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The Awkward Bear

HAS Hitler made the fatal error of his military career in declaring war on Russia? That is a question that has aroused more diversity of opinion in the last week among informed commentators than any question that has arisen since the beginning of the present war in Europe.

As has been pointed out by press and radio, there is really nothing in this turn of events to evoke surprise. The former alliance of Hitler and Stalin was generally known to be a thief's pact which could not last. And it was written in Mein Kampf of the future Germany which would include the Russian Ukraine. The part that has commentators guessing is the timing of the break.

Hitler's strategy before has been uncanny in its accuracy, and speed and timing have been its basic factors. Hitler himself predicts that the Russian campaign will be short lived, and some commentators think his opinion justified by circumstances. If it be true, the position of America will be jeopardized more than ever before, for development of events leave room for little doubt that Hitler truly has plans of world conquest, and annexing of Russia would place his forces and those of his ally, Japan, in strategic position to combine in a war in the Pacific.

Hitler knows Russia as a big awkward bear. This bear was so backward in its knowledge of modern warfare that it let its present enemy supply generals to teach its soldiers for the last several years. This fact alone places Hitler in a favorable position to know the metal of the opponent's fighting machine. But like a big awkward bear who may be easily spotted and whose methods of attack may be crude, Russia in its very size and potential strength offers more formidable opposition than may be seen at first glance.

A fierce native temperament has been reflected in the history of Russia, as well as in its art and its music. It has shown a reckless abandon for life. Its reactions have almost always been unpredictable. No matter how well Hitler's strategy is planned at this time, he will find so many unpredictable elements in the big awkward bear that his best calculated plans are likely to go awry.

This may be wishful thinking. But it relieves us to know that the mighty Hitler military machine has been turned toward the bear, which natural history relates has survived longer than any of the animals. It may be, like the big brown bear of Alaska, Russia will survive to present a threat to mankind in future, but to be harmless, withal when man keeps out of his road.

Noted Artists Slated For OSC Concert Series

Oregon State College—Four numbers have already been arranged for the 1941-42 concert series here, announces Percy Lacey, director of educational activities. The series will open October 8, with a quartet from the Metropolitan Opera company, which includes Rose Bampton, leading soprano, K. Meisle, Hullman and Weeds.

Zino Francescatti, hailed as a sensational new French violin star, will appear on January 29. Helen Jepson, leading prima donna of the Metropolitan, is scheduled for February 25, while John Charles Thomas, noted radio and opera singer, will be heard April 29.



SOS! Your Guess Again editor is in trouble! Rush to his aid, bright readers. Simply indicate your answers in spaces provided, check your answers for rating—you may save our life (or is it lives?).

(1) Somebody called me an aborigine (a) because I was bald; (b) because I was a native of Africa; (c) because I couldn't read or write; (d) because I was an American Indian. Gosh!

(2) I got in trouble with a bunch of epicures because (a) they overcharged me in the barber shop; (b) they were too fussy about what they ate; (c) they wore their shoes in bed; (d) they told lies about me. Golly!



(3) They showed me this picture of a navy speedboat and wanted to know if those tubular jiggers on the side at the rear were (a) life rafts; (b) gas tanks; (c) torpedo tubes; (d) anti-aircraft guns. Was I stuck!

(4) There was a lien on my house and I had to (a) get the roof fixed; (b) have the porch braced; (c) pay the interest; (d) move out before the house fell down. Was I scared!

(5) I fell out of a tree and smashed my clavicle and the doctor set my (a) elbow; (b) collarbone; (c) wrist; (d) fourth rib. Gee!

(6) (Today's toughie): I was going through the Panama canal and somebody asked me if the boat was traveling (a) north-south, or (b) east-west. Was I puzzled!

(7) Finally I got into bed and bumped my head against the tester. Did I hit the (a) headboard; (b) the night-table; (c) the four-poster top; (d) the reading lamp. G'night!

"GUESS AGAIN" Tally Score Here

ANSWERS

1. (d) for 15 pts. (Goody!).....
 2. (b) for the same. (Thanks!).....
 3. (c) for only 10. (Easy?).....
 4. (c) for 15 more. (Get it?).....
 5. (b) for 10 (they break first).....
 6. (b) for 20. (Get fooled?).....
 7. (c) for 15. (You got one, too?).....

HERE'S YOUR RATING: 90-100, super-extra-life-saver; 80-90, super life-saver; 70-80, life-saver; 60-70, saver, try again.

All State Responds To Forest Week

Portland, June 26.—Enthusiastic response from every part of the state is meeting efforts to organize Oregon for Governor Sprague's "Keep Oregon Green Week," June 30 to July 6.

This is the report of Edmund Hayes, chairman of the executive committee of the Keep Oregon Green association.

John B. Woods, executive secretary of the association, is directing a staff of forestry college students in covering the state in the interests of the special week. Purpose of the field work is to perfect an organization for enrolling members.

"Heartly encouragement is being extended to our workers everywhere," said Mr. Woods.

"Oregonians generally express the belief that forest fire prevention is even more important than ever this year, since forest defense is a vital part of national defense."

PEDAL CLEARANCE

When the clutch pedal has little or no clearance above the floorboard, making it difficult to engage the gears, have the condition corrected at once, advises the emergency road service of the Oregon State Motor association. If neglected, this fault will cause excessive clutch wear and eventual slipping.

Wheat Land Now Culled Same as Livestock Herds

The practice of culling wheat land in eastern Oregon and returning some to grass and other uses has reached large proportions in the last few years under the necessity of reducing wheat acreage. This process may result in an improvement in operating economy on some farms, reports H. L. Thomas, research economist with the Soil Conservation service, who is cooperating with the Oregon experiment station and the USDA in studies on this subject.

Thomas' findings to date have just been published as station circular of information No. 247, by the experiment station. Figures gathered by him show that between 1934 and 1940 approximately 180,000 acres have been retired from wheat in Oregon and seeded to crested wheat grass. Growers who have been engaged in this process have reported, by means of a questionnaire, that this culling process has removed from cultivation shallow, low-yielding, and steep, erosive land for the most part.

The financial result of the change from all wheat and fallow to wheat, grass and fallow is analyzed in the circular by citing a typical farm of approximately 2600 acres on which 384 acres have been diverted to crested wheat grass. The study reveals that, at present prices and on the basis of using the crested wheat grass for grazing rather than seed, the net return from the farm under the two programs is less by only \$101 under the grass program than straight wheat.

"The question of which land and how much to take out of wheat production must be decided on the basis of individual needs and circumstances on each farm," says Thomas. "The urgency of soil conservation on the one hand, and farm income on the other must be considered for each individual field and parcel of land. Some farmers would regard the possible sacrifice of \$101 per year as a low rate of insurance against further damage from soil erosion, or a nominal price to pay for many intangible benefits which accrue through the years from soil conservation."

Caution at Curb Urged as Traffic Aid

With approximately 40 percent of Oregon's pedestrian accidents involving unsafe walking practices on the part of the person on foot, Earl Snell, secretary of state, today urged pedestrians to observe greater caution at the curb before starting across a busy street.

"Forty-five percent of the pedestrians struck at intersections are hit before they get more than four or five steps from the curb," Snell declared. "This points to the importance of looking first to the left, then to the right and then back to the left before stepping off the curb."

Snell called attention to the new pedestrian law, effective since June 14th, requiring motorists to give the right-of-way to pedestrians crossing on crosswalks when the person on foot enters or is about to enter the motorist's half of the street. Prior to this law, the motorist was required to stop and give the pedestrian the right-of-way the instant the walker left the curb. Careful observance of the pedestrian's rights on the part of motorists and observance of safe walking practices on the part of the pedestrian will reduce accidents of this type materially, Snell said.

SUMMER CONFERENCES ON

Oregon State College—With the opening of summer school here June 23, the campus staff not only resumed instructional work but prepared for a series of summer educational conferences. First on the campus are groups of housemothers and other leaders of living groups from many states here for the second annual three-week course in that field. On July 7 the annual conference of Smith-Hughes teachers of agriculture will convene for three weeks, while on July 9 and 10 will be held the sixth annual conference on guidance and adult education.

Apology is only egotism wrong side out.

Joe Carson, Jr., to Speak at Walla Walla

Walla Walla, June 26.—Joseph K. Carson, Jr., former mayor of Portland and just recently named west coast director of civilian defense, has accepted an invitation to deliver the patriotic address in Walla Walla the afternoon of July 4 at a farmers' picnic in Pioneer park.

Carson will crown the Fourth of July celebration queen the evening of July 3, preceding the initial performance of a pageant, "America on Parade," in which 600 persons will take part. Carson recently was named to the civilian defense post by Mayor Fiorella LaGuardia of New York City, national director.

The Washington state penitentiary band of 60 pieces will participate in the Fourth of July parade, which will be held at 10:30 o'clock in the morning. Entries in this event will close early next week, total prize money depending somewhat upon final entries. Winners in each section will receive \$15.00, with the sweepstakes winner receiving \$35. These divisions are planned: Grange, Farm Bureau and 4-H clubs, civic clubs, fraternal organizations, military and service bodies and commercial.

The Fourth of July events will be the first this group has been permitted to take part in an out-of-the-walls event of this nature. It will alternate at Pioneer park during the afternoon's farmers' picnic in playing with the V. F. W. junior band of Walla Walla.

Final rehearsals are being held this week for the pageant, "America on Parade," which will be presented nightly July 3 to 5 inclusive at the fairgrounds.

A square dance contest between representatives of the grange and farm bureau will be held Friday night, July 4, following the pageant with \$20 at stake. A queen's ball has been arranged for Saturday night, July 5, as the concluding event of the celebration.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

In memory of Brother William T. Reynolds, who died June 17, 1941.

Once again death hath summoned a Brother Odd Fellow, and the golden gateway to the Eternal City has opened to welcome him to his home. He has completed his work in the ministering to the wants of the afflicted, in shedding light into darkened souls and in bringing joy into the places of misery, and as his reward has received the plaudit "well done" from the Supreme Master.

And whereas, the all-wise and merciful Master of the Universe has called our beloved Brother home, and he having been a true and faithful member of our beloved Order, therefore be it

Resolved, that Lone Balm Lodge, No. 82, I. O. O. F. of Hardman, Oregon, in testimony of her loss, drape its Charter in mourning for thirty days and that we tender to the family of our deceased brother our sincere condolence in their deep affliction and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family.

Nelson Knighten, Glenn Farnes, Sabin Hastings, Committee.

Morning Glory Kill Shows Good Results

Killing morning glories while at the same time increasing the crop yield from an abandonment figure to one as good or even better than those adjoining farms not infested with weeds is the result being obtained on the morning glory control story, Richardson (juvenile). Umatilla county, according to C. D. Conrad, local county agent.

Of greatest interest to farmers from the Columbia river basin counties who visited the station during the recent tour, states Conrad, is the fact that the regular summer-fallow-wheat system of farming can be followed and at the same time eradicate the morning glories.

The eradication is being accomplished by following a continuous cultivation program during the summer fallow year and after the crop is removed during the crop year.

Complete eradication has not been obtained in the short period of time that the experiment has run but to show the results that have been obtained, the particular field where the experiments are being conducted had been abandoned for the ten-year period prior to the establishment of the trials because of the heavy morning glory infestation. After year of summerfallow during which the continuous cultivation plan was followed the grain crops are now equal to those on adjoining farms where there are no weeds, according to Conrad.

Experiment station near Cayuse is conducted on Indian agency land with the Oregon State college, the extension service, and Umatilla county cooperating.

A summary of practices to be followed for the control of morning glory by cultivation and cropping will be given in next week's Gazette Times.

NEW BOOKS AT LIBRARY

The American Legion auxiliary has bought three more new books for their shelf in the library. Each year the auxiliary gives \$5.00 worth of books. The three new books are "They Came to the River," McKay; "Oregon, End of the Trail," American Guide Series, and "Oregon History Stories," Richardson (juvenile).

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father to summon to her Eternal home our beloved sister Lena B. Cox, who was a faithful member for many years and Past Matron of Ruth Chapter No. 32, Order of Eastern Star;

Be it resolved that we bow in humble submission to the will of the Omnipotent, and extend to the bereaved family of the deceased our heartfelt sympathy. That we drape our Charter in mourning in memory of our departed sister; that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Chapter, a copy sent to the family, and one to the press for publication.

Sara McNamer, Ella Bengel, Arch Ball, Committee.

WANTED—Reliable girl or woman to care for two children and housework. GT 102. 17-18p.

ANNOUNCEMENT

At the request of the Treasury Department we announce a new feature of interest and service to many readers who are buying or will buy Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps. This will be called the Defense Bond Quis, and will start in next week's issue.

The questions will be chosen from among those asked by most Bond and Stamp buyers. The answers will tell what the new Defense Savings Program means to the individual and to the Nation.