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Timely Topics

By R. T. Moore

This column is being written in the California city of Oakland, which is now one of the leading war industry centers of the Pacific Coast. The city is crowded with war workers and the usual auto traffic seems to be in evidence in spite of gas rationing. Most of the driving is apparently for business purposes because the public vehicles are crowded with shopping housewives during the off hours. This shows the extent of the war industry in this area and bears ample testimony of the importance the San Francisco Bay area has assumed in the prosecution of the war against the Japs.

To a resident of Coos county, accustomed to butter at the dining table in reasonable amount, at least, the absence of butter in servings at the public eating places is very noteworthy. At the last Legislature a bill was passed levying a tax against the dairy industry for the purpose of promoting the use of butter as against the several synthetic types now in common use in the nation. This fact that butter is not available in any quantity to public eating establishments makes the use of advertising funds purposeless at this time. No doubt the State Commission set up under the Act will use such funds in the building of an organization to function in the postwar era.

Several of the restaurants commonly use jams and fruit marmalades to replace butter. Others are using a white margarine, and some serving nothing at all with their breads. Doubtless the dairy industry will suffer to some extent in loss of butter consumption due to an acquired taste for the margarine products because of war restrictions, but in my humble opinion the people will return to the food habits of former days when ample supply is at hand, and this fact alone will in large measure restore the lost ground to the butter industry.

Certainly we, in Coos county, have much to be thankful for in the abundance of local products available to our citizens. One has to spend some time in the big cities to appreciate life in our County insofar as food is concerned. There is nothing unpatriotic on the part of Coos county to use its own butter. Such use will avoid the necessity of shipping in substitutes and at the same time not militate against the supply for our armed forces, because Coos county can handle its butter quota for that purpose and still have a balance left over for civilian tables.

It is interesting to note that the large and wealthy city of San Francisco is lagging far behind in its sale of E bonds, with only about 14 per cent subscribed at this writing. In spite of the large amount of idle money in the pockets of citizens and in banks, there seems little inclination to subscribe for these E bonds in quantities sufficient to meet the program of the Treasury Department.

The fact that the bond issues are always oversubscribed by the banks and financial institutions, makes it the more difficult to sell the average citizen on the idea that the purchase of E Bonds is a vital necessity for the security of the nation's monetary system. The citizen feels that the purpose has been accomplished when the bond issues are full subscribed regardless of the source.

The blunt truth is that unless the people meet the E Bond quota each time, we shall have an inflationary tendency that will destroy the value of the people's wages and savings and will eventually bring great hardship to a majority of the public. Disregarding the benefit each citizen would derive from laying aside a cushion for the inevitable rainy day that always follows feverish war activities, there is still the impelling reason of protecting the value of everything the citizen owns through prevention of inflation. This principle is preached through the press, and over the radio, and by mail, under the auspices of the Treasury Department. It is also preached by private interests, hoping to awaken the people to this dire danger. It is

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, December 3, 1924)

The county court this week appointed Wm. Gilbert as county roadmaster to succeed E. L. Robinson, whose resignation became effective last Monday.

E. D. Myers, one of Coos county's old settlers and most respected citizens, died at his home in the Lee section a little after midnight last Friday.

The arrest of four men at Lake-side Thanksgiving evening was only the beginning of a clean-up campaign all over the county, which has resulted in the arrest of nearly forty men for various offenses, including moonshining, bootlegging and gambling.

On Tuesday the Coos county budget committee completed its labors. The total amount estimated for next year's expenses was \$859,250.63.

Four high school students left by auto yesterday morning for Eugene to attend the state conference of student body officers. Those going from Coquille were George Belloni and Lyle Beyers, president and treasurer of the student body; Allen Young, editor of the 1925 Laurel, and Eugene Laird, editor of the Coquille

High Times

Rehearsal practice started at the high school gym Tuesday evening when 21 boys turned out. Coach Leslie has six of last year's eight regulars back again, as follows: Layton Foster, Lester Wilson, Wilford and Eugene Laird, Hadley Curtis and Earl Bign...

Lester Wilson, all-star right end for the Coos county high school football conference, was elected captain for the 1925 Coquille football team at a meeting of the letter men Tuesday.

A gymnasium class of two dozen ladies was organized last Tuesday evening at the city hall. Miss Martha Sebaum will be in charge of the class and the meetings hereafter will be held in Goulds' Hall.

The Fat Elk Duck Club sent two dozen ducks out to the county farm Monday as a treat for the inmates there.

Coquille is right up with the times now. E. G. Opperman having gone into the radio business and having an exhibit in that line at the Corn Show. Everyone is interested in radio and Mr. Opperman expects to be called upon to install sets for many customers.

Weekly Letter From Washington, D. C.

BY CONGRESSMAN HARRIS ELLSWORTH

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7, 1944—The usual last minute jam of legislation has arrived in the House. Adjournment of the session is tentatively planned for week after next. That leaves some ten working days unless sessions are called for the two Saturdays. All bills still pending when the 78th Congress ends will be dead. Most such bills will be reintroduced in the new Congress, which technically is scheduled to convene January 3, 1945, but all will have to be put through the complex legislative process again no matter how far they may have progressed during this Congress.

A bill I introduced (H. R. 1688) which is for the purpose of settling the dispute between the Interior Department and the Department of Agriculture regarding jurisdiction over some 480,000 acres of land which lie within the external boundaries of the O. & C. land grant, was reported favorably this week by the House Public Lands Committee. I am hopeful that it can be acted upon before adjournment.

In addition to settling the long-standing dispute, this bill provides for the elimination of the troublesome checkerboard pattern of ownership in the O. & C. grant. Furthermore, we included a paragraph in the bill which gives the same rights with respect to minerals in the disputed lands as exist with respect to other lands in the public domain.

I hope during the next session of Congress to secure the passage of a bill which will give similar mineral rights on all O. & C. lands. I introduced such a bill some time ago. Largely due to the fact that hearings on the bill could not be held in the West this year, the bill has not yet been reported out by our committee. It seems advisable to have testimony on the subject from those most concerned. When they are able to state for the record at a formal hearing why the relief provided in the bill is necessary, we can develop a case that will impress the

somewhat discouraging to find that this carefully planned campaign is not meeting with much success to date, but in this direction lies the insurance of a prosperous postwar period and strenuous efforts must not be relaxed to induce the people to buy the E Bond quota.

The added fact that in an emergency such E Bonds may be readily cashed at the banks, takes away every possible excuse for not investing idle funds in these securities. It is not that the money to purchase these E Bonds must come from future earnings. The fact is the money is already at hand in idle commercial deposits. The problem is to inspire a confidence in such security and to awaken the public to the dangers lurking in reliance on financial institutions to carry the major share of the bond purchase burden. This column has preached this doctrine ad nauseum but the importance is so great as to compel repeated reference until there is evidence that the public has become educated on the question. Let every loyal citizen of Coos county candidly inspect his financial affairs and do the needful to insure his purchase of the E Bond quota. No greater service to the country could be rendered at this time by civilians.

committee favorably, I am sure. Meanwhile, if the O. & C. bill just reported is passed, proper mineral rights will have been established on at least that much of the O. & C. lands.

Tuesday, December 5, we are scheduled to consider the bill which will prevent the upping of the social security tax rate. It is commonly referred to as the bill to "freeze" the social security tax rate.

There may be some misunderstanding regarding this proposal. The proposed "freeze" will have no effect at all upon the benefit payments made under the social security law. It merely has to do with the tax levied.

The facts seem to indicate rather clearly that there is no necessity to double the amounts now collected from all employees and all employers for the social security fund. The fund already built up is now 26 1/2 times the amount annually paid out in benefits. Statistics made on the basis of life insurance formulas indicate that the present rate could be continued for ten years, if necessary, without damage to the reserve. The increase from one per cent to two per cent, if it is not stopped by Act of Congress, will be nothing more than a straight gross income tax of one per cent on all wages—in addition to all other taxes now being paid. The money will be paid under the name of the social security fund, but it will be used by the Treasury just about the same as any other tax revenue.

The social security fund is purely an entry on the books. The money is spent as fast as it comes in. What happens is that government bonds are purchased with the funds as they are received. Interest at a rate of 2.18 per cent is paid. It is all an elaborate bookkeeping transaction apparently designed for the sole purpose of collecting more tax money without the people realizing that they are being taxed.

It is reported that, if Congress passes legislation to freeze the rate at one per cent for the ensuing year, the President will veto it. There is some discussion of "tacking" it onto the extension of the War Powers Act—which, of course, the President could not veto. It remains to be seen whether or not this will be done in the Senate.

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Unemployment

Everywhere men and women congregate, the subject of unemployment is sure to be raised. It is never raised in terms of employment; always it is discussed in terms of shortage of jobs. It is taken for granted that unemployment is natural and employment has to be found or provided for. Let us get a clear picture of what we mean by unemployment. It is simply the absence or inaccessibility of the thing that labor must work with to produce the necessities of life.

In the early history of this country no laborer was without work unless he wished to be. Humanity was just the same then as now. They had the same emotions, affections and desires, at least similar ones. They were motivated in every way the same. The difference must be looked for in their relations with the earth. There is nowhere else to look.

The fifth commandment states the difference nicely. No matter what you think of the Bible, the economic truth there made plain is well within our consideration. If that truth was everywhere put into our economic and social structure, unemployment would cease to be. Will we adopt it? No. It is too simple and too easy, and humanity likes to try all the hard ways first.

If anyone cares to comment on this article, I would appreciate a letter. Respectfully, Jas. Richmond. N. B. The next article will be headed, "A Proper Viewpoint."

MORNING ON THE FARM

The rooster cheerily greets the dawn with a cockadoodle do. An old owl sleepily echoes it, with a last who who, who who. Old Bess, the cow, reminds with a moo that milking time is near. The first low twitter of a bird lends its sweet note of cheer. Old Shep gets up to stretch and yawn an urgent call to heed. The horses' nicker in their stalls, their own low plea for feed. The sun climbs over the wooded hills and shines down on a pleasant view. A spiral of smoke from the breakfast fire rises straight up to the blue. Dewdrops sparkle on the grass and jewel every flower. And turn the boughs of the lilac bush into a fairy bower. The frightened cackle of a hen, shrills out a quick alarm. A day has seen its dawning, it's morning on the farm.

—By Mrs. N. V. Maben, 4021 W. 106th street, Inglewood, Calif.

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