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Apple Pie vs. Good Government

Time was when all it took to spur a man to battle was to hear of a beautiful young maiden kept prisoner in some far-off castle by a terrible three-eyed dragon; or let some foreigner cast a disparaging remark about the Queen and the legions would grab their swords and shields, climb into their armor, mount their trusty steeds and be off to do battle with the enemy.

Later-day soldiers went into the fray screaming inspiring battle cries: "Remember the Alamo," "Remember the Maine," or some other rallying phrase. Those were the good old days when a soldier had more than a fifty-fifty chance to come out of the scrap in one piece.

Fighting men in past years knew what they were fighting for. Now we aren't quite so sure. We went into one world-wide fracas to "make the world safe for democracy," and wound up with nazis, fascists, communists, black dragons and falangists. Some democracy. In the recent war, reams of paper sped through the presses cramming all sorts of things down soldiers' throats as to what they were fighting for. We were told we were fighting for the right to do this and the right to do that; the right to sink our teeth in an American apple pie, the right to throw beer bottles at the umpire, the right to make funny noises at the Brooklyn Dodgers. And things like that.

Well, we've had our apple pie. We've tossed a missile or so at the unfortunate umpire. The Dodgers have been properly hooted. But while we were enjoying our hard-won rights—while the ump ducked our bottle, a bunch of hoodlums strung a few Negroes to the nearest tree. While we were munching the apple pie, a charlatan was sent again to the senate. While we were giving Brooklyn the bird, Republicans and Democrats alike were blundering our country into some of the silliest messes we could imagine.

Somewhere along the line, the men who fought and won the war began to wake up. Not fully awake, but starting on the right track. There began rumblings which could very well echo into the future. Gradually, the veteran is beginning to realize that he MAY have been fighting for the right to be governed in a manner in which this country was meant to be governed at the outset.

We are aware of the disadvantages of political blocs. But, if the veterans of the recent war decide that they wish to be led by efficient and capable men, and we believe it is coming to that, then we say go and use the tremendous power at the ballot that sixteen million voters could wield. Only less than three weeks ago veterans in the town of Athens, Tennessee decided to change a hideously corrupt city government, and resorted to violent tactics to pry the stuffed ballot boxes out of the hands of the boss and his boys. The vets are now running the town. We don't advocate the use of shotguns and dynamite to decide elections, but nevertheless, that incident signified an awakening of some sort.

The day is coming when the vet will prefer a good government to his bottle throwing, and he will do something about it, and do plenty. His, and his alone is the power, if properly applied, to trade in last season's model of government on a new one. When that power is applied, the country will be much better off. And we shouldn't be much surprised to find quite a few vets of World War Two in those offices. It might be a good idea.

DEMOCRATIC RALLY and PICNIC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

Addresses by

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Candidate for Congress

GRANTS PASS CITY PARK

Remember?

From the files of the Illinois Valley News

FIVE YEARS AGO:

(AUGUST 21, 1941)

Plans for the Miners' Jamboree to be held over Labor Day are in full swing, with the following committee members in charge: Queen contest, Fred Linkhart; parade, Blake Miller; amusements, O. W. Vogue; mineral exhibits, Cecil Slack; dance, Bert Badden; general chairman, George Hicks. Candidates for queen are Adelaide McCrady, Norma McCrady, Elva Messenger, Dorothy Green, Lois Taylor, Wanda Brown.

The O'Brien Woman's club held its business meeting Friday at the Waldo home of Mrs. Robert Balzke. Twenty-three members and five guests were present.

Benjamin Franklin George, old-time resident, passed away at his home in Medford August 15. He was 68.

Aunt Mary White was guest of honor at a picnic given by the American Legion Auxiliary Sunday at Grayback Camp.

Heavy traffic of army trucks through Cave Junction delayed the finishing of paving operations for a few days.

Mrs. Blanche Lackey opened a new coffee shop in Kerby under the name Do Drop Inn. The new cafe will specialize in steak and chicken dinners.

3 MILLION BUSHELS OF GRAIN IN OPEN PILES WAITING CARS

An estimated 3 million bushels of harvested grain now is at the mercy of the weather in scattered northwest shipping stations because of the acute shortage of freight cars and storage facilities, reports Willard N. Crawford, field secretary of the Pacific Northwest Crop Improvement association, Walla Walla, Washington.

The most Oregon grain on the ground is at the Pilot Rock and Fulton stations in Umatilla county, according to Crawford.

ONE YEAR AGO:

(AUGUST 23, 1945)

Application for a charter has been sent to the Oregon Department of Veterans of Foreign Wars following the signing of 16 qualified veterans in the Illinois Valley. The first meeting of the local post will be held August 27.

With 16 of the 28 county sub-districts reported, the Josephine County School District budget held a comfortable margin of 216 favorable votes to 61 against.

Two Illinois Valley boxers, Claude and Skeet Tucker, have entered the pro ranks, and are grooming for their first pro bouts in Portland next Friday.

Two picnics are being planned by local organizations: the Isaak Walton League at Grants Pass city park August 24, and the labor union at Grayback Labor Day.

Carl Boesch last week purchased the old chili parlor from C. W. Temple, under the name of C. & B. Cafe.

Two motion pictures, "Realm of the Wild" and "Forests Forever," were shown by Ranger Harold Bowerman at meetings of the American Legion, Bridgeview Grange and Deer Creek Grange.

Births this week: a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Lee; a boy to Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Martin; a boy to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Brockmiller of Selma; a girl to Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Wright of Dryden.

—Keep Oregon Green—

Pressure-Cook Beans. Says Canning Expert

Housewives are warned by Miss Grace Armstrong, food specialist of the University of Illinois, that the only safe way to can green beans in home kitchens is by means of a pressure cooker.

She says that the boiling water bath method cannot produce a high enough temperature to make the vegetables safe from spoilage or food poisoning bacteria. This is true of all non-acid vegetables, she says.



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