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THOSE BRITISH COUSINS OF OURS

Some time ago we had a note from Col. Kermit Stevens promising to send a roll of British wartime newspapers because he thought they might convey some small notion of what Britain in wartime is like. The papers arrived in yesterday's mail—an 8-page issue of The London Times; an 8-page "tab" of the Sunday Pictorial; 4-page issues of The Daily Herald, The News Chronicle, The Daily Mirror.

One has only to look through these papers to realize that over there where German bombers still come almost every night and Hitler's long-range guns send looping shots across the Channel, the war is very much more real than it is here.

Not even The Times (the "Thunderer") can show as much "reader content" as an average issue of your Guard. Only The Mirror attempts any funnies (and with the exception of Popeye those are pretty poor). Sports are "boiled to the bone." Society is limited to "personals" on the front page of The Times. Even the lists of casualties and battle awards are skeletons in fine print.

Most of the news space is devoted to the war and to the major feats of political and military strategy at home and abroad. Pictures and maps are plentiful but small. In some of the papers battlefield reports are crowded by short "features," personal stories of men just returned from German prison camps. And most of them squeeze in at least one editorial and a batch of "letters to the editor" (although even in the Times, the effusions of retired colonels are much curtailed).

The ads are shrunk in direct proportion to the news, but even the wartime ads reflect the indomitable British humor, for instance one in the Times which shows a dignified matron in "queue" at the "fish mongers." She forgot to bring her own container! And Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd. has bought some space to say that although there are no paper bags or nice containers now, some day—

Random Items:

British Tommies in Africa volunteer to give up chocolate ration so kids at home can have some Christmas candy.
Milk ration to be reduced again.
A Jehovah Witness up for court martial; results to be "promulgated."
Holdup in a London suburb.
Fines for blackout violations.
Dunkirk veteran whose mind has been complete blank shows first sign of returning mind on seeing his mother.

Portland's Mayor Riley, just back from England, says that even these meagre news sheets are so scarce that people save them and pass them from hand to hand in hotels, trains, neighborhoods.

Nevertheless these papers speak of a nation which is malmed but still FREE, and behind the shabby makeup and the meagre reports runs a great continued story of national courage and cheerful sacrifice and patient heroism.

DECIDEDLY WORTH WHILE (Coos Bay Times)

The success of and growing interest in the pioneer museum at Tillamook which, by the way, is one of the better-known institutions of its kind, was reflected in a recent story in the Tillamook Headlight-Herald. According to the narrator, a total of 1809 persons visited the museum during the quarter last passed. This, assuming that every day was visiting day, would mean that an average of 20 persons per day viewed the exhibits.

During the same interval some 134 new pieces had been added to the already large collection, among them being a complete surgeon's outfit used during the Civil war, and the complete equipment of a World War I soldier, including pup tent, sleeping bag, mess gear, etc. Also added during the past quarter was an album giving a pictorial history of the tugboat, "Port Sewell," recently launched there and christened by Mrs. Mary Ackley, 92, pioneer Tillamook county mother.

The growing use of pictures, both motion and still, in the schools of today but emphasizes the fact that the display of the impediments of past periods aids greatly in the study of history, and The Times is happy to see the chapters of Oregon history so taught. This movement in Coos county is now in an incipient stage, but its potentialities are great, and we hope some day to say that Coos county's pioneer museum is second only to that of the Oregon Historical society, and the peer of all such in the sister counties of the commonwealth.—W.K.B.

STABILIZED PRICES

From time to time we are told that the cost of living has been stabilized and from time to time somebody indulges in a bit of self-praise about how his agency has held

down prices. In this connection the October summary of living costs, compiled and published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, is pertinent.

Comparing August 15, 1939, with October 15, 1943, the bureau says the cost of food is up 47.8 per cent; the cost of clothing is up 32.6 per cent; the cost of house furnishings is up 25.7 per cent; the cost of fuel, electricity and ice is up 10.7 per cent (this is mostly fuel and the minor item, ice, because electricity has not changed materially); and rents are up 3.5 per cent.

These are large city figures applicable to essentials for the lower income classes, and not to luxury items.

Turkeys foolish enough to fatten up now will never live to see 1944. Fat chance!

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

CHROME AN EXAMPLE OF UNITY NEED Coos Bay Times

Word that two chrome mining plants—the Krome corporation's operations in the Seven Devils country and the Reynolds plant near Bandon (not yet announced but expected)—are to close and with them the Metal Reserves refining plant near Coaledo, is distressful to southwestern Oregon. While it accompanies news of similar closings by the war production board in producing strategic metals elsewhere and follows the opening of the Mediterranean and the South Atlantic to imports from South Africa and Turkey, it was to be hoped that the government would continue its chrome operations until the quality of ore here was thoroughly known and methods of its refinement adequately explored and understood.

As things now stand, unless Oregon's congressional delegation can obtain a reversal of WPB policy, thousands of tons of chrome sand will be stockpiled, unprocessed, at the Coquille road plant and the full knowledge about chrome—which a continuation of the chrome operations here would guarantee—will be missing. Certainly at least another six months' operation to perfect the chrome process and complete the experiment started less than two years ago, is warranted.

The chrome news has additional significance to us. Here is a matter which should promptly be seized upon by the chamber of commerce on Coos Bay for action in Washington. Instead, the situation probably will be bruited about by the separate chambers of commerce of North Bend and Marshfield and neither will act incisively enough or with sufficient power to accomplish the good results which by concentrated work brought Oregon an alumina clay plant. Here certainly is a project for the entire Coos Bay area to seize upon, not a narrow one redounding to the credit of either North Bend or Marshfield.

The chrome news also is indicative of the rapidly which can mark the close of strictly wartime operations once the going rings and federal retrenchment of war outlays begins. The time is already well at hand when post-war programs must be going farther than the talk stage and communities which do not have specific programs for work, together with blueprints and programs for financing them, will feel the pinch in the postwar readjustment period.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By PETER EDSON

Register-Guard Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON AND FOREIGN OIL

Two diametrically opposed ideas on the part government should play in post-war international big business are now coming down the track toward a head-on collision.

On the one hand is the old-fashioned idea that government should have no part in business. This view is supported to a degree by the Department of Justice anti-trust division theory that any kind of an international big business deal leading towards a monopoly is wicked per se, a restraint of trade, against the public interest, and therefore shouldn't be allowed.

On the other hand, there is the European cartel idea that these deals are okay, particularly if the government benefits from them or shares in them through government subsidiary corporations. European pre-war rubber and tin cartels are examples. The U. S. government has also shared in similar ventures through world wheat, coffee, wool and cotton stabilization agreements. Also, wartime monopolies are now exercised by the government-owned Rubber Reserve company, Defense Supplies corporation, Commodity Credit corporation and similar international procurement agencies. But they're mere chicken feed when compared to the much larger post-war applications of this theory to the control of international aviation and international oil.

Post-War Aviation Question

The international aviation thing has been considerably in the limelight. It hangs on the decision, apparently to be made in the State Department, whether post-war international aviation expansion shall be an economic free-for-all, with competing American companies scrambling for flying rights over various routes, or whether one "chosen instrument" company—either privately financed, publicly financed or a combination of the two—shall be given exclusive franchise under government control. The international oil thing is just now coming into the limelight. It is spotlighted by the recent disclosures on the army's Canol oil development project in Canada. The real center of this situation is in the still very hush-hush program of the Petroleum Reserves corporation, another government corporation which has apparently been given the job of arranging for the development of foreign oil concessions so that this oil can be made available to the United States to make up for diminishing American oil reserves, heavily drawn on by the war.

The stage now seems to be set for PRC to go places and do things. The first place it has gone is into Saudi Arabia, sending a geological-diplomatic mission to see what's cookin' on the desert oil stove. This comes as a follow-up on the recent visit to the U. S. of two Arabian princes—coincidental, of course.

Oil Men and Uncle Sam

Now in the old days, it was always the custom for the big oil companies to send their own missions to foreign countries to do business on oil rights. The big oil companies didn't want U. S. government interference in such business, and they yelled for government help only when some of the foreign governments got rambunctious and seized the American properties, as Mexico did in 1938.

That confiscation or expropriation or whatever you want to call it may have changed the picture for the oil companies' future point of view, in that it may have shown the advisability of having the government sit in as a partner on these foreign oil deals. If the foreign government then got funny and started expropriating, it wouldn't be bucking just an American corporation, but the American government. A battleship could be dispatched and the marines landed under such circumstances, to restore order—and property. Oh, there are a lot of lovely wars in the making in such a set-up.

As a matter of fact, the oil concessions in Saudi Arabia are already held on a long-term basis by an American company, the California-Arabian Standard Oil company, a joint subsidiary of the Texas company and Standard of California. Just what part the government's Petroleum Reserves corporation is to have in this is not yet announced, but PRC is definitely in international big business and is taking the government along with it, willy nilly. What comes of all this is something to keep your eyes on. And is this socialism, or capitalism?

Local Star Chapter Elects

By MARIAN LOWRY

THE 1944 officers for Blue River chapter, Order of Eastern Star, were named at the group's regular meeting, Friday evening.

Mrs. Fred L. Chandler is the new worthy matron, succeeding Mrs. Ralph A. Hope.

Others named for the new year include: Ross Glass, worthy patron; Mrs. Claude B. Swango, associate matron; Dan Stewart, associate patron; Mrs. Merton Folts, secretary; Mrs. Dan Boykin, treasurer; Mrs. Harry L. Neborgall, conductress; and Mrs. Clark Richards, associate conductress.

Installation will be held at the January meeting.

A special meeting of the chapter is called for December 28 for initiation.

MEETING POSTPONED

Orides Mothers' club announces that its meeting planned for Tuesday afternoon has been postponed until the regular one on the third Tuesday in January.

MEETING TUESDAY

Fourth division of the Catholic Altar society is meeting Tuesday afternoon, two o'clock, home of Mrs. George Lammers, 110 Fifteenth Avenue east, Mrs. George J. Wilhelm assisting.

TO MEET THURSDAY

SANTA CLARA—Santa Clara Women's club is to hold a Christmas party on Thursday of this week at the home of Mrs. E. G. Vogt. There will be a covered dish luncheon at twelve-thirty o'clock. There will be a gift exchange among members. A silver offering is to be taken for the children's farm home.

WEDDING REPORTED

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Joyce Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown of Eugene, to Private Ted E. Jones, West Virginia. Private Jones formerly lived at Coburg. He has been in the service for about a year and is a paratrooper.

A glass being perfected for the windshields of post-war autos contains no silica and neither rain nor snow will stick to its obscure vision.



WINTER WHITE

A New York creation with warmth and plenty of glamour for the holiday season—a winter white boucle bodice sparkles with sequin flowers and tops off a sheer, softly draped skirt of purple wool.

Official Visits at Local Lodge

MRS. Dorothy Eggleston of Seattle, associate grand regent of the college of regents, was an honored guest at the meeting of the Women of the Moose Friday evening, and gave a talk on lodge work. Mooseheart chapter night also was observed, and Charles Beitel talked upon Mooseheart, national home for orphans of Moose members.

A vocal duet was given by Sharon Winston and Josephine Chalmers, with accompaniment by Mrs. Jewel Mann.

Four new members were initiated, Mrs. Clyde Wygle, Mrs. Carl S. Johnson, Mrs. Joan Larsen, and Mrs. Connie M. Taylor. Mrs. George Ogle was admitted by transfer from the Klamath Falls lodge.

Theta Sigma Phi Pledges Three

Misses Jean Wallace and Anna Hegstrom, both seniors in journalism, and Miss Marjorie Ann Craven, junior in journalism, all from Portland, have been pledged to Theta Sigma Phi, women's national journalism honorary, it is announced by Miss JoAnne Nichols, Vernonia, president of the organization.

The women are chosen on the basis of grades and journalism activities. Formal pledging ceremonies will be held early in winter term.

TO MEET TUESDAY

Westside unit of the Women's Christian Temperance union will meet Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Ida Davis, 204 Madison. A Christmas program is planned.

The native home of the Devon breed of cattle is in southwestern England, in the counties of Devon and Somerset.

Junction Girl Wed Friday At Home

JUNCTION CITY—Mr. and Mrs. Wallace McKercher announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Pauline McKercher, to John Gunson, U. S. navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gunson of Santa Clara. The wedding was a candlelight ceremony held Friday evening at the home of the bride. Rev. W. B. Emphy officiating.

Miss Doris Gunson, sister of the bridegroom, accompanied the bride. Donald Good, U. S. navy, was best man.

Mrs. Merle Bogaard lighted the tapers and Miss Isaline Harpole played Mendelssohn's wedding march.

The bride wore a two-piece white wool dress and a corsage of orchids. Her only attendant wore a powder blue street dress and a corsage of gardenias.

The ceremony was performed before a large window banked with baskets of bronze chrysanthemums and tapers.

The bride's table was centered by bronze rosebuds and held a three-tiered wedding cake. Mrs. Donald Good, Eugene, cut the cake. Mrs. Merle Bogaard poured.

The couple left for a short wedding trip. Both are graduates of the Junction City high school, Class of '41.

Mrs. Gunson is employed at the Junction City U. S. National bank. Mr. Gunson is stationed at the University of Minnesota and left Monday for Minneapolis. Mrs. Gunson will remain here.

Three Elected To Asklepiads Posts

Elected to take office at the beginning of the winter quarter were three members of the Asklepiads, university pre-medical honorary, chosen in a meeting to replace officers for 1943 who plan to leave for medical school within the next few weeks.

New officers, as announced by Reed Gurney, Portland, this year's president of the group are: Dick Johns, Pendleton, president; vice-president, Jack Edwards, Portland; and secretary-treasurer, Ervin Fuziss, also of Portland.

CURTAINS CLEANED
Electric Cleaners—Ph. 300

Mrs. Koon Honored At Birthday Tea

JUNCTION CITY—Mrs. L. ence S. Moffitt entertained recently at her home on Floral Hill. Mrs. Ralph Koon, a former classmate, commemorating the birthday and a friendship of many years.

Guests spent the time in giving gifts for Mrs. Koon and enjoyed an afternoon of gay informality. Mrs. Moffitt presented the guest of honor with a bone china vase to add to her collection of imported pieces.

Refreshments were served by honor guest, and to Mrs. Koon. Mrs. Warren Empey, Mrs. Ralph Henderson, Mrs. Mary Wing, and the hostess, Mrs. Moffitt, were assisted by Mrs. Koon. Mrs. Koon's birthday was celebrated with a coffee service was the use of a large hand hammered copper one of several pieces wrought by Mr. Moffitt for use in their home.

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