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KEEP THE HOME FIRES BURNING

We Americans, being a curious people (probably because we are free to ask questions and speak our minds without fear of a firing squad), have quite naturally had our attention centered on European events in recent weeks.

But while we have been watching the war abroad, we have given too little thought to our own problems. As a result, domestic issues which are just as important today as they were when war began last September 3 have been let to slip into a category of second importance on the political list of "things to be done."

Until war commanded the headlines and public attention, the pressure of public opinion for a solution of these problems had begun to be felt in Washington. Now the pressure is eased and the question of recovery in America is left to an uncertain future.

This is a particularly unhealthy condition, not only because it leaves the problem unsolved, but because every day recovery is retarded the more difficult our problems become.

For instance, Every day the question of wasteful government expenditures is allowed to be put off, the Nation's debt grows larger. Every increase in that debt adds weight to the burden (and potential burden) of the taxpayer. The heavier that burden becomes, the less money there is left to circulate in the normal economic channels. The less money there is in these channels, the fewer jobs there can be, the less the farmer can sell to the consuming public, and the less industry can produce in the way of living comforts.

That is only one phase of our recovery problem. There are others, all of which are sadly in need of attention. Events in Europe which capture the imagination of the American people must not be allowed, therefore, to become a smokescreen to blackout our domestic problems.



Once Barbaric Words Now in Common Usage

There was a period in the early days of the United States when American writers shivered with fright at the thought of what critics writing in English literary publications would have to say about the latest "barbarisms" inflicted upon the mother tongue by their New world cousins.

As the new republic grew in size, population and achievements in the field of letters this tendency to regard the mother English as a more "respectable" language decreased. Today it was given further scholarly refutation in the sixth section of the New American English dictionary by the University of Chicago Press.

For example, the word "cowcatcher," which not so many years ago would have caused any right thinking Englishman of letters to tear his hair out with cries of rage, is now accepted as a practical example of the compounding of words by Americans. "Cowcatcher," which appears in the newly issued section of the dictionary is, it was pointed out, a word associated with sheep, pigs, horses and bulls, as well as cows, and it does not "catch," but rather "brushes aside."

Trends in the origin of words and word combinations of strictly American vintage, revealed in sections previously published, show patterns which make "American" compare favorably and with no need to blush, according to scholars compiling the work. The new section starts with "corn pit" and ends with "dew."

The dictionary is being completed at the rate of about four sections a year under the editorship of Sir William Craigie, co-editor of the famed Oxford-English dictionary, and James B. Hulbert, professor of English at the University of Chicago. They are aided by a trained corps of research workers.

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WHITFORD NEWS

Mrs. Rose Jordan who has been staying with her sister Mrs. Helen Rickey for the past three months is expected to return to her home the first of November.

Peter Olsen who was passing the H. F. Ellender Feed store last Thursday morning, discovered a fire in the building and quickly spread the alarm and soon a crowd of men gathered and it was soon extinguished. Some said if the building had of all been wood instead of metal it would surely have all gone up in smoke.

Douglas Taylor conducted the church services at Whitford Sunday evening. Diamond Mitchell of Portland delivered the sermon. His brother Joe Mitchell and a young man from Portland were present. Joe Mitchell played a number of selections on the piano accordion and sang two or three numbers accompanying himself on the violin. There was a good attendance at the church services also at the Sunday School in the morning.

George Sprigge attended the church services at West Union church Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Keane are moving back to Portland this week. Mrs. Rose Jordan who has spent the past three months at Ardmore, Oklahoma, with her sister Mrs. Helen Rickey is expected to return to her home the first of November.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Polumbo and Robert and Richard spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson in Portland.

Beaverton Tax Rate Reduced

A substantial lowering of the town's tax rate was made when the annual budget meeting adopted the 1940 budget as proposed, with no dissenting voice. The new budget calls for a total of \$10,433.74 a \$1100 reduction from the present year's authorized expenditures. The 1940 budget sets a new low record for several years, a condition which has been made possible mainly through the financing of city bonds at a lower rate of interest during the past year, according to Mayor W. E. McCloskey.

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* Untying Apron Strings will be discussed by a panel of outstanding persons Wednesday November 8th at 8 p. m. at Benson High School Auditorium. This famous author, Dr. Helen Gibson Hogue, of Seattle, will elaborate upon her book. Each teacher and parent should attend this one.

Tuesday, November 14th
Abnormalities of the Normal Boy
 One of the can't afford to miss—the wittiest, cleverest speaker in the Northwest—Father John B. Delaunay. His subject will deal with normal boys and their abnormalities from the point of view of the school man.

Tuesday, November 21st
The Psychology of Marriage
 Half the married people in the United States are women. The psychology involved in marriage from their point of view may be entirely different from the psychology of the other half. Dr. Edward Hoede-maker, physician and psychiatrist, of Seattle, will discuss the practical psychology in this relationship. No man is a failure who is enjoying life.

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Mrs. McKercher gave a dinner party Sunday honoring Mrs. Lorraine Knight of Portland, on her birthday anniversary. Guests were Leo Justine, son Leo, Charles Justine, Miss Florence Lucas and George McKercher.

Mr. and Mrs. James Whitworth of Hillsboro, accompanied by Mrs. Inez Whitworth, Mrs. L. H. Hughes of Beaverton, Mrs. Archie Stone of Port Townsend, Wash., drove to Silver Creek Falls Sunday and also visited the old farm home of their great grandmother near Silverton, where she resided in pioneer days.

Mrs. John Dobbins, Mrs. Freda Austin and Mrs. M. C. McKercher attended the Washington County Pomona grange at Scholls Wednesday.

Mrs. W. C. McKell, Mrs. Walter VanKleeck and Miss Juliette Carter were luncheon guests of Mrs. H. M. Barnes Tuesday and made final arrangements for the Congregational Ladies Aid dinner November 2.

Mrs. Thayne Smith (Genevieve Johnson) is undergoing treatment at the Tillamook hospital preparatory to a goiter operation. Her small daughter Diane is being cared for at the W. F. Dessinger home.

Mrs. L. D. Shellenberger entertained the Cheerio Bridge club with a dessert luncheon Friday.

Beaverton Eastern Star members who attended the reception Tuesday evening at Corinthian chapter for Mrs. Stella Kellogg Drake, grand secretary, were Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Summers, Mrs. George Blasser, Mrs. A. A. Fisher, Mrs. Lou Colner, Mrs. F. H. Schoene, Mrs. R. L. Lacy, and Mrs. Harry Alexander.

Capt. and Mrs. A. A. Langkilde of Astoria, spent several days visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Hedberg. Visitors at the H. R. Nelson home Sunday were Mrs. Adolph Olson, Mrs. Don McDonald and daughter, Margaret Ann all of Portland, Mrs. Mary Babcock of Depoe Bay and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Larson of Cedar Mills.

Mrs. Grace Stone left for her home in Port Townsend, Wash., Monday after several days visit with Mrs. Inez Whitworth.

Mrs. Guy Alexander and daughter Mrs. Theodore Hetu Jr., and Mrs. Theodore Hetu, Sr., were luncheon guests of Mrs. Wm. Miller recently. A marriage license was issued to Wilfred Leroy Barnett Rt 1 Beaverton and Assunta Santoro, Route 2, Beaverton.

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