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DEFENSE HIGHWAY CONTROVERSY

"The one message I brought back from the highway transportation people over there (Britain): I mean the builders, the engineers, those who operate the vehicles was to PLAN AHEAD WHILE YOU HAVE TIME. Do not wait until the emergency is on you because you cannot plan intelligently when you are under fire. And I was told by the chief engineer of the ministry of transport: 'For God's sake do not howl about a few million dollars when it comes down to the right kind of transport, whether they be highways or access roads to your new expanding plants or cantonments. Do not haggle about it, because it will cost you many hundreds of millions of pounds more if you get into a real emergency.'"

—Testimony of Fred C. Horner, consultant, transportation division, OPM, just home from Great Britain at hearings on defense highway appropriation just vetoed by President Roosevelt.

All of the answers to President Roosevelt's charge of "pork barrel politics" in the defense highway program may be found in the printed record of the testimony at the hearings which were held June 5, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11 in Washington. For instance there is the passage where Oregon's Congressman Jim Mott is questioning Hon. John M. Carmody, the administrator of federal works as to why he did not stay put on his original recommendation (worked out with Dr. MacDonald, the veteran road bureau chief) for a \$287,000,000 military road program. We quote:

MR. CARMODY—It really was \$275,000,000, with \$12,000,000 for special engineering and developing work that ought to be done and will have to be done.

MR. MOTT—The bill you now recommend, namely this committee print of a bill drafted to carry the proposals in the President's message, not only reduces the amount to less than one half the amount recommended in the MacDonald report, but proceeds upon an entirely different theory, in that it SIMPLY GIVES BLANK AUTHORITY TO THE EXECUTIVE to build such roads as he may see fit within limits authorized.

MR. CARMODY—You know when one has a good many bosses it is embarrassing, sometimes, to definitely take a single position.

MR. MOTT—Well, it is my understanding you confess only to one boss, that is the president.

MR. CARMODY—He is my immediate boss, of course. And you can well understand, Mr. Mott, that I cannot come before the committee and say I do not think the President knows what he is talking about.

There you have the key to the whole trouble. Mr. Roosevelt did not object to spending the money. He objected that those moneys being spent by any agency not under his own personal (and political control). For that reason he rode rough shod over the carefully made report of the veteran MacDonald, over the earnest recommendations of every corps area commander in the United States army, over the evidence of dozens of the best highway engineers in the United States (including Oregon's Baldock) that pressing military needs cannot possibly be met with funds on hand or within the narrow limits proposed by the president.

The record of those hearings last June should be the text in the renewed effort to get action on this program vital to the effectiveness of our whole program of defense—especially here on the Pacific Coast. There is page after page of documented evidence, supported by statistics, to prove the need. Even Carmody could not deny that need, although plainly cowed by the White House.

We have called particular attention to the warning which Mr. Horner brings back from blitzkrieged Britain because that attitude of that old British engineer is in such contrast with that of the Roosevelt henchman, Henry Fellows, of WPA, which we have quoted many times since last fall:

"We will not spend our funds (military highway funds) except in large centers of population and we will not have any private employers standing between us and the man who gets the pay envelope."

It is not Congress which is playing politics with national safety in this case but Mr. Roosevelt himself.

SOUP FROM DISTINGUISHED ONIONS

A great silence has brooded over the Big Bend of the Deschutes since the gallant Hazel Pague of Linn county uttered her startling proclamation that onion soup should not be made with the stock brewed from mighty beef but with milk. No doubt that famous "chef de chefs," Robert W. Sawyer is formulating the reply courteous to the lady challenger, but in the meantime new complications have arisen.

We had assumed, of course, that all onions for such a tremendous contest would be furnished by Billy Maddaugh of Route F, but now comes the Hon. Zed Merrill of Albany (and Mountain States) to insist that only his own brand of high voltage Linn county onions be incorporated in the Pague soup. We quote:

"I recently read your editorial in the August 1 issue of the Register-Guard, and note the controversy which has arisen over the proper

brewing or cooking of onion soup. Aside from naturally being inclined to agree with Mrs. Pague because she is a Linn county citizen, I had only an academic interest in the editorial, until I noted that one William Maddaugh had offered to furnish the onions for this 'battle of the century'."

"Now I have known Billy Maddaugh for something like thirty years and when he intimates that onions from Route F, Eugene, are superior to any grown in Linn county, I feel called upon to challenge him, because I know he has in his past no 'onion background.' I am not inclined at this time to go into Mr. Maddaugh's past, particularly for the reason that perhaps the less we both say about the happenings of thirty years ago, the better, but being a renowned onion grower myself, I must insist that in any 'battle of the century' between the various methods of preparing onion soup, a Linn county contestant should certainly use Linn county products, and could not afford to take chances on the inferior article such as I am convinced Billy Maddaugh grows. In this I feel certain Mrs. Pague will concur."

Z. E. MERRILL.

The esteemed Ajax McGurk points out that in such a duel, each principal should be allowed to select his (her) own onions, but there is a technical question of calibre, range and velocity which must be resolved before we can have an even contest. Rosybeak offers the plausible theory that the contestants should make soup first with Route F onions, then with Merrill brand, but the scoring in this department bids fair to be as complex as the judging of the beef stock and the milk. As somebody said the other day of the war—it will be a fine thing for some folks if it lasts long enough!

Real Americans don't wait for the Star-Spangled Banner to be played to stand up for it.

Scientist says there is 257,000 horsepower in a teaspoon of water. Aw, that isn't water.

The real board of health is home cooking.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By JOHN W. KELLY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 8.—It is possible, but not probable, that the fuss stirred up by Secretary of War Henry Stimson and President Roosevelt, plus certain newspaper, over Senator Wheeler's use of the frank (free postage) in issuing postal cards urging voters to write to the president to keep us out of war, may remedy an old abuse long practiced in Oregon. Statements on the cards were all from the Congressional Record, such as the famous Roosevelt speech: "I say it again and again and again, your boys are not going to be sent into any foreign war."

George Norris, senator for Nebraska, has permitted the use of his frank in the spreading of propaganda on the power issue. Portland was flooded with articles inserted in the Congressional Record and sent out under his frank, attacking private utilities in Portland in the election last year. Rep. Walter M. Pierce has permitted the use of his frank to groups of people who oppose private utilities and thousands of the Pierce franked documents were stuffed into mail boxes on rural routes in Oregon, addressed to "The holder of this box." Mr. Pierce's frank was used in the Lane county fight, in the Clatsop county fight, and the Baker county fight—possibly others. Rep. John Rankin, Mississippi Democrat, had his frank used in the fight against the Washington Water Power Co. in Spokane. Rep. Charles Leavy's frank was used in that encounter. These are but a few instances.

It is estimated that the Democratic national committee in the 1940 campaign used the frank of members of congress on material which would have cost \$100,000 to mail. The same holds true of the Republican national committee, and by strict interpretation of the law governing use of the frank both of the committees are in contempt, also the congressmen who permitted the use of their frank. Thousands of pieces of campaign literature have been distributed in Oregon under these various franks.

With Senator Wheeler the accusations against him were because a few out of more than a million cards went to soldiers in camp. The mailing list used for Wheeler's cards came from Emil Hurja, former statistician for the Democratic national committee—a commercial list. It so happened that the Wheeler card was printed after General Marshall assured the house military affairs committee that the guardsmen and selectees would go home after their year of service. By the time the cards were in the mail Marshall was insisting that no one be released and that he have authority to send them anywhere in the world.

The franked literature of Norris, Pierce, Rankin et al sent to Oregon to liquidate the private utilities was frequently not addressed until the bundles came into the state, and then scattered indiscriminately. This very minute most of the government agencies in Washington have the franking privilege and they distribute their propaganda by the ton daily. Bonneville administration recently issued under its frank a gaudy colored pamphlet advertising the power rates at Canby. The pamphlet did not carry the imprint of Bonneville, but the elaborate color job was mailed in franked envelopes. There was nothing on the pamphlet to indicate where it came from; the envelope was the give-away. This bit of propaganda was a bit too strong for headquarters in the national capital and Bonneville was told to be careful.

The housing problem in Pendleton is becoming exceedingly difficult and although 85 units have been authorized, the project must still be cleared and there is other red tape to be unwound before actual building is started. These are units for the men engaged at the army air port. This and other kindred subjects were discussed last week at a meeting held by representatives of private industry throughout the country. The entire housing program, financed by the government, was regarded as socializing dwellings; the government undertaking to furnish modern homes, with modern equipment, at a very low rental. It was held that if houses are required for sheltering workers on defense projects they should be of a temporary type and not built for permanence.

Under the present program the rent is rated according to the income the occupant receives, although the workers may dwell side by side in identical houses. One may pay \$25 a month and the other \$45. The charge was made at the meeting that, with the government building permanent homes and renting them at a low rate, there is no incentive for private interests to foster the building industry, for they cannot recover their capital in the face of such competition.

Providing the irrigation districts are prepared to make repayment contracts, the reclamation bureau is ready to start work on 69,700 acres in Grand Coulee next year. This is the first step toward the ultimate reclamation of the 1,200,000 acres in the project.

L. O. E. Party, Thursday

By MARIAN LOWRY

AN afternoon of cards was enjoyed by the Ladies of the Elks, Thursday.

Mrs. L. C. DeBurgh and Mrs. Charles E. Hunt won the honors at contract. Mrs. August Grendler, Mrs. C. W. Iddings, and Mrs. F. Brunner received the prizes at auction, and Mrs. M. C. Farnett and Mrs. B. Starmont the pinochle honors. Mrs. B. C. King was hostess for contract bridge, Mrs. E. Rubenstein the auction hostess, and Mrs. Leo Hanrahan had charge of pinochle.

PICNIC INTERESTS

Interesting a large group for Sunday will be the annual picnic of the United Commercial Travelers and auxiliary on the east side of Swimmers' Delight.

The picnic dinner will be served at noon. Varied games and other entertainment are planned. The event is for all UCT members, auxiliary members, their families and friends.

MID-WEST VISITORS

Recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Reynolds on the Mohawk were their nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Latting, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Nun from Flint, Michigan.

LOYAL STAR

Regular social meeting of Loyal Star of America was held Thursday evening with Mrs. L. I. Headley. Games were played, Mrs. Bert Branch being prize winner. Mrs. L. G. McMillin was a visitor. A picnic was planned for August 17. Mrs. E. R. Mercer and Mrs. Robert Martin will entertain at the next social meeting.

AID MEETS

About twenty members of Emmanuel Lutheran Ladies' Aid held a no-hostess meeting Thursday afternoon in Skinner Butte park. Rev. Lewis Larsen spoke to the group. Flower committee appointed for August is Mrs. H. C. Worden and Mrs. Peter Thoreby.

TODAY'S RECIPE

By NEA Service

Maybe you feed your family from the two-by-four confines of a kitchenette. Or maybe you have a stadium-sized "laboratory" as full of gadgets as a munitions plant. In either instance, your interest is in the kind of culinary fancy work that keeps grocery bills down and the compliments coming your way.

And that's where Margaret Sawyer comes in, especially at this convenient time of year, because she's one of America's greatest authorities on the preserving and canning tricks and recipes that put glamor in your larder for the next 12 months ahead.

"Use large, heavy, flat-bottomed kettles for making jams and preserves," she says. "Mix the fruit and sugar carefully but thoroughly, place over low heat, and stir only until sugar is dissolved. During the rapid boiling period, stir fruit frequently to prevent scorching. If fruit is very thick, stir constantly."

More guides to success from Miss Sawyer: Do not overcook because



FOR WEEKENDS in town the college girl chooses a black wool bustle suit. It's shown with natural stone marten and a black velvet bonnet trimmed with pink ostrich plumes.

caramelized sugar, caused by overcooking, masks the fruit flavor. Rapid boiling during the last cooking period helps to preserve flavor and color of fruits. Always use a standard measuring cup, holding 1/2 pint of liquid or 7 ounces of sugar, level full, or weigh both fruit and sugar. Weights are more accurate than measurements.

Quick Grape-Lime Jam
 (About 9 half-pint jars of 12 6-ounce glasses)

Sixteen cups (6 pounds) prepared Concord grapes, 8 cups (3 1/2 pounds) sugar, 1 teaspoon salt, 2 1/2 teaspoons grated lime rind.

Wash and stem about 6 1/2 pounds slightly under-ripe grapes. Weigh or measure into large preserving kettle. Crush. Add sugar and salt. Mix well. Cook slowly until mixture boils, stirring only until sugar is dissolved. Boil rapidly 15 minutes, stirring frequently. (Do not overcook, mixture jellies upon cooling.) Rub through sieve into large kettle. Add grated lime rind and re-heat just to boiling. Pour into clean, hot, sterilized jars or glasses and seal at once.

Pear-Cranberry Preserves
 (About 6 half-pint jars or 8 6-ounce glasses)

Four cups (1 1/2 pounds) prepared pears, 4 cups (1 pound) cranberries, 3-4 cup water, 5 cups (2 1/2 pounds) sugar, 1/2 teaspoon salt.

Wash and pare about 2 1/2 pounds, firm, ripe pears. Cut into quarters, remove cores, and coarsely dice or chop. Pick over and wash cranberries. Weigh or measure each into large preserving kettle. Add water. Bring to a boil and simmer, covered, about 15 minutes, or until pears are tender, stirring occasionally. Add sugar and salt. Mix carefully. Cook slowly until mixture boils,

Recital Given on Thursday

AT the first of a series of summer recitals a group of pupils of Mrs. Adah Ann Ampsper were presented at her home, 803 Wilamette street, Thursday evening.

Interested parents and friends heard the following program:
 Baines — "Camel Train" duet
 Jacques Wolfe — "Shortway Bread"
 Kenneth Hathaway
 Morrison — "Meditation"
 Heller — "L'Avalanche"
 Margaret Harmon
 Stenson — "Prayer Perfect"
 La Rue Evans
 Williams — "Lullaby"
 Williams — "Sailing"
 Castle — "Snow-Shoeing"
 Bayley — "Long, Long Ago"
 Helen DeWitt

Faderewski — "Minuet"
 Margaret Harmon
 Marlhom — "Chinese Toy Town"
 Martin — "Oriental Fantasy"
 Gwynn

— "Watermelon Pickaninny"
 Marlhom — "Indian War Call"
 Seuel Holst — "3 and 20 Pirates"
 Robert Hathaway

D'Hardelot — "Because"
 La Rue Evans
 Beethoven — "Minuet in G"
 Kenneth Hathaway

Williams — "Evening Prayer"
 Williams — "Folk Tune"
 Williams — "Fairies Dance"
 Scotch Air — "Auld Lang Syne"
 Helen DeWitt

Dvorak — "Largo"
 Margaret Harmon
 Waldteufel — "Skater's Waltz"
 Engel — "Little Drum Major" duet
 Kenneth Hathaway

Friml Firefly — "Glaninna Mia"
 La Rue Evans
 Chambers — "Pickaninny March"
 Low — "Festival March" duet
 Helen DeWitt

Ketelbey — "Persian Market"
 Margaret Harmon

Recordings were made by several students and refreshments were served by Miss Suzanne Ampsper.

FROM LONE PINE

LONE PINE, Aug. 8.—(Special)

—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crackle of Minneapolis, who have been visiting Mrs. Crackle's sister, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Smith, have moved to Portland where he has found employment.

The W. A. Piquet family are selling their first commercial crop of figs this year. Up until now they have only had enough for themselves and a few friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Furtwangler and son, Conway, left Wednesday morning on a trip along the coast, expecting to visit at all the various points of interest. They came here from Iowa and this is their first trip along the coast. They will return Sunday.

Robert Nyce, who is working for national defense in Seattle, spent the week-end here visiting friends. He reports meeting Wilbur Reinche, also formerly of this community, as Wilbur arrived in Seattle to commence work.

stirring only until sugar is dissolved. Boil rapidly about 10 minutes, or until fruits are clear and syrup is somewhat thick, stirring frequently to prevent scorching. Skim. Pour into clean, hot, sterilized jars or glasses and seal at once.

Wyoming Picnic

Sixty persons attended the Wyoming picnic held Sunday last in Skinner Butte park. A basket lunch was served at one o'clock. The afternoon was spent in visiting and reviewing old times in Wyoming. Another event is planned by the group for the first Sunday in September.

FAREWELL GIVEN FOR MISS DOSS

RIVER ROAD, Aug. 8.—(Special)—Mrs. Harry Hollis, assisted by Mrs. Hazel Gilhens and Mrs. C. J. Ray, was hostess for a going away party and handkerchief shower recently. The honored guest was Mrs. H. P. Doss, who is moving to Pendleton. The guests beamed Mrs. Doss were: Mrs. Glenn Winney, Mrs. Harry Cadore, Mrs. James Taylor, and Miss Bessie Howard.

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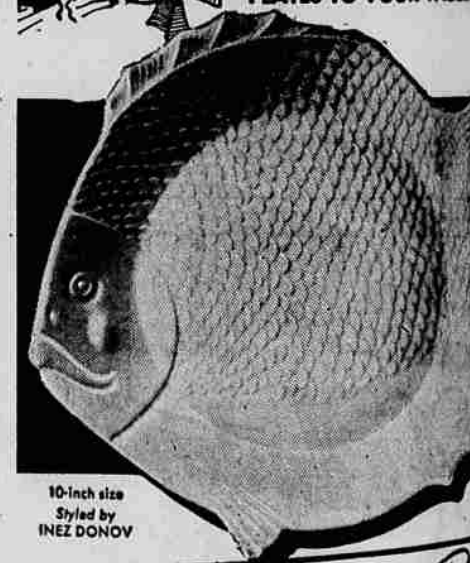
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