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THE FARMERS SPEAK

The Federal Agricultural Program committee of Sherman county citizens meeting in preliminary discussion of Eastern Oregon Wheat League problems did a fine job of blasting the present program. It comes nearer expressing the actual attitude of wheat farmers hereabouts than has any other pronouncement in years.

Members of the committee were farmers, many of them members of the county committee. And they know what is wrong better than any one else.

They object to subsidies because of the administration of them and that they do not bring the desired results. Apparently they find no theoretical difference of opinion about this means of distributing money to producers to save money for consumers.

They go boldly for the certificate plan and loans on domestically consumed wheat, with all surplus thrown on the open market. Farmers have not forgotten the McNary-Haugen plan even if all officials have.

They want soil conservation to stand on its own feet and not be bait for some political scheme. They want crop insurance based on individual farm records, which are available, and not crop insurance used as a means to keep poor producing land in operation.

What will happen to the resolutions when they are taken to the league meeting where there are agriculturalists and economists hired to settle farm problems in a manner that is least disturbing, we cannot tell. Chances are the final resolutions will have more words and fewer ideas for simplifying the monumental job of administering all the details of farming.

DELINQUENCY, JUVENILE

OR OTHERWISE

The agencies that are doing the most talking about juvenile delinquency ask for greater recreational facilities for youth. Therein, arises a question: Are we sure that it is additional recreation that is needed for wayward youth or something else.

Among the alternatives that come to mind are: less recreation for parents of juvenile delinquents, more work for the delinquents, fewer places in which to be easily delinquent, better moral training on the part of the social agencies historically supposed to aid the youth to keep on the straight and narrow—school and church.

There have always been bad boys and girls, presumably, although father and grandfather have an excellent self-given reputation, as well as ma and grand-ma. There are probably more bad youngsters during war time when morals relax. We can't train ten million young men to kill other young men and whatever civilians, men, women, or children, who happen to get in the way, and expect the best moral conditions.

Killing, we have been told, is bad morals. It is possible that the juvenile delinquency problem will get in the hands of the do-gooders and sob sisters where it will receive a lot of attention but will be effectually removed from woodshed influence which, if applied early in the disease, would probably perform wonders.

This setting the clocks back saves an hour a day for the man who gets up at ten o'clock and it loses an hour for the man who gets up at six o'clock. Who produces the most?

SELF ENTERTAINMENT

As a follow-up of the suggestion made in this column a few weeks ago, there is being arranged a series of programs for the entertainment of the community. An attempt will be made to give enough variation to make them of interest to all.

The first one of these programs will be given December 10 and will have "The Oregon Trail" as its general topic. It will be considered successful if the people like it and respond to the programs and a failure otherwise.

If bombing cities will win a war, a statement still unproven the punishment being given Berlin should hasten the day of German defeat. Air men say bombing utterly destroys a city, yet the story of Sevastopol is that manufacture of ammunition went on in basements until the city was taken by infantry. For the benefit of coming generations it may be hoped that bombing of cities is found ineffective.

Having things to be thankful for depends on how one looks at life. It would be easy these days to feel badly abused by living and one might wish he had chosen another era to spend his earthly existence. There could be more comfortable times in the future to live on the earth but certainly no past period of years has permitted so much fun for mortals. Therefore, Thanks.

A thoughtful member of the House of Representatives the other day called attention to the vote against the subsidy in which arguments indicated that congress thought the people had lots of money and the vote for the new tax bill which indicated that congress thought the people were broke. It is entirely possible that both votes are incompatible with anything but politics.

From such antics as have been going on in the Boilermaker's Temple in Portland—may come increased awareness on the part of rank and file union men that more responsibility of unions and union officers is badly needed.

In Other Days

From the Observer, Nov. 27, 1911

A C Thompson is the owner of a five passenger six' cylinder Studebaker car.

Messrs. Lucas and Fortner have leased the Moro opera house for a term of three years.

Uncle James Martin was moved last week from the Dr. Poley sanitarium at Moro to The Dalles hospital. It is considered that the change will be to his good as he will be in a ward where he can see more people.

The entertainment provided by the Boardman school literary society at its first meeting this fall was a pleasant and unique surprise to those attending.

From the Observer, Nov. 25, 1941

Mr M A Bull and Miss Delila Elliott were married on Thanksgiving Day at the residence of Geo. A Meloy, at Buckeye farm, Monkland. They will be at home in Moro.

Arlington will be the starting point of the Condon railway after "second sober thought."

Sherman county is divided into 35 school districts, in six of which there are no teachers employed, but there were 38 teachers present at the Institute held in Moro, November 14-16.

Driving down below Wasco one day last week, Henry Hennagin saw two Russian thistles, as big as the hind wheel of a wagon, blowing along the public highway, scattering seeds everywhere.

From the Observer, Nov. 28, 1921 Mrs W A Woods and two children from Dufur, are visiting here with relatives.

At the meeting of the city council held on Tuesday evening a petition for a concrete sidewalk was acted upon. The proposed walk will be built from the C R Belshie property on Main street west to the L L Peetz property.

The post office and store, owned by George Potter, at Klondike, was burglarized last Friday night. About \$7.00 in small change and one cent stamps was taken from the Postoffice till and about \$11 in cash from the store till.

Leo Moore and Edmond Stephens returned Tuesday evening from college to spend Thanksgiving holidays at home.

Kelly's Column

(Continued from page one)

kitchen fats (in lieu of paying them 10 cents per pound. Heretofore the housewife didn't have much of an incentive to save waste fats other than as a patriotic duty. The 10 cents per pound which the corner butchershop paid her was nothing, so to speak, and consequently the drive bogged down. But with additional meat ration points being offered as an incentive, OPA big-wigs are confident the amount of waste fats received from the housewife's kitchen will be increased considerably. OPA will put the new plan into effect about December 16.

National Chairman Frank Walker, big boss of the Democratic party, has sent out a call to all state committeemen to meet in Washington D C January 22 to open the 1944 presidential campaign. Mr Walker is very much worried about the outlook for 1944, although he won't publicly admit it. It may be a struggle for the national chairman to get all the boys together, especially those from the far west. Making a round trip of 6000 miles in these days of uncertain transportation is quite a chore, just a per hear some big shot give a pep talk and put the bee on for campaign funds. Rumor has it that Mr Roosevelt will give the gathering an "off the record" in order to put a little pep in the gang, and goodness knows they need it.

People's Column

Bill McKean writes to his folks: Dear Folks,

I've been some busy, I received my Christmas box from Lewis, Martha and Robby. I'm holding off until Christmas just to prove that I can—so am ignorant as to contents. How is everything in the high country? Fine I hope. Had a letter from Reta Johnson today. She said that Dad looked fine. I'm in good shape as usual, working hard and actually enjoying myself. Not a bad little war. I hope the d— thing is over tomorrow.

By the way, I ran into Rollo Thorgeon over here last Friday. He is a motor machinist 2-C and is stationed about 15 miles from where I am. The very next day who should I run into but Jim Gibson. Just like that, Gibson is a Lieutenant j.g. Remember me telling of running onto him up at Puget Sound Navy yard about 2 years ago. He looks swell, you might pass this word on to the Blau family. Haven't heard a thing from Douma, but will probably get the word any day that he is back. We will hold a Sherman County blow-out one of these days if we ever all get together at once. I've been running around with an aerial gunner (Army) from Portland. His name is Bob Reid and he lived about 12 blocks from me at 37th and Sandy. Knows a lot of people I know and is a pretty regular egg. We have quite a bit of fun together yelling about the good old days prior to the war in the City of Roses.

In Moms letter she bragged about how she was getting my mail in six days. When I looked at the postmark on her letter, it was dated October 10—Airmail too—a cool 30 days. How about that? As a rule your mail comes through very promptly and this was just an exception.

By the way, have they decided when to hold Thanksgiving this year? This letter will probably get there about then—so have a good holiday and crowd a little in for the—although—I probably do alright here. It sure looks like I'll be on this location for some time and will sure let you know of my change—when I come in a hurry. Excuse my spelling, etc., because I have a machine revving up like a riding machine and am not too busy when falls the blow.

Guess that's the dope for now, so will close.

As ever,

Bill

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Moro, Oregon

Meets 2d & 4th Tuesday of each month. Visiting members welcome. Coila Belshie, N.G. Florence Johnston, Sec.



"Can't we be patriotic and turn the light out? Tell your Pa there is a bad shortage of kerosene these days."

Tire Situation Not Much Improved

The need for tire conservation is greater now than ever before, secretary of state Bob Farrell said recently in urging Oregon motorists to reduce mileage when ever possible and put less strain on tires by driving more carefully.

Information gathered by leaders in the field of highway transportation indicates we are now entering the critical period in motor vehicle use," Farrell said. "We are rapidly nearing the point where pre-war stocks of tires will be exhausted while the wartime synthetic rubber program is not yet capable of meeting normal demands.

"We now have a tire inventory of approximately three million, contrasted with a normal stock of 16 million. Until the synthetic rubber program is in full swing, the nation will have difficulty in meeting our military lend-lease and civilian demands."

Explaining that more time is needed to perfect the synthetic processes, Farrell, who recently attended meetings of motor vehicle administrators in the east, said these men were told that certain technical problems still remained to be solved. Synthetic tires heavy enough to stand high speeds and the strain on curves deteriorate too rapidly from heat he said. Tires built light enough to dispel the heat created by friction, were not strong enough to stand the strain of speed and curves. Pending the solution of these and other technical problems, the nation faces a lag in the production of tires, he declared.

OREGON CAN PRODUCE

Although national food needs and Oregon's capacity to produce the needed commodities were the main points considered in setting up the state's 1944 food production goals, it was assumed that national price policies would be established to assure producers adequate returns, the Oregon

USDA war board reported this week.

War Board Chairman R. B. Taylor pointed out that support price programs could not be announced with the 1944 goals, because price policies for next year are subject to the decision of congress. He believes, however, that farmers may plan next year's production with the understanding that price policies finally adopted will assure fair returns for needed commodities.

A number of price recommendations were adopted at the state goals conference. Most of the recommendations relate to support programs, and include suggestions that growers and processors be consulted before specific prices are set.

Continuation of present price support programs was recommended for dry edible peas, dry beans, flaxseed, wheat and barley. On canning vegetables, it was recommended none be grown on a commercial scale except under contract to a canner.

Increased support prices for winter cover seeds were suggested, including 13 cents for hairy vetch, 7 cents for ryegrass, and 8 1-2 cents for Willamette vetch on a 3000-acre quota basis.

War risk insurance to cover cost of production for designated "war crops" was favored, as was restoration of crop insurance on wheat and other basic crops. Also, the conference asked special consideration for price policies that would encourage dairy production.

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LONG HOPELESS NIGHT



In the glare of floodlight against the sky, this sentinel box rises above the barbed wire as an ominous warning to prisoners of war. Through War Prisoners Aid, member agency of the National War Fund, facilities for recreation, education and spiritual welfare, distributed to prisoners-of-war, bring new hope into the lives of these men.

"WAKE UP, AMERICA!"

Does the Machine Age Require Government Control Over Industry?

As debated by Kermit Eby, Department of Education and Research, Congress of Industrial Organizations; and Channing Pollock, Author Best-Selling Biography: "Harvest of My Years"; Lecturer, Internationally Known Playwright

MR. EBY OPENS: It is an established fact that 20% of the American people possess nearly all our national wealth, 80% nothing. Concentration of economic power, according to Berle and Means, has placed more than one-half the corporate wealth of the nation in the control of 200 corporations and over 40% of the business wealth. Two thousand persons control these companies; that is, two thousand out of 130 millions of people are in a position to control the wealth of our nation. Lewis Corey has estimated that 187 persons alone in the Morgan combination control over one-fourth of our national wealth. Similar facts have been confirmed by other economists. Pres. Roosevelt took cognizance of them in a message to Congress one year before the outbreak of the war when he said that one-tenth of 1% of all corporations reporting from every part of the nation owned 52% of the assets of all of them. Combined with similar corporations in Germany, these great cartels have defied the government of the United States. We have become a plutocracy. Ours is no longer a society of freeholders, as dreamed by Jefferson, but a nation of wage-workers dependent on the great corporations for a chance to earn our daily bread. The continuation of such a condition is intolerable. The people, not the corporations, are sovereign. If we are to be free, we must exercise our sovereign control, take over industry, and operate our economy in the interest of the needy many, not the privileged few.

MR. POLLOCK CHALLENGES: Mr. Eby's figures are as familiar and as bogus as a showgirl's. Dr. Robert Rutherford Deane tells us that net incomes over \$5,000 account for only 10% of national income, and that 81% of our adult population possess property. In 1932, 14 million out of 26 million heads of families owned their homes; there were 67 million life-insurance policies, 54 million savings bank accounts, and 24 million registered security holders. I cannot agree with Mr. Eby that "The continuation of such a condition is intolerable." The "needy many" and the "privileged few" exist chiefly in States that have taken over industry and exercise that "sovereign control" which is really bureaucratic control and/or dictatorship.

MR. EBY REPLIES: More figures: 60 to 65% of the Americans arriving at 60 were dependent on friends, relatives or institutions, before Social Security—these are life insurance quotations. Perhaps we should shoot the 60%? In 1932, the same year Mr. Pollock uses for reference, we had a national income of 50 to 60 billion; 11 million unemployed. In 1932, 70% of all American families lived on \$1500 per year or less; in 1932, \$2500 per year was considered the absolute minimum for a decent living standard for a family of five. It took a war to lift our national income to 800 billion dollars a year and to erase unemployment. Mr. Pollock may believe private industry can keep our economy operating at full capacity and everyone working, that it can overcome the failure of 1932. I do not.

MR. POLLOCK OPENS: Does the machine age require federal control over doctors? Does it require federal control over our farms, our schools, food, clothing, beauty shops and rationing? I include the last two enterprises because, not long ago Washington was providing free facial treatments to female inmates of correctional institutions, and spent \$399,854 of our money on rodent extermination in New Orleans. A new, and I think dangerous school of thought proposes government control of everything because of anything, and is rapidly changing us from a nation of free men to a herd of cattle to be driven to pasture and stabled at night. Whence comes this conviction of federal omnipotence, and desire for federal omnipotence, the idea that the men who have made our industry an example for the world are to turn over the helm to those who, having failed at everything else, landed in politics? What is government? Is it a mysterious cosmic godhead, or is it Harry Hopkins and Professor Tugwell and Magistrate Aurelio? Herbert Spencer thought government processes "invariably slow, stupid, extravagant, unadaptive, corrupt and obstructive," and Thomas Jefferson, so constantly quoted by the new school, asked, "What has destroyed liberty... in every government which has ever existed?" and answered, "The generalizing and concentrating all cares and powers into one body." From Hammurabi to Hitler, government control of industry has never produced anything but misery, poverty and collapse, and it never will.

MR. EBY CHALLENGES: Mr. Pollock is concerned about money spent for facial treatments for inmates of correctional institutions. Does he deny the relation between appearance, morale and healing? Or doesn't he believe in healing? Typhus and cholera-carrying rats do not have the same respect for state lines as he does. Only the federal government can coordinate an effective program of plague control, with the cooperation of international organizations. It is no accident that plagues such as typhus spread in wartime and controls break down. A government that is more interested in states' rights than in rat control is no government at all for its respects rats more than people. Democratic government is the exercise of the people, of their sovereign rights through their elected officials, and, as long as they exercise sovereign rights, I have no fear of their collective judgments.

MR. POLLOCK REPLIES: For most of us, I think Mr. Eby's challenge answers itself. Regard for "appearance, morale and healing" as an excuse for beauty treatments in prisons is as absurd as justifying Federal extermination of rats at approximately \$60 a rat. As to the people's "sovereign rights" through elected officials, there can be no dispute. It is only when these sovereign rights are exercised by administrative bureaus—by men nobody elected—and when elections are controlled by vast expenditures for beautifying convicts and killing rats; by pressure groups of minorities, by millions of government employees, huge outlays for demagogic propaganda and the suppression of contrary opinion, that I fear "sovereign rights" on as vital an issue as that of the complete shelving of our economic system.

FOR SALE: 5 yr old gentle saddle horse. M J McDermid, Wasco

Want Ads

LOST: Red Yearling Heifer white face, left ear cropped, right ear split, branded RD connected on right hip. 3-4p Dean Reynolds, Grass Valley

LOST: 4-2 yr old Hereford Heifers, branded X in left hip, crop on left ear, hole in right. Roy Barnett, Grass Valley 52-4c

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Charles C. Wilson, N.G.

Percy Thompson, Sec.

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H. A. White Administrator

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