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RESTORING THE LOOT

Not so many months ago Henry Morgenthau, speaking out of turn, announced that the post-war plan for Germany was to transform that industrial nation into an agricultural one. The Germans were displeased by the statement and there can be no question that their defense stiffened somewhat in consequence.

Mr. Morgenthau shouldn't have talked that way, of course. It wasn't diplomatic, nor was it his place. The secretary of state should have said anything on that particular subject that was to be said—and he would undoubtedly have said it differently.

Just the same, we're wondering if there isn't a likelihood that Germany, while perhaps not reduced to the status of an agricultural nation, may not be considerably less important industrially than it is today. Partly, we can surmise, this will be the result of war's destruction—there can be no question that some of the thousands upon thousands of bombs raining down on German factories are hitting their targets. And partly it will be the result of restoration.

Not reparations, such as were levied after the first world war and not collected, but turning back the industrial loot stolen from occupied countries. In some of these unhappy lands, equipment was allowed to remain, being put in use for the German war effort. In other instances it was promptly carted away to the fatherland. There were also removals and destruction when the invaders found it advisable to move out.

The countries so looted should be given back that which was taken from them. Nor does this mean payment for loot or extension of credit. It means restoration of the equipment itself, or the handing over of a equipment that will take its place. With it will go millions of foreign laborers, forced into German service. They will not be needed in the fatherland when their machines are sent back and they probably would not wish to remain longer anyway.

Under such a program the once-occupied countries would be, in a measure, rehabilitated. They and the aggressor nation which had despoiled them would be receiving only simple justice.

JOHNSON LEAVES THE USO

Through the period of intensive use of the Bend USO, including the life of Camp Abbot and the time of the general army maneuvers in this area, Carl A. Johnson was chairman of the local council which cooperated with the National Catholic Community Service in providing for the welfare of members of America's armed forces here. At a time when it seemed assured that a large center would be required in Bend for the duration it was Carl Johnson who insisted on more suitable quarters and who obtained the renovation and remodeling of the building then occupied on Wall street.

The USO record in this community has been a fine one. An important part of it has been the record of the council and of its chairman. This is not merely our idea. It was the idea also of the sponsoring organization which recognized Carl

Ernie's a Godfather



(NEA Telephoto) Vondra (Snookie) Bush, 7, makes eyes at War Correspondent Ernie Pyle, her godfather, as they discuss the scarf from Paris, cameo from Italy, rug from Africa that Ernie sent her. Snookie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Duane Bush of San Mateo, Calif., long-time friends, whom he visited while awaiting transportation to cover the war in the Pacific.

Johnson as the outstanding chairman of the NCCS-operated USOs in the United States.

Mention of his record has been made before now in this column. It is referred to once more in connection with the news of his resignation. The task is less arduous now, but it is still too much when it is remembered that he has accepted the presidency of the Bend Chamber of Commerce. It is another big job and one which he will also handle with credit to the community and to himself.

As to the USO, it is still in good hands. Robert E. Burreigh, one of the most enthusiastic of USO workers through that organization's most strenuous days in Bend, takes over as chairman of the council. We may feel confident that USO will continue to live up to the reputation which it has always held in this area.

Redmond Names Its 1945 Officers

Redmond, Jan. 18 (AP)—Mayor T. J. Wells has made the following appointments for 1945: Wade H. Short, water; Fred Hoedeker, streets; M. F. Roberts, swimming pool; Ned Fields, finance and street lights; Marlon Taylor, fire department; J. R. Roberts and T. J. Wells, airport.

Reappointments were Mrs. Evaline Riehoff, recorder; Max Cuning, treasurer and attorney; John Berning, water and street superintendent. Mrs. Max Cuning, Mrs. M. A. Lynch and H. E. Van Arsdale were reappointed to the library board. Other officers are Jess Edgar, chief of police, Dr. R. W. Christiansen, health officer, and A. W. Wildows, surveyor.

SCHOOL RUSH DAYS OVER Melrose, Mass. (AP)—For the first time in 37 years Mrs. Herbert S. Tourtellott of Melrose hasn't any children to bundle off to school this fall. The youngest of her nine children was graduated from Melrose high school recently. Her brood has attended public schools and colleges for a total of 132 academic years.

Deals in Liquor Will Be Studied

Salem, Ore., Jan. 18 (AP)—Purchase of the Waterfill and Frazier and Shawhand distilleries by the Oregon and Washington liquor commissions in 1943 will be investigated by a five-man Oregon legislative committee it became evident today after the Oregon house of representatives alcohol committee endorsed a resolution providing for the committee.

The resolution, which has already passed the senate, will be acted upon by the house, probably today or tomorrow. It is expected to pass.

Meanwhile the education committee was reading bills which will ask for some \$5,000,000 in additional funds for Oregon schools. Increased state aid would help relieve the shortage of teachers, proponents of the bills believe.

Bills Submitted A series of bills were submitted to the house judiciary committee. Three of them, brought in by the secretary of state's office, concerned motor vehicle laws and were largely administrative, giving the department larger authority in license regulation violation cases.

Another group of bills, dealing with protection of rights of servicemen and others overseas in the country's service, were submitted to the judiciary committee by the war work committee of the bar association. They were presented by Judge Walter Toozie, Portland, who asked that they be presented to the house as committee bills. They were originally suggested by the council of state governments.

Grange Hall

Grange Hall, Jan. 18 (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Cox visited at the Nick Meyers home last Sunday.

Mrs. Marion Dubois of Prineville was a weekend guest at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Walter Pritchard.

The Happy Sewers met at Young school on Wednesday afternoon. The girls filled in their record cards. Mrs. Louis Mitchell was a guest at the meeting. Mrs. Walter Pritchard is the leader.

The young batchelors 4-H club, with Mrs. Homer Brown as leader, met Tuesday evening at the Young school. The boys are learning to darn.

Mrs. Clarence Smith, Mrs. C. B. Harmon and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hamby visited Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Niel and daughter, Mrs. Robert Foley Sunday afternoon.

Guests at the Walter Pritchard home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fryzell, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Meyers, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Cox and Bud Burrows.

Mr. and Mrs. Hooper Dyer called on Mr. and Mrs. George Hamilton Sunday afternoon.

Leonard Nolan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Nolan, left for Portland Thursday for induction into the navy.

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Drive to Manila Over Luzon Is Through Fertile Plains

Washington, D. C.—The road to Manila, which American forces broke open with landings on the gulf of Lingayen, lies through the great central plains of Luzon. This region is one of the most populous and normally productive areas of the Philippines, with many small farms spreading a mosaic over the face of the land, says the National Geographic Society. It is settled chiefly by Tagalog-speaking Filipinos, who, together with the Visayans, make up the dominant racial group of the islands.

From the Lingayen gulf port of Dagupan—a doorway used also by the Japanese in their 1941 invasion—the air distance to the Philippine capital of Manila is a little more than a hundred miles. The intervening country is a broad, open corridor averaging 40 miles across and hemmed in on both sides by mountains. On the west, the highlands rise in spots to peaks of five and six thousand feet. One reaches up nearly 6,700 feet. Southwest of the central plains stretches rugged Ibatan Peninsula, scene of the stubborn American-Philippine defense during early Japanese triumphs. The only elevation within the plains corridor itself is isolated Mount Arayat, in the southern section. It is nearly 4,000 feet high. In the neighborhood, east and south to Manila Bay, are also found Luzon's only extensive swamplands, delta country of the Pampanga and other rivers. Two great river systems drain the central plains of Luzon—the Agno on the northwest, emptying into Lingayen gulf, and the Pampanga on the southeast, flowing these and other river valley produce a large share of the Philippine food supply. Some 40 per cent of the rice production came from this region, as well as considerable sugar for export. After the Japs took control, it was reported that much of the sugar-growing land had been turned over to cotton cultivation, with one or two of the remaining sugar mills converted to industrial alcohol output. Chief settlement of the Luzon plains is the town of Tarlac, with a prewar population of 16,350. Situated in the west-central region, it is the main rail and highway junction of the corridor. The fact that both railroads and highways run along the eastern and western edges of the plains, with connecting links crossing in the north but avoiding the southern swampy regions, is an indication of the problems of rainy weather transport. In the wet season, most of this central Luzon lowland has been described as a sponge, with troop movements forced to stick to the roads or the foothills of surrounding uplands.

met Saturday at the home of their leader, Mrs. Walter Pritchard. Deloris Meyers and Carol Hoid were demonstration leaders and had as their project, "Macaroni and Cheese" as a main dish. The next meeting will be on Jan. 27 at the Pritchard home. Thelma and Doris Walker will demonstrate "Eggs" as the main dish. Mrs. Walter Pritchard is attending the agricultural census school at the auditorium in the county agents office in Redmond. She will assist in taking the 1945 agricultural census in this county. Mr. and Mrs. George Barclay purchased the Ben Grafenberger ranch and moved in recently. C. F. Williamson and son Edwin have purchased farms near Sunny Side, Wash. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Williamson are moving up there the last of January. Mrs. Williamson's sister, Catherine, and her family live at Sunny Side. Herbert Butcher, who drove the Non-union high school bus recently, was called to Portland to enter the army. Rev. Dan Hager will drive the bus, it has been learned. Conrad Nelson, of Connell, Wash., and his brother, Henry

Nelson of Bend, visited Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hamby Sunday evening. The Nelson brothers and the Hamby were neighbors in the wheat belt of Washington 22 years ago. Mrs. R. W. Hamby and children, Dick and Gail, drove to the upper Deshutes Sunday to visit her mother, Mrs. William Bowers.

JUDGE DOESN'T AGREE Pittsfield, Mass. (AP)—Charged with passing three red lights in a row, Oscar Downing explained in court that his offense was prompted by a patriotic desire to conserve gasoline. The judge, a somewhat different patriot, fined him \$5.

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Advertisement for Skinned Hams, Little Pig Sausages, Kippered Salmon and Fresh Oysters, Young Roosters and Fryers, and Coffee (34c). Includes a small illustration of a coffee pot.

A comic strip titled 'FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS' by Merrill Blosser. It shows a boy named Freckles and his friends talking about homework and a bet. Freckles says 'YOU'RE A PRETTY HEP LITTLE MEATBALL, JUNIOR, BUT I BET YOU CAN'T DO MY HOMEWORK!' and another boy replies 'I BET YOU A NICKEL I CAN!' Freckles then says 'OKAY, HERE'S MY JEFFERSON! NOW LET ME SEE HOW SMART YOU ARE!' and another boy replies 'AND HERE'S MY BUFFALO! IT'S AN EVEN MONEY BET!' Freckles then says 'BUT WHAT IF YOUR TEACHERS GET WISE THAT I DID YOUR HOMEWORK FOR YOU? FOR TWO BITS MORE, I BET I CAN KEEP MY MOUTH SHUT!' and another boy replies 'OKAY--- HERE'S THE DOUGH!' and Freckles replies 'AND YOU WERE THE DROOP WHO WONDERED IF I WAS SMART!'