

Washington, D. C.
SUBCONTRACTOR PROBLEM
 Every train to Washington brings a group of small business men with rumpled collars and bulging brief cases. They've heard high officials declare that the defense boom should be evenly distributed. They've read about a subcontracting program for the smaller firms. So they come to town loaded with blue-prints and inventories of machine tools.

The visitors wait patiently in defense offices to ask the same question: "When do we get contracts or subcontracts?" Then they go home empty-handed, cursing the "bureaucrats running the defense program."

What they don't know is that the issue of subcontracting is being fought over daily, and with increasing bitterness, at the inner conference tables of the Office of Production Management. The question is whether OPM should crack down on the big primary contractors and force them to farm out their piled-up orders.

The powerful big industry clique says "No." It argues that forced subcontracting would be costly and unreliable. Bob Mehornay, a liberal small business man in charge of subcontracting, hotly denies this and is battling to overrule them.

The cold facts are that although 200,000 firms are available for defense contracts, 90 per cent of the orders awarded during the last half of 1940 went to 600 large concerns. And 114 of them got 95 per cent of all contracts over \$100,000, amounting to \$6,686,800,000.

ARMY MORALS

Genial Mark McCloskey, the Federal Security agency's recreation expert, has the soldier's moral lapse figured down to one crucial hour. This hour is the one during which he waits for a bus or train to take him back to camp.

McCloskey, whose job it is to worry about such things and work with the army and navy, has doped out that if time drags heavily during that hour of waiting the soldier may make for honky-tonks—and who's to blame him?

"The smart thing to do," McCloskey says, "is to brighten up the terminals. Give the boys a place to shoot pool, get some good chow at low prices, and read new magazines. Some pretty waitresses for the boys to kid won't hurt any either."

He doesn't think a tour through the museum of art or a brisk walk do much to combat temptation. Instead he'd like to see every town near a camp organize an honest-to-goodness information bureau for the men.

"If the boys want to go to a dance, get a date, visit with some patriotic family, or see a ball game, the community ought to arrange it for them," contends McCloskey.

He beams when he mentions the 200 girls at the Tom Huston peanut factory at Columbus, Ga., who volunteered to act as hostesses for soldiers at dances and social events.

ACTION ON HOUSING

Housing for civilian defense workers, one of the most muddled phases of the defense program, now looks as if it is going somewhere—thanks to the quiet intervention of Mrs. Roosevelt and Frederic A. Delano, uncle of the President and chairman of the national resources planning board.

Both exerted their influence through FDR, himself. The First Lady told him of shocking housing conditions among defense workers which she had seen in several cities, and warned that there would be serious consequences unless something was done quickly. Delano urged Roosevelt to get behind the C. I. O.'s plan for prefabricated homes.

WILLKIE CAN WEAR SHOES

Much water has gone over the dam since Secretary of the Interior Ickes labeled Wendell Willkie a "barefoot Wall Street lawyer." All is sweetness and light now between Willkie and the New Deal—which includes Mr. Ickes—since Wendell's outspoken support of the lend-lease bill.

However, one inquisitive reporter at a recent Ickes press conference wanted to be absolutely sure. "In view of recent developments," he queried, "do you still think Wendell Willkie is a Wall Street barefoot boy?"

Replied Ickes: "I think anybody has a right to wear shoes in Wall Street in this kind of weather."

MERRY-GO-ROUND

That \$1-a-day wage increase asked by the United Mine Workers was a compromise forced on John L. Lewis. Looking for trouble, he wanted to demand \$2 a day, but other UMW leaders, at the secret policy meeting, voted him down.

Although his re-election is still 18 months off, Rep. Bob Ramspeck's denunciation of the bill in the Georgia legislature to ban strikes in defense industries already has brought out an anti-labor candidate against him.



The Village News Press:
 (Prop. and Editor, W. Winchell)

The Gov't says you can deduct burglary losses from your taxes. Wendy Barrie wonders if that includes night club overcharges.

Prof. Emery Deutsch, who has been appointed conductor of the CBS Salon orchestra, always did detest playing in night clubs, and never dreamed the day would come again when he could hold his head and fiddle high. Nice boy, Emery. And his pretty bride is a nice girl, too.

Inez Robb of our town spent a quiet week-end over at Mrs. Evelyn McLean's house down Washington way. Mrs. McLean being the owner of the well-known Hope diamond. The first day breakfast was brought to Inez's boudoir, but the second morning it was necessary for Inez to ring. Beside her bed were two buttons. . . . Inez reasoned: "Obviously the black button is for night service; the white one for day." So she touched the white one delicately—it being morning. . . . Well, sir, Sirens screeched forth from here, there and everywhere; Great Danes barked their heads off; and folks started running hither and thither through the halls. Inez, it seems, had rung the fire alarm. Mrs. McLean, the owner, merely turned over in bed. She knew there was a guest. But the coffee—when it did come—was hot.

Ye ed sure got a big laugh out of the story the other day about the 60-year-old president of a Rotary club who ran off with a woman 29 years younger. He can be prosecuted under the Mann act, a federal offense. But look at what the Rotary club is worried about: That he missed his first club luncheon in 18 years!

Enis Beyer, the singer and constant subscriber, says ye ed's daily stint is "absolutely consequinell." Ha, ha.

See where Marshal Petain's allowance for the next three months will be 954,000 francs. That's about \$80,000 a year. In other words, Petain gets more to run France than FDR gets to run the U. S. A.

Jean Gabin, the big French actor, told how the Frenchmen feel about Great Britain. He says: "We are both pro and anti-British. Those who are pro-British say each night in their prayers: 'Please, God, let the gallant British win quickly.' Those who are anti-British say in their prayers: 'Please, God, let the awful British win right away.'"

Over at Frank Case's inn the pictures of the drama critics are on display in the lobby. Frank asked Bub Benchley what he thought of them. "The one of George Jean Nathan," Bub said, "don't do him injustice."

Guy Lombardo heard a deb say to another: "What color galoshes are you getting with your new spring suit?"

And Jerry Cooper doesn't believe all that talk about a food shortage in Italy, considering all the crow they have to eat.

Broadway Wiseguy:

He knows the same elements as other people, but in his world they have different functions. . . . The air is something you listen to for songs, sketches, speeches. Water is what they put in stocks, and fire is what a poor performance misses.

He thinks a skirt isn't a garment, but a woman in one—and when he talks of a turkey he means a flop-show. . . . He lives and moves and has his being in theater-town. . . . Things that are said and done on a stage or screen amuse and touch him, but try to make him weep when the show is over. . . . Try to make him laugh, for that matter. He read it long ago or he heard it when you were still breaking in your longies. . . . People who take "hours" telling a story (which is a gag in his lingo) are usually bores, phonies or jerques. . . . When he says he doesn't like pictures he means movies, not paintings. . . . A book isn't something to read, but the plot in a musical show, or the thing wagger-makers make for racetrack bet-placers. . . . He is that loud voice giving away the secrets of pals.

He argues that money will buy everything and anything, and he has never learned not to mistake publicity for fame. . . . Most of the United States to him is "the sticks" or "the hinterland." . . . The over 130,000,000 people are "suckers."

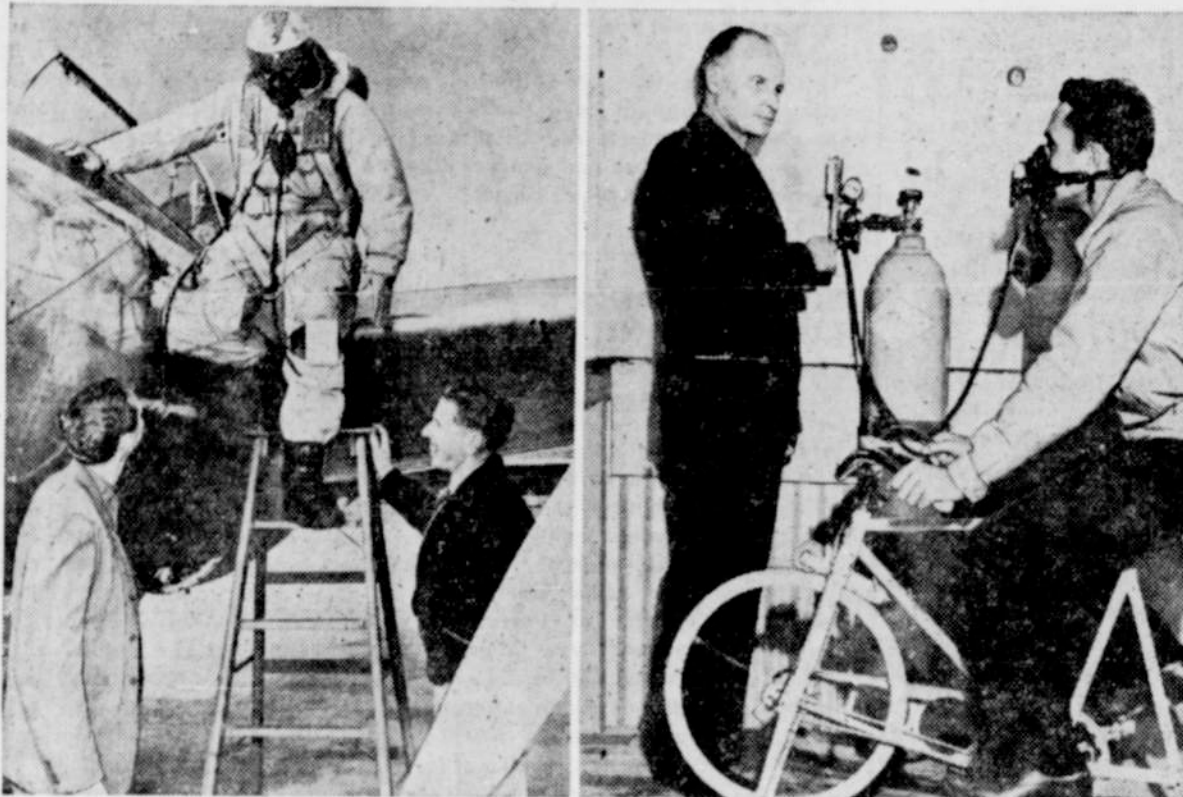
The name of Shakespeare always recalls the time he won a bet on a horse by that name. . . . He has many friends he doesn't like, and they detest him. . . . He has a wonderful knack for ignoring the check. . . . It has been said of him that his conscience is more his accomplice than his guide. . . . His idea of a good song is "Beat Me, Daddy, Eight to the Bar!" . . . He is deeply concerned about the foreign situation because it has cut off his supply of post cards. . . . He's the guy you want to know—until you do.

Training U. S. Aviation Mechanics



An impressive view of one of the "class rooms" at the Academy of Aeronautics, LaGuardia airport, New York, showing some of the students of aviation mechanics at work in a mass welding session. The school is training civilians and army men. About 300 enlisted men will take the course.

After Record Sub-Stratosphere Flight



Left: Milo Burcham, famous test pilot for Lockheed, climbing out of P-38 at Burbank, Calif., after he had given the pursuit plane speed and altitude tests in the sub-stratosphere. Right: Chief test pilot Marshall Headle turns on the oxygen as Burcham starts pedaling a bicycle for 30 minutes to "supercharge" himself for his flight high above ground. While pedaling he breathes only pure oxygen.

Brothers—Total Weight, 375 Pounds!



Nine-year-old Joseph Randazza of Gloucester, Mass., is shown (left) with his younger brother, Sammy, who is three. These are America's stoutest boys. Joe weighs 290 pounds, and Sammy 85. Joe gained 110 pounds in the last 14 months. The pair, 375 pounds strong, are out for a morning stroll.

Royal Blood for Britain



Her majesty, the Rance of Sarawak, who is the only white Rance in the world, is pictured here at the Presbyterian hospital in New York city. She is giving her blood for the blood-bank which will be drawn upon by Great Britain from time to time. Attending the Rance are nurse Miss M. Clark and Dr. Earl Taylor.

To London



Thomas D. Campbell, famed wheat expert from Montana, before leaving the Transatlantic air terminal in New York, on a secret mission to London. Thomas was an adviser to the government of Soviet Russia on the first five-year plan.

Fled Norway



Standing on stern of their little fishing boat, in New York, are these refugees from Norway. The 63-foot ship fled on June 9 with 25 refugees. Seventeen joined the British army.

TIPS to Gardeners

GARDENING AS HOBBY

GARDENING as a hobby can be made to pay excellent dividends. As an example, a Missouri woman reports she made a net profit of \$300 from her two-thirds-acre garden in a single season. Figured at market prices, food used fresh was \$230; food canned, \$80; and food stored, \$71. Seed and sets cost her only \$20.

There are two major requisites to obtaining garden profits of this kind. They are, willingness to work and the use of quality seed. It is important also to devote considerable space to multiple purpose crops like beets, onions, and tomatoes—crops that can be used in a variety of ways.

Here, briefly, are the uses of principal multi-purpose crops: Onions—green, as relish; mature bulbs fried, stewed, or as seasoning; bulbs for pickle, and relish making; tops for seasoning; bulbs for storage. Tomatoes—fresh fruits for slicing or stewing, for immediate table use; for canning, or for making tomato juice, or tomato catsup; green tomatoes for frying, or for use in pickle relishes, or in pie filler (like mince meat); yellow fruits for preserves, juice, or immediate table use.

Cabbage—fresh in slaw, or salad; cooked for table use; canned as kraut, or stored. Beets—tops for greens; roots cooked fresh, canned, pickled, or stored.

HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONS

Mirrors should never be hung where the sun shines directly on them for any length of time.

Wire and iron bed-springs that become rusty should be given a coat of paint.

Put your white wash on the sunny side of the line and keep the colored clothing in the shade.

Put small cooked hamburger cakes between two hot biscuit halves and top them with a brown savory gravy or well seasoned white sauce. You'll like these.

Meat should not be seasoned until it is partially cooked.

Pillow slips iron easier lengthwise.

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Cropping Time

There is a cropping-time in the races of men, as in the fruits of the field; and sometimes, if the stock be good, there springs up for a time a succession of splendid men; and then comes a period of barrenness.—Aristotle.

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