



Washington, D. C., Feb. 19.—Most lively row in congress is over the way office of civilian defense is being conducted. "Volunteer" workers have been hired at a rate of \$22 a day up to \$8000 a year—more than an army colonel receives. On the payroll are fancy dancers (congressmen refer to them as fan dancers), movie actors, several who are on the blacklist of the Dies committee on un-American activities. In brief, OCD has the appearance of preparing for civilian defense a vast vaudeville show, with folk dances for children and entertainment for adults.

The pay for these people comes out of several blank checks which were given to the president and this particular account still has a balance of \$600,000. For days members of congress have been denouncing the kind of civilian defense OCD is planning, such as finding substitutes for toys children formerly had, giving instruction in the Virginia reel, interesting movie stars in shows under

the auspices of OCD.

Feeling hostile at waste and extravagance (which it does occasionally) congress denounces the treasury for paying Disney \$80,000 to draw a colored cartoon of Donald Duck to popularize the income tax. The cartoon is ready to be displayed in 12,000 movie theaters, but why a Donald Duck is necessary to get the people in the mood to pay taxes is beyond the congressmen.

The matter of waste paper in is the hair of the legislators. In 1941 the government used 205,000,000 pounds of paper, most of it for propaganda purposes by the various agencies. The department of agriculture alone allocated to every congressman 400 copies of its year book, which weighs five pounds. Thus every congressman received one ton of paper from this single source.

Under the censorship rules it is forbidden to give the name of a contractor. However, it can be said that two concerns in Oregon and two in

Washington submitted the lowest figures for building 100 barges to be used by the British on the Tigris river. Bids came from all over the country but the four lowest were those from the northwest. No one was allowed to bid on more than 100 barges. They will be knocked down and shipped, being put together on the Persian gulf.

War department has given its official O.K. on the measure to create a woman's auxiliary for the army. Women will not be assigned to combat duty, but there are many tasks that fighting men are now doing which can be done expertly by women. Compensation is expected to be \$21 a month, with housing and uniform; lieutenants or leaders receiving higher pay. Method of selecting the women has not been decided—whether by draft after registration or volunteer. The auxiliary may be authorized, organized, drilled and equipped in time to serve in the military cantonment to be

created in the Albany-Corvallis area.

Northwest legislators are talking in favor of the war department taking over the Japanese situation. The department of justice has been too lenient with the alien enemies to suit some of the congressmen, who assert that the army would be more severe. The difficult problem is what to do with the Nisei, the American-born children of Japanese parents. Under the law these American-born are full fledged American citizens, entitled to the rights of any other citizen, but these second generation Japanese are viewed with suspicion. When Japanese bombers attacked Pearl Harbor several were shot down, and on their bodies were found fraternity rings of the University of Oregon and of high schools in Hawaii.

Reclamation Commissioner John Page has been trying to have the army guard the reclamation projects in the west—Owyhee, Roza, etc.—but the army refuses, insisting that the

reclamation system provide its own protection. It is possible that a battalion of military police may later be assigned to this duty.

As solution for the sugar shortage Senator McNary has proposed to Donald Nelson, boss of war production board, that the large carryover of wheat and corn be used. The senator says this carryover is a real surplus and a large part of it is owned by the federal government. Under existing price levels McNary declares that it is as cheap to convert this grain into industrial alcohol as it would be to convert molasses. By this action about one-fifth of the sugar production for 1941 would be available for domestic consumption; simply make alcohol from the grain and not from sugar.

GRANGE MEETS TOMORROW

Rhea Creek grange will meet tomorrow (Friday) evening with potluck supper at 6:30 and regular business session at 7:30, announces Henry Peterson, master.

STAR Reporter

FRIDAY-SATURDAY

SIERRA SUE

Gene Autry, Smiley Burnette, Fay McKenzie

Gene sings "Be Honest With Me" and "Sierra Sue." "Ridin' the Range" and "Heebie Jeebie Blues" are sung by Smiley Burnette. Among the best of the Gene Autry westerns.

—Plus—

SWING IT SOLDIER

Skinny Ennis and Band, Ken Murray, Don Wilson, Frances Langford, Brenda and Cobina

Tune in on the fun with these radio revelers — see your favorite radio stars in this swell musical which is jammed full of entertainment.

SUNDAY-MONDAY

Lillian Hellman's Famous Play
THE LITTLE FOXES

Bette Davis, Herbert Marshall, Teresa Wright, Richard Carlson

One of the season's most powerful screen offerings will be keenly appreciated by moviegoers. Every member of the cast plays her or his role to the hilt as the picture steadily weaves its engrossing plot.

TUESDAY Bargain Night

SOUTH OF TAHITI

Brian Donlevy, Broderick Crawford, Andy Devine, Maria Montez, Henry Wilcoxon

Lots of action in this story or adventure seekers looking for pearls on a tropical island.

"Skyline Serenade" and "Trail of the Buccaneers"

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY

NEW YORK TOWN

Fred MacMurray, Mary Martin, Robert Preston, Akim Tamiroff, Lynne Overman, Eric Blore

A story unfolding against the great backdrop of New York with its ceaseless flow of comedy, tragedy, drama, smiles and heartbreak—the performances of all of the top-ranking cast are good.

"Popular Science"

"Meet the Champs" and News of the Day



THERE GOES 25 FEET OF POWER LINE!

Every time an American anti-aircraft gun lets go with a big 3-inch shell it uses up nearly 8 pounds of copper—the equivalent of 25 feet of rural or suburban power line. Copper, the most practical carrier of electricity, is also a vital part of all ammunition—the shell case, the primer, and the coating on the projectile.

Now that America is producing millions of shells a day, you can imagine how scarce copper has become. War production officials estimate their copper requirements at 5,000,000 tons to the end of next year. Only 3,200,000 tons are in sight.

If our army and navy are to have all the bullets they need to win this war, civilian use of copper must be drastically curtailed.

For example, power companies, normally the largest civilian users of copper, can no longer build long extensions to serve farms or suburban homes.

Nor can new electrical installations be made to serve industries without approval of the War Production Board. For in power lines, as well as in industrial plants, America must get the utmost out of existing facilities—if we are to avoid wasting precious time, materials and manpower.

Just as soon as the enemy has been thoroughly defeated, Pacific Power & Light will again continue its policy of extending copper lines almost anywhere to deliver its cheap, dependable electricity.

IF YOU PLAN TO BUILD A NEW HOME, electrify your farm, or make any changes in your electric service requirements, PLEASE SEE US FIRST. If it's possible we'll rearrange our present facilities to serve you. If not, you'll be saved expense and disappointment.



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