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NO TIME FOR "WEARINESS"

In one of Ernie Pyle's excellent reports from the Italian battlefield the other day, there was a story which should correct some of our thinking on this Fourth War Loan drive which is about to begin.

Ernie Pyle went out to observe some Italian mule skinnners who were packing in supplies to an American outpost on a craggy mountain above San Vittore, an outpost held for two weeks by "skin of the teeth."

It was so foggy on the mountain that "guides" had been posted every few feet along the rocky trail to make sure the packers headed to the American line and not into the Nazis. Pyle writes:

"I discovered that these 'guides' were all American soldiers who had been up front in the thick of that battle for days and days. They had seen many of their comrades fall and others carried back down the mountain-side. They were haggard from lack of food and sleep. They had been relieved by a fresh outfit and had started back down the mountain when they were pressed into service as guides, and there they stayed on the cold mountainside another day and night. It was up to them because there just weren't any other guides to be had."

Well, when old Doc Comish and Johnny Snellstrom "hove into sight" with Fourth War Loan, the first impulse was to groan:

"Oh Lord, there's those men again!"

Lane county's quota this time is \$3,808,200—somewhat less than our Third War Loan quota of \$4,564,000 which we topped by \$1,500,000. The E-bond (small guy's bond) quota is same as before, \$1,676,200, but we topped that last time by better than \$100,000.

"T'won't be easy! But it's a job we've got to do to protect the boys up front. Sure, we're tired of war and war drives, but if any body wants to quit, he's haunted by that story of Ernie Pyles about the tired men, some of them wounded, all of them hungry and cold, staying out there on that mountain another day and night to guide the packers. Some of us who are sitting on "idle money" need some "hants."

Busy men have too much on their hands to be handling people with gloves.

Speaking of converting wood wastes, we have asked Herb Cox and his gang to see if they can find some use for political planks.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

DR. ERB
Corvallis Gazette-Times
No death in Oregon in many a year has brought such a sense of shock and loss to the people of the state as has the sudden tragic passing of President Donald Erb of the University of Oregon. He has grown steadily in the esteem of citizens everywhere since he assumed the presidency at the University five years ago at an age so young for such a position that many wondered.

Scores in Corvallis and on the Oregon State college staff who knew him personally and worked with him in higher educational matters customarily and frequently referred to him as a fine gentleman and a "square shooter." In matters of honest differences of educational policy, such as his successful fight to return degree work in science to the University, Dr. Erb was always given the compliment of being an honest and fair fighter, sincere in his advocacy of that which he believed had been promised him and his institution.

Dr. Erb's death is a blow to higher education as a whole as it is to the institution he headed. He and our own President Strand were personal friends and were on terms of professional understanding that were beginning to show results in the much desired better relationships between these two major institutions.

POSTWAR NECESSITIES

(The Roseburg News-Review)
Administrative bodies in Douglas county have taken some very definite forward steps recently toward organization for the postwar period and there is assurance of most desirable results in some of the proposals already made.

The Douglas county court has long been looking to the future and has been setting aside funds to handle some of the development problems with which the county will be faced. Douglas county, for instance, has an extensive road system, but our roads were built in the horse and buggy days. Road surfaces are too light. Hundreds of our bridges have load limits far too light for even the normal traffic they are required to bear. Under the heavy loads of logs and logging equipment our county roads and bridges are deteriorating rapidly. Widespread reconstruction of our road system will be necessitated just as soon as materials and manpower are available.

The county court has adopted the policy that the logging operators must share in the cost of construction, maintenance and repair of roads used by the industry and has been most successful in the application of its decision. Thus the taxpayers will be spared the necessity of shouldering all the expense. However, the development, with attendant increases in property values, justifies a considerable public share in the improvement program.

The Roseburg chamber of commerce recently changed its name to "Umpqua Valley chamber of commerce" in keeping with a policy of broadening its activities to embrace all of Douglas county. Suggestions have been presented proposing creation of a county-wide advisory committee, with representatives in all principal communities and including an industrial panel and representatives from the agricultural industry and organized labor. Thus there would be created, in effect, an organization capable of bringing united effort behind any important development within the scope of the chamber of commerce.

The Roseburg city council is taking the initiatives in all principal communities, and including in which would coordinate projects and eliminate danger of conflict and over-lapping. A closer cooperation between the city council and chamber of commerce is proposed for the coming year.

In fact, the suggestion has been made that the new chamber of commerce secretary, who will be installed the first of the year, be made a part-time city employee to assume a portion of the duties that

ordinarily would devolve upon a city manager. He would work as a supervisor in executing plans formed by the city council. Roseburg will soon need a city manager, but just now is in the transition stage. A part-time supervisor possibly could bridge the gap. The idea contains the germ of an important development.

School districts in many localities, particularly in those centers experiencing industrial expansion, are also contemplating with anxiety the outlook for the future. Schools in many districts already are inadequate. The board of directors in Roseburg, for instance, is considering reopening of the Riverside school, abandoned several years ago, because of lack of space in the existing buildings. New construction will be required in the very near future. Many new teachers must be employed. Administration costs will be increased. Operating expenses will be higher. School districts, like other taxing bodies, are subject to the six per cent budget limitation. This limitation applies to the amount of money to be raised by taxation, not the rate of the tax levy. Thus it probably will be necessary in the very near future for the Roseburg district, and others throughout the county, to increase their tax base. Legislative authority may be required.

These and other problems are creating considerable concern, and the officials heading the various organizations affected are to be commended for the sane and vigorous approach they are making to meet the postwar changes in conditions.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By PETER EDSON
Register-Guard Washington Correspondent

CENSUS BUREAU AS POLL TAKER
NINETEEN FORTY-FOUR being one of those years when the poll takers will be abroad in the land, sampling public opinion and thereby predicting who is going to be elected dog catcher where and by how much, it is worthy of note that the U. S. Bureau of Census has worked out some new wrinkles on straw balloting which have produced amazingly accurate results.

It should be made clear at the start that the Bureau of Census wasn't and still isn't interested in political prophesying, the work of the bureau being limited to strictly economic fact-finding. But the bureau used its new sampling technique so effectively in the recent survey of consumer requirements that it has set the private, and non-governmental poll takers like Crossley, Gallup, and Roper to studying the results to see if their own methods may not need some revision.

The possibility that changes in scientific sampling methods would have to be made from time to time has of course been admitted by the commercial poll taking organizations. The old Literary Digest poll was accurate up to 1936, when it missed completely. Gallup's organization was close in 1936 and 1940, but it was off in 1942.

Definite Improvement
The new Bureau of Census technique may not represent as much of a refinement over the Gallup method as Gallup was an improvement over the Literary Digest, but it is hailed as an improvement. The poll takers all get their results by gathering the opinions of only a limited number of people—from 3000 to 60,000. In the first instance, that's approximately one out every 43,000 people in the country. In the latter, it's one for every 2150. In neither case is it a big sample and that may explain why you never knew anyone who was asked for his opinion in a poll.

The trick of course, is to pick the right 3000 to 60,000 people for the poll so as to get a representative cross section of the population, correctly divided as to geographic areas, income levels, sex, occupation, age groups and other pre-determined classification corresponding to the total number of people to get exactly a true percentage of each classification corresponding to the total number of people of each classification in the entire population. Where the Literary Digest went wrong in 1936, of course, was that all of the two million straw votes it received were cast by people whose names were in phone books or owned automobiles.

"Cell" System Used

BUREAU OF CENSUS, for its recent poll on consumer requirements, went after the problem on a different basis from both these others. First, by running through its 1940 census returns, as corrected by all the intra-census studies it has made of population shifts since then, the bureau was able to select 66 areas or "cells" which were statistically representative of other similar areas in the United States. The determination was made as to location, population, division of rural and urban population, type of farming, and other occupation. Two counties representative of each of these areas were chosen. Then from the census listing of households in all of these counties, providing perhaps 10 times as many households as it was desired to survey, a random selection was made of every tenth household. The census enumerators were told to go to those specific addresses to ask their questions.

What the census poll came up with in the end was a list of roughly 4900 households out of the 36.5 million households in the country, or approximately one for every 7400 families.

Unfortunately they weren't permitted to ask their 4900 sample families who was going to be the next president.

OLIVE BARBER'S OBSERVATIONS

TOWN VS. COUNTRY
Jane wishes to continue to live in town. David, her husband, wants to move to the country. I've heard the arguments on both sides. Jane says that at great sacrifice, the parents of both gave them a college education; an education they themselves had been denied. Having given their children this advantage over themselves, they expected those children to maintain a higher standard of living than they had maintained. Wanted them to have the companionship of cultured and intelligent people and to live surrounded by the comforts of modern conveniences. Much of this would be impossible, said Jane, if they moved to the farm.

She says going to the country to live would be reverting to the very way of life their parents had prepared them to leave. Too, they owe it to their son and daughters to have easy access to others of their kind. "It would be different," says Jane, "if we were uneducated and without intellectual tastes."

David appears badgered but determined. They won't be so cut off from the world as all that, for there is a good road to the farm he wishes to move to. Besides, he stubbornly adds, it's what he wants to do.

Now I realize it's their own problem and there are good arguments for both sides. But what I objected to was Jane's statement, "It would be different if we were uneducated and without intellectual tastes." I think it would be different to the extent that if they were that way, they'd have more need to live in town.

For town living means constant stimulus from the outside. Those with a paucity of mental resources have need of this. But living in the country means that one must, much of the time, fall back on inner resources. How fortunate, then, for one who has a wealth of these to have the privacy of country living in which to cultivate their mental crop, as it were. For too much idle chatter can choke real thinking as surely as ever weeds choked a crop of corn.

To a dullard, farming is just hard work, back ache and loneliness. But to one with even average intelligence, the country is a laboratory equipped for all sorts of experimenting and research. And with uninterrupted periods to do it in.

Nor do I feel sorry for young people who have to live in the country. They may, it's true, miss some of the social adjustability which constant contact with others gives, but they will do some independent thinking and learn resourcefulness.

Country living is not a limited way of life, fit only for the illiterate and unintelligent. Rather is it a storehouse of great riches, the key to which lies in the hands of the trained and the intelligent. The more trained and intelligent they are, the more keys they have with which to unlock more of the unending doors to further and greater riches.

League Resumes Schedule

By MARIAN LOWRY
WELFARE League members resumed their activities following the holidays at their monthly meeting held Friday.

The surgical dressings classes conducted for the membership are meeting each Monday and Thursday afternoon at Roosevelt school, one o'clock.

Reports were given on December work at the Friday meeting. The League took over the responsibility of collecting the gifts for the Camp Adair hospital, a project carried through under the auspices of the Lane county chapter, American Red Cross.

The report showed that 1359 wrapped gifts were delivered to the hospital, as well as seventy-six new victrola records, and seven musical instruments; and that a sum of \$336.50 had been spent for gifts, this money being raised by the League and many cooperating groups throughout the county.

HERE AT SCHOOL

Mrs. David Knox, who has been in Florida with Lieutenant Knox, has returned to Eugene and has re-entered the University of Oregon for work. Lieutenant Knox is now at Camp Blanding, Florida. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Knox of Eugene, and Mrs. Knox, who is the former Phyllis Gray, is the daughter of Mrs. A. R. Gray of Eugene.

GETS ORDERS

Private Fontelle Mitchell Evans of the marine corps women's reserve has received orders to report for training. She will train for Camp Lejeune, New River, N. C., in time to arrive there January 26.

WEDDING ANNOUNCED

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Blanche Pokorny to Emil H. Sutherland, USN, son of Mrs. Gladys Cunningham of Eugene. The ceremony took place at Millard Congregational church in Chicago, Ill., Dec. 22. Following a leave, Sutherland returned to active duty aboard a submarine. The bride will remain in Chicago.

MEETING CALLED OFF

The meeting of the F. L. club for Monday evening has been called off until next month.

MEETING POSTPONED

The meeting of the fourth division, Catholic Allar society, planned for Tuesday has been postponed.

AID ELECTIONS

Bethesda Lutheran Ladies Aid society has elected officers as follows: Mrs. Hans Nielsen, president; Mrs. Nick Bertelsen, vice-presi-

Beeson to Give Talk about Veterans

Post-war widespread unemployment among returning veterans will give the agitators and the demagogues an opportunity to promote the same tactics which Hitler employed to lead the German people into fascism, according to the warning sounded by Commander Ross Beeson of Wilamette Post No. 293, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U. S., with the announcement that his organization is already making plans to assist the speedy rehabilitation of those who are discharged from the armed forces after the victory.

"The veterans' ideas on this subject will be fully explained in the 38th of the series of 'Speak Up For Democracy' talks which will be broadcast over Station KORE at 5:30 p. m. Tuesday by Commander Beeson."

According to Beeson the potential evils of post-war unemployment among veterans can be eradicated if steps are taken to help those who are discharged to become independent and self-supporting as quickly as possible. He says:

"No disabled veteran should be discharged until all arrangements have been completed for his hospitalization or the payment of any compensation to which he may be entitled. These men should not be forced to turn to charitable organizations for help when they get back to their home communities."

"For those who come home in good physical condition, arrangements must be made to provide them with employment as soon as they are ready to go to work. We must guard against the danger that all available jobs will be absorbed, before these men come back, by the workers who are released from war production plants no longer in operation."

The "Speak Up For Democracy" address to be broadcast by Beeson represents a feature being sponsored by the national organization in cooperation with local units. Speakers on the same subject will be heard from coast to coast through the facilities of 475 radio stations which carry the "Speak Up For Democracy" program on the 11th day of each month.

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Douglas Caven Is Wed in Nevada

Announcement has been received here of the marriage of Miss Frances Mary Pluge of Chicago to James Douglas Caven, formerly of Eugene. The wedding was an event of Dec. 26 at the home of the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Caven, Reno, Nevada, the ceremony being at noon with Rev. F. H. Busher of the First Methodist church officiating.

Mr. Caven, now an instructor at the naval training station at the Utah State Agricultural college, Logan, Utah, was graduated from Eugene high and attended the University of Oregon, being prominent in football at both schools.

At the wedding, Miss Edith Caven, sister of the bridegroom, and Henry Hoffman of San Leandro, Calif., his brother-in-law, attended the couple.

The bride wore white brocade satin and with the dress a double veil of net with matching headpiece arranged with orange blossoms, and for her flowers carried a shower of gardenias and bouvardia. Miss Caven wore peach brocade and carried pink bouvardia.

A reception followed the wedding.

Following a trip to San Francisco, the couple went to Logan to make their home for the present.

dent; Mrs. Marius Andersen, treasurer; Mrs. Andrew Larsen, assistant secretary-treasurer. The flower committee for January is Mrs. Carl Petersen, Mrs. Herman Hansen and Mrs. Ingward Olson.

SEWING CLUB

Meeting of the sewing club of the Women of the Moose Monday evening has been changed from the home of Mrs. Cora Parker to that of Mrs. Rosa Wood, at 532 Lincoln, because of illness in the former's household.

OFFICERS INSTALLED

Officers installed at a recent meeting of the Local Star of America, auxiliary to the Railway Carmen, are as follows: president, Mrs. J. Neely; vice-president, Mrs. C. Cross; recording secretary, Mrs. J. Garret; financial secretary, Mrs. H. Herbranson; treasurer, Mrs. J. Smith; marshal, Mrs. J. Baker; sentinel, Mrs. A. Ezell; w. den, Mrs. R. Martens. The February meeting will be a potluck dinner.

TO BE GUEST

Mrs. W. J. Leinweber, wife of the superintendent of Mooseheart, will be guest of honor at the meeting of the Women of Moose, Friday evening at the Moose hall.

Spanish War Vets Install Officers

Officers of General Lawton camp No. 10 of the United Spanish War Veterans were installed Sunday afternoon, following a dinner served by the members of the auxiliary. The ceremonies took place at K. of P. hall, Judd Stauffer, past department commander, acting as installing officer.

The officers for 1944 are as follows: Commander C. L. Curtis; senior vice-commander, Eugene L. Parker; junior vice-commander, Charles S. Watson; adjutant, Horace Burnett; quartermaster, Ben H. Strobel; chaplain, Thomas C. Hall; trustee, Arthur White; officer of the day, Harvey N. Veach; officer of the guard, Herbert C. Saunders; patriotic instructor, David H. Mitchell; historian, R. E. Peerce; sergeant-major, A. B. Anderson; quartermaster-sergeant, Fred Schwietering; senior color sergeant, Henry J. Tunis; junior color sergeant, O. E. Coll; senior color guard, Noah Heltterbrand; junior color sergeant, Marion A. Kelley; musician, C. B. Maxfield.

'Who Heard Homer?' Is Address Topic

Dr. Frederick M. Combellaek, assistant professor of Latin and Greek, will give a public address on "Who Heard Homer?" at 7:30 Thursday evening, January 13, in 107 Willard hall on the campus. This is the third of the university lecture series and the public is invited.

Dr. R. H. Ernst, professor of English and chairman of the lecture series, in making the announcement, said Dr. Combellaek is one of the outstanding scholars on the campus. He has just finished a year's work at Harvard university, where he held a Guggenheim fellowship. A graduate of Stanford, he received his doctor of philosophy degree from the University of California in 1936, and has been at Oregon since 1937.

President Thomas Jefferson bought the Louisiana territory from France for \$15,000,000 without authorization from congress.

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AAUW Hears Views on Education

MEMBERS of the American Association of University Women, Eugene branch, were given a look ahead at the education of tomorrow by two speakers, Dr. J. F. Cramer, superintendent of Eugene schools, and Dr. Frederick M. Hunter, chancellor of higher education, Saturday afternoon at Gerlinger hall.

Dr. Cramer, who spoke first, said that education in the future will place greater emphasis on the individual, that visual education will play a larger part in the learning process due to the success of this method by the army, and that recreation will be regarded as a part of education.

"The new high school in Eugene should become more of a community center than ever before," declared Dr. Cramer. He stressed that its facilities should be widely used by all age groups, and every day and every evening, and to combine the high school library and city library would be very desirable in rendering better service to everyone. Dr. Hunter predicted that the new high school would serve as a pattern for the entire west.

"The goal in secondary education," said Dr. Cramer, "is to have all the educable persons between the ages of fourteen and eighteen in high school. In Eugene, we have ninety-two percent, but for the nation as a whole, the percentage is not much over 60."

Dr. Hunter, in his talk, emphasized that in planning for education, internationally, there must be a revival and perpetuation of the concept of liberty, and that the fruitage of the war must be a willingness to assume responsibility for the welfare of other nations.

In planning for education in America, Dr. Hunter asserted that we need an affirmation of the liberal arts college since it is the core of our democracy, that we must make use of the widening horizon of truth as revealed in science, and that we must see that our best leadership is adequately trained.

Dr. Hunter stressed the need for federal aid to the states and felt that such educational aid must be given without federal control. Mrs. E. H. Lund, legislative chairman, reported that AAUW was supporting the Ramspeck bill to provide federal aid to states on the basis of their need, and urged members to support the bill.

The contribution that the AAUW fellowships are making to education and research by helping outstanding women scholars to continue their studies was brought out by Mrs. Alfred L. Lomax, fellowship chairman. She reported that the group has thus far raised fifty-eight dollars in gifts from members in support of the fellowship program.

\$1000 Bond Gift to University Shown

One of the most recent gifts to the University of Oregon is a \$1000 treasury bond from Dr. Ian Campbell, professor of geology at California Institute of Technology and his sister, Flora Campbell (Mrs. George H.) Houck of Los Angeles.

Consent in a previous announcement made it appear that the gift had been made by their aunt, Mrs. Flora Campbell MacDonald, deceased, in her will. Actually the money, left to Dr. Campbell and Mrs. Houck, was donated by them personally to the university, with the suggestion that it might be used for the purchase of books for the library.

Dr. Campbell, whose home was in Eugene, is a graduate of the university with the class of 1922 and his sister was graduated in 1923.

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Condon's P-TA To Meet Tuesday

Condon P-TA is meeting Tuesday evening, seven-thirty o'clock, at the school building.

Dr. P. A. Killgallon of the University of Oregon school of education faculty is to talk on "Trends in Elementary Education." Special music will be by the Condon choros, directed by Mrs. Robert Gravos. Refreshments will be served by members of the two fourth grade rooms.

Star Meets

CRESWELL — New officers were in their places at the regular meeting of the Eastern Star chapter Thursday evening. The following who were not present at the joint installation were installed: Mrs. H. H. Dersham as Martha, Mrs. Harold Clark as Esther, and Miss Alleene Spencer as musician. Plans were made for the next regular meeting Jan. 20. Mrs. Hazel Foster, associate grand matron, will make her official visit and will also conduct a school of instruction during the afternoon beginning at two o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Mortensen served refreshments at Thursday's meeting.

Wedding Reported

JUNCTION CITY—Of interest to her friends and pupils in Junction City, is the marriage of Miss Lois Arlene Fleischmann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Fleischmann of McMinnville, to Gordon C. McNeilly, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Samuel McNeilly of Utica, Ill. The wedding was held December 26 in the first Baptist church of McMinnville.

The bride taught in the Junction City grade school for two years. Preceding the wedding ceremony, Miss June Kelso of Junction City, a former pupil, played a violin solo.

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