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ELECTRIC HEAT FOR HOUSES

Reports from Vancouver, Wash., indicate that J. H. McLaughlin, a housing authority engineer, has had considerable success with electricity for house heating by the use of "absorbent rock" in the heating unit. The report is of special interest because we have often heard J. W. McArthur, manager of the Eugene Water Board, suggest such a process.

McLaughlin has built a sort of insulated chest about 5 feet high, a little over 3 feet wide at one end and a little less than 2 feet at the other. In this chest he has installed electrical heating units, set to operate only during the "off peak" hours of normal electrical demand. The heating units build up intense heat in the rocks. When needed this heat is drawn off through ordinary hot air heat ducts.

Claim is that by this process a house could be heated at about \$35 a season for an ordinary 2-bedroom dwelling. If that figure stands up, electricity for heating becomes a competitor of coal, oil, and even for wood, sawdust and other local fuels.

Down in Western Lane we have vast quantities of a sandstone which seems to have excellent heating qualities. At least it has been used in the open air fireplaces and hot water storage tanks in Honeyman park with much success. Some local experiments with rock heating might be worth the effort.

Electrical heating is not new but the problem has always been cost. Much of the equipment has been costly, and its power demand has been excessive. Many Eugeneans may not be aware of the fact that for some years our city hall has been heated electrically—as part of a Water Board experiment in heating devices—but development has never reached commercial stage.

Some years ago an apartment house was constructed on East Fourteenth avenue with all-electric heating, but the housing units were very small, and the method was not considered practical for an ordinary home with its heavy "in and out" traffic.

When the war is over and the big war industries shut down there is going to be a tremendous surplus of power in the Northwest, what with Bonneville, Grand Coulee and other developments, and it is almost certain that electrical house heating will come into its own. It is possible that materials for heat storage and release will be developed which will be superior to rock (though we certainly have no end of rock). Furthermore, what with the developments in wood chemistry we are beginning to realize that wood is "too precious to burn."

It will be a great day for Junior when we turn to electrical heat:

"Junior, throw the heat switch!"

What a change from:

"Junior, get busy on that sawdust pile!"

Maybe it will not be good for Junior. But it will save a lot of wear and tear on the Old Man's nerves—and voice.

FOR FUTURE PROTECTION

Congressman James W. Wadsworth of New York recently spoke some wise words which, though addressed to a group of generals and admirals, apply more directly to the general taxpaying public. They deserve to be passed along.

Mr. Wadsworth was pleading that this country avoid its past mistakes and maintain an adequate armed force after the end of the war. We have gone into each of our major wars woefully ill-prepared and yet, as Mr. Wadsworth points out, after each conflict we have argued ourselves into thinking that we need only a "flimsy skeleton of a national defense structure."

Our reasons have not been entirely optimistic or pacifistic. Mr. Wadsworth explains it thus: "Whenever the American people grow restive under a tax burden they are apt to turn and starve their own military service."

The congressman knows whereof he speaks. He saw it happen in the twenties when, as senator from New York, he was chairman of the Senate Committee on Military Relations. And he admits that there will be plenty of temptation to repeat the process when this war is over. Such things as the interest on a staggering national debt and billions in expenditures for returned soldiers will bring unprecedented peacetime taxes.

It is obvious now that we paid a price for unpreparedness, in the months following Pearl Harbor, that brought us perilously close to disaster. It is obvious that we cannot afford to pay such a price again. We may be inclined to forget these things later when danger seems to have abated and high taxes continue.

Yet we had better face the fact that the

defeat of Germany and Japan will not mean the end of danger. Fascism is a cancerous growth which, once started, spreads rapidly and reappears unpredictably unless it is checked. (For proof we have only to look to South America, where Fascism is waxing as it wanes in Europe.) It is a disease that requires surgery, not palliatives.

It will be well if we all impress ourselves now with the certainty that if we want world peace, we shall need the strength to enforce it. Whatever it costs to keep up that strength, it will be cheaper than another Pearl Harbor.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By PETER EDSON
 (Register-Guard Washington Correspondent)

OUR NEW NAVY! WHOOPEE!

The almost unbelievable and utterly fantastic increase in numbers of ships, and the increased size, strength and efficiency of each type battleship, carrier, cruiser, destroyer, escort vessel, landing craft and auxiliary in the U. S. Navy has just been revealed to a group of Washington correspondents visiting a few of the eastern Navy and ship yards at the invitation of Secretary James V. Forrestal.

How much of this new striking force will be in action in this war is an open question. But the mere fact that the Navy now seems fit to lift the lid on what its research and building program have been is evidence that some of the new ships are even now in action against the enemy. And in total impact, effect of these disclosures is to reveal to the world that any aggressor nation may well think twice before starting any World War III.

Begin with battleships: News of the six Iowa-class 45,000 tonners has already been announced, showing them to be the most formidable ships afloat. Their 880-foot length should be compared to the 750-foot length of the four South Dakota class ships now in service. On the tremendous gun decks of the Iowa class ships are more than 125 anti-aircraft guns, topped by 20 five-inch guns and nine 16-inch guns in triple turrets. For observation, these ships carry three catapult-launch planes and every known device for fire control and communication. Their crews—more than 2500 officers and men; their cost—more than \$100,000,000 for the hull alone, exclusive of equipment.

Cruiser Now A "Battleship"
 More dramatic, perhaps, than these big battleships is a new class of cruiser, the first of which have been named for the U. S. territories Alaska, Guam, and Hawaii. They are 27,000-ton ships, 750 feet in length, mount nine 12-inch guns as main armament, capable of about 35 knots—faster than most speedboats.

These super-cruisers have been designed to knock the spoils off any pocket battleship of the Tirpitz class built by Germany. The first was built by the New York Shipbuilding Yards, Camden, N. J.

Aircraft carrier developments are no less sensational. Under construction at the New York Navy Yard is the first of a new type 45,000-ton carrier—largest ship in naval history—intended to carry the Navy's new twin-engine planes, larger and of longer range than any other carrier-borne aircraft now in service.

There is a new 220-ton super-destroyer that is almost a dream ship, better than many World War I cruisers in firepower and speed.

What destroyers were in the last war, what the old four-stackers traded to the British for Atlantic island bases are in this war—is now surpassed by the most modern destroyer escort vessels. These lowly DE's now carry three-inch guns, torpedo tubes and anti-aircraft guns as well as depth charges. They are built now at 1300 tons, as compared to the 1200-ton destroyer of the last war.

All Grow Up A Notch
 All up and down the shipyards this tendency of adding armament, armor, firepower and range is noteworthy. Every class of weapon has assumed the characteristics of the class that used to be above it.

Advances in landing craft show this in marked degree. The new LSM, or Landing Ship, Medium seen at the Federal Yards at Kearny is no longer an auxiliary vessel, but a 300-foot ocean-going ship, capable of carrying light and medium tanks and gun mounts, armed with 20-mm. anti-aircraft guns to fight its way right up to the beach.

Bigger than these and for later waves of an invasion are the new AKA ships—Attack Cargo Auxiliaries—that can bring in heavy tanks and a complete little expeditionary force of their own. And for transport of troops by the thousand there are the new AP ships, Auxiliary Personnel vessels like the General M. C. Meigs seen at Kearny—a luxury transport with an X-ray equipped operating room and a mechanical cow to provide fresh milk to drink and for ice cream for the troops sailing to war in style.

From every angle it looks like a whale of a new navy.

OLIVE BARBER'S OBSERVATIONS

FROM A LETTER

We say the world is a small place. Well it seemed much larger than I wished it were as I read a letter but recently received. For I wanted to take right off and have a visit with the writer. Yet how to trot across two states, get my visiting done and be back in time for an afternoon appointment I couldn't figure out.

"In May, 1887, when I was a boy of twelve and a half," so ran the letter, "a Canadian paper my parents were taking reprinted a poem written by a newspaperman in India; one R. Kipling. The poem had first appeared in the Delhi Mail.

"Close by, while I was reading it, was a man watering a yoke of oxen at the well. This was in southern Kansas. The man was 'breaking' a tract of prairie. He wished it would rain, he said, but it was looking like a dry summer. My eyes fell to the poem: 'By the well where the bullocks go, silent and blind and slow. By plains where the young corn dies in the glare of tropic skies.' I was just a boy yet I saw Kipling might have been writing about the bearded Civil War veteran pumping water for his oxen.

"My father came up and said to the man, 'This day 23 years ago in '64 our spring wheat was in and waiting for a spring shower to start its sprouting.' 'The man looked up and said, 'You remember that? Well here's what I remember: 23 years ago today I was lying with four Rebel bullets in me on the Bloody Angle of Spottsylvania.' Then looking down at me he asked, 'What's the news, Tommy?' 'Not much,' I replied; 'Everybody in Canada is hanging out flags for Queen Victoria having been 30 years on the job.' 'Well, let her keep it; she might do worse,' he said and returned to his plowing.

"But the plowman settled the share more deep in the grudging clod," ran the poem. And boy though I was, it came to me that Victoria's world might be far away yet in a part of her kingdom. India, life was following the same pattern it was right here in Kansas—oxen plowing, grain waiting for rain. They were in the same boat, so to speak, though neither was 'eating at the Captain's table,' Kansas and India being what they were."

Other memories, had the writer, some of which I'll tell you another time. Still more, I'd receive and pass on to you were the world smaller; small enough for me to trot across two states and get back before lunch.

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By MARIAN LOWRY

OPEN HOUSE EVENT

PLANNED BY LOE

First of the summer series of meetings for the Ladies of the Elks will come at the next meeting, Thursday, July 6. There will be a covered dish luncheon followed by cards, members inviting guests.

Mrs. R. L. Moon will have charge of the luncheon, and Mrs. W. C. Walling and Mrs. Harry McAdams will be hostesses at cards.

The group held its regular semi-monthly card party Thursday. Four tables of contract were in play, Mrs. W. R. Hall and Mrs. A. R. Curtis winning the honors.

Five tables of auction bridge were played, Mrs. F. L. Poindexter, Mrs. McAdams, and Mrs. Laura Harris winning the prizes.

FROM PORTLAND

Mrs. Gertrude Doty of Portland has been spending the week with her sister, Mrs. R. D. Arnold.

GUILD EVENT

Evening Service Guild of Congregational church met Monday evening in the cottage behind Skinner Butte for a picnic.

Twelve members and three guests were present. Mrs. Paul was welcomed as a new member. The group voted to buy a fifty dollar war bond. Plans for the next meeting to be held in July will be announced later.

CHURCH CLUB

Twentieth Century club of the Methodist church met Wednesday in the church dining room for a covered dish dinner. Members voted upon a picnic to be held at Skinner Butte park, August 20.

F. McDaniel was named head of the committee in charge. A social hour was enjoyed after the dinner.

PLAN PICNIC

The Auxiliary of the B. of R. T. held its regular meeting Wednesday, at the Knights of Pythias hall. Plans were made for a family picnic, July 16, at Swimmer's Delight to which the B. of R. T. No. 314, 286 and 628 are invited.

There will be no social meeting next month it was decided. Mrs. Charles Sanders, pianist, resigned, and Mrs. Harry McAdams was elected in her place.

HOLD OPEN HOUSE

Mrs. Roy Carlton and Mrs. Charles Anderson were hostesses at an open house Wednesday afternoon at their homes on Alder street, asking Garden club members and friends to view their rose gardens, now in full bloom.

Friends were invited to call between two-thirty and five o'clock.

RETURN FROM MEDFORD

Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Inman have returned from a visit with their daughter Mrs. C. C. Hunt in Medford.

DEXTER NOTES

DEXTER. — The Zion Sunday school will hold a picnic after church on Sunday morning in honor of Father's day. The community is invited.

Mrs. Will Cruzan formerly of Dexter visited Sunday with old friends of this community.

Lawrence Hunsaker and Dickie Bagert have gone to work for the forest service for the summer.

SKEIE REAPPOINTED

Governor Earl Snell today reappointed O. L. Skeie, Eugene, to a five-year term on the state board of watchmaking examiners.

The average price of wine in England in the twelfth century was a penny a gallon.

SUV AND AUXILIARY

MEET AT DINNER

Visitors in attendance at the dinner given by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, No. 17, and auxiliary, Monday evening in the I.O.O.F. dining room, were Mrs. W. L. Aldridge, wife of Cpl. Walter L. Aldridge, who is stationed in New Guinea, and Mrs. Jack Sheetz, wife of Jack Sheetz, who is superintendent of the plant of the Lockheed company at Bakersfield, Calif. Little John Rogers Sheetz, the 14 months old son of this couple, had a prominent place at the table. Mr. Aldridge is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis B. Aldridge of Eugene, while Mrs. Sheetz is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert E. Rogers of this city.

Following the dinner, the Sons of Union Veterans proceeded to the rite of initiation during which three candidates received instruction in inner workings of the organization, in a form new to the Eugene members. This form will be used at the session to be held on Monday, Oct. 9, when the youngest applicant for membership in Oregon to this group will receive his degree.

During the three months vacation generally observed by the Sons, a new feature will be used. It consists of three potluck picnic dinners, the first of which will be held at six-thirty on the evening of Monday, July 10, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Daventport, 212 High street. The members of the auxiliary will look after the dinner, and stunts will be on the program.

MISS ROSENDALL

ENLISTS IN WAVES

Adding to her outstanding war time service record by taking on the fulltime war job as a member of the WAVES, Miss Mary Louise Rosendall, 570 River road, Eugene, has enlisted in this women's service of the U. S. navy, it is announced by Chief William E. Bell, recruiter-in-charge of the Eugene U. S. navy recruiting station, which handles WAVES applications in this area.

Miss Rosendall has been active as a member of the Oregon Women's Ambulance corps, has completed her advanced Red Cross first aid course, has been active in Luther League and Rainbow Girls.

She attended Eugene high school, where she was president of Science club, and a member of Glee club and girls' athletic association. She also attended University high school for two years previously.

Miss Rosendall is a member of the Bethesda Lutheran church, Eugene. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Rosendall, Eugene.

KINGS DAUGHTERS

Kings Daughters of the United Lutheran church met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Wendell Sandall. Dr. Frank S. Beistel had devotions and gave a demonstration and talk on altar decorations. Plans were made for an ice cream social in July.

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Four From Lane in O.S.C. Graduation

Eugene and vicinity are represented by four members of the 1944 spring graduating class at the Oregon State college. These will receive their degrees at the 75th annual graduating exercises Saturday, June 17. Both the baccalaureate service at 4 o'clock and commencement at 8 o'clock will be broadcast over KOAC.

Total number of graduates for the year is 398 compared with 607 a year ago. The reduction is caused by war conditions which have reduced the male portion of the student body to 291, mostly freshmen below draft age.

Those receiving degrees at the spring exercises, the third "section" of the 75th commencement, total 227. Previous exercises were held in December and March this year.

Graduate degrees are greatly reduced in number, there being only one doctor of philosophy degree

and 17 masters and professional degrees. No honorary degrees being conferred this year. Bachelors of arts to 11 and bachelors of science to 10.

Graduates from Eugene: Henry G. Rieck, Jr., major in science in chemical engineering; Montale F. Sigman, BS in economics, and Betty J. Smith in science. Montale is represented by Marjorie C. Winslow, major in education.

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 1. For this cause I, Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,
 2. If ye have heard not of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you—ward:
 3. How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; Ephesians 3:1-3
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