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The annual sale of Christmas seals now in progress throughout the Nation affords every one of us an opportunity to help in the fight against tuberculosis.

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DECEMBER 7, 1941

Pearl Harbor lay serene and still in the lazy atmosphere of a pleasant Sunday morning. The big battle-wagons, like sleeping giants, rode quietly at anchor. If there was any uneasiness about the growing tension between Japan and the United States it was not outwardly evident.

On the far horizon a plane appeared. Then more planes. They must be ours, of course. But thirty minutes later our great fleet lay desperately wounded; Pearl Harbor was a shambles.

The events of that fateful morning—the shock, the slaughter, the heroic but hopeless defense of our great naval base have all been told and retold countless times. Volumes have been written about it. But the whole story—the story back of the attack, how it was ever allowed to happen, who was really to blame—these facts are yet to be clearly established.

Whether or not the present congressional investigation will get to the bottom of the tragic fiasco remains to be seen. But one thing is clear: the hell which fell from the heavens on that December morning four years ago blasted into oblivion our "old world"—that isolated, indifferent world in which we thought we lived on a continent instead of a

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globe. We saw in a flash that our smug security was a myth, that we were wide open to attack and were threatened with annihilation.

That we survived at all was due not only to our ability to recover quickly but the failure of the enemy to follow up his advantage.

It is not so important that we re-

member Pearl Harbor as a military battle nor should we remember it merely to nurse hatred toward the Japs, but we must never forget the lesson it taught us. Never again must we be unprepared, off guard or indifferent to world tensions.

There must never be another Pearl Harbor.



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Farm Price Trend Confused As Many Cost Items Shift

Every experienced farmer knows that one of the greatest questions before the nation now pertains to the future trend of prices for farm products, farm operation costs and marketing costs, says L. R. Breithaupt, O.S.C. extension agricultural economist. Even now there are indications of a change taking place in the trends, but the trend is not too easy to measure from the available data, he says.

In October this year, the cost index that is used for figuring parity prices stood at 175 percent of 1910-1914, but this index does not include the cost of farm labor and marketing charges. In 1944, these items took considerably more than half of the consumer's dollar paid for food, data show.

Percentage-wise, the greatest increase in Oregon's farm operation expenses in 1944 over 1939 was in hired labor. This item increased from 22.8 percent of total farm operation expenses in 1939 up to 31.4 percent in 1944. Compared with 1910-1914, farm wage rates stand at about 345 percent, about double the increase in the parity formula index.

Currently, the data show food marketing charges average only about 16 percent above 1935-1939.

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requiring about 50 percent of the consumer's dollar. This covers all costs from the point of first delivery by the farmer through to the consumer.

This percentage is low in relation to the situation between the two world wars when marketing charges took 60 percent, or more, and the farmer's share of the consumer's dollar amounted to 40 percent or less. Deductions for farm operation expenses, of course, must come out of the farmer's share.

FIVE YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Flu strickers many local people here.

The Waldons have moved onto the Archer place, one mile north of Bear Creek bridge.

Arden Pinkham has been acting as city marshal in the absence of Mr. Mosher, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Aetna Carr of Grants Pass spent Sunday with Mrs. Carr's parents.

Tenth wedding anniversary celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. John Bohnert who attended home coming game at Corvallis.

TEN YEARS AGO

Junior class to present play Dec. 13.

Mr. A. B. Maple suffered a badly bruised back when he fell (or was pushed) off the back porch at Jones' grocery.

Miss Geraldine Txe, who has been visiting at the Askwith home in Seattle over the Thanksgiving holidays, returned home. Mr. William Askwith returned home with her and is a guest at the Tex home.

Kenneth Wyatt is making satisfactory progress toward recovery from his recent attack of infantile paralysis.

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