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COAST CITIES' FIRE DEFENCE
Over on the Oregon coast in Douglas and Coos counties, they have worked out a plan of "AREA FIRE PROTECTION" which we might do well to study here in the valley. Through their Firemen's Association, they have worked out a plan whereby they not only assist each other with bad fires but "cover" each other on the territory where companies have been pulled out of normal position. The Coos Bay Times gives this description:

A sample of the close-knit unity among the southwestern Oregon departments, which now comprise the Firemen's Association, was the run of the Reedsport department at 3 o'clock Thursday morning to help the Gardiner fire department, while North Bend sped to Reedsport to backstop for that community in an emergency. The Umpqua coastguard fireboat held the Gardiner flames from sweeping the town until the Reedsport crew swung into action. Perfect organization; perfect coordination.

Marshfield, too, can well boast of its own volunteer fire department which, under Chief U. E. Richter, has not only gained statewide recognition but has held the Marshfield fire loss to a minimum. In spite of the north winds that are a constant menace to our firemen, they have succeeded in checking every blaze within the city this year with little damage and no destruction of adjoining buildings.

The assistance that the coastguard with its fireboats, and the Coos Forest Fire Patrol are giving, is of inestimable value to the Coos Bay area, particularly in the face of the deadly fire season that is now approaching in southwestern Oregon.

Here in the Eugene-Springfield area our hazards may not be so great as they are on the windy coast but the problem of all-round protection is more difficult. Chief Billy Nussbaum tells us that for many years we have had assistance understandings with Springfield, Creswell, Cottage Grove, Junction City, and in recent years many suburban areas have been paying for Eugene or Springfield service.

But we have no Coast Guard fireboats which can haul up to help us out, and our smaller cities, so far, have only very small fire departments, with very little equipment. The distances are difficult. It is obvious that the center of fire defence must be the Eugene fire department, and although Eugene has considerable equipment, it has been very short of men to man its engines. Says the Chief:

"If we get an emergency call from any of the neighboring towns, we go right away, and we call in our relief crew to man the equipment left behind. We are getting a few more men now, but it is not an easy problem."

One of the problems which the Central Lane Planning Council needs to discuss soon is the development of a more adequate fire protection for the whole area. With that goes the problem of area water supply, indispensable to fire fighting.

In these days of motorized equipment, a city does not need as many companies as in the old days of horse-drawn equipment. A good outfit can cover a three to five mile radius in a few minutes. But it is obvious that both Eugene and Springfield departments need building up, and careful studies may reveal that we shall soon need another station, perhaps in the Bethel-River Road area. All through the area we are short of "reserve" to cover emergencies which could arise.

What are the answers? They can be found if we get together and work together. Over on the Coast, they are doing just that. They are setting a fine example.

OAKRIDGE BUILDS ITS RESERVE
On Wednesday, the people of Oakridge will go to the polls (8 a. m. to 8 p. m. at their city hall) to vote on 12 mills of special post-war levies—6 mills for street lighting; 4 mills to improve streets; 2 mills for a public library. There is every reason to believe the people of Oakridge will approve these levies because there are so many reasons why they should:

It is good common sense to build up reserves in good business years for lean years which will come.
Oakridge is a very small city and a relatively new city but it has every reason to expect a prosperous future, what with its railroad shops, its sawmills, and its "gateway position" on the main road and rail lines through the Cascade.

vote of 2 mills for post-war roads the aggregate here is 15 mills for post-war. In Oakridge the aggregate will be 14 with the county's 2 mills. All over the state of Oregon, cities, counties and school districts have been falling into line so fast it is not possible to get a complete tabulation.

Cash financing saves taxes in the long run. Planning ahead also saves money, especially where the aim is to make cities better and not just bigger. There are many problems to be worked out before we can say that we know all we need to know about SOUND PRACTICE in public finance, but in Oregon we are making a good start.

After the brand of government the French have had for the past few years, anything will be an improvement.

Toes feel much better when allowed to roam at large, but the barefoot boy is the only one smart enough to do anything about it.

WASHINGTON LETTER
By PETER EDSON
(Register-Guard Washington Correspondent)

OWI—MAY IT REST IN PEACE
Invasion of Europe found the Office of War Information achieving its absolute nadir of usefulness to the domestic press and radio. OWI Director Elmer Davis held a press conference on D-Day morning, but like a lot of other civilian officials in Washington, he didn't have anything important to say, too. And later in the day OWI admitted that it wasn't doing much broadcasting overseas because it figured the people in Fortress Europe would be too busy to listen.

OWI's overseas division may have a big job ahead of it in propagandizing Europe and psychologically softening up Germany for the kill. It has been given a flock of money to do this job in the next fiscal year. But right now, with the invasion at its most crucial point, the outfit could not appear more futile.

This drift into uselessness has been going on gradually, like creeping paralysis. A year or so ago, director Davis tried a series of weekly press conferences to review the war and answer questions. They produced nothing and were discontinued.

Then when editor Palmer Hoyt of the Portland Oregonian was made director of OWI's Domestic News Service, things got hot. Mr. Hoyt came in on the principle that OWI should make the Army and Navy give out more news or quit. He made progress. The daily news meetings in Elmer Davis' office with representatives of the Army and Navy public relations departments frequently became stormy sessions and lasted an hour or more.

Navy Hurried Tarawa News
How much news OWI actually forced Army and Navy to give out was never disclosed, but there was a nice fight over forcing release of the story on the Nazis' sneak raid on Bari, Italy, which the Army held up a couple of weeks, and the Navy actually outdid itself in getting fast coverage on Tarawa.

For his liaison man with Army and Navy, Hoyt picked George Lyon, former Buffalo and New York City editor, who gave a good account of himself, though he sometimes made the Army and Navy press officers pretty peeved. Lyon was finally sent to England to help make arrangements for U. S. newsmen assigned to cover the invasion. On the clipper after Lyon departed, the Army sent its Col. F. V. Fitzgerald to the same place with a similar assignment. "Fitz" had been the best and almost the only Army spokesman on military operations and he and Lyon used to tangle frequently.

With Palmer Hoyt's return to his job and Lyon's departure, OWI settled down to a humdrum operation on war news. Maj.-Gen. Alexander D. Surlis, head of Army public relations, began coming less frequently to Davis' news meetings, sending a subordinate, Capt. Leland P. Lovette, head of Navy public relations did likewise.

Looks Like Army-Navy Victory
Army and Navy, giving every outward sign of co-operating to the fullest with OWI, appeared to have won the argument and were running their own shows about as they pleased.

The payoff came recently when correspondents assigned to the War and Navy Departments, getting a little fed up with War Department run-arounds on special requests, decided to take matters into their own hands. Forming an association, they presented demand that a competent Army spokesman be appointed to succeed Colonel Fitzgerald and be available at all times to provide background and tactical information on the then-forthcoming invasion. Army complied with the assignment of Brig.-Gen. John Magruder to this post. It is from his twice-daily briefing sessions with the correspondents assigned to The Pentagon that much of the information is given for the interpretive invasion articles you now receive out of Washington.

The interesting detail about this is that none of the correspondents even thought about taking their troubles to OWI. It had become that dead.

OLIVE BARBER'S OBSERVATIONS
UNDERSTANDING PEOPLE
Seen and heard in the hotel lobby: A sailor and a girl were facing each other, yet I noticed that instead of looking into her eyes, the sailor looked instead at first her left ear ring and then her right one. I saw her ear rings were tiny mirrors. Maybe this was her way of finding out whether her boy friends would rather watch her or themselves. A big swaggering man, nattily tailored and groomed to within an inch of his life, kept telling of the party he was going to that night. The drinks they'd have at that party! And the blondes! Plus brunettes and redheads!

He kept dashing into the phone booth, alternately bellowing and pleading for long distance to get him Walla Walla. Then he'd come out and sit a while and tell some more about the bang-up time he'd have at the party. This buck and forth business went on for some time. There were periods when I thought his language must surely melt the mouth piece of the phone. But when he finally did get Walla Walla, I wondered it didn't melt with tenderness, so lovingly did he speak into it.

SOCIETY. WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By MARIAN LOWRY

WACS TO ASSIST IN BOND SALE HERE

The personnel at the local army recruiting office, including four Wacs, will take over the sale of war bonds at the booth in the McDonald theater throughout the current fifth war bond drive, this booth to be the only agency open at night for sale of bonds. Lt. Barbara Smith, Lt. Wilma Thomas, Cpl. Dorothy Howard, and Cpl. Fanny Cox will be the four Wacs selling the bonds, assisted by Pvt. Quentin Geyer of the army.

POSTPONE PICNIC

College Crest Neighborhood club has postponed its picnic until the weather settles. Further announcement will be made later.

GUESTS HERE

Guests this week at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Michel and at the home of Mrs. Michel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Chidlaw, include Mrs. Ida Has-kins, sister of Mr. Chidlaw, of Sabastopol, Calif., Mrs. Louise Jackson of San Carlos, Calif., Kenneth Chidlaw of Claremont, Calif., and Mrs. Grace Chidlaw of Rochester, N. Y.

PICNIC PLANNED

Boy Scouts Mothers of troop No. 101 are arranging an outdoor picnic meeting for Thursday at the home of Mrs. D. L. Warren, 715 Sixteenth Avenue east.

CLUB ENTERTAINED

Mrs. H. L. Dille was hostess to the Corsair club for Red Cross sewing this week. Those attending were Mrs. C. W. Funderburg, Mrs. W. R. Christensen, Mrs. R. J. Burley, Mrs. Dorothy Burley, Mrs. J. A. Morrison, Mrs. W. F. Palmer, Mrs. Ginny Stevenson, and the hostess. Mrs. Funderburg will entertain the group on June 28.

MISS SEABERG IS HOSTESS AT PARTY

Miss Lorraine Seaberg was hostess at a lawn party given at her home Saturday evening. The yard was decorated with electric lights and colored streamers. Dinner was served to the following: Misses Barbara Bennett, Pat Dodge, Janice Finley, Dorothy Herbranson, Joan Jackson, Bobbie Lloyd, Helen McGillicuddy, Phyllis Marks, and Lloyd Albright, Bob Buchanan, Dale Kurlman, Arch Lambert, Jack Carlson, Harold McIntyre, Bob Silvis, Frank Powell and the hostess. An evening of dancing in the back yard was enjoyed.

Changes Made by OPA In Service Rulings

CHICAGO—(P)—Two changes governing issuance of war ration book No. 4 to members of the armed forces were announced here by the regional OPA.

One provides that service men who do not receive, or are not authorized to receive meals at general mess and who eat most meals at home may obtain ration book No. 4, the one used in all food rationing programs. Previously these men had to apply each month for special ration currency.

The other change provides that service men need not present ration book No. 3 in applying for book No. 4. The OPA said this revision was made because only shoe stamps in book No. 3 are in use at present and members of the services use purchase certificates instead of shoe stamps in buying new footwear.

Voting machines were first used in England.

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CLOTHING COLLECTED FOR RUSSIAN RELIEF

Lane county is having a drive the next few weeks to collect clothing for Russian war relief. The need is great and Soviet ships are now loading in the Portland harbor and will reach Russia in time for the clothing to be used in the cold winter months, reports the local committee. Everything wearable is needed, including shoes and garments of all kinds from baby clothes to things for adults.

The Unitarian Women's Alliance under the leadership of Mrs. Ralph C. Crow, has been doing fine work in Russian war relief and has opened a center to receive the clothing at Mrs. J. F. Walden's home, 761 Twelfth Avenue east, the committee states.

This group will be assisted in the clothing drive by members of the Eugene Fortnightly club. Mrs. E. V. Creed of Portland, executive secretary of Russian War Relief for the state, has been in Eugene organizing the work.

For further information, those interested may call Mrs. Crowe, 1997-W or Mrs. Clarence Chase, 73F3.

INNER CIRCLE DOES SEWING FOR RED CROSS

Ninety-eight Inner Circle of the auxiliary to United Spanish War veterans, met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Judd Stauffer, to sew for the Red Cross. The hostess served refreshments.

A social meeting, in form of a picnic at the cottage at Skinner Butte park, will be held by the auxiliary next Monday evening. The committee consists of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hart, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Purvis, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schwietering and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Saunders.

C. L. AID

Central Lutheran Ladies Aid society met recently at the home of Mrs. James Hought, at Mon-roee. There was a large attendance for the day. Mrs. A. C. Jordan gave a reading, "Covetousness," and the hostess served refreshments after the business meeting and program.

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 29, at the home of Mrs. Albert Johnson, Junction City. Members will meet on that day at the church, at noon, for transportation. Dinner will be served at Mrs. Johnson's home at one o'clock.

NAVY MOTHERS

Navy Mothers sewing club will meet Wednesday at two o'clock, at the home of Mrs. William Stansfield, 1272 Willamette.

Pulp And Paper Plant Wage Pact Signed

PORTLAND, Ore., June 20.—(P)—A 1944-45 wage agreement covering 15,000 employees of 33 pulp and paper plants in Oregon, Washington and California has been overwhelmingly approved by the workers, a vote tabulation here revealed today.

The contract, which will give night shift workers an increase of two and one-half cents an hour if approved by the war labor board, was drawn here last week by representatives of the Pacific Coast Association of Pulp and Paper Manufacturers, the International Brotherhood of Paper Makers and the International Brotherhood of Pulp Sulphite and Paper Mill workers.

Users Urged to Buy Winter Fuel Now

PORTLAND, June 19.—(U.P.)—Government proposals to major industries in the northwest region to convert furnace units from oil to coal will result in a large drain on coal supplies during the coming year, A. B. Wolfe, chief conversion engineer for the petroleum administration for war, said here.

Domestic fuel consumers were advised to order their supplies for the coming year immediately.

Wolfe said the government program was adopted to free 5,000,000 barrels of residual fuel oil for military purposes.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS TO BE SHOW FEATURES

Summer flowers in arrangements for indoors as well as outdoor patio and tea tables will be displayed in the flower arrangement show to be staged by the Eugene Garden club at their clubhouse, this Saturday and Sunday, June 24 and 25. Mrs. Arthur Ruhndorf, chairman, announces that this show is planned for the week-end to take the place of recreations not now possible because of gasoline rationing.

The theme of this show, "Flowers for your Home" will be shown in table arrangements for summer entertaining, both indoors and out, vases in pairs, arrangements for mantels and consoles, and wall or bracket arrangements. Anyone is eligible to enter arrangements in any of these four sections for adult exhibitors. Ribbons will be awarded. Mrs. Ruhndorf will be assisted by Mrs. R. D. Busey and Mrs. R. L. Cooper.

There will also be a section for arrangements by children or juniors with prizes being offered for first, second and third place. Any child may enter an arrangement. Flowers to be used in these arrangements should be placed in deep water, for several hours, before the arrangements are made, to retain their freshness as long as possible.

A fine display of cacti in bloom, will also be shown. Anyone having such bloom is invited to exhibit, but no awards are to be given. There also will be an interesting hobby collection of unusual or antique plates belonging to members of the club.

Entries will be taken by Mrs. R. E. Buck, entry clerk, from nine to 12 o'clock Saturday morning. As judging will be done after lunch, no entries for judging can be accepted after twelve o'clock. Actual demonstrations of the making of flower arrangements will be given by Mrs. Fred Broders at three o'clock Saturday, and eight o'clock Saturday. At four o'clock, Sunday, Mrs. Broders will again give these demonstrations and talks.

The show is open to the public from two until ten o'clock Saturday and from two until eight o'clock Sunday. Cold drinks and cookies will be served during the show with Mrs. Clifford L. Constance, chairman, and new members in the club in charge.

CRONE-WALLACE WEDDING IN EUGENE

The marriage of Mrs. G. F. Wallace to L. W. Crone, both of Seaside, was solemnized here Saturday evening, eight o'clock, Oregon hotel. Mr. Crone is former executive secretary of the Oregon state council of carpenters. Mrs. Crone is the daughter of the late M. F. Van Buskirk, former editor and publisher of the Mutual Underwriter and the Fraternal Monitor of Rochester, N. Y.

Dr. Norman K. Tully of Central Presbyterian church officiated at the service, Saturday.

The bridal bouquet of pink and red roses was given by the state council of carpenters and was presented to the bride by Mr. White, the presiding executive secretary of the group.

D. E. Nickerson, executive secretary of the Oregon State Federation of Labor, was best man at the wedding and Mrs. Nickerson was matron of honor.

Mr. and Mrs. Crone will make their home in Seaside.

Manitoba was known as the Red River Settlement before it entered the Dominion of Canada in 1870.

Contract Logging Price Ceilings Set

WASHINGTON, June 20.—(P)—Maximum prices for contract logging services in western United States, effective June 24, will be established at the price paid Jan. 11, the OPA announced Monday.

The action applies to the area west of the 100th meridian, a line running north and south between North Dakota and Texas.

The frozen price, said OPA, is equivalent to current levels in most of the area covered.

Two other pricing methods, neither of which apply in western Washington and western Oregon where log prices are covered by a separate regulation, were set up for those not buying contract logging services Jan. 11.

1. If the buyer purchased the service prior to Jan. 11 his ceiling price is the price paid on the nearest date prior to Jan. 11.

2. If the buyer never purchased the service on or before Jan. 1 he may request the appropriate OPA regional office to establish a price for him.

ODT Advises Sympathy To Hold Auto Workers

WASHINGTON—(U.P.)—The office of defense transportation has urged garage and auto repair shop owners to be "sympathetic" toward their employees in order to hold them during the critical manpower shortage.

"The owner who studies the situation and takes steps to make the mechanics' job attractive will generally hold his men," ODT said. "New employees are particularly appreciative of consideration and interest on the part of their employers."

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Oregon Sailor Killed
WASHINGTON, June 19.—(P)—The death of Coxswain Homer Allen Myers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Gordon Myers, Center Point, Ore., was announced by the navy department today.

There are about 250 islands in the Fiji group, about 80 of which are inhabited.

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