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THE PRAYER THAT LINCOLN PRAYED

We stood not in the chamber
When Lincoln bowed his head;
We did not see the look he wore,
Or hear the words he said;
And there were none to tell us,
But in our hearts we know
'Twas not for self he prayed alone,
But for both friend and foe.

His kindly heart, His loving lips
Could only blessings speak;
His reverent soul, upraised to God
In prayer or poor and weak,
For soldiers fighting in the field,
For sailors on the sea,
For mothers, wives, and children dear,
Wherever they might be.

He did not see the blood-stained path
Wherein his feet must go.
He only knew his country's needs,
And left her pain and woe,
He heard their cries for liberty
For help their lives to save.

His great heart bounded at the call,
His courage ne'er grew dim.
He knew his country's hopes and fears
Were centered all in him:
And well he knew the Power above
Would listen to his call
And so in faith he prayed to One
Whose love is over all.

God grant our feet may walk life's path,
With fears be ne'er dismayed;
And teach our lips with faith to pray
The prayer that Lincoln prayed.
—Mrs. Alice L. Lincoln.

THE FEED QUESTION

Farmers who are raising cattle, sheep, hogs and chickens for the market are hard hit, especially those who have to buy feed, and most of them do. Few farmers raise all their own feed, they have to buy all or some of it.

Price levels on the things farmers raise are definitely fixed, fixed so he can not make any money, and when it comes to feeding, he can't make expenses.

Those who regulate prices have failed, absolutely failed to protect the farmer from souring feed prices. There is a price level on wheat, etc., but after it is manufactured into feed, the price structure seems to have taken a vacation, it is very conspicuous for its absence.

We do not understand the psychology of a mill who will allow their feed prices to go so high that a farmer cannot afford to feed his stock. We know farmers who are selling off everything that has to be fed, because they are losing money and can't make both ends meet.

We have been informed that by summer, the packing plants will have very little pork to butcher, and other meats will be so short that the average citizen will have very little of it, and all on account of the fact that the price level of feeding grains are out of sight and the farmer can't buy feed at the present prices and come out even.

Whoever is responsible for this condition should be fired from his job. He is a menace to the welfare of the nation. He is going to cheat civilians from enough meat to eat this year, and may shorten the meat rations of the men in the armed forces. The government can't expect farmers to raise stock and pay out of their own pockets to produce it. If the government can't protect them from loss and at least show them a small profit, you can't blame the farmer for not raising stock.

So You Can't Buy Another Bond



Take a good look at this American soldier as he lies in the mud of Rendova Island in the Southwest Pacific, victim of a Jap air raid. It is not a pleasant scene, is it? When you are asked to buy an extra War Bond to Back the Attack think of this picture of your fellow American blasted by the concussion of a Jap bomb thousands of miles from home. Then brother, don't you think you will want to dig a little deeper to back up his comrades? From U. S. Treasury

The agriculture agents in the counties know the situation, but it seems they cannot do anything about it. They could tell the agricultural leaders, and perhaps have told them, the exact situation, but it does not seem to have made much of an impression, for there is no sign of relief from the high prices of feed.

Every newspaper published in farming communities should go to bat for the farmer and see if something can't be done to decrease the price of feed. If nothing is done, we will have precious little meat and chickens to eat this year.

NEWS FROM OUR BOYS IN SERVICE

A recent letter from Jack Hayden, now a lieutenant in the flying corps of the U. S. Army, says he has been transferred temporarily to Concord Field, a short distance from Oakland, California.

Jack says he is now in a replacement unit, and may be called to go overseas at any time. He sends his regards to all his friends in the valley.

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Ebb Hogue of Selma, that their son Clement, who is in the Navy, was rescued after his ship had been sunk and flown by plane to the hospital. He is now recuperating.

Word was received by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. McLean, that their son Bud, who is finishing his schooling as a pilot, recently went up in the air and before he got very far his plane caught on fire. Bud was not up in the air far enough to "bale" out, so he immediately brought the plane down, landed safely—the fire was put out, and by his quick thinking perhaps saved his life and the plane. Bud's superior officers complimented him very highly for his work.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Elroy came last Saturday to visit Ernie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Elroy of Kerby. Ernie is in the army and is home on a short furlough.

Second Lt. Eugene O. Waterman, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Waterman of 421 Evelyn Avenue, graduated Feb. 8 from advanced pilot school at Pecos Army Air field, Pecos, Texas, and is expected home on leave February 12 before reporting for assignment. Lt. Waterman entered the service February 8, 1943, just a year from the date of his graduation. He was bookkeeper here for the Puyet Timber company before entering the Army.

An interesting item from the Humboldt Standard states that Mrs. Wilma Clark, now of Eureka, has four sons in Uncle Sam's service, three in the Navy and one in the Marines.

Mrs. Clark formerly lived across the suspension bridge at Kerby and also lived for a while at Holland. Two of her sons were born while the family lived in the valley. Cullen C. Clark, lieutenant in the Navy and Luther S. Clark, a technical sergeant in the Marines.

Mrs. Clark is a sister of Mrs. Frances Derrick of Portland, who is now visiting her mother-in-law, Mrs. I. W. Derrick.

Ves Clark, their father, is a grandson of Grandma Gilmore, an old time resident of Kerby.

Dance with the American Legion at their hall, Cave Junction, Saturday, February 12th. Freeman's orchestra will play and the Ladies' Auxiliary will have a good feed at midnight.

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