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## Fragments of Fact and Fancy

Many victory gardeners of last year are planning to rest on their laurels and raise no garden this spring. Just why this is so it is hard to understand. The desire for victory is just as great surely and the need for food will be even more urgent next summer and winter. When 30 per cent of the commercial pack was taken in 1943 by the armed forces, forty per cent is to be set aside for 1944.

Some foods formerly rationed just now are point-free but these foods should go to the city-dwellers who can have no backyard gardens.

It has been stated there were over twenty million victory gardens raised last year. (We have often wondered who counted these gardens.) Americans have been requested to increase this number by several million but reports indicate that, instead, there will be fewer planted than in 1943. From personal observation half of the novices of last year are calling it quits, letting their 1943 gardens stand as their only effort to win the war with food.

Information from Washington, D. C., has indicated that the drafting of fathers over the age of thirty years would be unnecessary before September 1. Instead, Oregon fathers are being drafted now, regardless of age, many of those recently taken being over 35 years. Just why these older men are called for training, which often requires a year or more, and at the same time many of those now in the army are discharged at 37 or 38 years because of over-age, is hard to understand.

It is difficult to reconcile the official announcements with the actual practice of selecting men. It has all become very confusing and, instead of resting on a belief in the perfect fairness of the draft rules, the man in the street—and the wife at home—are now asking why so-and-so is not in the service along with such and such a one.

From the start of the war emphasis has been placed on the very young men for combat troops. The statement often made is that most wars have been fought by youths under twenty years. While it is true they have no stake in the future, (except life itself), they do make the best fighters, respond more quickly to training, are more hardy and reckless and are less affected by the brutalities of war.

Theoretically, but not in fact, it is the group of older men who should make the better soldiers for they have more to defend, especially their wives and children at their own fire-sides, as well as what wealth they may have accumulated. Whatever they may possess in determination and bravery is offset by their age for they are inferior in physical strength and versatility.

The Wisconsin primary election laws differ from those of Oregon in that the voters are allowed to cross party lines and vote as they may momentarily desire and not as in Oregon only according to their registered preference of party.

In consequence some dopesters add the democratic and republican votes together to find that Willkie and Roosevelt lost the election in Wisconsin; that is, seventy per cent of the voters casting their ballots for other candidates. This ties in with many remarks heard here last month, "that Willkie was too much like Roosevelt."

It means the people are turning away from a one-man government as savoring of rule by a dictator. However mistaken may have been the impression when the votes were counted, it probably was Willkie's lack of co-operation with others of his party, rather than a disavowal by the voters of his principles of statecraft and internationalism which caused his defeat.

Peanut butter to the value of \$675, condemned in federal court, was burned in the city dump the first of the week at Idaho Falls because it was packed in pound jars but which contained a small fraction of an

# TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, April 25, 1924)

Mayor Neuler and all councilmen except C. C. Farr were present for the regular mid-monthly meeting of the city fathers last Monday evening.

Water Superintendent Dungey has requested the council several times to decide on how the water system should be handled this year, and Monday evening he was instructed to stop reading meters on private homes and to make all charges on the flat rate.

The Coquille Rod & Gun Club squad made a mighty fine record at the trap tournament at Portland and won enough cash prizes to compensate them for the trip. John Miller made the highest individual record for a single day on Friday when he broke 148 birds out of 150 shots and stood third in the list for total for the three days. The Coquille team was composed of J. W. Miller, E. D. Graham, A. W. Chapin, Ira Johnson and C. A. Kahle. They came within three birds of tying the highest scoring five man team.

The music for the S. O. S. dance to be given in the Masonic Temple this evening will be furnished by Beirdeux's Happy 5 Orchestra. This orchestra has just been organized and consists of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Beirdeux, Jack Leach, Don Pierce and Kenneth Staninger.

Coos county faces an unusually dry season with consequential increasing risk of disastrous fire unless the rainfall shortage of 30 inches is lowered by more rain.

A killing frost with "ice as thick as at any time during the winter" was

ounce less than a pound.

Dishonest labeling should bring punishment, of course, but the destruction of edible food, containing scarce fats and precious vitamins is a greater crime when so much of the world is hungry today. Famines stalk in India and in China, not to mention those starving inhabitants of Europe whom we hope soon to be feeding.

The money value also is of some consideration even in this day of gib talk of billions. School children are saving their pennies for war stamps and most of us do not think \$675 is inconsequential; we know we work many weeks or rather months for that amount. Such stupid waste does more to lower our morale than an occasional reverse on a battlefield.

## May 7-14 The Dates For National Family Week

Nation-wide observance in rural and urban communities of National Family Week, May 7-14, by members of Catholic, Jewish and Protestant faiths, has been endorsed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in a letter from the White House just released by the Rev. Harry C. Munro, secretary of the National Family Week Committee and director of adult work for the International Council of Religious Education.

"Always deserving of primary consideration," the President's letter says, "there is particular need for focusing attention on the family and its needs during these trying and disturbing times of war. May the observance of National Family Week this year result in an increased reverence and respect for the American home. May it invite God's blessing in a special manner on the American family."

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reported at Marshfield yesterday morning. There was plenty of frost on roofs here but we did not observe any injury to vegetation.

The Rev. and Mrs. Winfield S. Smith have never failed to celebrate their wedding anniversary, which comes on the nineteenth of April. This year they celebrated their thirty-second by giving in marriage their daughter, Mary Lois, to Mr. Charles H. Oerding of this city.

One of the most enjoyable children's party of the year was held at the home of Ann Van Scoy Wednesday when twenty-five of her school friends were invited to help celebrate her seventh birthday. Those invited were Virginia Hartson, Maxine Johnson, Harriet Webb, Hazel Mansell, Esther Mansell, Ann Barton, Elizabeth Pierce, Marion Hess, Betty Glaisyer, Naomi Long, Margaret Alice Daniels, Madeline and Joseph McKeown, Ruth Tozier, Dorris and Marilyn Compton, Zelma Bosserman, Jean McNelly, Carol Young, Mary Burr, Helen Graham, Joan Perrott, Gretchen Neal, Alice Chandler of Marshfield and Master Junior Hess.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Hersey, a very pretty wedding was solemnized on Easter morning under a bower of apple blossoms, when Miss Catherine Hersey was married to Mr. Julius Ruble. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. V. Moore of the Methodist Church, South.

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## Family Relations Study Group Meet

The Family Relations Study Course for leaders and co-leaders of Coos county culminated in a luncheon-meeting held at the Chandler Hotel Saturday, under the auspices of the E. C. Brown Trust of Portland. The discussion following the delicious luncheon, was led by Dr. Lawrence Bee, Assistant Professor of the Department of Sociology of the University of Oregon, whose subject was "Problems of Adjustment in Marriage."

"Money is not an important factor in the matter of divorce. It is rather the attitude toward money," says Dr. Bee.

This course of study under the title of "Family Life Education for Training County Community Leaders," was started several weeks ago, and presented the following topics.

(1) The Development of the Child's Personality in the Home, with emphasis on the three basic personality types.

(2) Problems of adjustment confronting different types of teen-age boys and girls.

(3) Factors in success or failure in marriage.

Dr. Adolph Weinzirl of the University of Oregon Medical School at Portland, who is director of the E. C. Brown Trust, was luncheon host and presided at the meeting which followed.

"Parents should be helped rather than blamed, in the present crises," declared Dr. Weinzirl.

Lecture courses of this type are available under the E. C. Brown Trust, funds for which were willed by the late Dr. E. C. Brown in furthering Social Hygiene and Education, a subject very dear to his heart.

Dr. Bee emphasized the fact that several factors in one's background

contribute greatly to a happy and successful marriage. They are:

- (1) Happiness of parents.
- (2) Childhood happiness.
- (3) Affection for parents.
- (4) Home discipline—firm but not harsh.
- (5) Parental frankness about reproduction.

The person who qualifies on all five of these items is a distinctly better than average marital risk.

The afternoon closed with a general discussion in which members of the classes told what was being done in their communities along the lines of solving social problems, and much interest and appreciation was expressed for the lectures. Plans were made by several leaders to continue their group discussions and requests were made for more lectures to be presented in the future.

Mrs. Martha E. Mulkey, County School Superintendent, was respon-

sible for getting this study course brought to Coos county and Mrs. George Moorhead of Salem, secretary of the E. C. Brown Trust, made the necessary arrangements.

Those in attendance at Saturday meeting were as follows: Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bee, Dr. Adolph Weinzirl, Mrs. James Bishop, Mrs. Leland Peterson, Mrs. George Chaney, Mrs. Irene Lundell, Mrs. Belya Gage, Mrs. Loarence Eickworth, Mrs. V. M. Arrington, Rev. Everett Gardner, Mrs. Hazel Lewis, Mrs. John Kusba, Mrs. Margaret Brown, Mrs. Ferris M. Swain, Mrs. Alva Hammond, Mrs. O. E. Harper, Mrs. Harry McDonald, Mrs. Hugo Lienthaul, Mrs. Hal Gray, Mrs. Delbert Harkins, Rev. Harold Van Duker, and Mrs. Martha E. Mulkey.

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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

## Silas Clay Gets Mad at Women's Hats

Silas Clay is complaining that his wife's new hat cost more than a bull calf. "And I wouldn't mind it, if it was a hat," he says, "but all it is, is a small bow and a piece of feather."

"It isn't the size of the hat that counts," says Silas' neighbor, reproachfully.

"Well, what is it that counts?" asks Sil, exasperated.

"I'll tell you what it is that counts," says Doc. "It's the lift that a new hat gives to any woman. It sort of picks up their spirits ... boosts morale. Little

things can do that. Like the flower in your buttonhole," he says to Silas, "or that glass of beer that you're enjoying."

From where I sit, Doc has given us a mighty good definition of morals. Important little things. A flower in your buttonhole ... a kind word from a stranger ... a mellow glass of beer with friends. Little things especially important in these days of strain.

Joe Marsh

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Cash on Hand and Due from Banks	\$ 90,383,147.06	
United States Bonds, including		
U. S. Government Agencies	236,337,542.30	\$26,720,689.36
Municipal Bonds		11,498,263.18
Loans and Discounts		44,453,170.94
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank		300,000.00
Bank Premises, Furniture and Fixtures		2,680,989.37
Other Real Estate		1.00
Customers' Liability on Acceptances		4,004.06
Interest Earned		936,147.05
Other Resources		188,793.67
<b>Total Resources</b>		<b>\$386,782,058.63</b>

## LIABILITIES

Capital	\$ 4,500,000.00	
Surplus	5,500,000.00	
Undivided Profits and Reserves	5,360,411.37	15,360,411.37
Reserves Allocated for Taxes, Interest, etc.		1,281,461.91
Acceptances		4,004.06
Interest Collected in Advance		138,448.36
Other Liabilities		145,391.14
Deposits (exclusive of reciprocal bank deposits)		369,852,341.79
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>\$386,782,058.63</b>