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WELL, WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF 'EM?

It may have come to your notice that on Tuesday there was an amazing contrast in headlines in this and every other daily paper carrying AP or UP wire news. Let's pass over the familiar Register-Guard and consider the excellent Oregon (Portland) Journal which blazoned:

F. R. EXPECTS LONG WAR SURVEY OF NEEDS PLANNED LINCOLN'S REMARK RECALLED

And in an adjoining column: "ARMY SLASH AT 14-MONTH MARK SLATED" The same President Roosevelt who on Saturday came ashore from his visit with Churchill and "refused to say we were nearer war" was on Tuesday quoting Abraham Lincoln's famous admonition in the second year of the Civil War:

"The fact is the people have not yet made up their minds that we are at war with the South. They have not buckled down to the determination to fight this war through."

And when one of the hundred or more puzzled Washington correspondents asked Mr. Roosevelt for a "direct quote" on the situation, Mr. Roosevelt authorized: "I would say: 'President quotes Lincoln and draws parallel.'"

It was in mind at first to make the bitter comment that President Roosevelt was invoking the dead Lincoln to tell the people of the United States the truth. We withdraw that ugly jest. The situation is too dangerous for any jest.

If the prospect is as dark as stated by Mr. Roosevelt at midweek this is no time to be reducing the army, encouraging volunteers and draftees to believe they may soon return to normal civilian life. There may be some hope that Mr. Roosevelt may yet be spared the duty of saying that his policies have led to war (it seems to depend on Russia), but Mr. Roosevelt seems to have little faith in his own formula for he quotes also Lincoln's memorable remark (on McClellan's futtering) that "no war ever was won by strategy."

The army is confused. The people are confused. And, we fear Mr. Roosevelt does not see clearly the consequences of contradictory acts. We lavish billions upon our brave Allies. The latest move is to admit the Russian bear to the jampots.

It is not in character for the American people to seek wars, but neither is it in character for us to hire or bribe others to fight our fights. One thing the people know, Mr. Roosevelt; liberty has never been so cheap!

SEASON OF COUNTY FAIRS

This the season of county fairs. Southern Lane leads the way this weekend with the annual exhibition at Cottage Grove. West Lane and the Blachly district will follow suit. Then comes the big state fair beginning September 1, and finally the big four-day Lane county fair beginning September 17.

Even though there is weather risk so late in September, it is probably fortunate that the Lane county fair is one of the last on schedule. These district fairs in Lane county serve a real purpose. This is a very large county—as large as the whole state of New Jersey. Far from impairing the interest in the county fair the district fairs build up interest.

What is needed to make our fairs a complete success is more understanding and cooperation on the part of the city folk. Since Pomona Grange accomplished the impossible by reviving fairs a few years back it has been no trick at all to get farmer participation. The lame end of the fair nowadays is in the commercial and industrial exhibits.

To be sure, there are a few faithful commercial and industrial exhibitors who can always be depended on for a showing, but the problem is to enlist representative groups so that the fair becomes an effective display of every major activity in community life.

If we might make a suggestion to Fair Manager Fred Knox it is that Lane county's economy falls into these principal headings:

- 1. Agriculture—in all its branches,
2. Mercantile—which includes increasing wholesale distribution.
3. Manufacture—lumber, plywood, canery head this list.
4. Transport—this year air transport is added to rail and highway facilities.
5. Education.

Why not try enlisting exhibits under these main headings? The purpose of a fair, we believe, is to find out what the other fellow grows or makes.

Mr. Ickes says gas rationing for Oregon may be postponed. Now the Old Man says that if Mr. Ickes can just fix it for about the opening of college, he may have something.

Headline tells us Rufus Holman is conducting hearing in Southern Oregon, but if we know Rufus Southern Oregon is hearing Holman.

Headline writer back East gets prize for "banner" billing Nazi-Russ war as "Liars' Contest" but for us the cleverest combination of the year will be our Bill Moore's: "Man Tries to Extort Money From Mayor Large; Judged Insane."

Folks who are satisfied to sit around and wait for something to turn up usually get turned down.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

HIGH COST OF SPEED (The Klamath Herald)

With gasoline shortages in the news and cash economy becoming important to everyone, motorists may show more interest now than in the past in the savings in gas and cash which may be effected through more moderate driving speeds.

One way to hedge against the high cost of motoring is to watch the speedometer. Speed is expensive, because it consumes more gasoline, wears out more tires, increases the danger of accidents.

The Travelers Insurance company has prepared a chart which should be of interest to Klamath motorists in this connection. This table is based on a 1000-mile journey. Average car, average roads, average driver. It is worth studying.

Table with columns for Miles Per Hour (25, 35, 45, 55, 65) and rows for Oil, Gasoline, Tires, Maintenance, Total Cost, Cost Per Mile.

It is clear from this chart that the man who drives at moderate speeds is saving himself money, saving gas and rubber for national defense, and assuring himself and others more safety on the highways. It's time to take it easy in the car.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By PAUL DUNHAM

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 21.—Within a brief time the conservation program will go out the window head first. Soil conservation, which has been a life saver for several counties in the Pacific northwest, through the checks, will be a thing of the past. The idea of prosperity through scarcity is to be abandoned. From now on the policy will be to produce, produce and produce.

This new program will be directed at the farmers of the northwest and it will completely upset the plans which have been in operation for the past eight years. Henceforth the United States is to be the feed-bag of democracy as well as the arsenal of democracy. Not again will a slaughter of little pigs be decreed, nor a curtailment of any other production. What the administration is striving for is more food; more livestock, vegetables, fruit, milk, cheese and dairy products. In brief, the administration will urge every farmer to get busy and raise all he can.

It will be the business of the farmers of the United States to produce enough for our own army and for the armies of Great Britain and Soviet Russia, and any other nation which may line up with the policies of President Roosevelt and Winston Churchill as decided at their conference on the British battleship Prince of Wales. This, in itself, is a large order, but administration leaders are certain it can be filled, if the farmers are given time. There is, as everyone knows, a food shortage in Britain and part of the lend-lease program is to supply foodstuffs as well as airplanes, anti-aircraft guns, tanks and the miscellaneous weapons of war in a mechanized age.

In addition to Britain, there are commitments to China, to Greece, to Soviet Russia, although the soviets are an agricultural nation. Primarily, the soldiers must be fed, then the civilian population. This is the outline now under consideration. Later, when the war ends, the United States will have to feed the millions of peoples of other lands who have been rescued from Herr Hitler's legions, and this will impose a still further burden on the American farmer.

Unless, of course, there is some price fixing regulation the cost of farm products will soar, both in this country and abroad. The picture has changed since that memorable meeting of the British Prime minister and the president. To meet the needs of feeding most of the world, the farmers will be encouraged to cultivate every acre they can and speed up production. The secretary of agriculture, Claude Wickard, urged dairymen of Oregon and Washington to increase their herds several months ago. Pointedly he asked that they furnish more milk; urged cheese factories (of which there are excellent ones in the two northwest states) to operate day and night; proposed that the poultrymen increase production of eggs. Much of this advice and suggestion has been followed by the dairymen, but what Secretary Wickard requested was insignificant as compared to the quantities that will be needed. While there is no large number of hogs in the northwest, there has been a notable addition. Cattlemen are now making money; sheepmen are thriving.

Truck gardeners growing tomatoes, potatoes, carrots, peas and beans are to be informed that the war demands require more than present yields. These vegetables will be canned and dispatched to the army and navy of the United States and Britain. Too many tomatoes can not be raised; there is a market at the canneries for every bushel of these vitamin-bearing vegetables.

While the "ever normal granary" of Vice President Wallace (advocated when he was secretary of agriculture) will be maintained, it will be the objective to accumulate vast stores of surplus food. This accumulation is to be distributed in the rescued countries when they are salvaged and while they are endeavoring to get back on their feet. This task will be monumental and is unparalleled in the history of the United States, and to accomplish it all restrictions on crops, much of the soil conservation program and federal regulations must be either revised or abandoned, at least "for the duration."

Little fanfare has been made over the change in policy, but the men who are doing the planning wish to have all the details worked out before the public is informed of the program. Naturally, the farmers wish to produce more than their present allotment and probably will welcome the change. With the exception of tobacco and cotton, the program will apply to farmers of the northwest, as they grow almost everything that will be so badly needed.

Thursday Radio

- 5:00 p. m.—Music, Masterworks, Vocal
5:15—Eye Openers
5:30—Music, Instrumental
5:45—Vesperal
6:00—Dinner Concert
6:15—News
6:30—Farm Hour
7:15—Oregon Farmers Union
6:45—Weather, Markets
7:30—Music, Solo Instrumental
8:00—Music, Vocal Duet
8:15—Foresters in Action
8:30—Oregon on Parade
9:00—Oregon Caves
9:30—Music, Masterworks, Orch.

Friday Radio

- 6:00 a. m.—News
7:00—News
7:15—Evangelical Church
7:30—Morning Varieties
7:45—Morning Devotional
8:00—Haven of Rest
8:30—News
8:45—Morning Interlude With Music
8:55—News
9:00—John B. Hughes
9:15—Helen Holden
9:30—Frank Fare Farrell
9:45—I'll Find My Way
10:00—News
10:15—Morning Varieties
10:45—Grocery Grab Bag
11:00—News and Music
11:15—Eddie Bush's Hawaiians
11:30—Top Tunes of the Day
11:45—Music and Music
12:15—News
12:30—What Lane County Thinks
12:45—Refreshment Time, Singin' Sam
1:15—Confessions of the Corsair
1:30—Tango Time
1:45—Raymond Joseph Guitte
2:15—As the Tide Came
2:30—At Your Command
3:00—News
3:15—Ted's Morgan
3:30—Stanley Kenton Orch.
4:00—Studies in Black and White
4:15—Ma Perkins
4:30—Musical Melodies
4:45—On Parade
5:00 p. m.—Front Page Drama
5:15—Senator Joseph Guitte
5:30—News
5:45—Music for You
6:00—Raymond Gram Swing
6:15—Dinner Dance
6:30—News
6:45—Musical Interlude
6:55—Howard and Shelton
7:15—Fishing News
7:30—Hits of the Day
7:45—Lone Ranger
8:00—Serenade in Waltztime
8:15—Tango Time
8:30—BBC News
8:45—Ervin Dale's Orch.
8:55—Dick Jurgen Orch.
9:00—News
9:15—Ernie Heckscher Orch.
9:30—Frank Blair
9:45—Jimmy Joy Orch.
10:00—Jim Lawson's Lumberjacks
10:30—Stanley Kenton Orch.
11:00—Charlie Barnett Orch.
11:30—Ted Flo Rito Orch.
12:00—News
12:15—Night Owl Bandwagon
12:30—News
12:45—Weather, Today's Programs
1:00—News
1:15—Homemakers' Hour
1:30—Tragedy of Wuthering Heights
1:45—News and Orch.
2:00—News
2:15 p. m.—Farm Hour
2:30—News
2:45—Pest Control
3:00—Music, Masterworks, Piano



SPIRIT OF SOMETHING—Ribbons of paper made up to resemble seaweed blow prettily across Nancy Brinckman, beauty contest entrant who is—you guessed it—the 'Spirit of Mardi Gras' for a four-day beach fete at Venice, Cal.

- 1:15—Variety Half Hour
1:45—Music, Masterworks, Violin
2:00—Seeing the Americas
2:15—Music, Variety
2:45—Monitor Views the News
3:00—Afternoon Review
3:15—Traffic Safety Quiz
3:30—Music, Negro Spirituals
3:45—News
4:00—Artists in Recital
4:30—Stories for Boys and Girls
5:00 p. m.—Music, Concert Piano
5:15—Afternoon Review
5:30—Music, Gilbert and Sullivan
5:45—Vespertide
6:00—Weather Forecast
6:15—News
6:30—Farm Hour
6:45—Markets
7:00—Weather
7:15—OSC Horticultural Dept.
7:30—Great Symphonies
8:00—Oregon on Parade
9:00—Springfield Community
9:30—Music, Masterworks, Orch.

- 5:30 a. m.—Early Worn
6:00—Northwest Farm Reporter
6:15—Breakfast Bulletin
6:30—Koin Klock
7:00—Treat Time
7:15—Headlines
7:30—Bob Garred Reporting
7:45—Consumer News
8:00—Kate Smith Speaks
8:15—When a Girl Marries
8:30—Romance of Helen Trent
8:45—Our Gal Sunday
9:00—Life Can Be Beautiful
9:15—Woman in White
9:30—Right to Happiness
9:45—Gems of Melody

STATE ENDS TONIGHT! The Lane Sisters—'your Mothers'—'Mail Train'—with Gordon Barker. Friday and Saturday TWO FEATURES George O'Brien in 'TRIPLE JUSTICE'—and Sigrid Gurlie in 'DARK STREETS OF CAIRO'

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