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TO DENY A LADY IS TO BLUSH!

"... I am in a jam, and I think you should help me out. In my class in journalism... well, we have to find a infinitive phrase, a substantive clause, and a direct question in a conventional lead story, at the beginning of the story, and we have to have them by NEXT MONDAY, so... Here's hoping you can help me and save my life! PLEASE HURRY!"
 —Bernadine Loomis, Cottage Grove.

To learn that the bloodthirsty school-marm of Cottage Grove practice the ancient rite of sacrificing virgins upon the cold altar of Grammar is appalling news. That we should be elected to rescue a beautiful damsel in distress warms what is left of the so-called marrow in these old bones. How shall we go about this task is the question.

Oh Bernadine, Bernadine! To think that you should commit such a "barbarism" as to write "a infinitive phrase"! What will your teachers think that is what staggers! That we should find a bright girl stumbling on a little thing like that!

To keep "a" before consonants and "an" before vowels is one of the greatest problems of the New World Order. How can we make the world safe for Basic English is the issue of the day. But that innocent maidens should be made to suffer for the sins of the multitudes, that we cannot endure.

We have discussed this matter with Old Adrian Fuddle and he tells us he has laid down this maxim for his daughter Claribel:

"To keep the runs out of your grammar is as important as keeping the runs out of your stockings. That the seams should be straight and trim is important to both the English language and silk list. Can one be a lady in speech and style, that is the test."

To save a maiden's life, these lines are inflicted upon the world. That Innocent Blood should stain the immaculate walls of the excellent new Cottage Grove high school is more than we can bear. How can teachers be so "cruel" is something we cannot understand even in our advanced years.

ON THE EVENTS OF THE WEEK

The headlines of the week lift us up and drop us down... this week or any other week... it's a very large world and a good sized war... Mr. Churchill warns us to prepare for "the bloodiest year" in 1944... bombing of Naziland reaches a new peak but it remains to be seen whether any great power can be blasted out of war by air power... German ability to launch the counter-drive which took Zhitomir seems to tie with the tough fighting in Italy in confirmation of "another year of European war"... and though we advance steadily in the South Pacific, shrewd old Jimmy Grew keeps warning that "in terms of Japanese military thinking, Japan has won her war"... meaning we cannot delay too long or Japan will have cashed in on early gains...

... more optimistic though indicated in WPB's Wilson's suggestion that American industries begin now to pile up orders for post-war... Northwest lumber industry in fine position to accommodate Mr. Wilson... refunds of 13 billion on army contracts also glad news... but Congress continues to stall on drafting papas and on farm subsidies, taxes and inflation controls... aluminum workers demand big wage increase, say "Little Steel Formula" is dead... and Wayne L. Morse who predicted same hangs on in Washington... shall soldiers vote, and if so which and how... the elections are coming and it is safe to say 1944 will be a cock-eyed year...

For the end of war we offer no predictions, but we stick to the proposition that it is something for which this and every other community had better get set and well prepared. Right here!

MARSHFIELD AND NORTH BEND

As might have been expected, Marshfield and North Bend failed to get together on the plan for merger into one city under the name Coos Bay. Marshfield voted heavily in favor; North Bend slapped it down. In the 1200 foot "neutral zone" the plan lost by one vote.

However, there are plans afoot now to change the name of Marshfield to Coos Bay, to adopt the manager plan of city administration, and to bring all of the suburban neighbors on "the peninsula" into some program of cooperation on common problems. This is wise.

Soon or late, all of the communities of the Coos Bay community, clear down to Empire, will have to set aside their antagonisms and get together on preparedness for post-war readjustment. Whether they ever become one political unit, they are still one community. An unhealthy condition in one

affects all the others. Prosperity shares itself.

Sometimes, the question comes up: "How do you define 'community'?"

There is no simple answer. In some ways we are learning that the whole world is one community. The founders of this republic recognized that there must be a nation for national problems, but the states, the counties, the cities still have their chores to do. One might say:

"A community exists wherever interests and problems come together."

In the main, Eugene's parking problem is local to Eugene, although everybody trying to do business here is interested. But when we come to such things as plating controls, road layouts, drainage and river bank control, health and sanitation, we find that we simply must sit down with our neighbors in Springfield and at least 30 other localities. An "urban area" has grown up in which 43,000 people face many common problems.

So we are trying to get at these problems through the Lane County Planning Council which Farm Agent O. S. Fletcher very wisely suggests should begin as "Central Lane County Planning Council," embracing first only the communities within 6 miles of the courthouse, leaving room for North Lane, South Lane, West Lane and perhaps other areas to come in as logic develops.

On the Coos Bay peninsula, they may keep a dozen different names but they are all one community, dependent on wise use of the same resources, affected by the same "ups and downs." The post-war will be no time for futile feuding.

FANTASTIC PUD PROMOTION

Seemingly remote from Lane county, but nevertheless worth watching because of the scope of Bonneville Administration's political schemes is the announcement of a PUD election to be held in Hood River county, January 7 because this vote would authorize the tiny Hood River PUD to:

1. Issue \$175,000.00 in "revenue bonds."
2. Buy out Pacific Power and Light, Northwestern and PGE systems in Oregon and Washington, over vast areas including Portland and Salem.
3. Pay rich commissions to Guy C. Myers, the New York broker for selling the proposed bonds.
4. Put Bonneville bureaucrats in charge of major power distribution in the Northwest through its puppet board in Hood River.

Fantastic? Maybe. But the scheme is patterned on one which seems to have had considerable success in Nebraska. Of course, the aim is to get around the big-stumbling block of "severance damages" in the older policy of biting off little chunks of existing power systems.

The plan should fail because it offers absolutely no guarantee of efficient management; it seeks to ride rough show over "Home rule" in many communities which would not even have the chance to vote.

It is a classic example of the utter failure of the Ickes-Raver crowd to understand the people of the Northwest. People here are not hostile to public ownership, but they are not fools. Their local tax structures, their bread-and-butter industries are all affected by changes from private to public ownership.

There are three requisites to any sound approach:

1. Engineers, not politicians, must study the physical and financial facts so that the basis for every taking over will be sound.
2. People must have the chance to vote in every area where such change is proposed.
3. Raver must renounce his "driver's seat" demand for control of local operations by dictating their rates.

The Hood River scheme is another effort to do the job by political sleight of hand. The Bonneville people hate the wicked "power barons" and we can feel a certain sympathy. But, they forget that their real job is to get the confidence of the people who live here in the Northwest. They will never do that until they drop this type of chicanery and come clean.

Ajax McGurk says the GOP chieftains who are united on "Beat Willie" are the same guys who never could find out how to "Beat Roosevelt."

Uni-hi made a gallant stand against Springfield but the Tiders are still looking for the sport page guy who called the boys in blue "the little fellows across the river."

One of our recent visitors from New York wanted to know "where you keep your New Dealers." He just kept bumping into "Unreconstructed Americans."

Portland preacher suggests for Thanksgiving that "we have learned that we can take it and dish it out." We have a hunch that the guy is another black Republican.

Which reminds us that this town and every other has a lot of little kids whose daddies won't get home for Christmas, so maybe while shopping early, it's a good idea to look around.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAILBOX

BOUQUET FOR USO

(To the Editor)—I don't know whether all the stores in Eugene donated two day's salary commemorating Armistice but to those who did, may I say thanks.

I know that the USO here and abroad offers the only home for many who have no other place to go while trying to forget, just for a while, those lonely hours so many of us really have.

Please thank them all from the bottom of my heart, and most of all to my wife who was one of them.

From one in service
 SGT. O. O. BISHOP,
 U.S. Air Corps Flexible Gunnery School, Kingman, Arizona.

NEWSBOYS

(To the Editor)—This concerns each and every person who is served by a little local merchant, your newspaper boy. The writer happens to be the proud father of two of these local merchants, whose ages are 10 and 12. I have seen these boys every day regardless of the rain or cold, get up before daybreak on Sunday morning and ride their bicycles down to the guard office and get their papers, fold them and start to deliver them to their customers, returning to their home wet to the skin but not complaining. Likewise have I seen them give up time that other kids enjoy playing ball, etc., in order that you get your paper.

They buy these papers and deliver them to you and when they take them at the Guard office their responsibility begins, the papers are theirs and they must pay for them regardless of the fact that some people are small enough to pull out and leave the newsboy holding the sack for the papers delivered.

Then there are others who stall the boys for their money, asking them to come back, they never have the money. Of course this is only a small per cent of the customers that do this, but if you stop to think the newsboy only makes a small per cent of the money he collects. DON'T ROB HIM OF HIS HARD EARNED MONEY.

Then there are others who for the slightest things call and complain. Maybe the paper is a little late, or maybe you can't locate your paper, or maybe your paper might be a little wet. STOP and THINK maybe your newsboy is wet, too. Maybe he has a flat on his bicycle. In my own boy's case last week, a truck ran over his bicycle. These and many others cause delays in delivery. Yet THEY DON'T COMPLAIN. Remember each complaint you file costs the boy 15c. If valid. Too the majority of the customers I know that every newsboy would join me in thanking you for your hearty cooperation. Remember if you are going to move, go to the Guard office and leave the money for the boy. Cooperate with him and he will do his best to repay you with good service.

AL. J. PEAKE

TRUST AND FEAR

What makes me feel so sad and lone,
 Why am I depressed from doubt and fear
 Why is there no bright cheering ray
 To change my heart, my conscience clear?

I try to see life's brighter side,
 To keep my heart from sin and dross;
 Yet somehow comes the piercing thought,
 Am I now saved, or am I lost.

At last I found the welcome boon,
 I laid it all at Jesus feet;
 He took my burden, cleansed my heart,
 I now rejoice I found relief.

O, if we'd trust our Saviour more,
 How happy in this life we'd be;
 To find in Him a resting place,
 From doubt and fear forever free.

I pray thee Lord now with me stay;
 And from thee never let me roam;
 With angel loved ones soon I'll sing,
 O praise the Lord I'm safely home.

PERCIVAL I. RUST, Eugene, Ore.

LADY IS WEARED

COTTAGE GROVE—(To the Editor)—We heartily agreed with the editor when he said he was tired of the babble for a second front in Europe, and even though we now have established a second front the babbling continues. We fail to see why possible hundreds of thousands of American and British boys should be sacrificed upon German fortifications along the English channel merely as a friendly gesture to Russia, and we believe our allied military leaders are competent to judge the proper time for the invasion of western Europe and to carry it out without being egged on by the American people.

There are many other things that make us tired. Americans

are not Britons and we shouldn't be expected to take our wars in the reserved manner of the British. The American way is to dash in with everything we've got, cleaning up the mess as soon as possible with loud cheers and fanfare while everybody does his enthusiastic best to help. Yet every time during this war that we try even mildly to celebrate a victory, out pounce the wet-blanket wavers shouting, "Now don't get excited, we haven't won the war yet! We still have ten years to go."

And when the people subside into a dazed, deflated silence with all their patriotic fervor evaporated, the same gentlemen shriek, "The American people don't know there's a war going on, they are complacent!"

We're getting exceedingly tired of that word, but perhaps we are complacent in some things. We can't be allowed to fight a war just to save these United States. We must always have some highlutin' slogan to fight for such as "making the world safe for democracy" or the "four freedoms." Then after we have won the war but have failed to reach the heights of the ridiculous, cheated and disillusioned, and we miss altogether the satisfaction of knowing a good job well done.

We are now embarked on a crusade to give or if necessary to force our "four freedoms" upon the world.

Freedom from want, with starving Puerto Rico upon our doorstep, mismanaged and exploited for forty years, and Cuba not much better.

Freedom from fear, with conditions in our deep south a hideous blot upon the face of humanity for 300 years, the screams of dying negroes in the Detroit race riot still ringing in our ears, and with shameful talk on our Pacific coast of "massacring" Japanese-American citizens who are as constitutionally entitled to Uncle Sam's protection as you or I.

World-wide freedom of religious belief would be a fine thing, but any attempt to give the official sanction of the U. S. government to the religious belief or unbelief of any foreign nation should be vigorously stepped upon by the American people.

We seem to think we can establish freedom of thought and speech over the entire world, yet we instantly resented Winston Churchill's dig at our congress just as the British must have resented our silly solving of her Indian problem. Nothing is quite so tiresome as the pussy-footing of official Washington D. C. because 1944 is an election year, unless it is the warmed-over balmy for Wendell Willkie. Willkie will never be President of the United States, and if the Republicans can't find anyone for their candidate but that shirking hanger-on, they had better brace themselves for the end of Republicanism and the two-party system in 1944.

The scintillating, perambulating, narrating, untimely, wire-pulling Lady Eleanor bores us to tears. The following prayer recently appeared in a well-known magazine:

"O Lord, have mercy upon this weary, long-suffering nation and grant us a bachelor President in 1944."

We join the magazine editor in a fervent "Amen!"
 (MRS.) ETHEL GABRIO.

What Goes on at The Statehouse

By JERRY HANNIFIN

SALEM, Ore. — (UP) — Oregon housewives and the state's board of control have a common worry—what to use—butter or margarine?

A recent increase in butter rations to 16 points a pound and a hint that it might go higher has made several state institutions short on butter. And 10 days ago the house agriculture committee in Washington laid aside legislation which would have lifted federal taxes and restrictions on margarine.

Oregon's Fairview home for feeble-minded at Salem has had more trouble than other state institutions in obtaining sufficient fats for its inmates' diet. Its officials have asked the state board of control for permission to use margarine to supplement fat obtained through butter.

The board refused the request and suggested the institution should ask OPA for more ration points. Meanwhile, pork and pork gravy were used to supplement the fats portion of the patients' diet. An act of the 1943 legislature authorized the use of margarine in event of a butter shortage. However, the board of control must approve its use.

During the board session in which the Fairview officials asked permission to use margarine, State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott said he was advised the Russians used lend-lease butter "to grease their boots."

He didn't elaborate on the remark.

The OPA says there is a shortage of butter. The board says there is not. The institutions get butter from Oregon state college, but must give up ration points for it.

The Oregon state hospital also has asked permission to use margarine. The board refused its request and the hospital has increased its butter use by giving up more points.

The U. S. forest service reports Oregon and Washington forests produced the largest amount of money ever taken in receipts from the nation's forests during the year ending June 30.

The Pacific northwest states accounted for \$3,445,733 of the \$10,056,448 taken during the year. The Oregon-Nashington total led the other 10 national forest areas. Receipts came from timber sales, grazing fees and special land use fees.

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They will be sold at a controlled price through normal trade channels with efforts to insure equitable distribution. Last year's prices were 50 cents a pound live, and 90 cents dressed.

These turkeys will be in addition to 85,000 turkeys and 35,000 chickens marked for the armed forces.

Nutrition Display Gives Food Slogans

The Lane county nutrition council sponsored an attractive display featuring the "food fights for freedom" program, in the Willamette street show window of the J. C. Penney company store for several days last week. The display will continue over Monday.

The display is the work of students in Roosevelt and Wilson junior high schools, and Eugene high school and several 4-H clubs in the county. Captions over the different sections of the display read as follows: "Produce; conserve." "Eat the right foods." "Sharing is rationing. We have enough to share with those who have too little." "Take what you want, but eat what you have." The



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