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## The High Cost Of Turkey!

Along with the discomfiture of too much turkey and all the "fixin's," yesterday, came the sad realization that it cost considerably more to reach that unhappy state than in former years.

Now the small increase for this year's Thanksgiving feast isn't anything to get excited about except that it is just one more evidence that inflation is becoming a reality regardless of whether or not we recognize it as such.

The stimulus of defense industry is supporting the present boom and the average person tends to give little thought to the future as long as wages and the cost of living stay within reasonable distance of each other. However, history shows that these price spirals inevitably end in a crash which affects not only those who have money to lose, but also the poor who lose their jobs and what few possessions they have.

There has been a movement for price control in congress, but unless public sentiment puts pressure behind the legislators their efforts are apt to be too hesitant and feeble to break into the accelerating spiral of prices.

Inflation should be stopped now by courageous fixing of prices and wages. Although such control might mean temporary sacrifices, they would be much preferred to the poverty and suffering that accompany a financial crash.

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## 'Good Politics' vs 'Good Government'

The fact that government non-defense spending is holding to depression levels at a time when employment and national income are approaching record highs, is a biting reflection on congress.

It will be remembered that Secretary Morgenthau said some months ago that normal cost of government could be cut by \$1,000,000,000 a year. Other authorities have estimated that reductions of \$2,000,000,000 or more are possible and practical.

The difference between government non-defense economy and continued prodigality, may prove to be the difference between a solvent and a bankrupt government in the future. Is congress so preoccupied with "good politics" that it has totally forgotten the meaning and obligations of "good government?"

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## Proposed Rail Strike Serious Threat!

Biggest labor trouble yet is the threatened strike of railroad operating brotherhoods. In this case a question of wages was involved. The union made demands for a 30 percent blanket wage increase. That, according to the carriers, would have meant an additional wage cost of \$900,000,000 a year. The labor spokesmen disputed this, and placed the cost at \$600,000,000. Whichever figure is right, the financial cost to the carriers would be several times as great as their total net income in any late year. It would be substantially greater than their anticipated net profit for 1941, which is a year of abnormally high earnings due to the vast volume of defense shipments.

The President delayed the strike by submitting the controversy to an emergency arbitration board made up of men with solid reputations for fairness and integrity in labor mediation work. The board gave the unions an increase of seven and one-half percent, which, it is estimated, would cost the railroads \$270,000 a year. The carriers at once accepted the findings even though, their spokesmen said, they regarded the increase as an excessively heavy burden on the lines. One day later the leaders of the five operating railway brotherhoods rejected the plan flatly and called for a nation-wide railroad strike beginning December 5.

We will know soon what is to happen. No other strike of such magnitude and such infinite importance has been threatened. Here is a case where the leaders of 350,000 already highly paid key workers in an ab-

## About People You Know

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Parks of Sprague River were among the teachers attending the teachers' institute.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bergman of Medford and Mrs. Dave Peterson of Marshfield were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rose.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Baxter of Spray spent the week-end in Ashland with Mr. and Mrs. David Baxter and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. George Larder spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Peffley in Portland.

Mrs. Lulu Wilson spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bradley in Klamath Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Philpott visited this week in Silverton with their daughter.

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Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Korth and sons spent this week in Portland visiting relatives.

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Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Baughman were Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Bromley of Dunsuir, Mr. and Mrs. Headrick Baughman and daughter of Klamath Falls and Mr. and Mrs. Othel Lee and son Clint of Dunsuir.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Ammerman of Ruch drove to Oakland, Calif. Wednesday to spend the Thanksgiving holiday with relatives of Mr. Ammerman.

Mrs. Don Travis and Miss Ellen Carver visited in San Francisco over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Selby spent several days in San Francisco last week.

Dr. G. B. Hull and Dr. L. W. Stoffers went to Medford Thursday evening of last week to attend a dental meeting.

Pfc. Alden Powell, who has been stationed in the army air corps at Albuquerque, N. M., visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Powell, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. David Lowry of Highcroft Orchard were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Sander.

Robert M. Kent Jr. who attends Oregon State college, spent Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Kent.

Mrs. Eleanor Powell and Mrs. Jessie Kilgore spent Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Kellom in Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Gosnell and children of Sams Valley were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Young this week while Mr. Gosnell attended institute.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ward Jr. of Sacramento were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Ward in Ashland Thanksgiving.

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### TALENT NEWS

Joe Tryon is a patient in the Community hospital in Medford. He was admitted there Thursday morning and is seriously ill. Mrs. Mattie Glover of Underwood, Wash. is at the Tryon home where she was called to be with Mrs. Tryon who is in very poor health. Mrs. Glover and Mrs. Tryon are sisters.

Mrs. T. Bevington of Ashland and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Parks and daughter Tammy of Sprague River were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Parks Tuesday.

Talent teachers attended the institute at Ashland this week. Part of them are leaving Wednesday evening for their homes for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Huson and family left Tuesday morning for San Francisco to make their home. They have lived in Talent the last nine years and leave many friends who regret their departure and wish them well in their new location.

Mrs. Mary Furrer and daughter Marie and brother Dick Kregger and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. C. Putman returned home from Wakefield, Kan. Monday where they spent the past month visiting relatives and friends. They are all former residents of that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Vassimere and Sherley Carrol of Centralia, Wash. arrived in Talent Friday morning to visit Mr. and Mrs. Andy Carrol and family. The Vassimeres returned to their home Monday. Sherley remained for a 10-day visit with his home folks.

Mrs. George Clark of Prospect underwent a tonsillectomy Friday morning in Ashland. Mrs. Clark stayed a few days in Talent before returning to Prospect.

Dora Smith who has the Butler concrete building rented is now drying gladiola bulbs there.

Dexter Russell after attending institute in Ashland left Thursday morning for Twin Rocks to spend Thanksgiving with his parents.

After a long period of service in the government interior department, Frank Maness returned to Talent this week. Maness is a brother of Mrs. E. M. Leaming and is well known here. He was several years employed as local agent for the Southern Pacific railroad. He is interested in several mining properties in northern California and will divide his time between mining and renewing old acquaintances in the valley.

Mrs. Velma Colwell of St. Helena, Calif. arrived in Talent last evening by stage to spend Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Newlun. Other relatives are expected to arrive for the Thanksgiving day.

Mrs. Grant Barricks passed away suddenly at her home in Talent Sunday evening from a heart attack. She left home that evening with her son, George Howe, who resides on Dead Indian, to spend the night visiting but was taken suddenly ill and was brought back to her home where she passed away soon after.

Mr. and Mrs. Barricks moved into the Crawford property last May and have made many friends here who regret her passing.

Mrs. Walter Whitsett and children of Grants Pass visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Sherard, one day last week. Mrs. Whitsett's mother, who suffered a severe

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**"NAVY INTELLIGENCE"**  
Is it necessary to be a high school graduate in order to enlist in the Navy?  
No. Navy enlistees need not be high school graduates. All applicants will be given an examination containing approximately 100 questions. A grade of 50 per cent or better on this examination is sufficiently high to pass the Navy educational standards. However, a high school education will be valuable to the seaman during his Navy enlistment.  
If I enlist in the Navy or Naval Reserve, will I be sent to a Navy Trade School?  
All new recruits are sent to one of four Naval Training Stations and after a training period they may take examinations for entrance into Navy Trade Schools. Those recruits who pass their examinations with sufficiently high grades are sent to Navy Trade Schools before assignment to the fleet. While attending these schools, they will receive regular Navy pay and free schooling valued at \$1500.  
What is the greatest possible pay I can expect to earn during my first term of enlistment?  
It is possible to earn as much as \$126 a month by the end of your first term of enlistment, and remember that your clothing, lodging, medical and dental care are all supplied free.  
After I have served my term of enlistment, what benefits do I get for re-enlistment?  
Depending on your rate and length of service, you can get a cash bonus up to \$300 plus 30 days leave with pay.  
What does the term "ash can" mean in the Navy?  
An "ash can" is a slang term applied to the depth charge used to combat submarines. The average "ash can" is a container filled with approximately 300 pounds of T.N.T. and can be dropped overboard from a ship and so controlled as to explode at depths ranging from 36 to 300 feet. These are generally carried by the fast ships in the fleet, as a boat dropping a charge regulated to explode at 70 feet depth must move away from the explosion area at a speed of 25 knots or more. These "ash cans" are either rolled off the stern or shot from "y-guns" which hurl one right and one left simultaneously.

**REMEMBER WHEN**  
—the "Professor" came to town to make a balloon ascension and parachute drop? Clad in fancy tights he made a heroic picture swinging on the bar as the gas bag climbed toward the clouds. Many a young lad decided on a "career" that day. Remember?  
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