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The Register-Guard's policy is the complete and impartial publication in its news pages of all news and statements on news. On this page, the editors of the Register-Guard offer their opinions on events of the day and matters of importance to the community, endeavoring to be candid but fair and helpful in the development of constructive community policy.

CRISIS IN NRA EXPERIMENT

ACCORDING to some of the keenest observers at Washington, there is approaching a crisis in the revolutionary NRA experiment. Will the Roosevelt administration be able to maintain the patriotic enthusiasm for the effort, if the beneficial results fall short of what is expected? Will the plan be bogged down in an endless succession of manipulations and adjustments in the effort to get inequalities ironed out?

There can be no doubt that many important political and industrial leaders (and this includes some of the labor group) are giving only lip service to the Blue Eagle. Under the thin mask of criticism there is already an active propaganda of defeat.

But there can be no denying the truth of the president's own emphatic declaration that we can make this plan work if we make up our minds to do that, and the tamperers and manipulators are apt to find themselves guilty of very bad judgment if they think the people are easily to be shaken in their faith.

Mistakes have been made in the launching of the NRA. Possibly it was a big mistake to attempt to do so much at once. Unscrupulous groups will unquestionably endeavor to convert confusion at Washington to special interest. Fallacies may be discovered in the theory that price advances and spending power can be made to keep step.

But—in one basic provision NRA is fundamentally correct. This is in the definite cutting down of the working week and the mandate giving more people a share in employment. This principle will not be relinquished.

A sluggish stock market reflects the anticipation of smaller profits and dividends in the near future. Business, as wild an animal as one of Bill Hanley's Eastern Oregon broncos, is bound to do some rarin' under the curb bits. There may be some difficult slumps.

But, the working week will be shorter before it is ever longer, and stability, when it comes will come by sticking to the basic principle that everybody willing to work must be given his chance. The Russian experiment has survived far greater obstacles. Our prediction is that the Blue Eagle will prove a very tough bird and long of life.

PLEA FOR HANDICAPPED KIDDIES

UNDER the auspices of the Medical Auxiliary in Lane county (women of doctors' families) a survey of the provisions for the schooling of handicapped children has been under way for some time, and the facts disclosed are startling.

In and near Eugene, there are 40 children with physical and (in some cases) minor mental defects which make it almost impossible to school them with more normal children. Yet in this county there is absolutely NO provision for these children.

Nor is there any provision for such children anywhere in the state, not even in Portland—except the state home for feeble-minded, which is not only over-crowded with the actual feeble-minded, but unsuitable utterly for these mid-way cases.

For children over 16, there is a provision under the state department of vocational education which has the aid of federal funds in its work. But I. O. Paulson, director of this department says it is impossible to divert any of the funds to the care of the smaller children.

Yet it is a well-known fact that with proper training between 8 and 16, many of these unfortunate youngsters could be brought to complete normalcy. Others could be remarkably restored. After 16, a good deal of the effort is likely to be waste.

It is bad educational policy to put the handicapped children in the regular classes at the public schools, bad for them and bad for the luckier kids. Unless they have expert instruction, they slow down all class work. Inevitably there are cruel comments and remarks.

It would require a special school and perhaps three specially trained teachers to open the door of opportunity for the 40 handicapped children of this district. The Eugene schools cannot afford the added expense, at present. Neither can county schools. Federal help is barred.

Yet the Eugene situation reveals that there must be at least 1,200 of these children in the state. In only a few cases, can parents afford to pay for the type of schooling that is needed. In most cases, the parents are lucky when they can afford even proper medical care which is the first step.

Can the people of Oregon (and other states) afford to neglect this work? Why go on putting all the funds into corrective work after 16, when most of it is too late? It is not merely sentiment, but common sense to get a constructive plan for the rehabilitation of handicapped children everywhere in the United States.

Our congressmen can help by working for necessary law changes. Meantime, perhaps by cooperation of the University's school of education and the public schools and parents, we ought to be able to work out some plan so that 40 unfortunate youngsters in this community will not be further handicapped by neglect.

NO FREIGHT RATE CUTS

IN the face of forced inflation, the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission refusing a general reduction of freight rates is probably wise. Unless, we wish to drive the railroads into universal receivership and government ownership, they must have rates ample to cover advancing costs. Some 2,000,000 rail workers (about 800 of them in Eugene) must eat.

The next few years may see a complete rebuilding of railroad systems. Millions in outworn investment and capitalization must be taken off the books. Additional millions must be available for the modernizing of trackage and equipment. Evil as some of the railroad practices have been (exorbitant salaries, watered valuations) it is probably wise not to jigger the entire structure of rail finance.

For shippers in this district and many others the real difficulty is not in the tonnage rates as such but in the unhealthy rate making theory which sets up ungodly differentials penalizing and thwarting all developments between terminal points. With decentralization of industry the new warcy, a revision of the theory of rate making is much more

important than rate cuts. Here is the most logical and practical point of attack.

Meantime our main hope for relief lies in the development of a shipping point on the Blislaw—unless there comes a nation-wide movement to adjust rates to actual haul cost.

NEWS FLASHES OF 1953!

(From The Eugene Register-Guard, Aug. 6, 1953) PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 6, 1953.—Ivan Skavinsky Skavar, who claims to be a naturalized citizen of the United States of the World, was arrested here today by Scotland Yard operatives from Washington on a charge of "criminal individualism."

Skavar is alleged to have made a speech in a public park denouncing the Dictatorship and the new 4-hour-day international law. According to Operative Sam Blatz, the man was also distributing revolutionary pamphlets entitled "Work Is Man's Greatest Blessing."

The man is believed to be one of a dangerous group of individualists said to be financed by the Capitalist Republic of Congo. He is held in 10,000 ergs ball pending investigation.

Salem, Ore., Aug. 6, 1953.—Ten thousand employed persons, belonging to the Employed Workers' Association of Oregon are planning to march upon the state capital en masse, according to John Whoosis, executive secretary of the organization. They are going to insist that Governor Boopadoop call the legislature into special session at once to do something about the increasing employment problem in this state.

"For 20 years," said Mr. Whoosis, "the workers of this country have been promised an end of employment and a New Deal, but thousands are still compelled to work for a living. We shall insist that our entire membership be placed upon the state payrolls at not less than 100 ergs per hour. In an age when there is an over-production of power at no cost to the taxpayers, why should anybody go on working?"

The delegates are reported to have leased the new Marion hotel. Scotland Yard men are watching.

Eugene, Ore., Aug. 6, 1953.—(Special)—The Lane County Taxpayers' Equalization and Conservation League at a meeting here last night voted unanimously in favor of a resolution to double all county, city and state payrolls and to borrow money from the R. F. C. and issue bonds to defray the expenses. The only way to restore prosperity, said Ajax McGurk, president of the League, is to borrow money and increase taxes till everybody is on the gold standard.

Mr. McGurk pointed out that in Lane county with 100,000 population, there are still but 10,000 deputy sheriffs and in the school system only 10,000 teachers for 20,000 pupils. Taxes can be abolished, he declared, and the way to do it is by the short and simple method of abolishing taxpayers.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 6, 1953.—(P)—President A. A. Berle (professor to you) announced positively tonight that the World Economic Conference will hold another session in London next June. President Berle said that the conference has been going on so many years that it has become a habit and besides it is a good thing to get some of the boys out of the country. He declared, however, that the Americans will not sanction any mention of war debts, tariffs or arms reduction. The agenda will be strictly limited to golf, contract bridge and pinocle, but the older members, including the now venerable Moley will be allowed to debate the question of prohibition. The peace of the world, said the president, may depend on keeping these conferences going.

Florence, Ore., Aug. 6, 1953.—(Special)—Jack Ponsler, mayor of this metropolis, announces that nothing smaller than a 8-pound bass had been caught in the lakes of this vicinity all season. Florence expects to double its population again before September.

McKenzie Bridge, Ore., Aug. 6, 1953.—(Special)—Dee Wright, veteran packer and guide denies the report that the residents in the McKenzie this year are so big that they are dangerous to strangers. The recent ruling restricting the immigration of Californians to a quota basis has helped tremendously, he said, but the 3-C camps are still growing and with the fish hatcheries on six shifts, there is little danger of over-production.

MEDFORD'S FEHL CONVICTED

OVER in Klamath county, a jury of Klamath citizens has found Earl H. Fehl, county judge of Jackson county, guilty of ballot theft. This ballot theft was the "shenanigans" which led indirectly to the murder of Constable Prescott, for which a Lane county jury convicted Llewellyn A. Banks, and for which he may do "life."

By many, the man Fehl is supposed to have been the "brains" of the Jackson county turmoil, and the erratic Banks only a willing tool. Of Fehl's long record as a trouble maker there has been adequate proof. Was Fehl more guilty of crimes against his community than Banks?

Short of the time when we find ways to look into men's minds and know what happens there, the course of justice is only approximate.

As Dr. Kerr put it at Rotary the other day, Oregon should be consoled for what has happened in higher education because others have suffered. As we recall it that's what the Old Time optimist said after his encounter with the bear.

A man in Spokane has engraved The Lord's Prayer on the head of a pin, but there are plenty of pinheads who will defy the best efforts of both preachers and engravers.

Those chaps who planted the tear gas bombs in the N Y Stock Exchange have at least solved the problem of how to get a little sympathy out of the brokers, says AJAX.

Science announces a new process for making photographs on metal which will be everlasting. We knew there was little hope of getting away from those baby pictures.

Richard Barthelmess, the w.k. talkie star says "suffering" seems to be what he does best. Also, the audience, Richard!

Here and there you will still find an Old Timer talking to himself about a thing called the Constitution.

Paraphrasing a famous saying: Prosperity we are here!

Another Province Heard From!



IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL BAG

ON PROHIBITION EUGENE, Ore.—(To the Editor)—My last letter wasn't printed but I shall try again. Al Smith, referring to prohibition: "When the majority speaks, that's the end of it." Ye-ah? Was it the end of it when the majority spoke 14-15 years ago, far more forcibly than now being dry in the Senate 5 to 1; in the House of Reps. 4 to 1 and in State Legislature 93 to 0? The liquor interests would like to put that over on us now, but we drys have learned our lesson; that John Barleycorn cares nothing for the desires of majorities. Liquor interests were never patriotic nor law abiding and never will be. No question is settled until it is settled right and nothing is right but the complete abolishment of alcohol as a beverage. No measure can ever be enacted which will "regulate" the traffic because promoters hold all laws in contempt.

We thought the 18th Amendment killed Barleycorn, not realizing that was only a sentence of death, placing in the hands of the American people the power to execute the giant. David gathered five stones from the brook, not that he lacked faith God would direct the first successfully, but Goliath had four brothers and he prepared for them. Now let us gather five stones to slay not only giant alcohol but his four brothers: Appetite, Avarice, Apathy and Anarchy. Any business which debauches humanity, transforms a promising youth into a bum, wrecks the home and puts a blight on posterity, does not deserve protection, but should be utterly banished and destroyed.

Laura Trachsel. LANDLORDS' UNION EUGENE, Ore.—(To the Editor)—Please print this open letter. To the owners of rentable property of Eugene: As all other industries, Laborers and merchants are organizing, and even if I am rightly informed, that the Owners of Poodle and other mon-

rel dogs are organizing, to receive a better return from their enterprises. Why should we, who have invested our spare money in property for rentals, not organize, so that we may receive enough of a return to pay poor Lane county our taxes so that she may pay the outstanding warrants, the banks and merchants refuse to accept.

Let us organize, adopt a schedule of rentals and stick to it. Not saying anything about receiving any interest on our investment whatsoever. Let's hear from others who have unfortunately invested in rentable property in Eugene. President Roosevelt cannot look after our interest, as he is too busy looking after the farmers and other big business interests. So we will have to look out for ourselves and try to adopt some measure to better our condition. Let's get together and organize, so that we be one more organization with the rest of them.

As the old saying is: God will help them, that helps themselves. Let us do so.

Adolph Muller, 1645 Villard Street. RECOVERY There's Eagles on our window N. R. A. on our door We do our part to keep the pledge Hard times will be no more. F. D. has told us plainly Our task has just begun We must all pull together Before the goal is won. Our leaders all are ready Their time graciously given Like soldiers all, they do their part Let's march with them in rhythm. Each morning sees some work begun Each person have their station We'll put our shoulder to the wheel And help this mighty nation. Mrs. Lenora Jennings, 1145 W 11th Ave.

News of Elmira

ELMIRA, Aug. 5.—(Special)—Mrs. Bob Allison celebrated her birthday with a dinner at her home Tuesday, August 1. Several of her children were present, also Mrs. Fountain and daughter, Ida.

Mrs. Alice Pickert of Eugene is visiting her children at Elmira and Veneta this week.

Elmira Better Homes club met at the home of Mrs. Oscar Rose. The members pieced nearly enough blocks for a sunflower quilt for Mrs. Chas. Guile. Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by her daughter, Doris.

Roy Evers and bride of Portland are home visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Evers.

Miss Ellen Arnest of Cottage Grove was an Elmira visitor Wednesday. She has handed in her resignation as teacher of the upper grade for next year.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Evers of Elmira were called to Albany the first of the week to attend the funeral of their twin grandsons, David and Daniel, who were killed on the railroad track recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Rose and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Church went to the coast to spend the week-end.

The ladies' aid of the Elmira Christian church and Not held an all-day meeting at Elmira. There was a beautiful exhibit of quilts from both communities.

News of Bethel

BETHEL, Aug. 5.—(Special)—Miss Mickel, who has been spending a few days in and near Eugene, called at the Shumaker home Friday afternoon. She is spending her vacation with her parents at Mt. Angel following attendance at summer school at Monmouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Dove and son Bobby, and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Machette and son William drove up the McKenzie Tuesday.

Mrs. Stephen Enloe, who formerly lived in this vicinity, called on friends here this past week. She and her family are now at Silverton taking

care of her parents who are in poor health.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hendrickson and four children left Tuesday afternoon by motor for Sidney, Montana, to attend the golden wedding of Mrs. Hendrickson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Anderson. Their eight children will all be present on this occasion. On their way east the Hendricksons will visit Yellowstone park. They expect to be gone two months or more, as Mr. Hendrickson will have a job with a threshing crew during his stay there.

Mrs. George Holmes and son of Happy Valley arrived Wednesday evening for a few days' visit at the home of her brother, Bob Telford.

The J. R. Getchell home was the scene of an afternoon party Thursday, given by Mrs. Fred Getchell and the Misses Josephine and Ella Getchell. The afternoon was spent in visiting, after which a dainty lunch was served to the following guests: Mrs. Sim Getchell of Eugene, Mrs. Rinehart, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Nazar, Mrs. Oakes and Bernice, Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. Serotik and baby, Mrs. Stinchcomb and Rex Jr., Mrs. Groshong, and the hostesses.

Mrs. J. P. Nielson left Thursday morning for Castle Rock, Washington, to visit her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Fidge and children, of Portland, visited Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Stevenson Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Fulmer have returned from a camping trip on Mosby creek, out from Cottage Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hills visited friends in Natron Sunday evening.

R. O. Smith delivered a truck load of potatoes to Bend last week.

Mrs. J. V. Stewart entertained the Natron club Thursday with an all-day picnic at the Fall Creek picnic grounds.

The day was spent visiting and swimming. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Toops, Mrs. Aaron Stevenson, Mrs. John Parrett, Mrs. Lois Greene and son, Mrs. Ruth Crook and son, Ivan Parrett, Mrs. Nels Jensen and son, Mrs. D. C. Parr and children, Mrs. Harold Bristow, Mrs. John Kollis and children and Mrs. Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Stewart spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Parker of Cottage Grove.

Mrs. C. Bowen of Eugene spent the week-end with her daughter, Mrs. Nels Jensen.

Mrs. Cora Lindley, Albert Lindley and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Driscoll and daughter of Eugene spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. William Lindley at Mapleton.

Miss Edna Funke of Florence is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Cora Lindley, this week.

News of Dorena DORENA, Aug. 5.—(Special)—Miss Naomi Doolittle is again at home after being away for the winter. Miss Doolittle has been employed at the Delight Valley dairy for about two years.

Dorothy Hunt of Yuba City, Cal., is visiting her aunt Mrs. Leslie Wicks and other relatives of this vicinity.

Mrs. Vernon Thomson entertained eight little boys in honor of the birthday of her son Darrel, Wednesday. Mrs. Miles Wicks and Mrs. Ruth England were hostesses at the Hub Circle club Wednesday at the club house. Two quilts were quilted and the usual potluck lunch was served at noon. Those present were Mrs. Oren Land, Mrs. Bales, Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Cooper, Harel and Kenneth, Mrs. Doolittle, Naomi Doolittle, Mrs. Magnusson and children, Mrs. Spahr and Jessie, Mrs. Gregory, Mrs. Nichols, Mrs. Glen Jennings, Mildred and Grace Smith, Mrs. Leslie Wicks, Hunt and Richard Fay, Dorothy Hunt, Mrs. Thrasher and Jimmie, Mrs. Fleck, Mrs. Elmer Wicks, Fay England, Glen Wicks, Bill Gregory and Wicks.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wetzell and family have moved to Trent, where Mr. Wetzell has been employed for some time.

Mrs. Kirk is conducting the post office at present, and is occupying her home here. Lita Mosby is spending a few days with the Wetzells at their new home.

DELIGHT VALLEY, Aug. 5.—Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Witcher of Cottage Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stanley and daughter, Lois of Oakland, Cal., and Juanita Allen of Sutherlin, were dinner guests at the Lawrence Brown home Saturday evening.

Mrs. Ralph Blank and daughter of Cottage Grove and Elta Hohman visited Mrs. E. J. Sears Monday.

Mrs. Lois Benson and son and Mrs. Bert Griffith and daughter of Eugene visited Tuesday evening at the Oscar Jackson home. Little Norman Benson remained with his grandparents the rest of the week.

Mrs. Harold Wolfard and son, and Mrs. Paul Morgan and daughter of Eugene, visited at the Lee Nixon home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oval Powell and daughter, Juanita, visited at the Rudolph Hansen home Sunday. Their daughter, Pamela, who had visited Marie Hansen since Wednesday accompanied them home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Sears, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Nixon and son Donald and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Kent and children attended a surprise dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Blank at the W. E. Nixon home in Cottage Grove Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Blank and daughter are moving to Portland Saturday where he has been transferred to a Portland Standard Oil Co. station.

Farplan paper 2000 years old are in better condition today than some of the paper which went under the printing press during the World war.

Enough telephone wires are used in New York City to reach to the moon and back 35 times.

Waldport News

WALDPOR, Aug. 5.—(Special)—The Waldport Ladies' Aid will give a fair at the school gymnasium August 18, from 10 a. m. until 8 p. m. There will be a lemonade stand and a jitney supper from 5:30 to 7:30 o'clock.

Postmaster Everson has received notice from the department at Washington, D. C. to relinquish his job to Mrs. Winnifred Morris.

E. F. Fosseck and wife and the latter's mother, Birdie L. Ish, of Springfield, have been in Waldport the past week, looking for a good piece of property to buy. If successful, they will become permanent residents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Goetz of Portland were Waldport visitors recently. They are the nephew and niece of the editor, Mr. Lasse. Mr. Goetz has for many years been connected with the police department in Portland.

Mrs. C. L. Troxel of Philomath is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Elsie Taylor, here for a few days.

O. L. Carey and wife of Falls City visited their son, R. S. Carey, here over the week-end. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Frink.

At a meeting of the Oregon Crab association C. A. Hunter of Waldport was elected president and manager.

Mrs. Rose Pollard, sister of Mrs. Bob Brown, departed this week for Pocatello, Idaho, where she will reside.

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