

SOUTHERN OREGON MINER

Published Every Thursday at 167 Main Street, Ashland, Oregon

CARRYL H. WINES, Editor and Publisher

Entered as second-class mail matter in the post office at Ashland, Oregon, February 15, 1935, under the act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

The Paper Situation

We get sorta riled up now and then when we consider the restrictions being placed on the sale of newsprint to the newspapers of this country, weekly and daily, and how many of them have had to refuse subscriptions because of the lack of newsprint. Not long ago printers and publishers were notified by the War Production Board that newsprint for publication of fraternal, school religious and other such periodicals must be figured against their year's total, and refused to enlarge the amount for use of religious publications. At the same time, we have been told, publishers of the so-called "funny" magazines were given an increase in their total tonnage and on the ground that their sales were more than the religious publications and was increasing.

Having three younger members in our family, and they being of today's crop of kids, we don't question for a minute that there is an increasing sale of these "funny" books. They are read avidly from cover to cover, traded around the neighborhood, back and forth until they are completely worn out.

But for the life of us we can see nothing "funny" in the most of these publications. And certainly they can hardly be called educational. But apparently by the mere fact that they enjoy an increasing sale by subscription and newstand they are given an increased paper tonnage. Our own personal opinion is that we can darn well do without them, and we don't see as they have any right to more paper.

Of course if there was an attempt made to cause them to cease publication or restrict them very much a howl would immediately go up that the government was attempting to throttle the free press, etc. We will just get along with them, we do not doubt.

* * *

The People Are Responsible

Last Saturday, in his initial campaign speech, President Roosevelt made the statement that the United States was prepared for war and on Monday night, Thoms E. Dewey, his opponent in the race for the presidency, in a speech broadcast from Oklahoma City, brought numerous figures from the records and from speeches by various public officials to show that this country was not prepared for war, when war did break out. As we remember that situation, this country was woefully lacking in any warlike preparations, as our Selective Service program was just getting under way on December 7, 1941. If there had been a determined effort to land on the Pacific Coast, it is doubtful if our armed forces could have been of sufficient strength or gotten there quick enough to have done much about it.

Of course in his talk Monday evening Mr. Dewey charged the administration with the failure to prepare for war. The democratic party was in power, and we suppose they must bear the blame, but we think that all of us, the people of the United States can better share the blame. We did not prepare for war because we did not think war. We are a peace-loving nation, too much so, perhaps, but nevertheless we do not think the administration is too much to blame. Perhaps they should have spread more propoganda in preparing for war, and made all of us more conscious of our defenseless condition.

If we remember rightly, too, the President did ask congress for funds to build up the navy, and the army had asked for funds and been denied by Congress. Whose fault it was in Congress, we cannot say, either, but we will hazard a guess that had there been a real demand from the people of the country, Congress would have done something about it!

* * *

The Habit of Criticism

It may be worthy of remark that the letter "i" appears three times in the word "criticism", constituting just one-third of the entire word. This would suggest to some that criticism is often less a sane and balanced judgment on the matter under consideration than an expression of personal prejudice. On the other hand, while criticism is not always sane and well balanced, through criticism manifold errors have been corrected and the bubble of self-complacency often has been pierced. A tendency to criticism should be watched by the one who feels that her wants to set all the world right. Sensitiveness to criticism is too often a proof that men and organizations feel that they have a corner on truth and wisdom.

* * *

The Paper Drive

This week the youngsters of Ashland are busy gathering paper for the paper drive, the second this summer. Here indeed is a worthy cause for this country is desperately in need of more paper, as anyone connected with the paper business will testify when attempt-

ing to get in an order for paper. Of course, the scrap paper salvaged in these drives is not reconverted to fine printing paper, or newsprint, but is used in the manufacture of paper cartons and the various kinds of kraft, wrapping papers. But the fact that the waste paper can be utilized for these purposes relieves the paper mills from using the raw materials from the forests for the manufacture of paper cartons, etc. We consider it is a very worthy cause, and all who have bundles of paper of any kind are asked to see that it gets to the school children.

Lifted Editorial

Someone should immediately found a Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to G. I. Joe. As if the poor fellow didn't have enough to worry about just now the War Department (believe it or not) has just issued a booklet of instructions for Joe on the "mysteries of women!" This booklet, "Do You Want Your Wife to Work After the War?" has been published with the ostensible purpose of giving G. I. Joe information that has been kept secret since the day the Sphinx was unveiled.

But its real purpose may be determined by revealing that one section of this subversive pamphlet actually deals with the need for assisting wives to wash and dry dishes.

Can you imagine the effect on the boys overseas just as they are beginning to dream of returning home? Is the War Department trying to slow down demobilization?

Drying dishes indeed! Why doesn't our military master of manners advise Joe to stand up firmly for his masculine rights? Let him at least reject the tea towel and insist on freedom to splash in the dishpan.

We Are America

By Ruth Taylor

What are the United States? Not a mere collection of sovereign states, each ruler of its own destiny. Not a federation drawn together for convenience in defense, or for economic reasons.

As Eric Johnston, President of the United States Chamber of Commerce, wrote "It is an error to describe the United States as a sovereign union of sovereign states. It is the people who are sovereign. The people of each state give to their state government what powers they please. They retain the rest. The people of all the states together give to the national government such powers as they please and retain the rest.

The United States of America are the people - neither rich nor poor; neither employer nor employee, neither Black nor White, neither Protestant, Catholic nor Jew - but Americans all - united under a common banner which calls for equal opportunity and equal justice for all.

It is this democratic cohesion that is our greatest strength and greatest protection. Working together as one people, without regard to class, creed or color, we have coordinated different elements, people of different faiths and different backgrounds into one common whole - not sacrificing the good in their pasts, but welding them together with a common vision of a world of freedom. It is this cohesiveness, this ability to assimilate the good and discard the bad that has made the United States the richest and most envied nation on earth.

Our land, fertile though it is, has in itself no merit except what we give it! It is the toil of people that has made it fruitful. Even its vast mineral resources are of no use until they are torn from the earth and developed by

man. A country is no greater than its people. It is its people.

The United States is the American people. We are a nation of individuals, entitled by our form of government to individual rights and with individual responsibilities. What the future of the United States will be, is what you and I, and all our fellow citizens working together, do. We can follow the course already mapped out for us by the signers of our Constitution working out by peaceful means the way to a better world and a more equitable distribution of the bounties of a free country. We can make of the United States the Utopia of which men have dreamed throughout the ages - a land of peace and prosperity, of justice and brotherhood for all. We can do this because we are the United States. We are America.

1st Nat'l Bank Adds Employee Benefits

Members of the staff of the First National Bank of Portland were told this week of new and additional benefits available to them to provide for contingencies of sickness, disability and hospitalization. Also announced to the employees of the First National this week by President E. B. MacNaughton were three new options for their benefit in the First National's present Retirement Plan.

Under the Sickness and Disability plan of the First National, according to MacNaughton, the employees of the Bank will receive sick benefits starting with one week's full salary for those having three month but less than one year's service and increasing for each year of service up to ten years. Upon completion of ten year's service the employee will be eligible to receive a full year's sick leave with salary payments made up of 12 weeks full

FILMS
DEVELOPED & PRINTED
6 or 8 ex. 15c per roll
Double size 25c
5c extra of Panchromatic. All fine grain developed. Reprints, 2c each. Double size 3c each. Deckle or plain edge. Guaranteed work. Enlarging, coloring, copying. Low prices. Send to—
ECONOMY PHOTO FINISHERS
Box 1576, Station D
LOS ANGELES 7, CALIF.

DRY FIR SLABS
\$4.25 per load of 100 cubic ft.
Prompt Delivery
WHITTLE TRANSFER
PHONE 3831

Skilled Repairing

For all makes of cars and
SPECIALIZED SERVICE

for all DODGE and PLYMOUTH Cars

Dodge Job-Rated Trucks

- Factory Equipment
- Factory Parts

PHONE 5311
CLYDE N. CATON GARAGE

AT THE KLAMATH JUNCTION
(Siskiyou Boulevard and Indiana Street)

pay and 40 weeks half pay. Group Life Insurance benefits provide for monthly payments for total and permanent disability.

The group hospitalization and surgical benefits plan for First National employees is a voluntary arrangement participated in by the employee and the bank. Two new provisions are being introduced in this group plan. First a provision for surgical and hospitalization benefits for family dependents, and secondly, the underwriting by the Bank of one half the premium for this insurance for all employees who avail themselves of the protection. Benefits include hospital cost of \$5 per day up to a maximum of 70 days plus surgical, medical and diagnostic X-Ray costs.

President MacNaughton in announcing the increased benefits being added to the Bank's Retirement Plan reviewed the main provisions of the plan which has been in effect since 1933 with past service benefits for all employees who were employed prior to that date.

The retirement income or pension plan provides for a monthly income based on the individual's years of service and monthly salary. A substantial portion of the premium cost is paid by the First National Bank for the benefit of its employees.

New provisions being added to the Retirement Plan include one in which the First National now makes it possible for an employee who does not reach retirement age in the employment of the bank to purchase with his premium deposits and the premium

deposits made by the bank in his behalf, a paid up annuity at age 65.

Another new provision added to the Retirement Plan makes it possible for an employee who wishes to retire before the age of 65 when Federal Social Security payments start to obtain an increased retirement payment from the Bank's pension fund until his social security payments begin.

Third new provision added to the Bank's Retirement Plan is a clause under which all employees who found it necessary to withdraw from the pension plan when entering military service may resume participation at the same rate which they enjoyed when withdrawing from the plan.

Get \$1 for \$3 out of your CHRISTMAS savings - Invest in WAR BONDS. Keep on BACKING THE ATTACK.

DRY
SLABS

PHONE 5751

GUNTER FUEL CO.

Glukhrer's

CAKE

For Better Flavor
& Satisfying Goodness



ASK FOR
MT. ASHLAND

Butter & Creamed Cottage Cheese

At Ashland Groceries and Markets

ASHLAND CREAMERY

What is made in Ashland, makes Ashland

YOUR FRIENDLY STORE

COMPLETE GROCERY

Featuring Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

Your Patronage Is Appreciated

PLAZA GROCERY

Mr. and Mrs. Hays

IN MEDFORD

IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BUSIEST BLOCK

YOUR FAVORITE CUT-RATE

PRESCRIPTIONS
DRUGS
VITAMINS
SUNDRIES

TOILETRIES
TOBACCOS
CIGARETTES
STATIONERY

WESTERN THRIFT STORE

30 North Central

Phone Medford 3874