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Inside the New Deal

Apparently operating on the theory that "a free confession (political) is good for the soul," former members of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's much maligned corps of advisers known in the early days of his administration as the "Brain Trusters," are seeking to cleanse their consciences or fatten their pocketbooks, or both in some instances, in the sterilizing influence of printers' ink. The latest of those seeking absolution via this route is Henry Morgenthau, Jr., former secretary of the treasury who has engaged to write a series of articles for Collier's, the first of which appears in the current issue of that magazine.

The first installment, of which there will be six, culled from what Morgenthau describes as his diaries comprising 900 volumes of copies of documents, plus personal notes and memoranda, and including records of conferences and conversations, deals with three members of the official cabinet whom he characterizes as being the three most extravagant New Dealers.

They are Henry A. Wallace, who as secretary of agriculture was the most lavish spender; Harry Hopkins, secretary of commerce and presidential agent without portfolio, described as the best spender, and Harold Ickes, the most cautious spender through fear of graft.

Elaborating upon Wallace's spendthrift habits, Morgenthau relates an incident he says transpired at a treasury staff meeting April 15, 1937, when the New Deal was making a strenuous effort to balance the budget for 1938. During the course of the meeting it developed that Wallace had plans all laid to spend \$1,176 million in 1938 and \$1,087 million in 1939. In the discussion it also developed that Wallace's department of agriculture—embracing the agricultural adjustment administration, resettlement, federal surplus and emergency relief—had "given away \$2,594 million from 1934 to 1937."

Morgenthau relates that he enlightened the gathering with the information that the overhead for "straight agriculture" functions under Wallace, not including expenditures of the forestry bureau for good roads, were tremendous, adding: "It cost \$130 million for nine months to give away \$516 million." Morgenthau once told the then secretary of agriculture he was "getting away with murder," in spending money. "Wallace's whole theory of spending in order to reduce agricultural production always seemed nonsense to me."

The former treasurer names Hopkins as the "best spender" because he "got money into circulation quickly, which was the economic objective of the pump-priming policy," while Ickes worried about keeping "graft and politics out of the public works program and practically spent money through a medicine dropper."

The Long Skirt Rebellion

The national interest in the new fashions for women prescribing longer skirts for street wear has brought forth so many protests from the fair sex, some of them organized in rebellion, that the Gallup Institute took use of its customary polls of public opinion and reports the following result of the plebiscite:

"Do you think women should adopt the new skirt length—or should they refuse to adopt it and stick to the present length?"

	For	Against	Opinion
National	31%	53%	16%
Men	23	55	22
Women	39	50	11

Women just emerging from their teens dislike hiding their legs almost as much as men hate the idea. Here's how the women line up by age:

	For	Against	Opinion
21 to 29 years	34%	55%	11%
30 to 49 years	36	53	11
50 and over	48	40	12

The survey showed oddly enough that on the west coast, the land of leg art, the women gave greater approval to dropping hemlines than anywhere else in the country—possibly because they have gone to a greater extreme. Gals with pretty legs are unanimously opposed to concealment and vice versa.

It really doesn't make any difference what the women really want, they will follow the dictate of the fashion designers and those opposing will join the procession to "keep up with the Jones" tradition. They always have, whether they like it or not, whether sensible, hygienic or ridiculous and absurd. Look at their millinery and hair-dos!

"As soon be out of the world as out of fashion," is the sentiment of gals from the days when the G-string or grass skirt and bare breasts—still in vogue among primitive people. There is nothing new in fashions. Everything that the busy mind of men can contrive has been successively adopted time after time. Beach and bathing costumes in our own time have run from heavy woolen jacket, skirts and pantaloons down to the brassiere and loin cloth. The hoop skirt and the wasp waist, the bustle and the corset, the balloon sleeve, the simple Greek drapery, the various picturesque peasant costumes have successively appeared and reappeared through the centuries, as have the crimson lips, the painted or calcimined complexions.

"There is nothing new under the sun," even in fashions except to the new generation as was observed by Beaumont and Fletcher early in the 17th century:

"Nothing is thought rare which is not new, and follow'd; yet we know that what was worn some 20 years ago comes into grace again."

North Spring Valley School Year Starts

North Spring Valley — The North Spring Valley school started with an attendance of 25 pupils. Mrs. R. V. Carlson, who is a local woman and taught at Oak Grove last year, is teacher and has all grades except the first and sixth.

Included are eighth, Robert Heading, Maceyle McKinney, Patsy Susmlich, Bill Whitney and two who have not started; seventh, Donna McLaughlin, Marjorie Mischel, Harold Waldron, Larry Mathews, Wilbur Dixley, Jack and Archie Whitney; fifth, Ruth Susmlich, Eleanor Waldron, Phyllis McKinney, Charlene Mathews, Ruth Carlson; fourth, Harold Whitney, Luckey Marrs, Clarence Hoefling; third, Jerry Wilwert, Helen Forest, Gerald Martin; second, Jimmy Waldron, David Carlson, Roger Brewer.

Shepherds Honored With Farewell Party

Marquam—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shepherd, their two children, Penny Marie and Bobby, who are moving to West Stayton this week to make their home, were complimented by neighbors in a surprise farewell party with a gift presented. Several tables of cards were played informally during the evening. The guests served a no-host supper.

Present were the honored family, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Gerlitz and Diane, Theresa Hess and Marcella Gerlitz of Silverton; from Mt. Angel, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Maurer, Sr., Jo Anne and Tommy, and Dorothy Diabala; and from Marquam Mr. and Mrs. Joe Maurer, Sr., Mildred and Joe, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Maurer.

Changes in passenger auto registration in the United States between 1941 and 1946 varied from an increase of 10.4 per cent in California to a decrease of 31.2 per cent in Nevada.

Parental Problems

By Beck



Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

The Portland Beavers for the past few weeks, up to Sunday anyway, have been burning up the Pacific league and Sunday their ball park was almost burned.

An old time Oregonian looks with awe at the persistency of those folks living in the southern states where every few years a hurricane or floods or some other idiosyncrasy of nature comes along, wrecks their homes, floods out thousands of families, destroys stores and industrial plants and generally wrecks havoc. The folks all get together in an armory or some

such place, wait until things calm down and proceed to rebuild and go through with the same thing a few years later. Out here we have a flood occasionally which does some damage but it always seems to stop just about as it really looks as if it would wreck things, the wind blows just hard enough to knock a lot of branches off the trees and now and then a bolt of lightning breaks down a tree or so and then desists. The folks in some of those southern spots sure can take it. Maybe they like the excitement.

Politics and Strange Bedfellows Raleigh, N. C., (AP)—What's in a name? Nothing. Hoover Taft, a Greenville, N. C., attorney, was elected president of the North Carolina Young Democrats without opposition.

Maybe the young southern democrats are getting ready to switch over.

Deputy Sheriff Ervin Ward was still wearing his thin hair-line mustache today and doesn't seem alarmed, even though we caught him taking a gander at himself in a mirror. Doggone it, maybe he's proud of it, you never can tell.

You Needn't Worry, Claude (Corvallis Gazette-Times) Whenever we hear an amateur playing a harp as a radio performance, our ambition to go to Heaven is greatly chilled.

"Vets Colony Rent Stable," says headline in the Statesman. English is a funny language.

Forum

Contributions to this column must be confined to 300 words and signed by writer.

Novelties

Horse Rocks Over

Atlanta, Sept. 22 (AP)—Three year old Robert L. Witcher was recovering today from injuries suffered when he was tossed from his horse.

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MACKENZIE'S Column

By DeWitt MacKenzie (AP Foreign Affairs Analyst)

We shall be wise not to overlook French Foreign Minister Bidault's declaration before the UN assembly that his delegation "deems it futile and dangerous to conceal the magnitude and seriousness of the crisis" growing out of the Russo-American clash, which is threatening the "very life" of the peace organization, and that it's only honest to say one doesn't see how the opposing views can be reconciled.

And why can't they be reconciled? Having given us something to ponder, M. Bidault side-stepped that issue—a delicate matter for discussion by the foreign minister of a country which is precariously situated in the no-man's land between the two dominant powers. However, we can fill in the gaps which he skipped. The real key to the situation is a fact upon which this columnist has been insisting because of its supreme importance, and it is this:

Red Empire Looms

Russia's generation-old program of world revolution for the establishment of totalitarian communism is in full swing. Not for one moment would we forget that, for the insidious ramifications of the great offensive have penetrated every country on the globe. Its greatest success has been in eastern Europe where a big new red empire has been built out of weak countries by strong arm methods in a short time, but already it has a grip on other war-torn nations like Italy.

This world revolution can't be reconciled with any other views. It can be stopped only if and when it comes up against an immovable barrier. Sweet words of wisdom won't turn the trick. Neither will harsh language.

What sort of barrier is needed? Does it mean war? Well, it could mean that, but it strikes me there are other possible ways of halting the red tide. Encouraging point is that Russia doesn't want war — isn't prepared for war and can't be for many years to come. Naturally

she could fight a strong defensive war, but not one of major aggression.

Marshall Plan Fought That being the case, the most effective barrier would be rehabilitation of European democracies so that they could defend themselves against communist aggression, instead of being shot like sitting birds. And that, of course, is the significance of the Marshall plan, although Moscow charges that the program is imperialistic and calculated to give America control of Europe.

The big question is whether the rehabilitation plan can work fast enough to save an all but desperate situation. Most of Europe is struggling in the economic morass. Key countries like Britain and France are so hard hit that they are unable to bolster their smaller neighbors. That's why so much dependence is being placed on America.

Such a condition of weakness provides the best possible field for the operations of communism. A prime example is Italy which is so hard hit that she is fighting for her life. Into that situation communism is throwing every ounce of strength in the way of fomenting strikes and disorders to make the position of the right-of-center government untenable. The reds, led by Russian-trained Italian communist Palmiro Togliatti, are even talking revolution openly.

School Custodian Supports Oil Fuel

Stayton—One man in Stayton who has cause to really appreciate the new oil burner at the high school is Frank Stupka, custodian of Stayton schools, who remarks that he had carried on the average of 125 cords of wood a year from the woodshed to the furnace for the last 19 years.

In good old round numbers that is 2375 cords of wood. He had rigged up a track through the woodshed over which he conveyed the wood into the adjoining furnace room.

He is proudly demonstrating the new oil burner and marveling how just the turn of a switch controlled the heat of the furnace.

The Moon's Movements During a Month

By J. Hugh Pruett

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From a faithful friend of this column, one who loves the starry skies but must do most of her observing through the windows of her home, comes this inquiry:

"I was greatly surprised during the last of August to notice how uncommonly low the moon was in the south a few nights after first quarter. Its light, coming in through a fairly high window, made a most charming moon path as it extended far across the floor of my room. Isn't it quite unusual for the moon to be so low in the southern sky, or am I simply forgetting similar events of other times?"

This is far from usual moon behavior, yet it does occur every month, but not often during convenient observing hours. We shall have another such low moon for a few evenings this coming week when our lunar neighbor is around first quarter (half moon). Low-in-the-south first-quarter moons are seen in the early evening in late summer and early autumn only, yet they occur every year.

In our latitudes the sun and moon during any 24 hours are always highest in the sky when due south, the noon position. It is well known that the noon sun of December shines through south windows casts long sun paths across our floors. But during the longest days of June, it is 47 degrees higher at noon than six months earlier and seems well toward an overhead position. In June it also rises far toward the northeast and sets toward the northwest, as compared with southeast and southwest in winter.

Now the moon goes through very nearly the same performance as the sun, but instead of taking a year for the cycle, requires only about one month. The 23 1/2 degree tip of the earth's axis is responsible for the seeming wanderings of both bodies. While the sun comes to the moon position at about 12 o'clock each day, the moon on an average reaches it 51 minutes later each succeeding day. If an observer checked on the time of the moon's south position dur-

Karl Annen Honored

Mt. Angel—Karl Annen, celebrating his birthday anniversary, was honored at a surprise party at his home. Cards were played and at a late hour Mrs. Karl Annen served lunch, assisted by Mrs. Cyril Walker. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Berning, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Annen, Miss Jeannette Hoffer, Frank Gros Jacques, Francis Ledoux and Lloyd Walker.

Lodge Meets Tuesday

Hubbard—The 96th anniversary of Rebekah Odd Fellowship will be observed at the regular meeting Tuesday of Thalia Rebekah lodge.

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