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MR. BLACK FORMS A PARTY

For many years Ajax McGurk has contended that he could organize a new political party or a "movement" by getting up on the bandstand down at the park block and reading the dictionary in an emotional voice. Only trouble with that scheme is that Mr. McGurk hasn't got an emotional voice but something which sounds like rattling marbles in an old tin pot.

However, the morning mail brings something on which Mr. McGurk might experiment, a questionnaire from Mr. Henry Black, of Portland who is trying to organize the new Equal Rights party. We can't print the whole list of 29 proposals here but we will submit the first 12:

- 1. Compel the states to pay to all aged persons a substantial allowance from the general fund, abolishing other forms of social security and old age pensions as they are inadequate and do not benefit all our aged people. Also, pay a similar allowance to all blind and totally disabled persons.
2. Revamp our judicial code of more than 1,650,000 laws and ordinances by having only 7 criminal and 10 property laws and about 20 ordinances, fixing the duties of our government employees.
3. Re-establish trial by jury in all cases prohibiting the use of evidence obtained in an unlawful manner.
4. Provide for the election of our representatives in Congress, the state legislators and city councils, by cumulative voting—for example, in Multnomah county, Oregon, this would permit a minority controlling 8% of the votes cast to elect one representative to the state legislature, etc.
5. Limit the amount of land our city, county, state and federal governments can own to that necessary to carry on the functions of government and compel the disposal of all surplus land held by them within two years.
6. Limit the amount of land our public, private and religious corporations can own to that necessary to carry on the business they are authorized to engage in and compel the disposal of all surplus land held by them within two years.
7. Limit interest rates to three per cent, voiding all future contracts where the rate charged exceeds this limit.
8. Revamp our land and building taxes by basing the land tax on the appraised value of the land, and the building tax on the net income received from the building. This would stop the wrecking of buildings to save on taxes. For example, while a building is vacant, the owner would continue to pay taxes on the land but not on the building.
9. Exempt all surplus farm products and manufactured goods, stored for future use, from all forms of taxation.
10. Pay our soldiers and men in uniform salaries equal to what they could earn when they were employed in private enterprise.
11. Let the law of supply and demand function and put the regulators to work planting and harvesting sugar, etc., to relieve the shortage.
12. Prohibit the use of tax money by our government officials to carry on propaganda for a feudal state or to convert others to their program of destruction and scarcity.

McGurk says Mr. Black won't get anywhere because he tries to cover too many points, the "shotgun appeal," and that, says McGurk is what ruined the GOP. McGurk says Mr. Black should work out on something simple like "Ham'n eggs every Thursday" or the late Huey Long's "Every man a king," or, that if he must have something complex, he should get a complete Rube Goldberg layout with a lot of alphabetical symbols like the New Deal.

"Trouble with Black's program," says McGurk, "is that some of it makes sense. That violates the pure political ideal."

TIME OUT FOR A "SEX MURDER"

Recent headlines seemed like "old times" with "Sensational Sex Murder at Los Angeles Love Nest." A middle aged gent had a lurid love affair with a rattle-brained co-ed. Then, seized by remorse, or some other impulse he shot her, decorated the gruesome trysting place with red carnations and telephoned the police.

It is a bit of a shock to realize that these things happen when whole nations are fighting for their lives. Of course, nowadays, such news is scarcely "important." It rates only "bottom play" on front page, even in newspapers which would ordinarily find such a story "juicy." The world has little time for these "private tragedies."

Of course, nature runs on in spite of wars and world calamities, but most of us are lifted a bit "out of ourselves." All men and women in love are terribly important to each other, for the time being, at least, but these are times when most men and women do not rate their own emotions so dearly. War does bring a few blessings.

In the scheme of things it is not terribly important what is done with the Los Angeles gent. He is a psychopathic case. The asylum or the lethal chamber, as we see it, do not offer much choice. There is not much time to reflect on the amazing behavior of "the Middle-aged Moon Calf," except perhaps that young girls might be reminded that the Middle-aged Moon Calf is usually dangerous,

for his emotional manifestations are usually a result of "arrested growth." There are lots of middle-aged "wolves" but most of them have no teeth, and they are only good for a little howling in the moonlight (usually after the first three drinks).

Stick to the healthy warriors, gals. Beware the guy who doesn't know how to "be his age." It is too bad that the process which we call "selective" sends so many of the best males to be shot.

READER EDITORIAL

YOUTH PROBLEM

VENETA—(To the Editor)—Juvenile delinquency need not necessarily increase. I have been interested in the articles on Eugene's youth problem. I thought Dr. Williston Wir's solution especially fine.
Heading off Crime at the Source, a pamphlet published by the Lion's club, Seattle, Wash., costs 10 cents, should, in my opinion, be in the hands of every civic minded organization and the churches. It outlines procedure that reduced stealing and burglary, two major offenses, almost one half in three years in King county. It states that the courts have practically no trouble with children who have had Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts or similar opportunities.

I am of the opinion that a knowledge of God's plan for living is even a greater force of good. The minister can give statistics on that. I have observed marked improvement in children's behavior from just one hour a week in Bible study and again from a vacation Bible school.

I read that crime cost us on the average of \$100 per person per year and we still have a bounding crop coming on. I am convinced that less than this amount spent on the preventive end would produce a worthwhile harvest. And that intelligently spent time on the part of parents would reduce the need for much expenditure.

The page on How Do You Rate as a Parent? in the pamphlet gives many helpful suggestions. "Be not overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." Bible.

Children are full of energy that can and should be directed into safe channels. It is only when it is not that it becomes a destructive force. If we dare to be parents why should we expect others to relieve us of this responsibility any more than we should expect others to feed and clothe our children.

This juvenile problem that Eugene has is a problem that every community and town has whether they recognize it or not. Ernie Cambell is giving a series of talks on this subject at the First Baptist church in Veneta. You are cordially invited to come.

MARIAN RAE.

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 21—ARMY and navy are taking the bit in their teeth and ignoring Elmer Davis, who is supposed to give the public all war information, and are now fighting Donald Nelson to see who will control production. As a dispenser of news Davis is liked already and probably he wishes he had back his \$20,000 job as a radio commentator. First, Mr. Davis proposed that the army and navy revise the method of revealing what is taking place in Alaska; come clean and tell the public the lowdown, keeping back, of course, any detail that might be a military secret. Well, so far as Elmer Davis knew or the public was aware everything in Alaska or the Aleutians was the deepest, darkest military secret. If army or navy had something good to report it comes out in a communique eventually; if there are reverses, there is no news for John Q. Citizen.

Every step in the invasion of America, via the Aleutians, became known through Japanese broadcasts. Spokesmen for the armed services discredited these broadcasts; began with vigorous denial that Japanese had obtained a foothold anywhere. Even now Japanese newscasters report additional transports with troops arriving in the Aleutians with neither confirmation nor denial from the American spokesmen—the latter simply ignoring enemy statements. The small crumbs of information granted by the army and navy announced a transport sunk, a carrier struck or damaged. Yet through the peacetime fog which handicaps the defenders the Japanese move forward ever closer to the mainland.

ELMER DAVIS believed the public is entitled to some news of the trial of the saboteurs; army said no, so Davis went to the White House with Henry L. Stimson, secretary of war. The executive order creating the job of Davis was supposed to give him control of all news. The president notified Davis that his authority did not extend to news of army and navy. Right there Elmer Davis was whipped and the hopes of the newspapers that through Davis the press would print straight, factual news on the war and not merely sprightly headlines vanished.

As in the past, the army will issue its own communiqes; ditto the navy, at their own sweet will, without regard to press hour deadlines. Elmer Davis or any other civilian. There are good, and Oregon well represented) in the intelligence and public relations services, but they do not make practical, experienced reporters (with Washington the policy; that is attended to by the brass hats at the top. It was supposed that Davis would coordinate the news releases of army and navy, which have occasionally been at odds; but he can't do this. (First communique on the Midway island battle was released by the navy and took all the credit; then army issued a communique and related what the army and marine planes did. Rivalry and jealousy continue bitter between the two armed services notwithstanding the war).

FOR weeks an undercover contest has been in progress between Donald Nelson of war production board and Gen. Brehon B. Somervell, in charge of supplies for the army, wherever the army is. The general became quite tough, but Nelson became tougher, insisting that as head of WPB he had been appointed to control the materials going into the war effort. Army intended taking over anything it wished, regardless of navy, maritime commission or civilian needs. Nelson proposes providing for requirements of the navy (warships, the army (tanks), maritime commission (freight carriers), and railroads (locomotives and rails), spreading out the steel and copper to meet as many demands as possible and still hold back tanks, if necessary, to furnish steel for cargo ships and plane carriers, adjusting production to break bottlenecks. Mr. Nelson has not always displayed such backbone; he succumbed to the theory of the war department that an aluminum rolling mill should not be in the mid-Columbia area as it would be a target for Japanese bombers, so he approved its location at Spokane.

FOR that variant place on the power policy board Secretary Ickes is checking up on a first class engineer who has had a hand in two large power dams. The prospect is now in the army and has been and is building the largest air fields in America. If Ickes is satisfied with his background next step is to try to get him out of the army, which may require the aid of the president. "What I want," says Ickes, "is someone who is power-minded."

NORTHWEST shipyards can expect to repair any Norwegian vessels that are operated under the direction of the shipping agency of the federal government. This is a part of the lend-lease just signed, with the further provision that any Norwegian ship that is destroyed by the enemy will be replaced by merchant vessels built in American yards.

Lane County Women's Part In Defense Activities Told at Club Breakfast

By MARIAN LOWRY

BRIEF highlights of Lane county women's contributions to defense revealed some "staggering totals" in an interesting and informative talk given Tuesday morning by Mrs. Charles D. Thompson, guest speaker at the annual intra-city club breakfast and program arranged by the Credit Women's Breakfast club at the Osburn hotel. About seventy-five attended the gathering.

Mrs. Thompson grouped her subject matter around four fields—the national defense programs, the state-wide, the county-wide, and the local, stressing Lane county women's part in all these.

Red Cross Work

The Red Cross and its various fields of work were discussed first. The Lane county chapter to date has trained well over 10,000 persons in Lane county in the standard first aid course. Mrs. Thompson said. A total of 2000 women has been trained in home nursing. The canteen corps, which has smaller figures because of the trained experience needed, has twenty-three women now trained as part of the minimum of between one hundred and one hundred and fifty women needed.

Two mobile units have been organized here to care for people in cases of emergency, being equipped and ready to feed a large group in case of disaster, these units working in addition to the fixed centers and equipment, such as church halls, lodge buildings, and community halls.

The Red Cross now has seventeen women trained for staff assistants to do a great amount of clerical work, duties in registration, and assisting in first interviews. Twenty-three more are needed, and some of these are now in training, Mrs. Thompson said.

The production department under the Red Cross has some very interesting statistics, she said. From June 1 to July 1, 629 knitted garments were made for the army and navy; 772 hospital garments finished, 4021 relief garments completed. By August 15, 1484 knitted garments are asked for, 1000 army kits requested.

In the surgical dressings department, a total of 175,000 was put out from January 1 to July 1. Now, by August 1, the quota is 46,000 dressings, and starting September 1, 50,000 will be asked for monthly.

The Red Cross motor corps also was highlighted by the speaker. Twenty-two members have completed their training and are at work, and seven more are now in training. This group provides and maintains its own cars to do a vast amount of errand work for the army and navy and civilian defense groups. It has trained its members in first aid and motor mechanics and other work.

A relative group, but one not under the Red Cross but under a state organization, is the Women's Ambulance corps for which Eugene has the battalion headquarters. Members of this group are trained in first aid, fire fighting, flag signaling, some of them in radio work, all in motor mechanics, truck driving, and many other phases of work. Two ambulances have been presented the corps here to use in emergency and disaster times.

The Bundles for America organization and the vast amount of work it has done for the armed forces also was discussed by Mrs. Thompson. The civilian defense program under Howard S. Merriam as coordinator has a multitude of duties and programs. Mrs. Thompson said, but she discussed only those involving the women. Five hundred women are at work at the local filter center. Many women work as station observers, and many assist as air raid wardens. The speaker also talked about the work being done by the shut-lus who have vital work in notifying the fire wardens.

The consumers division, looking toward the economic welfare of the home and community, is another group in the defense set-up which interests a large group of women. This organization carries on as an educational and informational one, giving out facts regarding rationing, buying of bonds and stamps, and on salvage work.

The county welfare commission has twenty women on its staff, carrying on its regular work and, in addition, looking toward possible disaster and emergency by providing for such occasions should they come.

The League of Women Voters

Calendar

- Tuesday
6:30 p.m.—Marie Fletcher class meeting, home of Mrs. Will S. Plank.
6:30 p.m.—Imo Ruyle circle picnic at Hendricks park.
6:30 p.m.—Woman's League First Congregational church—potluck Plymouth house.
7:30 p.m.—B.R.C. auxiliary meeting, home of Mrs. George Ash.
7:30 p.m.—Thimble and Officers club, N.O.W. meeting, home of Mrs. V. J. Gillespie.
8 p.m.—Past Noble Grands meeting, home of Mrs. F. G. Murray.
Wednesday
2 p.m.—Social Club S.U.V. auxiliary, meeting, home of Mrs. John J. Rogers.
6:30 p.m.—Young Business Women's club basket picnic supper, Skinner Butte park.
6:30 p.m.—Catholic Daughters of America picnic, Skinner Butte park.
7 p.m.—Theta Rho meeting, I.O.O.F. hall.
7:30 p.m.—Zonta club dessert meeting at the home of Mrs. T. E. Carey.

Recipes

(By NEA Service)
DEANUTS are no longer thought of as just dainty tidbits for between-meal nibbling. They are now known to be a highly important food—a rich source of protein and necessary vitamins and minerals.

Peanut and Carrot Leaf (Serves 4 to 6)
One cup chopped carrots, 1 cup coarse-ground peanuts, 1 cup strained tomatoes, 1 cup crumbs, 1 1/2 tablespoons fat, 4 eggs, slightly beaten, 1 teaspoon chopped parsley, salt.
Chop separately carrots and peanuts, using the coarse knife. Add other ingredients and form into a loaf. Place in greased pan and bake 1 1/4 hours in moderate oven (350 deg. F.).

Peanut Roast (Serves 4 to 6)
One tablespoon chopped onion, 1 tablespoon chopped celery, 2 tablespoons fat, 1/2 cup hot water, 1 1/2 cups chopped peanuts, 1 egg, 1 cup bread crumbs, 1 cup green pea pulp, fresh or canned, juice of 1/2 lemon, 1 teaspoon salt, dash of pepper.
Cook onion and celery in fat until golden brown, add hot water and simmer until tender. Mix other ingredients, adding egg last. Combine mixture with celery and onion mixture. Pack into greased baking dish and bake until golden brown. Serve with cream sauce.

Peanut Butter Cutlets (Serves 4 to 6)
One and one-half cups peanut butter, 1 1/2 cups hot milk, 1 teaspoon salt, pepper, 8 half-inch slices of bread.
Mix thoroughly peanut butter with hot milk, add seasoning. Dip slices of bread into the peanut butter mixture. Saute in hot fat.

plans for the coming year. The regular meeting of the Women of Moose will follow at eight o'clock. Graduate regents of the Women of Moose met Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Rosa Wood. Guests of the group were the elective officers of the lodge.

TO SEW FOR WAR RELIEF
Helmetta temple Pythian Sisters, will sew for war relief Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Will Grimes, 1485 Emerald street, at one-fifteen.

PLAN PICNIC
The Wyoming picnic is slated for the first Sunday in August at the west end tables in Skinner Butte park, the dinner to be served at one o'clock.

CONGREGATIONAL DINNER
The First Congregational church's all members covered dish dinner will be served Tuesday evening at Plymouth house at six-thirty, by the Women's League. Mrs. Alexis Wheeler is in charge of the dinner and Miss Anna Marie Huffaker is planning the entertainment.

PICNIC BEHIND BUTTE
Ten members of Iota Sigma and two guests, Mrs. Jeppie Jensen and Mrs. Ernest Hooper, enjoyed a potluck picnic behind the Butte Monday afternoon. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. C. F. Gray at which time there will be election of officers.

PICNIC AT SEAVEL CAMP
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kierle were hosts to the Twentieth Century club of the First Methodist church at a picnic at the John Seavey camp near Goshen, Sunday afternoon. More than one-hundred members and friends of the club enjoyed a picnic dinner, swimming, and motor boat riding.

STATE OFFICER WILL VISIT
Members of the executive board and the committee chairmen of the Women of Moose will meet at the hall at seven o'clock Friday evening. Mrs. Fannie Mae Thompson, a state officer from Klamath Falls, will be present to discuss

Service Clubs Hold Joint Event

ABOUT eighty attended the joint luncheon for the Kiwanis and Quota clubs, Monday, the women of Quota entertaining for the event. Mrs. James V. Danielson, vice-president of Quota, and Charles E. Teague, president of Kiwanis, presided.

Club singing was led by Dale Cooley, guest of the day, with George Hopkins at the piano. Miss Nellie Lyle conducted the entertainment stunt for the day. Dr. Victor P. Morris presided during the program as program chairman.

Guest Speaker was Mrs. Olive Barber, Register-Guard columnist, who gave a humorous talk on "Men are Necessary." The Quota club will hold its next regular meeting two weeks from Monday.

Kiwanians and their wives are meeting for a picnic next Monday evening at Oakway golf course, the men to have a golf tournament during the afternoon.

TEACHERS IN OFFICE
Mr. and Mrs. John Buchanan, Lane county teachers, were callers at the office of County Superintendent Moffitt Monday. Mr. Buchanan teaches in the McKenzie river school.

Couple Visit Here On Way South
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Smith of Seattle were in Eugene on their way to the south where Mr. Smith is instructor for the civilian aviation pilot training at the university of Oregon and the vanced at Oregon State. He finished his training at the instructor at Yakima, Wash. While in Eugene the Smiths visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smeed, and Mrs. Smeed's sisters, Mrs. A. C. Stud, Mrs. Robert Potter, and I. J. Gesme, who is visiting from Mt. Horeb, Wis.

Halley's comet has been back to the year 210, B. C.

Mrs. Barber Home Guest At Social
Honoring Mrs. Olive Barber, Register-Guard columnist, informally for a group of women at her home, Tuesday evening at her home, Eugene, Mrs. Barber was the guest of Mrs. Danielson. During her stay here, Mrs. Barber, columnist for the Register-Guard, was guest speaker at the Kiwanis and Quota joint meeting Monday evening. The intra-club breakfast at the Credit Women's club.

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