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A BRITISHER ON MR. WILLKIE

When the staunch Mr. Winston Churchill said in replying (indirectly) to our garrulous Mr. Wendell Willkie that the British people were not going to fight this war "to liquidate the British Empire" he was trying to soothe British feelings in many parts of that far flung Empire.

Now, of course, Mr. Churchill's soothing methods are just about as gentle as those of a gorilla, and his blunt words, in turn, angered many Americans who simply burn at the notion that we may be fighting this fight to keep the British Empire as is.

The average intelligent Briton does not insist on keeping the British Empire as is, any more than the intelligent American insists on dismantling that historic structure. There is considerable light on this subject in a letter which J. F. Reade, of College Crest, has just received from his old friend H. Derry Osborn in London. Some quotes:

"I wish I could send you some articles that have appeared in The Times this week (Nov. 22nd). I am thinking of articles dealing with Mr. Wendell Willkie. It would be a thousand pities if there were to develop needless misunderstanding between the two countries."

"Nobody here would claim that the B. E. is perfect or that we have always been happy in our dealings with other peoples. It is pointed out that even in the U. S. A. there is a great race problem, by no means solved. Perhaps we can both admit that we are jointly seeking a better attitude toward other peoples."

Touche! Mr. Osborn goes on to make it quite plain that the average Briton does not view separation of India or any other part of the Empire as at all the constructive approach toward perfecting the British Commonwealth of Dominions. He sees the need of a vast amount of education both in Britain and the Dominions as the first step toward solving the many difficulties which arise from differences of race and religion. He sees the need for an end of "exploitation" but would deplore the destruction of trade and economic relationships which have been centuries building, sees no benefit to anybody from such a course.

He lays his finger on impatient Mr. Willkie's chief error:

"We are dealing with problems which cannot be solved in a year or so by some well drawn charter; time is needed, and one feels that Mr. Willkie does not recognize that it is not possible to specify the time limit in advance. Meantime, my own feeling is that, over India, for instance, the Prime Minister's attitude has not always been helpful. He is an excellent fighting leader for War Time; I much doubt his fitness to lead with adequate spiritual power in winning the peace."

That we would guess is a pretty fair sample of British attitude. If you are a "capital L" Liberal you will say it is much too selfish and conservative. But the British (who have made the world their boarding house for 400 years) are much more aware than we are of the functioning machinery of world trade and intercourse which cannot be destroyed recklessly without inviting chaos.

But, if the average Briton is willing to admit that overlordship in India can and must be changed into honorable partnership, there is a great deal to recommend that course.

Mr. Willkie flew around the world and spouted solutions of vast world problems. He lived a good many years in Tennessee, but we have not heard his proposals on some of the grave problems of the South.

The kids in grammar school today don't know much more than their parents did when in high school.

We suggest that all people caught hoarding canned goods be put in the can themselves.

A perfect boy friend always remembers his girl's birthday, but forgets her age.

The honeymoon ends when a couple on the sea of matrimony runs into squalls.

Every man believes in trial by jury until he is summoned for jury duty.

When a girl exercises she stoops to contour.

News reports indicate that Italy is shaking in its boot.

Women now are busy buying Christmas presents so much down and the balance overdue.

These winter days it's a grate life if the open fireplace doesn't weaken.

Girls should be careful about reading a man like a book—they may be left on the shelf.

If anyone doesn't like the way the war

has made things here at home, it is their privilege to join the armed forces.

It may be that this year's liquor shortage will help us live up to last year's resolutions.

WASHINGTON LETTER
By JOHN W. KELLY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 29.—If a housewife has difficulty buying a leg of lamb or finds the price far higher than it was a few months ago it will not mollify her to learn that lambs are being shipped under lend-lease to England and that growers (Idaho for example) are receiving \$18.50 for a lamb when they were once lucky to receive \$10. One of the complaints against lend-lease is that agents for that outfit go out and purchase what they want regardless of price ceilings of OPA or any other restriction. This was one of the crosses that Leon Henderson had to bear.

On the desk of Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard is a telegram from the northwest asking that control of wool be transferred from war production board to the department of agriculture, as the growers have no confidence in WPB and "believe it is adversely influenced by wool dealers." There are in the Pacific Wool Growers association some 3000 sheepmen; virtually every man who runs a band of sheep in the northwest and the far west. These growers are asking that the 1943 clip be purchased by the federal government or else a floor placed under the ceiling price.

At this moment there is a stockpile of 700 million pounds of foreign wools owned by the Defense Supplies Corp. The DSC promised sheepmen that these wools would not be sold, but the charge is made that more than one million pounds were sold at auction in Boston, depressing the domestic wool market. Great Britain has a contract to purchase all the wool of Australia, New Zealand and South Africa for the duration and one year thereafter. Most of this wool is warehoused for Great Britain in the United States and was shipped from Australia and New Zealand in American freighters and landed on the west coast. The United States bought the unsold crop of Uruguay last year and has agreed to buy 35,000 bales of the new clip. United States and Great Britain are purchasing South American wool lavishly to prevent it being sold to the Axis. As if these operations were not sufficient to provoke the wool grower of the open spaces of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, Secretary of State Cordell Hull's trade agreements have reduced by 50 per cent the duty on several grades of wool.

Pacific wool growers are suspicious of WPB and believe they can receive a square deal from the agricultural department. They do not like the government's policy of "millions for foreign wools but not one cent for domestic."

RECORDS disclose that the highest price paid for sheep in the Pacific northwest was \$20.50 for 10,000 sold to the U.S.S.R. It was paid in gold, on the rail head, at the ranch on Butter creek. The Soviets had to hire trains to transport the sheep across the continent to an Atlantic port, whence the wools were shipped to Russia; pay insurance and attendants. This Soviet commission visited Australia, South America, and all the sheep sections of the United States before deciding where they could buy the best sheep.

WASHINGTON'S Senator Wallgren and Oregon's Senator Holman have been appointed on a subcommittee of military affairs to make an investigation of the Japanese-relocation centers in California, Oregon and Idaho. The Washington and Oregon senators have joined in sponsoring a bill to remove the Japs from civilian direction and place them in the hands of the army. There are increasing complaints that the civilians are too lenient with the aliens in re-location centers. The civilians, it is asserted, are trying to introduce social reforms whereas the general desire, apparently, is to have the Japanese penned up.

UNDER arrangements, 237,700 tons of coal from the east is being brought to the Pacific northwest because the mines of Washington and Oregon cannot produce requirements on account of a shortage of miners. Part of this coal is said to be destined for Vladivostok, the Russians having greater need for solid fuel than for fuel oil. Coal is required for army cantonments, certain war industries, residential heating, etc. It was known early last spring that there was a shortage of miners in the northwest and there was talk of shipping miners from the east, but this apparently did not materialize. The army released hundreds of supposed miners and sent them to mines in Colorado, Utah, Montana and Wyoming, but according to mine operators very few of these "miners" had experience underground and they were returned to the army, with thanks. War manpower commission has been invited to assign at least 2000 coal miners to the Rocky mountain states and the northwest, about 1000 for Washington and Oregon, mostly for the former state.

OLIVE BARBER'S OBSERVATIONS

KNOWING THE BIRDS

The cold spell which usually follows the holidays is an ideal time to get on more familiar terms with some birds which become less shy at this season, made bold through hunger. A well protected feeding shelf will bring many varieties within close view. In this way, a better knowledge of these birds may be obtained than would weeks of field study, which is about the only place one can watch them during the summer months. Their tastes and manners are widely divergent, and with birds, as with humans, their table manners show them up in a different light than do any other social activities.

Smaller birds invariably give way to the song sparrow, who is aggressive in the extreme. Cereals of all kinds please him, and he makes a few passes at a cake of tallow with evident relish. Song sparrows feed one at a time, and while tolerating a junco or two as table companions, they won't have one of their own species within shouting distance. One of the most individual diners is a golden crowned sparrow. This is a migratory bird whose nesting ways and sites remain more or less of a secret. Just now, the band which extends the length of his crown, and which is such a sprightly dandelion yellow in summer, is blurred by an overwash of brown, and only a direct frontal view will show how the gold lies beneath.

While most birds pick up particles of food much as does a chicken, the golden crowned sparrow uses his bill as a spoon if the food is in small bits. And I have never seen him dip his bill to do this other than to the right. He seems unable to dine largely, as juncos can, but after a few "spoonings" goes off to digest a while before taking on another course. The hermit thrush, reported to be the shyest of birds, seems less so during the colder months. I've had him practically take the food shelf over for the winter, and have had hard work to keep the little gourmand supplied with fats. Described as being a recluse, these visits to the feeding table have made it hard for me to believe this is so. I've watched him for hours, when I could have reached out and touched him; have examined his brown-spotted, creamy breast, rather long laven-colored legs, reddish tail and constantly flicking wings in detail. His bill has just the faintest upward tilt, and this gives him a slightly impudent look.

He's a good watcher, too, and I've had him sit for twenty minutes and study me with thoroughness. He feeds much later at night than the other birds. As twilight grades into deeper darkness, his dark, slightly chunky body is hardly discernible as he files away into the night.

Few Events On Social Calendar

By MARIAN LOWRY
 FEW events mark the week-end social calendar.

One of the larger affairs will be the University of Oregon's annual military ball, to be held Saturday evening at McArthur court, several townspeople planning to attend. A long list of patrons has been invited, topped by Governor and Mrs. Earl Snell and Major General and Mrs. Charles H. Martin.

GOES EAST

Mrs. Nelson F. Macduff has gone to New York state to attend the wedding of her son, Jack Macduff, and Miss Ethel Thompson.

PARTY HELD

Women of the Moose card party was held Monday evening. Honors at bridge went to Mrs. C. A. Mackey and Mrs. Edna Allen; and in pinocle to Mrs. Retta Sylvers and Mrs. B. Auswald.

SON IS BORN

Word has reached here of the birth of a son, Devereaux Shailer Peterson, to Mr. and Mrs. Shailer Peterson, formerly of Eugene and now of Brookings, South Dakota. The baby is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Clark P. Aug. Peterson, all of Eugene. Shailer Peterson is director of educational research at South Dakota State college in Brookings, and formerly was supervisor of science at the University high school here. Mrs. Devereaux has gone to Brookings to visit her son-in-law and daughter.

IOWA CLUB

Iowa club met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. M. L. Handshuh. Plans were made to hold the indoor picnic in the W.O.W. hall Friday, February 19, at six-thirty o'clock. Each family is to take a covered dish, sandwiches, and their own sugar. All former Iowa residents are invited to attend the picnic.

—Around Oregon—

By the Associated Press
 Portland Municipal Judge J. J. Quillin took away the gasoline rationing books of three motorists arrested for exceeding the 35-mile wartime speed limit. . . Fire destroyed the 1800-volume Mark Schrock memorial library at the Cascade Locks conscientious objectors' camp. . . The Kesterson Lumber Company set Feb. 15 for reopening its Klamath Falls mill, down since Dec. 1. . .

Mrs. Louise M. Holman, secretary for Multnomah county district judges at Portland, is the first officer candidate for the SPARS, coast guard auxiliary, accepted in the 13th naval district. . . The Shaver Transportation Company at Portland reported a fire caused \$20,000 damage to one of its river tugs. . . Funeral services were held at Oregon City for Capt. Oscar F. Antonsen, 66, veteran skipper of the fishing boat North King which plied between Portland and Alaska. . .

A few hours after he received service of divorce papers, Portland policeman F. C. Gauntt and Donald McKenzie found the body of Emil E. Lutz, 37, who apparently had taken his own life with a rifle. . . Oregon city police investigated an outbreak of burglaries, three at service stations, one at a drug store. . .

Before drafting next year's budget the Portland school board will study the salaries of all employees. . . Oregon OPA officials warned that sugar ration stamp No. 10 must be used before midnight, Jan. 31. . . Portland FBI headquarters expanded into four offices formerly used by the department of agriculture in the U. S. courthouse.

AT DEXTER

DEXTER—School at Lowell was resumed this week after a week shut-down on account of snow.

The Friendly Neighbors club met recently at day. The ladies worked on fancy work and cut out aprons. Next meeting will be February 3. The ladies are asked to bring 25-cent articles to embellish and donate to the club.

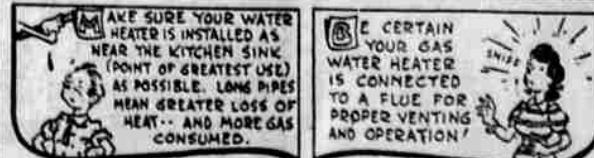
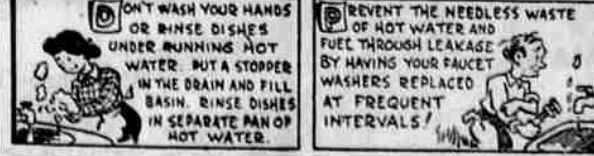
Mrs. Loretta Rhinevalet left recently to join her husband who is in the service in Camp Hauze, Tex. She will visit with him until he is transferred.

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For Bride-Elect

OAKRIDGE—The Loyal Workers of the Christian church sponsored a bridal shower, honoring Miss Betty Stone, at the home of Mrs. Frank Wilson recently. The afternoon was spent socially. Refreshments were served to the following: Miss Betty Stone, Mrs. Harold Stone, Mrs. Glen Rounds and Patsy Jean, Mrs. Vern Hill, Mrs. Addie Williams, Mrs. Hobart Clark and Raymond and Arline, Mrs. Raymond Clark and Allan, Mrs. Russell Twitty and Clarence, Mrs. Ray Miller and Joyce Ann, Mrs. Louis Lewellen, Mrs. Raymond Wilson, Mrs. John S. Miller, Mrs. Frank Wilson, Mrs. Kenneth Smith. Others sending gifts were Mrs. Yancy Westfir and Mrs. Chester Padden.

Mr. Hemenway Dies

Oscar Hemenway, 938 Charnelton street, died in a local hospital, Thursday, at the age of 70 years. He was born in Hadleyville, Lane county, Aug. 6, 1872. A more complete obituary and the funeral notices will be given later from Poole chapel.

MRS. M'CREARY DIES

REEDSPORT—Funeral services for Margaret Elizabeth McCreary, 68, of Winchester Bay, who died January 23, were held Wednesday at the Unger Funeral home in Reedsport with interment in the Reedsport cemetery. Rev. D. L. Roys, pastor of the Reedsport Assembly of God church, officiating. Mrs. McCreary was born Margaret Elizabeth Stoltz, on May 24, 1874, in Goldengate, Ill., and had resided in Winchester Bay for the past four years. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Clara Schimpfenning, of Winchester Bay, with whom she had made her home since coming to Oregon.

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Complete List Given On Officers

THE complete list of elective and appointive officers is announced for Willamette court, Order of the Amaranth, following installation ceremonies held the past Monday evening. Music for the installation was furnished by Miss Marjorie Scobert and Mrs. Curtis Cole.

Following is the list of officers: Mrs. E. F. Liddell, royal matron; W. A. Cummings, royal patron; Mrs. E. C. Hall, associate matron; Jay B. Hewitt, associate patron; Miss Sara Hofer, secretary; Mrs. R. E. Griswold, treasurer; Mrs. A. G. Denniston, conductress; Mrs. Charles E. Hunt, associate conductress; Mrs. Ray Allen, marshal in the east; Mrs. J. Ray Chapman, marshal in the west; Mrs. George H. McMorran, truth; Mrs. Lyman C. Palmer, faith; Mrs. Mignon Carmichael, wisdom; Mrs. William Lush, charity; Mrs. L. M. Watson, historian; Mrs. Minnie Furman, prelate; Mrs. Nina George, trustee; Mrs. John Bantz, standard bearer; Mrs. Charles Adamson, warder; Mr. Adamson, sentinel; Mrs. C. A. Mickelson, musician.

Next meeting comes February 8, a six-thirty o'clock dinner to be served, Mrs. W. A. Cummings as chairman.

Shower Given
 OAKRIDGE—Mrs. Raymond Wilson was the guest of honor of a shower given by the Loyal Workers group of the Christian church at the home of Mrs. Glenn Rounds. The group held a short business meeting, after which the time was enjoyed visiting and viewing the gifts. Refreshments were served to Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Frank Wilson, Mrs. Hobart Clark and daughter, Mrs. Raymond Clark and son, Mrs. Addie Williams, Mrs. L. L. Lewellen, Mrs. Frank Cook, Mrs. Russell Twitty, Mrs. John Burt and son, Mrs. Yancy, Mrs. Roy Miller and daughter, Mrs. John Miller, Mrs. Bill Smith and son, Mrs. Buck Woodward and daughter and Mrs. Vern Hill.

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