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There is one thing we like about the ubiquitous California drivers—they still are notwithstanding the gasoline rationing—they do not squawk in the ear of the driver of the car they are passing when the passer is very plainly hugging his own side of the road.

## Fragments of Fact and Fancy

Sometimes the advertisements in the magazines we read provide greater information and stir our imagination more than the articles or stories therein. One such was the recent adv. by the National Dairy Products Corporation. It pictured an American soldier behind German barb wire unpacking the carton of food sent every week to every prisoner of war in a German camp. The Army and the Red Cross arrange for this life-saving food to reach the American boys. The weekly allotment of eleven pounds of food is made up of raisins, sugar, coffee, oleo, corned beef, biscuits, ham, salmon, orange concentrate, milk chocolate, cheese, powdered milk, soap and cigarettes. Thus is a balanced and nutritious diet provided for our boys who would probably starve to death if this help were not possible.

Picture the prison camp, if you can, and try to imagine yourself there. The importance of that small package of food will thus be realized. Remember, too, that these men are prisoners because we sent them abroad to defend us at home and to keep the war far from our shores. No matter how large, can any donation we make to the Red Cross adequately express the debt we owe to these Americans who have fought our battles but can do so longer?

Another advertisement which attracted our interest was by Westinghouse. This company has given the electronic eye to various war activities. The vision of this "eye" is helping win the war by enabling rescuers at sea to pierce the darkness and pick out the tiny lifeboat lost on the vast expanse of ocean; the pilot of the night-flying bomber depends on the electronic eye for attack as do the anti-aircraft batteries in defense. The laboratories promise us future blessings for peace-time living but just now that idea leaves us cold; only the electrical marvels that bring victory closer are important at this time.

Another advertising page declares "our industrial civilization is built upon grains of sand." The molds and cores of sand for the casting of metal in the foundries are made from a very special sand which is not too plentiful. Without sand there could be no automobiles, planes, flying fortresses or tanks.

So today it is not our "footprints on the sands of time" but the dependability of the sand in our blast furnaces which is shaping the lives of unborn generations as well as of "a forlorn and shipwrecked brother."

We are sure you have all seen the picture of the street in India where two American soldiers in a jeep are waiting while another one tries to coax an Indian cow out of their path. The native Hindus are peering out of their stalls, afraid lest the foreigner will treat the animal with disrespect.

Many of our boys are going to come home from across the sea with the phrase, "sacred cow" having a much more literal meaning than the metaphorical one as applied here to outgrown customs or foolish veneration for personal whims.

Then there was the advertisement of the gyroscope, detailing all its modern accomplishments. Thirty or forty years ago, just how many we are not sure, magazines were picturing the future that would be possible when the gyroscope was put to practical use. Illustrations were drawn of street cars or railroad trains traveling up mountain sides and across chasms balanced on one wheel rolling over a single rail or cable. These marvels have not come to

# TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, February 29, 1924)

Paul Mumpower, state prohibition officer, and E. P. Neill, who was assisting him, were freed at Gold Beach Tuesday night when the grand jury failed to find a true bill against them for the killing of Lawrence Hare, a bootlegger, ten days before.

A. O. Walker has had the plans prepared for the new building to be erected this spring for the Coquille Service Station and expects next week to begin excavating for it.

S. M. Nosler has decided to put a second story on his store building now being erected by Shelly & Son on First street, and to make the apartment house at the rear three stories.

With the moving of the Busy Corner to the old city hall site, the last hitching rack in town had to be taken down, and Coquille is now without any place where those who have to come to town with teams can tie them during their stay.

Stewart Norton returned Sunday morning from southern California, where he had been for several months, having practically gotten rid of his rheumatism.

## Timely Topics

By R. T. Moore

The Annual Red Cross Drive recalls the demonstration of its disaster-relief function given Coos county during the Bandon fire. Hearing gossip derogatory to its activities in that disaster, I sent to San Francisco and received from the Regional Director a detailed statement of receipts and expenditures by Red Cross in serving the Bandon people at that time.

A total sum of \$160,005.61 was spent; of this, \$121,389.17 was paid for family assistance. The City of Bandon received \$6,975.00. Miscellaneous emergency expense for food, clothing and shelter immediately after the fire totaled \$18,091.44. The cost of administration, supervision, case work and communications was \$13,450.00.

Receipts from all sources in Oregon were \$39,834.00. Adjacent states gave an added \$4,340.00. The balance, \$115,831.62, came out of the National Treasury of the American Red Cross. These sums exclude, of course, gifts made directly to Bandon relief without passing through Red Cross channels. Of the 796 families and individuals registered with Red Cross, 699, or 88 per cent, received some assistance. Red Cross built 27 temporary homes for needy people. Because families registered with Red Cross for relief received \$251,602.00 in insurance, it was not necessary for Red Cross to make many extensive building awards. Therefore, only 212 received awards for permanent homes.

Delay in development of community re-building plans interfered with the prompt handling of awards and each case was considered carefully on its merits, with no hard and fast rule observed. Decisions were made as rapidly as circumstances permitted. Dissatisfaction with awards arises from misunderstanding of the principles of the National Red Cross. It is a disaster-relief organization—not an insurance company. Its awards are on humanitarian principles, not on the mathematical exactitude of property values. Its purpose is to place people in position of self-support, not to restore fire losses.

The Red Cross operates under Christian principles. It cannot be evaluated under ordinary commercial standards. The parable of the vineyard, Matthew 20th Chapter and the first 16 verses, best illustrates the fundamental difference between the commercial and spiritual concept of the fitness of things. It well illustrates the theory which governs Red Cross disaster activities.

The major function of Red Cross, now, is care of American war casualties, transmission of essentials to American war prisoners, and providing of surgical dressings for first aid to our wounded. The armed services are relying heavily on Red Cross for this vital work. The mil-

itary pass but the mysterious wheel which is the gyroscope does accomplish miracles. It guides huge convoys across thousands of miles of trackless sea; it enables men to drill oil-wells in any desired direction, possibly a mile underground, and it holds our airplanes on course with no hand on the controls.

Finally there are the Buy Bonds advertisements. We've seen many of these exhortations to invest in war securities and all of them are pertinent but the one everyone should remember is that which urges us to Buy Bonds—and keep them!

One of the outstanding social events of last week was the Martha Washington tea given by St. James' Episcopal Guild at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sherwood. The spacious rooms were beautifully decorated with green and daffodils and burning candles and a patriotic touch of silk flags. The committee in charge consisted of Mesdames J. A. Lamb, Nels Osmondson, H. W. Pierce, G. Earl Low, Paul Van Scoy, C. J. Fuhrman, A. J. Sherwood and F. L. Greenough.

Mrs. E. C. Raymond has purchased the F. C. McNelly milk depot on First street and will take charge of it tomorrow.

After playing a slow game for the first half, Coquille came back in the last half in the game with Myrtle Point last Friday night on the local floor and in whirlwind style scored five points in the extra five minutes required to play off a tie. The final score was 16 to 11 in Coquille's favor.

Mrs. Azenith Church, mother of E. C. Church of this city, is celebrating her twenty-third birthday today. She is 92 years of age, but having been born on February 29th, this is only her 23rd birthday.

Thousands of women participating in Red Cross work are doing magnificent jobs, the importance of which history will record.

Red Cross approaches each community with a quota in the Annual Drive. Think of the incalculable good it does for the boys in the living hell of war; think of the thousands restored to life and happiness by its acts. Think of it as placing a cool hand on a fevered brow, as bringing calmness and serenity to an hysterical world, as restoring hope and faith and dispelling black despair. Think, and give your share.

The Congress and the President are in a race to adopt the Baruch post-war plan. The President desires to beat Congress to the gun by appropriating the plan as an executive function. In this way he places himself in position of advantage by compelling Congress to muster a two-thirds check rein vote rather than the Constitutional majority. This is because he can act first and thereby compel Congress to pass check rein legislation over his veto, provided he is able to have his way in setting up the Baruch plan.

Congress wishes to write the Baruch plan as a definite law, which will set forth exactly what is to be done under the Baruch plan, leaving no leeway for personal opinion on the part of administrators.

The fundamental difference between the two schemes is that the President advocates by-passing of Congress in the control of the taxpayer's property, whereas the Congress advocates legislative control by the people's representatives.

The President is banking on the usually slow motion of Congress to delay the latter scheme until his executive set-up is in active use. He hopes to shut out Congress by prompt appointment of the administrative staff comprising the skeleton of the agency which will conduct the Baruch plan in post war.

Congress is working unusually fast to prevent the President from obtaining the dictatorial powers he evidently covets and we may expect to see the increasing friction between the Congress and the President as a result.

Again we have the breaking out of the perennial struggle between state socialism and private enterprise. It is to be hoped that Congress will gain the upper hand so that the Constitutional balance between executive, legislative and judicial branches of the government be maintained.

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## Want to learn a skill?

WOULD YOU like to be a radio operator, a skilled stenographer, an airplane mechanic, an expert driver?

In the Women's Army Corps you have a chance to get valuable Army training—training that may pave the way to bigger pay, better jobs after the war.

TODAY find out about all the WAC offers YOU—the interesting jobs, the chance to meet new people and see new places, and to help your country.

APPLY at any U. S. Army Recruiting Station. Or write: The Adjutant General, 4415 Munitions Bldg., Washington 25, D. C. (Women in essential war industry must have release from their employer or the U. S. Employment Service.)

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## Nancy Boles Elected A Song Leader At U. of O.

Nancy Boles, Coquille, junior in education, was elected song leader of Kappa Kappa Gamma, women's sorority, during elections held late last

week at each of the women's living organizations on the campus. Miss Boles will take office spring term and her duties will carry through fall and winter terms of the next school year. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Boles, Coquille.

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If it is insurance, see me.—F. R. Bull.



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