

EDITORIAL



Tragedy Near Manila

News dispatches reveal shocking events almost daily and the average reader or radio listener is inclined to give them nothing more than passing notice. There is so much going on in this busy old world that most of us lack the time necessary to really digest the news of the day and it is only when something close to home occurs that we manifest a special interest.

The slaying of the John Hardie household at their large dairy ranch some 15 miles from Manila in the Philippine Islands comes as a distinct shock to the people of this section of Oregon. They were Condon people, members of old and highly respected families. They had built up a successful enterprise in their adopted land and must have been looked upon as despised capitalists by the communist-directed "Huks" who murdered them in cold blood.

John Hardie was a brother of Senator Stewart Hardie of Condon, publisher of the Condon Globe Times. Although his residence was in Gilliam county, he was quite well known over this way and the news of the brutal slaying has been a severe shock.

Another Birthday

This issue of the Gazette Times marks the 68th anniversary of the founding of the newspaper which began as the Heppner Gazette and was merged with the Heppner Times in 1912. It would be interesting to publish some of the news of the formative days of Morrow county, and this would be done but for the fact that there are no files to fall back upon.

The Gazette Times is not the oldest weekly in these parts—just among the oldest—but the spirit of the paper is still young and it is hoped will continue that way indefinitely, always looking forward rather than living in the past which is the customary habit among humans who have attained retirement status and no longer find it necessary to look ahead. Regardless of what may happen in the years to come, it will be the policy of the newspaper to work for the best interests of the community as it sees those interests, and to refrain from prejudice and bias in presenting the news.

A Long Train

Can you imagine a train of freight cars extending from Pendleton to Omaha, Nebraska, or a similar distance? That would fairly represent the number of freight cars added and under order by the railroads of the country since the shooting war ended in 1945. Add to this the new passenger trains, the diesel and steam locomotives put into use and still under order complete figures of which are not available, and you will have some comprehension of what the railroads have been and are doing towards more efficient handling of traffic not only in the every-day pursuits of commerce but in the movement of personnel and materiel for the war effort. In all their plans the railroads have looked ahead, not only to meet the inroads of competitive freight and passenger ser-

vices but to expedite the handling of those things essential to national defense.

Sufficient steel to fill railroad requirements for construction of new freight cars and locomotives and for necessary maintenance must be a part of the armament program.

Figures have just been released on the requirements in man-power and fuel necessary to move 100,000 tons of freight from coast to coast.

On the railroads it would take 90 tank cars of diesel fuel. By truck it would take 250 tank cars, by air it would take 2,700 tank cars of aviation fuel. This is aside from the important fact that a great portion of heavy freight could not be moved in any manner except by rail.

When it comes to manpower requirements the railroads would require 3,500 man-days of train-crew time, trucks would take 90,000 man-days of truck-driver time, and air would require 50,000 man-days of plane-crew time.

These are important figures when calculating war-time transportation in such vital elements as fuel oil and manpower, both of which would be materially shortened in case of an extended shooting war. It is easy to see why it is essential that railroads, still the backbone of our transportation system, not be neglected in the allocation of materials and manpower.

A Contributed Editorial

We are not doomed by a thimbleful of poison. A federal civil defense booklet issued March 14 helps quell the rumor that America is faced with something worse than Hiroshima if an enemy plane comes over with nothing but a diminutive capsule of poison hanging in its bomb bay.

"What You Should Know About Biological Warfare" is the second in a series of booklets written by the federal civil defense administration. Following "Survival Under Atomic Attack," it has the same easy-to-read text and attractive format. It is more than easy on the eyes. A cheerful note—within limits of the subject—is contained in this factual and unemotional text on biological warfare.

This thought is offered. Suppose one ounce of botulism toxin is enough to kill 220 million people. Also let's suppose the 200 million living in North America are jammed together in one place. Then how could one ounce be distributed among the people. It couldn't. It couldn't be distributed among even a tiny fraction. It's a poison, not a germ than can reproduce its own kind and spread disease from one person to another.

The book doesn't minimize the dangers of biological warfare, however. It wisely points out that germs, not generals, often have decided the outcome of wars. Basic protective measures, such as sanitation, reporting sickness and helping authorities, are given Mr. Public.

Oregon's greatest agricultural resources could be hit hard by biological warfare. Before the United States entered World War I, enemy agents working in this country infected livestock with a disease called glanders as the animals were being prepared for shipment to the Allied nations

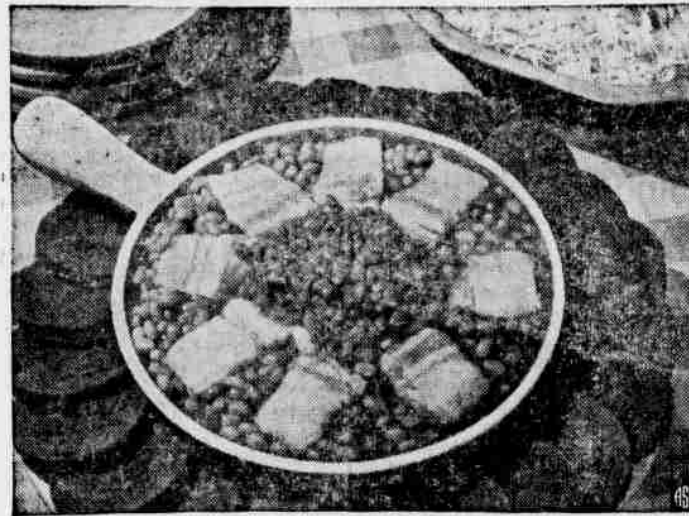
of Europe. It's nothing new. Biological warfare is not a secret superweapon.

The pamphlet points to the need for education in the many ramifications of civil defense. More rumors will have to be cut down before we approach realistic thinking. There are some definite steps to take. First is to learn the facts. Don't

count on intuition, and realize there won't be crystal balls to consult after sirens begin to wail. —From the Oregon Department of Civilian Defense.

If this be spring please give us back our recent January.

Boston Baked Beans Served With Molasses Distinction



Come Saturday night, many a New England household sits to a repast of appetizing, molasses-sweetened baked beans plus brown bread. Since to savor these two foods is to pass the word along, enjoyment of them has spread across the country. The molasses called for in the baked bean dish is unsulphured... the sweet, aromatic kind New Englanders have been using since colonial days.

Here are the steps to make a savory baked bean dish for the family. The canned brown bread may be sliced and served hot or cold.

Baked Beans (Quick Method)

4 cups (2 lbs.) dried beans
Cold water
1 large onion
4 teaspoons salt
½ cup unsulphured molasses
¼ teaspoon pepper
2 teaspoons dry mustard
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
½ pound salt pork
Wash beans. Cover generously with cold water; soak overnight. Add onion, salt, and if necessary, additional water to cover beans; bring to boiling point in covered saucepan. Remove onion; reserve. Simmer beans until tender. Drain; save 3 cups bean liquid (add additional water to make 3 cups, if necessary). Mix bean liquid with molasses, pepper, mustard, and Worcestershire sauce. Turn beans, onion, and salt pork into large casserole or bean pot. Add liquid mixture. Cover. Bake in moderately slow oven (325°F.) 1½ hours. Uncover. Lift pork to top of beans; bake 20 to 25 minutes to brown pork. YIELD: 16 servings.

Old Fashioned Baked Beans

Simmer beans only until beans are half done (skins break). Bake in slow oven (300°F.) 6 to 8 hours.

Mrs. Sadie Sigsbee who has been quite ill with a bronchial ailment, is improving and is able to get around in the car. Mrs. Addie Patterson, Dr. and Mrs. R. J. O'Shea and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cohn and daughter Sally were in Hermiston Sunday. They attended the baptismal service for little Teresa Lynn Cohn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Cohn.

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Saturday, March 31, 8 p. m.

REMEMBER THE PLACE....

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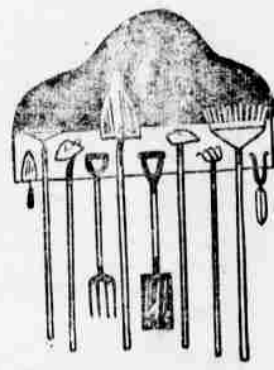
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Dr. Chich reports the arrival of a son at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Stockard of Lexington this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Crawford are rejoicing over the arrival of a son, John Spencer, last Sunday, March 20.

Mayor E. G. Noble has set Tuesday, April 12 as clean-up day for Heppner and he is looking forward to a complete and unanimous response by our citizens.

A meeting of Heppner's volunteer fire department is called for Monday night by President Notson. The meeting is of importance as it is time to elect new officers.

B. G. Sigsbee has been named local manager of the Tri-State Terminal company. He was formerly bookkeeper for the Farmers Elevator company and the Tri-State Terminal for the past two years.

Miss Mary Notson, senior at Willamette University, is one of three girls selected by the school as candidate for May Queen.

At the last reading of snow stakes at the head of Butter creek, stake No. 44 registered 23 inches and stake No. 31 at the head of Ditch creek registered 38.

Morrow County Fair board has established September 15-17 as dates for the 1921 fair.

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Peterson's Jewelers

"are in contrast to the ten months high reached in January."

February sales throughout this county amounted to \$14,256. Of this amount, \$13,256 were in E bonds.

Mrs. Richard Wells went to Portland Monday. She submitted to major surgery the first of the week but is reported to be improving slowly. Mr. Wells went to the city Wednesday to be with her.

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Statewide Sales Of Savings Bonds Off in February

Statewide sales of Savings Bonds for February were generally off, according to James H. Driscoll, Morrow county savings bond chairman.

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