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Whatever the Cure

Steel is going up. Milk is going up. Meat is going up. Cigarettes are going up. Unashamed "surrender" to an inflation that has been surreptitiously supported by many factors in the national life ever since the lifting of the much cursed OPA is a naked promise of a coming winter which will find more and more people of the United States doing with less and less.

There are many economic theorists and many laws of supply and demand that will discount the fear of an inflation, followed by reams of "printing press money" by financial chaos, by national hardship and deprivation. And there are a number of fallacies with which these theorists wrap themselves to give some semblance of authority to their pronouncements.

One of the outstanding beliefs that finds repeated publicizing is that the general public is enjoying a surplus of money. How this can be, with the bare living expenses across the country at their highest mark in history, is something the theorists do not explain.

Another pat belief is that wages are at an all-time high and more than the 60 million jobs promised have been fulfilled.

It is a safe assertion that, among the more than 60 million jobs there are positions which do not pay enough to adequately maintain a family of two, let alone the basic sociological requirement for the continuation of the human race—of a family of four, minimum. It has been the experience of so many wage earners that not only do their earnings go to meet the monthly expenses. Accumulated savings, too, dwindle at an alarmingly fast rate. They learn the bitter axiom that the average wage level does not keep step with the level of prices.

A situation arising in wartime introduced to the markets of the nation a new principle which called forth to challenge old economic laws of supply and demand. That principle is concerned with a controlled market, exemplified by curtailed and constantly upward price movement.

An example of this principle in operation is in the automobile industry.

Whether by plan or by business practice, the output of automobiles, as against the backlog of accumulated orders, has been puny. The much mentioned rule of demand regulating the supply, in this instance, takes an awful beating. And the price of a once-moderate class of automobile has now over-taken the once-current price of luxury models.

Where this inflation all began and, more important, where it will end is something that no one has bothered to explain, in terms that are credulous.

Whether the current head-long inflation is an aftermath of war-year prosperity (when price control and rationing curbs made savings accounts possible) or the result of a government-subsidized volume of foreign trade making domestic trade an afterthought, the situation, today, is grave and challenging.

Should there be a clamping on of price controls, to keep the cost of living from getting entirely out of sight? Should there be another empty-handed, conversational campaign for volunteer cost reductions? Should there be more devices dreamed up by the national administration to bleed more taxes for some program of subsidizing production for domestic use?

Should there be an attempt, with words of ponderous weight by economic sleight of hand artists, to take two dollars from one pocket and put one dollar in another pocket with the other dollar going to pay administration costs of the whole idea?

Perhaps there will come out, in the near future, some fancy system to hypothetically solve the problem of inflation. And maybe not until the U. S. approximates China's condition, where \$1 buys some 60 million yen, will the leaders firmly make up the country's mind that something must be done.

With all the political promises by which one faction or the other will do so much for inflation-relief, it's worth about a plugged nickel to suppose the sum total of such activity will put even one quart more milk on the family table, at even prevailing prices.

It's easy to discount the ominous threats ahead. But it seems quite impossible to affect a remedy—whatever the cure might be.

ELSEWHERE IN OREGON

Events As Chronicled by Our Contemporaries in Northwest Communities

"REMARKABLE SERVICE"

Patrons of the St. Helens telephone company were becoming accustomed, this week, to a remarkable service designed to make use of the instrument easier and quicker.

As reported by the SENTINEL MIST, special "intertoll" dialing equipment permits a person to make a direct call to most of the major exchanges in Oregon, southern Washington and northern California.

Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company district manager remarks this equipment is being used successfully, on a limited basis, in Portland, Salem, Tacoma and Vancouver, Washington. Its installation at St. Helens promises "speedier long distance connections, makes for greater reliability and accuracy in service and occasions economies for the company," the man says.

The way it works a patron gives another city's telephone number to the operator. She, in turn, plugs in a special circuit connecting with the Portland exchange and, from there, completes the call without the use of another person.

The deal, on a smaller basis, operates likewise on some parts of the West Coast Telephone company line, with calls between Aloha, Beaverton and Tigard being handled mechanically.

100 YEAR THEME

The Multnomah County Fair, to be held at Gresham, will open August 23 and run until August 29.

With its theme taking a cue from the establishment of the Oregon Territory, 100 years ago, the fair officials cite the prospects of a "significant celebration," the OUTLOOK indicates.

Already seven Granges of the area have signed up for display space and in addition, concession space has been allotted and entries received from all over the country. In fact, a herd of Brown Swiss cattle will be shipped in for display from Janesville, Wisconsin, the first time ever shown in the West.

ALL THE WAY EDITOR

Since August 1, 1947, managing editor and part owner of the Sherwood paper, Floyd M. Johnson has become an "all-the-way" editor of the SHERWOOD VALLEY NEWS, with the assuming of his partner's interest.

He contemplates no change in policy according to the published announcement, but hopes to build up his publication.

LANDMARK GOES

An historic landmark of an educational endeavor that dates back to 1889, in Hillsboro, the David Hill school, is slated for destruction to make way for a new caf-

eteria and physical education buildings.

As reported by the ARGUS, architecture of the new addition will match the new David Hill main building. Although the landmark will be wiped out, in its place will rise a modern convenience for school children, incorporating advances not much more than thought about at the time of the original building.

Bids calling for the razing of the old and erection of the new will be opened Aug. 9. Estimated amount for the job should be, the superintendent of the school points out, in the neighborhood of \$33,000.

TOUGH STRUGGLE

It's a tough struggle all the way around, when a community decides it needs a swimming pool, by the experience of neighboring Forest Grove.

Started in 1947, construction of a swim tank met with obstacles. In the way of incessant rains, report the NEWS TIMES, but now this particular job has been accomplished. Yet, the story isn't finished, at that.

With youngsters of the community anxious to do a little swimming before the summer is gone, a rule has been made, under influence of the State Board of Health, that the pool is "not available" for public use. Sanitary requirements of such things as showers, foot-baths and dressing rooms must be met before the public may make use of the pool.

These required facilities will be included in the pool set-up when a pending bath house is finished. Yet this objective seems further away, with developing obstacles, the latest of which is delay on delivery of steel window sash, which must be on hand and in place before plasterers can finish the inside of the building.

Of course, the pool is not going entirely to waste. The state health department has issued a temporary permit for use of the pool during swimming classes. No more than 25 swimmers will be allowed in the water at one time, under this temporary dispensation, and no group may swim for more than one hour at a time.

Groom Gets Help

Cana, A. D. 30—At a wedding here the wine ran short. Jesus who was present as a guest, heard of it and at once acted. At hand were six water pots of the 20 gallon size. These He had filled with water to the brim. Draw out now and bear to the governor of the feast, said Jesus. When the man had tasted the water that was made wine and knew not where it came from, he called the groom to say that every man at the beginning sets forth the best wine and when men are well drunk, the worse. But you have kept the good—the pleasing—wine until now. This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee and His disciples believed on Him. John 2:1-11.

Among those people, God's messenger must do a miracle as a sign that the message was from God. So Jesus came with miracles—signs. He healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, raised the dead. Now His message—FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY-BORN SON THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVES ON HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. John 3:16.

Feelings or no feelings, stand on God's word that Christ died for you. At that God gives you eternal life. Now look utterly to Christ who Saves—Keeps—Satisfies.

This space paid for by a Seattle family 8 W. McChesney Rd., Portland 1, Oregon.

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TO ENTER NURSING

Miss Beverly Kasmalski has made arrangements to enter the school of nursing at St. Vincent's in Portland in September.

FROM SPOKANE

Mr. and Mrs. John Mattheissen of Spokane were guests this week at the home of the W. E. Gelinskys. Mr. Mattheissen is a cousin of Mr. Gelinsky.

TOUR OF GARDENS

Among others who enjoyed the two day tour of club gardens in Washington County were the following young people, Clarence and Marvin Kuhn, Harris Hansen, Jr. and Paul Felsner.

The tour necessitated jumping out which was quite a treat.

FOR SUNDAY DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Anderson of Portland were dinner guests on Sunday of the H. F. Ellander, Jr's.

SKAMOWA VISIT

Mrs. Robert Holland enjoyed a visit of a week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. West of Skamoway from which she returned last Saturday.

AT LEBANON

The Misses Beverly and Janice Kasmalski are visiting for a week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Toney Dominick of Lebanon.

HOSPITAL RETURNEE

H. F. Ellander returned to his home on Tuesday from the Veterans' Hospital in Portland.

CHANGES STREAMS

Charles Keffer who operated the feed store at Progress for the past two years has closed his store and has entered the construction business.

ON SEVENTH YEAR

Little Jackie Payne who was seven years old on Sunday, August 1, celebrated the event by giving a party to which eight young friends were invited. The young folks played games after which cake and ice cream were served.

FOR RECOVERY

Mrs. Nora Jack of Reedville is spending several days at the home of Mrs. Reva Brown, while she recuperates from a recent illness.

SUNDAY GUESTS

Guests at the home of the J. H. Farmers on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Percy Waterman and young son of Tigard and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd White and two children of Portland. Mr. White who is in the bee business had just returned from placing his hives in the Vernonia hills.

WOODLAND FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. Lance Strayer drove to Woodland, Wash., on Monday to attend the funeral services held for Fred Klager, a cousin of Mr. Strayer.

THREE RETURN

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Blanken and grandson James Elthen have returned from Beaver Creek.

NINE DAYS AWAY

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Crane of Denny road have returned from a trip to Yellowstone park. This was their first trip to the area and Mrs. Crane says they enjoyed every minute of it. They were away nine days.

OUT-OF-TOWNERS

Out of town guests at the home of the Leonard Starks of Progress last week were Mr. and Mrs. Urban Stark and Miss Ruby Stark of Claremont, Minn., and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Iden of Chicago, Ill.

All have returned to their homes except Miss Stark who is spending some time visiting other friends and relatives.

CLUB PICNIC

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Robinson left this week to visit at Yellowstone park. They will be away for several weeks.



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