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## MILK CRISIS—CUT RED TAPE!

There is a quick and practical answer to the problem of Lane county's market milk producers—give the local OPA power to act! Cut the red tape! Cut out this business of appeals to Portland and San Francisco and Washington, D. C., and give local administration credit for common sense.

Possibly it would be unwise to entrust all price changes to local administration (although we believe all administration is improved by Home Rule, by putting a competent man on the ground and giving him enough authority to deal with conditions which he is in position to see and understand).

It will be a major tragedy if OPA's bureaucratic bungling compels any more of Lane county's dairymen to sell their herds and go out of business, but the dairymen are not "spoofing" when they say that unless they get relief in 60 days they will have to quit the business.

This milk crisis is not like any other price situation. Milk supply is vital to the community's health and safety. The average housewife in Eugene will gladly pay a few cents more per quart rather than be deprived or driven to use an inferior supply. For children there is no adequate substitute for milk. The dairyman is not like the industrial producer. He can't shut down and resume operations when times are better. Cows have to be fed and milked twice a day every day in the year. The average dairyman has no cash reserves to carry him through a period of extended loss.

We understand that on one appeal from this area some OPA official raised the quibble that "the cost of feeding calves has been included in milk costs."

Why not? You can't maintain a productive herd unless you constantly breed new stock. The average productive life of a good milk cow is only about five years. The smart dairyman is constantly replenishing his herd by breeding and by purchase of new stock.

This thing can be settled in five minutes if entrusted to native common sense. If Washington won't trust home folks, let them send in any fair minded person but — he must have POWER TO ACT.

In OPA and many other agencies, Washington is making the same fundamental mistake sometimes made in Big Business. It is trying to reduce the whole United States to uniform regulations. This won't work in the case of milk.

There is a wide variation in the cost of producing milk even within the state of Oregon. A Portland formula may not fit here. Bend has an entirely different set of conditions. Nor is there any specific rule which can be made to apply fairly to Oregon along with Louisiana, Maine or New York.

The domestic milk supply of each community is a LOCAL PROBLEM. Let Washington review local decisions, if it must, but save the milk supply first. Cut the red tape!

## OUT OF THE WOODS

By JAMES STEVENS

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Homesick Logger . . .  
 Credit this to the Stroller's Column in the Seattle Times:

Here's one war worker who is fed up aplenty with city life and by now he probably is heading for the tall timber, literally. He sat beside the Stroller on an uptown trolley bus this morning.

"Let me know when I get to Pine and Fourth," he cautioned. "I'm on my way to report my new address to the draft board, and then it's back to Kapowsin and my old bunk at the St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber Company."

"And am I going to catch up on the sleep! Been working here for five months at the iron works. Work three days, then loaf two, but I don't catch up on my sleep."

"Out in the logging camp I just work, eat and SLEEP. Here, just work, ram around and try to eat—but I don't sleep!"

"You can have your city life and the dim-outs. I'm homesick for the smell of fresh-cut Douglas fir—and frying ham and hot cakes."

"Back at the logging camp I come in from work—and here's the grub set right out in front. No waiting on the waitress. Just stick out the old fork and stab another piece of pounded round steak and drag in another potato. Coffee, too—second helpings. And then it's the bunkhouse and sleep!"

"I hope that draft board doesn't take up too much of my time. I'm headed for Pierce County and the deep woods—where dreams come true."

Exile in Detroit . . .  
 I met just such a logger, one who had been a West Coast timber-faller most of his working years, in Detroit, in 1932.

But there was a difference. Charlie Shields had a family. He was a long, long way from home in Oregon. He was lucky to be working 16 hours a week on an automobile factory assembly line—lucky to be able to pay rent for three rooms in a rickety flat building in the Corktown section of Detroit, and to buy a little hamburger, bread and milk without calling on a relief station.

Charlie had loaded family and belongings up in the family flivver in the spring of 1930, and quit the woods—for \$500, he thought. They had a stake of about \$500. It could have bought three good acres near the logging town—two cleared, with a five-room house, unfinished inside, and a well-located spring. Mrs. Shields had been for staying on, buying that home, and building it up.

"But I could see no future in timber-falling,"

Charlie said. "I'd worked enough around my cousin's garage to become a rough mechanic. I figured I could go places with the automobile industry here. I have—down the skids."

Assembly Line Blues . . .  
 "I can still see good prospects," Charlie Shields went on. "This depression won't last forever. But so what? I'd still feel crowded and cramped, and that's been my trouble all along."

"We rented a house, at first. But it was in a slot 25 feet wide, with other houses, I drove eight miles to work most of the way in another slot—three lanes of cars battling along, fender to fender. Then it was park in another slot at the factory parking lot, and work in a slot on the assembly line."

"Not a move on the job I could make but it was figured out and lined out, and there is always some college punk looking down my neck and holding a stop watch, figuring out more slots to fit me into. No matter how good the times get again here, that won't change. I'm a man who needs his room."

"Back home that three acres looked small to me—now I'd feel lost in them, especially since we've been jammed in that flat. I sometimes wonder when I do get back—and I will, if I live—how long it will take me to feel free to take a full swing with an ax again. That bothers me. It may sound foolish, but with all our depression troubles, the thing I worry on most is whether I can ever feel free again, after being what you might call a slot-machine man for so long."

## WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

## GENERAL MARTIN'S DON'TS

Salem Capital-Journal  
 General Charles H. Martin, who ranks as Oregon's foremost military figure as well as an able administrator, and who strangely, despite his many past services, has never been called on by either the federal or state governments to assist in defense work, where his extended experience would be invaluable, in talk to the Progressive Business Men's club at Portland gave some good advice to a nation at war, in the following:

"Don't join a hymn of hate and don't take stock in pre-war pacifists who now want the Russians to hack to pieces every living German. That only brings on more war. As an old soldier I can't join in that hymn of hate. You make the mistake of your lives if you think Hitler caused all this hell. He contributed his share but there were various and sundry causes. "Don't be impatient because it takes time to go on the offensive. It took a year to prepare warehouses at St. Nazaire in the last war when France was an ally. Offensive actions come slowly when we're preparing for war and we're in war at the same time."

All the disasters the Allies have met in this war have been due to lack of thorough preparation. All the successes of either side have been due to thorough preparation. It took many months of preparation before MacArthur could take the offensive in New Guinea, the navy in the Solomons and the British and Americans in North Africa. And we may be sure that until preparation are complete, the final knockouts will not be attempted.

## WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 6.—ORGANIZED labor leaders AFL and CIO are preparing to resist any attempt by congress to stretch the work week to 48 hours on straight time—they have not objected to the overtime or time and one-half pay. The administration forces continue to favor the union program. There are many whispers that congress intends to enact legislation not at all to the liking of the unions, but nobody knows definitely.

Out of 435 members of the house, 223 are Democrats and 208 are Republicans. (Three Republicans and three Democrats from Washington; four Republicans from Oregon). All of the Democrats are not new dealers; the southern Democrats, especially, are very much opposed to the new deal and, of course, all the Republicans are opposed to the new deal. This does not mean that the anti-new dealers are less determined to win the war and furnish all equipment possible to accomplish that result; there is no division in congress on this point. It is the home front where the difference rests.

It would be comparatively a simple matter for the Republicans and anti-new deal Democrats to cooperate and pass any labor legislation that is reasonable. Union leaders realize this, and that is why they are preparing to resist. In the last session the house passed restrictive labor legislation but it was smothered in the senate on orders from the White House. The administration will not have as firm a grip on the new senate as it had on the old one.

Dozens of Republicans are itching to go into action to extend the work week; to insist that labor make no contribution to political campaigns; that they account for all their revenues the same as any corporation. Also, they wish to abolish the system which compels a workman to join a union before he can work on a government contract, whether it is logging, shipbuilding or aircraft construction, and they object to compelling employers to fire a worker who drops out of a union—the "maintenance of membership" clause. In this program the southern Democrats are in hearty accord with the Republicans.

WHETHER such a program will be pushed in the new congress is debatable, although it may well be. In the ranks of Republicans there are members who are loath to urge this program for strictly political reasons. There are strategists who explain that if congress takes no action and the unions and the administration continue for the next two years as they have in the past the general public will be so disgusted that the Republicans will not only capture the house in 1944 but that it will enhance the possibility of a Republican being elected president. Some of the new dealers recognize the logic of this position and would like to stave off disaster by a modified labor program in the new congress.

The Republican strategists argue that if labor is permitted to go on without restrictions the party convention in 1944 can raise this as one of the important issues. Others insist that something must be done immediately and not make the issue a political football; they believe the welfare of the nation is involved and it would be too large a price to pay to delay for two full years when action should be taken now. The Democratic anti-new dealers are not inclined to delay.

The majority of the house are not concerned over opposition by the union leaders. They feel that the great labor strength—the rank and file—is trying to do a good job and that the average laboring man is not concerned with who is holding office, as was attested by the comparatively light vote in the November election, when the administration was expecting these workers to rally to the support of Democratic candidates. And, thousands who are in the unions have been forced to join for the privilege of turning out munitions for their sons and brothers in the armed service.

ILLEGAL though it is and without sanction from congress, the office of censorship is still hiring scores of people in Seattle to slit open letters to troops in Alaska. Every letter from a soldier in Alaska to relatives at home is also censored. This is one reason why so little information comes out of Alaska. Censoring foreign mail meets with approval, but mail to and from American possessions, such as Hawaii, Alaska and Puerto Rico (all under the department of the interior—which is honest Harold Ickes) is something else.

At Miami there is another censor station which inspects all mail coming from Puerto Rico, one of the prime hot spots at the moment, where Rex Tugwell sits as governor and where the people are hungry. Look for sensations when a congressional committee gets around to investigating Puerto Rico.

## Star Plans Installation Thursday

By MARIAN LOWRY

A large gathering for Thursday evening will be the postponed installation ceremonies for Evangelical chapter, Order of Eastern Star.

There will be no chapter meeting.

The open installation for members and invited guests will be at eight o'clock at the downtown Masonic temple.

Mrs. Paul N. Plank is the incoming worthy matron for the chapter.

## FORTNIGHTLY CLUB

The executive board of the Eugene Fortnightly club is meeting Thursday afternoon at two o'clock at the Osburn hotel.

The general meeting for the club will be at two-thirty o'clock. For the program, Miss Bernice Rise is to give the paper on Thomas Jefferson.

## MEETING PROGRAM CHANGE

Mrs. F. R. Millican, returned missionary to China, will be unable to be present at the Fairmount Presbyterian church Friday afternoon, as announced, but will appear there at a later date this month. Announcement will be made as soon as possible.

## U. L. AID

United Lutheran Ladies Aid met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Frank S. Beistel and made plans to serve a fiesta (South American dinner) for the missionary society on Thursday, Jan. 28, at the church. Mrs. J. L. Sawyer had charge of the afternoon devotion, and Mrs. Martin Johnson was assisting hostess. Members will meet Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Henry Skade to sew all day.

## TO MEET FRIDAY

Ladies auxiliary to Canton Hovey will meet Friday evening at eight o'clock at the I. O. O. F. hall for installation of officers. Mrs. Harold B. Kennedy will be the installing officer. The new president to be installed is Mrs. August Gletsche; vice-president, Mrs. John H. Starr; secretary, Mrs. Myrtle Porter. Chairman in charge of the refreshment committee is Miss Porter, assisted by Mrs. H. J. Erickson and Mrs. Sophie Hewitt.

## UNITARIAN ALLIANCE

Unitarian Women's Alliance held its regular semi-monthly meeting Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. N. B. Zane and worked on quilts for needy families. An informal meeting was planned for later this week to do interior decorating at the church and to sort clothing for donation to some welfare organization and for a rummage sale.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 18, at one o'clock in the Red Cross sewing rooms where members will spend the afternoon making curtains for Camp Adair.

## MEETING HELD

Kings Daughters of the United Lutheran church met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Ted Davenport for a business meeting and refreshments. It was decided that members should do Red Cross sewing at the next meeting which will be Tuesday, Feb. 2, at the home of Mrs. J. L. Sawyer.

## INSTALLATION HELD

Helmetta Temple of Pythian Sisters held public installation of officers Tuesday evening at the Knights of Pythias hall with Mrs. James Furnish as installing officer. Following the ceremony, plans were made for the installation of the Sunshine council, to be held at three o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Knights of Pythias hall. Miss Helen Smith will be adviser to the new chapter and the advising council will include Mrs. Tracy Stocker, Mrs. Marion Patton and Mrs. Orpha Poindexter.

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## City Council Of P. T. A. Meets

The City council of the P. T. A. met in the Frances Willard school building Monday.

Mrs. W. S. Love asked all interested in a nutrition class held at the Red Cross headquarters to call her. This class is being planned for Wednesday or Thursday of each week from nine until eleven o'clock if that is satisfactory with the majority, the class to last ten weeks. Mr. Reese, defense chairman, gave a report on what is being done in the schools in case of a bombing.

Mrs. W. J. Cloyes was a special guest to discuss a toy loan group that the Council of Church Women has organized at the end of Charlotte street. It is open every Saturday from two until three o'clock and takes care of children from five to fifteen years. Anyone having toys they do not care for any more and that are still usable are asked to take them to the church group.

Miss R. Louise Fitch, chairman of women's activities in the county defense set-up, also was a guest and spoke on block leaders.

## Miss Bires And Mr. Busv Married

Miss Evelyn Marie Bires, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bires, and Charles Alfred Bush of Creswell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bush, were married at the Lighthouse Temple on Dec. 28. Rev. E. J. Fulton officiated.

The bride wore a brown wool suit with accessories to match. Miss Gertrude Bires was the bride's attendant and Morris Mitchell was the best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. The couple are making their home at Eugene on Bethel drive.

## Sorenson-Roberts Wedding Dec. 24

Miss Eleanor Roberts and Stanley Sorenson were married Christmas eve at seven-thirty o'clock at the Rev. W. J. Ficus' residence. The bride is the daughter of L. F. Roberts, the bridegroom, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sorenson. The couple were attended by Miss Leta Marie Paeschke and Don Blosson.

After the ceremony the couple attended a Christmas dinner at the home of the bridegroom's parents. The newlyweds will make their home in Eugene.

## Catholic Group

First division of St. Mary's Catholic Altar society was entertained Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Carl Samik. Mrs. J. B. Schimberg, Mrs. John Laherty, Mrs. Frank Moore assisting. Sixteen attended. The group voted to do some Red Cross work, having yarn to knit sweaters, gloves and helmets. The group also will receive its work for Bundles for Britain. Mrs. Schimberg has charge of the Red Cross knitting and Mrs. John Cordell is helping to help in the Red Cross knitting. In two weeks, the division will meet at the home of Mrs. W. W. Bristow, Mrs. Schimberg and Mrs. Moore again assisting. A guest at the Monday meeting was Rev. Francis P. Leipzig.

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## Ten Guests At Credit Club Meeting

TEN guests were present for the semi-monthly program and meeting of the Credit Women's Breakfast club, Tuesday morning at McCrady cafe.

The guests included Mrs. William Stegner, Mrs. Lucille Paul, Mrs. Gladys Fletcher, Mrs. Esther Gross, Mrs. Delmer Perry, Miss Leola Shigleman, Miss Helen Chase, Miss Eleanor Hansey, Miss Flora Craig, Miss Constance Bacon.

The education committee, headed by Mrs. Clarence A. Elkins, was in charge of the program.

For the next meeting, to be in two weeks, Percy W. Brown will be guest speaker. He will discuss the income taxes. The program committee, of which Miss Eva Haines is chairman, will be in charge.

## Committee Heads Named By Auxiliary

Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary held a business meeting Tuesday evening and appointed Mrs. George Tannehill their national defense chairman; Mrs. J. C. McCloskey, hospitality and letter writing chairman; Mrs. Walter Burkhardt, stamps, bonds and salvage chairman.

Mrs. Lester Hill reported on the trip made by some of the members to Camp Adair to see the room the VFW furnished. Those who made the trip to Camp Adair are Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hill, Mrs. Ross Beeson, Mrs. Frank Clark, Walter Lawwood and Mrs. George Tannehill.

A covered dish dinner will be held on Jan. 19 at six-thirty o'clock in the evening at the home of Mrs. Leta V. Watson, 71 North Madison street.

## At Delphian

"Industrialization of America" was the general topic for the meeting of the Delphian Women's club, Wednesday morning. Mrs. A. F. Holmer as leader. Following were those taking part in their topics: Mrs. John Snellstrom, "Some Effects of the Civil War"; Mrs. L. C. Nickell, "The Era of Modern Railroads"; Mrs. Charles Childs, "Our Debt to the Railroads"; Mrs. D. Crabtree, "The Changing Order"; Mrs. A. G. Denniston, "Post Civil War Adjustments"; Mrs. H. W. Stewart, "Industry vs. Agriculture."

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| RESOURCES                                                                                                                                     |                 | LIABILITIES                                                                                                                         |                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Real Estate First Mortgage Loans                                                                                                              | \$17,954,827.74 | Savings Accounts                                                                                                                    | \$18,712,777.74 |
| Secured by first mortgages on properties throughout the Pacific Northwest.                                                                    |                 | Held by over 50,000 Thrifty folks.                                                                                                  |                 |
| Real Estate Contracts                                                                                                                         | 512,743.87      | Advances from Federal Home Loan Bank                                                                                                | None            |
| These contracts are secured by a long margin, without exception we place them in the same class as our high grade mortgages.                  |                 | Loans in Process                                                                                                                    | 303,820.58      |
| Real Estate Owned                                                                                                                             | None            | Real Estate mortgage loans not fully disbursed.                                                                                     |                 |
| Real Estate in Judgment and Subject to Redemption                                                                                             | 6,415.34        | Tax and Insurance Reserve for Borrowers                                                                                             | 188,462.10      |
| U. S. Government Bonds                                                                                                                        | 711,200.00      | Funds accumulated to pay taxes and insurance when due.                                                                              |                 |
| Office Furniture and Equipment                                                                                                                | 40,000.00       | Sundry Liabilities                                                                                                                  | 74,026.64       |
| Inventory figure at which we carry office furniture and equipment in home offices and four branches. Carried at a fraction of its real value. |                 | The usual current items in process of adjustment at the close of the date of this statement, including dividends not yet disbursed. |                 |
| Home Office Building                                                                                                                          | 122,390.00      | Surplus and Reserves                                                                                                                | 1,527,876.58    |
| Loan in Federal Home Loan Bank                                                                                                                | 177,200.00      | Please note that we maintain ample reserves for the protection of our members. A vital factor in the minds of careful investors.    |                 |
| Sundry Assets                                                                                                                                 | 21,034.14       |                                                                                                                                     |                 |
| A number of small assets not itemized above.                                                                                                  |                 |                                                                                                                                     |                 |
| Cash on Hand and in Various Banks                                                                                                             | 1,261,152.22    |                                                                                                                                     |                 |
| TOTAL                                                                                                                                         | \$20,806,963.31 | TOTAL                                                                                                                               | \$20,806,963.31 |

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## Auxiliary Party Set For Friday

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Mrs. Ralph Butzirus and Lynn Buley will be assistantesses.

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