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Fragments of Fact and Fancy

Reading the headline last week that Reykjavik was prepared for attack, how earnestly we wished that one word could be different—that the United States forces in Iceland and elsewhere were ready not "for" attack but "to" attack.

Lieutenant Colonel Warren J. Clear has written a very graphic account of the defense of the Philippines and one story is especially revealing. In one bombardment of Bataan Peninsula the colonel found himself sharing a defense hole with a sergeant. When all hell broke loose, as he phrased it, both he and the sergeant turned to prayer. He asked the sergeant about it after the raid was over and the latter replied, "Yes, sir, there are no atheists in fox holes."

Now that Ankara and the Soviet Union are making unfriendly gestures toward each other we are wondering what Turkey agreed to give Germany in exchange for the railroad equipment she is to receive. Rolling stock in Germany is extremely scarce and the Turks will probably receive none unless Hitler expects his troops later to use it in going through Turkey to the oil fields of Iran and Iraq. Even that does not explain what composed the other half of the trade—we sincerely hope it wasn't the lend-lease material we've been so generously handing out to the Turks free gratis.

A doctor has recently announced the use of vitamin C to prevent heat prostration. Pills containing this vitamin, which is ascorbic acid, are given industrial workers who suffer from extreme perspiration and the results are found to be very satisfactory. This is no news to the midwesterners who discovered fifty years before a vitamin was heard of that lemonade was a more cooling drink than plain ice water.

For over a hundred years military strategists have predicted that the deciding battle for Europe's mastery would be fought on the sands of North Africa. The British reverses there the last two weeks need not confirm this prediction for such prophets did not take into consideration either the invention of the airplane and its use as a deciding weapon nor did they visualize the strength of America being thrown into the fray.

How foolish it was to compare the New York city dweller's contribution of scrap rubber with that of an Arizona resident. The news broadcasts have stressed the fact that the New Yorker is not making the sacrifices expected because the average there is so much below that of some other sections.

The easy-going western has all outdoors for a storage space and let's his discarded tires drop where they please. A crowded tenth-story apartment in New York would hardly be the place to look for junk. Also many residents in the city have never owned a car while in Nevada, for instance, a man without a car now is like a cowboy without a horse. In addition it might be added that while the hot water bottles, etc., are important it takes a tire or two to make much of a showing on the scales.

While on this subject we'd like to ask if the present drive is one for scrap rubber or all rubber articles, good and worn-out alike? The first impression was that unused rubber was what was wanted but as the propaganda multiplied it sounded as if anyone who retained an ounce of any kind was a hoarder of the black.

We'd like to know: was it coincidence and great editorial minds running in the same channel or was there a combine among the publishers of this country to display the American flag on their magazines this month? The National Geographic looked odd with a precise, geometrical drawing of the flag; on the Readers Digest the red, white and blue crowded the list of contents from the front to the

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, June 30, 1922)

With all the solemn ceremony prescribed for such an occasion, the corner stone of the new temple Chadwick Lodge No. 68, A. F. & A. M. is erecting on Moulton street, was laid last Saturday morning. . . About thirty of the Knights Templar, from Marshfield were present to act as an escort. . . At 12:30 three or four hundred men, women and children sat down to a splendid feast.

Fuhrman & Shindler, Inc., is the name of a new drug firm at Bandon, where the oldest drug store in the county has just changed hands. C. Y. Lowe, the dean of pharmacists in Coos county, is retiring from business and Messrs. C. J. Fuhrman and O. C. Shindler have purchased the stock and good will.

The fact that Coquille is now fifty years old was suggested at the meeting of the Woman's Club held last Tuesday evening and the idea of celebrating this anniversary with a pageant was enthusiastically received.

C. L. Willey & Son have this week moved their plumbing shop to the room just west of their old location, having rented it to Gallas Bros. for a bakery. These brothers, who are Greeks, were conducting a bakery here seven or eight years ago and closed it out that they might go back to Greece to take part in the war.

One of the insurance adjustors in Coquille a couple of weeks ago told

back cover; other with similar designs of Old Glory were: Fortune, Coronet, Ladies Home Journal, American Legion and Hunting and Fishing, with a number yet to hear from.

Forgive us for paraphrasing William Cullen Bryant's immortal words; but our advice is that when thoughts of the war become too engrossing and too depressing, then "go forth, under open sky, and list to Nature's teachings" and not only to her teachings but to her beauties. The fragrance of the flowers and fruits are a welcome surcease from too much brooding. Take time to appreciate the lavish beauty of the rose, take time to thank the Creator for the richness of the iris, for the delicate crispness of the pink peony, or the gold of the wild lily. If there is anything more soul-satisfying than a large bowl of lavender and white sweet peas, whose ruffled petals seem winged for flight, we have yet to see it.

Fire Caution For Over The Fourth

When Ma and Pa Oregon and the little Johns and Marys start on their Fourth of July jaunt this week-end, they carry with them stern warning from General DeWitt, commander of the Western Defense area, and their local officials to us care with fires in forest regions.

"Patriotic Oregonians might well be the cause of aiding our enemies if camp fires are allowed to get out of hand, or if matches and cigarette butts are carelessly thrown about," cautioned Nelson S. Rogers, state forester, in a statement asking for public cooperation by every citizen to stop forest fires and help Keep Oregon Green."

"While some forest areas are closed because of extra hazardous conditions, most forest areas in the state, private and federal forests are open for public use. These areas will only remain open as long as they are kept free from fire.

"We must conserve all of our fire fighting resources, our men, money and equipment to fight any fires started by our enemies, we should not have to exhaust our manpower and energy in combating fires started from thoughtless acts of careless persons," Rogers continued. "A Fourth of July week without fire would be a great contribution to the home front defense."

Pay Auto Tax And Like It

No one is extra happy about paying that \$5 Federal Auto Tax. Many of us think that "lots" of people didn't pungle up that \$2.09 last spring and it seems that Uncle Sam didn't do much about it. But don't get fooled. Some day your Uncle Sam will get around to checking up on the return cards which were filed when the stamp was purchased. When that time comes around it will take some mighty tall talking to explain just why your return card isn't on file.

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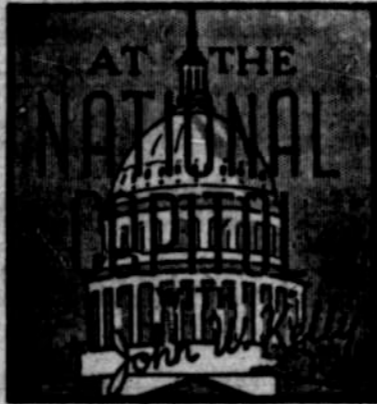
Fire Chief Ray Miller that this city was better equipped with fire-fighting apparatus than any other town of its size in Oregon. It is to be hoped that the insurance rate-maker takes the same view of it when he makes Coquille a visit next week.

Mrs. Florence Seeley has purchased the Boyrie grocery stock on Henry street and taken a lease on the building.

Mr. and Mrs. John Trichler and daughters, Audra and Barbara, of Kenneth, Calif., came in Tuesday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Belloni.

Mrs. C. A. Gage drove up to Powers yesterday to bring back Mr. Gage, Frank Greenough and A. B. Donaldson who had been on Iron mountain doing the year's assessment work on the former's chrome mine claim. The camp went rather shy on fresh meat, there being two deputy game wardens in the crowd—nine men in all being in the party.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sherwood entertained the members of the Coquille baseball team with a six course dinner last evening at their palatial residence on Sherwood Heights. Mrs. Sherwood was assisted in serving by her daughter, Miss Delia, and Misses Adrienne Hazard and Camilla Lorenz. Besides the host and hostess there were at the table J. L. Holycross, E. J. Page, A. H. Bender, Chas. King, Arthur Berg "Babe" Thomas, Rodney Smith, Grover Slade, Howard Hobson, Harry Oerding and Cliff Perkins.



Washington, D. C., July 1—After being in committee for almost half a year, a bill has been reported which, if it becomes law, will be a blessing to the taxing bodies of half a dozen or more counties in Oregon. The measure, introduced by Senator Charles L. McNary, would permit counties and states to levy taxes on land acquired by the military establishment. It would apply, for instance, to Jackson, Benton, Umatilla, Tillamook counties where there are cantonments, ammunition dumps and shore station; it would include counties where bomb testing ranges have been acquired and counties (or cities) where the government has air fields. Where an air field is municipally owned it would not come under the presumptive law. Corvallis cantonment consists of 34,000 acres and the Medford cantonment is equally large. There are 14 sections of land used by the Hermiston munitions depot. Total aggregate has not been compiled.

Oregon department of geology in a bulletin states that production of Coos bay coal is between 10 and 20 tons a day. The two army cantonments will require 140,000 tons a year. Whether the Coos bay coal fields are sufficiently extensive to meet this demand will not be known until a personal inspection is made by an army engineer who will visit them this month. The comment of army engineers is that there are no rail facilities and no machinery to increase the output. Furthermore, there is a greater lack of miners in the northwest than in any other part of the country; for the northwest a shortage of 22.8 per cent, for the nation 7.4 per cent. Washington coal fields, declares an army officer, are capable of providing the coal tonnage if they can obtain labor. If it is possible, the army always obtains its coal from the nearest mines, but the chances are that Washington coal will supply the Oregon cantonments.

Only seven other field offices of WPB are doing as much business as the regional office at Portland. Others are Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York, Chicago, Detroit. It has surprised the field operations division, the activity of Portland, which they frankly expected to be way down the list. As soon as the office force can be enlarged representatives will visit Eugene, Bend, eastern Oregon—anywhere in the state necessary—instead of compelling people from these communities to travel to Portland to discuss war orders.

Inside tip is that the Columbia Power Authority bill, sponsored by Senator Homer T. Bone of Washing-

ton, will not pass this year; may not pass next year unless it is thoroughly revamped and modified. There has been a tremendous wave of opposition to the measure from city councils, service clubs, chambers of commerce, newspaper editors and others, all of whom insist that this is no time to raise a controversial question and that if there should be need for a Columbia Power Authority of some sort it can wait until the war is won. Rep. Walter M. Pierce of Oregon, although a public ownership advocate, doesn't like the bill; Rep. Homer Angell is a member of the joint committee which held hearings and has not committed himself one way or the other. When none of the Oregon congressmen were present Rep. Martin Smith, co-sponsor with Bone, assured the joint committee that the Oregon delegation was solidly for the bill.

Shelling the sand dunes of Clatsop county by a Japanese submarine may cause the office of civilian defense to rearrange its plans for the west coast and provide fire fighting equipment for Astoria and other coastal communities. With one exception, the coast towns were to have been left to their own devices by OCD. The appearance of the enemy U-boat has demonstrated that communities on the fringe of the ocean are entitled to all the protection they can receive from the federal government, and this means every place from Brookings to Seaside.

Wheat farmers will receive a break. Russian ships are entering Columbia river and Puget sound to carry away cargoes of wheat and flour. A half dozen cargoes will move out of Columbia river by the middle of July. Flour from Astoria, Portland and the inland mills in large quantities will be exported to Siberia. It will be the first substantial foreign market wheat growers of the inland empire have had in several years. Canada is taking care of that wheat needed by the British, but the Pacific northwest will have the Russian business under the lend-lease act. A dozen Russian ships already have carried northwest flour and wheat out of Tacoma and Seattle. The food does not cost the Russians a nickel but is provided by the United States government and will have to be paid for by Citizen John Doe.

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Extra Gasoline Increases Hazards

A dangerous practice which is reported to be increasing is that of carrying quantities of gasoline in the car in containers other than the regular gasoline tank, according to the Oregon State Motor Association, which emphasizes that this creates a special hazard to occupants of the vehicle as well as to other highway users.

Another important fact is that this practice probably voids the motorist's car insurance, and he might be unable to collect damages following an accident even though the extra gasoline was not a contributing cause.

Traffic Deaths Are Fewer In Oregon This Year

While gasoline consumption in Oregon decreased only four per cent for the first five months of the year compared to the same period last year, the motor vehicle death rate decreased almost 29 per cent, figures compiled at the office of the state traffic safety division disclosed today.

At the end of May, Oregon motorists had used 104,117,270 gallons of gasoline, which was four per cent

under the consumption of 108,681,560 gallons a year ago. Traffic deaths for the first five months totaled 89 compared to 130 for the same period last year. May's traffic death rate this year was seven persons killed per one hundred million miles of travel, compared with 8.7 last May. For the five month period, the death rate this year is 7.4, compared to 10.4 last year.

Ranked as the second highest salesman for the whole staff of the Oregon Mutual Life Insurance company for the month of May is George Laird, Coquille representative, according to word received here from the home office in Portland.

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