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TOO MUCH CENTRALIZATION

As we get into bureaucracy
many difficulties arise in trying
to manage the entire United States
from any single centralized
place.

One example was the gas
rationing which should have shown
the boys back in the east where
towns are close together and farms
small that western farmers were
in a different class, at least, as
far as need of gasoline was concerned. They are now trying to
straighten out the mess, and probably
will in time.

There is the new rationing
program due to start the first of
the year. As we understand it a set
of values for all rationed goods
will be set by the government.
values, that is, in ration points.

Then the bureaucrats will find
that in some places customers will
be willing to give up a certain
number of points for a coveted
article. In other places the same
article will be a drug on the market.
In this county, for instance, the
price of tenderloin and T-bone
steak has always been the same
as for round steak. That is the
only way butchers can get rid
of their better cuts of meat.

When rationing makes a tenderloin
cost more points per
pound than round, the butcher
will have to make tenderloin
actually cheaper in cents to sell it
at all. Rationing may make him
grind his tenderloin cuts up into
popular hamburger.

Such a condition would not
likely prevail in the city. It is
not a common thing. But that is
what is going to make rationing
a headache for all concerned, until
it is found that this nation is
too big to be managed from a
central bureau.

HOUSEWIVES

It has been a subject of some
public concern, this question of
what's in a housewife. No, No, we
don't mean one of those valuable
adjuncts to every household, the
women who cook, sweep the floor,
play and look pretty and perform
other valued and vallant services.
As everyone knows who remembers
his nursery rhymes, they are made
of sugar and spice and everything
nice.

What started the whole matter
was a list of the things that go
into a soldier's housewife, which
is sort of a handy ditty bag that
is supposed to contain everything
needed to repair the injuries to
clothing or feelings.

The local Red Cross has unfolded
the secret by appending a list
of what is actually in a housewife.
There are needles and pins, buttons
and thread to repair the damage
to uniforms. There is paper
and pencils and envelopes to
write down the troubles—and by
writing, end them. There is a
deck of cards and a knife to see
that the rules are obeyed. And
razor blades and a comb to make
the captain happy at inspection.

A soldier may carry other things
in it too. And probably many do,
like, for instance, that button
off that pretty blonde's dress, a
teaspoon from the Brown Derby,
the last letter from the one and
only, some of mother's cookies, a
Japanese belt buckle or some
other souvenir obtained in interesting
moments of a fighting man's
busy life. Handy things, these
housewives.

A LITTLE REST

Congress has adjourned. In normal
times the taxpayer might
feel happy, because—in normal
times—no one could appropriate
money except congress. Nowadays,
however, the administration and
the bureau go right on spending
whether the money has been
appropriated or not. Then, they
go to a subservient congress and
tell it to pungle over.

It may be that such going-on

are not to be so easy from now
on. The 1943 federal income tax
is very likely to make enough
voters conscious of taxes that
there will be a hue and cry about
dishing out the money quite so
freely.

We have been told, of course,
that many of these appropriations
go to build something that will
pay for itself in jig time. All
salesmen know that line and get
by with it too, until they run up
against a customer who happens
to own a pencil. Some things do,
of course. Many don't.

Congressmen are entitled to a
rest even if for only three weeks.
Some coat-tailers can take longer.
Being a congressman or senator
is a hard job, requiring much
thought, considerable knowledge
and no little ability at the fine
art of political balancing, an art
that makes slack wire walking
seem like a baby's first steps.

For those close to home the
three weeks will likely be spent
in listening to the folks at home
who seem right now to be rather
upset. And they can be very difficult
in such times. Probably there
is no rest for a congressman and
perhaps those days spent in Washington
are as quiet and uneventful
as any. But it is just as well
to turn them out to pasture for
a few days anyway.

DARLAN DEAL

This Darlan business is getting
entirely too much notice. Whether
Darlan is honest, or patriotic,
or opportunist can hardly be
known to many of those who are
making speeches about him. General
Eisenhower seems satisfied
of Darlan's value to his army
and Eisenhower is on the ground.
He has the duty of protecting the
lives of American troops and if
he does it by dealing with Darlan,
let him. We think neither Eisenhower
or Darlan is at present
in position to double cross each
other.

Maybe Darlan is now engaged
in giving the double cross to Hitler,
an act that we would applaud.
We may hate double crossing
but we hate Hitler more, and
no Frenchman who does a good
job of double crossing the little
paper hanger is going to have
the finger of scorn pointed at him
in the great democracies, no matter
how moral their speech makers
sound. We might even strike
of some sort of a medal for him.

Darlan doesn't like the English,
or is said to be opposed to
them. That may account for
some of the criticism coming
from Europe about the admiral.
Probably no one on this side of
the water knows much about the
deal.

In Other Days

From the Observer Dec. 18, 1903
Rev. John Evans officiated at
the wedding ceremony which united
Miss Mattie Combe and Mr.
J. M. Florer, Wednesday.

A. B. Potter, of Klondike and
J. Harvey Smith of Grass Valley
were passengers for the Webfoot
metropolis Sunday.

Wm. Waterman is now the sole
proprietor of the Moro Blue and
Red barns. Mr. Waterman is here
to stay and he is very cordially
welcomed.

John Johnson is preparing to
build a substantial and roomy
barn on his farm, purchased from
Mr. Boyd.

From the Observer, Dec. 19, 1913
Walter H. Moore, one of the
most widely known of the early
pioneers of Sherman county, died
at the home of his cousin, E. H.
Moore, Saturday morning of pneumonia.

L. L. Peetz, accompanied by A.
H. Barnum and Mr. Marlin of
Rutledge, while traveling about
twenty miles an hour Tuesday
evening, upset his auto when
making the turn at the Rutledge
school house. One auto wheel
was broken and the passengers
suffered minor injuries.

From the Observer, Dec. 21, 1923
A very pleasant surprise party
was given for Mr. and Mrs. Allan
Murray at their home in the Fairview
district—Saturday night of
last week. The Murrays have just
moved into the community and
the neighbors from the surrounding
vicinity planned the surprise
in order to welcome them into
their midst. About 75 guests arrived
between the hours of 7 and
9, all loaded with good things to
eat.

Henry A. Moore and wife and
their son Harry Moore and wife
from Portland were visiting at
the E. A. Cushman farm home
this week. Henry Moore and wife
are pioneer residents of this city.

Moro has several students attending
OAC. Among whom are:
Arthur Christianson, junior in military
science; J. Lee Stewart, junior
in pharmacy; Evelyn Ragsdale,
junior in home economics;
Owen Lester, Marguerite Posa
and Opal Powell all in the school
of commerce and Edmond Stephens,
a freshman in the school of
agriculture.

How To Save
On Meat Told
By Health Board

Meatless Mondays? Cytlets without
cuts? Meat leaves more loaf
than meat? Such is the prospect
again facing the people of the
United States, and not such a discouraging
prospect, either, when
the whole situation is understood.
Right now the proposed voluntary
ration of 2 1/2 pounds of meat per
week would seem like a gourmand
paradise to the protein-starved
people of the beleaguered nations
of continental Europe. The latest
meat ration of the Belgians is only
5 ounces per person per week, that
of the French 7 ounces, that of the
Dutch 10 ounces and that of the
Germans 12 1/2 ounces. The British
are allowed 30 ounces.

Meat rationing is just around
the corner for the 128,000,000
Americans who are not actually
in the uniforms of the armed forces.
It may not be imposed from
above, as was the rationing of sugar
and coffee, until some time early
in 1943. Meanwhile voluntary
rationing will be attempted, and as
long as it suffices, compulsory
rationing may be deferred.

It is difficult to demonstrate
exactly why it is that a country
which formerly paid its farmers
bounties for not raising hogs should
be confronted by a meat shortage
at a time when production is
breaking all records. There are
no more mouths to feed, it is argued,
so why can't we have as
much meat as ever? But we actually
do have more mouths to feed.

America has undertaken to supply
its allies with vast quantities
of meat. Lend-lease requirements,
plus the estimated requirements
of our army and navy total up to 6 1/2
billion pounds next year. Civilian
consumption, if the people were
permitted to buy all the meat
they want, is estimated at 21 billion
pounds. Maximum total output
is estimated at 24 billion lbs.

Obviously then, there is a gap
of some 3 1/2 billion pounds between
maximum production and estimated
total demand, and the only way
to close this gap is to limit
civilian consumption. The 2 1/2 lb
per week ration is based on a
simple mathematical division of
the amount of meat available for
civilian consumption by the total
number of civilians, after making
allowances for the fact that many
people eat no meat at all and
many eat it sparingly. Allowances
is also made for the fact that
infants require no meat and pre-
adolescent children normally require
only half as much as adults
and adolescents.

No restrictions were imposed
on deliveries of variety meats made
from heads, feet and tails and
glandular organs such as hearts,
liver kidneys and even lungs. As
a matter of fact, rationing restrictions
may require very little
change in meat consumption habits
of the average American.

Our average per capita meat
2 3/4 pounds per week and many
families have averaged scarcely
more than half this amount, still
having adequate diets.

While it is true that some animal
protein is essential to an
adequate diet there is actually little
in meat which cannot be
found in some other products of
which there presumably will be a
plentiful supply. The housewife
can compensate for a reduced
allowment of meat by making a corresponding
increase in the amount
of milk and eggs. In addition,
such products as beans, peas,
lentils and nuts and whole grain
cereal will supply the restricted
amount of protein with only a
very small ration of meat added.

The success of the program will
depend entirely upon the extent
to which our people generally are
willing to play the game. Since
the whole people are engaged in
a struggle to preserve democratic
voluntary rationing would be the
thoroughly democratic method of
dealing with the problem. This,
then, is America's opportunity to
demonstrate that it can solve its
economic problems in a truly democratic
fashion.

Kelly's Column

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state director.

Those Oregonians who ship
freight by truck (the for hire operators)
are now under a new
tax which became effective December
1. This is the 3 percent tax
on transportation, whatever the
transportation cost may be. The
operator collects the tax with the
freight bill and remits it to the
internal revenue department. Congress
has only a hazy idea of
what this tax will yield. The
important applies to freight moving
on river boats and railroads as well
as trucks. Storekeepers in the
interior who receive their merchandise
by truck will be the first to
pay the tax.

Astoria is to have another ship-

"Bite?"



Nourishing noon day meals for
America's youth are an important
community wartime activity. The
Agricultural Marketing Ad-

Farm Prices
Supported By U.S.

Announcement of farm price
supports and related policies will
enable producers to plan their
production and marketing operations
better to meet the goals being
set for 1943, says L. R. Breithaupt,
extension agricultural economist,
in the latest issue of the Agricultural
Situation and Outlook
just published at Oregon State
college.

These guaranteed prices will not
assure farmers of an adequate
supply of labor, new machinery
or fertilizer, or a long list of other
materials that are needed, but
this more definite price outlook
will help materially to encourage
farmers to try to meet
increased requirements for food.
Breithaupt points out in the circular.

The price policy as announced
is designed to give maximum
price assistance to the production
program, according to the announcement
made by the US department
of agriculture. The announcement
added that, while the department
recognizes that prices influence
production, it cannot
assure a set price to every farmer

yard. Approval of the necessary
priorities has already been given.
The next step will probably be
the awarding of contracts to the
new concern—possibly for wooden
barges.



This year the holiday season finds millions
of our fellow-citizens in the armed forces,
millions more in the factories and
shipyards who serve those gallant men at the front.

There is no finer Christmas gift that can
be sent to our fighting forces than the
greatest output possible of planes, ships,
and supplies, bringing Victory closer.

The Long Distance lines of the Nation
are serving this gigantic program by handling
a tremendous number of calls, the
greatest in telephone history.

Big as it is, the network of Long Distance
lines has no margins this year for purely
personal calls; nor can more lines
be constructed. The copper and other
materials that would require are needed
still more by our fighting men.

In recent months, your co-operation
in keeping Long Distance calls to the
essential has helped to keep these lines
clear for war calls. We ask now that
you continue this assistance, over the
holidays especially. To war-busy centers,
please make only calls that are necessary.

We appreciate your friendly help and
understanding.

"The Victory Loan Drive is on—will you
invest in our National security through
the new Victory Loan?"

Kent High
School Team
Wins Game

The Kent high school boys
basketball team has two games
already played this season, one
with St. Marys and the other with
Grass Valley-Moro. The boys won
both of them by a large margin.
Bill Gunther was down to the
city of Grass Valley last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Laffoon were
in Moro on business one day last
week.

Kenneth Sather was an over-
night visitor in Kent Saturday.
Otto Walman has returned to
Kent after spending a few days
in Moro.

Leona and Glenn Sather and
Jerry Wilson, jr. were dinner
guests Sunday at the hotel.

Jack Lyon is staying with the
Robert Schillings now.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. MacInnes
were in The Dalles one day of
the last week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jeffries
were in Portland a few days of
last week.

Mrs. Elsie Hubbard and boys
and Ed Stakley left for Portland
Sunday where they will live for
the winter.

J. E. Norton and George Witter
were down to the county seat
Monday.

Claud McKay and friends from
the valley were here last week.
Claud's friends were hunting for
geese while he visited with his
parents. Mr. and Mrs. George
McKay.

Mrs. V. E. Mobley is in a hospital
in The Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Howell and
George Howell were visitors in
Wasco Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Pleumbe
were shoppers in The Dalles Monday.
They went to that city Sunday
by stage returning Monday.

"Was it cold up around La-
Grande", one of the returning
wheat leaguers was asked.
"Horribly cold", he says. "They
have no thermometers up there
and, of course, it gets as cold as
it pleases".

He who carries a tale makes
a monkey of himself.

He who looketh upon a woman
iseth a fender.

C.L. Poley, M.D.
Physician & Surgeon
The Dalles Hospital
The Dalles, Oregon

Bethlehem Chapter, No. 78 O.E.S.
Moro, Oregon

Meets Every Second and
Fourth Thursdays in each
Month. Visiting members
Invited
Marie Hoskinson, W. M.
Pauline Douma, Sec.

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A-F & A-M
Meets on the 1st and
3rd Thursday
evenings of each month.
Visiting members are
cordially invited to
meet with us.
Darwin Van Gilder, W. M.
C. V. Belknap, Secretary

Moro Lodge No. 113, I.O.O.F.
Moro, Oregon
Meets 1st and 3rd
Tuesdays in the
I.O.O.F. hall Transient
and visiting
brothers are cordially
invited to meet
with us.
Paul May, N. G.
Percy Thompson, Sec.

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116
Moro, Oregon
Meets 2d & 4th Tues
day of each month.
Visiting members wel-
come.
Lucille May, N. G.
Florence Johnston, Sec.

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING
Notice hereby is given that the
undersigned Executrix of the will
of John D. Patjens, deceased, has
filed her final account in the County
Court of the State of Oregon
for Sherman County and that
Saturday the 9th day of January,
1943 at 10 a. m. in the county court
room of the Court House at Moro,
Oregon has been fixed as the time
and place for hearing said account.

KATHERINE JACOB
formerly Katherine Andrews, executrix
of the will of John D. Patjens,
deceased.
F. L. Phipps, The Dalles, Oregon
Attorney for Executrix. 12-11--1-1

NOTICE OF HEARING ON FINAL
REPORT
Notice is hereby given that by
order of the County Court of Sherman
County, Oregon, Saturday
December 26, 1942, at 10:00
o'clock A.M. of said day, and the
county court room in the county
court house in Moro, Sherman
County, Oregon, has been fixed as
the time and place for hearing
all objections to the final report
filed by George N. McDonald as
executor of the will and estate of
Neil McDonald, deceased, and the
settlement thereof.
George McDonald,
Executor
11-27--12-25

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
All persons having claims against
the Estate of S. A. Hall, deceased,
are hereby notified to present
them, with the proper vouchers
and duly verified, to the
undersigned, the duly appointed
administratrix of the Estate of
S. A. Hall, deceased, at the office
of T. Lester Johnson, attorney at
law, Moro, Oregon, within six
months from the date of the first
publication of this notice, to-wit:
December 4, 1942.
Lilah Hall
Administratrix
Date of last publication Dec. 25,

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
All persons having claims against
the Estate of Arvid T. Anderson,
deceased, are hereby notified
to present them, with the proper
vouchers and duly verified, to the
undersigned, the duly appointed,
qualified and acting
administratrix of the estate of
Arvid T. Anderson, deceased, at
Wasco, Oregon, within six months
from the date of the first publication
of this notice, to-wit: November
13, 1942.
Glennie M. Anderson
Administratrix
Date of first publication Nov. 13,
Date of last publication, Dec 11,

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
THE STATE OF OREGON FOR
SHERMAN COUNTY:
In the matter of the Estate of
R. C. Cannon, deceased:
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
You are hereby notified that the
undersigned has been appointed
Administratrix of the above
entitled estate, and has qualified.
Any body having claims against
same are hereby requested to
present them with the proper
vouchers annexed to the
undersigned, at the law office of Roy
J. Baker in Grass Valley, Oregon,
within six months from the date
of first publication hereof.
First-publication being Nov. 6th
1942.
Gus Engstrom
Administratrix



Advertisement for wine featuring the text 'SERVE WINES AS THE FRIENDLY BEVERAGE!' and 'FOR THE HOSPITALITY SEASON... FOR FORMAL OR INFORMAL DINING... FOR GRACIOUS ENTERTAINING'. It includes an illustration of wine glasses and a small logo at the bottom.