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## Timely Topics

By R. T. Moore

A Detroit news dispatch concerning the latest auto workers strike tells of long lines of workmen awaiting their turn to cash in their war bonds to pay current living expenses. As these factory workers have been getting rather high wages, this news comes as a surprise and shock to the average American.

The U. S. Department of Labor has issued data to the effect that the average rise in living costs has risen only about a third since Pearl Harbor whereas the average wage increase has been nearly 50 per cent. Why, then, is it necessary for these people to dig into their savings to finance a walkout that has lasted less than a month? They should have been able to lay by funds enough to carry them for several months if the theory advanced by the Treasury Department in promoting the sales of war bonds is correct.

In speculating as to the right answer to this riddle, consider the following: The active life of the average factory worker is about 40 years. Practically all of his earnings have to be made in that length of time. Any appraisal of the worth of a proposed wage raise, that is apt to require a strike to win, must be slanted to fit into the remaining active life of the individual workman. If he is young, he is probably justified in holding out for long periods to win moderate advances. If he is old, he cannot afford to do so. This accounts for the greater conservatism of the older workers and their reluctance to indulge in long strikes.

If you assume a work week of 40 hours, a wage of one dollar per hour, and a living cost that absorbs 90 per cent of your earnings, you will find that 38 work days are required to return the cost of each day on strike for a 5c per hour raise. A 7 1/2c raise will require 29 work days for each day on strike. This method of figuring adds the living cost to the lost wage which is proper but which the average worker over-looks in his calculations.

Thus it is apparent that a 20-day strike, as in Detroit, will require a long time, more than two years, to make up if one uses plain arithmetic. But in practice, since the workman probably does not have the cash to expend for living as usual, he pays the bill by strictly limiting his expenditures and by depriving himself and family of the things they would have enjoyed had he maintained his earning power. In the case of the Detroit workers, the savings laid by to tide over the reconstruction period are now being used to finance the family's current expenses and the real cost of the strike has to be paid by the workman and his family sometime and somehow.

The greatest danger to the labor movement lies in the use of ill-advised strikes, the closed shop, and punitive measures to force acceptance of dictatorial terms upon both workers and management by organized labor. The stress of war has compelled relaxation of normal disciplinary measures and has permitted full sway to militant minorities in the interest of maintaining full production. These minorities have mistaken this tolerance for an acceptance of, and acquiescence to, their theories. Under this false assumption they are building up a quiet but strong opposition to organized labor, within its own ranks as well as outside, that may completely destroy it within the next decade.

This column has repeatedly warned against the misuse of power by strong labor organizations. It is against the use of force and in favor of the use of persuasion as the governing motive of the labor movement. In this stand, it is supported by most, if not all, of the high labor leadership which has consistently opposed strong-arm tactics. The top leadership of labor sees the trouble ahead and is trying to steer labor away from it. But headstrong locals persist in rushing straight towards it.

The rising tide of popular disapproval will eventually force a reform in organized labor. The ruling American custom has been to rush

## TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, May 23, 1924)

A Boy Scout Court of Honor was held at the city hall here last evening at which time seven boys of the Tenderfoot class were awarded pins and they are now full-fledged Scouts of the Senior class. Those who received the honor were James Galbraith, Harley Jones, Belmont Ireland, George Pankey, Royce Richmond, Stanley Stevens, Carlton Smith.

Decoration Day program will be given at the Liberty Theatre, commencing at 2:30 p. m. J. A. Berg has kindly consented to act as chairman for the afternoon. On the program will be Rev. C. S. Bergner, Layton Nosler, and Ben S. Fisher.

The Coquille city school will close next Thursday. The first of the commencement exercises will be held Sunday evening at the M. E. Church South at eight o'clock when Rev. H. V. Moore will deliver the baccalaureate sermon. On Wednesday the regular graduation exercises will be held in the high school auditorium at 8 p. m. The program this year is a departure from that in vogue for several years in that oration will be delivered by three members of the graduating class. The speakers will be Errol Sloan, Clarabelle Mintonye and Warren Brandon.

Misses Clarabelle Mintonye and Erica Fliteroft and Wayne Robinson, sidewalk committee of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, appeared before the city council Monday evening to report the completion of the walk along the highway from Spurgeon street to a point on Tenth street opposite the high school entrance, and its acceptance by the city engineer. They asked that the city issue them a warrant for the \$800 promised that they might pay the bills they had

from one extreme to the other before reaching equilibrium. Although the hour grows late the unions still have a change to avoid the usual fate meted out to movements in ill-repute with the public. But they will have to watch their step from here on.

It is becoming apparent that Russia disapproves of both the "Unconditional Surrender" theory of Casablanca and the Atlantic Charter agreed upon by Churchill and the President in mid-Atlantic. The discard of both of these agreements is therefore inevitable.

Russia's place in Europe after the war is certain to be a dominant one and no plan for post-war settlements will be effective unless approved by Premier Stalin.

The importance, therefore, of our having a leadership well versed in European diplomacy has been greatly lessened by these recent developments. It is becoming clear that the leadership we need is one that can harmonize domestic differences rather than one that can be effective in dealing with the other Allied Powers.

Both Russia and England have very realistic governments which place the welfare of their respective countries first. And because of the weakened condition of both Russia and England the United States can hardly avoid the first spot as a world power. But the advantage we now enjoy will quickly disappear in post-war unless harmony is restored among conflicting elements of national life and a high degree of industrial production maintained thereby.

In spite of strong efforts by the Administration to side-track the domestic situation, it nevertheless is the most important issue before the Nation today. The people should keep it firmly in mind when choosing their representatives in the Congress. It will also be of vital importance in the preserving of the high standards of living we now enjoy.

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The following new books, recently received by the Coquille library, are for adults:

"Heaven Is Too High," by Mildred McNeilly. A long, rich, exciting novel. Alaska, the scene of adventure and romance; Count Chernor, the exile from Russia, in a new unconquered world.

"The Pass," by Thomas Savage. Here are the personalities and pagantry in the West in 1914, woven into a novel with special appeal to all western readers.

"Recitation from Memory," Elizabeth Sale. The story of Fenella Rand, growing up with the city of Tacoma. The story, too, of a family—vital, robust and exciting. This novel belonged to a period and a background that are particularly American—West—a time and town to remember.

"Pilot of the North Country," Frederic Litten. A authentic story of flying. Thrilling tale of the airman's conquest of snowy ranges, barren tundra, treacherous fog and bitter cold. Again, the scene is Alaska, but in the present day—of special interest to boys.

"Carol on Broadway," Helen Boylston. Here is a novel for girls by the author of the popular "Sue Barton" books.

"The Phantom Freighter," by Felix Reisenberg, Jr. An unarmed merchant vessel, painted completed white, the "Princess," embarks from San Francisco, on a dangerous and strange voyage. Reisenberg, a lieutenant in the U. S. Maritime Service, on inactive duty while writing this book, uses his own wide knowledge of the sea to depict a story that matches tomorrow's newspaper headlines.

"Canal Town," Samuel H. Adams. Romantic novel of America in the

making. Erie Canal and Palmyra, a wide-open, pioneer town with fascinating characters and events woven into a tale of genuine worth. Authentic, historical background.

"The Face of Things," Ann Ritner. In this story of a woman's struggle to reconcile conflicts within her own heart and mind, Ritner has written a penetrating novel, peopled with memorable characters.

"The Mocking Bird Is Singing," Louise Mally. Southern scenes to form the background for Therese Beamarc, young and passionate beauty of seventeen, whose life is a fascinating story from the beginning to end. An amazingly rich and mature novel by a new writer.

"Standing Room Only," by Elizabeth Fowler. The personal and moving record of a woman's experience during ten days in a lifeboat

with thirty-four men, after their ship had been torpedoed by a German submarine.

## Southern California Lady Is Homesick For Coquille

In remitting for a year's subscription to the Sentinel, Mrs. Lyle Bishop writes from southern California: "We received the first copy of the paper and certainly enjoyed reading it. It was more like a letter from home to Lyle than a newspaper."

"Even though my stay in Coquille was less than a year, I'll have to admit receiving and reading the Sentinel made me homesick for Coquille. I enjoyed it there very much and had never lived in such a beautiful place. I don't mean that there aren't pretty things down here but we have nothing to compare with the natural beauty to southwestern Oregon."



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

## Light Words are 'Grave' Words

There's a poster on the wall of Sam Abernathy's store that doesn't say much. It just shows a cross, with a Yankee helmet on it—and the caption: "Light words are 'grave' words."

It isn't hard to figure out what that sign means. Loose talk has dug a lot of graves... and done a lot of harm here at home, too. And still you hear it.

You hear, for instance, talk about our soldiers drinking and carousing around Army Camps. Of course, when you get the facts there's not an atom of

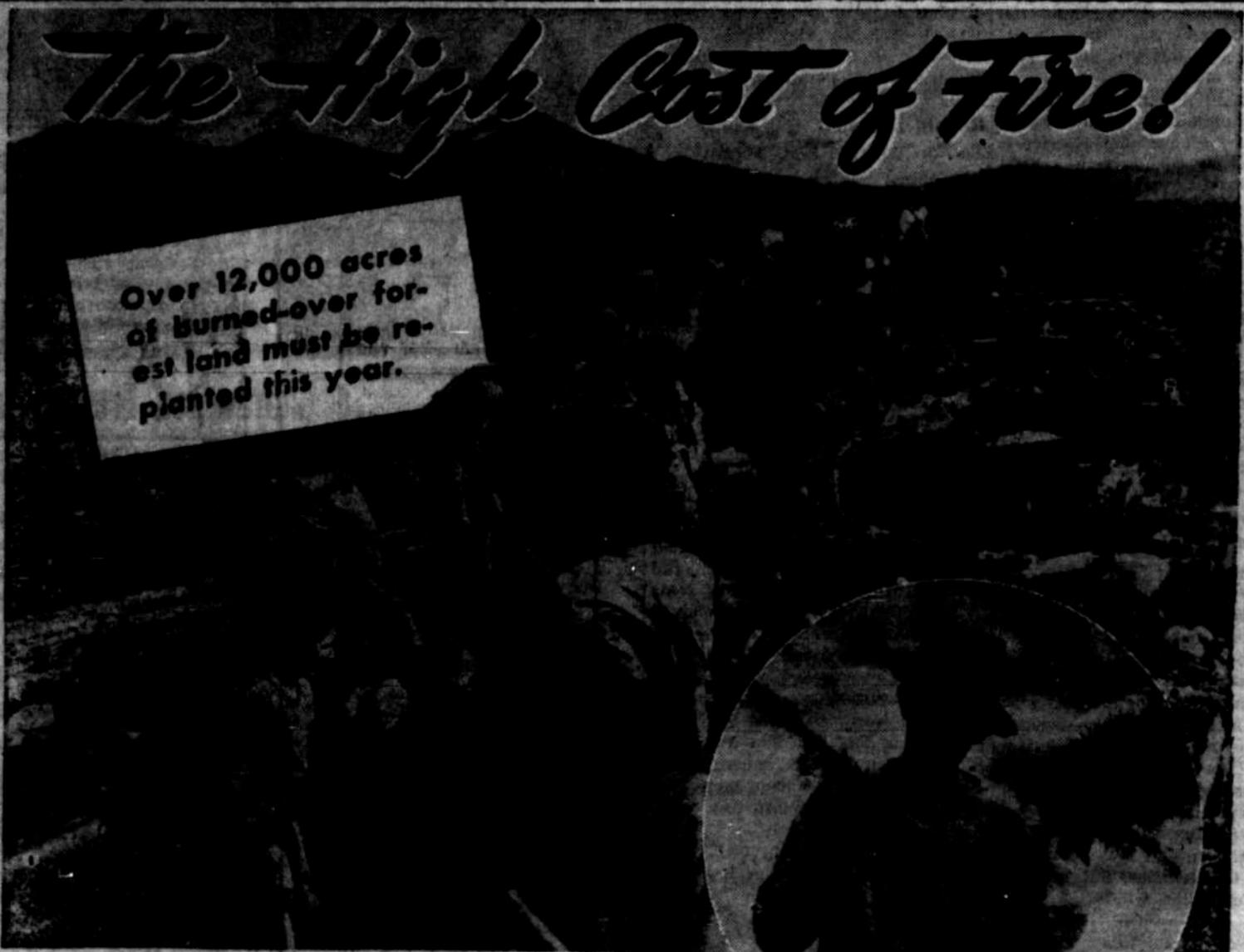
truth in it. A U. S. Government survey found our soldiers were the soberest, the best behaved in history—with most of them drinking nothing stronger than a moderate glass of beer.

From where I sit, that kind of "loose talk" can do just as much to undermine morale as any rumor that the Axis could invent. And it's up to every one of us to spike that kind of sabotage before it spreads.

Joe Marsh

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# The High Cost of Fire!

Over 12,000 acres of burned-over forest land must be re-planted this year.

"RESTORING THE FOREST" might describe this photo of a group, planting fir tree seedlings on burned-over land. Timber shown in the distance will automatically re-seed land in that area.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS, men, women—all who can spare a few days' time—are planting some 6 million Douglas Fir trees on burned-over forest land this year. The job must be done NOW—to keep Pacific Northwest Tree Farms growing and producing.

Most loggers now leave seed trees on their cut-over land. But fire is ruthless! Where forest fires have raged, young trees must usually be planted by hand if the land is to be brought back to timber growth. Nature's planting is better in every way; but is destroyed whenever fire runs loose.

ENEMY FIRE! Re-planting today is being done from necessity—to retain forward strides in forestry. It is everyone's responsibility to guard against forest fires now more than ever before! Fires burn up manpower and war-needed materials just as surely as they burn trees!

THIS YOUNG MAN is holding young fir trees ready for planting. They were grown in the Forest Industry Tree Nursery at Nisqually, Washington, which has an annual production capacity of 6,000,000 seedlings per year. The U.S. Forest Service and the States of Oregon and Washington, operate similar nurseries.

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