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

VE DAY

The day of victory in Germany has come and as quietly gone as it had been a country Sunday. After the months of hoping that victory might be achieved, the weeks of breathless news about new conquests and the days of expectancy about immediate surrender, the news of final German collapse came to an America jaded with news, with spirits that could not be aroused to cheer.

VE Day of 1945 was the second within the memory of many comparatively young persons. It marks the end of the second invasion of Europe by American troops. It was a successful invasion in both wars if success is to be counted by vanquished enemies. The first was highly unsuccessful in aiding international peace. It may still be hoped that this one will have better results.

For the second time in one generation an American administration has broken its word to the people and sent soldiers to Europe, we have filled their cemeteries with our dead and canceled their debts for food and munitions. We have given unsparingly of ourselves. Like a trout to a fly we have risen to the cry of the able psychologists of Europe that democracy was being despoiled, justice imperiled and people injured. We are a sentimental people and a rich and generous people and the Europeans know how to use us.

There are two chances that there shall be no more of these VE days. One is that the nations of the world will be able to reach some agreement at San Francisco, or some less publicized spot, that will prevent future wars or else cause some international group to be formed that would make them less even in manpower and manufacturing strength so wars would be shorter. The second is that the United States would learn that it cannot settle the quarrels of Europe.

There is occasion for relief that the war in Europe is over, even though there be little expressed joy. It is a step we had to take, a task we had pledged ourselves to take. Now our troops can move to the Pacific, a job that may take a year, and begin again the work of eradicating an enemy. VE day means little to us on the Pacific coast who know the menace of the Japanese. We have fought them with one hand while our greater forces were occupied in Europe.

Perhaps within a year or two there may be a V-day that will signify that this nation is again at peace. This one merely reduces the extent of our dual war.

POWER

Time or distance or lack of interest or something might aid the present tempest about electricity in rural Sherman county. There is a bit too much enmity wrapped up in it at this time to permit hope of settlement without hurt feelings and poor business relations. Hate seldom wins satisfactory victories.

There is no disagreement with the premise that the farmers of this county are financially able to enjoy electricity. They could wire their buildings, buy equipment and build lines.

Disagreement comes in discussion of the method to be used to obtain power. Such disagreement often causes more delay than the actual obtaining of the power when the method is agreed upon.

Public power enthusiasts dis-

trust the power companies. Adherents of private power feel that their philosophy of private enterprise is being attacked by the enthusiasts. Time is spent talking about each other, time in which both sides burn kerosene.

There are four methods by which Sherman county farmers might obtain power. One is thru the power company, the Pacific Power & Light company in this instance, it being the nearest. The only farmers who seem at all satisfied are those using PP&L current. A group might build their own line, as did the men at Locust Grove. A group or an individual can accept the company's slowly softening terms about subsidizing construction costs.

The REA is a cooperative group organized to dispense electricity. It borrows its money from the government at low interest rates. It has been an economical source of power in many places. Its future is probably closely allied with the future of all cooperatives. REAs probably can extend farther in non-productive country than can private industry, but no source of power that remains solvent can serve all isolated farms unless rates are kept high to make up the extra transmission cost.

PUDs are generally formed in fairly well populated areas. They are more closely regulated by the federal government than REAs. Both are new and still untried over long periods of time. Efficiency of operation as compared to private industry will determine their future and the fact that there is both public and private power will probably tend to reduce the price of both.

A source of power seldom mentioned is the new diesel motors that operate continuously if need be. Cost of locally made electricity by either steam or diesel power is comparable with power from a central source.

Oregon has 77 percent of its farms electrified from a central source. The average in the United States is 42. Tennessee, where the TVA operates, has 24.9 percent. Cost of electricity in Oregon is higher than on some of the more famed systems but generally is much lower than the average. It is being reduced rapidly by private industry.

If a user of electricity expects low rates he will choose well by getting on a line that is well populated—where there are many customers close together. Lines will be greatly lengthened after the war. Every company and the government agencies are planning on that. Soon everyone will have current at the push of a button. There will be greater satisfaction for a community if it can be obtained without a community row that breaks friendships, often of more value than the electricity.

In Other Days

From the Observer, May 14, 1923
A number of local fishermen have tried their luck the past week fishing for salmon at Shearer's cove. Clare Axtell returned with two salmon, John Thogerson with one and C. M. Cunningham with two.

A banquet the first affair of its kind held by the Moro high school was tendered the members of the senior class last Monday evening by their parents at Hotel Moro. Safe blowers obtained \$12.10 from Wasco postoffice early Sunday morning. They drilled holes, filled them with nitroglycerin, and covered the safe with mail pouches to deaden the sound of the explosion.

Rev. G. Hanson will leave in the early part of next week on his assembly trip to Baltimore, Maryland.

From the Observer, May 12, 1916
The new Moro Presbyterian church was dedicated Sunday, Rev. Wallace Howe Lee, president of Albany College, and Rev. J. V. Milligan of Portland, assisting in the service.

The finest grade of breakfast bacon, home cured by themselves is on sale at Lee Hines' Wasco Market. It is made from light weight, special selected hogs, and costs less per pound than other breakfast bacon.

The Moro Trading company, incorporated for \$30,000 by E. O. McCoy, L. Barnum and R. C. Atwood, is a new business institution for Moro that opened its doors to the public for the first time last Saturday with J. C. Harper as manager. From the Observer, May 11, 1905
Contractor H. O. Shugart will soon finish the farm residence he is

building for J. W. Cochran. It is a neat four room cottage 24x25 feet. Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Powell have returned to Sherman county. Mr. Powell having disposed of his business in Sellwood, which was a profitable line, but the health of the family was bad, decided to come home.

A regular May carnival and school field meet between the schools of Moro, Wasco and Grass Valley will be held at Moro, May 25, 1906, beginning at 10 a. m.

WASCO NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Richelderfer have visited their son, David, who is at Maddigan Fort Lewis hospital. Cpl. Chester Paul Andrews returned to Longview, Texas after a short visit with his parents. Mrs. Chester Paul Andrews will remain for two weeks and visit relatives in Portland.

Phil Andrews, who is in the Bureau of Internal Revenue Field at Hillsboro, has had a promotion. He is now taking an eight weeks course in Chicago, Ill. He is staying at the Stevens hotel.

Evelyn Kirkle is home from the hospital and is improving. Janet Workman fell, while playing and broke her arm, Saturday May 5th.

Mrs. Ernest Medler is moving into her home in Wasco.

Wilford Lutje, who has been visiting his parents, is leaving May 9th for Camp Meade.

The young adult group of the Methodist church had a dinner at the park Sunday.

The young adult group of the Methodist church is having a dinner in the basement of the church

DANCE

RUFUS GRANGE HALL
Saturday, May 19
ORCHESTRA MUSIC

to raise money for a carpet. Admission will be 75 cents for adults and 40 cents for children.

Lavelle and Gaylord Guy of Portland were guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lamborn for the weekend.

Elton Medler who has been visiting his home since May 4th is leaving for Camp Meade May 9.

Mrs. F. J. Royce has returned home from Portland. T. J. Royce has been dismissed from St. Vincent hospital and is convalescing at his son's home Mr. Otis Royce in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ormand Hilderbrand, Gordon Hilderbrand, Grace Medler and Elton Medler visited relatives in Sunnyside, Wash., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Scholl left for North Western Lake Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Van Gaasbeck from Bialock have purchased the late Mrs. Aker's home.

Ed McKee has been ill for several days.

Mrs. Lloyd Royce is visiting her mother who is ill and doctoring

with Mayo Brothers in Rochester hospital.

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman county her Final Report and Account as Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of Gerhardine Johnson, Deceased, and that Saturday, the 9th day of June, 1945, at ten o'clock A. M. of said day, at the County Courtroom, in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, has been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Report and Account and the settlement of said estate.

Mary Johnson Eva
Geo. G. Updegraff
Attorney for Executrix

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NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County his Final Report and Account as Administrator

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of the Estate of Minnie G. Blau, Deceased, and that Saturday, the 9th day of June, 1945, at ten o'clock A. M., of said day, at the County Courtroom, at the Courthouse, in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, has been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Report and Account and the settlement of said estate.

Walter L. Blau
Geo. G. Updegraff
Attorney for Administrator

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GEORGE G. UPDEGRAFF
Attorney At Law
Moro and Wasco

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 Executrix 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 Murray Ost
Executrix

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

May 4, 11, 18, 23



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Black Market Versus Brighter Meals

I guess our town doesn't like rationing any better than other folks. But when a fellow went from door to door the other day, peddling butter, cheese, and bacon without points, he didn't find a single taker.

Ed Carey's missus, Sarah, summed it up. "I'd just be ashamed to have that butter on my table," Sarah says. "I'd a heap rather have my family and guests put up with what I can serve honestly, than give 'em a treat from the Black Market."

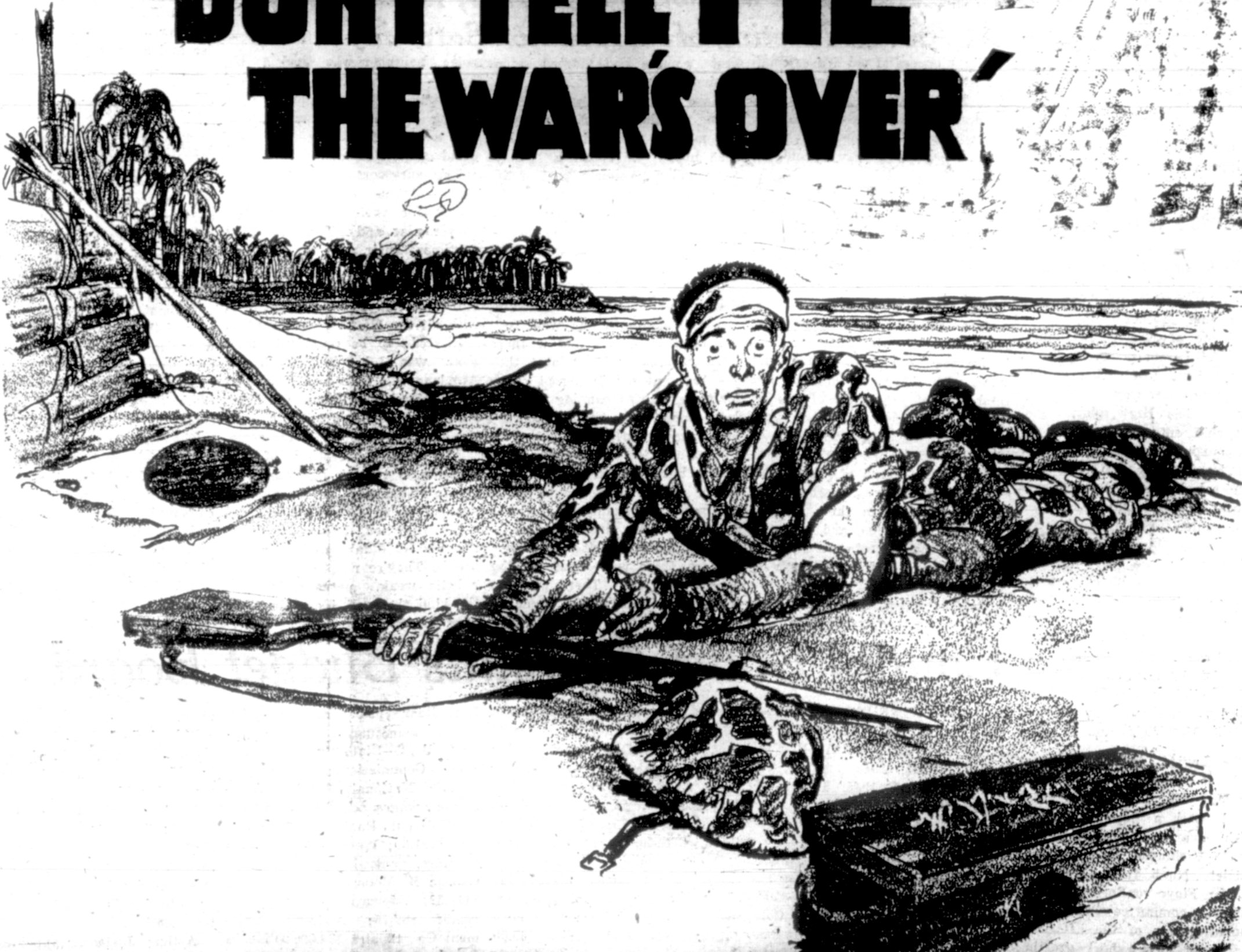
These days, most people are agreed that a simple menu of unrationed foods and substitutes is a badge of honor... no apologies required!

And from where I sit, housewives can brighten limited meals with cheerful table decorations, sparkling cider or tangy ice-cold beer, or side dishes of home-made preserves and fruits and nuts. Those little touches can be mighty helpful to the appetite.

Joe Marsh

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