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THE BONUS LOAN REPORT
State officials, boards and commissions are customarily required to report to the public on the job they are doing. It is a wise requirement. Such reports provide the answers to many questions, whether spoken or unspoken. They place administrators directly in touch with the people, make certain that public business remains public business. Sometimes these reports are read. That they are frequently not read is no fault of those reporting. Those who ignore them are more likely than not to be the losers.

A recent compilation of the kind, in which there is much of interest, is the tenth biennial report of the world war veterans' state aid commission, more commonly known as the bonus loan board. It contains much of interest and would draw attention in any event just now because its accounting of a state debt incurred as a result of one war comes at a time when, it is forecast by many, America seems on the verge of participation in another.

This, of course, has nothing to do with the contents of the report. These are noteworthy in their showing that the affairs of the commission are in good condition, that the debt, incurred in providing the fund from which loans were made to veterans, is decreasing. There was a period when losses were suffered. These were a natural heritage from an earlier period when loans were made on inadequate security. The situation was aggravated presently by the impecunious condition of many borrowers. To the loan board life became one long, splitting headache. Inevitably the state became a heavy owner of what had been private property. But, in the two years ending June 30, 1940, the commission, following an intelligent sales policy and with reduced maintenance costs on its properties (these had already been pretty well rehabilitated), was actually able to show a small profit on its operations.

This profit, analyzed, is one of the most interesting parts of the report. It constitutes evidence that, regardless of gigantic sums expended in the last few years in an attempt to solve the farm problem, regardless of ingenious planning, the answer is still incomplete. The profit was solely from management and sale of city properties. It was made in spite of the fact that management and sale of farm properties was a losing venture.

The last month of the fiscal year, rentals of farm properties grossed a 1.8 per cent return, those of city properties 6.1 per cent. Of farm properties, 78 per cent were rented, of city properties 86 per cent. The state's investment in farm properties had increased more than \$75,000 in one year, in city properties it had decreased more than \$225,000. The summary of sales shows 1,632 city properties disposed of at a profit of \$85,906.36. The 587 farm properties sold resulted in a loss of \$35,827.17.

We admit that figures do not always tell the truth, even when compiled with the most scrupulous accuracy. But there is little chance of misconstruing the meaning of these figures.

TEARING DOWN THE SWASTIKA

America has little liking for the crooked cross of nazism, nor for the theory of government which it represents. Perhaps it should be said, rather, because of the theory of government which it represents. Certainly the calamity which has been visited upon the world in putting this theory into practice could not encourage approval in a thorough going democracy.

But, with these statements accepted as axiomatic, the fact remains that the affront to the German flag, as reported in the news of last week from San Francisco, was inexcusable. Diplomatic relations are still maintained between America and Germany. Representatives of the German government in our country are still entitled to ordinary courtesy. The flag in question was flown from the quarters of a German consul, where he had every right to be. That it should be torn down in the presence of a cheering crowd was a cause for just resentment by the nation to which it belonged. That the act should have been committed under the leadership of enlisted men of the U. S. navy made it the more reprehensible.

Germany, we would say, had an apology coming.

Bend's Yesterdays

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO
(From The Bulletin, Jan. 21, 1924.)
The state highway commission at its January meeting in Portland will receive bids for the surfacing of The Dalles-California highway between Bend and Lava butte.

S. W. Redmond

Southwest Redmond, Jan. 21 (Special)—County Agent Gus Y. Hagglund was a Sunday caller at the Owen Brown home.
Mr. and Mrs. Max Larkin of Bend were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Davis.

"Dinkum Aussies" Rated Ideal Type Fighting Men

Melbourne, Australia (AP)—The English language has been enriched here by the permanent incorporation of the expression "dinkum Aussies." That is the name now applied to the ideal type of Australian who may be found in all grades of society.
For the Australian expeditionary force, a group of young soldiers, before the embarkation celebrated by smashing electric lights, pulling down signs, uncoupling railway cars and then collecting \$480 among themselves voluntarily for paying the costs of the damage done. They were simply classified as "dinkum Aussies" and allowed to embark for the war.

Bulletin Want Ads Bring Results.

Import From Germany



SERIAL STORY CONSCRIPT'S WIFE

BY BETTY WALLACE

Yesterday, Martha goes to the Country club party with Paul, spends a gay, whirlwind evening with Paul's friends. After the dance, they go to a night club and it is dawn when Martha reaches home. The telephone awakens her. It is Bill, calling from camp. He has been trying to reach her all night.

MARTHA TELLS A LIE

As her husband's voice went on in her ear, Martha Marshall sat down groggily on the chair by the phone table.
"Where were you last night?" he was asking again.
She looked at the little electric clock which had come from the store where Bill used to work. It was 9:30. Nine-thirty on Sunday morning, and Bill was asking her what kept her out last night.
"Where were you?" he shouted again. "Martha, are you there?"
"I'm here." Never afterward could she explain the impulse which made her take a deep breath and say, quickly, "Why, Bill, I—I was out with the girls last night. You know, I—I joined their bowling club."

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

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OH—ON—THERE'S THE HITCH, FRECKLES!
HITCH?
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Village Jail Cells Need Shatter-Proof Fixtures

Leroy, N. Y. (AP)—The Leroy village board wants shatter-proof fixtures installed in the cells of the town lockup.
New fixtures costing \$100 were installed in the jail three months ago after an intoxicated prisoner went on a one-man rampage. A duplicate performance staged by an irate inmate resulted in even greater damage to the porcelain fixtures.
Village authorities are seeking permission from the state department of correction to install cast-iron fixtures.

Catton's Washington Column

Washington—The speaker of the house will be a more important man in the government this year than for a long time.
Sam Rayburn of Texas, who holds the job, is the sort of man who will return the post to its old importance. He won't be a Czar Cannon, but he definitely will be one of the three or four top men in the administration.
This is partly because he is a different sort of man than his predecessor, the late William Bankhead, and partly because President Roosevelt has adopted a new attitude toward his party's leadership in congress. The important part is that Speaker Rayburn has Roosevelt's confidence 100 per cent—and, despite half-baked criticisms occasionally heard on the fringes of the New Deal, he gives 100 per cent loyalty in return.

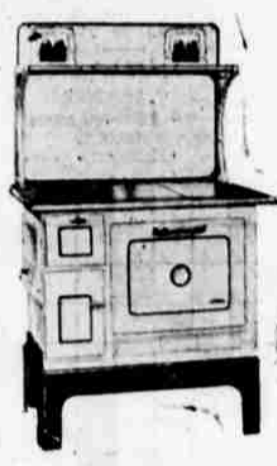
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Duck Short in Flight

Colusa, Cal. (AP)—Walter Reeves is convinced he is the only man in the world who, while duck hunting, got with a single shot a duck (killed in season) and a pheasant (killed out of season) without becoming liable to prosecution for the latter.
His shot brought down the duck, which, in falling, struck a pheasant hen that was strutting about, killing it.

Lovers, Hand-in-Hand, Killed in London Raid

London (AP)—Victims of a Nazi bomb during a London raid were two sweethearts, Rifleman "Ginger" Stubbs and Betty Firs.
They were walking hand in hand during the blackout when a bomb fell, wrecking four houses and burying the two lovers under the pile of debris.
Rescue work was started immediately. They found "Ginger" and his girl. They were dead, still clasping hands.

Opposites Make Good Team

Rayburn and McCormack, the party's floor leader, are making a good team. In most ways they are opposites. Rayburn is stolid, stumpy, bald as an Easter egg, deliberate, given neither to oratory nor back-slapping, a Texan from 'way back, McCormack is a "city democrat" from Massachusetts, an imposing-looking chap with an extruding personality and a flair for mingling with his fellows.
Under the surface, Rayburn is a sentimentalist. He still carries a battered watch which members of his delegation gave to him 25 years ago when he was in the Texas legislature. The gavel with which he calls the house to order each

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