it up to focus all the attention upon themselves, forgetting that they are actually bit players in a drama in which they believe the actors more important than the play.

Their is a juvenile approach to adult living, replete with flurries of childish, petulant tantrums when people and circumstances do not meet their personal approval. They have no zest for living and are bored sick with the monotony of life, feeling that they have done and been all things when actually they have been feeding from the bottom of the barrel and have little idea of what life is all about.

They are quitters and when the going gets a little rough (as it does for everyone) they literally throw themselves on the floor and kick their legs in a fit of rage, hating everyone and everything preventing them from exercising their own will, many times refusing the object of their clamoring when it has been withheld however briefly, proving that having their own way is more important than the prize itself.

Alcoholics are quitters who generally marry two or three times. Because they will not change their lives, they change partners, seeking to place the blame on everyone but themselves. There is a terrible price that will have to be paid some day for mistakes of this nature. No amount of booze, or running can long delay the squaring of accounts. Many there are who are drunk today and will stay that way, seeking desperately to blot out memories of the things that might have been if they had not folded up and shirked their responsibility to God, to family, and fellow man.

There is no physical pain that will ever be as acute as the mental torture that consumes the alcoholic who runs from his problems and selfishly tries to drown his troubles in booze. It is not a lasting answer and the day arrives when even the liquor lets him down, much in the same manner he has done others . . . when the need was greatest.

Purpose "To Serve God"
The main purpose of every man and woman on this earth is to serve God as He would have them, in the capacity of fathers, husbands and brothers of their fellow men. Old people know this well and we see them grow very pious and devout, seeking out the comfort of church, drawing assurance from their fervent prayers as the years come upon them. They know there is a God and suddenly they want to be very good as if to make up for the years they have ignored the unity with Him which they now seek.

It is funny how, when we let God into our lives, everything begins to make sense. We can drop all pretense and relax and begin to enjoy life. It is no longer necessary to strut and preen and thump our chest, striving vainly to impress others with our importance, bragging of our worth, and putting on a show for the benefit of the little people. Little people are lucky—they don't have much to give up in exchange for a belief in God.

Despair "Cardinal Sin"
As a practicing alcoholic I was all things to myself and other people and I had lived so long, partly in ignorance, and preference, in a hell of my own making that I came to believe that I was so corrupt that there could be no forgiveness for me. This is the state of despair that finally brings the alcoholic to his knees. He is gripped in the smothering embrace of pride and will continue to write in agony until he discovers the na-

ture of God. Despair is the cardinal sin and is the passing of judgment on oneself. It is an admission that there is no God, and that forgiveness is impossible.

Don't feel bad because you have been a dope and thought that getting drunk was going to help you solve your problems. People all over the world are being drawn back to God because they had no other place to go. Be happy that life is worth living and that you are going to have that many more years to enjoy it. If you are an alcoholic you deserve to be happy, after what you have been through.

"Eager To Forgive"
Be glad, friend, that there is a God to whom it is possible to turn at any time, telling him that we are sorry for having been so stupid, and asking forgiveness. He is eager to forgive, for it has been said there will be more rejoicing in heaven over the return of one lost sheep than those who have never strayed.

While I am not apologizing for hitting the "God stuff" so hard, we might just as well face facts: there is no pink pill that will stop you from drinking when you want to drink. What we accomplish in AA is that we begin to live in a different manner. We don't have to get drunk anymore.

If you are still drinking regularly, and are miserable and confused, and sick and tormented, and whining about how badly the world has treated you, friend, you like it that way.

If you think there is another way to lick your liquor problem without the help of God, you may as well chuck this article in the wastebasket because you will find no answer here.

McKay Seeks Resumption of Ship Service

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — The Interior Department is going to try to effect resumption of passenger ship service to Alaska if the Alaska Steamship Co. goes through with its announced intention to abandon it.

That was the promise of Interior Secretary McKay Saturday night in a Baranof Hotel banquet speech to 350 Alaskans, sponsored by the chamber of commerce.

McKay said he recognized that the announcement has been made by Alaska Steam since he has been on the present Alaska trip that it would discontinue passenger service to the territory at the end of the current summer season. He called it a "heavy blow to the tourist industry."

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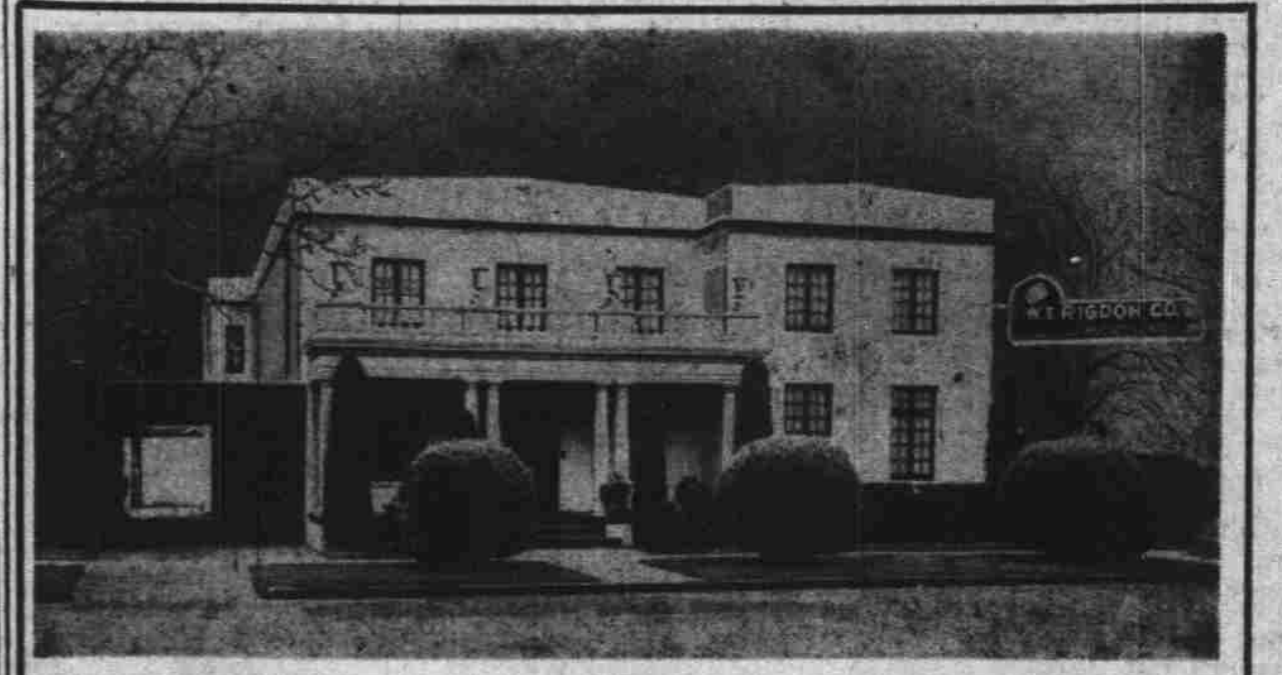
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