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"THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE"

TIME TO RUSH AID TO BRITAIN IS NOW— ARGUE OVER ETHICS LATER

Those people comprising the small isolationist group in this country should visualize what will happen to the United States if England fails to hold the line. Let them realize the futility of their course and direct their efforts towards averting a crisis at home. It is true that our government guarantees the right of free speech. It is likewise true that that right is abused. In the present case that minority can hope for nothing more than to delay the program for national defense and retard aid to Great Britain and her allies.

There are signs that the totalitarian bigwigs are beginning to worry. British successes in northern Africa and continued progress of the Greek campaign have placed Mussolini behind the eight ball and caused der fuhrer to importune the Almighty to come to the aid of the axis cause. Hitler has come to look upon Benito as a poor relation rather than an asset and if his innermost thoughts were given expression it might be to the effect that he wishes il duce had not stepped in to stab France in the back. Then, too, the situation in the Balkans appears to give more comfort to the allies than to the axis powers. Turkey is avowedly with England and is arming to the teeth in preparation for whatever may come her way. The firm stand taken by Turkey has bolstered the courage of a faltering Bulgaria in resisting invasion by the German hordes, and Russia stands prepared to take a hand if the situation in Rumania gets too threatening.

With the tide slowly turning in favor of the allies there is good reason for increased preparedness activity in this country. The President's "all aid short of war" aim should be given whole hearted support. England repeatedly has stated that an American army is not needed. Planes, thousands of them, tanks, munitions, food and everything essential to prosecuting the war—these are the pressing need. Send the allies these supplies and there will be no need of preparing for anything more than national defense. This is no time to quibble over the ethics of loaning or trading. It is time to give material aid.

AMERICAN CALENDAR SHOULD INCLUDE STEPHEN FOSTER WEEK

Radio listeners have been treated to something different in music the past week. Action of the American Society of Composers and Publishers in refusing to allow broadcasting stations to use music copyrighted by it without payment of a royalty has all but eliminated music from the programs, particularly the popular variety.

There is a measure of recompense in the situation for many radio listeners. It is a relief to turn on the set and not be greeted with a blatant, tuneless swing number, a female baritone or a skim milk tenor. On the other hand, orchestra leaders and program arrangers are being put to the test to carry out their schedules and in most instances the results are not displeasing.

Luckily for the broadcasting companies, the works of Stephen Foster do not come under the ASCAP ban. Consequently, "Camptown Races," "Old Black Joe" and "Beautiful Dreamer" are occupying top spots on many programs while "Jeannie With the Light Brown Hair" has been so busy on the ether she has not had time to meet her social engagements.

A few years ago a noted American musical authority stated that there had not been a new musical theme developed in America since the days of the Civil War, meaning that modern tunes are developed from themes prior to that time. To what extent this authority is correct may be debatable, but the modern development with all its swinging and jitterbugging is far less tuneful than the music of an earlier period. It is fortunate for the radio folk that they have the Foster library and a few other oldtime favorites to fall back on during this crisis.

REMEMBER WHEN

—the family circle was an important part of the social order, and "Home Sweet Home" hung in a frame over the fireplace; There was always a bible on the parlor table, and "Gone With the Wind" referred to a cyclone instead of a best seller. Remember?

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In view of the contribution he made to American music, particularly in light of the present radio situation, would it not be appropriate to arrange a Stephen Foster week on our over-crowded "week" calendar—or is this it?

Two recent and commendable moves to aid pan-Americanism are the expansion of the two major radio networks into Latin America and the Spanish language edition of the Reader's Digest. Both of these mediums should go far to counter the effects of the flood of nazi and fascist propaganda that has swamped these countries for the past several years.

BELLVIEW NEWS

Extension Unit Talks Desserts

- Miss Ruby Turner was one of the mid-winter graduates for teachers' training of the Southern Oregon College of Education. She completed her training last month.
- Mrs. Bert Peachey and daughter Josephine returned to their home Friday from Eagle Point where they had spent the holidays with Mrs. Peachey's mother, Mrs. Dailey and with George Peachey.
- The student body of the Bellview school reorganized Monday and elected the following officers: President, Joan Helm; vice president, Beryl Flynn; secretary, Margaret Walker; reporter, Charlain Byrd; sergeant-at-arms, Jennings Beers; song leaders Eleanor George and Ola May Grimm; yell leaders, Betty Hollingsworth and Floyd Skinner.
- Betty Gary returned from Dorris, where she spent the Christmas vacation with her father, Raymond Gary.
- The members of the club met at a New Year's dinner party Jan. 1. During the evening checkers and cards were played.
- Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Applegate, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Applegate, Ernest Applegate, Helen and Vernon Krueger were dinner guests New Year's day at the Leo Potter home in Medford. Mrs. Potter is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Applegate.
- Mr. and Mrs. Don Austin were visiting New Year's day in Medford with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Miller. Mrs. Miller is Mr. Austin's mother.
- Mr. and Mrs. John Bohn were dinner guests last Wednesday of their son Harold and family in Ashland.
- Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Halbert and daughter Carrolee returned Wednesday from Lindsay, Calif., where Mr. Halbert has been working in fruit for the past three months.
- Twenty-four Bellview grangers went to Griffin creek this week where they held a joint meeting. The Bellview members presented the program.
- Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Halbert and daughter Carrolee spent the week-end at Grants Pass visiting Mrs. Halbert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Reed.
- Lola Gresham has moved to the Ralph Foster home on Palm street for the winter. She is employed at Wimpy's.
- Mr. Harkey is in the Community hospital recovering from an attack of pneumonia.
- Miss Alice Wright, retired missionary, bought acreage from J. Z. Walker and is having a small home built on the land.

- The Community club met Wednesday afternoon, with a small crowd. Three guests, Mrs. Wells of Medford, who gave an interesting talk; Mrs. R. E. Green and Mrs. Elwood Hedberg of Ashland, were present. Mrs. Wade Wallis and Mrs. Herman Helm served refreshments. At the next meeting, Mrs. Hellmeyer and Mrs. York will plan the program and Mrs. Inlow, Mrs. Gowland and Mrs. Kincaid will act as hostesses.
- Mrs. Happy Davis is cooking the hot lunches served to the Bellview students.
- Charles Foran, who has been ill, is improved.

HILT NEWS

Church Group Plans Bazaar

● The Women's Society for Christian Service met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Elmer Jackson, with Mrs. Harry De Jarnett, president, conducting the meeting. Mrs. T. Quamme, secretary, read reports on the last meeting, held at Mrs. John De Witt's, and the business meeting held later at the Quamme home. Plans were made for giving an oyster supper this month, and progress was made in planning the bazaar to be held in March. Those attending the meeting were Mesdames Harry De Jarnett, T. Quamme, John De Witt, W. A. Dutro, Elmer Jackson, Arthur Pederson, Frank Burnheisel, O. Burnheisel, Enzie Wright, Bert Mitchell, W. A. Gran, W. Richardson, W. Holmberg and Frank Graves. Delicious refreshments were served at the close of the business session.

● Don Purvis and son of Portland are visiting at the home of his brother Jim Purvis.

● Mr. and Mrs. Vernal Nebeker recently returned from a holiday trip to Utah.

● Mr. and Mrs. McCullough and daughter Donna of Klamath Falls are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ward and family.

● Don Ward went to San Francisco Thursday evening for a check-up of his eyes and returned early this week.

● Jimmie Walters returned to his school duties at San Rafael, Calif., last Friday after spending the holidays with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Gaasman and his grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Walters.

● Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wallis and sons of the Applegate district spent Sunday at the Wade Wallis home.

● The extension unit met Friday at the club house, Mrs. Hush demonstrated making desserts and Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Pankey served the hot dish. Mrs. Carl Henry resigned as chairman of the ways and means committee during the business meeting and the members decided to hold a food sale to raise funds to send a delegate to the home makers' conference in February. At the next meeting Mrs. Helms and Mrs. Ring will be hostesses and the topic for discussion will be household aid.

● Mr. and Mrs. Jess Walker have built a four-room house. They recently moved into their new home.

● George Thompson, who has remodeled his home, has made an addition of three rooms.

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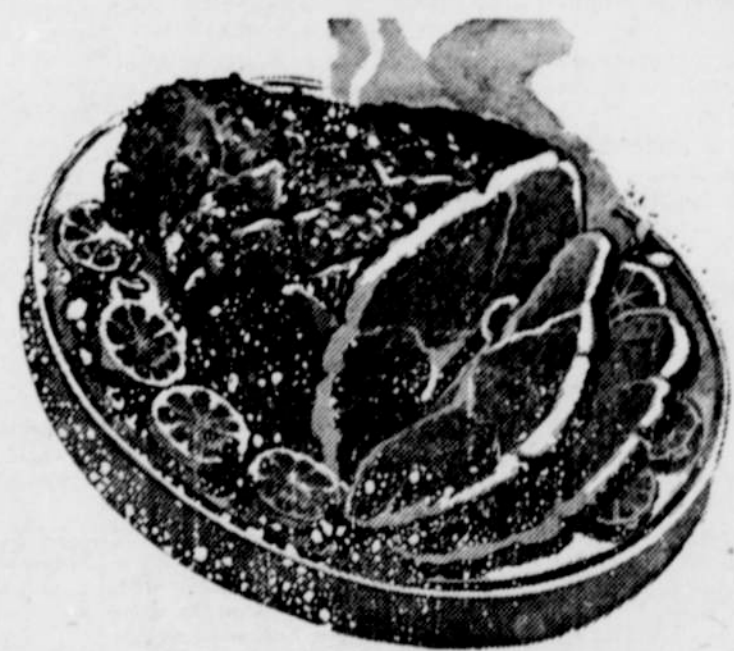
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