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TO END FUND DRIVES
With the arrangement made in connection with the state war chest campaign for the collection of funds for causes formerly supported by individual drives Deschutes county has something in the nature of a community chest. The boy scouts, the camp fire girls and service men activities in Bend and Redmond are supported so that it is not necessary to raise money by separate campaigns. One or two organizations that have always sent a solicitor about the state sought funds here last year. We hope that an arrangement may be made this year to make their calls unnecessary. The community will then, by its single war and community chest donation, free itself of the difficulties associated with a variety of drives.

We have particularly in mind the effort of the Salvation army to raise funds in the county in addition to those made available to it through the war chest. The subject has been discussed here before.

Before the war chest was inaugurated in the fall of 1943 there was an annual call here by an Army representative who asked for contributions on account of the mothers and children from the county cared for at the Army homes. These homes were provided for in the war chest total and most of us expected that as a result, there would be no further solicitation. Last year, however, the Army representative appeared again urging, then, the need of public support for other Salvation army work.

We know that the Salvation army should be supported in all its activities. We believe that in other communities where one annual drive is made the whole Army fund is raised. We hope that this year a way may be found to meet the Army's needs in this community without further solicitation. County-wide drive activity will then be reduced to the war chest and the Red Cross campaign. The polio collection and the Christmas seal sale will continue but neither of these is on a drive basis.

COLUMBIA BASIN AND CENTRAL VALLEY
The Pendleton East Oregonian quotes, with apparent approval, Washington correspondence in the Spokane Spokesman-Review on the subject of California's Central valley situation which led, through the battle over the Elliott amendment, to the recent death of the rivers and harbors bill. The correspondent compared the Central valley proposal to the situation on the Columbia basin project saying: "Only a few years ago congress rather enthusiastically passed the anti-speculation law applicable to the Columbia basin irrigation project and required that all large holdings within that project be chopped up into family-farm units before they could receive water."

Well, that's not the way we heard it and it seems desirable to get the facts straight as a basis for sound conclusions. There were large holdings in the Columbia basin project. It would have been unjust to force their owners to subdivide and to take the appraised value of their lands for the family-farm units. To do so would have forced a loss on account of their buildings and equipment. Accordingly it was provided in the law that the government would buy the big ranches, subdivide them and stand the loss itself.

In the Central valley these same conditions exist but in a more exaggerated degree. Perhaps the Elliott amendment was not the proper cure but neither is it right to force the subdivision of an 8,000 acre vineyard as would be the case as one ownership there. Nor can we quite see the Columbia basin solution applied and the government acquiring the whole thing and cutting it up into 80 acre tracts. That would mean simply economic destruction.

The news from The Dalles has it that it was on a tip from the police there that our alert Bend officers picked up those two Washington state cons last week. The men were fingerprinted there but turned loose before the prints were checked. That suggests a good slogan for the Bend force, "You fingerprint 'em; we catch 'em."

Marshfield is to be Coos Bay permanently and with the change in name it will change to a manager form of government. Here's to a prosperous future for the coast city.

Bend Aviation Radioman Back From Tour of Duty in Pacific

Washington, D. C.—Chester H. Shipley, aviation radioman first class, U.S.N.R., of 1564 Division street, Bend, Ore., has returned from a tour of duty as radioman and gunner in a torpedo plane based on a baby flattop in the Pacific. Attached to Air Group 37, Shipley flew aboard an Avenger, which can attack with bombs, rockets or 50 calibre machine gun fire as well as with torpedoes. The navy aviator wound up his combat tour with a group of bombing missions against Jap airfields, shipping and gun emplacements on Leyte in the Philippines. Previously, he saw action at New Georgia, Rio, Eniwetok, Palau, Hollandia, Salpan, Guam and Morotai.

"Air Group 37 was based on one of the four baby flattops of the Sangamon class. Originally designed as oilers and later converted into escort carriers, these ships have seen heavy fighting all the way across the Pacific from Tarawa to Leyte, and are affectionately known as the "Old Indispensables." The air group and its "Old Indispensable" have gone from one amphibious operation to another, covering the transports enroute, blasting the beaches ahead of invading troops, flying anti-airborne patrols and executing close support missions for army and marine ground forces. After 13 months of combat, the air group's lighter and torpedo planes climaxed their tour of duty by lashing out at the powerful force of Jap battleships and cruisers off Samar island in the recent battle of the Philippines. Despite a vicious barrage of flak, they scored bomb hits on three cruisers, torpedo hits on a cruiser and two battleships, and sank a destroyer by strafing.

The air group shot down a total of 30 planes during its war cruise, and damaged 143 others on the ground or in the air. It dropped more than 650,000 pounds of bombs, expended over 400,000 rounds of .50 calibre machine gun ammunition, and knocked out or sank 20,000 tons of small shipping—freighters, barges, loggers. Its pilots made a total of approximately 3300 carrier take-offs and landings. The veteran torpedo pilots averaged more than 500 hours of combat flying, the veteran fighter pilots more than 400.

THE WAY OUR PEOPLE LIVED by W.E. Woodward

A DAY IN A VIRGINIA PLANTER'S LIFE (1713)
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All the Randall family except Lucy, the eldest daughter, was at the breakfast table when Swain joined them. At his elbow stood a white maid in a dark-gray dress with a yellow apron. She put before him a bowl of hominy and milk which had been heated and then sweetened with molasses. Smiling, she said: "Eggs this morning, sir?" "Yes, Minnie," he replied. "A dish of battered eggs." (Battered eggs were what we call scrambled eggs today.)

In the early 18th century Negroes were seldom used as house servants in Virginia. All able-bodied slaves, both men and women, were needed for work in the tobacco fields. Another reason perhaps for their exclusion from household employment was that most of the slaves were still too barbaric to be acceptable as servants. They had not learned household manners. The Randalls had only three Negro servants in the house. The white maids were either indentured servants or the daughters of poor farmers.

As soon as he was through with the hominy and molasses Swain turned to the various platters on the table. His battered eggs were to be cooked and served hot, but there were many cold dishes. He selected a slice of baked ham and a piece of broiled partridge. There were two kinds of bread on the table—corn hock-cake and wheat biscuits, both cooked that morning and served hot. He took a biscuit, cut it open and spread butter on it. From a shining silver pitcher he poured himself a tankard of cider.

"I'm sorry to hear that you're leaving us today," said Mrs. Randall, a thin, sallow woman in her early 40s. Mrs. Randall seldom smiled or laughed on account of her teeth. They were black with decay and many of them were missing.

"Yes, Mary, I have to be on my way," said Mr. Swain. "The House has adjourned until fall, as you know, and I have much to do at Belmore. I am thankful to you to all of you for your many kindnesses and hospitality." "Don't mention it," said Mrs. Randall. "It was a pleasure. We've enjoyed your visit and whenever you come to Williamsburg I hope you will make this house your home."

"Oh, I shall do that," said Ned Swain, laughing. "And I give you the same invitation to Belmore. Come and visit us and stay a month."

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Five Day Forecast

Five-day forecast ending Tuesday night: Oregon and Washington west of Cascades: generally fair weather except for considerable cloudiness northwest portion and with scattered light rains extreme northwest portion beginning middle of period. Temperatures averaging a little above normal. Idaho, Oregon and Washington east of Cascades: fair weather throughout period but with variable cloudiness. Temperatures near normal.

WASHINGTON COLUMN

By Peter Edson (United Press Staff Correspondent)

DOPESTERS who are already trying to write the President's message to the new Congress predict that it must outline some kind of definite program for providing the 60 million postwar jobs he mentioned as a "must" in his campaign speech at Chicago last October. Just after that speech was delivered, the President is supposed to have received a telegram from Vice President Henry Wallace expressing fears that the 60 million figure was a little high and that the President might be caught up on it. In this same wire, however, the Vice President reassuringly stated his belief that Roosevelt would carry the Middle West.

The reply that came back was to the effect of "You carry the Middle West and I'll take care of the 60 million jobs." The President didn't do so well about carrying the Middle West, but the 60 million job question is still to be answered.

Assistant Secretary of State Dean Acheson characterized himself as "the only live turkey left in the Department of State after Thanksgiving" when Secretary Stettinius and the six new assistants were up on Capitol Hill being inquisitioned by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. After the six were confirmed, they were presented by Stettinius at his regular State Department noon press conference. Finally Stettinius introduced Acheson, "the man who has been running the department for the last two weeks."

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



Others Say ...

HOW ABOUT MULTNOMAH? (Oregonian)

Noting the resignation from the senate of Dr. J. A. Best of Pendleton (his successor is the able state representative, Carl Engdahl), The Bend Bulletin has given editorial encouragement to Senator Marshall E. Cornett of Klamath Falls, who has promised to make another effort to get the legislature to reapportion his over-sized district. The bill introduced by Senator Cornett in the 1941 session would have reduced the senatorial representation of Umatilla, Morrow and Union counties and increased the representation, by redistributing, of the five counties for which Senator Cornett is the sole spokesman—Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Lake and Klamath.

Umatilla county, with a 1940 population of 26,030, has a senator of its own, and Umatilla, Morrow and Union counties, with a combined population of 47,766, share another senator. Senator Cornett's district, on the other hand, had a population of 72,996 in 1940, and it is greater now. The Bulletin, emphasizing this discrepancy, also points to an opinion by the late Attorney-General E. Van Winkle which held that the legislature may change districts at any time.

One of these days the legislature is going to have to face the facts—and the constitutional requirement, long disregarded, that apportionment of senators and representatives among the counties shall be based on population. But it is a prospect which causes most upstate legislators to shudder, for if honestly carried out it would give Multnomah county a much stronger delegation. Indeed, some Multnomah county legislators are opposed to apportionment based strictly on population, professing to see legislative dangers in awarding the balance of power to one industrial county.

It is obvious that the district represented by Senator Cornett has grown too large for a single senator. It is also obvious that Multnomah county, with more than one-third of the state's population, is not fairly represented, with less than one-fourth of the senators and representatives now apportioned to it. The question is: Will the legislature agree upon a constitutional reapportionment?

Anhydrous alcohol, used in pennycakes for admixture with gasoline as a motorcar fuel, is now attracting world-wide attention as a substitute for gasoline because it can be made almost anywhere from almost any carbohydrate.

Bend's Yesterdays

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO (Jan. 2, 1930)

The forest service sets aside 1,800 acres in the Metolius area for experimental purposes. Police investigate the firing of a bullet into the home of District Attorney Ross Farnham at 846 Riverside boulevard. H. E. and C. W. Simpson buy the A. J. Goggans paint shop on Wall street. William Rahn, Millican merchant, is a Bend business call.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Jan. 2, 1920)

Bend merchants open stores at 8 a.m. instead of 9 a.m., and begin negotiations with the clerks' union regarding the hours of work.

T. A. McCann of Bend is named a director of the Oregon State chamber of commerce. J. B. Heyburn opens a hardware store in the new Sather building at Wall and Minnesota. Dr. Grant Skinner returns from a trip to Portland. Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Moore return from Portland, where Moore attended a gathering of teachers.

TEARS STALL GUNMAN

Cleveland (UP)—Tears still pay dividends. Jacob Steinberg, a 53-year-old Cleveland grocer, was "so surprised" when three armed men held up his grocery store that he began to cry. The gunman, apparently moved by the man's tears, walked out, leaving \$75 in the cash register.

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By MERRILL BLOSSER OKAY, GOONEY—AFTER WE CRACK THE BOOKS AT THE BRAIN FACTORY HOWZ-ABOUT SOME GIZMO AT THE WHOZZIT? SO LONG, POP—I GOTTA GO OUT AND SPREAD SOME DATE-BAIT!