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NOT RIGHT BUT POINTING RIGHT

Until it is hammered home to OPA that PUBLIC HEALTH, not price, is the vital factor in milk control, there is not going to be any real peace or safety in the milk situation here or anywhere. Price control has its place in milk control, but it begins properly at the cowbarn and not on the doorstep.

However, some steps are being taken by the producers and distributors of milk in this well-ordered community which may at least make it possible for us to get an adequate supply of milk, and keep up our high sanitary standards while waiting for OPA to get its red tape untangled.

Let us see if we can explain this complex adjustment in such a way that every citizen will understand his part in it, for citizen understanding and cooperation is demanded:

1. Our producers have been losing as much as \$300 to \$400 per month because OPA froze retail prices at 13 cents for 4 per cent milk without freezing the price of hay, grain or the labor of dairymen.
2. After months of petitioning, our dairymen have decided to take a chance on prosecution under the Sherman anti-trust act (hinted by OPA) and hike their price from 75 cents a "butterfat pound" (\$3 a hundred gross) to 90 cents (\$3.60 a hundred). Some say they may still lose money but they can and will keep their cows.
3. This will pass most of the loss over to the distributors and since retail price stays at 13 cents, it becomes the distributors' problem to find economies which will make up as much as possible of the extra 60 cents a hundred they must now pay the farmers.
4. By cutting the butterfat content from 4 per cent to 3.5 per cent the distributor (creamery) can save half a pound of butter out of every hundred pounds of milk and this may be worth as much as 27 cents to offset the 60 cent increase to the farmer.
5. It is difficult to see any quick way by which distributors in this area can do more than they have done to consolidate and economize on deliveries; they have already cut mileage 40 per cent, but they are willing to try more cuts.

Now there is something to be said for OPA's contention that in this area we have been spoiled and demand more cream in our milk than is necessary because authorities are agreed that most of the food values in milk are in the "skim" anyhow.

When you accept the new 3.5 milk which is proposed for this area, you will in effect be doing this:

1. Adding to the nation's butter supply a half a pound of butter out of every 100 pounds of milk you use, butter which you would otherwise drink.
2. Giving your dairymen and your distributors a fighting chance to stay in the business till OPA gets common sense.
3. Doing your bit to check the sale and slaughter of the dairy cows in this area and to make it possible to maintain a SAFE and sufficient supply.

OPA talks of rationing milk. That is perfectly okay—so long as we have milk to ration, sanitary milk. People in this community will not object if they are asked to share their milk with Camp Adair's soldiers or with Portland's war workers.

Our fight has been and will be against an OPA policy which makes experienced dairymen go out of business and sell their cows, and we disagree utterly that dairies can be shifted cross-country by Washington's wise men without definite production loss and grave danger of nation-wide health disasters. We commend our local health officers, Lindgren, Cloyes and Heltel for their pledge to bear down hard on sanitation requirements during the coming months. We can endure a "shorter cream line" but the milk must be absolutely clean and safe.

We think OPA is going to have to authorize a retail price at 14 cents, even with the 3.5 creamline in order to stop losses and correct injustice, because ceilings on hay and grain and supplies which are now proposed will not check inflation which has already taken place.

However, this community has a long record of meeting all problems with intelligence. Our objective is a clean and adequate supply at all times. As customers and consumers we can do our bit by drinking a little less cream, adjusting to delivery curtailments and paying our bills promptly (and ration-sharing if need be). Our battle is to "keep our cows for Lane county."

A note addressed to Hitler and printed on a bomb by an American soldier read, "This is on me." How about one that will be on Adolf?

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

AVE SPRAGUE; VALE CURTIS
 (The Bend Bulletin)

Whenever the state senate organizes (possibly before this appears in print) Charles A. Sprague will leave the governor's office and step over to the editorial office of his newspaper, the Oregon Statesman. We shall welcome him back in the fold. He always was a good newspaper man. He has been a good governor, his loss of the office having grown out of an issue of personal popularity rather than a failure to do a good job as chief executive.

The return of Charles Sprague to his newspaper will bring to an end the four year editorship of Ralph Curtis who has supplied the editorial column while Sprague was in the state house. As we welcome the Sprague return, we offer a word of

praise to Ralph. In a difficult position, with every opportunity of having his writing misconstrued Curtis has maintained a detachment, an honesty and an independence of thought and opinion for which too much praise cannot be given. His parting editorial, "This Is Where We Came In," is perfect.

And incidentally, going back to Charles Sprague, Ralph Curtis could not have done his job so well had it not been for the former's willingness to keep his hands off and to make no effort to be governor and editor, too, or even editor only now and then.

WASHINGTON LETTER
By JOHN W. KELLY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 21.—For generations the dairymen have been held in bondage to the cow. From before dawn until late at night, on holidays, on the 52 Sundays in the year, the dairymen has labored. The cow had to be milked, and that was that. Now, with a global war and every pound of milk needed, the farmer is throwing up the sponge; he is quitting. Appeals of Claude Wickard, secretary of agriculture, that the farmer increase his milk production 2 per cent over the 122 billion pounds of 1944 leave the dairymen cold.

"Government office help is receiving an increase of 10 per cent in pay," writes a dairymen in one of the coast counties of the northwest, "but we are not entitled to a living, apparently."

To the office of price administration this farmer tells his story. He is one of scores in Washington and Oregon; one of thousands in the United States, who are being forced to escape bondage from the cow. Everything on this farm has gone up in price except milk which, in this instance, is 11 cents a quart. Two of his sons have been called to military service; two other sons, of high school age, go to the barn at 3:45 a. m., and start milking; the farmer and his wife are washing milk bottles at 6 a. m. The farmer takes the milk truck to a military cantonment, returns home, working until after dark. In 1941 he paid labor \$55 a month, with "found." Today he can hire only one man, who has a family of six children. He pays this man \$10 a month, furnishes a house, fuel, light, water and food. The farmer says this is not too much, for this man could receive \$250 to \$300 a month in a shipyard.

Here is the way costs have gone up since 1941: Milk bottles \$7 a gross, now are \$10; feed was \$32 to \$35, is now \$53.50; alfalfa hay (when he can get it) was \$16 to \$19, is now \$30; oats and vetch hay was \$9 to \$11, is now \$24. Aside from pasture, there is not much feed down on the coast so he has to pay freight, and this is up.

"For 18 hours a day we work, my wife and I. She is 59 and I am 62, and we can't take it as we did when we were younger. If OPA does not give us a price at which we can live we must sell off our herd."

This dairymen works 126 hours a week, or three times the hours that the shipyard requires.

IT WILL probably please hop growers of the Yakima valley, but growers in the Willamette valley have been wiped out wherever their yards were on lowlands. The flood waters took out wires, poles and roots of vines. Hops have been classified as non-essential, which means that no priorities are available for material notwithstanding that American troops are being served 3.2 beer in cantonments. It develops, however, that if hop growers of California, Oregon and Washington get together and make a demand hops may be designated as essential. Once so designated, war production board will grant priorities for the trellis wires in Willamette valley and the ruined yards can be restored. Partly because of the disaster, old hops which have been held for several years will be given a new ceiling. The lost wires were rolled into tangled masses and now we declare it is a total loss. There is some talk of Willamette valley hop growers filing claim against the government because army engineers did not build revetments on the low river banks.

EVERYONE who can still travel on a train will be interested in the demand of Jimmy Byrnes, economic stabilizer, to the ICC that the proposed increase of 10 per cent in railroad rates, effective February 14, be annulled. ICC granted this additional charge for passenger tickets to enable the railroads to meet the demands of railroad employees for more pay. Jimmy estimates that the increase will approximate the more in revenue to the carriers than the increased pay to the workers. In this he is joined by other war agencies. There is also a 6 per cent increase granted in freight rates and Secretary of Agriculture Wickard, having the interest of farmers at heart, is protesting against this. Nothing is heard from the U.S. treasury, because if the rates stand the treasury will collect much more taxes, there being a tax on passenger tickets and freight movement. All the war agencies contend that the increased rates are not necessary for the reason that the railroads have now, and will have for a long time in the future, all the business they can handle. To this the railroad companies say that just because they are beginning to make money is no reason for carrying the new rates into effect. The case is known as "Ex Parte 148" with ICC.

OLIVE BARBER'S OBSERVATIONS

TOOTHLESS KAY

Kay is a "toothless old hag" whose age is about one year; toothless, that is, if you discount the two saw-edged affairs which have lately poked through the pink gums of her lower jaw. Every one has worried over the laggard teething of Kay except Kay herself. She has taken the attitude that cutting teeth is an act of God, and nothing she can do will hasten their appearance.

But walking, now—well a person could do something about walking. Not that she couldn't get around on her hands and knees she could. But there was much to be said for walking. For one thing, it would leave her hands free to pull at table covers and scatter books and throw things.

Her first teetering steps from her father to her mother's outstretched arms were negotiated without mishap. This success went to her head. She wrongly assumed this lifted her out of the amateur class into that of the professionals. She felt she was now ready for a safari from one chair to another half way across the room.

Of course she fell. The greatest injury was to her feelings. She seemed to have vowed she'd not risk such humiliation again, for weeks went by before she made another try. Again she met defeat. Maybe she wasn't meant to walk on two legs. Maybe she was like Blackie, the dog, and was supposed to go through life on all fours. Or so her parents were driven to conclude she'd decided, as more weeks went by, with Kay seemingly content to crawl.

Then one day her mother took her to a party: a children's party. There she saw other ladies no older than herself, and to the last woman, they walked upright. While they made their way about the room, she stood marooned by her mother, for she couldn't bring herself to crawl when walking was so patently the current mode. So she stood, and gloom had its way with her. What did they have, she may have thought morosely, that she didn't. Her isolation from the group was unbearable. They'd think her a sissy, and still tied to her mother's apron strings. She felt herself a social outcast.

She evidently decided that the time had come for desperate measures. Balancing herself for a minute on wide-spread legs, she took one step toward the corner of the room where her contemporaries were gathered; took another step; another. She was among them! She gave the blonde lady with the blue bow in her hair an arrogant "She'd show 'em!"

Suddenly she knew herself to be one of the gang. Give her a little time, and she'd get some shoes; reached over and took a rattle from another, teeth, too. Getting things one wanted in life, she saw, was a matter of self-confidence. Going to a party had given her that.

Zonta Club Plans For Day Rooms

By MARIAN LOWRY

At the meeting of the Zonta club Wednesday evening, a long list of articles was compiled to be turned over for the forty day rooms Lane county is furnishing for Camp Adair.

Thirty-five dollars were provided from the club service fund and from contributions from members to be used in repairing some of the useable, substantial pieces of furniture—enough of the money, also, to be used to tune a piano after it arrives at the day room. In addition, to the cash, members listed some of the following items: A piano, to be presented in the name of the Zonta club; music rolls for the piano; one large davenport; some writing tables and two desks; chairs; cushions and hassocks; books and picture; game—chess and checkers—and playing cards; wanted phonograph records.

Initiation was held for four members, Mrs. A. R. Fredericks, Mrs. C. A. Huntington, Ms. A. C. Stockstad, and Mrs. George A. Metzger.

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Eva Collins, dessert being served, followed by the initiation and business meeting.

Next luncheon will be February 5 at McCrady cafe. On February 16 the monthly social will be held, at the home of Mrs. L. M. Orchard, Dr. Erma Gordon of Portland to be guest speaker.

ENTERTAINS GROUP

Obidian Princesses club was entertained Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Ray Sims, Miss Ruth Hopson assisting. The group did knitting for the Red Cross and donated five dollars to the Red Cross fund for kits. Ten were present. Mrs. J. D. Hamlin will entertain for the next meeting.

AT DIAL MEETING

At the Dial club meeting Tuesday evening at the Red Cross headquarters, the group sewed on drapes for Camp Adair day rooms. Twenty-four attended the meeting, dessert being served preceding the work.

For the February meeting, Miss Vera Mannel, Mrs. Arthur Warren, Mrs. C. J. Fulton, and Miss Elizabeth Richards will be hostesses.

IMO RUYLE CIRCLE

Imo Ruyle Circle of the First Baptist church met Tuesday evening with the theme being "Christian Homes Throughout the World." Mrs. William Countryman reported on Central America; Mrs. F. A. McMullen, China; Mrs. C. F. Gray, Africa; Mrs. Fred Haley, India; Mrs. Paul Scheive, migrant and refugee homes. Mrs. Leo Deffenbacher led the devotions. The February meeting will be on "Burma."

REBEKAH LODGE

Rebekah lodge held a regular business meeting Wednesday evening at the I. O. O. F. hall and planned a trip by seven members to Waltherville on February 8 for a district meeting.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Women's League of the First Congregational church met Tuesday afternoon at the Wheeler room of the church to hear Mrs. Eve Gallup, Eugene police matron, speak on "Juvenile Delinquency."

GUILD EVENT

Methodist service guild met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Robert Jones with Mrs. Robert Jones with Mrs. Rob-

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INSTALLED in Eugene recently was Helmeria council, Pythian Sunshine Girls. The membership is pictured here. Back row, left to right: Misses Virgene Lindley, Elmore Aydelotte, Joanne Mannel, Joanne Goodling, Dorothy Morris, Francine Shrode. Middle row, left to right: Misses Helen Wright, Joy Ward, Joan Lockard, Dorothy Speck, Mina Zebley, Patricia Quam. Front row, left to right: Misses Mary Brandy, Clarice Blair, Lois Farnsworth, Barbara Drago, Doris Jean Miller, Ialine Meyers, and Helen Smith. (Carl Baker photo, Wiltshire engraving)

54 Attend Garden Club Program

Fifty-four persons attended the meeting of the Eugene Garden club in the Eugene Hotel Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Fred Broders gave a talk about forcing spring blooms and a demonstration of flower arrangements. Mrs. Frank Boyer told how to plant seeds in flats for bedding plants.

Mrs. Sam Mosher gave a report from the state association regarding the importance of Garden clubs during the war era and telling why they must function in full capacity during these times.

A report was made by Mrs. Lester Read on the Christmas fireside tour when Garden club members held open house for a progressive party that took the place of the December Garden club meeting. Thirty-two members attended this tour.

Mrs. Kenneth W. Moore reported that two flower containers had been presented to the Ed-

son and Condon schools as prizes for a flower arrangement contest conducted by the children, and sponsored by the Eugene Garden club.

Miss M. B. Estes told of the gift to the Garden Club by Mrs. A. R. Sweetser of Professor Sweetser's own beautifully bound book of articles and notes on wild flowers. The club prizes the books for the library of the club house the club is planning on building in the future.

Bazaar Success

A report was made on the Christmas bazaar which was a big success and it was decided to make it an annual affair with proceeds going into the building fund.

The club will also hold a rummage sale soon for this same building fund.

Mrs. E. A. Barette, Mrs. R. D. Busey, Mrs. Ralph Buck, Mrs. E. R. Knollin, and Mrs. E. F. McBee were appointed to serve on a telephone committee.

Mrs. Marvin Milford was appointed to check the horticulture and hobby "Who's Who" book of Eugene.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Paul J. Cauthorn, Mrs. B. W. DeBusk and Miss M. B. Estes.

while kodochrome slides were shown of flower arrangements from the Seattle and Eugene flower shows.

The next meeting of the club will be Feb. 16 at seven-thirty o'clock in the Eugene Hotel.

Dance Postponed

Bonne Heure Dance club announces its party planned for Thursday evening has been called off because of the weather. Further announcement regarding the date for the event will be made later.

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Mrs. Reaga Elected By Nile Club

MRS. E. M. REAGA was elected president of the Nile club, Daughters of the Nile, Wednesday, at the group session and meeting in the hotel. Mrs. J. Collins was elected vice-president; Mrs. Brooks, secretary; Mrs. W. Lind, treasurer; Mrs. Brooks, president; Mrs. J. H. Tierny, president; Mrs. Collins, Mrs. E. M. Baker, treasurer.

The twenty-second anniversary of the club was celebrated at the Wednesday meeting. Mrs. Louis E. Bass led the history of the group officers will have charge of the February luncheon.

Engagement Told

COTTAGE GROVE—The announcement of the engagement of Miss Charlotte Barton to Mr. and Mrs. Nick Barton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Barton, was announced at the wedding set. Miss Barton plans to attend the school, and Mr. Barton is in the armed forces.

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