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Due to so many turkeys being

shipped to soldiers at home

and overseas, the local supply

was somewhat limited. This

caused a shortage on the post-

Thanksgiving menus of Turkey

Croquettes de la Cavalier and

Turkey Hash, both being one

and the same thing.

Major Fred (Red) McDonald,

who played end and forward on

the P. Callison basketball and

football state champion teams,

(and HOW!) visited here last

week and left Fri for a new post.

He has been in England, North

Africa, Sicily and Italy. The

Major attended the torso twist-

ing at the Armory, and said he

would just as soon be in a fox-

hole, as a participant in a battle

royal.

The Black Tornado plays La

Grande in the metropolis next

Sat. for the state title, and bar-

ber shop clairvoyants have

started peering into the future

to determine the outcome.

The small fry have started an

intensive drive for Santa Claus,

and bigger stockings to hang up

by the fireplace.

Indian summer quit Wed.

night, and Squaw winter has

taken over, causing smaller

woodpiles in town, and hay-

stacks in the rural regions.

Duck hunters who returned

from Klamath county last Tues-

day, all got thawed in fine shape

by the end of the week, and re-

turned to the scene of their re-

frigeration.

Autolists are warned by a fed-

eral agency, their engines and

tires are wearing out. A model

T driver reports he had to crank

his veteran vehicle and was

pretty well tuckered himself ere

any results were obtained.

J. Tannehill Walker, 5, Fris-

coed over the week-end, and

will return in time to miss only

one day of school.

The fair and sister city of

Salem will vote on the establish-

ment of an electric power dis-

trict Feb. 9. It is a highly con-

troversial issue, nobody's busi-

ness outside of Salem, and will

neither win or lose the war.

Bill Brown of the E. Pt.

Browns towed Thurs. His bro-

Royal is wintering in the south.

Valley golfers turned their

eyes to the north the middle of

the week, where the Portland

open is being held, and golfers

who could bent them with one

hand tied behind them are

vying.

The cigarette shortage is eas-

ing around here. People who

don't smoke them, no longer

demand them.

The Russians Fri. captured

the strategic railway junction of

Cop, 180 miles ne. of Budapest.

There is no sense in such brevity

and pronouncement, when it

could have been called Police-

manovichkov.

Herr Hitler, the dynamic

kraut who misled Germany into

a world conquering attempt is

suffering from paranoia, coronary

thrombosis, paralysis of the

right side, throat tumor, dam-

aged chords, earache, and brain

conclusion, doctors report.

Many hold his nose width mus-

tache is also an affliction.

The Eino Hemmilla boy Mique

sends word his name is spelled

Mike, the same as what candi-

dates yell into, when on the air,

and Mike Hanley the Lake

Creek cowman.

The presidential cussing issue

is ended. Nothing was accom-

plished by bringing it up, except

more cussing, pro & con.

Our Political Future

True or false the P.A.C. of the C.I.O. believes that it won the recent election for President Roosevelt. Believing thus, it expects to receive certain favors from the President, among them a C.I.O. man for Madam Perkins' place, the new Secretary of Labor. What the other favors are have not been stated, but one of organized labor's publicity pals, writes in The Nation as follows:

"It is not enough to elect a President or even a congress. It is necessary to maintain public understanding and the public pressure without which the men elected tend to slip back into the orbit of the powerful moneyed forces that by and large govern the country despite elections. . . . So now is the time to organize when the bandwagon is crowded, the PAC's prestige at its peak, the nucleus of an organization ready at hand, intra-left quarrels at a minimum, and many persons in the country eager to go on with political action."

IN other words, instead of resting on their laurels, this political fellow-traveler, urges the P.A.C. to keep their organization intact, form a large and vigorous lobby in Washington, and keep constant pressure on the representatives of the people in Congress assembled, to see that they do as the P.A.C. and organized labor, wish them to do.

NOT only is pressure on the Congress advocated but pressure on the President himself, for the writer apparently doesn't quite trust F.D.R. except at election time.

We quote: "In organizing it would be well to keep away from White House influences including the progressives in the President's own official entourage. Mr. Roosevelt wants labor's support every four years, but if I read his mind rightly, he is not too anxious to have labor operate as a going concern in politics. For we will be pressuring him and upsetting some of his compromises with the right. The (Roosevelt) liberals with official jobs who have to check with the 'Skipper' (Roosevelt) for clearance are good people in their place, but dubious allies in this particular job."

And what IS this "particular job?" It is essentially we believe, a well-organized, widespread movement by labor to not only keep the P.A.C. a going concern, but enlarge it, and ultimately take over control of the Democratic party.

BEFORE some of our conservative friends shake an accusing finger and cry "We told you so!" we would like to remark that, if this effort does succeed it will not mean "the end of the world" nor, in our opinion at least, the end of the capitalistic profit system.

Rather it will mean, at long last the formation of a genuinely Liberal party in this country, that should have been formed many years ago, and a genuinely Conservative party to oppose it.

It might even come to mean the end of the Solid South, politically speaking, certainly a consummation devoutly to be wished.

IN short, instead of viewing such a movement with alarm, this department rather welcomes it. Let the P.A.C. take over the Democratic party, and as this writer advises "break down barriers of hostility and misunderstanding between labor and the farmer and other (liberal) elements of the community" if they can.

Then instead of having two old political parties, each composed of two utterly conflicting elements, there would automatically be two new political parties, each united within, by common beliefs and common aims.

The old party titles might even be retained. If so, however, they would no longer be meaningless, the Democratic party would be the liberal (radical) party; the Republican party would BE the conservative one.

A presidential election would then represent, not a conflict between two hybrid groups, but a conflict between two homogeneous ones not merely seeking power, but seeking also to administer the affairs of this country on the basis of certain, clearly defined principles.

FINALLY, why be frightened at the idea of a Labor party in the United States? Our cousins across the Atlantic have not only had a Labor party for decades, but had the party take over the government, after the last war, and it might well do the same after this one.

And what happened there would probably happen here. British labor was not half as radical when given power as when denied it. With the Anglo-Saxon race responsibility is a great "soberer". Our prediction is the more political responsibility placed on the shoulders of American labor the more conservative labor would become.

Election Polls

Speaking of elections, the recent one unquestionably sustains the value of national polls, as far as popular votes are concerned.

To date President Roosevelt's popular vote adds up to approximately 52.3 percent. The Crossley poll, which this paper used, predicted 52 percent. The Gallup poll, 51.5 percent, the N.O.R.C., 51.7 percent, and Roper 53.6 percent.

All very close to the bullseye, Crossley practically in it.

AS to states however the polls were pretty far off, none predicting any such landslide in the electoral college as Roosevelt got.

Two however did maintain the outcome probabilities ranged from a very close Dewey victory, to an overwhelming one for Roosevelt.

The Wall Street "bookies" also came out with prestige unimpaired. Their odds started at 2 to one against Governor Dewey, and never wavered ending at 3-1-2 to one. Many political prognosticators near the end couldn't understand such odds with almost everyone certain the race would be nip and tuck.

The bookies quite obviously knew what they were talking—and wagering—about.

MAP PROGRAM FOR YULE CHEER FOR ALL SERVICEMEN

A two-fold program to bring holiday cheer to servicemen is being worked out at present by the Jackson County Camp and Hospital committee. One is for men confined to the Station hospital at Camp White and the other is to aid with an all west coast project to assure every serviceman spending Christmas on the high seas a gift remembrance from home, according to Mrs. S. E. Phillips, chairman of the committee.

With much of the planning for the hospital project already completed, attention is being turned now to the second, which is under the supervision of Mrs. Mark Goldy. Present plans are to ask everyone in the county to contribute gifts and these will be taken to the courthouse on Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, for wrapping and packing in preparation for shipment to ports of embarkation. Pearl Harbor Day is to be observed with a special open house by the county Red Cross chapter between 10 a. m. and 6 p. m. at the courthouse.

A suggested list of gifts which may be bought for the men at sea on Christmas Day has been prepared by the Red Cross. It includes shaving cream or lotion, combs and nail file sets, razor blades, cards, paper-stick books, handkerchiefs, G.I. ties, small games, address books, ever-sharp pencils, writing pads and pens, soap, cigarettes, cigarette cases, oilskin waterproof pouch, snapshot case and bilfolds.

It is said that this is the first time permission has been obtained to send gifts on ships embarking just before holidays and it is thought presentation of the gifts on Christmas Day will do much to bring cheer to the men at sea.

Plans for the men at the Camp White hospital are extensive and include a party, decorating of the rooms with wreaths and garlands, singing of Christmas carols and presentation of a pageant. Gifts are being selected through organizations of Ashland and Medford and are to be ready by December 1.

SGT. PITTS WRITES HOME ABOUT INDIA

Staff Sgt. Houston Pitts, who arrived in India for duty with the army air forces, remarked in his first letter home about the dirt, squalor and poverty of the native people and added that the "weather is worse than Texas." Sgt. Pitts, liaison pilot, is the son of Mrs. Jennie Pitts, 915 Queen Anne avenue, and has been in the army more than two years.

The sergeant's three brothers are all in the air corps. Staff Sgt. Milton Pitts is now in England and has been wounded for the second time. He is an aerial gunner and served many months in the south Pacific, was home for a few months and then assigned to duty in the European theater. He has been in service three years.

Lt. Lanse Pitts, B-24 pilot, is now in Hawaii and Sgt. Champ Pitts, bomber crew chief, is in New Jersey. Mrs. Lanse Pitts resides in Central Point.

FINAL TRANSPORT ON WAYS MONDAY

Portland, Ore., Nov. 25.—(U.P.) Another phase of shipbuilding activities in the Portland area will come to an end Monday when the Oregon Shipbuilding corporation launches the last of the 30 AP-5 attack transports assigned to it last spring by the U. S. maritime commission.

Only the outfitting of the few remaining ships in the outfitting basin is left before the AP-5 program here is finished. The yard already has returned to the construction of victory ships, which is expected to carry it through 1945.

Oregonship launched the 900th vessel built in the Portland area last Thursday when the U. S. S. Lauderdale slid down the way.

LT. PEART A PRISONER

Second Lt. Donald L. Peart is a prisoner of war of the German army, information received Friday by his mother, Mrs. Gertrude E. Peart, 707 West Main street, states. Lt. Peart was listed as missing in action October 17, after a raid over Austria. The officer was piloting a B-17 on his last flight. He had been overseas since last August.

CURB FORESTRY MEET

Portland, Ore., Nov. 25.—(U.P.) Only key men among western logging and lumber firms and associations will attend the annual forestry conference in Portland December 7 to 9.

WAR LABOR BOARD STEEL DECISION BRINGS PROTESTS

Washington, Nov. 25.—(U.P.) Four War Labor Board industry members and two U. S. Steel Corp. executives tonight took issue with the WLB's basic steel decision.

Industry members said night shift differential would be "disruptive" for the steel industry, charging the board was, in effect, changing a policy of long standing.

John A. Stephenson, a U. S. steel vice-president who is chairman of the steel case research committee, said that the action allowed "a series of wage increases" under various guises for which there was no justification, while in New York, Irving S. Olds, chairman of the board of directors of U. S. steel, said the decision "seriously affects government wage stabilization policy."

Of the differential decision, the industry members said, "not only has the board changed its policy but it has made this change retroactive." The statement was signed by Clarence Skinner, Vincent Ahearn, Lee Hill and James Tanham.

They said shift differentials would mean more pay for no more work and disrupt certain age relationships in the plants where men earn by seniority the right to work on the day shift.

GUARD COMPANIES TO BE INSPECTED

Annual federal inspection of the two local State Guard companies will be held at the Armory Tuesday at 8 p. m., the inspecting officer being Major Walter E. Groth of the 9th Corps Area, Company A, 1st Battalion, 1st Regt. is commanded by Captain James W. Grigsby and Headquarters Detachment, 1st Battalion, 1st Regt., is commanded by 1st Lieut. Moore Hamilton. Accompanying Major Groth will be Brigadier General Ralph P. Cowling, commanding officer of the Oregon State Guard. Major Carl Y. Tengwald is in command of the 1st Battalion, which comprises all southern Oregon units of the State Guard.

The State Guard was organized when war was declared, principally for the purpose of furnishing local security for the state and is immediately available for any emergencies that may arise.

SOCIALITE FACES TERM AS BURGLAR

Redwood City, Nov. 25.—(U.P.)—San Francisco socialite Gerald Melone, who quit playing polo to become a merchant marine carpenter's mate, and his two seamen pals, Ralph Duggar and Siperone Balenzuela, will be sentenced Monday after a San Mateo county jury found them guilty yesterday of stealing \$18,000 worth of jewels and furs from the home of Mrs. Dorothe Heller Kok at Hillsborough, Calif.

They were charged with first degree burglary and grand theft. Conviction carries a prison term of from one to 10 years for grand theft and a minimum of five years for burglary.

THE GRANGE

Gold Hill Grange

Vice Chairman Lucy Edington presided over the Home Economics meeting November 22 in absence of Chairman Florence Howes. It was decided to hold the H.E.C. Christmas meeting December 13 at 1 p. m. when Flora friends will be revealed and names drawn for next year. Each lady is asked to bring two

inexpensive gifts, also candy, popcorn, nuts or what-have-you for the treat.

The Grange dinner, bazaar and dance November 18 was a big success.

Ben Schmidt, Y.M.C.A. secretary at Medford, gave a lecture on "Home Life in China."

The Grange quilt went to Mrs. T. J. Sullivan, route 1, Gold Hill.

EARLY ACTION ON MILITARY DRILL FOR YOUTH SEEN

Washington, Nov. 25.—(U.P.) The house committee on postwar military policy tonight urged early consideration of compulsory military training by the new congress which convenes January 3.

Chairman Clifton A. Woodrum, D. Va., reported to the house that the committee will be unable to complete hearings this year on several important items on its agenda "including the subject of universal military training," but that "this important subject should be carefully explored at an early date."

The question of compulsory training originally was scheduled for consideration when congress reconvened November 14 after its election recess, but it was quietly laid aside when members began receiving numerous letters of protest.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although the use of a pen name or initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters sent to it for clarity and conciseness.

The Water-Tight Problem

To the Editor: Governor Snell deserves commendation for advising members of the coming legislature and others concerned to get their bills ready and be prepared to facilitate business when the assembly meets, making it as short as possible.

One thing, let us hope, will be done—legislative extension of requirements for the improvement and use of water rights which are held by many farmers, war workers, men in the armed services and citizens generally who, for various good reasons, have been unable to fulfill the requirements and cannot do so until peace is restored. For this reason, the governor and legislators will be just and wise in extending the improvement period, as the federal government has done, giving water-right holders a chance to obtain materials and manpower and time to do the work. This is a matter of grave importance to many citizens who are working hard for victory and haven't time for anything else.

Cornelius O'Donovan, 210 Postal Bldg., Portland, Nov. 25, 1944.

Thanks for Forest Fire Aid To the Editor: The Jackson county "Keep Oregon Green Committee" wishes to express appreciation to all who so cheerfully and effectively co-operated with fire prevention and forest protection work during the hot, dry summer.

Especially to be commended in the vicinity of Medford for bringing to the attention of the reading public the real need for protecting our forests against waste and destruction are the Medford Mail Tribune and the Medford News; and KMED for giving out daily warnings to be alert for fires all the time.

The Boy Scouts were exceedingly helpful in their valuable assistance in distributing posters to business houses, hotels and hospitals. Some of the scouts did fine work in putting forest protection and fire prevention displays in the Chamber of Commerce, Hubbard Bros. and Penney stores.

We wish to also mention that stores and other places of business throughout the county and innumerable homes added immensely to the program of for-

est protection and fire prevention by their earnest co-operation.

Forest protection and fire prevention practice is almost entirely a matter of education, so as we all become more and more forest-protection minded our God-given forests will increasingly respond to our country's needs.

R. E. Dodge, Jackson County Chairman, John E. Gribble, Medford Co-ordinator.

MEDFORD DOCTORS GO TO PORTLAND

Drs. A. F. Walter Kresse and R. W. Clancy, both found guilty last month in federal court here on charges of violating the Harrison narcotics act, were taken to Portland today by Jack Caulfield, United States marshal, and George Vranizan, deputy, from Portland. Both doctors have been in the Jackson county jail since their conviction. Dr. Clancy since Oct. 20 and Dr. Kresse since Oct. 27.

The men are to appear before Judge James Alger Fee in Portland for sentence but date of the appearance has not been announced.

CANCEL WAR BOND SHOWS IN STATE

Portland, Ore., Nov. 25.—(U.P.)—In spite of the fact that war department orders have cancelled two war bond shows designed to spur Oregon's sixth war loan drive, state committee heads still maintain that Oregon will keep its place as a national leader in bond sales.

Army officers said the army personnel from taking part in such shows is to prevent any interruption in the training of the soldiers concerned.

TO HONOR 41ST

Portland, Ore., Nov. 25.—(U.P.) The northwest's own division, the Fighting 41st, will be honored here January 10 with the launching of the S. S. Sunset. The Sunset division is made up almost entirely of Oregon men and has been overseas for three years.

Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson Co. History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20, and 34 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

November 24, 1934

(It Was Saturday)

Medford high defeats Hood