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Orchids to Phill!

Taking first in statewide contests of one kind and another has become a habit with Morrow county and on this occasion the Gazette Times wishes to pass the "orchids" to Phillip Cohn, Heppner high school senior, whose letter to Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard on boosting the food supply was adjudged the best out of more than 10,000 submitted in the state and brought to the writer a \$100 war bond offered by the state Elks association. Competition was keen and the judges were put to the test to decide upon the best letter. Phillip won because his letter dealt with a project he had carried to a successful conclusion, thereby aiding the food problem, and for the intelligent manner in which he told his story. He has demonstrated that the youth of the land know the score and that when called upon the young people are prepared to do their part.

Not Heppner Plant—We Hope!

Our Washington correspondent, Paul Dunham, states that for the present at least there will be no more industrial alcohol plants built. The government has all the industrial alcohol it needs and distilleries will be permitted to return to the manufacture of whiskey for a period of 60 days, so the article states.

Local officials of the Grain Products, Inc. have received no information from Washington or elsewhere relative to curtailment of alcohol production and they do not feel that this reported order affects plants under construction of non-critical materials, such as the Heppner plant. Likewise, the local plant is financed by wheat growers of the district, whereas other proposed plants in the area would be largely financed through government agencies and would involve critical material. But since Grain Products Inc. has not been informed of the government's action, officials of the company are withholding expression of opinion or the making of statements, and in the meantime work is going ahead in preparation for moving the plant from Carver to Heppner.

Pantelleria—something to do with removing Mussolini's pants before giving him a sound spanking?

Those Terrible Farmers!

Politicians long have made agriculture a political football and of late years that football has been kicked about in a ruthless manner. Not until the following article was brought to our attention did we understand (if we do) just why agriculture, or the people in that industrial group, the farmers, have been and still are such a headache to the big-wigs.

The article is taken from the "All of Us" page of the Farm Journal for May and for the benefit of our farmer friends who may not read the magazine, it is reprinted herewith.

"The Washington attitude toward farmers these days is not new, nor unexpected to those familiar with the operation of certain types of minds. Well known now as a newspaper columnist who quite consistently supports the New Deal is Jay Franklin. Under his full name, John Franklin Carter, Jr., he served from 1934 to 1936 in the office of the then Under-secretary of Agriculture, Rexford G. Tugwell. Two years previously (1932) he published a book called "What We Are About to Receive." A passage in that book will interest farmers who are puzzled over some of their present treatment. I quote:

"The farmer has arrogated to himself all virtue and all knowledge; he has voted against progress, against civilization, against the city, against science, against art. He has made and unmade presidents in the image of Main Street, he has exhausted our soil as he will exhaust our treasury if given half a chance. He is the great obstacle to human progress, the great threat to political stability. Sooner or later, we shall discover . . . as England discovered, as Soviet Russia discovered . . . that the pagan, the landed proprietor, the kulak, is simply so much mud on the path of progress and must be swept aside if society is to advance.

"These are harsh words but they are justified. The American farmer as a political institution is a danger to our civilization . . .

"Some day, some leader or some party will be compelled to rouse the people against the farmer and crush him as an obstacle to the national welfare, as he has been crushed in every nation and age which has experienced his predominance. The fact that it is good politics now to help the farmer is going to make it better politics in the future to injure him. It is a shame that he cannot be changed by less drastic methods, but he has taken to politics, and the problem of Farm Relief will become, not how shall we relieve the Farmer, but who will relieve us of the Farmers?"

More Attention to Detail

Many motorists are careless or just plain heedless about regulations governing gas rationing books, resulting in embarrassment to service station operators and additional work for rationing offices. Numerous used up ration books are returned to the office unsigned, indicating that both user and gas salesman have been derelict in duty. All gas users are urged to read the instructions in their stamp books, read them thoroughly, and act accordingly. There is no dodging rationing and one might as well make a thorough job of it, thus relieving some of the administrative burden as well as increasing your good citizenship score.

Blake Leaves Bank to Join Credit Concern

From the Sherman County Journal it is learned that W. Ray Blake, who has been manager of the Sherman County Branch, First National bank, has resigned to begin work with a credit company. He will have headquarters in Tacoma, he stated.

Blake's place will be taken by Merle Becket, lately manager of the First National branch at Walla. Merle is a native Morrow county boy and was employed with the Heppner branch of the First National prior to moving to Walla several years ago. W. H. Close, who left Heppner last week to assist at the Moro bank, will remain there a few weeks longer before moving to Portland.

JOHN ALBERT GILMAN

Funeral services were held from the Phelps Funeral Home chapel

Monday for John Albert Gilman, 45, whose death occurred Friday at the Lottie Kilkenny residence on Hinton creek where he had been employed. Martin Clark, pastor of the Heppner Church of Christ officiated, and C. W. Barlow sang the hymns. Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Amos Ives of Portland, who, with her husband, was present for the funeral; a half-brother, Pete Gilman; two step-brothers, Miles Gilman of Top and Walt Gilman of Heppner; his father, also of Top, and a sister, Mrs. Cora Munkers, of Ione.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank neighbors and friends for their kindly assistance and words of sympathy and for the beautiful floral tributes.

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