

Circuit Court Cases

Nov. 24—Isabel M. Pundt vs. Richard H. Pundt. Suit for divorce.
 Nov. 24—Laura M. Johnson vs. Raymond C. Johnson. Suit for divorce.
 Nov. 24—Nellie M. Norris vs. Harold P. Norris. Suit for divorce.
 Nov. 27—Lauretta James vs. Arnold James. Suit for divorce.
 Nov. 30—June M. McIntosh vs. Jas. W. McIntosh. Suit for divorce.
 Nov. 30—Frances T. Allard vs. Albert C. Allard. Suit for divorce.

IDEAL LIFE

We are haunted by an ideal life—because within us there is the possibility of it.—Phillips Brooks.

Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.—Matthew 5:48.

Timely Topics

By R. T. Moore

The report on the Russian conference made by Mr. Hull before the Congress, establishes a very good precedent for future relationship between the Department of State and the legislative branch of government.

The original Constitution provided for this very thing, but unfortunate experience in placing State matters before Congress, publicly, caused the State Department to drift away from the Congress in the handling of its affairs. Too many Congressmen were not men of sufficient caliber, mentally and morally, to use proper discretion in state matters. Embarrassment, and often downright harm to national interest, has been caused by foolish prattling by members of Congress.

This lack of confidence in members of Congress by the State Department, has been the basis for the growing apart of these two vital branches of government, which the Constitution provided should act together as a team. It has caused endless strife, controversy, and ill will between the legislative, the executive and the judicial branches of government, which should work together. Democracy cannot be successful unless this teamwork is strictly maintained.

The appearance of Mr. Hull before the Congress and the great ovation he received for his wise and courageous act, have done much to bring the State Department and Congress together in the post war planning. It augurs well for the success and stability of the United States position as leader towards a post war economy affording justice and equal opportunity to all.

The question of subsidy occupied the limelight this past week. The House has defeated the Administration bill to extend the subsidy program. The defeat was so severe as to indicate that the expected presidential veto would be over-ruled.

The arguments for subsidy assume the premises that the subsidy program proposed by the Administration would in fact control cost of living and that wages and salaries would be correspondingly controlled to maintain proper balances.

These premises are false, in that the program proposed covered only a very small portion of living costs and by no stretch of the imagination could the moderate sums mentioned even begin to cover the expense of properly controlling general living costs. Even the most amateur economist can see that it would take sums at least ten times as great to have any effect whatsoever.

The promise of stabilized wages, without which subsidies are futile, was destroyed in the surrender to John L. Lewis. There now appears to be no hope of maintaining present wage levels and a general and substantial raise in both wages and costs is inevitable.

It should be noted that a subsidy does not freeze the cost of an article; it merely postpones a portion of payment for that article and adds to the original cost such charges as interest and bureaucratic overhead accrued in the enforcement of the subsidy. Thus the cost after subsidy is somewhat greater to the taxpayer than the actual cost at the time the sale was made. The subsidy insures that the cost will be greater by the above amounts. But if an economy can be closely controlled by government, such as in England, and wages frozen at given levels, a subsidy program can be made to work and will result in considerable ultimate saving to the taxpayer. However, it must be complete and universal in scope and control over wages and salaries made absolute.

Neither of these prerequisites for a successful subsidy have been met by the Administration's plan, and this fact probably has caused its defeat. The powerful farm bloc, coupled with those opposed to federal regimentation processes, have united to defeat the measure. In my opinion, the subsidy program, even if passed, would not have had much effect on advancing costs of living. We are headed for higher prices and higher wages, and the only hope is that the increases will be moderate enough to preserve our economy and not seriously depreciate the value of public savings.

The tax measure has finally come before the Congress in greatly modified form. It is being debated this week and will probably pass substantially as reported out of Committee.

While Committee members freely concede its shortcomings, they believe it the best that can be put together at this time. It does not eliminate the recognized evil and destructive force of double taxation on corporate income, that is, taxation of the income in the corporation itself and again taxing the same income when it is paid to the stockholders as dividends. This dangerous feature of the present tax structure is causing great alarm among conservation elements all over the country and is contributing to the strong swing to-

wards the right on the part of public opinion.

If our system of free enterprise is to be maintained, the investment of private funds in businesses must be encouraged to provide post war jobs and to expand our economy. The financing of such expansion must be provided from some source. Heretofore, it has come from private individuals having savings to invest. Unless there is inducement to risk those savings in free business enterprise, this source will be completely dried up. The other source of such funds is from the taxpayer through federal agencies. The use of this source will obviously quickly result in complete destruction of private enterprise and complete enslavement of individuals to the government, which will then become the master rather than the servant of the people.

While this important defect in the tax structure was not cured by the present bill, it is receiving the careful study of Committee members and will no doubt be incorporated in the 1944 tax measure. The public can take comfort from the mere fact that the danger of a double taxation measure is recognized and preliminary steps taken to correct it.

We learn from reports of the Bureau of Economic Warfare headed by ex-Governor Lehman, that the people in the countries of North Africa and Europe who have been freed of the German yoke by Allied armies, are being given little trinkets presumed to create goodwill towards their Uncle Samuel.

These trinkets consist of such articles as paper match folders, little plastic boxes, pamphlets, celluloid buttons with the American flag and Mr. Roosevelt's picture on them, and the like.

As these peoples are pretty well civilized and have a national pride of their own, it seems a trifle off the beam to treat them as if they were primitive bush people or Eskimos. It would seem wiser to give them the food and equipment that they need to place themselves on a self-sustaining, self-respecting basis so that they can again take their places in world economy.

It is nice to give them celluloid buttons and chocolate bars, but in doing so we are not building up any respect for Uncle Sam, but exactly the contrary. It would seem beneath the dignity of our government and utterly at a variance with American tradition of self-reliance to spend taxpayers' money in such fashion. Considerable criticism has arisen over these reports, and it is probable that this well-meant but ill-advised practice will be discontinued.

Rationing Calendar

(Clip and keep for handy reference)

Ration Book No. 3
 (Brown stamps) For purchase of meats, fats, butter, cheese, oils.

December 4—Expiration date of brown stamps G, H, J and K.

January 1, 1944—Expiration date of brown stamps L, M, N, P and Q. N becomes valid on December 5, P on December 12, and Q on December 19.

January 29—Expiration date of brown stamps R, S, T and U. R series valid December 26, S on January 2, T on January 9, U on January 16. Each weekly series good for 16 points.

Ration Book No. 4 (Processed fruits and vegetables)
 December 20—Expiration date of green stamps A, B and C.

January 20, 1944—Expiration date of green stamps D, E, and F.

Sugar
 January 15, 1944—Expiration date of stamp 29, Book Four, good for 5 pounds.

Shoes
 Stamp No. 18, Book One, and "Air-plane" stamp No. 1, Book Three, valid for one pair each for indefinite period.

Stoves
 Purchasers must get certificates at ration boards for most new stoves.

Wood, Sawdust, Coal
 Fuel dealers must deliver by priorities based on consumer needs.

Fuel Oil
 January 3, 1944—Expiration date of period 1 coupons in new fuel oil rations.

February 8, 1944—Expiration date of period 2 coupons which became valid November 30.

Gasoline
 January 21, 1944—Expiration date of No. 9 stamps in A book, each good for three gallons.

Tires
 Cars with C ration books must have tires inspected every three months; B books every four months; A books every six months. Commercial motor vehicles—tire inspection every six months or every 5,000 miles, whichever comes first.

Man that is made in the image of the Creator, is made for God-like deeds. Come what may, I will cling to the heroic principle.—Disraeli.

It's Chrysanthemum season. See Bergen's for choice flowers.

Old papers 5c a bunch.

Out-of-Doors Stuff

by LANS LENEVE

There's one blessing that a shortage of shotgun shells has created and that is the fact that it has certainly curbed a lot of crazy shooting that has been witnessed in the marshes for many years past. Heretofore, hunters have blazed away at high-flying birds that were flying completely out of range and in doing so, spoiled a lot of good shooting for other gunners. It was nothing unusual to see some hunter blast away at a flock of ducks a hundred or more yards away that were headed for some other hunter's decoys, or that would pass over his blind. But such shooting as that is gone for the duration and we would like to say forever.

Our forefathers, with their old muzzle loaders, were careful of their shots and knowing that they only had one shot to fire before re-loading, which was quite a chore in those days of the muzzle loader, they were pretty positive that when they touched off the trigger that it meant a deer, an elk or a bear, and that when they pressed the trigger of an old muzzle loading scatter gun that it meant that there were plenty of birds lined up for a pot shot, or were circling low overhead. We are sincerely hoping that the present shortage of ammunition has served to teach a lot of hunters something and that they will profit by the experience. It should at least teach them the moral that game should be within range before firing.

We are betting our last year's shell vest (which is empty) that a lot of those high-flying shooting hunters wish that they had just one tenth of the ammunition today that they have wasted on high flying birds, with only one chance out of a thousand of scoring a hit.

And while we are on the subject of shotguns, it might not be amiss to discuss duck loads, shot and patterns. Many go on the say-so of would-be experts, who glean their knowledge from ballistic charts. It really takes experience along these lines to really get the proper dope, and while we do not wish to appear all wise in such things, we do know for a settled fact that the firearms expert, whether he is at the head of a gun department of a big outdoor magazine, the head of a sporting goods department, or what, is certainly "all wet" when he issues the statement that number 5 chilled shot is the best shot to be used in bagging ducks. We have read this statement many times from such persons as listed above.

The fact of the matter is, that number 5 shot is the poorest shot to chamber properly, to give an uniform pattern of any shot manufactured. There isn't one scatter gun in fifty that will really lay down a good uniform pattern with this sort of shot. While on the other hand, we believe that sixes, sevens, and eights and a half, and even number fours will pattern much better than fives in most any shotgun. In the old days shotguns were patterned before being sold and we have purchased several ourselves, as well as seeing the patterns sent in to dozens of hunters with the guns they purchased and we never saw a gun patterned with anything larger than number six shot and more often with seven and a half.

Personally, when we meet a hunter with a vest filled with number five shot shells we figured that he isn't a real duck hunter. The idea is to pattern your gun yourself, on a 24 inch circle at 40 yards with different size shot and select the one that lays down the most dense and uniform pattern. Of course, you will get more shot in the circle from sevens and a half, but note carefully the difference between 6's and 5's in the pattern.

The chances are that half the fellows who write about the number 5's being the best duck shot have never had a lot of actual hunting experience. But regardless of this fact, we know they are dead wrong in recommending number 5 shot to all duck hunters.

Burglars?

It has been reported that the office of the local high school was broken into recently and that the marked copy of the questions for the final examination in history was taken. A senior, Paul Jones, was blamed for the theft. See how Paul, played by Jack Axtell, gets out of this one, in the Junior Play, "Almost Summer," at the C. H. S. Gym Friday evening, Dec. 3.

Probate Court Items

Virginia Bechel Cobb was last week appointed guardian for Anita Ann Cobb. Appraisers named to estimate the value of the child's estate were Pat Rooney, Beryl Glass and Donald Schultz.

Ben F. Kononen was on Monday appointed guardian by Judge Felsheim in probate court as guardian for Richard Kononen.

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Townsend Club No. 1

A crowd of 45 members attended the Thanksgiving banquet of Townsend Club, No. 1, at their regular meeting at W. O. W. hall. A short business session was conducted by the president, after which a program was enjoyed. The readings were in accord with the day, by the following: Mr. Tilghman, Mrs. McNair, Mrs. Collier, Mrs. McCue, Mrs. Von Pegert and Mrs. Tilghman. Violin music was by Messrs. Laird, Harrison, Roth and Volkmer.

Door prize was won by Mrs. John McNair. The caravan of clubs met Sunday in the Coquille hall with the Myrtle Point club as host. Seventy-five members enjoyed the social dinner at one o'clock and about 15 more members and visitors came in the afternoon for the meeting and program. Mrs. Tilghman, program chairman, had the following prepared program: Readings by Mr. Parks, Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Wright, songs by Mrs. Neideigh and by Mr. Parks, of North Bend; harmonica music by Mr. Bender, violin music by Mr. Roth and Bob Harrison. A short play by Mrs. Roth, Mrs. Tilghman and Mr. McCue. No caravan meeting will be held in December.

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