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A Record of Progress

Carl Hogg, retiring after three years as president of the Salem Chamber of Commerce, can lay down the reins with which he has guided the affairs of that organization with a sense of satisfaction in a task well and thoroughly done. The revamped and revitalized chamber speaks its own tribute to the talent and effort he has given to it and stands as a reward for the time and thought he has sacrificed for it.

Measuring the success he has achieved in material things, the three years of his administration have seen the membership grow from 375 to a healthy 1000, and the annual budget from \$8000 to \$25,000—a growth induced and attracted by the spirit of accomplishment with which he has imbued the reborn chamber. Today it is a living, breathing business conducted along business lines and actively engaged in the job of bettering the community and selling it to the world in the same manner the chamber has sold itself.

From an almost wholly social organization which concerned itself chiefly with weekly luncheon gatherings and the distribution of pretty stereotyped literature proclaiming the virtues and resources of Salem and its environs, the chamber under Hogg's direction has been transformed into a vital force assuming and exercising leadership in the industrial development of the city, the Willamette valley, Oregon and the northwest. It has actively identified itself with movements and groups dedicated to the betterment of the west, abandoning the smothering cloak of provincialism and adopting the wider regional perspective.

To attain these ends it has set up the office of industrial extension manager, filled the job with a capable executive and given him an able assistant and adequate office help. First fruits of this program are seen in the selection of Salem as the site of the pilot plant (now building) for the processing of alumina from clay and in inducing smaller industrial plants to locate here. With such an ambassador-at-large to represent Salem further benefits are bound to accrue to the community.

Looking into broader fields of the future, President Hogg has but recently set up within the chamber a post-war planning committee designed to function in a cooperative and coordinating capacity with public agencies and private industry in developing a long-range economic program.

Belgians Learn a Lesson

Instead of cooperating with the Allies in the establishment of law and order after their liberation from the German yoke, preliminary to a popular election to choose a permanent government, Belgians, like the Greek communists and left wingers, started a revolt in an attempt to stage bloody coup d'etats and seize power, some even going so far as to proclaim "dictatorships of the proletariat." During these years of Nazi occupation the "resistance party" never recovered a mile of territory or liberated one section of the enslaved population, which was freed only by Allied troops and materiel.

Now that the Germans have staged their major counter-attack, and reoccupied a portion of Belgium the alarmed "national independence front" leaders have offered to cease fighting the Allies and help fight the Germans, provided of course they are furnished arms and munitions, an offer that will probably be refused for as soon as the Germans were again expelled, the arms would be used against the Allies, as before. If the Allies can't handle the situation, the Belgians certainly cannot.

The same situation would exist in Greece, provided the Germans were enabled to again invade that country. Those Greeks shooting down their liberators would be the first to volunteer to fight the common enemy.

Probably the same situation will exist in other liberated countries, except where Russians, with their strong arm tactics, uninfluenced by sentimentalists at home, maintain the peace. All of which shows that a thankless task the Americans are up against in demoralized and war wrecked Europe.

All of this discord plays into Hitler's hands and is probably secretly instigated by the Nazis to divide the United Nations both in the war and peace.

Depleting Oregon's Greatest Resource

Mercantile timber demanded by war production covered 700,000 acres and represented over twelve million board feet during the two years ending last June, Nels Rogers, Oregon state forester, states in his biennial report just completed. Little if any reduction is foreseen in the demand for the post-war construction years.

While Oregon forest lands, which have the largest stand of timber of any of the 48 states, are being denuded at a high rate, he feels that they will not be seriously depleted if all such lands are kept productive. Moreover as the timber is cut, the tax-rolls shrink.

Intensified efforts to have general forestry become a required subject in Oregon schools is recommended as one measure of production in the future. The state forester also asks that he be empowered to restrict cutting of immature timber.

Among the evil effects of such indiscriminate cutting is that the young growth produces low grades and low volumes and it deprives the land of full value as it cuts the heart out of stands which should be left to protect the industry after the old growth stands are gone.

Protection on a state-wide basis is also proposed by the report, which advocates a zoning act of three zones, two to include all non-urban territory, placed under the protection of the forestry department and the state fire marshal, and the other to be made mandatory for all lands between forests and cities, with state-wide protection.

A Hungry Christmas

Salemites and transients who rely upon restaurants and other public eating places for their meals are doomed to eat their Christmas dinners out of tin cans or go hungry on that feast day this year, unless they can jimmy an invitation to dinner out of friends. For members of the Salem Restaurant Operators' association, comprising all of the principal eating places in town, have decided to keep their doors closed throughout Christmas day.

Whatever the reasons behind it may be, the decision is a serious one in that it constitutes a violation of an implied obligation of those engaged in the business of supplying a necessary public service.

A restaurant is, in a sense, a public utility, which in its proper functioning is bound to render reasonable service to its customers and to deprive them of food for an entire day is certainly not reasonable service in a city the size of Salem. The obligation to serve meals to those who have no other place to secure them applies equally to employees of eating places, who are dependent for their jobs upon those whom they would compel to go hungry by refusing to work on any holiday.

If, as some of the operators report, their cooks and waiters refuse to work on Christmas, the blame for breaking faith with those they serve rests chiefly upon the employees.



Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

In the current issue of a national magazine the brag is made for San Francisco that it has the first outside lighted Christmas tree and that the whole idea had its nativity in the Bay City. It seems this happened 18 years ago. However, Salem can still firmly maintain its claim to such honor with the giant tree on our courthouse lawn on which the lights were first strung in 1913, a matter of 31 years ago or 13 years before the San Francisco tree was even a gleam in its sponsor's eye.

Bill Hamilton of the Portland General Electric tells us that the first year our tree was selected to give birth to the electrified tree idea it was so small 50 lights with the necessary cords covered it like a blanket. But the tree grew, as trees will do in our salubrious and well treed area, and each year more bulbs and more extension cords were needed until the last time the tree was lighted hundreds of bulbs were needed, just how many hundred he doesn't remember. The lighting was discontinued after Pearl Harbor due to war department orders and remains unlighted, but after the war will burst forth again in all its glory. And probably will need some extra bulbs as, regardless of war department orders, the tree has kept right on growing. So, San Francisco had better take back its rash claim or take the consequences.

As to after the war, we've heard so many promises over the radio and otherwise of what great things are in store for folks who survive the present conflict, it's going to seem pretty prosaic getting the customary gifts on the coming Christmas day. We expect by the time the first postwar Christmas rolls around there'll even be a stream lined Santa Claus of some kind, dropping down the chimney in a helicopter and spreading television sets, et cetera, all over the place. But we bet the turkeys will still grow the same old necks.

Stocked Up for the Double Holiday

Somerville, Mass. (AP)—When a woman loudly berated a tobacco store clerk who told her he had no cigars, State Tax Inspector Joseph Cacciatore stepped forward to explain the shortage and discovered she already had 112 packages in a shopping bag.

Winter arrives officially in

Grandma Switches Millions of Mothers To Her Mutton Suet Idea For Chest Colds

Pioneer grandma liked to "rub colds" with a "home rub" containing mutton suet. Such a rub was her "old reliable" for relieving chest muscle tightness, soothing bronchial irritation, loosening phlegm, checking coughing, easing stinging of chapped lips and nostrils. Today science has modernized this principle with Penetro, the salve with a base containing this same old fashioned mutton suet, plus 5 active ingredients—so now Grandma's old idea is switching millions to this never relief that is being hailed all over America.

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You'll feel relief so quickly—as painful misery eases, coughing is lessened, phlegm loosened, chest rawness soothed. You'll rest more comfortably, give nature a chance to restore vitality through sound sleep. That's why so many mothers thank Grandma for her idea—praise science for perfecting it—and buy Penetro at drug stores everywhere. Relieve your chest cold misery as millions are doing—today get your jar of white, easy-to-use Penetro.

Can This be Kansas?

Topeka, Kans. — A weekly crop report from traditionally dry (atmospherically and prohibitively) Kansas:

"A small acreage of shocked feeds in eastern Kansas was destroyed by floods while other feeds, exposed to the weather, have been damaged by wet conditions."

Probably in Directory

Denver—The Tracy Flemings moved 30 miles from Conifer, Colo., last October, leaving behind them Whiskers, a stray

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Wooded Warrior

Manhattan, Kans.—Lt. Walter Ehlers, congressional medal of honor winner, had for his first date on his 30-day furlough all the members of a Kansas State College sorority.

After being serenaded with Christmas carols by the sorority, Ehlers stammered, "Would you like to attend a dance I'm going to tonight?"

The answer was a chorus of affirmatives. The war hero ended up with a bevy of girls.

Novelties In the News

(By Associated Press)

Albany Firm to Settle for \$5000

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—Compensation to be paid M. Senders & Co., of Albany, Ore., for warehouse property taken over by the government has been agreed to by both houses of congress and a bill authorizing settlement for \$5000 has been sent to the president.

The warehouses were on property at Wells, Ore., which the Albany company had leased from the Southern Pacific railroad. The government took them over in connection with expansion of Camo Air.

They had fed for a month. Yesterday footsore Whiskers showed up at the Flemings home. They know, he had never been in Denver before. They don't know how he learned their address.

The War Today

By DeWitt Mackenzie

An interpretative analysis of war developments by a famous Associated Press war correspondent.

The great German counter-offensive appears—as still viewed uncertainly through the partial dim-out of the news censorship—to have slackened slightly in violence today, with immediate prospects much beclouded.

That's not to say, of course, that the ultimate outcome isn't clear. The vastly superior allied strength insures victory in the long run, but it must be admitted that meantime many things can happen in fighting which once more has become fluid and is swirling over a battlefield that covers literally hundreds of square miles.

This giant engagement may be the last clash of such magnitude on the western front. It might even be decisive as regards the whole Hitlerian war. The Germans are committing their entire available strength in the west to this effort. They're going all out with manpower and materiel, as witness the fact that every road behind the 50-mile Nazi offensive line is jammed hub to hub with transport of all descriptions.

Gamble Is Colossal

Nazi Field Marshal von Rundstedt is shoving his whole stack of chips into the pot for a colossal gamble in which he risks being cleaned out. It's a play of desperation that rather reminds one of the Japanese banzai charges. The difference is that whereas the Nipponese attacks are suicide affairs—self-immolation for honor of the emperor—the hard-headed German has no thought of selling his life for honor alone. He has a practical objective.

The Germans of course are gambling on upsetting Eisenhower's offensive plans and so on prolonging the war with the vague hope of securing a compromise peace. They are too good soldiers to have any expectation of winning the war.

The way things look, von Rundstedt already may have achieved the object of upsetting the allied time-table badly. There won't be any white Christmas on the fighting front. So far as concerns a compromise peace, we know that

any forecast of the trend of the battle at this stage. However, it's quite evident that the Germans have created a dangerous position for themselves by driving through the allied line and spreading themselves all over the landscape. We're entitled to believe that General Eisenhower has a large reservoir of reserves. If he also has the necessary supplies there is always the possibility that he may turn the German advance into a terrific debacle.

Legion Plans Dance

Woodburn—Woodburn Post No. 48 of the American Legion will give a Christmas dance at the Woodburn armory on the evening of December 25. Music will be by the "Top Hatters," seven-piece dance band with singer.

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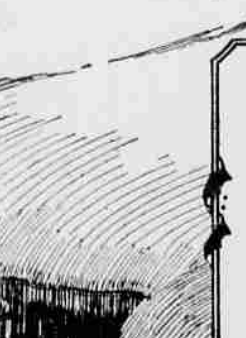
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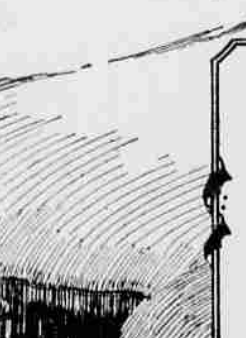


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