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THE BATTLEFRONTS LOOK BETTER

Heartening is the news from all the major battlefronts this last week, and already both "experts" and public are reacting from the deep pessimism which followed the German plunge into Belgium just before Christmas. The "Belgian bulge" is being destroyed; the Russians have "contained" the German counter-drive above Budapest and started the big push in Poland which is expected to break through to East Prussia—and, while MacArthur has been invading Luzon, our navy has carried the attack clear across the China sea to the doors of Indo-China.

Definitely, these achievements signify that the United Nations have not lost their punch, the MOMENTUM which will carry through to Berlin and Tokyo. These things are evident from the events of the week:

1. Germany lacks the power to follow up even a temporary advantage on any front.
2. By our naval power, Japan can be severed from her vast loot in Malaya and the Dutch East Indies.

But, this does NOT mean that the war in either theatre is nearing conclusion. The best that can be said is that on both fronts it has entered a final phase. The duration will depend on our ability to "pour it on." That depends on SUPPORT AND SUPPLY, logistics, our ability to produce and lick distances.

To a small group, a high ranking navy officer confided this much the other day:

"In every theatre we are still VULNERABLE because of the enormous distances of our lines of supply and communication. We have done a great deal to overcome these problems by advancing our bases as fast as we have regained ground, but if there is any faltering we could get ourselves in a peck of trouble. On both fronts we have enemies who are tough and not dumb, and in many ways their defense problem gets simpler as our attack problems grow more complex. The war is NOT won yet."

In Germany the problem is still to smash through the strong barriers, both east and west, which the Germans have been building for years, to annihilate their armies, and this will be a very costly job. In the Orient, even if we gain the China coast and cut the Japanese off from the lands to the south, we will merely have crippled "the empire." There will remain the job of rooting them out of China, Manchuria and Korea and reducing the home islands.

That is why there are urgent demands for more men for merchant marines, for first class replacements in every branch of the fighting forces, and for self-denial on the home front to speed up victory production. Washington seems to be recovering from its panicky efforts to scare the American people, and it is to be hoped that the good news will not promote the boastful attitudes which lead to over-confidence.

With our long lines we will be highly VULNERABLE to the very last, and every time we "slip" men up front pay the penalty. That is a "sizeup" of the situation.

WHAT SHOULD OUR SCHOOLS BE?

All over Lane county, and particularly in the Eugene-Springfield area, there is tremendous interest in school improvements, and for that reason, there is timeliness in the exhibit of modern school architecture (from now till the end of the month) in the "little gallery" of the Art School at the University of Oregon.

Some time before the end of the month, the Central Lane Planning Council, with the help of the school people, will try to arrange a special evening program, open to the public, at which problems of school construction and design can be discussed. With the exhibit of photographs and models, there is a motion picture (in color) which traces a California school project from "the first talking over" to the opening day with kids coming in.

What really is the function of the modern school? Very often you will hear it said that "the little red schoolhouse" is gone forever. On the other hand you will hear the criticism that the little red schoolhouse has just been replaced by "a bigger red schoolhouse." Especially in the cities, there is increasing dissatisfaction with "monumental structures on postage stamp sites." That is why our Eugene and Springfield boards have been reaching out, wherever possible, for large tracts for future schools. Even old structures such as Lincoln and Condon have been almost completely done over to get more light and room, get rid of crampy desks and other appurtenances which gave the classroom the atmosphere of a penal institution.

In our rural districts there is a steady trend toward consolidations, possible with good roads and transportation. Both in the country and in the cities, there is a trend toward use of schools as "community centers for young and old. These questions arise whenever a new school is proposed; whether it is a grade school, a junior high or a great central high school:

How much school plant are we going to need?

In addition to places for classes, what other activities should be provided for?

What do we need to get physical education on a basis where every child, especially the child who needs it most, will have a chance?

How far do we go to combine the training of head with hands?

Do such things as libraries and community meeting places fit into a school plan?

At first glance you may not "like" some of the things which architects are doing in the way of design. You will probably say that some of the structures "do not look like a school," or at least what we've been used to seeing. But right here in Lane county, in such structures as the beautiful new Upper McKenzie plant, the new Springfield Union high, we have been breaking away from convention, using much wood and other native materials, getting classrooms all at ground level, letting in light and lots of it.

The exhibit is free. Nobody has to like any of the ideas presented. It is presented to stimulate questioning as to what we want for the money we are going to spend in the post-war. In the main we are asked to decide what we are going to DO in the schools and then build for those purposes, rather than build first and squeeze the purposes in later.

TWO CHOICES ON "HIGH STREET"

People of Eugene and Lane county are offered at least two good choices for "the High street Junction"—the connection of the new bridge which the county must build to replace the old Ferry street bridge with the "Inner highway" where it comes down Sixth and Seventh and angles to Broadway and the four-lane to Judkins Point. In this junction, common prudence calls for getting rid of the grade crossing of the Southern Pacific and also for disentangling the heavy Fruit Growers' cannery traffic from other traffic.

This is one of the most important highway projects for this area, one which is a MUST ITEM before developments crowd in to make any real solution impossible. At the request of county and city officials and the city planning commission, the state highway department has had its engineers make preliminary designs and estimates. Some weeks ago they submitted plans for a structure in High street, overheading the railroad and making its loop connections in the block where the Washington school now stands, and adjacent property. High street business interests made some protest, and requested a supplementary study including "the Mill street or millrace" line.

R. H. Baldock, chief engineer, has now sent to the officials concerned a report on both lines, indicating that the "Millrace route offers greatest advantages," for these reasons:

High street line—overall costs $947,000, including right-of-way costs about $33,000 greater than on the other line.

Mill Race route — overall costs, $914,000, with the advantages of less curvature in bridge approach and possibility of looping southbound traffic through Pearl and Broadway which has been a severe hazard and annoyance. Cannery connectives are also somewhat easier.

The proposition is now in shape where city and county officials and citizens should waste no time in deciding which route they prefer and taking steps to PROTECT RIGHT OF WAY from speculative development. Likewise the city government must find out how to FINANCE CITY SHARE OF COST.

Only at the junction with U. S. 99 does the structure become part of the state highway system. The new bridge and its approaches (estimated at $275,000) represent the county's share. The city must provide right of way and structure between the south end of the bridge and the actual junction with U. S. 99.

It is possible that substantial state and federal funds may become available to assist the city, especially with the overheading of the railroad tracks (although there are no grade separation funds in the new highway bill), but it is fairly certain the city will have to provide at least the right of way, which inside the city, may run over $200,000.

However, there probably will be an interval of several years to accumulate necessary funds. What needs to be kept foremost in mind is that this is a KEY POINT in Eugene's traffic handling and development for all time to come. It is a big undertaking, but unless some careful decisions are made now, the High street tangle will become a hopeless mess.

State Rep. Truman Chase (a teetotaler) is to participate in Wednesday night's clinic on why people drink. Having been around the state legislature so long, he might have some spicy notes.

The Order of the Buggy Ride, in solemn conclave, is saving a cushion for State Sen. Angus Gibson, who has just been appointed to the committee to investigate the state's "distillery deal."

In The Editor's Mailbag

WHEN V-DAY COMES

Eugene — (To the Editor). — When V-day comes, many churches will be open for prayer, soon after the bells ring and the sirens announce the close of the war with Germany. Many, far too many people talk of celebrating the victory with all kinds of hilarity and liquor. In reading some of our public news prints, one learns that while the armistice of 1913 was the occasion of great orgies, the idea seems to make this a real debauch that will go hiccupping down through the ages and the number of people that say they will get stinking drunk is far greater than those who say they will offer a prayer of thankfulness. When D-day came there were many people who knelt in the churches, and few that were saying they would get drunk. One would think getting drunk is a poor way to celebrate the victory for liberty. Do they realize what it would mean to those homes that have a gold star in the window? To those families where the children will never see their daddy any more? Is that the best way to keep faith with those who rest among the rows of white crosses? Will it please a boy who returns minus an arm or leg or some other permanent wound, to see people drunk because Germany is beaten at the cost of thousands of fine young men, who have given their lives? Will the buddies of these honored dead, who have stood and shed tears at a white cross with the name of a friend on it, enjoy hearing people sing ribald songs, and see them drunk with liquor No. These boys who return will not be the same carefree boys we used to know. The foxholes, etc., have changed all that.

Rather, let us think of all that has been sacrificed to win this victory over the enemies of freedom, and say with Kipling:

"The tumult and the shouting dies,
The Captains and the Kings depart,
Still stands the ancient sacrifice,
A humble and contrite heart.
Lord, God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget, lest we forget.

—T. E. HAYES,
Rt. 3, Eugene.

REDEMPTION

O, Jesus, I hear the knocking,
Outside my fast-closed door;
I see the thorn marks on Thy brow,
Thy hands and feet are sore;
I see the spear thrusts in Thy side,
Thou suffered on the Cross,
No one on earth will ever know
Thy heartaches and Thy loss.

I haste to open wide the door,
Thou Lamb of God come in;
I know Thou bore it all for me,
To save my soul from Sin;
I humbly pray, O, Lord, forgive,
I prostrate 'fore Thee fall;
And yet I cry within my heart,
O, crown him Lord of all.

Thou sayest in Thy sweetest tones,
My daughter, now arise;
It was for thee and all the world,
I made this sacrifice;
Now all who will believe in Me,
And never from me roam,
I'll give to them Eternal Life,
In Heaven My happy home.

—Percival I. Rust,
Eugene, Ore.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Eugene—(To the Editor).—Now that all deferred men between the ages of 18 to 45 are to be drafted to either work or fight does this also include the conscientious objector or can they still continue to live the life of Riley without a care in the world and 3 square meals a day. I, for one, am sure tired of seeing those Watch Tower sentinels on ever street corner in time of war and every time I have to pass one I can hardly control myself from cramming his Watch Tower down his throat. Their excuse for not being in this war is that they don't believe in killing. Well neither do our boys but yet they're out there facing God knows what and giving their lives to preserve our Democratic way of life, and it is not at all fair that the conscientious objector can sit idly by and not have to do a thing to speed our day of victory. Conscientious objectors sure have flourished since the start of this war. Freedom of religion is one of the freedoms our boys are fighting to preserve. Does the conscientious objector ever stop to think how many freedoms he would have if we all thought and believed as he does and our enemies had their way. I have often wondered what their attitude would be if some nazi or Jap tried to kill them. There are hundreds of things they could do without having to kill. They could drive an ambulance in the war zone, fireman on battleships, work on mine sweepers, work in war factories, care for sick and wounded on battle fronts, etc. So I say that a bill should be passed that would include the drafting of conscientious objectors as well as the 18 to 45 group, and I know that all you fathers and mothers who have sons on the far off battlefronts will agree with me 100 per cent. So let's hear from you.—Mrs. Frieda Litster.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. McCOLLOCH

Eugene—Our darling Beth has passed on to higher things; but to us, her friends, she lingers on. Her faith, hope and courage will sustain us for many long years—bringing us, each day, nearer to God.

Words cannot express our gratitude for her lasting influence. We feel in our hearts that she still sends her thoughts to us, and we hope to live up to her high ideals—never faltering, no matter how hard the way.

This will be our tribute to one who has lived a full and useful life of untold good.—Mrs. Hallie S. Spencer, 1209 Emerald street, Eugene.

Oregon Casualties

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13—(AP)—Oregon soldiers wounded in action:

Asiatic Area

Costello, Master Sgt. Donald W.—Mrs. Lillian M. Jones, mother, Portland.

Central Pacific Area

Eggers, 2nd Lt. Howard E.—Mrs. Evelyn B. Eggers, wife, Portland.

Gage, Staff Sgt. David M.—Mrs. Neoma N. Gage, wife, Marshfield.

Hibbard, PFC Jack C.—Mrs. Lena Hibbard, mother, Portland.

Moore, PFC Clarence—Everett Moore, father, Kings Valley.

Wycoff, PFC Ronald—Mrs. Flossie Wycoff, mother, 925 G St., Springfield.

European Area

Bahrs, Pvt. Henry A.—Mrs. Elizabeth C. Bahrs, mother, Portland.

Dentinger, Staff Sgt. Gale J.—Stanley Dentinger, father, Vale.

Edwards, Pvt. Wallace H.—Mrs. Bertha F. Smith, mother, Monmouth.

Fagone, PFC Sebastiano J.—Mrs. Helen Mae Fagone, wife, Medford.

Huff, Sgt. Verne R.—Mrs. Mary Huff, mother, Lebanon.

Huntington, Pvt. Robert M.—Walter M. Huntington, father, Portland.

Mayne, PFC Donald R.—Mrs. Ada R. Mayne, mother, Portland.

Morton, Staff Sgt. George B.—Mrs. Mae Fosterling, mother, Durkee.

O'Malley, PFC Kevin J.—Mrs. Julia C. O'Malley, mother, Portland.

Read, PFC Allen G.—John F. Read, father, Gresham.

Redman, PFC William F.—Mrs. Tillie Redman, mother, Portland.

Squier, 1st Lt. George K.—Mrs. Gladys G. Squier, mother, Portland.

Sullivan, Sgt. William J.—Mrs. Anna C. Sullivan, wife, Salem.

Vandehey, PFC Wayne L.—Mrs. Idabelle Vandehey, mother, Cornelius.

Wakamatsu, Pvt. Eichi—Kitaro Wakamatsu, father, Hood River.

Wilcox, PFC Theodore B., III—Theodore B. Wilcox, Jr., father, Portland.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13—(AP)—Oregon naval casualties:

Rankin, William Ned, seaman first class, U.S. naval reserve. Wounded. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Moore Rankin, Durkee.

The amount of fat in stuffing should depend on how much natural fat the bird contains. Ducks and geese generally have more fat than chickens and turkeys.

$600,000 Building Asked For U. O. Campus In Next Biennium

Services to the state and nation of the several institutions making up the state system of higher education—the University of Oregon, University of Oregon medical school, Oregon State college, the three colleges of education, and the general extension division—are summarized and the needs of the institution stated, in the biennial report of the state board of higher education which has just come off the press and is being distributed to state officials.

In a letter of transmittal to Governor Earl Snell, President Willard L. Marks directs attention to the fact that "the board of higher education is retruning to the general fund a balance of $313,284 from the millage-supplement appropriation made by the last legislature. This is made possible by extremely careful administration of the military training programs conducted by three of our institutions. It represents a saving in state funds through reimbursement from the federal government for the services of our instructional staff, and for the maintenance and operation of classrooms and laboratory facilities used by the trainees.

Marks expresses the hope that this substantial turnback will help make it possible for the legislature to approve the special requests for buildings and equipment.

Operating Costs

Operating costs of the six campus institutions of the system for the next two years, the report of Chancellor Hunter relates, will require from state sources a total of $5,533,845. . . . This request is an increase of $286,959 for the biennium, or $143,479 a year. No expansion of the educational program of the institutions is contemplated, the report sets forth. The increase asked is to cover the salaries of staff members on leave who may return during the next biennium.

Public service activities of the institutions require an increase of $255,293.74 over the amount appropriated for the current biennium. These programs include agricultural research, federal cooperative extension work, medical school hospital andd clinics, and other allied functions—services demanded by the people of the state.

New Buildings

For new buildings during the next biennium there is asked a total of $2,237,000 and for equipment $220,000. The building request is part of a ten-year building program which has been adopted by the board and a portion of which is self-financed. The request for equipment is for replacement of wornout and outdated equipment for the several institutions.

The request includes $600,000 for a classroom and laboratory building at University of Oregon.

Governor Snell recommended to the legislature a total appropriation of only $1,000,000 for the biennium, instead of the $2,237,000 asked by the board.

The chancellor's report also cites statistics on the manpower contributions of the state's systems institutions of higher education to the war effort. Here are the totals as given:

Students, ex-students, and alumni to the number of 15,500 have been actively engaged in the armed forces of the nation.

Alumni to the number of 35,000 have been engaged in war work jobs.

Approximately 200 staff members have been serving in the armed service or in work allied to the war effort.

Belgian Woman To Speak On 'Unity'

Madame Alfred Jonniaux, wife of the distinguished painter to the Belgian court, will be the guest speaker at Thursday morning's all-campus assembly at the University of Oregon.

A world traveller and international observer, Mme. Jonniaux was born in Englad, lived for a number of years in France and then married a Belgian. [illegible] her husband were in France [illegible] war was declared and [illegible] just four days before the [illegible] arrived. They made their [illegible] Free France and upon the [illegible] vention of American [illegible] later enabled to leave [illegible] America via Spain.

Mme. Jonniaux will [illegible] "World Unity, Our Part [illegible] dividuals."

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