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LOOKING FORWARD TO 1941

If we were asked to suggest the one most important objective for this community in 1941, we would say that it should be AREA PLANNING. This is an inclusive term. It not only takes for granted that the industrial, mercantile and agricultural development will continue; it assumes that it can and should be stimulated and guided by the intelligent study of these problems which affect not only Eugene but the entire region of urban and suburban development:

1. Main highways and the essential connecting streets and roads.
2. Classification of property for logical uses—industrial, commercial, residential, with consideration for those intermediate uses which are appropriate between now and developments which can be expected or foreseen.

3. Coordination of fire protection, water supply, sewage and sanitary service, policing.
4. Provision for Traffic Service, that is to say, adequate parking and facilities for the safe handling of traffic in all congested areas.
5. Parks and parkways to conserve the city's natural advantages.

6. Placement of schools in relation to population and population trends so as to provide better facilities at minimum cost.
7. Taxes and finances, debt control, so that all needs can be met and no money wasted.

This year probably will see the beginning of construction on the super-highway from Eugene to Springfield; the new Eugene airport will add a new element in traffic and transport; we have seen only the beginnings of plywood and other industries for processing timber; the flood control dams, the constant spread of irrigation and drainage mean new and more intensive forms of agriculture. All these things contribute to the importance of this city and this area as a producing and distributing center.

It isn't a question of annexing our suburban neighbors, piling up a maximum population figure, making a big showing of growth for the sake of growth. It is a matter of building a city which is BETTER in every way for those who want to work and live and spend their money here.

Area problems always are complex, but there is a starting point in this matter of fire protection. Schools also offer a natural point for the beginning of friendly and constructive efforts in cooperation. A very large suburban area already depends on Eugene or Springfield for high school service.

Planning involves vision but it is not "visionary." It is eminently hard-headed, practical. Take the little item of the saving of right-of-way for wide approach roads to the new Eugene airport—a few hundred dollars now for what might have cost thousands later. This is the beginning of a decade.

In national and world affairs we can only contribute "our bit." To the problems here at home, we hold the answers.

SENATOR WHEELER'S PEACE CALL

Except as a political gesture the "peace call" of Montana's Senator Burton K. Wheeler is untimely. It is the Senator's inalienable right and even his duty to speak his views. President Roosevelt is not beyond criticism at this moment. Senator Wheeler is correct in at least one thing when he says that if we follow the logic of our policy we should sever diplomatic relations with Russia, Italy, Germany, Japan, all nations whose policies we abhor, because, at least in the case of Germany, the pretense of normal relations is hypocrisy.

However, the combatants in Europe are too deep in blood to listen to any call to wade ashore for parleys. Mr. Wheeler is wasting his breath when he sets forth terms of possible settlement. Nor does he seem to understand the nature of this conflict which is not merely between nations but between concepts of government and of man's rights under government. In Hitler, the civilized world as we know it is confronted with a Mad Mullah, leading a fanatic crusade. Read "Mein Kampf." Read Hitler's reply to Roosevelt.

This is not an ordinary war. It is not even the normal form of war madness. It is more like a savage disease, a sociological rabies which has infected millions of people. We and the British and the rest of us who talk democracy cannot escape blame for our past indifference for conditions which drove these people to mad despair. It is going to be difficult to remember our own sins when it comes to make a new peace.

We said to ourselves all through those

years when Hitler and Mussolini and Stalin and the Japanese army oligarchs were rising to power that it didn't make any difference to us what happened to those nations so long as they let us alone. Just as for a long time there were good people in Chicago who were indifferent to the murderous Capone and other gangsters.

We have learned that we cannot remain indifferent. Dictators and democracies cannot live in the same world. In the hands of gangsters, mechanized weapons have put power to force their rule and their way of life upon an unwilling world. In spite of what Mr. Wheeler says (and he is no military expert) there is no longer any such thing as a safe side of the world. If Britain falls, Hitler will have at his command the resources for conquest of the world.

As we have said many times Hitler is not a cause but a result. It is tragic to hate the German people, or the Italians or the Russians or the Japanese, but there can be no compromise with the religion of force which they have espoused. Only when this maniacal menace has been removed will it be possible to reconstruct. Then there must come, as Pope Pius suggested in his Christmas appeal, a rebirth of honor and trust and decency or there will still be no peace in the world.

The first shipment of 1941's first headaches has arrived in N. Y. from Argentina—5800 cases of champagne.

There are some who will say that Tom Harmon ran Francis Schmidt right out of his job as Ohio State coach.

Franklin D. Roosevelt got his diploma from the electoral college but will continue to attend classes for four more years.

Both Britons and Germans are thoroughly convinced it is more blessed to give than receive.

Cheer up! The first thing you know, this will be last winter!

When you have a wife and family on your hands, you can't keep them in your pockets.

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 1.—That perennial 70-car railroad bill will be offered to congress next month or later, with a fairly excellent chance of passing. Oregon and Washington legislatures have had experience with it and know the battles it has caused. Now the bill will appear on the national scene, with strong backing.

This measure, if enacted, will be of no special benefit to the general public, but it will affect a number of railroads (some eastern lines with coal cars; some western lines hauling wheat) and will result in additional jobs for railroaders. This is behind the bill—more jobs. The cost of operating railroads affected will be materially increased by the additional train crews and this is why railroads have bitterly opposed the passage of the measure in the past. Also, it will affect, indirectly, banks and life insurance companies which hold railroad stocks and bonds.

As matters stand, the 70-car bill is a bone of contention and will continue to be so until it is definitely disposed of. There is no falling off in support by the railroaders and they are preparing for a drive to push the measure through congress. Already the railroad men have considerable strength in both branches of congress among members who carry water and have generally laid the foundation to give the bill action. Appeals will be made to every member of congress by railroaders in all parts of the country and the position of the measure is in better shape than heretofore. One argument against the bill in the past is disappearing. Railroads have shown increased carloadings through the defense program; the carriers in the main, are slowly beginning to make some money. Railroaders have seized upon this as a further spur to pass the measure, contending that increased business justifies their demand.

Behind the so-called monopoly committee (whose life was extended until April) is the Security and Exchange commission. From time to time the committee has issued documents dealing with various phases of the economic life of America, ranging from control of patents to life insurance companies, but no recommendations of the committee have yet been made. The results of the probe are scheduled for April and are to be embodied in a series of measures by SEC. What the reform legislation will contain is, for the present, a secret with members of the staff of SEC, but there is a feeling of disquietude in many fields of endeavor.

SEC is filled with economic reformers who feel that their mission in life is to remake the world, and to a certain extent they have been successful. The recommendations of the monopoly committee will provide SEC with a wide range and whatever reform legislation Mr. Roosevelt has in mind will blossom under the commission. The appointment of members to the federal benches (as has been suggested) will not deter SEC from proposing new methods of doing business, for underlings already have rough drafts of several measures.

For 24 years Christy Sullivan has served in congress. Christy is a Tammany man; not only that, he is the chief of the organization. Almost unknown, Sullivan has served year after year, a member of the ways and means committee, and never having a word to say. In his 24 years in congress there is no speech of his in Congressional Record, not a line, not a thing. It is some sort of a record in a group of 435 where almost everyone gets up and talks. But not Christy Sullivan. He is, perhaps, the only chief of Tammany who hasn't been lampooned by the press, and this he achieved by keeping his mouth shut.

Mr. Sullivan is voluntarily retiring from congress. He did not choose to run last year, not that he is old but Tammany needs him and Christy will return to New York and try to gather the odds and ends together of the shattered organization.

Senator Charles L. McNary will not be in his seat when congress meets. The senator, recuperating from pneumonia, will be at Palm Springs, Calif., for about 10 days before returning to Washington, where he is awaited in the preparation of organization for the session. Palm Springs is in the desert country. . . . Rep. James W. Mott, Oregon member of the house committee on roads, is preparing to take up the military highways at the earliest possible moment. The military highways are of particular interest in his district. . . . The President's message to the new congress has been revised several times already and will receive another going over before it is delivered. Formerly, a message was prepared and distributed days in advance, to be held for release.

Townsend Club Has Social Meeting; Other Grove News Of Early Week Reported

COTTAGE GROVE, Jan. 1.—(Special)—The Townsend club held a social evening Monday evening at the Townsend hall. Special music was furnished by Mrs. O. W. Blackmore, L. D. Tucker, Pete Briton and Tom Short. Readings were given by Mrs. Ethel Applewhite, L. D. Tucker and Mrs. Clara Perry. A New Year's bulletin and resolution was read by the secretary, Mrs. Kate Adams. Piano solo was played by Mrs. O. W. Blackmore. George Potts related his experiences on his recent trip south and east. Group singing was enjoyed with Mrs. Blackmore playing the piano and L. D. Tucker, the violin. The club will sponsor a dance to be held Saturday evening, Jan. 4, at the Townsend hall. The public is invited. The auxiliary will resume its quilting on Jan. 9. A report was given of the progress of the plans for the birthday party and program which will be held on Monday, Jan. 13.

Grange to Meet
 The Hebron grange will meet at the Hebron schoolhouse Friday evening. The men are to furnish the refreshments.
 The Jemo club will meet Friday

afternoon at the home of Mrs. Merle Porter.

The Jolly club will meet for a 7:30 o'clock dessert Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Walter Smith.
 The Rebekah lodge will hold regular meeting Friday evening at the I. O. O. F. hall. Initiation will be held.

Renew Insurance
 The board of education for district No. 45 held a special meeting Monday evening to renew the insurance on the Jefferson and Adams schools. They received a new appraisal for these schools. The West side school building is insured separately.

The Ad Libitum club which annually entertains husbands on New Year's eve with a dinner and watch party, was compelled to postpone the party this year because of the flu epidemic.

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Average score of .978 was awarded the Echo Hollow Dairy for 1939-40 at the Pacific International Stock Show—the highest award in the Eugene area.—Adv.

Mothers' Club Plans Benefit Program

FRANKLIN, Jan. 1.—(Special)—There will be a basket social and program consisting of skits, music and readings at the Franklin grange hall Friday night, Jan. 3, sponsored by the Mothers' club. Proceeds will be used for basketball supplies.
 Ladies are asked to bring baskets with lunch for two. No admission will be charged.

Lorane News

LORANE, Jan. 1.—(Special)—Clyde Davis was seriously hurt at the Addison Lumber company mill Monday when a piece from the log being sawed struck him in the head, knocking him unconscious. An ambulance was called and he was taken to the Eugene hospital. Mr. Davis runs the carriage at the mill.

Mrs. Elizabeth Abbey, who has been spending the winter with a daughter at Centralia, Wash., is visiting a son, W. R. Abbey and family.

The Paul Weaver family of Roseburg visited the McAtee and Rulon families here recently.

By actual test, handwriting in pencil requires nearly five times as much light to be legible as writing in ink.

Walterville P.-T. A. Plans Supper Meeting, C. E., Sunday School Are Active

WALTERVILLE, Jan. 1.—(Special)—The Walterville P.-T. A. is making plans for its regular meeting Friday evening, Jan. 3, and will serve an oyster supper that evening. A small charge will be made for the supper and other food will also be on hand for refreshments.

The Walterville Christian Endeavor society is meeting Thursday evening, Jan. 2, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Alexander. This is the annual chili feed for the Endeavor and preparations are made for cooking the chili.

To Hold Conference
 The Walterville Sunday school district conference will be held Jan. 12 at the Leaburg church from 2 until 4 p. m. S. P. Kester is president of the group.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Page were hosts Wednesday, New Year's day, for members of their family. Other guests invited to their home were Mr. and Mrs. George William, Laurel Edith William, Mrs. Mary William of Cottage Grove, Don Alexander, Mrs. Guy Hills and daughter Alice of Vallejo, Cal., Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Stacy, Carolyn Stacy, Janet Stacy, Ellen Stacy, Con-

stance Stang, W. R. White and Elizabeth Page.

Next Monday evening the Kenzie Valley Farmers' telephonic line will hold its annual meeting at the Deernhorn school house o'clock. Shareholders are urged to be present.

From Vancouver
 Mr. and Mrs. Fred Easton, daughter Nellie of Vancouver, Wash., spent the Christmas vacation in this vicinity visiting at homes of their daughters, Jack Sheashley and family, Lowell and Mrs. Emmet Rasmussen and family at Dexter, with relatives in Eugene and terville. Miss Erna Easton, Bremerton, Wash., came down Christmas day, Mr. and Mrs. ton are former residents of terville, leaving here about year ago.

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