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## EDITORIALS

### TRAGIC POLITICAL HORSEPLAY

The newspaper dispatches of June 26 said: "Special senate committee warns that rationing of electricity in homes is threatened unless potential power facilities are developed to produce aluminum."

On June 27 one day later, OPM said, in news dispatches, that the problem of power had been solved and that construction of new aluminum plants could be started immediately. No new power plants had been built in the 24-hour intervening period.

The newspaper reports quoting these two government agencies, one warning of an electric shortage, one day, and the other saying the problem had been solved, the next day, illustrate loose and ill-considered thinking and planning which discourage industry.

The same condition applies to oil. No sooner was that industry placed under political domination as a defense measure, than the people were told there would be a fuel shortage. Instead of a constructive program to help the oil industry meet an emergency which had been thrust upon it, a scare was thrown into it and the public as an answer to appropriating domestic tankers for the aid of Great Britain.

During the last World War, the public was told by supposedly responsible sources that our oil reserves were practically exhausted.

Many people actually believed that new sources of fuel would have to be found to run automobiles. The oil industry went ahead, however, and perfected drilling methods, refining methods, and found new oil fields, with the result that our supply of oil products was increased to unheard of levels.

No two industries come closer to the average home and citizen than do electricity and oil. It is tragic that politics too often dominates non-political administration of our indispensable natural resources.

The American people will go without electricity and they will go without gasoline, when necessary to conserve these energy sources, but loose political talk from governmental sources about rationing electricity, and shortages of gasoline and fuel oil for automobiles and domestic use, should be curbed in the interest of national defense and sane action at home, until such action is known to be necessary.

### Story of African Rubber Plantation

(Continued from Last Week)

New Years eve I had some friends over to the house and had bits of dainties to eat before we all went to the club to a Movie and spend the evening. The show ended at 11:30 and then noisemakers, serpentine and confetti and crazy hats were passed out so we all welcomed in the New Year with a bang. We came home about 1:00 A.M. and went to bed.

On New Years day I had the Farleys and the Henningers in for Country Chop dinner. My cook's father had come from the back country and brought some of his native rice which happens to be pure white from that district. The cook "dashed" a bowl of rice to Missy for a Christmas present and said he would make country chop for me.

Will finish this at home and then get another letter written to you before the boat gets in. I must tell you about this Country Chop business. In as much as the chop for the blacks is rice and the fruits and things they can glean from the country down here, their food consists of these things. When they serve country chop to the white people the meal is something like this.

A heaping platter or oversize bowl of steamed rice—you put a bunch of it on your plate after you have rubbed your plate with country pepper, which is probably the hottest pepper in the world and is bright green. Then they pass a stew which can be made of several things such as palm oil, palm butter, ground peas (peanuts) or other things. We had ground pea

stew—the peanuts are pulverized and made into a thick gravy with other ingredients (I believe only the cook knows all the things which go into this stew. Anyway, you pour pieces of fried bananas, cubes of native pineapple, raw coconut which has been shredded, whole peanuts, strips of cucumbers, toasted coconut is sprinkled over that, then a bunch of chutney and probably several other things which I can't think of at this moment. This is mixed thoroughly with a knife and spoon and stewed chicken is placed on top. Can you imagine a conglomeration such as this. You won't believe it, but it is about the best stuff I ever tasted and Joe and I are very fond of it. Since I started this letter we have had palm butter chop at a friend's house and in the palm stew they had whole boiled eggs floating around. These were also mixed into the mess. Wait till we get home, we'll fix up your dinner some time if I can remember all the many things to do to make one of the messes. Oh, Boy!

Well, Well, Well—believe it or not—your airmail letter which was posted in Central Point, Oregon on Sept. 18th arrived in Liberia on New Year's Eve. Was I ever surprised to get it. Now, we have received all your letters so far. It had gone to Portuguese Guinea by airmail and then layed there ever since. It was picked up by an English boat which got through the war zone and came on down the coast and delivered all this mail which had accumulated up there. The letters got to the plantation the 31st of Dec. and were brought to the Big Club so almost everyone got some mail that night. This was our only letter, however, so guess there were no more airmails up there for us. I told you that I had gotten Bernice's airmail which she sent to us from Medford, didn't I? It came regular mail in spite of the postage she put on it. We still have high hopes of airmail service out here in the near future—Oh, Boy! Five days to New York for mail service won't be so bad, will it? Almost as good as the U.S. service on that book we sent you before we left. I would say off hand.

(To Be Continued)

### Cub Reporter Asks Aid in Procuring Amusement Place

One day as I was down town I noticed an old man sitting on the bench by the City Hall waiting for the bus. Seated beside him was a number of old men who were chatting among themselves. My inquiry proved that the old man was blind. After a while the bus came and stopped. The driver, thinking the old man was one of the group, left without him. Now the old men are not allowed to sit and chat on the bus bench. At present the old men have nothing to do

to amuse themselves with except to sit and chat.

After talking to a number of local citizens and viewing the situation thoroughly from all points I propose we clean up the croquet grounds and the space behind it and put in a horse-shoe pit. If we donate our labor and a small amount of money we could accomplish this without much difficulty. I also propose that if this goes in to put up a canopy or an awning to shade the grounds until trees can be planted.

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Please help us put this through because without your help it would be impossible.

Sincerely,  
Cub Reporter.

### Wallace G. Trill Called by Death

Wallace G. Trill, 68, a resident of Jackson county for the last 15 years during which time he has been engaged in the practice of law, passed away at his home 521 West Second street, Medford, Sunday evening.

Mr. Trill was born in Michigan, Feb. 9, 1873. He was a graduate of the Willamette university law school and served as district attorney in

Wallowa and Wheeler counties before coming to Jackson. He also served his country in the Spanish-American war and was an ardent worker in the Knights of Pythias order.

Besides his two children, Jerome and Jeanette Trill of Medford, he leaves two brothers, Ralph Trill of LaGrande, Oregon and Victor of Medford.

Funeral services were held at the Conger chapel at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday with the Rev. Kirby of the Methodist church, of which deceased

was a member, officiating. Interment was under auspices of Medford K. of P. lodge in Siskiyou Memorial Park.

Mr. and Mrs. William Askwith (Bill and Jerry) and little daughter Miss Linda Kay left Monday for a weeks vacation on the coast.

Mr. Clem Finley who was operated on for golfer has returned home and he expects to be able to be at the Store Saturday.

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