

EDITORIAL

Winters Are Warmer Now

Taking some of the temperatures of recent weeks as a measuring stick, many of us would not agree that winters are really warmer now than in Grandfather's day, but Dr. Clarence A. Mills of the University of Cincinnati's laboratory for experimental medicine declares that since 1850, earth temperatures everywhere have been rising. Earth temperatures rise regularly by two thousand-year cycles, the doctor pointed out, and have risen more emphatically since about 1920.

This information should make it easier for us to withstand occasional drops in temperature or what is termed a hard winter. The thought that the earth is growing warmer is cheering even if our ears and noses are glowing from a blast by King Boreas.

Let Newcomers Help Pay

One of the causes back of all this cry for more school funds is the rapid growth in population of some of the counties west of the Cascades. But one county in eastern Oregon is credited with making a heavy population gain in connection with the war-time population expansion, and that is Umatilla. Hence, the main cry for additional school money stems from Multnomah and neighboring counties west of the mountains.

While this newspaper feels that a sales tax would bring relief to the overcrowded school districts there is no disposition on our part to claim that such a tax would be the ultimate answer to the state's tax problems. However, it does occur that much immediate relief could be obtained through the passage of a sales tax bill and putting it into operation. The new people who are helping create our school problems would at the same time be helping to pay the bill and thus relieve property from some of the burden.

The sales tax has not kept new people from settling in Washington and California. It has not kept capital out of those states. It is safe to say that our neighbors are growing as fast as Oregon, industrially as well as in population. Surely the newcomers to those states have known they would have to pay a sales tax and apparently they have accepted it without objection. But it looks like Oregon, the state that has led in several political reforms, will be the last to adopt something that has helped other states out of their financial muddles.

Socialism Marches On

In view of what is occurring in Great Britain where "planned economy" is having its day, the following editorial from an exchange seems quite appropriate:

It has often been stated that the appetite of the socialists is insatiable. Once they make inroads on a nation's industries, it is simply a matter of time until the whole economy comes under socialistic attack.

That is being vividly demonstrated in England. The labor government began with socialization of the British coal industry. Production has not been increased, costs have not been lowered, and the miners are as dissatisfied as ever. It is now preparing to take another long step by completely socializing Britain's power, and light industry though some of the best experts are extremely pessimistic as to the government's ability to better service or do anything except add billions more to the country's public debt. And, to top it all off, it is planning to extend vast and completely dictatorial governmental powers over farming, farm land, and the farmers themselves.

The farm bill is written in optimistic terms, and heavily stresses such alleged benefits as guaranteed prices and assured markets for agriculture. But it has teeth in it—sharp teeth. For instance, the government reserves the right, under the terms of the bill, to dispossess farmers by compulsory purchase of their land if they fail at.

to comply with government directives and advice given by government agencies. In other words, the bill is written on the familiar totalitarian principle of "Do what we tell you—or else!"

There is a lesson here for all free nations—no economy can be part socialist and part free enterprise. That is the basic issue when our government socializes the power resources of a section of the country or makes private enterprise in any field impossible. If government is to provide our electricity, government may eventually provide our insurance, our food, our newspapers, and everything else. History, which is simply a collection of precedents, proves that conclusively—as England is proving it now.

Growing Our Lumber

We have reached a turning point in the use of our forests. That is borne out by figures of the United States Forest Service.

People used to worry because we were despoiling our great stands of virgin forests. It looked as though we were going to cut them all down.

Some people are still worrying about it. But now it looks as though they can slow down this worrying. Today we are cutting far fewer trees than we are growing. And we are steadily increasing the amount we grow.

To the amount of lumber we cut every year, must be added trees lost from natural causes—insects, disease and fire. This total loss is what the foresters call "annual drain."

Now the Forest Service reports in its appraisal of our forest resources that the total annual drain is nearly equalled by total annual new growth. It says that we are now growing 13 billion, 370 million cubic feet of timber a year. Drain from all causes, it says, amounts to 13 billion, 661 million cubic feet. Of this drain only part is what we harvest. So we are actually growing much more than we cut. The forests are coming back.

This is an impressive fact. As we improve fire protection and cut down loss from disease and insects, the excess of growth over loss will increase. And on top of that, movements to encourage more people to grow more trees are increasing.

For instance, the "tree farm" idea is spreading. This was started by the lumber industry in 1941 to get farmers and other landholders to grow trees as a crop. Today 16 states have joined the movement and we have 13 million acres of "tree farms." They range in size from five acre farm woodlots to 700,000 acre tracts. The "farms" must be certified and operated under prescribed conditions.

These "farms" are contributing more and more to our lumber supply. In addition, they demonstrate what can be done by working with nature. They spread the idea, and show that it can be done.

Too many people today have the idea that the only trees we cut for use are virgin, and that as we cut these trees, the supply is vanishing. Actually, it works differently. Last year, for instance, nearly 90 percent of the trees cut in the South were grown during the lives of the men who cut them.

All of this is important. It means that despite the heavy drain of the war years and the many claims to the contrary, our forests are in good productive condition. It also means that the nation has reached a turning point in its forest resources. Yesterday we "cut for use." Today we are "growing lumber for use."

Fleet Admiral William F. Halsey Jr. recently appealed for continuation of wartime cooperation between the armed forces and industry, declaring: "We must not be caught with our plants down."

"Marry me, Richard, I'm only the garbage man's daughter, but..."
"That's all right, baby. You ain't to be sniffed at."

SUMMER SCHOLARSHIPS TO OSC GIVEN 33 CLUBBERS
Thirty-three 4-H club members, judged to have developed the best livestock breeding program in that many Oregon counties, have been awarded club

summer school scholarships at O.S.C. by Safeway Stores, L. J. Allen, acting state club leader has announced. County committees made the recommendations based on project work, management, record books, clubmanship and an interview.

Working Girls Win New "Homes"



Jane Edwards... her prize includes a model kitchen (above) daylighted by glass block.

CINDERELLA days are not dead. At least not for two young working girls—Jane Edwards of Shawnee, Okla., and Holly Self of Ninety-Six, S.C.

Winners of the "Private Life" contest conducted by Glamour magazine, each has been awarded a brand new, ultra-modern apartment. Each apartment is completely furnished and built right into the girl's family home.

To win the prizes the girls wrote essays on their lack of privacy at home and submitted plans for remodeling attic space into private suites. Holly's plan called for a kitchen, bedroom, living room and bath. Jane's was similar but combined the bedroom and living room.

In both apartments the main

source of daylight in the kitchen is a dramatic panel of glass block above the shining new range. One of Holly's cupboards is hung right on the panel which lets daylight brighten its shelves.

Jane's kitchen is equally breathtaking. An interior panel of glass block forms the doorway to the bed-living room to borrow daylight from the kitchen.

Modernly furnished living rooms give the girls privacy for entertaining girl friends or their best beaux. Chairs, love seats, tables and lamps; rugs, drapes and pictures were all selected and arranged by an interior decorator from New York.

Holly's bedroom is a working girl's dream. Dainty curtains grace the windows; modern Turn-

iture, including a six-foot dressing table beautify the room.

In the bathrooms of both prize apartments Insulux glass block gives daylight with privacy. A shimmering glass panel forms one wall of Jane's new shower stall, giving it plenty of daylight. A panel was used instead of a window to give privacy in Holly's bathroom. Both bathrooms are modernly arranged and fitted with pastel fixtures.

When Jane and Holly moved into their new "homes" recently, they found everything ready for housekeeping. Pictures were in place, tables were set with fine Libbey glassware, linens and silver. Cupboards were jam-packed with food—everything from bottles of catsup to duraglas jars of fruits and vegetables.



Holly Self's apartment is ultra-modern, richly furnished.



Holly tries her new kitchen.

30 YEARS AGO

From The Gazette Times Feb. 8, 1917

Among the passengers of the Friday night train was W. P. Mahoney, vice president of the First State Bank of Bonner's Ferry, Idaho, who has been elected by the board of directors of the First National Bank to succeed his brother, Tom J. Mahoney, as cashier of our institution.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn A. Ball at their country home on Monday, Feb. 5. Dr. Chylek reports mother and child doing well.

The marriage of Mr. Roy Campbell, a prosperous young farmer of Lexington to Miss May Severance of Hardman, was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Severance.

Miss Mae Rae has returned to her home in this city after visiting several weeks at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Lillie Cohn in Pendleton.

ENROUTE HOME
A card received last week from Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lucas stated they had been at Tucson and Phoenix on Feb 1 and on the second they were starting north by way of San Diego, Calif. They were having a grand time and experiencing very warm weather. They expect to be home by the 20th of this month.

ON the SUNNY SIDE

A customer stepped up to the grocery counter and asked for a quart of honey. The grocer handed over the parcel and said, "That will be \$5."

"How do you get that way?" asked the customer. "The last I bought just a few days ago was only \$2.50."

"I know," said the grocer, "but the bees now get petal to petal pay."

Explorer: "I have made a remarkable discovery. A tribe of human beings that possesses no weapon of warfare."

Listener: "Is that so? Didn't think there was any part of the world that uncivilized."

Teacher: "What's the fastest growing thing in nature?"
Skeptical pupil: "A fish from the time my Daddy lands it until he tells about it at our next party."

Miss Anna Buschke who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis at the local hospital was able to return to her Rhea creek home the first of the week. She was accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Buschke.

Attending the institution service at Bend Monday evening when the Right Rev. Lane W. Barton took the final steps in becoming Bishop of the Eastern Oregon diocese of the Episcopal church were Rev. Neville Blunt and Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Crawford of All Saints church of Heppner.

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Two little girls on their way home from Sunday school were solemnly discussing the lesson. "Do you believe there's a Devil?" asked one.

"No," said the other promptly. "It's like Santa Claus—it's your father."

Mrs. Roy Dolven, in town Tuesday, reported that her grandmother, Mrs. B. F. Swagart, is improving after several weeks treatment at a hospital in Pendleton. With spring just around the corner, Mrs. Swagart, who is numbered the county's oldest resident feels the urge to plant garden and she hopes she will be on the job when the right time arrives.

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