

## OPEN FORUM

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To Our Public Officials: Perhaps as a voter and taxpayer I am out of order. If so I apologize. Having spent a half hour in line waiting my turn at the Marion county rationing board, and then being turned away with fifty or more others, I feel it my privilege as an American citizen to ask our city and county government — Why?

After all you are elected to your various offices. You solicit and beg for our vote. Now with our own money, and in an emergency, you take your own sweet time, or disregard entirely the needs of our Marion county people.

Farmers and farmers' wives, upon whose efforts much of the food of our country depends, cannot afford to stand in line hours and then be turned away. Their time is valuable, to say nothing of the tires and gas it takes to bring them to the rationing board's office. Fruit does not wait to be cared for. The board needs more room, more workers. It's time for some one to get busy.

Just one more story. I saw and heard it myself: Back several places in line were two young women, who, when the last one for the day was taken, asked if it wasn't possible to just take them. They worked in the berry fields, canned at night for their families. This was their only chance to get a rationing card. But it was too late this time.

People are ready, willing and waiting to comply with every demand made on them. But cooperation of those higher up seems to be lacking.

I am not criticizing the rationing board. Their hands are tied. Some of those seeking our votes for their positions better get busy.

(Mrs. Frank H.)  
Sophie C. Spears.

Thursday, June 11.

## Gideons at Work

To the Editor: The Salem camp of Gideons gave a reception banquet at the Argo dining room Monday evening in honor of their international president, A. E. Lewis of Eau Claire, Wis. President Lewis is on a tour of the west coast Gideon camps to stimulate the work of the Gideons in their immense undertaking of "Arming the Armed Forces With the Word of God."

Very early in our war with the axis a committee from the Gideons visited the president, and, not only gave him a Fine Gideon Bible for his desk and use, but asked for permission to supply the armed forces of this country with the Word of God, in the form of the New Testament with the Psalms added, and the president gave his consent in a very appreciative manner. At that time it

was estimated that it would take 5,000,000 copies but since we have entered a further struggle with Japan there is no estimate of the amount required, we will work on, supplying as long as there is a demand.

After the first printing was completed the testament met with universal approval and was highly commended by all denominations both Protestant and Catholic. Because of the great work of the Gideons in placing the "Gideon Bible" in public institutions and the manner in which this work has been carried on, was the principal factor in securing the supervision of giving the armed forces the most effective weapon against the most powerful enemy, Satan. When the Lord was faced with his enemy "Satan" he used the weapon, the Word of God, and Satan departed.

Up to the present the printers have been given orders for 3,050,000 copies and testaments are going to chaplains at the rate of 6,000 per day; \$1.00 will pay for four copies. Gideon camps all over the nation are busy contacting churches to secure funds to carry on this vital work. Christian men and women everywhere are helping in a lovely way in the mighty effort.

Just now Salem, Corvallis and Eugene camps are putting forth their best efforts to secure funds for the purchase of testaments to supply Camp Adair. Will Christian people come to the aid now.

Reports are coming continually of the good being done through the efforts of the Gideons and the great appreciation by the chaplains and soldiers of the fine testament. May we give one story given by Mr.

Lewis of the result of our work: "A mother in Illinois gave her son to the air force. After months of service his plane was destroyed and the life lost. His personal effects were sent to his mother and in them she found a Gideon testament, although the son had gone from home having never made a profession for Christianity she found in the back of the testament unit, 'My Covenant With God' her son's signature and date. No money could buy that testament from that mother."

A. O. Davidson,  
Local Camp Secretary.

To the Editor: I am writing to you in regard to a situation which has developed as a result of our national emergency. It is relative to our rationing board located in the Ladd & Bush bank building.

I believe that I am somewhat familiar with the situation due to the fact that I have officed in this building for some period of time.

We have lines forming from 8 o'clock in the morning, which line continues to increase until closing time, with the result that a continuous line three and four deep, comprising approximately one hundred fifty persons, are waiting their turn at all times, and at the time of closing large numbers of these people who have journeyed a long distance have been turned away without obtaining their ration cards.

I have personally observed these lines and the majority of the people that comprise it are of an advanced age, who can ill afford, physically, to stand in line for a long period of time. To cite one instance that occurred on this 10th day of June: One lady, 83 years of age, walked in three miles to Salem yesterday, waited in line until the office was closed; she was obliged to come back again today, and it was approximately 11 o'clock when she finally was admitted to the office.

Several inquiries have been made to me in regard to the

## Advisory Board Suggested for Power Authority

Washington, June 12 (AP)—A suggestion that the joint senate-house committee studying legislation to create an administration for Columbia river power in Washington and Oregon amend the bill to include an advisory committee of four members to cooperate with the administrator was offered yesterday by a Spokane attorney.

Ben H. Kiser, chairman of the state and regional planning boards, urged the committee to approve the Bone-Smith bill to create the authority and authorize it to purchase and condemn

state supplying money for office space, but upon investigation, I find that this would be a very impractical solution to the problem, and that it is primarily a problem for city and county governments to supply office space. As it now appears, under the present inadequate space, the sugar rationing cannot be completed in less than three months, and by that time many of the important fruit crops of this area will have been lost.

This is merely an introduction to our war-time necessity as we have many other rationings which will undoubtedly follow, and in my opinion, at the present time it is necessary that both city and county governments take the initiative in meeting this emergency.

John F. Steelhammer,  
Salem, Ore., June 10, 1942.

private power companies but to include the advisory committee. Sen. Overton (D. La.) voiced objection to Kiser's plan because he felt such a group would tie the hands of the administration unless it were purely an advisory committee.

J. W. Seufert, salmon and fruit packer of The Dalles, Ore., also appeared in favor of the bill. "If you don't want to get anything done," he advised, "get a board, and if you want to delay it, get a bigger board. Have one administrator and if he is no good, fire him."

The name of Dr. Paul J. Raver, now head of the Bonneville power administration, was suggested as the ideal man for the administrator's post by Mayor B. L. Bennett of Tappanish, Wn. Raver would see that excessive prices were not paid for private power companies which the new administration might acquire, he said. Bennett said ten counties in southern Washington had power to condemn sections of the Pacific Power and Light Co., through public utility districts.

"That would be like cutting off the cat's tail ten times," he said. "And when you get through the cat is dead and you have nothing of it."

## Fish Workers Want Pay of \$8.50 Daily

Astoria, Ore., June 12 (AP)—Cannery workers of the Columbia river fishermen's protective union have rejected a proposal from fish processors for a "split-scale" \$1.10 hourly for fillet butchers and 85 cents hourly for other skilled workers, it was announced today.

Henry Niemela, union secretary, said workers were holding out for a straight \$8.50 daily scale.

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| Mints                           | 19c      | 40-count        | 19c  |
| Dinner                          | 7c       | Glass Sugar &   | 29c  |
| Napkins                         | 7c       | Creamer on Tray | 29c  |
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| handle                          |          | Kettles         | 10c  |
| Dish Pans without               | 29c      | Sauce Pans,     | 10c  |
| handle                          |          | 1 quart         |      |
| Tea                             | 69c      | 2 quart         | 15c  |
| Kettles                         | 59c      | Pudding         | 15c  |
| Double                          | 59c      | Pans            | 15c  |
| Boilers                         | 39c      | Wash            | 15c  |
| Coffee                          | 39c      | Basins          | 15c  |
| Pot                             | 39c      |                 |      |
| WHITE ENAMEL WARE WITH RED TRIM |          |                 |      |
| Pudding                         | 35c      | Cups            | 15c  |
| Pans                            | 20c      | Wash            | 39c  |
| Plates                          | 20c      | Basins          | 39c  |
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