

# EDITORIAL . . . . .

## Mailing Time Growing Short

Vigilance should not be slackened in mailing Christmas packages to men of the Navy, Marine, and Coast Guard personnel. Should the war end in Europe by Christmas, Navy men will still be actively engaged in the Atlantic theatre transporting Army troops. In the Pacific theatre, Navy forces are constantly increasing and will continue to increase in the coming months. With many conjectures that boys in Europe will be home for Christmas, there has been a tendency to slow down in mailing Christmas packages in the hope that the man will be home to receive it himself. This attitude may bring disappointment to many men, and it is urged that all packages to Navy, Marine and Coast Guard personnel be mailed now. October 15 is the deadline for mailing all Christmas packages for overseas delivery.

## Introducing "Farmer Filosofi"

In another column on this page we are introducing a column entitled "Farmer Filosofi". It is from the pen of Gordon J. Taylor, Chackamas farmer, whose contributions to the people's corner of the Morning Oregonian have been read with interest for a number of years. For several months past, Taylor has been making a column contribution to the Oregon City Banner-Courier. His contribution to this paper is voluntary and we believe our readers will find much interest in the homespun philosophy of one who has been a keen observer of current happenings over a long span of years and who in the interest of preserving the American way of life is willing to offer this service without thought of personal gain other than the satisfaction of doing a good public service.

## Action Should Be Reversed

There is a war on and Uncle Samuel is into it up to his neck. He has asked every man, woman and child to do his or her part in helping to bring about total victory and our people for the most part have been directing their efforts in that direction. Occasionally someone slips and throws the proverbial monkey wrench into the gears, slowing the war machine and extending the day of victory and peace. It may not be intentional, yet the injury is just as patent.

A year or so ago Kinzua Pine Mills Company's Camp 5 was placed under the jurisdiction of the Morrow county rationing board for gasoline supplies. This was done for the reason that Heppner is more available to the camp folks throughout the year, most of them had been coming here to trade and seek recreation and through the efforts of the local rationing board and the mill management the transfer was made.

One of the strong points advanced by Kinzua people was that they are engaged in a critical industry. Such industries have found it no easier to hire workers and keep them than have other concerns engaged in producing war materials and it was hoped that by changing rationing headquarters for the camp workers they would be more content to stay on the job. That has been the case quite generally except that allotments have not been sufficient to permit any emergency driving. An effort has been underway for sometime to secure an additional 200 miles per month and recently the local board reached an agreement whereby that amount was granted. The mill company was so informed in one mail and shortly thereafter received a second letter canceling the first, stating that it was impossible to carry out the order. The canceling order was not on authority of the rationing board and the newspaper has not been informed relative to definite authority, neither are we personally concerned about it. The point we wish to bring out is that if Heppner, the rationing board, the rationing office or any groups or individuals can do anything to keep the timber trucks coming so that the logs will keep rolling to the mill it is up to those groups or individuals to do so. It is not likely that the camp workers would use up the quota regularly, but they are only human beings like the rest of us—subject to injuries and illness—and there are times when they must get to town without delay. On such occasions it is a source of satisfaction to know that they can get to town on their own gas, being relieved of the necessity of imposing upon a neighbor or resorting to black market practices.

We believe that the OPA is defeating its own purpose when restrictions such as the case at hand are enforced and in the interest of victory should back up the rationing board. The board had ample opportunity to look at the case from all sides and did not come to a decision until all angles were thoroughly studied, and then acted in the best best interests of the war effort.

## No Cause for Worry

Some of our farmers who admit New Deal tendencies insofar as farm aid measures coming out of the Roosevelt administration are concerned profess to be worried over the question of voting in the November election. Some at least, are fearful lest all the gains made during the 11 years of New Deal experimenting will be lost if Dewey is elected. They go so far as to state they are afraid that Dewey would abrogate all New Deal legislation in favor of his own program.

If these same farmers have been listening to the Republican standard bearer they should have no cause for alarm. He has given no indication that he will cast out beneficial legislation. His fondest hope is that he will be privileged to give the gate to certain higherups who have been in their exalted positions so long they are worn out and also feel they have a life tenure.

It so happens that the New Deal passed legislation and issued directives stabilizing the price of farm commodities. That was legislation with which the Republicans are not finding fault. Also it was legislation that was prompted by a most effective lobby—the National Farm Bureau Federation—which can prove just as effective under a Republican administration as under the New Deal.

While worrying about what Dewey may or may not do, these same farmers are equally worried about a fourth term for Roosevelt. They feel that continuation in office will lead to further experimentation in socialism, and any further exploration in that direction will regiment the people completely.

Perhaps it will help the farmers if they will tune in on the radio at 6:30 each morning, Monday through Saturday, and hear what Senator Lee O'Daniel of Texas has to say about the New Deal and Communism. This is an early hour but if we are interested in preserving our form of government it will be worth sacrificing a bit of sleep. Senator O'Daniel is a true Democrat who believes in our form of government above all foreign isms.

## Voters Turning to Dewey

More and more it appears that Governor Dewey's Oklahoma City speech in reply to President Roosevelt's opening campaign address marked a definite turning point in the presidential contest favorable to the Republican candidate. This is the news brought back to Oregon by Ralph Cake, Republican National committeeman, who returned to Portland Friday from a business trip to Republican national headquarters in New York.

Popular response was immediate and emphatic from every section of the United States and indicated that Governor Dewey tapped a powerful strata of public opinion when he accepted the challenge of the Democratic candidate and brought the facts before the people. Labor union members are beginning to swing away from New Deal support, Cake was informed, and national leaders assured him that a definite trend towards Dewey is under way.

Further changes in public opinion have been registered favorable to Dewey as a result of an increasing dislike on the part of many Americans for the Sidney Hillman influence in the Democratic party. Independent thinking Americans, especially in the ranks of labor, definitely shrink away from such un-American maneuvering as symbolized by the New Deal order to "clear everything with Sidney."

"I find in the East that the better voters become acquainted with Mr. Truman, the more clearly they realize the desperate importance of changing administrations," Cake stated. "The general opinion is that a Democratic vote is in reality a vote for Truman who might serve as our next president. This is becoming an increasingly important reason why it is time to change."

Woody says, "After the war, helicopters, jeeps and other tools of war will be used to fight forest fire—but it isn't true that Army coffee will be used to spray insect pests.

# FARMER FILOSOFI

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## UNITY ALONE CAN SAVE

The combined effort of all of the contradictory forces prompting the New Deal Fourth Term campaign is directed at detracting attention from American issues and appealing to the war hysteria. The next four years can easily be the most important of this country's history. The major issues will be to solve the tremendous home problems by having a united America, with no controlling group, no king's court favorites, no one seeking prosperity by impoverishing some one else. Production to capacity alone can prevent economic disaster. This can be attained only by unity of purpose.

The condition which has existed in Washington for a decade worse is one of confusion, inefficiency, disregard of business principles, a devotion to self perpetuation by playing politics, even with the world on fire. Nothing is so important as continuing in power. Some one has dalled Washington "the hubub of the universe." Right now there is a concerted effort to keep the warring factions from each other's throats until after election.

The President has asked Petrillo, the czar of music, to withhold his domineering actions until after election. It is not long ago that a member of the musician's union was fined heavily for leading a Fourth of July audience in singing our national anthem. Strikes are asked to be called off until after Nov. 7. Should the New Deal win, there will be no holds barred. The fight will be on. Sidney Hillman, the corrupt city bosses, as well as the New Dealers in Washington, heads of powerful bureaucratic alphabetical departments will tear at each other's throats to see who will dictate to a weakened presidency. They have only ceased biting each other because of the coming election. Now they are just growling waiting for the opportunity to jump.

The country can be saved this disaster only by the election of Dewey and Bricker, each of whom is strong, sensible and has a marked ability to bring order from confusion, inspire confidence, select best leaders and restore representative government by supporting the principles of freedom which have made America great. This alone can preserve America.

## BUSINESS FEARFUL

The death of Al Smith removes one of America's most interesting characters. No country but America would enable a boy of the slums of our biggest city to climb to the top by sheer ability. His whole life has been typically American. While his relations with Franklin D. Roosevelt had been intimate and extremely friendly, when Roosevelt started to drift toward bureaucracy, radicalism and centralized governmental power, Al Smith publicly and definitely "took a walk". To the last he kept walking. Freedom came first with him. Such men are the salt of the earth. The country sadly does him homage.

Crane Mills, Bly, Oregon, uses on their envelopes a most interesting stamp. It has a picture of Roosevelt and Hoover. Beneath the Eagle's outstretched wings is the inscription "What this country needs is Continued on Page Five

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