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JUST PROBLEM OF LABOR SCARCITY
"The milk shortage problem is not essentially a price problem. It is rather a problem of labor scarcity, and hence cannot be solved by a price increase without seriously curtailing the consumption of milk... which would be as serious to the public and the dairymen as a shortage of production."
—State OPA statement at The Dalles.

To which the dairy farmer might well reply that the cows are still waiting to be milked. If cows are not milked on time, they get sick or dry up, after which they are not much good even for beef.

Of course, the dairy farmer and his wife and kids (if any) might be able to stagger on with the chores, but tending 30 to 40 cows per diem makes quite a handful of chores, even with modern machinery, let alone taking care of deliveries on milk routes.

Maybe the dairy farmer can afford to operate at a loss till he can get price relief, or until this new Man Power Commission gets through politicking and sends him some help. Or maybe the gov't will get this General Disque to send soldiers in uniform to milk cows, same as he proposes to have 'em cutting trees in the lumber woods.

In the meantime, suppose Mr. Dairyman just quietly "folds up," salvages a hammer and saw out of the wreck of his life's labors and goes down to the shipyards to grab himself a small share of "the loot." Just how would that relieve milk shortages or increase milk consumption and benefit the public?

If dairymen get together to ask uniform price increases in a milk shed, they must have the permission of the Department of Justice. Otherwise they will be indicted for violating the Sherman Anti-Trust Act (see pending grand jury case in Portland area).

If a small dairyman applies for and is granted a price increase to cover advanced labor costs, and his bigger competitors do NOT apply at the same time, the little dairy will soon lose its business to the big dairy and we are on our way to a real "milk monopoly."

Maybe this is what these ecstatic planners in Washington, D. C. want. Maybe it's all part of their careful buildup for the "superstate" which the long hairs from "the bureaus" discuss so much in the cocktail bars. Have not the bigwigs decreed that some 40,000 little businesses must perish by Christmas? Merry Christmas!

We hear scores of bakers, butchers, packers, laundrymen, dry cleaners, merchandizers, distributors complain that they are caught in the same flying wedge of "alphabets." We hear farmers saying that when this year's crop is harvested, it may be the last they'll plant.

We do not weep too much over the farmers because their farm bloc teamed up with organized labor to get immunity from price controls. It is encouraging to note that Albert Goss, national master of the Grange is now demanding uniform and complete price freezing—and QUICK!

It would not be fair to blame OPA more than a dozen other agencies which Mr. Roosevelt and Congress have created to mess with the economic setup for winning the war, and we would go so far as to agree that maybe SOME lines of business are dispensable, but there are many which are not dispensable. But—

It is predictable that unless somebody can kick a little common sense into the Big Shots at Washington we are headed for dislocations of normal economy and supply with shortages of necessities which will cripple the civil and military war effort.

Most of these businesses which have been so glibly condemned to death by exalted law clerks in Washington perform useful and highly necessary functions. Furthermore, most of these businesses represent the "blood, sweat and tears," the lifetime labors of thousands of men and women, who pay taxes, send sons to war, accept all duties of citizenship.

How many must be "liquidated" to help win the war? How much of this is inevitable and how much due to bureaucratic arrogance and ignorance?

We simply raise here a challenge to the way "thinking" is being done in Washington, D. C., a picture challenge:

A long dairy shed with 30 to 40 cows waiting to be milked; a dairyman who has been up since about 4 in the morning juggling milk pails and "red ink," mothers with small children in a near-by town waiting to get milk, in usual quantity and at the usual price, of course.

Milk makes the most dramatic example because it is vital to public health, but the same problems affect everything we eat, wear or use. Washington says 40,000 businesses must be liquidated. Who chose that figure? Who says we can win the war without the dairyman, or the butcher, the baker and "the candlestick maker?" Why?

It is time for an awful lot of WHYS! Out here in the sticks, V stands for Victory. In Washington V seems to stand for nothing but VOTES.

Nobody knows why a wrong number never is busy.

READER EDITORIAL
MOHAWK.—(To the Editor)—May I intrude just once more your "editorial sanctum"? Mr. Wheeler thinks it is wasting breath to talk of peace plans, "humanity being what it is." Mr. Wheeler, do you really have so little faith in human intelligence? Do you truly think the people of the world have learned nothing from past experience? I believe that much of the world's progress has been made that way—a hard way, but sure. Because I have faith in man's God-given ability to improve himself and his environment, I'm sure there is hope for a better, and more lasting peace after this war.

No, Mr. Wheeler, I am not expecting to usurp God's place, and attempt to bring about the Kingdom of God by a treaty or plan. It is not within human powers to know when that Kingdom will be set up. But, in the mean time, we have problems to solve. Don't you suppose God wants us to face these intelligently, and use the principles which Jesus taught the world? How can we pray "Thy will be done in Earth, as in Heaven," and make no attempt to use Christ's methods in our international relations?

If Christian people continue to sit back, as they have in past years, and say, "There is nothing we can do about these things, so why try?"—I just wonder if we will be fit for the Kingdom of Heaven! If Christ's teachings are right for private living and relationships, why not for nations? If we are able to see the terrible loss and waste of war—in precious lives—in health—in property and materials, and if we are able to learn what are some of the basic causes of war, surely God expects us to do something about it. Would it be wasting our breath to make plans to remove these causes of war?

Somehow, I can't help believing that after this war is over and the disillusioned leaders of the world begin to take their sad inventories, then, if we have prepared plans for a world cooperation that will have as its goal the building up of every nation, the plan will be tried. I do not say the plan will be perfect, or bring immediate perfection, but some progress will be made. And I truly believe we should be making these plans now, and letting all the world know of them, especially those people in enemy nations, for if they knew of such plans they would more readily see the folly of continuing under their present leadership—there would be internal breakdown, and the war would be shortened.

If we think that there are no great minds in other countries, I think we should read and learn more about other countries—and our eyes would be opened. I am going to recommend an intensely interesting book, "I Saw God Do It," by Sherwood Eddy, who is one of our own great thinkers, and a great religious leader, who practices Christ's teachings. When you read of the great religious leaders and great minds that Mr. Eddy came in contact with in all corners of the globe, you know that each country has great minds, and it would not be too difficult for each country to pick their own representatives.

MRS. Z. J. MOHAWK.

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 21.—OUT of Puget sound and Columbia river ports for years went steel and iron scrap. It was a good business for the junkmen. It gave the Japanese what they wanted for war. How much scrap was carried away in Japanese freighters is a matter in dispute; it is estimated all the way from eight to 20 million tons. Today those shipments of scrap are slowing down war production; Donald Nelson of war production board has been taking large display advertisements appealing for old iron and steel. Throughout the Caribbean area scavengers are prowling looking for this scrap to send to steel mills of the United States, and it comes in duty free.

Labor unions of the northwest petitioned that the sale of scrap to the Japanese be stopped; senators from Washington and Oregon introduced bills to that end. The administration was "babysitting" the Japanese with scrap and some \$220,000,000 of petroleum products, plus airplanes and parts. The Japanese began returning the scrap at Pearl Harbor, at Wake, at Attu and Kiska, sending it into the bodies of American soldiers, sailors and aviators. As one congressman says, the scrap sent to Japan between 1937 and 1940 would build 20 battlehips of 45,000 tons each; 50 plane carriers of 30,000 tons each; 100 cruisers of 15,000 tons each; 500 submarines of 2400 tons each and still leave several million tons for planes, tanks, bombs, torpedoes and bullets.

The steel situation, because of lack of scrap, has caused several plants with war orders to close. Production is not as great as it was in June. Gen. Brehon Somervell is said to have written a letter to Nelson in July warning that 98 plants would be waiting for steel shortly, suggesting the matter receive attention. The letter went into the files without anyone in authority seeing it. Rumored that Somervell will soon become the actual head of WFB but that Nelson will be the "front." The steel problem looms in the Pacific northwest where a great shipbuilding program is in progress which will bog down unless somewhere steel and iron scrap is found for the mills. Steel manufacturers say there is an abundance of sheet steel available for ships and tanks, but a shortage of bars from which nuts and bolts, also required for ships and tanks, are produced. The Truman senate committee is now conducting an inquiry into steel to learn, if possible, what is wrong and who is responsible.

HENRY J. KAISER may build 100 airplanes of 70 tons each, but there are Doubting Thomases. For one, the navy department is not enthusiastic. Another is Maj. A. P. deSeversky, who declares that a flying boat worth as the Mars type has to carry too much weight as the Mars type has capacity. Major deSeversky is a builder of planes who recently published a book, "Victory Through Air Power," that has caused heated discussion. Others say that if the government wants mass production of the 70-tonners (as proposed by Kaiser) the man to make them is Glenn Martin, who was three years in completing the Mars. The Kaiser "letter of intent" is worthless unless he can find the materials of aluminum, magnesium and steel necessary from other sources than those now employed on the program of the army and navy. But on other construction jobs Kaiser has solved the problem of materials by building plants of his own. (He now is building a steel and a magnesium plant at Permanente, Calif.)

In a 38-page report Joe Kennedy, then chairman of maritime commission, sent to congress a proposal that the subsidy granted shipping companies be extended to long range airplanes. If, said Kennedy in 1937, private enterprise is timid, several of the massive ocean carriers should be built by the government and leased to private operators. In March, 1938, the house committee on merchant marine and fisheries started hearings, but Kennedy had been sent as ambassador to England and the committee dropped proceedings. The plan would have given a good start to long-range freight carriers had the committee acted. Grever Loening, who was aeronautical adviser to Kennedy, is now occupying a similar position with WFB.

WHEN the trans-polar fliers from Russia sat down their plane at Vancouver after pausing at Nome, in the cabin was a book they carried to use in event they were stalled or crashed in the Arctic. It was Stefansson's "The Friendly Arctic." The book contained instructions on how to live in the Arctic and be comfortable. Scientists had said there were no fish in polar regions. Stefansson knew there was fish because there were seals, and knew seals is attracted to polar bears. The war department has prepared a booklet giving his information and copies will be in the duffel bag of soldiers in the Nome area, Iceland and Greenland. If necessary, Uncle Sam's troops can live like an Eskimo—off the country.

Picnic On Sunday Of Interest

By MARIAN LOWRY
ATTRACTING a large group this coming Sunday will be the annual picnic of the United Commercial Travelers and auxiliary at Swimmers Delight.

The event begins at eleven o'clock in the morning and will continue until eight o'clock in the evening. In addition to the picnic dinner there will be various games and entertainment. All U.C.T. members, auxiliary members, and their friends are invited.

RETURN FROM TRIP
Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Boehne and sons have returned from a vacation trip to the beach near Yachats and to Sitcoos lake.

VISITING HERE
Mrs. Winston H. Russell of San Diego and Boston is visiting here with her sister, Mrs. Whitten Swafford. Mr. Russell is in officers training school at Camp Lee, Virginia. In October, Mrs. Russell will go east to meet him and to visit in Boston, planning to return here in November.

BACK FROM NEWPORT
Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Underwood and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Hempy and family, have returned from a vacation spent at Newport.

PICNIC SUNDAY
Canton Hovey number four and Canton Hovey auxiliary will picnic Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Starr.

PLAN BIRTHDAY PARTY
Plans for a first anniversary celebration for the Lutheran Daughters of the Central Lutheran church were made at the Thursday evening meeting of the organization. The meeting was at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Sather. Committees for the birthday party September 17, will be announced at the next meeting of the group which will be September 3 at the parsonage. Miss Neva Haught will be hostess at the eight o'clock affair.

HAYRIDE SUNDAY
The Theta Rho girls hayride is planned for Sunday at Swimmers Delight. Dates for the affair are optional. The group is to meet at the I. O. O. F. hall at six-thirty o'clock.

GUILD MEETS
Fairmount Guild met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. A. Herring. The next meeting will be September 3, at the home of Mrs. J. A. Starkweather at two o'clock.

Recipes

(By NEA Service)
MAKE some of your relishes at home if the garden yields the ingredients.
Pepper Hash
Twelve sweet red peppers, 12 sweet green peppers, 12 medium sized onions, 3 pints vinegar, 2 cups sugar, 4 tablespoons salt.

Remove stems and seeds from peppers; peel onions. Put all through meat chopper, using medium blade. Cover with boiling water and stand 20 minutes. Drain again; add the vinegar, sugar and salt. Cook together gently for about 30 minutes. Pour into hot sterilized jars. Seal immediately.
Spiced Crabapples
Two cups vinegar, 2 cups water, 4 cups sugar, 8 2-inch sticks cinnamon, 1 tablespoon whole allspice, whole cloves, 2 quarts (3 lbs.) red crabapples.

Wash crabapples; stick four or five cloves into each crabapple. Bring vinegar, water, sugar and spices (tied in cheesecloth bag) to a boil and cook for 10 minutes. Remove spice bag. Add crabapples to cover bottom of pan and cook gently until tender. Pack into hot, sterilized jars. Fill with hot syrup and seal.

Blueberry Muffins
2 cups flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup sugar
1 egg, beaten (or 2 yolks)
1 cup milk
2 tablespoons fat, melted
1 cup washed drained blueberries
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TRIM AND SMART. That's the story of the above all-wool suits for the fall fashion parade. Both are collarless, bow-necked suits with short jackets and unpressed pleats in the skirts. The one on the left is electric, or brunket, blue in color. Fabric is all-virgin wool. The New York creation, right, is purple wool crepe; the scarf is cerise. The matching hat is of purple and cerise with a grosgrain ribbon outlining the veil.

Thirty-Five Out For L. O. E. Party

About thirty-five were out for the semi-monthly party of the Ladies of the Elks, Thursday afternoon.

At contract bridge, Mrs. C. B. Christensen was hostess. Honors went to Mrs. C. D. Fleetwood and Mrs. Roy E. Forncross. Mrs. Jorgen Hansen was auction hostess. Those winning honors were Mrs. Mortey and Mrs. H. L. McAdams. Mrs. J. H. Humphrey had charge of pinocle and Mrs. H. E. Mackley won high score.

Thimble Club

SANTA CLARA.—The Santa Clara Thimble club met this week in the grove at the home of Mrs. Wilmer Walton. Twenty-six attended. Twenty-three came in hard-time costumes. Mrs. S. S. Georg, Mrs. Roy Overgard, Mrs. Lewis Sherman and little son, Larry Drake, and Buckley Schaeffer were visitors. Mrs. B. Kellogg will be hostess at her home, 1404 Twenty-third avenue east, Eugene, Sept. 16 for the club meeting. Mrs. M. E. Miller, Mrs. L. Drake, Mrs. Elma Rowling and Mrs. J. T. Bennett assisted in serving refreshments.

Calendar

Friday
7:30 p. m.—Willamette court Order of the Amaranth meeting, home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Walling.

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Club Bulletin Out This Week

The August bulletin of Business and Professional men's club, highlighting some of the month and group items about members and summer activities, came out this week. The social of the club next Thursday evening at a luck picnic. Bridge group 1, meets next Wednesday to be set later. Outside of bridge groups, all other activities are not open until September.

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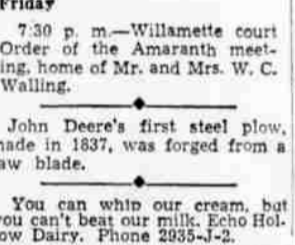
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