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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S MESSAGE

President Roosevelt's message on "the state of the nation" is gratifying for its report on war progress and for its omission of the new and ambitious social schemes which might have inflamed Congress and disturbed an already aggravated public.

Just what Mr. Roosevelt has in mind in the shape of new "social legislation," a great many people would like to know. He is quite right in stating that (though postponed) the problems of peace must soon be discussed and met. But, for the time being effort must be concentrated on the war and some parts of the planning can wait.

Putting it another way the war isn't won yet; the war effort is still handicapped by too much confusion and waste; the people are bearing war burdens and unfamiliar war regulations quite cheerfully but (in the vernacular) common sense says:

"We don't want to bite off more than we can chew."

Congress should accept the president's call to "set aside political and economic differences," and the president (and his bureaucracy) should not be too touchy about some of the criticisms and suggestions which this revitalized Congress is almost sure to make.

Complete and efficient adjustment to war needs must precede all other programs. Here is a short list of "headaches":

1. African drive slowed down by supply and shipping problems.
2. Drastic gas and fuel restrictions in Eastern states just a first by-product of the vast African effort.
3. Pacific "offensive" still in its infancy and pregnant with another crop of supply and transport headaches.
4. Manpower problems far from solved.
5. Billions being scattered; countryside swarming with "government agents," a high percentage of whom contribute nothing to war effort.

There is a nation wide demand for better management of the nation's business, an elimination of the overlaps, duplications, and extravagances. Mr. Roosevelt says Washington isn't "a madhouse" but the capital of a "nation fighting mad."

Good enough! But there are farmers, businessmen and workers who are getting pretty "sore" about an "arrogant bureaucracy" which assumes all wisdom gravitates to the Potomac, and fails to recognize that common folks have a good deal of patriotism and common sense.

If we could organize what most people feel it would run something like this:

"Billions to see that the fighting men get everything they need but not one penny for nonsense."

Opening the morning mail we heaved 16 pages of closely typed government publicity at the nearest and biggest trash box, and made mental note to do a little piece coupling that with some eyewitness stuff from New Guinea, but time slipped by, what with the usual procession of government supervisors, investigators, coordinators, organizers and miscellaneous payroll itinerants.

The president's message is more important. The call for constructive action is timely. If we can judge what's in the mind of 130,000,000 Americans, it's a mandate upon Congress and the president.

FURNISHINGS FOR CAMP ADAIR

Under the auspices of the Elks and the Red Cross, Lane county is going to furnish 40 "day rooms" at Camp Adair. Other counties are furnishing the rest. Energetic Ed Boehnke, chairman of the Lane county project has laid out a sound and practical plan.

Through all the city and county schools he has distributed a neat printed folder which lists:

1. Various articles needed:
2. Two stoves, one at 31 West 7th; the other at 70 West 10th to which guest himself may deliver, if he prefers. (Call neighboring storekeepers to get in).
3. Collection trucks which will pick up the furniture at the giver's residence, if he cannot deliver it himself.
4. Transport committee which will get furniture to Camp Adair.

In the printed folder which the youngsters will bring home is a detailed blank on which you may list the articles you can give and indicate your choice of the two delivery methods. The Register-Guard will print the same blank for the benefit of those who may not get them through the schools.

This brings us to some questions and answers:

- Q. What is a "day room"?
- A. It is a rough room about 25 by 50 in each barracks which can be made into a soldier's club with a few comforts of home.
- Q. Why are they necessary?
- A. Did you ever march 20 miles and try to relax in a barracks with 60 other men?
- Q. Why doesn't the government furnish the "day rooms"?
- A. It has made some provision but today new furnishings simply can't be had (priorities). Only answer is used furniture.
- Q. Do they want badly worn furniture?
- A. No. It doesn't matter how old the stuff

is but it should be good, sound stuff which can be repaired and made right.

Q. What's Camp Adair to us?

A. Okay, what's Guadalcanal or the Wadi Zem-zem? If you have a boy in service or a neighbor's boy, it doesn't matter where he is or what camp he is in, he needs a day room. Every community in the United States can help on this problem at some camp.

They want good strong davenports, big comfortable chairs, pianos, card tables, writing tables, books, bookcases, games, phonographs, records. Get the list and then see what you can spare! Notify Ed Boehnke at the Elks.

NO RIGHT TO STRIKE

Two presidents, as far apart politically and philosophically as Calvin Coolidge and Franklin Roosevelt, have denied the right of government employees to strike. Mayor La Guardia of New York, co-author of the federal ban on injunctions against strikes, challenges the right of the War Labor Board to assume jurisdiction over the wages, hours and working conditions of 3,772,000 state, county and city employees.

It would seem difficult, then, to believe that opposition to the WLB's intervention in such matters stems from reactionary sources.

The Board is to be commended on its recognition of the realities, and its decision that it does not possess jurisdiction over the labor relations of municipalities.

BATTLE FOR TUNISIA

The struggle to push the axis out of North Africa has been going on long enough to justify the warnings that Germany has not cracked.

More than that, this seesaw battle re-emphasizes what might have happened if, before our invasion, we had not paved the way by arrangements with French officials who owed allegiance to Vichy. The much-criticized deal with Admiral Darlan seems to be the principal reason why we are even this close to cleaning up North Africa.

The Chinese language has only about 15,000 words, but is very difficult because none of them are English.

The lines on a husband's brow sometimes come from his wife's ruling.

St. Petersburg, Fla., holds a big horse-shoe tournament each season. It's great for chewing tobacco sales.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By JOHN W. KELLY
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 8.—It won't apply to labor on the farm, to domestics (if any) or to casual labor, but aside from these exceptions every person who receives more than \$12 a week will have five per cent of pay deducted on each payday from now on—possibly 10 per cent in 1944. The internal revenue bureau has compiled a list of employers in the Pacific northwest and has directed them to make the five per cent deduction. The task of making the collection is laid in the lap of the employer; he is responsible, and the internal revenue bureau will not look to the worker but to the boss who pays the wages.

In most of the war industries of the northwest the employer will have to increase his staff of bookkeepers; the sawmills, the lumbermen, the aluminum plants, aircraft factories, shipyards, wholesalers and retailers, the plywood plants, the milk industry, the cheese factories, these and all others have been advised to make the 5 per cent deduction. Although agricultural labor is being paid in excess of \$12 a week farm workers have been allowed an exemption from the so-called victory tax. Casual labor, drifting from place to place would be difficult to keep track of and it also escapes the tax. The victory tax was adopted instead of a sales tax because of supposed opposition to the latter, but the victory tax will, it is estimated, take more from the wage-earner than a sales tax. After the war the citizen will receive a credit on the victory tax. This will be 40 per cent for a married man and 25 per cent for a single man, and a 2 per cent credit for dependents. Adjustment of these credits will be made a year hence, March 1944, when the income tax is paid. Hopefully, the government expects the employer to make the deduction in the event a worker shifts from one boss to another, but realistic government predicts that several million potential taxpayers will escape.

PRESIDENT Roosevelt recently resented criticism of the planned increase of the army to about 8,500,000 (including 10 per cent officers) by the end of this year. The total figure wavers up to 9,500,000. The criticism was not again a great army, but it was argued such an army cannot be transported overseas; there are not sufficient ships. The critics have not given ground and intend convincing, if possible, the president that they are correct in their estimate. With everything favorable, not more than 2,500,000 troops can be sent abroad this year. Such an army will require every ton of shipping available to ferry the troops and their supplies.

Less than 1,000,000 American troops are in north Africa yet the drain on transports, freighters and tankers is terrific. The acute shortage of fuel oil and gasoline in the eastern states is attributed to the demands of the men in north Africa; there is not enough oil to warm a house to 65 degrees; there is no gasoline for other than essential driving, and very little for that. The 500 cargo ships sent to north Africa are all oil burners and they must have oil coming and going. If it is argued, less than 1,000,000 men can upset the economics of the eastern half of America, what will be the result if 2,500,000 additional men are sent to foreign soil this year?

There is a warning in this for the Pacific northwest states. Some fine day convoys will leave the northwest and California for unknown destinations; there will be scores and scores of transports and cargo carriers, with a fleet of oil and gasoline tankers to supply ships and airplanes. This oil and gas will come from California wells and refineries, source of supply for Oregon and Washington. It is quite possible that a shortage will develop in the northwest such as now exists in the Atlantic states.

PLUS the needs of the troops overseas, the commitments of the United States to the United Nations lie up an enormous tonnage for the delivery of lend-lease supplies, and these commitments will continue and increase. If it is impossible to handle more than 2,500,000 troops this year, the president will be told that instead of building up the army a few million men who must inevitably be inducted should in the meantime be placed in war industries to speed up production, as there is little the excess troops could do in the next year or 18 months. WAIT for the northwest is that there is a shortage of plumbing supplies and no way of obtaining more. Also there is a shortage of plumbers, but the supplies shortage has become serious. As plumbing comes under the head of public health it is expected that the situation will be eased.

Guild Names Officers For 1943

By MARIAN LOWRY
ELECTION of officers for 1943 was held at the annual meeting of St. Mary's guild of St. Mary's Episcopal church, Wednesday, at the parish hall.

Mrs. Herbert Smeed was re-elected president. Mrs. New Jorgensen was chosen vice-president. Mrs. Allen Osborne was re-elected secretary. Mrs. Claude Van Wyck was elected again as treasurer, and Mrs. Burr Fisher was re-elected corresponding secretary.

The group did quilting and sewing. Soon the membership will start on the project of making curtains for Camp Adair.

At the Wednesday meeting, Mrs. S. L. Lowry and Mrs. Mark Hathaway were in charge of the luncheon.

AMARANTH BRIDGE

Amaranth Bridge club held its January meeting Wednesday at the home of Mrs. R. E. Griswold, twelve attending the luncheon and card party. Mrs. Frank Seal and Mrs. Frank Loomis won the card honors.

MOTHERS MEET

Crescent club of Gamma Phi Beta mothers was entertained for its January meeting, Wednesday, at the home of Mrs. Herald W. White. Twelve attended. Plans were made for a rummage sale to be given February 27. Mrs. Carl L. Huffaker in charge. Mrs. L. D. Pierce will entertain for the February meeting.

SON IS BORN

Word came to Eugene relatives of the birth of a son, Friday morning, Jan. 8, to Major and Mrs. Paul Lafferty at the Community hospital, Glenwood Springs, Colorado. The Laffertys formerly lived in Eugene. Major Lafferty is now the officers' staff at the mountain training center, Camp Hale, Colorado. Both he and Mrs. Lafferty graduated from the University of Oregon. The baby is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lafferty of Eugene.

MEETING PLACE CHANGED

The meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution is to be held Friday evening at the home of Mrs. A. R. Quackenbush instead of with Mrs. S. E. Stevens.

MEETING THURSDAY

Emmaus Lutheran Ladies Aid held a business meeting Thursday afternoon at the home of Miss Elsie Elgaard. Miss Elsie and Miss Louise Elgaard were appointed as flower committee for the coming month. It was decided that each member should donate a hand-sewn article for the fall bazaar. Twenty-five members and one new member, Mrs. Paul Johnson, were present. The next meeting

Around Oregon

By the Associated Press
The Oregon State Bakers association reported at Portland it would delay protest of a federal order banning sliced bread and flashy labels until the restrictions had been given a fair trial. . . . Medford's new mayor is Clarence A. Meeker, a retired merchant. . . . Corvallis postal receipts last year were up 60 per cent, said Postmaster Victor P. Moses. . . . Seaside City employees have been granted a 10 per cent wage boost by the city council. . . . Portland's city council abolished compulsory motor vehicle inspection but agreed to maintain the service for motorists who desired it voluntarily. . . . J. L. Sinden is beginning his third term as chairman of the La Grande city commission, a position tantamount to mayor. . . . Portland Municipal Judge J. J. Quinn fined Gus Emerich \$25 for stealing a pound of coffee. . . . Mrs. Glenn Burch of Portland learned that her son, Earl Holt of Salem, serving in England with the air force quartermasters, has been promoted to major. . . . The Green Bay & Western railroad disclosed that its main west coast office would be moved from Seattle to Portland. . . . Silvertown churches said a plan to merge the Immanuel and Trinity Lutheran congregations there would be dropped because only 60 per cent of the memberships approved the proposal. . . . Portland has a sawdust shortage caused by disruption of log supplies in the recent flood, reported David Eccles, war fuel council manager. . . . Forest Grove City Manager W. H. Weber reported municipal power customers there used 17 per cent more electricity in 1942 than in 1941. . . .

Sergeant Van Wyck Visitor In Eugene
Sergeant and Mrs. Vernon Van Wyck have left for Idaho after several days visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Van Wyck. Sergeant Van Wyck has been overseas in the service for more than a year, being in Australia for the past 10 months. He is now to be stationed in Idaho for a time.

University Students Start Winter Salvage
First collections in the University's winter term salvage campaign were made Friday, Bill Lilly, co-chairman of the University salvage committee reported. Tin cans, fats, and greases will be subjects of this first drive.

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Re-Active Party Thursday Event
At the luncheon and meeting of Re-Active club, Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Herbert L. Large resigned as president. She is planning to leave the latter part of the month to be with Mr. Large, who is completing his naval training work this month. A new president will be elected by the club later.

Installation Of WRC Thursday
Women's Relief Corps met Thursday afternoon at two o'clock at the O.O.F. hall for installation of officers. Those installed were as announced previously with the exception of the press correspondent who will be Mrs. Jessie Marsh instead of Mrs. Pearl Knowler as formerly stated. A total of seventy-seven calls were made on shut-ins since the last meeting and one hundred and thirty-two dollars and fifty cents was the money-value of work accomplished by the Corps since the last report.

LUTHERAN DAUGHTERS
Lutheran Daughters of the Central Lutheran church met Thursday evening at the home of Miss Marta Vik and chose secret pals for the next year. Plans were made for the serving of refreshments to the annual congregational meeting at the Central Lutheran church next Monday.

FAIRMOUNT GUILD
Fairmount Guild members held a regular business session Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Theo Zehrung. Mrs. Zehrung was assisted by Mrs. Dwight Miller. Twelve members and one guest, Mrs. Niles Carlson, attended. The next meeting was announced for Jan. 21 at two o'clock at the home of Mrs. Ray Barlow.

AID ELECTS
Grace Lutheran Ladies Aid met Thursday evening in the church parlor and elected officers for 1945. Mrs. Erwin Libke is the new president-elect; Mrs. G. W. Mintz, vice-president; Mrs. Caroline Dow, secretary; Mrs. H. S. Aden, treasurer. Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. John Sullivan and Mrs. Edwin Kalen. Five guests and 14 members were present.

LOYAL STAR
Eighteen were present at Thursday evening's meeting of Loyal Star of America. Mrs. J. C. Neely was hostess in her own home and Mrs. M. C. McDonald assisted her. Mrs. H. S. Heranson played a piano solo and the rest of the evening was spent in visiting and sewing. The next meeting will be Jan. 20 at seven-thirty o'clock at the Moose hall.

NEIGHBORS TO PRACTICE
Royal Neighbors of America will meet at two o'clock Sunday afternoon at the W.O.W. hall to practice for formal installation of officers which will be Tuesday evening, Jan. 12, at eight o'clock in the W.O.W. hall.

Penwoman's Club
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Phi Betas Entertained Tuesday

PHI BETA associates and alumnae held their January program on Tuesday afternoon in Gerlinger hall. Mrs. C. L. Schwing, Mrs. Harold Veblen, and Mrs. Kenneth Shumaker were the hostesses.

Miss Maud Garnett was in charge of the program, presenting some of her junior and senior students of the public schools in voice, piano, and ensemble numbers. A short talk was also given on public school music. Twenty-four attended the meeting. Next meeting comes the first Tuesday in February.

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Calender
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7:30 p.m.—D.A.R. meeting, home of Mrs. A. R. Quackenbush.
7:30 p.m.—Wesleyan Service Guild meeting, home of Mrs. Mabel Lusby.
8 p.m.—Installation for Blue River chapter, O.E.S., McKenzie River Masonic temple.
8 p.m.—Friendship committee of Women of the Moose, meeting, Moose hall.
8:15 p.m.—Bridge tournament at Country club.

Luncheon Listed For L. O. E. Group
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Fraternities Pledge Six Lane Students
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New fraternity pledges are Eliot Wirt and Wayne Terry, both of Eugene, who were pledged to Theta Chi and Sigma Chi, respectively, and Carlton Woodward of Cottage Grove, pledged by Delta Upsilon.

Karlyn Koepke of Eugene and Betty Lu Siegmund, Junction City, were pledged by Delta Delta Delta, while Phi Beta Phi pledged Audrey Cordell, Eugene.

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Fortnightly Planning Guest Day
THE regular meeting of the gene Fortnightly club held Thursday afternoon, Bernice Rise giving a presentation of American handicrafts taken up at the next meeting event to be a guest day. Members will take exhibit handicraft.

Dunn P-T. A.
Dunn P-T.A. is meeting evening at eight o'clock at the school building. E. A. Dunn, 4-H club leader, is to last year's health awards. will show motion pictures, fifth and sixth grade mothers serve refreshments.

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