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CARRIERS AND CUSTOMERS

To all the boys who carry The Register-Guard and to all the customers who buy the paper and wait eagerly to get the news, the management feels that some gratitude is due, for we have all come through a trying period during the recent storms.

Most of the older and bigger and more experienced carriers have gone away to war or are in war industry. At the recent carrier's dinner only two out of sixty were "veterans" with experience of more than twelve months. Most of them have had only a few weeks or months.

It isn't easy to carry a route, to get acquainted with 100 or more different customers, their habits, their best time to be "collected from." Nor is it easy to learn the best place in every house to put the paper so it won't blow away or get wet or be carried off by the pup. And it is "dogged tough" in a big storm.

Take last Sunday when the carriers were given special permission to "wait till after breakfast." Very few boys imposed on this privilege. Nor do we know of a single customer of the R-G who "got tough" once the situation was explained. We don't know any better way to show how we appreciate this, except to say that we are as proud of our patient and cooperative customers as we are of our boys.

Rationing and other restrictions give publishers and editors and printers some tough problems these days, but the carriers and the customers make us feel we'd better stop kicking and get out the news.

UNITED FRONT AGAINST "IP"

This coming Saturday will be January 30, the sixtieth birthday of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. For many years it has been the custom of this nation to honor the president of the United States on this day by unique tribute to him as a man—a man who survived and surmounted all the crippling horrors of infantile paralysis. The nation gives on this day for the never ending war on "IP."

Half of the proceeds of what we give goes to the president's White Sulphur Springs Foundation where thousands of sufferers (mostly children) find both hope and healing. Half of the money remains here at home. Last year we contributed only about \$800. This year, Marvin Warlick, general chairman, says we should get at least \$1,000, and if we do we shall be able to send one of our nurses to Los Angeles to learn the methods of Australia's famous Nurse Kenny.

As usual there will be a President's Ball, and the chairman for that event is Ray McInnis on behalf of the joint labor-chamber of commerce committee. There are "Wishing Wells" (dressed up milk bottles) in all banks and places of business, and these call for your spare nickels and dimes. Capt. F. R. Brockschink is chairman of Wishing Wells. You may leave a check for the cause at your bank or you may send one to Mr. Warlick.

It is an opportunity to give and it is an honor to have your name upon the scrolls in this war.

Sometimes we hear it said that this annual affair is "political" and we do not deny that this plan originated with some of Mr. Roosevelt's New Deal-Democratic pals. But we always feel a bit better about the future of the United States when we see how good old hard-boiled congenial Republicans join in. No, the mysterious "IP" germ would just as soon bite a Republican as a New Dealer (and so would we). This is a movement which seems to prove that even politicians are people, just like "you and me."

We have not always agreed with Mr. Roosevelt, being of that quaint old faith which feels that even the humblest citizen may disagree with the highest officer of the land, but we have never questioned his great personal courage, the fighting heart of the man. And now and then we get a deep thrill as out of that line in Walter Logan's story from Casablanca where he told how, long before the news was out:

"I noticed one big plane from which two unusually long, gradual ramps had been constructed from doors to ground, and I wondered..."

It is no secret that Mr. Roosevelt walks only with the greatest difficulty. In the news reels and news photos we always see Mr. Roosevelt standing or at a desk, never a hint of his infirmity. Of course, this is a courtesy of "the profession," but it is also something more. Some folks might say it is "sensitiveness" or vanity. We don't think so. We think the posture is deliberately symbolic. It denies invalidism and defeatism.

We have in Lane county our Lookouts, a band of people who refuse to be "shut-ins," ask no sympathy, insist on doing for others. Over in Burns you have the heroic George Hibbard paralyzed these last 10 years from

the neck down by a diving injury, but to George's room come some 1500 visitors each month seeking his advice and leadership. As fellow conquerors of personal disaster, George and the president of the United States are personal friends.

Down through the pages of history men will dispute Mr. Roosevelt's official claims to greatness, but none will ever deny his great victory over personal misfortune. He is one of those few you meet in a lifetime who make sound men ashamed to complain. As a rough general said when somebody thanked him for making a courtesy call on George Hibbard:

"Thank you for what? Every soldier could learn from that young man!"

WASHINGTON LETTER

By JOHN W. KELLY

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 28.—Aside from commercial dealers and a few thousand farmers in the northwest there is almost total ignorance of a crop that is growing in size and value with every year. This is the production of a cover-crop seed. In 1942, according to estimates by Triple A, production in Oregon and Washington amounted to 225,320,000 pounds. Two years earlier production for the region was less than half that amount and most of this was in the Willamette valley. To enrich the soil of southern farms Triple A and Commodity Credit corporation bought 45,981,500 pounds, with the commercial trade handling 58,343,000 pounds of the 1940 yield. In 1942 Triple A and CCC handled 119,668,500 pounds, the rest being taken care of by seed dealers.

In the first year of the program Triple A paid three cents a pound for Austrian winter peas; 7.5 cents a pound for hairy vetch. Last year the prices were five cents for Austrian winter peas, common vetch and rye grass; 6.5 cents for Willamette vetch and 10 cents for hairy vetch.

Roughly, the 1942 seeds brought \$13,500,000 to the farmers. It is expected that this year the yield will fetch \$19,000,000. Compare that sum with the salmon industry in the northwest, or the pears or apples. There are several counties in Washington and Oregon which have specialized in wheat but many farmers have turned to cover crop seed and their profits will equal and in certain instances surpass the income from growing wheat. There is no surplus of these cover crop seeds, as is the case with wheat, and there is a market for every pound that can be grown and cleaned. The seeds of one kind or another apparently thrive wherever they are planted in the northwest, east or west of the Cascade range. It is all new money, brought into the states from the outside, and to date Washington and Oregon have a monopoly on the business.

ONE federal agency writes to a concern with facilities to manufacture industrial alcohol that "lack of market is the chief disadvantage of manufacturing on the west coast" and that tank car shortage should prevent the product from being shipped east. The Bureau report, reminds this agency, recommended that if distilleries to reduce grain alcohol are located anywhere the place for them is in the Midwest.

LAST summer a government agent addressed timbermen at several points in Oregon and Washington, urged them to increase production by 50 percent. The federal representative was told that if the government required the timber the thing to do was for the government to arrange loans to build roads into the woods before the rains came. Now the shortage is so acute (nothing having been done by the government agent) that Harold Ickes, secretary of the Interior, has directed that bids be called for 4,000,000 feet of Sitka spruce and Douglas fir in the Queets corridor addition to the Olympic national forest. Minimum price of \$7 per 1000 feet for spruce and \$6 for fir. Such hemlock and cedar as is downed in the operation will be marketed.

According to Fred Norman, new representative from the Third Washington district, a strip one mile wide and 50 miles long on the coast will be opened for logging airplane stock if lumber in sufficient quantities is found. Release of the Olympic timber was urged by the Gray's Harbor war production council and, says the congressman, millions of feet of state-owned spruce in the same general area will be logged for airplane stock.

AN investigation is proposed of the relocation centers to which the Japanese were moved from their farms, stores and offices. One charge is that they are favored with rationed food when nearby settlers must struggle with the grocer; another assertion is that the men in charge (Americans) are of the starchy-eyed group who wish to be as easy as possible with the enemy. Sentiment for the investigation has been increased by recent riotous incidents at certain western centers.

OLIVE BARBER'S OBSERVATIONS

THOSE SEED CATALOGUES

It is the flood time of the year—the time when seed catalogues and water cover the earth. The waters will shortly recede, but the ebb tide of seed catalogues will not set in for several weeks yet. Now is the season when farmers step with unwonted briskness toward their rural delivery boxes, for there's always mail during catalogue season. These catalogues are indeed surpassingly fair, and farmers go down before their blandishments like nine-pins. No scientist has ever discovered a serum powerful enough to immunize humanity against the wiles of the seed catalogue.

I do not marvel at this, for these books are spawned by a race of supermen, and their editors must first have an apprenticeship as oil stock promoters; then maybe did graduate work by selling gold bricks and so finally arrived at the height of these kindred professions—the getting out of seed catalogues.

Their artists can do to vegetables what Rosa Bonheur could do to animals—make them a living presence before you. I have seen strong men drool, and salad-minded women go into a trance when under the spell of one of their color-plashed pages. A seed catalogue is one instance where art beats nature by a full head and a half.

I was once drugged into irresponsibility by the picture of a vine of which only a few seeds were said to be available. This vine was portrayed as bearing globules of royal purple, whose flavor, so the promise ran, would surpass that of the juiciest grape from the sunniest part of Italy. When the packet of seeds came, I was delighted that they had given me three dozen of the rare seeds, but felt badly as I realized this must mean that many others, panting to get a start of this rare vine, would have to do without.

During the chill nights of early spring, I protected them by placing covers over each one. When summer came I carried water to them from the spring, bucket by bucket. During the middle of the day, I covered them from the noonday heat. I waited in impatient expectancy for their maturity and slaughtered every bug found nigh them.

But when ripe, their fruit had the flavor of quinine crossed with acetofida. That was years ago, and their volunteer children still come up, in spite of chopping hoe, drouth and poor soil. The chickens scorn them; various bugs gnaw at them, but never seem to reach a vital spot.

I've finally worked out a rule for use when ordering from seed catalogues—the less the seed is praised, the more I order. I'm one ruralite the seed catalogue can no longer fool.

More Women Needed For Nurses' Aides

By MARIAN LOWRY

A SPECIAL appeal is made to more women to sign up for the nurses' aides class being arranged through the county chapter of the Red Cross. At least eight more volunteers are urged to sign now.

Applicants may call at the Red Cross office next Tuesday afternoon between one-thirty and four o'clock at which time they will be interviewed regarding the work. The first thirty-five hours of study are in class work, after which the candidates may choose their own hours for any time of day or evening for work at the hospital.

The class, to start later in February, will be conducted on Monday and Wednesday afternoons between one-thirty and four-thirty o'clock in room 7, men's gymnasium, University of Oregon campus, Mrs. Earl Hefner as teacher.

Those wishing to obtain further information about the class may call the Red Cross office at 225, and if they are unable to make their applications next Tuesday they may call the Red Cross office and make an appointment.

The committee passing on applications will not meet until February 5, postponing the session from Friday of this week.

STAR CLUB

The postponed meeting of the Star club, Blue River chapter, O. E. S., is to be held Friday afternoon at the McKenzie River Masonic temple at one-fifteen o'clock.

BRIDGE EVENT

The Country club's semi-monthly bridge tournament will be held Friday evening at the clubhouse at eight-fifteen o'clock.

CLASS MEETING

Loyal Workers class of the First Christian church is meeting at the church annex, Friday, at ten o'clock, to do work for Camp Adair.

AUXILIARY MEETING

The Postoffice Clerks' auxiliary will meet for dessert at one-thirty o'clock, Friday, at the home of Mrs. M. F. Burright, 320 West D street, Springfield.

St. Mary's Guild Meets Wednesday

St. Mary's guild of St. Mary's Episcopal church held a meeting, Wednesday, at the parish hall. The group worked on quilting and sewed on curtains for Camp Adair. Mrs. E. E. Hartung and Mrs. Ward were in charge of the luncheon.

Plans were made for a rummage sale to be given March 20. Next week, two comforts will be tacked as well as quilting done. Miss Theresa Hodes is to have charge of the luncheon. In the evening will be held the parish supper and annual meeting for the church.

Shrine Club Sets Formal On Friday

Arranged for Friday evening as one of the week's larger parties is the annual formal of the Eugene Shrine club, the party to be at the Osburn hotel.

The reception will be at six forty-five o'clock, the dinner, dance and floor show following. The party is for all Shriners, Scottish Rite and York Rite Masons and their ladies.

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EVEN THE MEREST MAN ought to know by now that a bright, gay (even a bit giddy) bonnet is a first-class morale builder for the fair sex. Right under that head come the sprightly spring bonnets pictured above. They're both products of top-flight custom designers, made to be copied for modest purses. At left is a sailor of white, perforated stiff material which resembles chair caning. It is piped with black velvet, while madonna blue velvet ribbon winds around the crown. The blue is complemented by two pink roses woven through the "caning." A black chenille-dotted veil gives the finishing touch. The hat at right is really ahead of the season—a June-in-January affair. It's a high toque-pilbox of madonna blue felt with an enormous taffeta bow in multi-colored stripes. The veil has pinpoint dots in navy blue.

WAAC Recruiter Comes To Eugene

Eugene women will be given an opportunity to get first hand information on the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps from WAAC Auxiliary Maxine Quimby, who has been ordered to report to this city in connection with recruiting. She will be located in the recruiting office in the postoffice building. It is announced by Technical Sergeant John T. Costello, sub-station commander.

Auxiliary Quimby is one of Oregon's most recent enrollees in the women's army and is being assigned to Eugene from WAAC recruiting headquarters in Portland. A graduate of Eugene's University high school, she was formerly owner-operator of a service station at Thirteenth and Alder streets and has been associated with the Oregon Women's Ambulance corps in which she held a sergeant's rating.

In announcing Miss Quimby's assignment to recruiting duties in Eugene, Lieutenant Margaret Horn, officer in charge of WAAC recruiting in Oregon, explained that she was ordered to Eugene to carry the story of the women's army directly into the homes of interested women. She said that the appointment of the new recruiter is part of an intensive drive

to recruit Oregon women for the corps to meet new enrollment quotas which have been set for this district and which are the result of the recent expansion of the corps from 25,000 to 150,000 members.

"The women's army now provides for unlimited opportunities for women who want to take an active part in the victory program by serving with the WAAC," Lieutenant Horn said. She added that more than one hundred different types of assignments were open to the women soldiers and that many interesting duties both at home and abroad were being offered the women of the corps.

Theta Rho Girls Report Meeting

Thirty-eight girls attended the meeting of the Theta Rho club, Wednesday evening, at the I. O. O. F. hall. Four applications for membership were submitted.

Formal initiation will be held February 10, the next meeting date. Chairman for the refreshments committee that date will be Miss Nina Zebley. The Valentine motif will be used for the decorations. At the Wednesday meeting, Miss Eva Warden was presented as the assistant adviser. Mrs. George A. Simon told the group about visiting Rebekah lodges and Theta

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Miss Brooks Honored At Shower

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At the party were Miss Irene Aron, Miss Baker, Miss Adeline Betty Lewis, Miss Sandgathe, Mrs. Frank Mrs. Robert Shaler, Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. Clifford Mrs. William McKim Douglas Kappa, Mrs. V.L. and the two hostesses.

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