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## No Credit Controls

With the removal of Regulation W, the last governmental credit control went out the window, and poised an immediate problem for credit-advancing agencies on what to do. We think the present answer as being set forth by many large banks, including the First National bank chain, is a good enough answer.

Stringent restrictions will be carried on the amount of down payments necessary to purchase a new car; a schedule will be available for the purchase of appliances, furniture and other household items; and the duration of the monthly payments will be adjusted to fit the average buyers' monthly pocketbook.

Merchants who handle their own paper will do well to study the credit control, self-imposed, setup of the larger small loans lending bodies.

Today there is outstanding over \$13 billion dollars of credit; the financial structure of the U. S. can stand little more than 17 billion, according to experts. Unlimited credit, high-pressure selling, and the consequent repudiation could repeat the picture of the '30's.

Your banker is a good man to talk to about the credit picture. Failing to follow a common-sense program, the Congress is certain to re-impose credit controls for the protection of both the buyer and the seller and the manufacturer.

Think it over. And watch your credits.

## Out On A Limb

We're not a bit sorry we wrote our editorial last week on the Coquille Fire department, but we've been told by some mighty good sources that we were just a little bit far away from the whole picture, or at least from telling it, and so we're glad to put down for the record, the whole story.

The person who was told that he should not leave for several hours at a time to fight rural fires is a key man in a local business firm. When he is gone production, vital to the industry and life of this section stops, and many more men have to delay or halt their work entirely until he is back.

The officers of the company have personally fought fires on the local department's staff; they help out yet; and they are solidly behind the department.

We're not sorry that we wrote our editorial, but we're frank to admit that we were undoubtedly wrong. (We just happened to think what would happen to this issue of The Sentinel if our linotype operator took three hours off—there wouldn't be a paper for another day.)

The reason we're glad we wrote the editorial is that we feel the rural areas should start work at once for a Rural Fire Zone and get some action.

And to this end we'd like to hear from our rural subscribers on what they think of calling a special Rural Fire zone election.

Oregon is now rated 13th in the family of states who grant easily and quickly divorces in an almost wholesale scale. It's a poor picture for the soundness of our social life, our economic welfare. Too many people brought up on the pap of romantic Victorianism want sweetness and light as the constant bill of fare, and are unwilling to admit that a certain amount of trials and tribulations are a part of every married partnership. Divorce is no solution to the mental illness that afflicts those so seeking release. A better course would be a resolution to grow up, mature, face problems, and "ride them through" as our grandfathers and grandmothers did before us.

We join in with the group of papers in this country, including the New York Times, who lament the present Red witch-hunting by the Congressional committee, but we disagree that there is not a very real Red danger. To our mind the Red menace is as great a threat to our peace and future security as was anything Hitler ever did. Personalities on the Congressional committee tend to arouse personal disgust and hide the truth of the matter that Congressional inquiries into Red activities are necessary. And we for one fail to see why a subversive group despising our Democratic constitution, hating our way of life, deserves to be protected from Congressional inquiry any more than the fat and paunchy Wall Street capitalists, who by the way, weren't forgotten in recent inquiries the past few years.

Tires are doomed to take a 10 per cent raise soon. How are yours?

Our hat is off to Coach Spike Leslie for his 1947 Coquille Red Devil football squad. We saw them the first week they turned out for practice, and we never thought they'd even learn how to carry a ball; and what happened: for our money they played a high type of football, were good sports, fought well and cleanly, and gave all they had. The persistent ugly rumors of "ringers" in some high schools we could mention—in direct violation of the Oregon High School Activities high-sounding amateur athletic rules certainly wouldn't touch Coquille for our boys are all our own with their parents living in and around Coquille. And that's what we like about our football team.

## WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK Eggs and Things

This being poultry-less and egg-less Thursday, it seems fitting that we discuss poultry and eggs, and give all interested the benefit of our observations.

When a chicken lays an egg she goes about the business with some reasonable sense of efficiency. The only lost motion is the silly cackle.

When a turkey lays an egg she gathers in all the turkeys similarly inspired. Then all of them get into one nest. There may be 20 nests available to a dozen turkeys, but that makes no difference. The dozen will get into one nest. If the turkeys in an egg-laying mood will not fill the nest to the breaking point, there is a hurry call for volunteers and it is always possible to recruit several more turkeys that do not want to lay an egg at all but are willing to come along for the party. We have never met anyone who seemed to have a reasonable explanation. We only know that is what happens.

The other day we were listening to the radio and a man who raised turkeys was expressing strong disagreement with Mr. Luckman and his ideas on poultry. We hope Mr. Luckman, if he listened, did not feel too badly. If Mr. Luckman had tried (1) getting turkeys to the egg-laying stage, (2) getting them to lay eggs after reaching that stage, and (3) dissuading turkeys from making each egg-laying a kind of riot during which all the eggs were broken, he would understand how the gentleman felt. He's gone through all that, and has some turkeys, and here's Mr. Luckman interfering. It's like staying the hand of an artist just as he is ready to unveil his masterpiece.

## PARAGRAPHS OF THE PAST

From The Sentinel Files of 20 Years Ago

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, November 11, 1927)

There were eight bids on file with the city recorder Monday evening for rebuilding the Henry street bridge, which ranged from \$10,748 to \$15,925. All but two of them, however, were under \$12,000.

With the probability that the State Board of Health will never give its approval to the use of water from the new well for domestic purposes, the council decided to pass up and forget that such a source of supply had ever been considered.

The Coast Auto Lines stage which left here at 7:30 Thursday morning left the highway, at Davis Slough and turned over without seriously injuring anyone. A broken steering knuckle rendered the driver helpless to avert the accident. There were seven school children in the stage but none were hurt. W. S. Sickels who was on the stage says that it turned over so easily none of the passengers nor driver were even bumped hard.

Today is Armistice Day and the American Legion Post at Myrtle Point has all arrangements made for fitting observance of the day there this morning. J. J. Stanley of this city has been asked to deliver the address after the parade this morning and this afternoon the big event will be the football game between the Myrtle Point and Bandon high schools.

The Coquille fire department gave one of the finest demonstrations of prompt service last Saturday morning that it is possible for any department to make. The fire was not a serious one—the chimney of the hotel burned out—but by the time the siren blew the chemical truck was on the street and it was a matter of a minute until one of the firemen was on top of the hotel with the chemical hose.

A change occurred in the ownership of the Taylor-Ditto Battery station here Monday when Glen Ditto sold his interest to his partner, George W. Taylor, who will continue the business alone. Mr. Ditto and family left Tuesday for Goldson where he is going on a ranch.

The new front for the J. A. Lamb Co. hardware store was put in place this week. It is similar in appearance to the Busy Corner front and helps improve the looks of that end of Front street.

The American Legion is correct in its contention that Armistice Day should not be made the occasion for

big sporting events any more than Decoration Day. In some states it is illegal to have league baseball games on May 30, the idea being that it is contrary to the spirit of reverence for the cause which resulted in the day being set aside as one of rest and contemplation of the heroic deeds of this nation's heroes.

Saturday afternoon Mrs. Carl Ensel gave a party for her daughter, Geraldine, to celebrate her birthday. Games were played and later the children gathered at a beautifully decorated table where palces were laid for Geraldine Ensel, Virginia

Hartson, Maxine and Georgianna Johnson, Bonnie June and Betty Jean Seland, Aletha Leatherwood, Gretchen Neal, Martha Carrier, Char-lotte McNair, Freda Wilson, Naomi Zwicker, Frances Sullivan, Bonnie Jean Elliott, Loren Simmons, John-nie Leatherwood and Leonard Ensel.

F. C. Hudson, George W. Bryant, Ira Johnson, M. J. Hartson and Alton Grimes returned this week from Tulelake, bringing back with them 80 geese.

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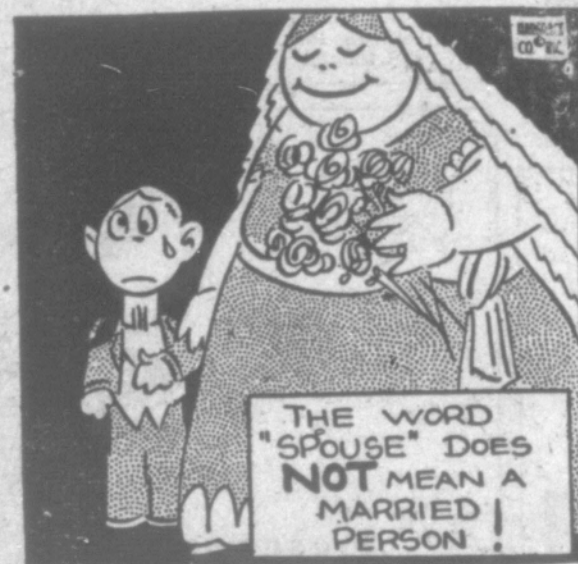
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