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Keep It Flying

THAT CHRISTMAS TREE

As the writer stood by the window last Saturday watching cars go by with darling little Christmas trees tucked in the rear of the cars or on the running board, the thought came—where did they get all these trees? Maybe in some store by the highway—as they journeyed along—or maybe with a little sharp ax by the wayside. Listening to farmers' complaints who own wood lots near the highway—one fears that the modern American motorist is apt to take what he can—if no one is looking. It would be lots cheaper for motorists to patronize the neighboring lot with trees displayed on it and they would also save gas—which we understand is needed in Europe.

Although the Creston School in Portland was burning Monday, 400 children marched out in an orderly manner thinking it was just another weekly fire drill. Very few items were saved but among them was a trophy case containing an award to the Creston school in a city wide contest for evacuating the building promptly. Many parents have been on different occasions deeply grateful to the founder of the fire drills in our public schools. Whoever he is he should be honored by a monument.

Corporal Vershum Honored

With AAF in Italy—Cpl. Arnold W. Vershum, RFD No. 1, Box 226, Beaverton, Ore., airplane mechanic in a B-24 Liberator Bomber Squadron, has been authorized to wear the Distinguished Unit Badge and One Bronze Cluster as a member of a veteran liberator group which twice has been cited by the president of the United States for "outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy."

Commanded by Col. Robert E. L. Eaton, Belleville, Ill., the group received its original gold-rimmed blue ribbon for an attack on the Prufening aircraft factory at Regensburg, Germany, on February 25th. The cluster was added for a mission over the Ploesti, Rumania, oil refineries on April 5th.

Graduating from Beaverton High School, Vershum was employed as a warehouseman for a grocery store, in Portland, entering the army Sept. 23, 1942. Corporal Vershum received his engineer training at Robertson Aviation Corporation. His father, B. T. Vershum, lives at Beaverton.

Wishing You A

Merry Christmas

and

A Happy New Year

CLARENCE W. MAAS

BANKS-PORTLAND TRUCK LINE

Who is now driving on the Burma Road and hopes soon to be again driving on the Canyon Road

Predicts Increased Investment By American Farmers During Sixth War Bond Campaign

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A prediction that American farmers will invest more money in bonds during the Sixth War Loan than in any previous drive was made today by the War Finance Division of the U. S. Treasury. Farmers bought \$1,250,000,000 worth of War Bonds during 1943, according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. In 1944 it is believed they can and should purchase a total of \$2,000,000,000. Ted R. Gamble, national Director of the War Finance Division, said:

...makes them as liquid as a dollar bill, it is no longer necessary for the farmer to maintain a large bank account to meet possible emergencies. Mr. Gamble stated. Therefore, he believes, farmers will convert part of these deposits into War Bonds.



Ted R. Gamble

Income at Peak

The Sixth War Loan, starting November 20, comes at an ideal time for agriculture, he pointed out. This is not only the time when farm income is at a seasonal peak, but 1944 marks three years of record breaking farm income, he said. Based on information obtained from the BEA, the Agricultural Section of the War Finance Division estimates the 1944 cash farm income at \$20,600,000,000, compared with \$20,000,000,000 in 1943.

Bank Deposits Gain

After paying all operating costs and necessary family expenses, farmers will have left this year for investment and debt reduction over \$5,000,000,000, the Agricultural Section also estimates. Because of the fact that new machinery is not obtainable, farm deposits are piling up in rural banks. Demand deposits held by farmers in these banks are estimated at \$4,500,000,000 and time deposits at \$2,000,000,000. Since the new method of redeeming Series E Savings Bonds

War Bond purchasers will provide a farm financial reserve to protect against damage by drought, flood and livestock disease, will assure cash to replace and repair buildings and machinery as well as to build back soil fertility depleted by wartime food production, and will provide funds for education, vacations and old age security. The high farm income this year is the result of the huge increase in farm production to meet wartime food needs rather than a rise in prices, which have been held down by the OPA it was explained.

War Criminals May Avoid Trial

Possibility Advanced They May Not Live to Face Postwar Trials.

LONDON.—Persons looking forward to spectacular postwar trials of war criminals are likely to be disappointed.

There may not be any "war criminals" left to try. The possibility of such an outcome emerged as the United Nations war criminals commission confessed after nine months labor that its task of bringing criminals to justice is proving extremely complicated and to some extent slipping out of its hands.

The commission's headquarters in the London law courts has gathered voluminous files of Axis atrocities and the chairman, Sir Cecil Hurst, said a partial list of offenders recommended for trial has been compiled. He declined, however, to say who or how many are on it.

It has been suggested that Hitler might be handled like Napoleon—as a special case for special action by the Allied governments. Some sections of the British press have been voicing anxiety that many Nazi leaders are likely to slip through judicial fingers.

The London Star suggested that the code of international justice drawn up before Hitler's day is useless now and gave the impression of showing that the war crimes commission "either lacks any real power or is being bogged down in legalistic intricacies."

Russians Hold Own Trials.

The Russians began conducting their own trials of war criminals last December when the commission was still busy with details of organization. Russia has already condemned and executed a number of them.

Battle casualties including guerrilla actions, assassinations, suicides, air raids and insanity almost certainly will remove many war criminals from the jurisdiction of the crimes commission.

A list of such exemptions looks imposing.

1. War criminals tried and sentenced independently by the Russians.
2. Collaborators and Quislings.
3. Offenders killed in guerrilla action or battle.
4. Those assassinated.
5. Suicides.

Offenders clearly insane could be killed by summary ion but not punished in the legal sense. (Britain's most prominent Nazi prisoner, Rudolf Hess, is understood to be a mental case now.)

The status of tens of thousands of ordinary German, Italian or puppet soldiers who executed hostages or committed other atrocities under direct command of superiors is somewhat doubtful.

Nazis May Kill Hitler.

The France forces of the Interior and Belgian patriots have already been dealing with many collaborators. This exuberant wave of popular justice is likely to engulf all Europe before the last shot is fired.

Inside Germany the situation may be complicated by disillusioned Germans inflicting vengeance on the thousands of Nazi officials and the Gestapo presently browbeating them into a last-ditch defense. The Germans might even surprise the world by killing Hitler before the postwar argument over what to do with him could start.

"A woman fell overboard from a ship yesterday, and a shark came up and looked her over and went away." "He never touched her?" "No, he was a man-eating shark."

Chemists Bare Antibody Agent

Pituitary Hormone Rules Production of Forces To Fight Germs.

NEW YORK.—A newly isolated pituitary hormone that regulates the production of antibodies with which the human body resists the invasion of disease, and the laboratory production of a powerful natural substance that can clot blood almost instantly was described before the American Chemical society here, says the New York Times.

At a symposium on frontiers in biochemistry, Drs. Abraham White and Thomas F. Dougherty of the Yale university school of medicine detailed studies with the hormone and said they found it had a highly important role in body resistance against toxic substances and infectious bacteria. The hormone is the so-called adrenotropic factor, and was only recently isolated in pure form. It controls the lymphoid tissue of the body and the reticulo-endothelial system.

Helps Fight Germs

The scientists found that the hormone, acting through its influence on the adrenal cortex, controls the rate at which lymphocytes are washed out of lymphoid tissue, the connective tissue that lodges the lymphoid cells. The reticuloendothelial system is a network of cells in the body's blood and lymph nutrient structure. It includes certain cells of the spleen and liver, the lymph and hemolymph glands and parts of bone marrow.

Drs. White and Dougherty reported that injection of the hormone causes a marked increase in the proteins in the blood serum, including the protein fraction that contains antibodies, part of the germ-fighting forces of the body.

The blood-clotting process, which is said to duplicate nature's own mechanism, was reported by Drs. Walter H. Seegers, Eugene C. Loomis and J. M. Vandenberg, and was developed in the laboratories of Parke, Davis and company, Detroit. It was characterized as a great new life saver in peacetime as well as in war surgery.

Clotting Aid Described.

The process takes two main materials from animal blood and from meat juices, and it was said unlimited production is possible. The blood-clotting substance was described as prothrombin, found in human blood. It took six years to isolate prothrombin in pure form. Activated prothrombin, the scientists said, is so powerful that an amount the size of an aspirin tablet can clot a pint of blood solid in a few seconds.

By itself, prothrombin is inert or inactive, just as it is in the normal circulating blood stream. However, when living tissue is injured, it releases an activator that sets off nature's blood-clotting mechanism. The prothrombin and calcium in blood react with the activator to initiate the formation of a clot at the wound to stop the bleeding. The activator is extracted from meat juices.

The investigators reported that the activator combined prothrombin with the precise amount of calcium ion and with the precise amount of the activator. They added that this process makes possible the use of animal rather than human blood to obtain the prothrombin, and tons of blood plasma, they declared, are already being processed every week. The use of animal blood permits high production of prothrombin without depleting the supply of human plasma, needed now at the battle fronts.

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The Low Down From Hickory Grove

Mr. Seneca said, "The mind that is anxious about the future is miserable." And anybody not knowing Mr. Seneca, I will tell 'em. He was a Roman philosopher, born in 3 B. C. Mr. Seneca was no green pea.

Lots of folks today have folding money burning holes in their jeans. But Mr. Seneca was not talking so much about this kind of folks. He was talking about the kind who could not figure what today's didos are bringing down upon us tomorrow—like our present tinkering here in the U. S. A. with socialism, and making the Govt. the boss of all our doings, clean to the mortician. Young folks with ambition and pep, and a hankering to get ahead under their own steam, don't have too much out there in the future to beckon 'em.

An off-shoot that leans too heavy on mama and papa don't set any worlds on fire. And a person looking to the Govt. for all the answers

Joseph Grimm Honored

Joseph Grimm of Beaverton, senior representative on the executive council of the Associated Students of the University of Oregon, has been selected among the 20 U. of O. students named in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." Students are picked on the basis of leadership, service to the university and participation in campus affairs.

What this country needs is more people to write postcards to Congress. We gotta get the Govt. back to its job of keeping the peace and being the umpire—nothing else. When Uncle Sam gets back to just and fair governing, we will forget our anxieties—and go to town.

Yours with the low down,
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