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COMMUNITY ROOSEVELT'S MESSAGES

It helps in the understanding of President Roosevelt's message on the state of the nation, which was highly political, to study it in connection with the budget message, forecast for Friday, which sticks to the practical.

In the "state of the nation" message, the most conspicuous political items are:

- 1. Proposal to conscript labor to prevent strikes for the duration. 2. The 8-point so-called "bill of rights" promising happiness, prosperity and security to everybody when the war is over.

It is a strange combination, but it translates into a platform on which Mr. Roosevelt can run for his fourth term. The labor conscription idea goes with the recent declaration that "Mr. New Deal is out and from now on we have Mr. Win-the-War." Also it is probably figured that Mr. R.'s "get tough" demand may put Congress behind the eight ball, since Congress has been doing a lot of squawking about administration bungling of labor matters.

If it becomes necessary to adopt any such un-American and un-democratic procedure as labor conscription, it will be Mr. Roosevelt's own fault for playing politics with labor and wage controls from the very beginning. The "separate peace" which Mr. Roosevelt made with John L. Lewis and his miners was only the last of a series of acts which destroyed authority of WLB, and undermined the constructive accomplishments of that very large section of labor which was cooperating in the effort to establish orderly and disciplined procedures.

The so-called "bill of rights" is the purest political hokum! It reminds us of the silver haired quack who was declaiming one night in a city council on the subject of cheaper street car fares:

"I favor higher wages for the workers, bigger dividends for the stockholders, and lower car fares and better service for all the pee-pul."

The farmer, the worker, and the business man may chuckle together over this effort to write personal success into a bill of rights because everyone knows that no matter how far we may go toward guaranteeing FAIR PLAY for every citizen:

"There is always work for the fool killer." In the budget message, Mr. Roosevelt gets down to cases on the more practical problems of winning the war and preparing for the struggles of peace. This war is not won. Germany may surrender before 1944 is finished. Japan may yield in 1945, but that is only a hope. We face these very dangerous facts:

- National Debt—170 billion now; will be close to 258 billion if the war goes through 1945. War Expenses—100 billion a year. Other Expenses—10 billion a year, of which we require more than 4 billion for interest and payments on present debt. Operating Deficit—59 billion a year.

Therefore the President puts it up to Congress to quit stalling on the pending tax bill which has so far added only a little more than 2 billion to current revenue where at least 10 billion is needed to reduce borrowing and check inflationary trends.

In the budget message the President reaffirms his demands for "realistic tax laws," continued renegotiation of war contracts to hold down outlay and control profits, reenactment of the economic stabilization law which is due to run out June 30, and a heavier program of social security insurance (instead of the proposed "freeze") because:

- 1. Already more than 1,000,000 men have been discharged from service and are creating huge compensation problems. 2. Reconversion of industry must begin long before we finish the job in Asia, and we may face "severe employment problems while still fighting a major war."

The beginnings of peace will bring to this nation what Mr. Roosevelt calls a long struggle against "economic chaos."

The budget message fortunately is a much sounder document than the one on the "state of the nation." In it the President himself is much more "realistic" than is his wont—if not apprehensive of the fantastic governmental structure which he himself has built.

We are with Mr. Roosevelt all the way on "taxing till it hurts" and trying to "pay while we fight." We would go further. Instead of industry having to beg to set up cash reserves for post-war, it should be required to do so, investing such reserves in War Bonds till time comes to reconvert.

We depart from Mr. R. on the philosophy which makes "govment" a sort of "ministering angel" for war or peace. Government is our servant, not our keeper. It exists not to protect us from all ill but to guard our simple rights. There will be much which only federal government can do and must do for the demobilized fighter or worker, but we believe:

"Reconstruction must begin in each home and in each home town and in each citizen's heart."

We are living in an era of world-wide

social revolution of which the war is only one phase, and no man, not even the President of the United States, can promise that anybody can be secure, no matter what Government may try to do. The American citizen may have to look sharp and fight hard to preserve even his original Bill of Rights (on which even Mr. R. cannot improve.)

We see the future as a CHALLENGE to citizenship in which Mr. Roosevelt's glib promise of "the life of Riley" is untimely and out of place. The post-war will bring continued sacrifice to pay for war and past mistakes, continued struggles to make sure that no man trespasses on any other man, no class on any other class, and above all that Govment does not become the master in our house.

Realism should begin now—for war or peace.

CLINTON EDWARD STEWART

Till now, when he is gone, we never knew he was Clinton Edward Stewart because he was just Clint Stewart to all of us in Lane county, pioneer orchardist, county fruit inspector, and not so much an officer-of-law as a friend and counsellor to everybody. He made his more than 80 years of living a sound job of Americanism.

When Clint retired from active duty a few years ago, you may recall there was a big public dinner in his honor—well, not a big dinner as those things go, because "big" might imply a vast assembly and a lot of high flown oratory by a lot of Big Name people.

This was an affair to which about 100 people came because they wanted to, mostly old friends and neighbors of Clint's, the whole tribe of Harlows and Chases and others who had been associated in the early days of the cannery. There weren't any set speeches, but there was a good deal of good natured "ribbing," and Clint got even with some of 'em. For instance he related how he once had to "pinch Frank Chase for not spraying his apples."

It was a gathering which told more than you can find in the histories about how this community grew and why it is the kind of place it is. Clint Stewart, the farmer, and the friend of farmers and all decent people, had a big part in it. We could not now improve on that demonstration of affection and respect.

The orchards of Lane county will bloom when the spring comes and the whole valley will take on loveliness. They are symbols of a wealth beyond measure. And they are, in a sense, this man's monument.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By PETER EDSON Register-Guard Washington Correspondent

THIS WILL TAX YOUR PATIENCE

So they were going to make this tax-paying business simple. So the pay-as-you-go tax plan was going to make everything easy. So they went ahead, and as matters stand now, calculating your federal taxes for 1944 couldn't be much worse than if they had set out to make it difficult in the first place.

The best advice that can be given under these circumstances is to start figuring your income taxes just as soon as you can after recovering from your New Year's hangover. Test yourself first on addition and subtraction, then throw in a few problems of multiplication and decimals to make sure you're ready for the task, because this year you have to figure percentages. And you can bet your last penny that the lines forming around the income tax collectors' desks next March 15 will be longer and madder and more muddled than they have ever been.

To begin with, this year you'll have to fill out two (2) different forms covering your income for three (3) different years. It is not nice to ruin your holiday season with this bad news, but you might as well know what's ahead so you can prepare accordingly by (a) drowning your cares in a flagon of wartime woe or (b) staying cold sober so as to face with a clear head the ordeal ahead.

Balancing Your Tax Books The first of these forms, covering your anticipated income and Victory tax payments for 1944, is similar to the form you've used with last Sept. 15, estimating your income and your Victory and withholding taxes for 1943. From this estimate of income and taxes for 1944, you may find that the taxes to be withheld from your pay envelope in 1944 will be sufficient to meet your federal taxes for the year, in which case you will have to make no March 15 payment on your 1944 income. On the other hand, you may find you will have to pay something extra on March 15. Either way, you will have to bring this calculation into balance with what you owe the government or what the government will owe you on your 1942 and 1943 income taxes, which are calculated on the second form.

On this second form you must figure accurately the things you made estimates on last Sept. 15— income, taxes, expenses and deductions authorized by law—a regular March 15 income tax declaration, but covering the two years 1942 and 1943. It's necessary to figure it on a two-year basis because this is the first year in which the pay-as-you-go plan has been in effect and also because a part of your 1942 taxes were forgiven.

Before Jan. 31, your employer is supposed to furnish you with a statement of your exact earnings for 1943 and the amount of taxes he has withheld from your pay. As soon as you get these figures, you can get on with your chore, for which there will be the customary long form and short form. The long form 4s for use if your income is less than \$3000 a year.

"Simplification" Is Vexation The trouble is all with the tax law itself. In interests of simplification, the Treasury this year proposed integrating income and Victory taxes by dropping some nine million potential taxpayers from the rolls—almost entirely married people of the lowest income groups. The combined yield to the government from these nine million was estimated at \$300,000,000. Treasury would have made up this sum by dropping the 10 per cent earned income credit.

The House Ways and Means Committee, not liking this idea, brought forward a new "minimum tax" proposal which would have meant re-educating all the low income group of taxpayers and would have collected a mere \$181,000,000 from the nine million taxpayers in the lowest income group.

Then the Senate Finance Committee, unwilling to achieve real simplicity, defeated the minimum tax and retained the Victory tax in its present form. There matters stood as Congress went home for the Christmas holidays.

Committees Named For Girl Scouts

By MARIAN LOWRY STANDING committees for the year's work in the Eugene Girl Scouts council were named at the council meeting the past Tuesday evening at the home of the commissioner, Mrs. Arthur W. Prialux.

These appointments include the following: Public relations—Mrs. Robert Leeper, chairman; Miss R. Louise Fitch, Mrs. Dorothy Metzger, Mrs. William M. Tugman.

Troop organization: Mrs. F. L. Hyber, chairman; Mrs. M. H. Kendall, Mrs. V. M. Cameron, Mrs. L. D. Bryan, Mrs. Russell Fenn.

Program: Mrs. B. M. Williams, chairman; Mrs. Kenneth W. Moore, Mrs. Kenneth A. Wells. Training: Mrs. C. L. Schwering. Finance: Mrs. Austin Dodds. Camp: Miss Florence Alden, Mrs. C. F. Hyde. Office and staff: Mrs. Paul D. Green.

At the council meeting, Mrs. John W. Lewis was elected to membership in the group.

METHODIST CHURCH

Twentieth Century club of the First Methodist church held its monthly potluck dinner Wednesday evening at six-thirty o'clock. The committee serving consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gordinier, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Crakes, and Rev. and Mrs. Llewellyn O. Griffith. Plans were made for an all-church potluck dinner to be held February 9. Group singing was enjoyed. Miss Virgene Lindley playing accompaniments.

EAST DIVISION

Meeting of the East division of the Women's Christian Temperance union, set for Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Marie Surdam, was postponed because of inclement weather. No date was set for the next gathering.

CHURCH GROUP

Young Women's Foreign Missionary society of the Church of the Nazarene met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Harold Olson. Mission stations in South Africa were studied, the hostess and Mrs. W. H. Oldaker leading the lessons. Mrs. Oldaker presided at a business session. Members worked at Red Cross sewing during the evening. The meeting in February will be at the home of Miss Verda Muir.

MEETING TUESDAY

Mrs. F. A. Crafts was hostess to the West division of the Women's Christian Temperance union, Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Anna Richards led devotions, and there was a business session. Mrs. Anna Vincent has been appointed secretary, filling a vacancy. It was decided to make a study of parliamentary procedure, and also that each member should collect pertinent temperance information and report at meetings. Lighter refreshments for the duration of the war also were approved.

AUXILIARY EVENT

Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen met for seventhirty dessert Wednesday evening, with a business session following. Five dollars was voted from a special fund as a contribution to the "march of dimes" for the infantile paralysis fund. Two officers who were not present at installation, Mrs. James Smith, treasurer, and Mrs. S. L. Hebard, outer guard, were installed.

Junior Programs Show on Jan. 19

Junior Community Programs will offer the first performance of the 1943-44 season on Wednesday morning, Jan. 19, at the McDonald theater. They will present "Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp," a fanciful play out of the Arabian Nights entertainments, rich in color, elaborate costumes, music and dancing, and a large cast of players from Eugene high school. The magician, beautiful princess, Aladdin, the genii, the wizard, and many others will be seen.

This play is open to all school children of Eugene, from first grade through junior high school. Two morning performances will be given to accommodate the large audience expected. The production will be given under direction of Mrs. Bruce Nidever. Music throughout the play will be provided by Glen N. Griffith at the console organ.

All of the principal actors are members of the class in advanced drama. The art department and the industrial arts department have designed, built and painted the sets. The journalism department of Eugene high has also worked on the project.

This is the first of a series of performances planned especially for school children this year. The Junior Community Programs committee in charge of all the arrangements is as follows: Mrs. Robert D. Horn, chairman, Melvin Moore, executive secretary and representative of the principals' association; Mrs. Phil Nordling, secretary; Mrs. C. A. Horton, treasurer; Mrs. Dallas Dedrick, Mrs. Hal Young, Mrs. William M. Tugman, Miss Maude Garnett, Mrs. Ed G. Boehnke, Mrs. Veri Hoover, Mrs. Bruce Nidever, Erwin Joulis, Wilbur H. Dutton.

NEST "GROWING"

One species of Brazilian ant builds carthen nests in trees and sows seeds therein so the plants can hold the earth together.

Miss Ross Takes Over Office as Head of Rebekahs

WHEN Miss Ruple Ross was installed as noble grand of the Eugene Rebekah lodge Tuesday evening, in a joint installation ceremony of both Rebekahs and Odd Fellows, three of the installing grand officers gathered for the ceremony were her father and two brothers. Wives and families of the brothers also were present for the installation, and as a surprise, brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Singleton of Gerber, Calif., arrived, making a reunion of her entire family in her honor.

Approximately one hundred and fifty members and friends were present to witness the joint rites. Installing officers included J. W. Maxwell, district deputy grand master; Mrs. Harry Schrenk, district deputy president; Miss Myrtle Porter and Paul Bishop, grand marshals; Mrs. Harry Osburn and Bart Flanigan, grand wardens; Mrs. Willa Wray and Harold Ross, grand secretaries; Mrs. Charles E. Williamson and Leland Ross, grand treasurers; Mrs. Charles Croson and E. H. Ross, grand chaplains.

Rebekah officers installed were: Miss Ruple Ross, noble grand; Mrs. George Mast, vice grand; Mrs. Cora Olson, recording secretary; Miss Eva Worden, financial secretary; Mrs. Clarin Parkerson, treasurer; Miss Helen Abrahamson, warden; Mrs. Loree Ridgeway, chaplain; Mrs. George Simon, musician; Miss Myrtle Porter, right support noble grand; Mrs. Olive Whitmore, left support noble grand; Miss Nellie Barker, inside guardian; Mrs. Ella Bray, outside guardian; Miss Adaline Volkstorff, right support vice grand; Mrs. Robert Bennett, left support vice grand.

The past noble grand jewel was presented to Miss Ruth Murrha by Miss Myrtle Porter. Refreshments were served in the dining room after the lodge meeting. Mrs. T. A. Gutman heading the committee.

Dance for Youth Group on Friday

First in the series of dances planned for high school and junior high school age young people, sponsored by the Junior chamber of commerce, will be held Friday evening, Eugene hotel, eight-thirty until eleven-thirty o'clock. Herschel Davis' orchestra is to play.

The young people themselves are arranging for the decorations, refreshments, and features of the dance. Sponsors for the dance from the Junior chamber and their wives include Mr. and Mrs. Robert Broderick, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Duke, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Crooch, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Nash.

All young people in the high school and junior high group are invited, a small admission being charged.

Initiation Held For Six Members

Eagle auxiliary held initiation ceremonies for eight new members Tuesday evening. Those initiated were Mrs. Fred Cook, Mrs. Fred Welch, Mrs. William A. Guley, Mrs. Rex Bonney, Mrs. Claudia Lutzenheiser, Mrs. Melvin St. Clair, Mrs. Frank Nye and Mrs. John Cerkoney.

Plans were made for the birthday party to be held January 25, celebrating the anniversary of the order. The Cottage Grove auxiliary will attend the festivities, and the visiting drill team will assist.

Brigadiers Named For War Loan

BRIGADIERS for the women's division in the residential sections of Eugene for the fourth war loan have been announced.

Those working under Mrs. Virgil Parker on the west side are Mrs. Ralph C. Crow, Mrs. Ford Danner, Mrs. Elmer Geiger, Mrs. Harry M. Lichty, Mrs. W. L. Hoadley, Mrs. George Turner.

The east side brigadiers, Mrs. J. H. Beck as chairman, are Mrs. R. F. Richards, Mrs. A. Morris, Mrs. C. F. Hyde, Mrs. Lawrence W. Manerud, Mrs. W. J. Cloyes, Mrs. O. F. Stafford.

Other groups will be announced as lined up for the campaign. The women's division starts on the first day of the drive, the same time as do the men's committees and other groups working on the drive.

Rainbows Plan For Installation

Evangeline assembly, No. 8, Order of Rainbow for Girls, will hold its annual installation ceremonies on Saturday evening, Jan. 15, downtown Masonic temple. Officers to be installed are headed by Miss Nonda Johnson as worthy adviser, she succeeding Miss Emily Rhodes in the office. Initiation was held recently for the following girls: Misses June Carlisle, Patricia Rae Miller, Lois Williams, Marilyn Nicholls, Shirley Hubbard, Gloria Johnson, Nolda Winters, Norma Van Osdol, Sally Moore, Colleen Bryan, Joan Bickman, Patricia Lou Dodge, Mary Jean Porter, Marion Fuson, Rosemary Beatty, Joanna Frydenlud.

Anniversary Is Observed at Party

Pythian Sunshine Girls observed their first anniversary Tuesday evening, at a party which followed the regular meeting. Initiation was held during the meeting for Misses Lois Ann Helikson and Jean Maxon. Places were set for 25 at the party table, an individual birthday cake with one candle marking each place.

Next meeting will be a penny potluck dinner to raise funds, and the committee to have charge will consist of Miss Dorothy Speck, Miss Barbara Drago and Miss Lois Farnsworth. Two counselors from the Pythian Sisters, Mrs. Edith Myers and Miss Nellie Moore, will assist.

SEA WITHIN SEA

The Sargasso sea, a great revolving mass of seaweed in the Atlantic ocean, covers an area almost as large as continental United States.

A few timely drops HELP PREVENT MANY COLDS

from developing Put a few drops of Va-tro-nol up each nostril at the very first sniffle or sneeze. Its quick action aids Nature's defenses against colds. Follow VICKS directions in folder. VA-TRO-NOL

Chin-Chin TISH-U-TEX \$3.98 Brand-new edition of our famous "Sunburst" beret... specially designed to flatter pert, young faces. Made with a hand-crocheted, pure wool headband in matching color. "Chin-Chin" is the perfect mate for favorite tweeds and casual clothes. And the classic style, wearable at many different angles, is becoming to all types of faces. "Chin-Chin" comes in eighteen glowing Tish-U-Text colors and the headsize is adjustable for perfect fit. Hermanek's Formerly Beard's 870 Willamette

This Home-Mixed Cough Relief Is Hard To Beat Very Easy to Make. No Cooking. Saves Big Money. No matter what you've been using for coughs due to colds, you'll be the first to admit that this surprising relief, made in your own kitchen, can't be surpassed for real results. Make a syrup by stirring 2 cups of granulated sugar and one cup of water a few moments, until dissolved. No cooking is needed—a child could do it. Or you can use corn syrup or liquid honey, instead of sugar syrup. Then put 2 1/2 ounces of Pinex (obtained from any drugist) into a pint bottle, and add your syrup. This gives you a full pint of really amazing cough relief—about four times as much for your money. Tastes fine—children love it—and it never spoils. You can feel this home mixture taking right hold of a cough. It loosens the phlegm, soothes the irritated membranes and helps clear the air passages. Eases soreness and difficult breathing, and let's you sleep. Once tried, you'll swear by it. Pinex is a special compound of proven ingredients, in concentrated form, a most reliable soothing agent for throat and bronchial membranes. Just try it, and if not satisfied, your money will be refunded.

Condon P-TA Condon P-TA announces that its annual carnival for the school is set for February 4. The unit held its regular meeting this week, Dr. P. A. Killgallon of the university school of faculty speaking to the Music was given by the children. Announcement made that the recreation will start next Monday. Junior's young dream Spring Freshets - shemagigan - rayon bengaline - navy cocoa - smoke blue and black - sizes 9 to 15 \$7.95 The rosy Spring a two-piece - miss rayon crepe navy only - sizes 9 to 15 Clearance Sale of Suits, Coats, Dresses CONTINUES ALL THIS WEEK A TIME TO SAVE! See the Window Displays! "TRIBUTE TO THE UNCONQUERABLES" A Prelude to the 4th War Loan! The BROADWAY wearing apparel - dry goods 20 and 30 East Broadway