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HOW "BIG" WILL EUGENE BE?

Several times in the last few days we have heard some enthusiasts declare that the future of Eugene is "unlimited". That word "unlimited" is one that needs some definition. We asked one enthusiast to give us his definition. He said:

"In a few years, Eugene will be a bigger city than Portland. It has everything, the lumber industry, the new wood chemical industry, agriculture, transportation, everything."

This sort of optimism simply refuses to face facts. Our timber resources have VERY DEFINITE LIMITS. Our wood chemical industry is completely new and untried and even that will be limited by the limits on our forest resources. The productive soils of the entire Willamette valley are DEFINITELY LIMITED—which is one of the reasons why it is so important to conserve them and use them intelligently. We have an abundance of cheap power, excellent transport by rail, highway and air—but we are not a seaport.

We asked another enthusiast to try to say just what he meant by "unlimited". He hedged a bit:

"Well, maybe 'unlimited' is too big a word, but I'll predict that we are ahead of Salem now and that Eugene will have 100,000 population by 1960."

This is still an overstatement. The Eugene-Springfield "urban area" already has more than 43,000 population, and the rate of increase since 1940 (under war stimulus) indicates we might have as much as 75,000 or 80,000 in this same "6-mile area" by 1960, but even that very conservative prediction, based on some few figures, might not hold up.

It certainly will not hold up if we squander our resources or permit them to be squandered, or if we permit promoters to go unchallenged in building up fantastic speculative booms, or if we fail to tell the truth to the many people who are coming here hopefully to find "a better place to live and work." It still takes a great deal of very hard work and real "know how" to make a steady living in this country.

The third man who spoke of Eugene's "unlimited future" was "one of those visionaries"—a school teacher. He said:

"I think we can develop the most intelligent and effective post-war program in the United States. If we just don't grow too fast. When I say this town's future is 'unlimited,' I am thinking of the character of the people and the chance we have here to set a sound pattern for American life."

Take your choice! New York and Chicago are very great cities, extremely interesting cities. They have done much to help "make" America, but they really haven't done much for themselves. A few get rich and become famous there; the graveyards are full of millions who "aren't missed." Many people are saying that those great cities have "reached their limits," must be both "reborn" and "re-built."

A girl ticket seller in New York said: "Eugene, Oregon! Ever since I was in school, I've wondered about that place, and ever since I've been on this job I've been hoping to sell a ticket to Eugene. What's it like?" And that's no fairy tale. It actually happened. It is not easy in three minutes to tell a New Yorker what "Eugene is like"—except that it has much that New Yorkers can only dream about.

Mayor Large says the trouble isn't high rents but just housing shortage, or something. Mayor, there is always a seat for you at the Buggy Ride.

Old Alum says the new president of the U. of O. must be a scholar, a diplomat, and a man of broad vision—enough to appreciate a good fullback when he sees 'im.

The nastiest pun of the week comes from Ajax McGurk who claims he "can't make head or tail out of the Hull-Dulles confabs" on peace policies.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

(Salem Statesman)

RECONVERSION
When the senate voted to substitute provisions of the George reconversion bill for the Murray-Kilgore bill it marked a definite reconversion for the senate itself. It indicated definitely that the senate was not going to open the treasury for the magnanimous paternalism provided in the latter measure, and that it was not going to centralize further the administration of social security measures such as unemployment compensation.

The battle over the Kilgore bill was sharp but decisive. The republican-democratic coalition had the votes and refused offers of compromise. The White House kept its hands off, and the combination headed by Senators George and Vandenberg succeeded in defeating the Murray-Kilgore proposals by amending that bill and inserting sections of the George bill.

Vital provisions of the Murray-Kilgore bill which were stricken included:

1. Allowances up to \$35 a week for unemployment compensation for veterans and all workers for a two-year term. Instead, present legislation stands: the GI bill of rights for veterans and state grants for unemployment compensation. The George bill covers workers in federal arsenals, etc., on the basis of state provisions, with the federal government footing the bill. Also it guarantees the solvency of state compensation funds.
2. Education grants with subsistence, for six months' vocational education.
3. Regional and industry advisory councils,

sought particularly by CIO; feared by management as giving labor unions a voice in deciding corporate policies.

On its face the Murray-Kilgore bill looked like a bald attempt to buy the electorate out of the federal treasury. It offered a definite encouragement to idleness, and was a wedge toward a vast paternalism for the postwar period. The George bill is a far more conservative approach to the problem.

READER EDITORIAL

FROM A MAN WHO HAS BEEN THERE

Eugene (To the Editor): Your editorial of this morning attempting to explain the inaccurate reporting of war news in the American press leads me to make a few comments.

A reading of the Allied communiques and the parallel news stories usually shows a wide discrepancy. The former is restrained and cautious; the latter flamboyant and unrestrained. With a few exceptions like Ernie Pyle, the war correspondents seem primarily concerned with getting off a story, startling if possible, and only secondarily with reporting factually. They are not hostile to the truth, but they are more concerned with other matters.

The Bougainville case, which you mentioned, is an excellent example. While the Marines were landing under heavy fire, taking their losses and going on to storm the Jap positions, a war correspondent flew over the beach in a Navy plane, and then back to Guadalcanal. Boats were being hit and sunk, Marines and Japs were being killed in heavy fighting. Spouts of water were rising all over the landing area from Jap bullets and shells. But this man in his plane was too high to see what was happening and had to depend on his imagination. So, back on Guadalcanal he filed a story, the first story on the Bougainville landing, to the effect that the Marines had landed unopposed and had the situation well in hand. He didn't even bother to wait till the military reports had come back to "Canal" to check to find if his own guess was correct. When, much later, accurate reports came back from Bougainville, filed by correspondents who went in with the troops, they were no longer "news." (Incidentally, of the two civilian reporters who landed with the troops and tried to report the assault in a conventional way, one subsequently was killed and the other was severely wounded and had to be evacuated.)

I think the Bougainville case is symbolic of the whole of the war reporting. In France at the present time the reporters continually file stories which are obviously fallacious to anyone with combat experience. For example, after the Germans unfortunately had made a skillful retreat from the Normandy pocket we were deluged by press and radio with stories to the effect that the Germans had fallen into an even worse trap. They were "trapped" by the Seine river at their backs, no less. Not by allied troops, but by a river, both banks of which were held by their own forces. The men who reported in this wholly misleading way must have known that our forces expected to be able to cross the river against enemy defenses, but they had the effrontery to mislead the American reader into believing that the Germans couldn't cross it while it was in friendly hands. Stories are now appearing to the effect that the Germans are cut off from Germany itself, when our forces are in front of them, not behind them.

No communiques from Supreme Allied Headquarters have made any such misleading claims. The army cannot be blamed for this gulfing of the American people. The responsibility is solely that of the representatives of the press. The allies are winning, and the Germans are being defeated. That is quite clear. But the illusion that the Germans are in such a hopeless fix that our forces advance through them at will is fostered not by the army, but by the civilian reporter. The army only censors that part of the news story which may give information or comfort to the enemy. Since these misleading stories do neither the military censor doesn't concern himself with them. The military communiques state the truth as far as the services know it. Any stories beyond that are a civilian responsibility.

This fallacious reporting is wholly unfair to our forces. It creates the impression that the battle is easy, that the Germans retire in disorder whenever our troops advance, that the war is as good as over. In reality the war continues bitter and bloody, and there is no ease for our men. The Germans still fight fiercely. The war in Europe may end soon, but until the last shot is fired it is a rugged war for every one of our men engaged in it. The reporters who intimate otherwise are observing from high over the battlefields in planes of their own imagination, and reporting as inaccurately the struggle and death beneath them as did that careless reporter at Bougainville.

Sincerely yours,
—HAROLD J. NOBLE.

OLIVE BARBER'S OBSERVATIONS

THE LAD OF 18

Even as the piling-laden truck turned over, I saw the boy atop the load leap into the canyon skirting the left side of the road. If I hadn't been in the car following the truck and hadn't seen the accident, I would not have believed it could happen so quickly. One second the truck was going along in the smoothest possible manner, the next and it had flipped over with a rending sound of smashing cab and grinding poles.

Frank's thought paralleled my own—we both cried out to the boy who had been standing erect on the load but who now went hurtling into the canyon below. And though my husband's first act was to rush to the cab-imprisoned driver, I made for the canyon, calling the boy's name. From the green depths came his reassuring cry, "I'm okay!"

I'd met the boy just a few hours before as he, with several other loggers, had eaten lunch about the camp table under the trees. Without being able to say, I'd instantly liked him. He was 18, he said, and shortly going into the marines. He was keyed to fever pitch in his anxiety to be off about the business of killing Japs. Eating hugely, he was scornful of my amazement at his eagerness to go out and get himself shot at. Plying his fork most energetically, he told me between bites how he felt about the matter and had the philosophy of all loggers, that he would die only when his time came.

Yet I'd heard it said this youngster had been in trouble at different times. There always is such a one in every neighborhood, one who, it is prophesied, will come to no good end. But now I brushed this aside. I remembered with what gallantry he had offered me his seat as we lollered after dinner, and though this seat had been only a box, he made the gesture with so fine a grace that the box became a fine chair. Later, he'd hunted for, and found, my purse among the rocks up the creek where I'd lost it on one of my rambles.

Then I'd watched him at work as the piling was being loaded; had pleasure in the flowing muscles under the brown skin of his torso for he worked stripped to the waist. There had been real beauty in the smooth coordination of that young body.

And often have I found that the so-called "bad ones" are the first on deck in case of trouble, resourceful, reliable. Also any mother will tell you that it is to her wayward son she goes rather than to one with an impeccable reputation when she's in trouble. And perhaps it is the "bad boys" in the Marines who will keep you and me a free people.

SOCIETY. WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By MARIAN LOWRY

MRS. STEVENSON GIVES PARTY FOR DAUGHTER

Mrs. Chester L. Stevenson entertained Saturday evening at her home at a party for her daughter, Mrs. Gail D. Elliott, honoring the latter on her birthday anniversary.

The group spent the evening in informal visiting, and refreshments were served. Mrs. Elliott gave a gift to the guest having a birthday nearest hers, Mrs. Rex Hamaker receiving the gift. Mrs. Walter O. Swan assisted Mrs. Stevenson in serving.

Attending the party were Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Thomas J. Fox, Mrs. Richard Miller, Mrs. Gordon Myrns, who is visiting from Toronto, Canada, Mrs. Leslie Whitehouse, Mrs. William Stevenson, Mrs. Herbert Jones, Mrs. Elyn Wilhelm, Mrs. Russell Carpenter (Dagmar Haugen), who returned recently to be in Eugene, Mrs. Rex Hamaker, Miss Euphemia Laramie, who has been visiting from Portland, Mrs. Swan, and Mrs. Stevenson.

POBANZ-WHEELER WEDDING RECENT EVENT

The marriage of Miss Dorothy Wheeler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wheeler, Springfield, to Sgt. Donald Pobanz was solemnized the evening of August 16 at eight o'clock in the Springfield Free Methodist church, rev. L. A. Belles officiating. A large group attended the service.

The ceremony was a candlelight one, Miss Lucille Wheeler, sister of the bride, and Miss Leona Belles, lighting the candles. For the music Miss Leona and Arda Belles sang a duet, "I Love You Truly," accompanied by Miss Mary Ann Neilson at the piano. Miss Neilson also played the wedding march.

The bride wore a dress of white tulle with a finger tip veil and carried a nosegay of gardenias and sweet peas. Miss Ruth Wheeler attended her sister as maid of honor and wore a floor length dress of aqua and for her flowers carried a nosegay of coral gladioluses.

Alvin McKeen of Eugene was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride following the service. Miss Beverly Cockerill, cousin of the bride, gave charge of the guest book. Serving the cake were Misses Lucille Wheeler, Beverly Cockerill, and Barbara White, and Mary Ann Neilson served the punch.

Sgt. Pobanz will return soon to his camp in Florida, the bride planning to remain in Springfield for the time being. He served many months in the Aleutians. His home is in Wisconsin. Mrs. Pobanz is a graduate of the Springfield high school.

GOLDEN WEDDING

A well known Lane county couple, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Vincent, observed their golden wedding anniversary on August 21. They were married in Eugene August 21, 1894, Mrs. Vincent being the former Alice Davis of this city. They have owned and operated the Redside camp ground for the past sixteen years. Previous to that Mr. Vincent was in business in Eugene for forty years.

SOCIAL CLUB

Social club of the auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans met recently at the home of Mrs. C. W. Gordon, with Mrs. Charles Smith as assistant hostess. Mrs. Mae Washburn spoke to the group of her native state, Montana. The next meeting place was not decided, but will be announced.

HERE FROM EAST

Mrs. Dwight A. Caswell and baby son are here from Washington, D. C., for a visit with Mrs. Caswell's mother, Mrs. Helen Rayburn.

NAVY MOTHERS

The Navy Mothers sewing group will meet Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. L. L. Kienle, 654 Washington street.

FROM WYOMING

Lt. and Mrs. Homer J. King and daughter, Donna Melinda, arrived Friday from Casper, Wyoming, to visit Mrs. King's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Boykin.

Lt. King has been in training at the army air base in Casper since last July. He will leave Eugene for Casper on Thursday and from there will go overseas. Mrs. King and daughter will remain in Eugene to make their home for the duration.

REV. MR. COOK FETED ON BIRTHDAY

An enjoyable gathering Sunday for a group of sixty-five was a picnic given by the McKenzie Bridge Christian church to honor Rev. F. L. Cook, pastor, on the occasion of his seventy-ninth birthday anniversary.

The picnic was held along the river in one of the recreation parks, following the church service.

Rev. Mr. Cook was given many remembrances and greetings of the day.

Twenty-one Eugene friends attended the event.

MRS. SAUNDERS NAMED BY STATE GROUP

Mrs. George Saunders, member of the Eugene Garden club, has been honored by being appointed bird chairman for the State Federation of Garden clubs, by Mrs. Harry Smith, state president.

Mrs. Saunders has made a hobby of bird study for a number of years and has had both poems and articles published. She has prepared outlines for any clubs interested in bird study which may be had upon request.

Mrs. Saunders resides in the Norkenize district.

VISITING HERE

Miss Kate Buchanan arrived at the week end from Hanford, Wash., to visit for a few days with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Buchanan, Sr. Miss Buchanan has two weeks vacation and part of the time will visit her sister, Mrs. Bernard Young, at Roseburg.

PLAN FOR POTLUCK

Ladies of the Orient and their families will gather for a potluck dinner next Sunday, September 3, one o'clock, Skinner Butte park. Mr. and Mrs. Vern Stewart being hosts, the day being their thirty-ninth wedding anniversary.

Highest Moose Honor Won by Eugene Man

The Pilgrim degree of merit, highest honor bestowed by the Loyal Order of the Moose, was given Lonnie Crawford of Eugene, past governor of the local Moose lodge, at Moosheart, Ill., on Sunday, Aug. 20. Crawford attended the national convention of Moose at Milwaukee, Wis., last week, and returned home Sunday. Only two other members of the local order have received this degree, W. E. Heinke and Charles Poole.

Non-Resident GI's Can't Sue For Divorce Here

PORTLAND, Aug. 29.—(AP)—A member of the armed services stationed in Oregon cannot sue for a divorce unless he was a resident of the state prior to induction, Presiding Circuit Judge Walter L. Toole ruled in the case of a navy man married in Ohio and inducted there.

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Prune Price Jump Announced by WFA

PORTLAND — (AP)—Increases of roughly \$30 per ton to growers have been announced as the support prices for this year's crop of west coast dried prunes, the war food administration office here said.

The prices will cover higher production costs and encourage the drying of sufficient quantities of prunes to meet all needs, according to the WFA. The quantity to be available to civilians will be resold in normal channels of trade at about the same price levels as during 1943.

The basic prices are expected to return to growers an average of \$215 per ton for three-district as compared with \$185 last year, \$210 per ton for "outside" district as compared with \$180 last year and \$225 per ton for the northwest as compared with \$195 per ton last year.

DAY To Meet Second And Fourth Fridays

Disabled American Veterans will meet the second and fourth Fridays of each month at the armory. It was announced today. All disabled veterans are invited to come to the meetings.

This month's new members are Robert Pale, Adrian Masingil,

Kirk W. Coover, John Howard J. Phillips, Clarence Men, Marvin Wood, Mike W. son, Rufus Bennett, David kend, John A. Grant, Ed Grigsby, Rian F. Longman, Ellie M. Williams.

Price Ceilings Status For Pulpwood Producers

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—Pulpwood producers for the month of the OPA today and Sept. 1, pulpwood producers for the western half of the United States will be under a general ceiling.

The action limits prices to their highest 1942 prices.

OPA said the move was principally to alleviate a serious local shortage of wood threatened to develop in communities in Oregon and Washington of sufficient volume.

Skins of ripe bananas are flecked with brown.

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who cling to them, but if you're for the

advance guard of fashion, do try these

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6.50

Fall Fashion Notes

eyes on gloves
for shorter sleeves

Dressy dresses with brief or bracelet sleeves call for an interest in gloves. We've exquisite new fabrics, kids, doeskins, white, black, brown, beiges.

Classic kids priced 3.50 Longer length fabrics 1.98

dressmaker bags for
softer suits

Even tailored suits are softer this fall... bags too. Witness the draped broadcloths, meltons, leathers, failles we have.



Soft goatskin bags 5.00

Pure wool broadcloth 5.00

costume jewelry
takes to elegance

Simulated jewels set beautifully as real ones, sterling silver plated in gold, earrings to complement every part of costume... our jewelry echoes the new mode.

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