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WILLAMETTE PROJECT STILL ASKING

So far, President Roosevelt has not said anything except a few kind words about the Willamette Project for flood control. That may be good news. Just before he started his western tour, he doused the hopes of the Umatilla project by expressing his unwillingness to start something that couldn't be finished with funds in sight. It is to be hoped this is not an indication of his attitude toward the entirely different Willamette project.

The Willamette project is conservation and protection quite as much as development. It is a program which can be carried out unit by unit, and as each unit is finished it will be complete and serviceable in itself. That is one of the strongest features of the report of the U. S. Army engineers recommending it as immediate.

They are ready to go ahead now. But as Brig. Gen. Tyler, the assistant chief of engineers, said yesterday in Portland, they can't do a thing without an appropriation and Mr. Roosevelt controls that. The Willamette Valley may not offer much to recommend it politically to the White House. But it is the home of more than 1,000,000 people who believe merit should be placed ahead of political support.

THE DALLES NOW A PORT

Tonnage will determine whether Oregon's new seaport at The Dalles is to be more than an ambitious experiment. If there is tonnage, the ocean-going ships will come to The Dalles, and all the improvements needed to make the Columbia river channel safe and easy will be made. That is a fact we need to take to heart in this part of Oregon with our plans for the development of practical ports on the Siuslaw and the Umpqua.

The people of The Dalles are to be congratulated on the faith which has opened their road to the ocean. The government of the United States has supplied the money but it is the faith of the people of The Dalles and the Upper Columbia region which literally has moved mountains, created for Oregon the world's greatest inland waterway.

In early days, The Dalles was the "head of navigation" on the Columbia, and the people of that region believe history will be repeated under modern conditions. They see the grain, timber, minerals and other products of the Inland Empire moving through their port. This entails development of those resources, the building of industries, the finding of markets, the creation of those conditions of industrial stability on which investment may be based.

It requires 500 tons of freight each way, each trip, to justify any ocean vessel in visiting any port. This is the minimum. This figure must be multiplied many times to insure traffic growth. The government has supplied a waterway. It is a question whether it will hinder or help in that part of the program which must come next.

WHAT MAKES STOCKS GO UP

So swift has been the rise of the stock market since June 18 that many theories are being advanced as to the cause of it, and we are told in news dispatches the SEC has some investigators at work. One theory is that foreign buyers and speculators have created the new boom. One pet story among anti-Rooseveltians in Wall street is that the administration has staged the show for political effect. Even the miraculous Mr. Kennedy, now ambassador to England, is being linked with this plot.

We believe the causes are almost self-evident. The first pump-priming produced an upswing in the market. Thousands of speculators big and small knew this. If the present upswing has gone much faster and farther than business facts warrant, it is because it is the nature of speculative markets and something which not even SEC can stop. The boom is probably unhealthy because it is premature, but a still healthier aspect of the situation is the widespread gambling fever.

We are living from "shot in the arm" to "shot in the arm" with chances none too bright for gain or advancement in normal channels, and one result is the temptation to gamble on anything from the "sweepstakes rackets" to stocks. Normal prosperity would cure a lot of that.

When Mr. Roosevelt calls a politician "my old friend So-and-so" it means he's okay, says a reporter on the great non-political exploration, but a good many of those

who know the boys best will stick to plain "So-and-so."

Impoverished nobles are reported turning to fortune-telling. It's easier telling these days than hunting.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By RODNEY DUTCHER

(Register-Guard Washington Correspondent)
 WASHINGTON, July 13.—With everybody hoping and praying that the country is about to move upward from the depression's bottom, economists and statisticians have gathered in enough facts and figures to permit them to present a fairly plausible and well-connected analysis of factors making for the present inertia.

There is no assurance that such a diagnosis will be helpful in warding off economic depressions of the future. But you never can tell. Laughlin Currie, assistant director of research and statistics for the Federal Reserve System, whose business figures are widely used in industry and government, recently summed up his conclusions in a confidential survey.

He stresses the factors causing the inventory and forward buying boom of 1936-37, the decline in residential building after April, 1937, and the abrupt decline in net federal expenditures in 1937. And he achieves some distinction by admitting that his is a "hind-sight" view, based largely on figures available only this year, and not something he was predicting all the time.

Currie groups essential depression factors roughly as follows:

The Money Rolled In.
 National income: From 1933 to 1936 forces tending to increase the national income were ascendant. Government kept adding to buying power more than it took in taxes. Business increased expenditures on inventories, plant and equipment. In 1936 a residential building boom got under way. National income increased from less than 40 billion dollars in 1933 to 64 billions in 1936. The increase of nine billions in 1936 was one of 16 per cent, highest rate ever known in a period of stable prices.

Prices: England's rearmament inspired speculation in certain raw materials and inspired inflationary sentiment. In a quick transition period, labor won substantial wage and hour concessions. A sellers' market resulted from anticipation of rising prices and fear of interruptions by strikes. Industries passed on higher costs in higher prices and some encouraged excessive forward buying by announcing price increases effective on future dates. From October, 1936, to March, 1937, wholesale prices rose 7 1/2 per cent, at an annual rate of 18 per cent, in what Currie calls "one of the worst periods of forward buying and inventory accumulation we have ever experienced."

Inventories: Dun and Bradstreet's survey covering 17,000 firms indicates that manufacturing and merchandising inventories increased by about two billion dollars in 1936 and three billions in 1937. Federal Reserve estimates what Currie calls an "astounding increase" of five billions in the 12 months ended September, 1937.

Government expenditures: Here came the biggest, quickest drop of all among factors tending to increase national income. Net excess of activity-creating federal expenditures over and above tax collections was four billion dollars in 1936. This excess dropped from about \$335,000,000 a month through 1936 to less than \$60,000,000 monthly from March to December, 1937. Bonus payment swelled the total in 1936 and collection of a billion social security taxes shrank the 1937 figure.

Other Factors: The speculative movement had to subside sooner or later; this one ended in April of last year. Pressure of inventories began to be felt and industries began to sell from accumulated stock instead of new production. Increased reserve requirements and Mr. Roosevelt's warning against certain high prices dampened inflationary sentiment—"may have," says Currie. Effect of the armament boom seemed to have been over-emphasized.

The labor situation became more stabilized after the U. S. Steel and General Motors agreements with C. I. O., discounting another speculative factor. Statistics began to show that installment credit had been extended dangerously. Residential building began to fall off after April, 1937, apparently because of cost and price advances. Industry was sufficiently confident to go on increasing new plant and equipment expenditures through the third quarter of the year, total such expenditure being seven billion dollars in 1937 as compared with five billions in 1936. But adverse factors eventually flattened out that factor, too, and everybody knows the rest.

AN EDITORIAL ON HEALTH

By DR. MORRIS FISHBEIN

Editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, and of Hygiene, the Health Magazine

The entire gastro-intestinal tract of a human being is from 25 to 30 feet long. Nine or 10 inches of this make up the esophagus, which goes from the throat to the stomach, and the stomach itself is about the same length. This represents a considerable area over which it is possible for cancer to appear, because the lining of the intestines is of the type of cells which may give rise to cancer.

Apparently cancers appear more often in those portions of the intestines where the material which passes along may stagnate or set up irritation. These are the places particularly where the intestines become narrow. In the esophagus, there is the possibility of irritation from food that is coarse or insufficiently chewed, or from food that is too hot or irritating.

We know today that little is to be accomplished in the control of cancer of the stomach or of the intestines unless the condition is discovered early. Certain types of cancer are less difficult to control because they grow slowly and because they make their presence known by producing obstruction of the bowel at an early date.

Cancers that are hard to recognize are the small, hard cancers which do not bleed and which produce little irritation or obstruction until they have become so large that they produce complete obstruction.

Nevertheless, the outlook is not hopeless because we are learning more and more about the changes which occur in the development of new growths in the intestines and stomach.

We have a great many new tools which scientists are able to use in studying these tissues. We have instruments like the gastroscope, the esophagoscope, and the proctoscope in which it is possible to view at close range the lines of the tissues concerned with these devices, and thus to aid early diagnosis.

Moreover, we have now the X-ray, which is most useful in determining the presence of new growths in the gastro-intestinal tract. Nowadays the patient may swallow a mixture of milk and certain salts which are opaque to the X-ray. The pictures will then show interference with the smoothness of the lining of the wall of the stomach and of the intestines. These examinations should be made early.

There are more new methods for attacking cancers in the esophagus. It becomes possible to open the abdomen and to go after the tumor from below. It is also possible to treat such tumors with the X-ray or to use radium. Moreover, there are new devices in the form of electrical coagulation which can destroy such growths if they can be reached by the instrument.

THIMBLE CLUB PARTY PLANNED THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Luncheon to Be Held at Goodwin Home at 1 P. M.

By MARIAN LOWRY

ONE of the week's most interesting social events will be the party for which Thimble club members will be guests Thursday, Mrs. Marsh Goodwin and Mrs. William Barker entertaining the group at the home of the former at a luncheon.

Honor guests for the affair will be Mrs. Myrtle Kays of Los Angeles and Mrs. Julius Goldsmith of Oregon City, both former residents of this city and charter members of the group.

Thimble club is the oldest social organization for women in the city and was organized thirty-nine years ago this month. Members are making plans to observe their fortieth anniversary next year. The club was organized at a meeting held at the home of Mrs. David Link.

Mrs. Kays is spending the summer here visiting her daughter, Mrs. Goodwin, and friends, and Mrs. Goldsmith is to arrive Wednesday evening to be house guest of Mrs. Albert S. McMurphy.

Members of the club are: Mrs. Frank L. Chambers, Mrs. Fred E. Chambers, Mrs. W. L. Cheshire, Mrs. A. T. Cockerline, Mrs. F. S. Dunn, Mrs. Walter P. Fell, Mrs. W. T. Gordon, Mrs. R. M. Pratt, Mrs. David Link, Mrs. Albert S. McMurphy, Mrs. C. A. E. Whitton, Mrs. C. B. Willoughby.

Other guests at the party will include the two honor guests, Mrs. Kays and Mrs. Goldsmith; Mrs. Hill, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. Cheshire; Miss Mabel Simmons, sister of Mrs. Cockerline; Mrs. Clara Stocker, mother of Mrs. Fell; and the two hostesses, Mrs. Goodwin and Mrs. Barker, who are daughters of club members.

VISITING HERE

Mrs. H. D. Hackman of Portland is spending the week here as guest of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Orlando J. Hollis.

HERE FROM MEDFORD

Mrs. Lee Bown and two children are here from Medford to spend a month with Mrs. Bown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. Fell.

HOSTS TUESDAY

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Walker were hosts Tuesday evening for a card party for a group of seventeen, Mrs. Walker arranging the party in honor of Mr. Walker on the occasion of his birthday anniversary.

PICNIC HELD

Alpha Delta Pi alumnae held a picnic for members and families Monday evening in Skinner Butte park, about twenty attending. The alumnae plan to meet during the summer, arranging either picnics or garden parties.

TO GIVE PICNIC

Royal Neighbors of America will hold a picnic Sunday evening at six o'clock in Skinner Butte park. Mrs. Allie Clark and Mrs. William F. Davis will be co-chairmen.

NAMED ALTERNATE

Mrs. J. A. Russell instead of Mrs. Harvey Veatch was named alternate delegate to the national convention of the United Spanish War Veterans' auxiliary at the meeting of the local auxiliary this week.

PLAN FOR CONVENTION

Westside W. C. T. U. discussed plans for the state convention of the W. C. T. U. at its meeting Tuesday afternoon. The state meeting will be held October 11-14 in Eugene. Mrs. Ellen Conn and Mrs. A. W. Fletcher gave readings. The next meeting will be July 26 in the Church of the Nazarene.

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Calendar

Wednesday
 6:30 p. m.—Phi Mu alumnae club's picnic, Swimmers Delight.
 7:30 p. m.—Theta Rho Girls meet in I. O. O. F. temple.
 7:30 p. m.—D. U. V. meets in armory.
 8 p. m.—Neighbors of Woodcraft meet in Moose hall.
 8 p. m.—Eagles auxiliary meets in Eagles hall.

Thursday
 9:30 a. m.—Synodical society meets in Geringer hall.
 2 p. m.—W. R. C. reception in the armory.

Miss Jenney To Wed Mr. Welch In Fall

Mr. and Mrs. Walker H. Jenney have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Inez Jenney, to Robert Welch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert T. Welch of Lakeview. The wedding will be held in the early fall. Miss Jenney is a graduate of Eugene high school. Mr. Welch was graduated from the University of Oregon law school in 1938, and is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

A shower honoring Miss Jenney and Mrs. Herbert M. Simmons, who is visiting from Santa Monica, Cal., was given by Miss Dorothy Parks Tuesday evening. Guests were Miss Jenney and Mrs. Simmons, Mrs. Richard Jenney, Mrs. Hugo Ree, Mrs. Kenneth Lichty, Mrs. Kenneth Lucas, Mrs. John Conner, Mrs. Jerry Blair, Mrs. Oren Brownson, Mrs. Edward Franzwa, Mrs. Mildred Wilhelm, Mrs. Roland Corinne, Mrs. Ruth Arey, Mrs. Robert V. Betts, Mrs. Walker H. Jenney, Miss Jo Skene, Miss Mary Graham, Miss Virginia Endicott, Miss Helen Gray Boykin, Miss Jean Marlette, Miss Kathleen Latham, Miss Margery Lawson, Miss Marion Miller of Portland, Mrs. E. B. Parks, and the hostess, Miss Parks.

Plan For Party

The Young Married Couples' class of the First Baptist church will hold a "mystery party" Wednesday, July 20. Cars will leave the church at seven-fifteen. Each one is asked to wear old clothes. About seventy-five members attended the meeting and potluck dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earle Chase this week. Those in charge were Mr. and Mrs. Chase, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Carlyle, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Chase, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Teague, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pengra, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ballentine.

Reception Thursday

Department officers of patriotic organizations will be honored at the reception to be given by the Women's Relief Corps in the armory Thursday afternoon at two o'clock. Groups from Corvallis and Cottage Grove are being invited. Mrs. Diva Rounds of Portland, state president of the W. R. C., is also expected. Mrs. Charles B. Patrick will preside during the afternoon.

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Business Women Plan Luncheon For Thursday

ONE of the larger club gatherings of the week will be the July luncheon of the Business and Professional Women's club Thursday noon at the Cafe Del Rey.

Dr. Ernest Hilgard of Stanford university is to speak to the group. He is here for the university summer session. Mrs. Ella T. Edmondson is chairman for the day.

Divisions Of Aid Report Meetings

Division meetings of the Women's Union of the First Methodist Episcopal church were held Tuesday afternoon. Twenty-four members of Division two attended the annual picnic in Skinner Butte park. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. C. Small of Idaho. The Bessie Rankin division held a luncheon at the church, with seven members present. Plans were made to service the luncheon at the general meeting July 26. Mrs. Louis E. Bean was a guest. Ten members of the Jennie Carroll division met at the home of Mrs. W. T. McDermott. Mrs. M. J. Spicer, one of the oldest members of the club, was honored on her eighty-first birthday. Mrs. Carrie R. Norris presented Mrs. Spicer with a gift from the group. Visitors were Mrs. Sarah Randall and Mrs. Louis E. Bean. The Emma Walton division held a picnic at the home of Mrs. E. A. Droste. Mrs. J. B. Ward gave a review of the book, "Victorious Living." Guests were Mrs. I. T. Loomis, Mrs. A. G. Loomis of Springfield, Minn., Mrs. T. S. Zimmerman, and Mrs. F. T. Findner. Twelve members of Division nine met for a luncheon with Mrs. C. E. Hunt. Mrs. John Field was assistant hostess. A birthday surprise party was held for Mrs. J. H. Moeller. Guests were Mrs. William Kuykendall, Mrs. Frank Chambers, Mrs. C. J. Smith, and Mrs. C. R. Clark. The next meeting will be a pay luncheon, Aug. 9.

An average adult has 28 pounds of blood.

Annual Breakfast To Be August 9

The annual breakfast of the Missionary society of the First Christian church will be held August 9 at the church. It was decided at the meeting of the society Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Lila Yoder will be in charge of the program, and Mrs. Anna Larcom, of the tickets. Members of the Cecile Harding group will serve. Reports on the recent state convention of Christian churches at Turner were given at the meeting by Mrs. Louisa Kellems, Mrs. Cassie Hyde, Mrs. Peter Brunk, Mrs. E. V. Stivers, Mrs. M. W. Cooper, Mrs. Minnie V. Nimmo, Mrs. Ernest F. Long, Mrs. Lizzie A. Daniels, Mrs. Thomas Bailey, and Miss Martha Goodrich. Mrs. Bailey, president of the state missionary group for the past ten years, gave a resume of the fifty years of Christian church missionary work, which was discussed at the convention. Miss Goodrich reported on the talk given by Alexander Powell, national Oriental secretary. Mrs. E. E. Kellems led the singing, and Mrs. Stivers was pianist.

Installation For Auxiliary Held

Installation of officers was held and committees for the year appointed at the meeting of the American Legion auxiliary Tuesday evening. The elective officers are Mrs. Spencer R. Collins, president; Mrs. Myrl Garnett, first vice-president; Mrs. C. S. Dillon, second vice-president; Mrs. E. N. Rinde, secretary; Mrs. E. F. Mack, treasurer; Mrs. H. F. Halverson, historian; and Mrs. Elmer Geiger, Mrs. Lulu Burns and Mrs. Larsen Wright, members of the executive committee. The officers appointed at the meeting are Mrs. Cecil G. Deal, sergeant-at-arms; Mrs. Glenn Morgan, color bearer; Mrs. Della Borin, parliamentarian; and Mrs. May Moon, chaplain.

Members of the committees are Mrs. Elmer Geiger, Mrs. Earl Kast, Mrs. Glen Lewis, Mrs. Clarence V. Simon, Mrs. Richard L. Moon, hospitality: Mrs. Myrl Garnett, Mrs. C. S. Dillon, membership; Mrs.

C. D. A. Meeting To Be Event of Wednesday Evening

THE Catholic Daughters of America are meeting Wednesday evening for their regular business session at eight o'clock in St. James hall.

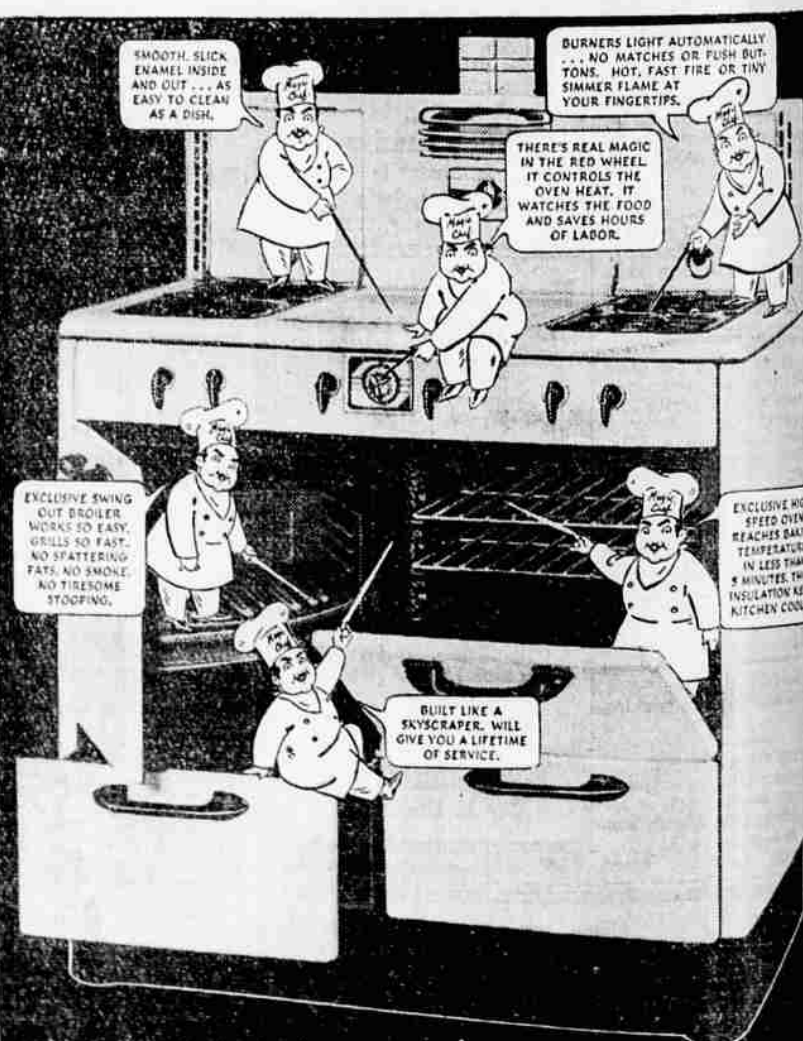
Members are asked to bring old magazines and papers to the meeting, these items to be given over to the hospitals.

Earl Kast, sick calls and Mrs. Glen Lewis, Mrs. L. F. child welfare; Mrs. Frank Kast, Mrs. W. W. Watters, secretary; Mrs. W. H. Anderson, Mrs. Simon, social committee; Mrs. Bowman, music; Mrs. Elmer Geiger, Mrs. Noble Bond, committee; Mrs. Richard L. Moon, finance; Mrs. Nell B. junior auxiliary; Mrs. Zola B. Miss Margaret Sleeper, poetry; Mrs. Charles Smith, selling; Mrs. E. N. Rinde, national Bulletin, auxiliary; Mrs. Noble Bond, national; Mrs. C. S. Dillon, publicity; Mrs. C. S. Dillon, publicity; Mrs. Clarence Urey, fiduciary; Mrs. Lulu Burns, Mrs. Waldo B. Mrs. W. W. Watters, hospital committees will be announced later. A new social committee will be appointed each month. Mrs. Geiger, retiring president, was given a past president's and a handkerchief shawl, also held for the Girl Scout. Plans were made for a August 9 in Skinner Butte. Mrs. Glen Lewis will be in

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