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Fragments of Fact and Fancy

We have traveled far in three years. It was on June 14, 1940, three years ago last Monday, that the Germans entered Paris. At that time it was not our war but we remember the sick feeling of despair with which we listened to the radio on those June days three summers ago. We felt then that everything bought with American blood in the years of 1917 and 1918 had been lost and that we were doomed to another struggle with Germany.

Then followed that bleak, bitter summer and fall of 1940 when Hitler boasted he would eat Christmas dinner in London—or was it that he would dictate terms of peace in Buckingham palace? Whatever was the threat it was as futile as that of the Dutch admiral in 1652 who sailed up and down the English channel with a broom at his masthead, to signify his intention of sweeping the English navy from the seas.

Yes, we have come far in three years but we still have a difficult road ahead and every mother's son of us—and daughter, too,—is needed to win the victory we hope lies in the not too distant future.

Victory gardeners are coming into their own. The first mess of fresh spinach, which melted in one's mouth, is a memory of weeks past now. The beet greens followed closely with their tiny garnet balls to give color and sweetness to the dish. The orange jewels of young carrots, crisp to the breaking point, were delicious either cooked or raw.

But these were only the introduction for a greater delight to follow. There is nothing on earth to compare with the first green peas of the season, surpassing as they do the ambrosia and nectar of the gods. The sweetness of garden peas eaten within the hour after being picked from the vine is not to be described with words. They make one paraphrase the well-known eulogy of the strawberry, "possibly God could make a better vegetable but doubtless He never did."

No one need feel greedy if he cans home fruits and vegetables until his supply exceeds the "dreams of avarice." Every home canned jar used next winter should relieve the demand on commercial products and leave more for sale to those unable to grow and process their own food. More power to the victory gardens!

Did you know? That the Eighth Army, which chased Rommel across the sands of North Africa paid dearly for its fame? The 4th Indian division of this army has seen a one hundred per cent replacement of its ranks because of casualties since the opening of the African campaign.

That there are 256 religious bodies in United States, whose members total more than fifty-five million persons? The denominations include such unusual names as "Two-Seed-in-Spirit Predestinarian Baptists," "Church of the Living God, The Pillar and Ground of Truth," "Confederation of the Defenseless Mennonites of North America." The most surprising thing about this roll of religious membership is that it leaves some seventy million Americans as unaffiliated with any religious organization.

Now that the hour is at hand for the invasion and liberation of the European continent, the verses written by Lord Byron a hundred years ago sound as though they had just been penned by a Greek patriot of today: "The isles of Greece; the isles of Greece! Where burning Sappho loved and sung. Where grew the arts of war and peace, Where Delos rose, and Phoebeus sprung! . . . The mountains look on Marathon—And Marathon looks on the sea; And musing there an hour alone, I dream'd that Greece might still be free."

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, June 15, 1923)

At a short session of the school board last Saturday evening the directors decided to level off the north side of the grounds at the Grade building, in conformity with the request of the Woman's Club who have desired to gravel that part for some time.

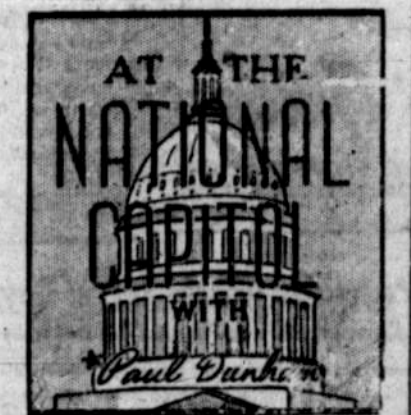
In addition to the list of teachers announced a couple of months ago the following have signed contracts for next year: Marvel Skeels, Ruth Nisson, Mrs. Mary C. Harvey, Mrs. Bertha Ditto, Anne S. Hendrickson, Vina Lynn Crouk, Launee A. Miller.

Some time last Tuesday night, a man or boy, broke into J. L. Stevens' market on First street and carried off the contents of the cash drawer—something over a hundred pennies. None of the meat was molested.

Loganberries are so abundant now that growers at the Bay are offered only 1 1/2 cents a pound for their crops. That is quite different from what it was three years ago, when a Portland canning concern was contracting for all possible down here at eight cents a pound for a period of three years.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Hooton, Tuesday, June 12th at 8:30 a. m., Alton F. Dungey and Miss Anna Marie Hooton were united in marriage by Rev. T. B. MacDonald, formerly pastor of the Christian Church at Coquille.

Mrs. Ida K. Owen returned on the steamer Elizabeth Tuesday from San Francisco, where she has been living for the past six months.



Under date of June 4, two weeks ago, this column called attention to certain remarks made by Representative Voorhis of California concerning a contract entered into between the navy department and Standard Oil Co., for development of the Elk Hills naval oil reserve. This column further stated: "Charges reminiscent of the Teapot Dome scandal of the Harding administration were made on the floor of the house." Last Monday rumors of conniving and fraud broke out in the open. Several senators will join in a resolution demanding a thorough probe of the whole affair. It is said that Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox, and others, will be called upon to explain the whole deal. In the next few days this matter will make headlines and it has all the earmarks of a coming field day for the orators in both houses of congress.

Big chief of chiefs, "Honest" Harold Ickes, who besides being secretary of the interior, is high mogul over all gasoline, fuel oil, coal mines, Bonneville, Grand Coulee and several other things, last week flatly declared that all gasoline for pleasure driving, anywhere, any time, was absolutely out. Reports just reaching here state that Richard Montgomery, chief of OPA for Oregon, tells the home folks they can save up their gasoline for short pleasure trips which OPA is happy to allow. All of which proves that Oregon's OPA Montgomery used to do a swell job delivering book review programs via radio. Ain't we got fun?

A Senate resolution adopted a few days ago calling for an investigation of supply and distribution of hydro-electric power in the west has some funny angles connected with it. Generators at both Grand Coulee and Bonneville are running to capacity. Some of the smart boys around these parts say the investigation will show a big shortage of electric power necessary for war production in the west. Therefore, it is important that additional power be made available at once. All of which could mean a new and different move to persuade the people of Oregon, Washington and Idaho that they need more water storage dams for the Bonneville and Grand Coulee projects or other hydro-electric developments, such as Umatilla rapids.

War food administration's order of last Monday, requiring all livestock slaughter houses to set aside 45 per cent of all steer and heifer beef for the army, will cause a further shortage of such meat for Oregon and Washington civilians. Deliveries of

Eighteen girls, after several weeks of study, have taken and passed the girl scout tenderfoot test and have become accordingly full-fledged girl scouts. Mrs. G. H. Chaney has been commissioned captain of the troop. The following are the scouts: Margaret Bell, Edna Robison, Jean Young, Elizabeth Mintonye, Grace Ellingsen, Jean Piece, Eleanor Folsom, Jerene Low, Gloria Getz, Marguerite Agostino, Elizabeth Lane, Marjorie Jacobson, Alta Belle Elwood, Marvin Hawkins, Pauline Ellingsen, Doris Kay, Melia Brandon, Josephine Terres.

Mrs. G. Earl Low, worthy matron of Beulah Chapter, went out to Portland Sunday to attend the Grand Chapter, O. E. S., in session in Portland this week.

Monday evening Clarence Barton gave a farewell party for Donald, Wayne and Dorothy Page. Besides the honor guests those invited were Phyllis McCurdy, Jean Young, Margaret Bell, Royce Richmond, John Seeley and Edward Johnson.

The Gerding Manufacturing Co. has been installing the machinery the last two weeks in their plant near the river bridge, for doing all kinds of mill and finishing work.

The weather the first of this week here in Coquille was more rainy than usual for the season and just after noon on Tuesday we had quite a fall of hail.

The baseball committee here named C. A. Perkins to succeed "Doc" Page as manager of the ball club.

all meat, says the order, must come up to army specifications in the form of boneless and carcass beef. Army and navy have had a hard time lately obtaining enough beef in the northwest for their daily needs. Both states have many army camps and naval training stations populated by about 250,000 men, coming and going. It is expected this number will materially increase during the summer months. The order means civilians probably will not be able to buy any such meat at all from now on. It looks like beefless days are here for John Q. Public who resides in the Pacific northwest states. Army and navy requirements heretofore necessitated the setting aside of 35 per cent of the available supply of the designated beef.

E. L. Peterson On Oregon Milk Control Change

Under provisions of the law passed by the 1943 legislature, the Oregon milk control board was abolished on June 9 and administration of the milk control act was transferred to the state department of agriculture, where it will be handled under the division of administration, section of milk control. While the new department director, Erwin L. Peterson, has given careful study to the problems of this transfer since he assumed his new position, he has indicated that he is not yet ready to make any statement in connection with the absorption of milk control into the state department of agriculture.

However, in connection with control itself, he did tell dairymen at a meeting held in Portland this month that he was hopeful that the fluid milk industry would formulate an acceptable program for the application of Oregon's milk control law rather than having enforcement imposed from above. He stated further that any such program should consider the position of the producers, the distributors and the consumers and should attempt to do equity to all.

Dairymen To Meet With State Head At Bay Saturday

Producers of market milk and distributors of this district are being invited to meet with OPA officials and representatives of the State Department of Agriculture in the city hall in Marshfield next Saturday, June 19, at 1:30 p. m., according to George Jenkins, county agriculture agent, who has been requested by the Director of the State Department of Agriculture to make local arrangement for the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss production costs, cost comparisons by seasons and by years, relation between hauling costs and the price of milk, and other factors which have a bearing on the fluid milk industry such as the sale of the market milk herds and what has become of the cattle disbursed.

An examiner of applicants for drivers' and chauffeurs' permits will be at the Coquille city hall again next Tuesday, June 22, between 9:00 a. m. and 4:00 p. m.

Calling cards, 50 for \$1.00.

Weekly Letter From Washington, D. C.

BY CONGRESSMAN HARRIS ELLSWORTH

Washington, D. C., June 12—Concrete suggestions for Congressional action on the food problem have not yet reached the floor of either the House or the Senate. But behind the scenes, members of Congress and at least two committees of the House are very busy on this subject.

The Republican Congressional Food Study Committee, which has been working two months gathering facts on the food situation, discovered early in its activities that the very first thing to do is to unify the control of food from growing to eating, including rationing and price fixing. We found that ten agencies are now dabbling in the business of handling, buying or controlling food. Most of the difficulties in producing, distributing and retailing food, including the awful mixed-up efforts of OPA are actually traceable to the fact that too many other organizations are involved.

Accordingly, a bill written by Chris Herter of Massachusetts and threshed over and revised and finally approved by the 42-member food study committee was introduced in the House by Representative Thomas A. Jenkins of Ohio, chairman of the study committee. This bill provides for the centralized control of food under the Department of Agriculture, with a food administrator clothed with all necessary powers.

Then politics reared its ugly head. The Jenkins bill is apparently recognized by the administration party as being a good bill. It has had wide publicity, but has had no criticism raised against it. On the contrary, Fulmer, chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, has introduced a bill which is very similar to the Jenkins bill but lacking a few of its important points.

Meanwhile, rumors of change and consolidations by executive order to forestall Congressional action are flying around. In fact, the creation of the Office of Wartime Mobilization under James F. Byrnes was sort of a gesture in the direction of saving the necessity of the passage of the Jenkins bill.

It does not really matter in the long run whether the Democrats are able to claim the credit for the legislation or whether the Republican bill is passed. It is a certainty that something must be done and done soon.

The President of Paraguay addressed the House this week. It seems to be the custom to have the head of another nation appear before the Congress when he visits Washington. It is a fine friendly gesture. In all candor, I must say that other than for the slightly colorful nature of the ceremony, such an event is not overly interesting, because the visitor addresses the House in his own language. Although we hear his voice, we cannot understand what he is saying. Before the visiting dignitary is ushered in, mimeographed copies of his address (in English, of course), are passed around to the members of Congress. It is thus possible to follow the address, and applause is generally given at the proper places.

When a distinguished visitor comes to address the House, the Speaker names an escort of members—usually the two party Floor Leaders and two others. The guest is met at the center door of the House floor and is duly escorted down the center aisle. He ascends to the Speaker's rostrum and stands beside the Speaker, who introduces him. The escorts are seated on the rostrum level just below the Speaker—but above the House floor. (Churchill spoke from this second level, I suppose because it was easier to assemble the great battery of radio mikes there). After the guest of honor and the escort party which, by the way, also includes the chairman of the House Foreign Affairs committee and the House Sergeant-at-Arms, members of the diplomatic corps of the country represented by the visitor file in and take front seats on the House floor.

When a distinguished visitor is to address us, a recess of the House is declared by the Speaker immediately

after he names the escorts—so the House is not actually in formal session.

The Agriculture Department appropriation bill is now the top item of interest here. This bill carries the forest protection appropriations. The House failed to include enough fire protection money in the bill as sent to the Senate. The Senate increased the amount. As the bill now comes back to the House for final approval, the forest fire protection item is almost exactly the same amount as that used for this purpose during the present fiscal year. We will endeavor to keep this sum in the bill and finish its passage next week.

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 "Sorry, Phil, but I can't today. . . I'm on my way up to the hospital to see how Frank's wife is coming along. I just dropped by to give you the answer to that question you asked me about synthetic rubber yesterday in the barber shop. I looked it up and found out that the beverage distilling industry's facilities for producing grain alcohol make it possible to include 200,000 tons of rubber

from grain in the government's 870,000 ton synthetic rubber program.
 "I also verified the fact that no distiller is making whiskey today. They all stopped making whiskey last year and are working night and day, 7 days a week, producing war alcohol for the government. . . for smokeless powder, chemical warfare materials, medical supplies, as well as for synthetic rubber. It's a mighty good thing these distilleries were in existence ready to do this important job."