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Unity Of Purpose Needed!

Thirteen million man-days of work were lost the first five months of this year, according to Fortune magazine. Strike flare-ups in various industries and the pending strike vote of the railway workers give further evidence that there still is a lack of unity in this country's war aims.

Labor alone can win the war, for without the support of its industrial production, warfare, both political and military, are impotent. So it is highly important that the workers realize their responsibility and the necessity of victory to their own cause, for war cannot be won with labor on strike or with troops guarding factories.

Considering the pre-defense boom days of unemployment and relief it is understandable that the workers might wish to cash in on the present boom. However, their excessive demands seem to be lacking in farsightedness as to the ultimate effects which may backfire on labor itself. It is said that the depth of the post-war deflation will be almost exactly equal to the height of the defense inflation and probably no single factor would contribute more towards inflation than than the granting of the 30 percent wage increase now demanded by the railway workers. This tremendous boost in operating expenses, which the railroad association claims would amount to \$900,000,000 annually, would for the most part come from increased charges for hauling which in turn would be reflected by immediate price rises. When judged in the light of "real" gains labor is only temporarily ahead with the possibility of living costs passing them up later.

So it is hoped that unity of purpose will soon find its way into our industrial system in order that this country may not suffer the internal weakening which lead to the downfall of France.

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Tax As An Inflation Preventative!

As the new tax bill moves ponderously on toward enactment, criticism of many of its provisions mounts.

Main criticism is that the bill will not provide much of a check on inflation, for the reason that it does not levy large enough taxes on the groups which are receiving most of the financial benefits from defense spending.

As Ernest Lindley puts it, "If the economists are correct in foreseeing a total sum of purchasing power in excess of goods available, the lower income groups must be prevented from spending part of their money. It could be taxed out of them in several ways: By lowering income tax exemptions, by a payroll tax and by applying either a sales tax or a multitude of excise taxes."

There are plenty of evidences of price inflation now—which is an inevitable result of the combination of more money and fewer goods. Most economists are worried over the apparent fact that Congress doesn't regard taxing the lower income groups at "good politics."

Baby Beef to Go on 4-H Block



Four-H club leaders and members have been on the job for months to make the 4-H club auction sale at the Oregon State Fair, September 1-7, the best on record. Added to the fat lambs and hogs this year will be at least 15 head of baby beef, now on feed in the Willamette valley. Robert Marsh, jr., near Albany, posed his Herford in mid-June; by fair time it'll weigh a lot more, Robert promises.



ROGER M. KYES
Director, National Farm Youth Foundation

TWO KINDS OF SECURITY

Every day we hear of more city-bred business and professional men buying farms. Most of them look upon these purchases as investments in future security, and they have found sound reasons behind their thinking.



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Bricks and mortar, and machines and factories and stores are by their very nature bound to disappear in time. They are subject to constant changes which affect their real worth. But the land does not change, if it receives reasonable care. An investment in a good farm is a permanent investment. Its dollar value may vary from year to year, but it still remains the same farm, ready to produce the vital necessity—food.

The land offers two kinds of security. The first is simple and elemental—merely something to eat. Any man with hands and feet and energy can raise enough food for himself and his family. That's basic security, reduced to its lowest terms.

The broader kind of security offered by the land is protection for a way of living—a fuller kind of life than mere subsistence.

LEWIS BOYD TUCKER
Funeral services were held at Medford afternoon of July 30 for Lewis Boyd Tucker. He was born in Jacksonville April 27, 1876, and at the time of his death was a resident of Trail. Local survivors include a sister, Mrs. Daisy Homes, and two brothers, Mike and W. G. Tucker. Other survivors are two children, Mrs. Florence Flock of Yreka and W. L. Tucker of Medford, and two sisters, Mrs. Ivy Grubb of Reedsport and Mrs. Myrtle Conley of Jacksonville.

The farmer who is a good manager can always find a cash market for something that he grows, and from it secure the money to buy the things he cannot raise himself.

To earn that kind of security—to live what we have come to look upon as the American way of living—this one sound principle should never be overlooked; plan your crop before you plant it. Another way of stating that important fact is "raise a crop that will sell, instead of selling the crop you raise."

When you get right down to bed rock in thinking, all the talk we have listened to about starvation farm prices has its beginning with the farmer itself.

We are overproduced on wheat and corn and cotton, largely because too many farmers haven't learned to plan before they plant.

What would you think, for example, of a manufacturer of automobiles who persisted in building 25 percent more cars than his market would absorb. Just because he had facilities for making 100 cars a day, would he be wise to build that many, knowing that he could only sell 75 a day?

We would accuse such a manufacturer of being a poor planner, a poor manager, no matter how good his product.

Yet that's the very kind of thing our farmers have been doing for a generation. It is one of the basic things we must some day correct to achieve real agricultural prosperity. Some day agriculture will be operated, not on a theory of scarcity or a theory of surplus, but on a plan of producing enough. Perhaps agriculture today is too big and too scattered to plan as carefully as that, but the individual farmer can plan that way.

The man who gauges his production by what he can use, plus what he can sell, will make money out of farming. He will earn that security we like to talk about, but that so few of us ever achieve.

EXAMINER COMING

A traveling examiner of operators and chauffeurs is scheduled to arrive in Ashland Friday, Aug. 15, and will be on duty at the city hall between the hours of 1 p. m. and 5 p. m. All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with the examiner during these hours.

BELLVIEW NEWS

- Milton Hamilton and Miss Opal Eastman were quietly married at the home of her parents in Grant, Pass Saturday evening. Only the immediate families of both were present. They plan to make their home at Bellview. Milton graduated from the Bellview school and attended the Ashland school, later studying at the Adventist academy where he was graduated last May. Mrs. Hamilton also is a graduate of the academy. Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hamilton and daughter Charlotte from here attended the wedding.
- Kenneth Bell who is in the US naval training school at San Diego is home on a 10-day furlough.
- Arthur Bailey who has been spending several weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Mann, has returned to his work in the Douglas air plant at Santa Monica, Calif.
- Charles Rector who underwent an appendectomy at the Community hospital last week was removed to his home Sunday and is recovering satisfactorily.
- George Yockel made a business trip to Klamath Falls Sunday.
- Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Rice returned to their home in Santa Cruz, Calif. after visiting last week with Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Martin.
- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rosenbaum and small son from Klamath Falls spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hask.
- Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hamaker, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Kincaid and Mrs. Henry Stenrud attended the flower show at Grants Pass Saturday.
- Mr. and Mrs. Gene Seitz and small son from Hornbrook spent Saturday with Gene's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Seitz.
- Mrs. Mark True spent Wednesday with her father, H. L. Gregory, at Central Point.

- Mrs. R. E. Bell returned Sunday from a week's visit with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Miller at Seattle.
- The Birthday club celebrated the birthday anniversaries Sunday of Mrs. George Andrews, Walter Davis and Mrs. Henry Stenrud, with a covered dish dinner at the Stenrud home. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. George Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pankey, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Wallis, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gowland, Miss Marie Walker, Mrs. Minnie Wooden, Mrs. C. M. Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis and Lyda Catherine, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Kincaid, Eunice Kincaid, Earl Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Parks of Central Point and the hosts Mr. and Mrs. Stenrud.
- H. Moore and boys, Jerry Boe, Garry Christlieb, Donald Nichols, Wendell Reynolds and Glen Wade went to the Antelope district for the 4-H fair last Wednesday. Don won first in his class at showmanship and was third in the county. The club also placed in stock judging.
- "Mother's Tea" was held at the Brantley home Monday evening. The girls prepared refreshments of sandwiches, cookies and lemonade according to their lesson. Those present were Messdames Harry George, Brantley and Reynolds, Misses Betty George, Clarice Brantley, Eunice Wenau, Marjorie Hollingsworth, and Phyllis Hollingsworth.
- Miss Grace Walker received many additions to her collection of vases at a birthday party given in her honor Wednesday evening. The guests include Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Poyer, Barbara and Joan Helm; Katherine and Josephine Peachey, Lloyd and Gladys Hoodley, Getty Nichols, Margaret and Geraldine Linger, Dale Anderson, Carl Thompson, Helen Hollingsworth, Ruth Tom and Margaret Walker.

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