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Those who would trade
freedom for security are
deserving of neither.

DEATH OF MUSSOLINI

Anyone who considers the death of Mussolini with his reason instead of his emotions will be pleased with the end of that one-time strutter on the international scene.

The Mussolini was captured by Italian partisans is all to the good; better than that of a national of another country. That he was shot by a firing squad without benefit of trial is an indication of haste and lack of order that is bad enough.

But that his body was subjected to all sorts of public indecencies by the people who once fawned on him is little short of a disgrace to the human race. It shows that the temper of the world is out of control and that the thin veneer that is civilization has been put aside to disclose the barbarism beneath.

History teaches that this is what happens in war-time. That is why nothing good comes of war. They set us back hundreds of years. They destroy the metals, the land, the oil we must have to live. They remove for long periods of time the hard won decency that makes it possible for men to live together on this globe.

If we on our side are fighting for anything it is dignity of the individual. That dignity is a part of democracy and of Christianity, for neither can be successful without it. The example given by the by the Italians is an example of barbarism. It indicates the depth of the hates of over crowded Europe, hates that come from war and will cause another one unless stopped at once.

FOR BETTER, OR WORSE

Indians of the mid-Columbia we read, are concerned over the possible construction of a dam across the river near The Dalles, one that would flood Cello falls and end, once and for all, the catching of salmon there.

They point to the now generally accepted fact that Bonneville dam has curtailed the fish runs to such an extent that salmon will not long be a common food among us. To them the salmon are worth more than the electricity that comes from the dam or the transportation that has not come from it. It is easy to laugh in our pale-faced wisdom at the simplicity of our bronze colored brothers. However, it is not always wise to laugh too heartily for there is a possibility that they are right.

Because we have salmon today we can destroy one of our sources of food with barely a serious thought. We get electricity with which we make aluminum. We had enough electricity anyhow and dam sites for power purposes are innumerable. We did not have to dam the Columbia. Perhaps in a few years we may conclude that the fish were worth more than the power.

White men come upon a continent, cut down and burn the forests, pump out the oil, waste the land and let it erode, mine the minerals, then they fight wars to see who is to live on the desert they have created. It doesn't look quite bright.

Indians never did so good a job of propagating nor of saving their young as the whites and the tribes that occupied this continent were not so numerous that they could not live from the bounties provided by nature.

We feel that we have to make the world over. In all humility we should pray that we make it better and not worse.

MAKE YOU FREE

Down in Frisco the representatives of the three big nations, and the next two in present importance and 41 others are talking about the rules and regulations by which the world is to be governed hereafter.

Probably none of the men there really think that it makes any difference what is written into the charter of the agreement as long as it is reasonable. It is important that it contain a plan for settlement of difficulties, that there be provision for changes that may be necessary. We of the democracies hope that there be guaranty of the rights of man as we interpret them. If such are included it will be a compliment to our way of life because no other countries than the democracies recognize the rights of man in the form we do.

It will be good will that prevents future wars—if any are prevented—not words written on a contract no matter how grandiose are the surroundings in which it was signed. If peoples are to keep from war they must get and retain control of their governments so they can prevent their rulers from going to war for their own personal glory.

The citizens of a nation seldom go to war of their own volition. It has happened, but not often. They must be led or pushed into it by lies or propaganda or inflamed racial, religious or economic hatred.

Wars could be evaded if all the people of the world were fully informed. "The truth shall make you free" John 8:32; is no idle praise of truth. As long as governments are permitted to distort or hide the truth they can keep the people in thrall, send them to war and to destruction.

Delegates might ponder well the proposal for free speech, free press, free religion that has been made at San Francisco. It is worth more than all the machinery of the world state.

WE CAN BE PRETTY

There has been some inquiry about houses of late and people have been looking around for a new place to live, as is customary in the spring. Listening to the comments leads to the conclusion that a little everyday care on a house pays dividends.

If there be doubt about it, let the reader go about town, or even go about it in his or her mind, and make mental note of the probable value of different houses. The houses may be of equal value, equal age and about the same as to conformation, equipment and desirability from that angle.

But if one house be painted, its porches straight, its walk clean and in good repair, the trees trimmed, the lawn growing evenly it will make a much better appearance than will one that has none of these. Examples are at hand in this town where some busy person has bought a place and made it look twice as good in a couple years of putting around the yard.

Perhaps the financial gain is not the greatest. One who lives in a well kept place can walk a little straighter feel a little better and take a bit larger place in the general scheme of things. The city, too, gains for no one has ridden far without going through some little town that aroused a desire to make a home there because it was so neat and clean and orderly.

There is much that Moro might do to improve its appearance. There is great need for paint that may not be satisfied until after the war. Any list of things to be done would include a paint job or recovering of the Legion hall and better care of the trees about it, cleaning up of the old Ginn-Coleman lots and tearing down of the unused buildings there, seeding some sort of lower growing grass in the remaining part of the park, removal of the Bill Raymond building. Destruction of a few unused barns would also help. And a thousand gallons of paint.

Probably no one has done as much for the reputation of Moro as a pretty town as has J. B. Adams with his work on the old Moro Hotel lot. It is worth a great deal to the city, and when there is travel again it will be worth more. It offsets other spots that are as untidy and unkempt as that corner is beautiful.

Washington Column

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form in every respect with government specifications, but Senator Langer thinks the probe should be continued and he suggested that full-time committee be appointed.

While lend-lease shipments of meat to Great Britain have been reduced from 200,000,000 to 25,000,000 pounds, the needs of the army have been so enormously increased by the necessity of feeding prisoners of war and civilians in liberated countries that the over-all picture for American consumers is less bright than it has been at any time since the war began. More than four million persons in Europe now look to the army for daily subsistence and this number will increase as the final defeat of Germany approaches. Until this work is taken over by UNRRA the entire burden falls upon the army, and the greater part of the food must come from stockpiles in the United States. Great Britain is feeding and Canadian forces by British and Canadian forces, but available food in England is rapidly vanishing and France will not be able to feed herself until the 1945 crop is harvested.

Report by National Lumber Manufacturers association from its Washington, D. C., headquarters shows 31 tree farms in Washington state sponsored by West Coast Lumbermen association and three by Western Pine association. In Oregon the Lumbermen association sponsors 19 and Western Pine three. Total acreage in the two states in the tree farm movement is 2,710,608. Any forest area managed and protected for the production of repeated crops of timber may be termed a tree farm.

Weather: warm; Sky: clear; Rain, absent; Prospects: fair.

In Other Days

From the Observer, May 4, 1906

Mrs. Eberman arrived at her new home Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock after nearly eleven hours journey from Salem.

The C. S. Ry. sand house so long an object of beauty in the Moro yards has been loaded on a flat car ready to be transported to Biggs.

A wrecking crew is reported to be at Grants with tackle to move the station building to Rufus; the intention of railway company to abandon Grants is to go in effect May 1st according to this latest move. The Grants ferry will run to Biggs on the Oregon side, but the landing on the Washington side will be the same as before.

H. A. Thompson is making final arrangements to erect a tower windmill on his farm property south of Moro.

From the Observer, May 5, 1916

The local declamatory try-out was held Friday evening. Gwendolyn Foss will represent the C division at the contest between schools; Jessie Hoskinson the B division and Grace Muir the A division.

Homer Belshee's 2-year old baby was kicked Friday by a pony running loose in the farm yard. The baby was taken to Wasco, where Dr. Morse closed the wound with seven stitches.

J. J. Wiley Friday evening had an auto upset on a soft spot in the road about a mile north of the L. L. Peetz farm.

Five new members were admitted into the Presbyterian church Sunday.

From the Observer, May 7, 1926

Members of the senior class of Moro high school have selected for their class play this year a delightfully entertaining comedy in three acts entitled "Come Out of the Kitchen."

A rodeo will be put on at the county fair grounds by Everett Wilson and his famous bucking horses from Tygh Valley on June 5th and 6th.

Anyone wanting to join the Moro tennis club may do so by applying at Ross' Confectionery or at either local bank through John and Seral Searcy. The tennis court is now completed and the fees for membership are reasonable.

C. P. Moore received three Jersey cows by auto truck from Portland and has added them to his farm production laboratory.

This Big Three Also Met—Japs



Adm. Marc A. Mitscher and Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, who took part in the directing of the invasion of Iwo Jima. Right shows Maj. Gen. Keller E. Rockey, Virginia Beach, Va., commanding general of the 5th marine division, which participated in the invasion of the Volcano Islands. Mitscher is shown at left; Nimitz, center.

INN, BUILT IN 1717, ONCE WAR CENTER FOR AMERICANS DURING THE REVOLUTION

"The Redcoats are coming," look-outs warned. So innkeeper John Varian hurriedly grabbed his two most cherished possessions, his Bible and his cow, and hid them in the cellar of his Wayside Inn, at Scarsdale, New York.



Wayside Inn, Scarsdale

by John Varian in 1765. When the Revolutionary War broke out, Varian was among the first to enlist. Wounded in action, he was invalided home. His son Jonathan, who was born in the tavern, continued the family tradition by dis-

tinguishing himself in the War of 1812.

Another of the inn's historic episodes occurred when Col. Rufus Putnam of General Washington's staff used the tavern as headquarters in a scouting mission, reporting the activities of the British troops near by.

The inn apparently did not go unscathed in the war, for President Henry N. MacCracken of Vassar College recalled that one summer, as a child, he and his brother spent an exciting time picking old bullets out of the tavern's shingle roof.

Since 1928 this historic tavern, contemporary of the Massachusetts inn of the same name immortalized by Longfellow, has been serving as the Scarsdale Public Library.

OUT OF THE JUICE

Another change has been made in the point value of tomato juice. It is the second in a few weeks. Presumably point changes are made for the purpose of balancing the supply to the demand and, if so, the bureaucrat who is vice-president of the division in charge of tomato juice points has been badly confuted of late. The supply was known nearly a year ago. Probably it is all another bit of evidence that governments should pay attention to government and keep out of the juice.

I walked a mile with Sorrow
And never a word said she;
But, Oh! the things I learned from her
When Sorrow walked with me.

Dear Lord
Lest I continue
My complacent way:
Help me to remember
Somewhere out there
A man died for me today.

As long as there be war;
I then must
Ask and answer
Am I worth dying for?

C. A. Ruggles
INSURANCE
Moro Oregon



There are many more Long Distance calls than before the war and more are in a hurry. But service keeps on being good for most people, most of the time. Some lines, however, are carrying an extra heavy load and sometimes all lights are lit on a switchboard. Then the operator will ask your help by saying—"Please limit your call to 5 minutes."

For Victory—Buy United States War Bonds
THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY

NEW USE FOR PAPER IN OVERSEAS OPERATIONS

The U. S. Army air force thought it had the last word for quick surfacing runways when perforated steel mats were developed, but their cost was terrific, their weight too heavy, and the manhours to install too long. A new emergency runway material with all the advantages of steel mats has recently been announced. It consists of a layer of cloth between two layers

of tar soaked paper. It can be applied in one-tenth the airplane space and laid, by machine, almost twice as fast. Spread over a rolled earth surface, the durable water repellent strips of paper sustain the heat and shock of landings with little damage, and bog down only when the sub-surface moisture is extreme. The new paper airstrip was developed by the Royal Canadian Engineers and improved by the United States. It was tried for the first time last summer and became a vital factor in the remarkable speed of air supply in France. By September, it had been used successfully on some 30 forward fighter and transport fields—Just another reason why waste paper must be salvaged.



PROPOSED annual statement of the
FEDERAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
OF CHICAGO, in the State of Illinois,
on the 31st day of December, 1944,
made to the Insurance Commissioner of the
State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Amount of capital stock paid up	1,000,000.00
TOTAL PREMIUM INCOME for the year	2,353,935.58
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	534,706.58
Income from other sources received during the year	394,412.61
Income, Accident and Health department	1,702,115.43
Total income	5,085,170.80
DISBURSEMENTS	
Value for loans, redemptions, annuities and surrenders	1,333,221.01
Premiums and coupons paid to policyholders during the year	44,953.94
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year	24,394.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	465,842.74
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	92,797.78
Amount of all other expenditures	808,295.01
Disbursements, Accident and Health department	1,616,645.04
Total disbursements	3,780,761.56
Value of real estate owned (book)	2,945,447.96
Loans on mortgage and collateral, etc.	5,121,931.86
Value of bonds owned (adjusted)	11,772,464.01
Value of stocks owned (market value)	215,750.00
Premium notes and policy loans	1,328,972.18
Cash in banks and on hand	148,771.13
Interest and rents due and accrued	248,771.13
Not uncollected and deferred premiums	512,904.29
Other assets (net)	65,694.85
Admitted assets, accident and health department	48,794.08
Total admitted assets	22,809,890.43
LIABILITIES	
Net reserves	16,783,344.00
Gross claims for losses unpaid	144,647.33
All liabilities	1,151,019.10
Liabilities, accident and health department	2,306,356.25
Total liabilities, except capital	3,600,363.68
Capital paid up	1,000,000.00
Surplus over and above all liabilities	1,442,511.75
Surplus as regards policyholders	2,442,511.03
Total	22,809,890.43
BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR	
Net premiums and annuities received during the year:	
Life	14,483.01
Dividend paid during the year:	
Life	None
Net losses and claims on documents, surrenders and amounts paid during the year:	
Life	4,827.73
Accident and Health	None
Name of Company: FEDERAL LIFE IN- SURANCE COMPANY OF CHICAGO, ILL. Name of President: D. CAVANAUGH Name of Secretary: A. E. THOMPSON Resident Attorney for Service: INSURANCE COMMISSIONER, Salem, Or.	

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING

NOTICE: There will be a meeting of the County Board of Equalization of Sherman County, Oregon, at the Court House, Moro, Oregon on the second Monday in May that being the 14th day of May, 1945, to publicly examine the Assessment rolls, correct all errors in valuation, descriptions of lands or other property assessed by me, and it shall be the duty of persons interested to appear at the time and place appointed (appearance is by petition). All petitions must be in writing and verified by the oath of the applicant and filed with the board within the first week it is by law required to be in session.

Charles A. Ruggles
County Assessor

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County her Final Account and Report as Executor of the Estate of R. A. Murray, deceased, and that Wednesday, the 6th day of June, 1945, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A. M. of said day, at the courtroom of said Court, in the courthouse in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Account and Report and for the settlement of said Estate.

Dica Murry Ost
Executor

T. Lester Johnson,
Attorney at law,
Wasco, Oregon

May 4, 11, 18, 25

Notice of Budget Meeting for Preparation of County Budget

Notice is hereby given that the County Budget Committee will be in session at the Courthouse in Moro, Oregon, at 10:00 o'clock A. M. on Wednesday May 16, 1945 for the purpose of making the original estimates of county expenditures for all county purposes for the period from July 1, 1945 to June 30, 1946 inclusive.

Any tax payer or group of tax payers wishing to have changes made in the proposed budget, appropriations for new items, the elimination of any item, or an increase or reduction in any item, are requested to attend this meeting and make such wishes known.

No increases can be made to exceed ten percent of the proposed budget at the final hearing and adoption.

ROSS ORNDUFF
COUNTY CLERK

Advertisement
From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

The Hoskins
are a One-Family USO

Saturday night is open house for service men at Dad and Ma Hoskins'. They spread out sliced turkey and chicken, hotbreads and cake, sweet cider and ice-cold beer—and let any service man who wants to, come and help himself.

Some townsfolk thought the fellows might get obstreperous or take advantage of the Hoskins' hospitality. But the men are quick to recognize that here's a real American home, where friendliness and moderation are just naturally observed.

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