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Milk is a Public Utility

Restraint of the dairymen who produce the market milk for this area is commendable. So far, although they have some real grievances against OPA, our dairymen have not stampeded into the producers' strike which has created a serious condition at Portland, Oregon City, Salem. Our dairymen will be wise to work this problem out patiently and without any interruption of service to the public. The problems are complicated, difficult to interpret to John Public, but the rash action in the Portland area has already created a reaction which may do lasting injury to this important industry.

"If you cut off the milk supply for my kids, I won't forget it in a hurry."

The farmers who supply milk to the public table are a public utility—just as much as those who supply power or water—and they have public responsibilities. Nevertheless the public should try to understand what the dairyman is up against in the complicated, unbusinesslike hocus pocus evolved by OPA and its kindred agencies at Washington.

If we were paying a proper price for table milk here in Eugene today—based on actual production costs—we would be paying 16 to 17 cents a quart, not the 13½ we have been paying or the 14 cents OPA now proposes to allow.

How come? Way back in 1942 when prices began to soar with the war, OPA barged in, elbowed Oregon's remarkably good system of state control to one side, rode rough shod over city sanitary safeguards, and set up the 13½ cent retail price based on 85 cents a pound butterfat content or \$3.40 a hundred for 4 per cent milk. For some reason known only to themselves they allowed 14 cents retail at Portland on a 95 cent butterfat base. They refused to recognize increased feed costs which at that time OPA had not got around to regulating, or increased labor costs, but...

With the other hand the good humanitarians at Washington, D. C. reached into the taxpayers' pocket and pulled out a subsidy called "dairy feed payment" to cover up the increased cost of market milk. In the last quarter, in this area the "dairy feed payment" has been 70 cents a hundred, so that the actual price the dairyman gets has been \$4.10, not \$3.40.

Now OPA offers to permit a price of \$1.01 per hundred butterfat in Portland and the Willamette valley generally. This would put the dairymen on this milkshed on a parity with Portland, and it would correct at least one inequity, but our dairymen are standing with Portland in demanding a \$1.15 base (and many of them resent deeply the subsidy scheme which keeps the public "kidded" and blissfully unaware of what it is actually paying for milk).

Main difficulty with the present program is that there is no proper basis for determining the cost of milk, and nothing is entrusted to local common sense. Even this consumers' subsidy is a fluctuating factor, varying from period to period. If a producer grows a large part of his own feed (as many of our men do) he may make a little money. If he buys his feed he runs into difficulties fast—because OPA's prices on feeds also fluctuate. If the feeds happen to come from a local area the price may still be fairly low. If they are shipped in (as they must be at many seasons of the year) they go sky high with allowances for brokerage and freight rates.

There would be a far healthier situation if domestic milk supply were returned to local control even if we had to get along without the consumers' subsidy and pay the actual cost of milk. At least producers and consumers would be dealing with realities and not with hocus pocus.

Milk supply must be 100 per cent sanitary and safe. This health and safety factor has been almost ignored by OPA's "economists" in their zeal for a nation-wide price leveling process.

Won't Come Into Court

Can the Russians block effectively any action by United Nations in the case of Iran, simply by refusing to participate in any sessions where the Iranian dispute is discussed? The dramatic walkout of Ambassador Gromyko seems to indicate such a plan. The Russians had demanded that Security Council hearings on Iran be delayed till April 10. Why?

Obviously, the Russians are putting "the heat" on the government of Iran, although they have announced gradual withdrawal of Russian troops from the country.

Obviously, the Russians expect by April 10 to have induced in the Iranian government a change of attitude which will leave no dispute with Russia.

Obviously, if they wait until April 10, the other members of the Security Council will be confronted with a "fact accomplishment"; there will be little they can do without force. Russia has "veto power" anyhow.

The situation is unpleasantly similar to Munich and the appeasement of Hitler's de-

mands on Czechoslovakia. The only argument that can be offered for yielding to Russia is that of pure expediency—"the Great Powers must work together or all is lost." Nevertheless, we feel that American opinion must support Secretary Byrnes contention that Iran must be heard—and now.

What will be the attitude of Russia when, inevitably some one of the smaller powers refuses to appear when called in any matter in which its national interests are involved?

There may be little that can be accomplished for Iran, immediately, but if the Iranian appeal is not heard, it is difficult to see how United Nations can retain the confidence of any of the smaller powers.

Unfortunately the Security Council of UNO is NOT a court, although, as it is constituted it will exercise wide judicial powers. It has no present means to compel attendance—short of war—nor any way to enforce decrees—short of war. Nevertheless it can command another force which may, in the long run, be effective—the force of world opinion.

Russia is not unaware or indifferent to this force. The Christian Science Monitor's Richard Strout gives considerable space to a speech which Florida's liberal Senator Pepper made in the Senate the other day in defense and explanation of Russian attitudes:

Russia is still bitter and suspicious because of the invasion of her soil by Allied troops at the breakup of World War I.

Russia resents our unwillingness to share all the secrets of the atomic bomb, the unfortunate blunder of our state department, in "losing" for six months her application of a 6 billion dollar loan which war-torn Russia desperately needs.

Of course, these are only explanations and extenuations of Russian deeds. They have nothing to do with the rights of oppressed peoples to be heard, nor with the basic principles of justice and "a day in court" for all, upon which we must stand.

The Russian concept is a world dominated by the few Great Powers. We cannot go that far. It is possible to agree that the duty and the burdens of policing will fall mainly on those who have the means, but we cannot accept the theory that this duty creates in the Great Powers any rights superior to those of little people. If UNO is to mean anything, it must be established that no nation is too great to be held to account for its acts, and no nation is so small to be heard.

A Harvard student's wife solved the housing problem by offering laundry service in return for quarters in a family's garage. It all came out in the wash.

Advance tip for summertime: the argument against diving in a strange stream is built on a rock foundation.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By PETER EDSON
Register-Guard Washington Correspondent

Iranian Oil Mess

WASHINGTON, March 29.—(NEA)—Washington authorities on international petroleum production are now inclined to belittle the idea that oil concessions are the primary objectives of the Soviet government in Iran. They are certain that U. S. and European oil companies have no interest today in northern Iran, where Soviet troops have been reported on the march. American oilmen have been all over this area, and while some oil may be there, it is so remote from world markets that it has no commercial value.

The story of international rivalry for Iranian oil goes back to 1901, when one William K. D'Arcy, an Australian gold-miner, got the first concession from the Shah of Persia. The first rush came in 1907, and in that year Czarist Russia and Great Britain signed a treaty which divided Persia into two spheres of influence. The Czar's conquests took over in the north and the British in the south.

In 1916, a Russian named A. M. Khostaria obtained a concession to drill for oil in Persia's five northern provinces. But when the Bolshevik revolution broke out the following year, Khostaria turned his concession into cash by selling it to the Anglo-Persian Oil Company. Today, this company is known as the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, owned 55.9 per cent by the British government and 26.3 per cent by the Anglo-Persian Oil Company, a subsidiary of Royal Dutch Shell. Individuals own the remaining 17.8 per cent.

SOVIET TREATY INVOLVES OIL RIGHTS
Persia and Soviet Russia made a new treaty in 1921, and in that oil rights became a bit involved. The Soviet renounced all rights which Khostaria had obtained for the Czarist government in 1916. A string was attached, however, in the form of a provision that Persia could not grant these rights to any other foreign interest without the consent of the Soviet.

The Persians didn't read it that way, though, and they later offered a 55-year concession covering oil development in the five northern provinces to Standard Oil of New Jersey. After looking over the field and seeing how impossible it was to get the oil down to the Persian Gulf, Standard let the option drop.

In 1932, the Persian government tried to force Anglo-Iranian to give up its concession, but this was largely a threat designed to get a better deal from the British.

ANGLO-IRANIAN TERRITORY IS REDUCED
In the lease renegotiated in 1934, Anglo-Iranian was whittled down to a strip about 150 miles wide along the Persian Gulf and the southwestern border between Iran and Iraq. These 64,000 acres comprise one of the world's richest oil fields. The Abadan refinery, at the head of the Persian Gulf, is the world's largest. Royalties to the Iranian government during the war amounted to more than \$16,000,000 a year.

With Anglo-Iranian territory thus cut down, the Iranian government sought to lease territory to other producers. In 1936, the Am-Iranian Oil Company, a subsidiary of Seaboard Oil of Delaware in which the Texas Company has a 25 per cent interest, took a concession to develop 100,000 square miles in the five northern provinces. But Am-Iranian dropped out after a quick survey of the situation.

All of northern and northeastern Iran is, therefore, now free of American and European concessions. Any threat which such concessions may have offered to Soviet domination of the area has been removed.

Whatever oil there may be in the northern provinces is of no good to anyone except the USSR, which could transport it to southern Russian markets over the Caspian Sea.

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By ANN CONNELL

Linen Shower Honors Two Engaged Girls

Mrs. P. D. Norton was hostess at a linen shower Wednesday evening for Miss Pauline Tower and First Lt. Florence H. Jackson, two brides-elect who will be married this spring.

Guests included Mrs. J. H. Jackson, Mrs. E. H. Hall, Mrs. Gerald Johnson, Mrs. Virgil D. Earl, Mrs. Carl Huffaker, Miss Martha Jane Switzer, Mrs. Wellington T. Switzer, Miss Helen Jean Kinde, Mrs. F. V. Treadgold, Mrs. Robert B. Frazier and the two honor guests.

AUXILIARIES HOLD DISTRICT MEETING
Auxiliaries to the Veterans of Foreign Wars in District No. 9, which met at Roseburg, March 17, were: 293 Eugene; 2488 Roseburg; 3232 Florence; 3473 Cottage Grove; Mapleton 6184; and Springfield 3965.

Guests present from Portland were Mrs. Marie Dana, department president; Mrs. Ora Windus, department senior vice-president; and from Eugene, Mrs. Lester Hill, department conductress.

Presiding officer at the meeting was Mrs. Leona McIntyre of Florence, president of District No. 9. Members of the Eugene Auxiliary to Willamette Post 293 exemplified the floor work for the new auxiliaries.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP HONORS LEADER

Girl Scouts of Troop No. 16, sponsored by the Eugene Business and Professional Women's Club, honored its leader, Mrs. Gail Liston, with a surprise party for her birthday Monday evening, when it met at the Woodrow Wilson High School. A corsage was presented to Mrs. Liston, and refreshments were served by the girls.

The girls participating were Mary Atkinson, Faith Buellmann, Joan Crooks, Barbara Coen, Joan Daniels, Janet Howard, Colleen Jarvis, Marjorie Jeans, Barbara Lawson, Nancy Lucas, Sharon Lipsit, Marilyn Marks, Katherine Merewether, Nadine Mickelson, Barbara Prentiss, Barbara Prickett, Gloria Rogers, Kathleen Taylor, Janet Thomas, Duane Walker, Marilyn Witsell, Carol Wikstrom and Joyce Williamson.

ALASKA IS TOPIC AT CLUB SESSION

George L. Hall, assistant dean of men at the University of Oregon, talked to members of the Young Business Women's Club Wednesday evening at the meeting held at the Del Rey Cafe. He told of life in Alaska as the GI's lived it, and the promise seen in the land in post-war years.

Hostesses for the evening were Miss Betty Brown and Miss Jean Gallagher. There were fifteen guests present.

TRIO HONORED AT LUNCHEON

Mrs. G. M. deBroeckert, Mrs. A. F. Sether and Mrs. L. L. Holgate were honored at the birthday luncheon held by St. Mary's Episcopal Guild Wednesday, in connection with the all-day sewing meeting at the parish hall. Mrs. Glenn Hosford and Mrs. H. W. Whitney were in charge of the luncheon. The women tackled a comforter and did quilting and sewing at their meeting.

Oregon, Washington Have More Cattle

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Oregon and Washington increased their herds of cattle appreciably during the war, each state showing gains in both milk and beef cattle.

Rep. Murray (R-Wis.) inserted in the Congressional Record tables prepared by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics showing that throughout the nation cattlemen and dairy herd owners increased their beef herds 10,000,000 and their dairy herds by 4,000,000 from Jan. 1, 1939, to Jan. 1, 1946.

In Oregon dairy cattle increased from 390,000, in 1939 to 400,000 in 1946 while beef cattle jumped from 529,000 in 1939 to 772,000 in 1946—an overall increase of 193,000.

Labor Supervisor Sees Farm Labor Shortage

CORVALLIS.—(AP)—A shortage of harvest workers in Oregon was predicted by J. R. Beck, who said the farm labor demand had exceeded supply even at this early date.

The state supervisor of the emergency farm labor program reported 330 unfilled orders for farmhands in mid-March, with only 145 unplaced applicants. Beck said veterans apparently were not eager for farm jobs.

He predicted about 10,000 more persons would be needed on Oregon farms than before the war, because of increased acreages of row crops requiring much hand labor.

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MR. & MRS. PITKIN
The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Palmer R. Pitkin (Lola Engel) took place March 4 at Ebbett Memorial Church parsonage in Springfield.

VISITORS FROM NORTH AT R. O. EVANS HOME

Recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Evans were their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. T. I. Potter of Portland, and the couple's two little daughters, Pamela Ann and Lauran Jo.

Little Lauran Jo was christened during their stay, at First Congregational Church, Rev. Wesley Goodson Nicholson officiating, and a reception and tea for friends was held at the home of the grandparents afterward.

Mrs. Evans' mother and uncle, Mrs. Rosa Branson and L. F. Sharp, both of Sheridan, also were guests at the Evans home at the same time.

CONVENTION REPORTED

Alpha Epsilon Theta Rho Girl's Club met Wednesday evening at the IOOF Hall for reports on the district convention held March 23 at Creswell.

Jackie Small, vice-president of the Eugene club, won the obligation contest, and the Eugene club gave the tribute to the flag. Taking part were Barbara Lutz, Jackie Vicary, Betty Fenner, Sally Dagman, Lois Driscoll, Dorothy Wood, and Agnes Hogan.

Eugene girls holding offices at the convention included Jackie Small, treasurer; Jackie Vicary, conductor; Betty Fenner, warden; Lois Driscoll, herald, and Nadine Stamm, guardian.

Miss Small and Miss Vicary were elected vice-chairman and secretary respectively for the 1947 convention which will be held at Roseburg in 1947.

Appointive officers from the Eugene group for the 1947 convention are Carolyn Wood, herald, Lois Driscoll, conductor, and Mary Helen Wildish, R. S. vice-chairman.

United Travelers

John B. Coe, member of the Eugene Council of United Commercial Travelers and sole remaining charter member of the organization will be honored at the convention of the group, to be held in Portland May 31 and June 1 of this year.

This announcement was made at a meeting of the Portland group held recently in that city.

MAKES LUNCHEON PLANS

SPRINGFIELD.—Circle Three of the WBS of the Springfield Methodist Church made plans at a recent meeting for a luncheon to be served in the church parlors May 1, it was announced. The group met at the home of Mrs. G. W. Calvert with Mrs. Gerald Counts, vice-president, presiding.

The next meeting of Circle Three will be April 23 at the home of Mrs. A. B. Anderson, with Mrs. Paul Robley as assistant hostess.

JANTZEN MILLS EXPAND

PORTLAND.—(AP)—Jantzen Knitting Mills' \$1,000,000 postwar expansion program was a step nearer today with issuance of a permit for a \$200,000 building. Company President J. A. Zehnbauer said the structure was the second of three under plans to double plant capacity.

Officers Elected At Chapter Meeting

Chapter AM of P.E.O. Sisterhood held election of officers at its meeting this week, with result as follows: President, Mrs. L. W. Waldorf; vice-president, Mrs. L. C. Nicholl; corresponding secretary, Mrs. F. L. Chandler; recording secretary, Mrs. J. M. Byrne; treasurer, Mrs. Edward E. Gray; guard, Mrs. R. M. Morse.

Delegates to the state convention also were elected, Mrs. Waldorf as first, and Mrs. W. C. Martin as second delegate; Mrs. Del Thorsland, first alternate, and Mrs. C. R. Smith, second alternate.

NURSERY SCHOOL TOTS TO PRESENT PROGRAM

The Eugene Nursery School, 310½ Madison Street, will hold open house Sunday to parents and friends. A spring program will be presented to the parents, and the school will be open for inspection by visitors from four to five o'clock.

Formerly a government project, but now privately operated, the school is under the direction of Miss Bernice E. Stormes, who has been the director since October, 1941. It operates with a pre-school educational program, she reports.

The following program will be presented by the class of twenty-five tots enrolled: Songs, "Welcome Sweet Springtime" (Rubenstein); "Yellow Daffodil" (Crownshield); "Robin" (Pussy Willow); and "Easter Lilies" (Spencer).

Dramatic Rhythm, "Butterflies" (Spring Song), (Arr. from Mendelssohn); "Squirrels" (Arr. from Heller); "Ride of the Amazons" (Duck Dance), (Arr. from G. S. Maizwald); "Giants" (Arr. from G. S. Handel); "March of the Sleepy-Heads" (Spaulding); "The Elephant" (Crownshield); "Elephants" (Arr. from Gounod).

Songs, "Sailing" (Marks); "Row, Row Your Boat" (Arr. from Bertall).

Folk Dances, "Oats, Peas, Beans and Barley" (Traditional); "Dancing" (Crownshield); "Children's Polka" (German); "Shoemaker Dance" (Danish). Dramatic Rhythm, "The Bunny" (Spencer); "Peter Rabbit" (Christie); "Highland Schottische" (Bunny Dance), (Arr. from R. Hofer); "God Bless America" (Berlin).

DINNER IS FRIDAY

Academy of Friendship, Women of the Moose, will meet Friday evening at six o'clock at the Moose Hall for a potluck dinner, honoring all new members who were initiated December 4 in Portland. Mrs. George Everingham will be in charge. All members of the academy and their husbands are invited.

A short business will be held following the dinner. On the committee are Mrs. Joe Bartlett, Mrs. W. I. Lane, Miss Kitty Elspas, and Mrs. Everingham.

Recipe

Almond Jam Cookies
¼ pound butter
¼ cup sugar
1 egg
1 cup almond extract
1½ cups cake flour
¼ tsp. baking powder
¼ tsp. cinnamon
¼ tsp. cloves
¾ cup red raspberry jam
Cream butter and sugar thoroughly. Add egg and beat until light. Add almond extract. Sift together flour, baking powder, cinnamon and cloves and combine with creamed butter mixture. Spread half the mixture into shallow greased baking pan (about 7½" x 11½"). Cover evenly with red raspberry jam and top with remaining cookie dough. Bake at 400 degrees F. for about 20 minutes. Cut into small squares.

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Obsidians Return From 5-Day Outing

Members of the Obsidian Club who attended the five-day outing at Santiam Ski Area returned to Eugene Wednesday, Thursday, reporting it was snow in Hoodoo Bowl and excellent skiing conditions.

Both towns ran during the five-day outing, and two cross-country trips were taken, one led by Helen Eaton and Larry Robertson to top of Hoodoo Bowl, and the other over the four-mile trail the foot of Three-Fingered Mountain. Making the second trip were Norman Winger, Norman Eaton, Helen Smith and Doris Sims.

Members of the Bend Ski Club joined the Obsidians each day.

On the trip from the local were Paul Weiser, Arlene Helen Smith, Doris Sims, Castellino, Dorothy Castellino, the Deckman, Adeline, Wayne Bailey, Gordon, Louis Waldorf, Jackie Bogan, and Mrs. Louis Soukup at the Falls, Charlotte Wicks, Eaton, Larry Robertson, O'Reilly, Ward Haynes, Evonuk, and the outing committee consisting of Sterling Paterson, Helen Weiser, Bailey, Joe and Ray Sims.

PROGRAM SUNDAY — Miss Eve Richmond of Wooster College, Wooster, Ohio, who is the sister of Mrs. E. W. Arnes and Mrs. H. R. Griswold of Eugene and a well-known Eugene visitor, will present her gleeclub of sixty-five girls in a nation-wide broadcast from New York City Sunday morning. The program will be carried on KGW, Portland, at six-thirty o'clock, Pacific time, it is announced.

NEEDLE CLUB MEETS

Needle Club of the Women's Relief Corps met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Lillian Rice, with Mrs. J. Rice assisting. Mrs. George Thompson also was a co-hostess.

Twenty members and two guests attended the meeting. Work was done on quilts, and plans for a convention were made. A Morning Register from May, 1927 was read by the group. Some of the stories concerned meetings of the corps held that date.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Robert Nesbitt, Mrs. Ella Bray and Mrs. Howard Fenner will assist.

Games were played and refreshments served at the close of the meeting.

GROUP INITIATES

Ladies of the Orient held a business meeting early this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McClintic. Initiation was held, and seventeen members were present.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Smith, April 22.



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