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EDITORIALS

"PHENOMENAL JOB"

Some time ago, during a Senate discussion of the transportation situation, Senator Clyde M. Reed of Kansas said this: "The railroads have been through some lean years. With a very few exceptions their credit was impaired during these lean years. About one-third of the mileage of the American railroads was in bankruptcy. . . . Yet the railroads of the United States are today doing the most phenomenal job in their history."

"The task of the railroads in providing transportation necessary to the country's welfare can be very simply stated. It is: To move so many tons so many miles."

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Last year the railroads of this country moved 475,000,000,000 ton-miles of freight. That was one of the greatest annual loads in their history. This year there has been a steady increase in demands for rail services, and every expert forecasts far greater increases in the future. The railroads are doing this essential work without serious delay or congestion. Through superlative organization, they are obtaining the last ounce of service from every car and locomotive they possess. And they are asking now for only the right to buy, with their own money, the minimum of new equipment that will be necessary to meet the demand that will come in the months ahead.

It would take a long book to detail the steps taken in the past which made this kind of record possible. The railroads began preparing for precisely the kind of emergency we face today, twenty years ago. When war came, their plans were ready. No industry has done a finer job in effecting the revolutionary change from peacetime to wartime operation.

RUBBER AND GAS

The Baruch report on the rubber question marked an intelligent and forthright approach to the country's Number 1 domestic problem. The most important recommendations concern national gasoline rationing, a 35-mile speed limit, compulsory tire inspection, production of synthetic rubber at the rate of 1,100,000 tons a year—and the suggestion that more rubber be made available to the public for retreading and recapping tires in order to maintain necessary civilian driving.

No one can deny that the elimination of unessential driving is now necessary. But we must not make the mistakes of establishing an arbitrary rationing system which would cripple production in many parts of the country. In the West, for instance, thousands of people must drive 20, 50 or 100 miles a day in the course of their farming and business operations. If this part of the country was too severely limited in auto use, there would be a catastrophic slow-down in activity in all lines.

The big thing now is to make unprecedented efforts to increase synthetic rubber production—as well as to conserve what rubber we have in all practical ways. The appointment of William M. Jeffers as chief of the rubber drive, is a step in the right direction. Mr. Jeffers is a business man of distinction, and he is a man who is used to getting results.

The American car owner will cooperate fully in any program laid down by the government. And it is the duty of the government to place in effect a wise and flexible system of rationing and conservation which will permit necessary driving for civilians, according to location and activity.

THE ONLY PANACEA

A man who has been a member of one of the principal old-time labor unions for 26 years, and who is now serving in the Army, recently protested some of the current comment on labor. He said that some writers are "poisoning the public mind about organized labor," and observed that the union to which he belongs has



called only one strike in more than a generation. That strike was called to obtain the 44-hour week and was won by the union.

This man has a case. But the unfortunate part of the matter is that labor racketeering has cast a dark shadow over the entire labor movement. There are good unions, of course. There are unions which have done the working man and the entire country a tremendous service. There are unions which fully realize their responsibility to the country in war or peace, they have accepted the decisions of official arbitration bodies. But other, irresponsible unions have undone much of this good work. The excesses of a few labor leaders have turned the entire union movement with the same brush.

The union man in question said he hoped that someone will find "a panacea for the wrong impressions being formed in the public mind about organized labor." The only possible panacea is for all unions, all labor leaders, to live up to the vast public responsibility which confronts them today.

FIVE YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Community Chest drive covers entire county.

Verne Pendleton, John Ross and Floyd Ross spend much time hunting.

Guy Tex has completed a cement walk about his house on South Second street.

Marshall Simmonds lost in the woods in Eastern Oregon on a hunting trip. Returning home with only a police check.

Civic club dinner coming October 22. Proceed to help pay for new roof on Library building.

A continued story "A Race for Life, written by Archie Parker starts in this issue.

Mrs. Emmitt Gott returned to her home in Butte Falls from the Community hospital where she underwent a major operation. Her husband Mr. Gott is manager of the Faber store in Butte Falls.

TEN YEARS AGO

First frost of fall season hits Central Point. No damage to tomatoes or fruit were reported in outlying district according to County agent Fowler. There was also a light frost at Sams Valley Saturday night.

J. C. Yakel and family moved into the old Wright house in north part of the city this week. This property is now owned by F. O. Cochran.

The county council of the P.T.A. met Friday, October 8 in the high school building.

Mrs. Mann Grey of Albany, Oregon visited over the week end with her cousin Mrs. Joe Croft and family. Mrs. Grey is a Gold Star mother and has just returned from a trip to France.

Miss Helen Lees and Miss Geraldine Fox of Medford visited Central Point high school Wednesday afternoon.



LOCALS

Bobbie Hoagland has been called to take his physical examination for the draft. Bobbie is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Gleason.

The dwellings house and butcher shop has a new roof just completed.

Mr. T. A. Marine returned from Canada, where he had made a business trip to look after his farm. He reports a good crop but too much rain this fall.

Mrs. Orville Bailey received word from her brother in law that her husband Orville had been made a corporal. He wrote for her to tell all his friends hello for him. Mrs. Bailey is expecting her husband home on furlough any time now.

Cleo Young is now at Camp Picket, Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Ayers and Mr. and Mrs. John Sharp and Betty and Douglas returned from a trip to California last Monday evening. They report a lovely trip all but driving in the black out zones with only your parking light.

Mrs. Stanley Parish and children Judy, Steve and Nickie arrived this week for a month visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Hill. Mr. Parish is driving a truck for someone in Portland and preaching on Sundays.

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MILK ON THE HOME FRONT

More than three million working days are lost in defense industries alone in one month due largely to ill health. That is enough time to build something like forty-four medium-sized bombers. The men and women here on the home front must be strong if the products of the factories are to bolster adequately the Armed Forces on the fighting front.

The federal government's nutrition program is urging greater use of milk and other dairy products in the interests of a strong defense—by the civilian population, munitions workers, and the Armed Forces. Today—now—is the time to strengthen the milk drinking habits of the nation.

The health of older men and women is taking on new importance as younger men join the Armed Services to defend our country. Nutritionists point out that keen, mature minds are needed in this important work. Older people can and should hold positions of responsibility, for their seasoned judgment, based on the training and experience of years, represents a national resource of intrinsic worth. If older persons are well and therefore feel vigorous, they can be useful. One way to help obtain this good health is by eating the right foods in recommended amounts.

The round-the-clock working schedule in operation in most defense industries has created a situation of meals at any and all hours in homes all over the country, and many a homemaker has wondered how she can provide proper meals for all

members when so many different working schedules are involved. Regardless of the time it is served, one big meal a day at home is of utmost importance for every worker, because comparatively few plants have made a practice of providing good meals for the employees. But even though a good lunch is available at the plant there is usually only half an hour allotted for it, which means that this meal must be eaten hurriedly. Many workers have felt that carrying a lunch box from home was more satisfactory and it can be supplemented with milk.

Milk, both during meals and between meals, is proving one of the most important factors in building efficiency and speeding up production in our war plants, and a pint of milk daily is the recommended amount for the adult.

INFANT DAUGHTER PASSES—

Carman Pauline Lees, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lees, Jr., passed away at birth September 30, 1942. Private services were held at the McDonald Funeral home in Redding, interment in the Jacksonville cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Jack

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CLARA M. AITKEN, deceased.
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DATED: October 1, 1942.

Maude Ottomann,
Administratrix.

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