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EDITORIALS

FACT OR FICTION

Periodically notices appear in the press informing the country of changes in the point value of rationed commodities. After they are made, it is explained that they were necessary in order to "adjust" demand to meet dwindling supply.

For example, if, in the opinion of the rationing authorities, too many people want to buy a certain item, it is a simple matter to raise the point price of that item. Demand promptly falls off. It works smoothly and quickly. To all appearances, the old-fashioned laws of supply and demand become crude by comparison.

But there is one catch. Under the old natural laws merchants knew what to expect from consumers. They knew that the public would buy so many shoes, so many barrels of flour, or so many tons of canned goods. And they planned the operation of their businesses accordingly. The larger the retailer, the greater became his contractual commitments to manufacturers and producers. By planning and shrewd calculation of future consumer demand, the American distribution system was brought to a state of unequaled perfection.

Under the present method of juggling the laws of supply and demand, the merchant is helpless. If he agrees to purchase a quantity of goods from a producer at a substantial saving, he has no way of knowing whether he will be permitted to dispose of those goods as in the past. They may be rationed and the point value set so high that they will be frozen on his shelves indefinitely. All the expense saving efforts of the distribution industry, from the largest chain down to the smaller retailer, which have so long benefited the consumer, can now be wiped out with a scratch of an

official pen. After the war, production and distribution must be free as quickly as possible of artificial handicaps. That is the only way to achieve, in fact, the fiction of future abundance now being created for the people by planners and dreamers of every stripe.

South America As Seen by Local Lady

Mrs. Mildred Swain is writing to her mother, Mrs. E. E. Scott, from South America, where she is with her husband, who is employed by the government rubber research.

Continued from last week

You asked about vegetables here. At the moment they are very difficult to get. We can get string beans and also a different type of string bean which is about two feet long and very slender—about half the size of a pencil—and these we use to make salads from as they are delicious when cold. We can get cucumbers, a few tomatoes, some peppers, once in awhile a couple of egg plants which are very good, and also can secure Plantain (a large cooking banana similar to the Plantain in Africa.) There are no potatoes but I use "Cana" which looks something like a sweet potato from the outside except that it is brown and very rough. The inside is milk white and a bit juicy. It is difficult to tell them from potatoes when cooked although boiling is about the only way you can fix them. I have boiled them and then fried but not often. We were able to buy onions but they are gone now until the next rainy season. You see this is the season when very little will grow so we are running short just now. There is lettuce but we cannot eat it here because of the possibility of dysentery. That's the vegetable situation. Fruits: We have plenty of bananas, pineapple, oranges and some coconuts. There are five different types of bananas from the tiny ones about four inches long which are delicious to the very large ones. We also have limes and a fruit called lemon but which is nothing like our lemons at home. I cannot tell them from oranges from the outside and they are tasteless, being neither sweet nor sour—simply neutral. We also have "Mamao" which is similar to the "Paw-paw" which we had in Africa—something like a cantaloupe—which we have for breakfast with a bit of lime juice squeezed over it. (To be continued)

Skinner's Tell of Trip To Houston, Texas

(Continued from Last Week)

From Pueblo, we went to Rifle, Colo. My girl friend met us and we stayed with her and her family three days. She and I had gone to school together from the 2nd grade to high. We went to a little town 16 miles west, my old home town. Nothing much left there, even my old home has gone to ruin. Visited my cousins, they took us up on Roan Creek, to our old picnic and fishing ground. Howard and Don caught some nice rainbow trout, we met so many old friends up there, came back to the valley, and hunted up old school friends and what few friends were left there. They were all anxious to see my youngsters. Don was about 2 years old when we left Colorado for Oregon. Donna was born here in Oregon. The high country caused Donna's nose to bleed often. We were about 6000 feet high. It is really nice there now, fall is about due and even the air is crisp and cold.

Thinking school started the 7th, we started for home. Had a very nice train and plenty of room to Ogden, Utah. There we had to change trains and the only one we could get out of there, must have been stored away for years. Slick

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leather seats and so greasy and dirty, everyone had to clean seats before they could even sit down. The car wasn't air conditioned and every one opened windows. Consequently when we got in to Sacramento, we all were so dirty and black, we practically all looked alike. Every one's light shirts and dresses, white suits and shoes were all black. But every one took the dirt and being crowded with a grin. And we met 4 or 5 boys coming back to Camp White, who were having a time tormenting every one and acting like a bunch of circus clowns.

We stayed in Sacramento long enough to clean up and have breakfast. Caught a clean but crowded train out for Dunsmuir. Our bus was there waiting for us and we started the last lap of our journey over the good old mountains for home. We arrived home about 12 P.M. the last day of August. Very tired but happy to be home again.

IF WE ONLY KNEW

If we only knew the troubles that await us.

As we journey down life's path way day by day.

And could only tell who love or hate us.

Perhaps we'd choose another way.

If we only knew which path was best to travel

And could see the things that lie along our way.

Perhaps we'd choose another way of living.

And do things more for love than pay.

If we only knew before we end lives' journey

Just as we know when ev'ry thing is done.

We'd probably turn with fear and sadness.

And be far happier at the setting of the sun.

If we only knew what life holds for each of us.

And could read our future like an open book.

We'd surely lose our nerve and courage.

And hang ourselves on some convenient hook.

C. H. Mosher.

ENLISTS IN NAVY—

Vernon Le Roy Penland, Box 165 Central Point enlisted in the U.S. Navy Oct. 21st and will be sent to one of the Navy's training stations for his Boot Training. Vernon is the 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs.

George W. Penland. Penland enlisted through the Medford Navy Recruiting office according to H. W. Crain, Recruiting Officer in Charge of that office.

FIVE YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Faculty group entertained with a surprise house warming at the J. Richardson home at Table Rock. Guests being members of the Central Point grade and high schools.

Herbert Crowder is visiting his mother, Mrs. Lottie Minnick on a furlough. He is stationed at Fort Darry, San Francisco with the army engineers.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss Ruth Haley at the Christian church Sunday afternoon.

So What—Jerry Lathrop asking Lois Richardson her age and new ruling has been made and every paper carrier has to be over eighteen years old.

Extract from communion from L. H. Mosher—Just why there is a German bond in U.S. is hard to understand.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bohnert left Tuesday for Portland where Mr. Bohnert will attend a meeting of the government rehabilitation board Friday and Saturday.

TEN YEARS AGO

Nevita Chapter celebrates their twenty five anniversary Tuesday evening, October 24. Ethel Freeman introduced the special guest of the evening, who were welcomed by Sa-

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die Koehar. Among greeting extended from away was one from Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Robnett.

Bert Stidham has a cherry tree, whose top leaves are all dead from frost, while the lower branches are putting forth new leaves and some blossoms.

Mrs. Viola Lampman left this morning with Mr. and Mrs. Davison for Portland, where she will visit her son, Ben Hur Lampman and wife.

Miss Geraldine Tex entertained the following guests for dinner, Avis Ayers, Geneva Brown, Edna Shaver, Francis Faber, Delbert Ayers, Fred Bosworth, Emmel Shaver, Buddy Bosworth, Ermel Shaver. Buddy dinner, they attended a show at the Holly.

Guy Tex went after birds this morning and returned with two china roosters.

Legal Notices

NOTICE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR JACKSON COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LOUIS E. HICKS, also known as L. E. HICKS, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, administrator-with-the-

will-annexed in the above entitled matter, has filed herein his final report and account, and that November 13, 1943, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. at the courthouse in the City of Medford, in said county, has been fixed by the above-named court as the time and place for hearing objections to said final account, and for the examination and allowance thereof.

DATED: October 7, 1943.

OTTO J. FROHMAYER,
Administrator-with-the-will-annexed of the estate of Louis E. Hicks, also known as L. E. Hicks, deceased.

26—Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28

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