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## MUST THE TAXPAYER FINANCE THE DELIVERY OF NAZI PROPAGANDA?

Recent investigations reveal that tons of foreign propaganda, mostly of German origin, are being delivered throughout the United States—and at the expense of the taxpayer. Under the International Postal Union, the country from which mail is sent retains all the postage and the country of destination delivers it free. So all Germany has to do is to print up a lot of stamps and get the material into United States ports—obliging Uncle Sam does the rest free.

Reciprocity was the basis of the Postal Union, but we are certainly gaining no benefits from this one-sided flood of propaganda. We have no minister of propaganda to launch a counter attack and if we did, the material would get no further than the nazi censor. Surely some legislation should be enacted, so that we at least are not compelled to be unwilling financial backers of the fifth column.

## ASHLAND BOTTLENECK APPEARS TO BE ON WAY OUT!

Encouraging news was brought to Ashland this week by a delegation of citizens who attended a meeting of the state highway commission in Portland. If assurances the delegation received from the commission are definite it appears that the Plaza bottleneck is on the way out.

Opinion has been divided on the question of eliminating the curve formed by North Main street as it leaves the Plaza. Perhaps the difference of opinion has resulted more from the standpoint of feasibility than desirability, yet in the light of highway progress in recent years there is nothing to question feasibility except possibly the financial part of the improvement. It now appears that the commission is actually considering the problem and some of the more ardent backers of the project are looking forward to a fairly early start.

Opposition may develop when it becomes apparent that the project is to be accepted by the highway commission. Up to the present the movement has been fostered by a comparatively few influential citizens who have realized the necessity for making a change in that part of the highway route through the city and since they have carried the matter this far it would be ill-timed to start a movement to block the enterprise. Benefits will be derived from more than one source, the greatest of which will be elimination of a traffic hazard which is a constant threat to life and property.

## DEMOCRACY BEGINS AT HOME!

To those of us who are somewhat tired of the voluminous writings of news commentators and other "experts" on world-saving there was a refreshing note found in an article by J. P. McEvoy in the last issue of This Week Magazine. The author of "A Letter to Myself" has discovered that perhaps his responsibilities are a little closer home that attempts to remodel the world and to reform the leaders. So in this New Year letter to himself he writes:

".... this year I want to start right off shrinking that world outlook of yours. Scale it down through the nation, the state, county, township, village, neighborhood, the house next door, your own house, and finally—but right away please—to you.... stop stewing about our international relations.... stop worrying about the national budget and balance your own.... stop griping about how much the government owes and pay up those instalments on the car, the refrigerator and that last baby.... stop grousing about the extravagance of this generation compared to the thrift of our pioneer ancestors—fix those leaky faucets, turn off those lights. The nation is getting soft, and it worries you. Take a couple of those spare tires off your own waist.

".... You will be told that Democracy is something you should be eager to rush out and die for. Don't argue the point. The time and energy is better spent living for Democracy than arguing about it. Democracy is a vague generality as long as you think of it in terms of everybody else; it is very definite and personal when you realize that Democracy is You. There can be no honest government without an honest citizenry. National government is the sum total of local governments. And local governments are fashioned out of you and your neighbors.... If you must have a crusade for 1941, don't try to save the world for Democracy. You tried that before. Save Democracy—by saving yourself."

## OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

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## NEWS FROM

### Washington School By SCHOOL STUDENTS

Dale King celebrated his birthday Tuesday.

We had several hobbies in the hobby show. Roy Rogers showed his hobby of feathers. Marilee Mason had a hobby of buttons which she told of on the program.

Teddy Weibel is a new pupil in the second grade. He came here from Jacksonville.

The second grade is interested in the Ashland flower shop and greenhouses. A committee was appointed to visit the greenhouse and then to report to the class what they saw. Mr. Sander took us around among the flowers and plants and explained how he keeps the greenhouse warm so the plants can grow and flowers bloom in winter. The committee had many things to tell the other children that afternoon. Patti Shaffer, Carl Williams, Julia Norby, Robert Oden, Arthur Ostrander, Betty Skinner, Dolores Childers, Lois Kathan and Sherman Moseley were the committee. Another group will be chosen to visit a grocery store to report on questions asked by the class.

The second grade hobbies were very interesting. Janet Campbell brought her collection of dolls, Robert Oden his school scrapbook, and Norma Davis her collection of charms. Lois Kathan, Patti Shaffer, Tommy Trueman and Billy Wren brought scrapbooks.

Our room showed some nice hobbies. Joyce Reinbold had an Indian collection. Two doll collections are shown, one by Earline Rogers, and a very large one by Joanne Brown who told about hers on the program. Helen Flaherty explained her shell collection and how she began to collect.

A program was held in room 5 Jan. 14. Everyone told about his hobby. The chorus sang "Oh, for Wings!" The Chickagami Camp Fire girls sang "You May Push." Jacquie Donne's mother, Mrs. Lowe, sent us some delicious cookies. We think she is a very good cook.

Shirley Ann Weitzel started to school here Jan. 13. She came here from Jacksonville and came there

recently from Sebastopol, Calif.

Richard Mischke has been delayed on his trip to South Africa. He is now in a hospital in Nampa, Ida., recovering from an appendix and tonsil operation. He will be able to sail from New York on Feb. 1. We all wrote letters to him at the hospital.

The hobby show sponsored by the Washington P-TA was a great success. The crowd was the largest to attend this annual affair. The exhibits were varied and interesting. Many school patrons exhibited fine collections. Each grade was represented by pupils who talked on their hobbies. Little Kathleen Hartley played several piano selections. Roberta Greene delighted all with her fine performance in piano solos. Mr. Kathan of the junior high school talked about his hobbies, stamps, coins and myrtle wood novelties. Melvin Smith spoke on his stamp collection of art work in the school. After the program, refreshments were served in the school cafeteria.

Some of the hobbies from room 6 included polished agates shown by Skippy Rush, tax tokens from many states by Leona Dixon, rocks and arrow heads by Charles Zarka, seashells including two unusual slipper shells by Joann Prevost, salt and pepper shakers by Pamela Daly, and minerals rocks and fossil remains by Dick Leever who told about his collection on the program.

The sixth grade formed an Audubon club the week before last. They have gotten some pictures of birds. They held a meeting Tuesday and discussed the robin and the swan.



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## Mineral Production Shows Rapid Increase

Total mineral production of the state of Oregon for the year 1940 was approximately \$11,344,018. This is divided as follows: Production of metallic minerals, including gold, quicksilver, lead, zinc and copper, was \$5,794,018, of which an estimated \$1,700,000 is quicksilver alone.

Non-metallics, according to a survey just completed by the Oregon state department of geology and mineral industries, accounted for \$5,550,000. The latter figure covers the value of limestone for cement, sand and gravel, diatomite, coal, building and monumental stone, semi-precious gems, etc.

It is the custom of the United States bureau of mines statistical division around the first of each year to announce a preliminary estimate of the production by the various states of gold, silver, lead and copper. Obviously, this is quite incomplete for Oregon as quicksilver is not included. The press release by the bureau of mines is thus misleading and usually results in newspapers and readers interpreting the figures given by the bureau as total mineral production for the state. This year the bureau of mines reported a value for 1940 of \$4,094,018. This is an increase of 22 percent over similar figures for 1939, and the increase of total mineral production for 1940 over 1938 (when the last non-metallics survey was made) is 30.3 percent. Thus, the mining industry of the state, on the basis of value of products produced, is increasing more rapidly than any other basic industry in Oregon.

## THREE CIRCULARS ISSUED ON HORTICULTURAL WORK

Three brief mimeographed and printed circulars in the field of horticulture have just been issued at Oregon State college for free distribution. Circular of information No. 228, which is a revision of a former publication, lists the insect pests of holly and makes control suggestions. It was prepared by Joe Shuh, assistant, and Don C. Mote, entomologist, at the experiment station.

A brief printed folder, extension bulletin No. 498, gives directions for the control of mosses and lichens on fruit and nut trees. Bordeaux mixture is recommended for this purpose. Extension circular 356 by O. T. McWhorter, extension horticulturist, contains suggestions for training boysenberries and youngberries, and includes drawings of two systems.

## Three-Ply Cherry Spray Developed

A combination spray program recommended for the control of three leading pests and diseases of cherries has just been issued in the form of a circular of information, No. 225, by the Oregon State college experiment station.

By using a combination of lime-sulfur and lead arsenate, applied at different intervals from the time the blossom petals fall until four weeks after the shucks fall, it will be possible to control leaf spot, syneta beetle and the cherry fruit fly, according to the circular.

This combination spray program has been worked out as the result of extensive research carried on with funds allotted by the last legislature in the so-called agricultural omnibus bill. The research leading to the three-ply protection program was carried out by the departments of agricultural chemistry, botany and entomology.

These sprays in no way take the place of dormant and pre-blossom sprays for the control of other pests and diseases which sometimes are a problem with cherries, the circular points out. Use of lime-sulfur for fruit fly control presents some spray residue complications, but the ordinary washing process in canning cleans the fruit effectively, it has been found.

While Giovanni Evangelisti was waiting for a trolley in Rochester, N. Y., the door handle of a passenger car caught in his trousers and pulled them off. The auto driver took him home.

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