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Gasoline use in Oregon last year increased 2,085,944 gallons over the previous year, the secretary of state reports.

Beards threaten to return as facial adornment for the stronger sex. Like the sturdy pioneers, the wearer of the whiskers will either trim them personally, or let their wives do it.

YE ED. AFFIRMIS (Bee (Neb.) Sun)
In this instance, the editor cannot shift the blame to a reporter, for the editor himself went newsgathering at the courthouse and made a careless blunder.

There are tribes of pygmies who smoke cigars with the lighted ends in their mouths. (Czechoslovakia.) Many Americans would take a chance and do the same if they could get a cigar.

The first mole-hill of the year showed up in a residential area backyard the first of the week. The lady of the house couldn't have been any madder if it had been a mountain.

The three leading press associations have agreed on a uniform spelling of European names. Henceforth, Rumania will be Rumania, not Romania, Roumania, or Romany.

An upstate sheet wonders why they never hear of Marshall Pétain of France any more. The former Vichy puppet has disappeared as completely from the news as the Dionne quintuplets.

"OAH WOMEN'S READ TO BE SEATED" (Waterbury Conn.) Republican (Hdline)—Anatomical feat.

SO WILL WE ALL (Bend Bulletin)
When the armies are shifted to the Pacific after the defeat of Germany most of their equipment will be left behind, so it is reported. If the tires, at least, are not taken off the trucks and the jeeps we shall wonder if rubber is so critical after all.

Something went wrong with the harness of a team of horses on Sixth st. yes, and was adjusted by the driver. In per-war days, he would have been sneered at by 40 passing auto horns.

Horror tales continue to pour out from Jap and Nazi prison camps. About ten years ago the worst fate that could befall a human being, was to be sentenced for three months on a Georgia chain-gang. Remember?

"LIBERAL" IS THE WORD
What this country needs, declares Dr. Robert Maynard Hutchins of the University of Chicago, is a good liberal education.

"O Tempora, O Mores!"

"How times change!" We have been reminded of this time-honored wheeze by being the recipient of several copies of the Wall Street Journal.

It seems only yesterday that this financial daily paper was positively apoplectic over the threat of public ownership in the utility field.

The particular cause of this perturbation then, was the Tennessee Valley Authority—an attempt by a pack of "Killowatt Bolsheviks" headed by Senator Norris of Nebraska, to destroy all private business in this country and hand everything over to "Parlor Pinks and the Bomb-Toting Anarchists."

But now listen to this—the comment of the same journal on the recent proposal for a Missouri Valley Authority:

"President Roosevelt's proposal for TVAs in every important watershed in the country has a certain logical foundation—no doubt about that. If TVA has been a good thing for the Tennessee river region it should be a good thing for every other river region."

AMAZING how public opinion can change and in a comparatively few years—not more than eight or ten of them at most.

Not, we imagine, that the Wall Street Journal is particularly enamored of federal power and light projects. No doubt it would prefer the good old days if there were any chance of returning to them.

But the Journal is enlightened enough to realize that can't be done—the clock of social and industrial progress can't be turned back. And it is also hopeful that in this country at least a middle road between the extreme right and the extreme left can be attained.

In other words probably the Wall Street Journal believes that along with the development of public power projects, some private power companies, if properly conducted with some sense of social responsibility, can also continue to operate—and at a reasonable profit.

In other words it foresees a compromise whereby a modified private profit system can endure working with, rather than against a system of controlled public ownership.

This department has a pious idea the Wall Street Journal is right.

A Brand New Idea

In the above direction it is interesting to note the progressive and scholarly economist Stuart Chase agrees with the Wall Street Journal.

And that brethren is NEWS! When the Messiah of Wall Street sees eye to eye with the Apostle of the "Economy of Abundance" or vice versa, the man who bit the dog has nothing on either.

THIS new doctrine is advanced in Chase's recent book, "Democracy Under Pressure: Special Interests vs. the Public Welfare," and like all of Chase's books is readable, stimulating and instructive.

The big test, he thinks, is coming when the war ends.

There will then be tremendous stresses here toward totalitarianism; one communistic, the other fascist, either one according to the author fatal to the America we all hold dear.

AS THE Wall Street Journal believes there is a middle road avoiding both extremes, so does Stuart Chase. But in order to reach it the American people must rise on their hind-legs and crush the pressure groups—ALL pressure groups—labor, capital, agriculture or what have you.

Listen to this, from a young Liberal who has fought for labor and the underdog, and against Privilege and Big Business all his life:

"If I were a labor leader today I would tread very gently. I would not fight for feather-beds or special privilege, or try to double-rivet any monopolies I might have. I would retire James Caesar Petrillo in 10-15 minutes to the kettle-drums or whatever he came from. I would, however, fight until I dropped, for decent working conditions, for health and safety measures, and especially for a national plan for full employment after the war."

Yes the Labor Pressure Group must be disciplined, as all America must be disciplined away from the idea of greed and grab, to a new gospel of give and let-live. And what is true of labor, is true of capital and Big Business—of agriculture and the Grange.

IN THIS part of the discussion Chase returns to his "Economy of Abundance," declaring that that doctrine "makes the class struggle as old-fashioned as a high-wheeled bicycle."

But if these pressure groups continue in their mad rush for selfish benefits, no such economy can ever be attained.

WE Believe here is something very important and very significant—the virtual agreement of Wall Street on one hand, and America's foremost crusader for "a better life for ALL," on the other.

When two such conflicting ideological types agree on what SHOULD be done in this country after the war, there must be something in the proposal worthy of the most careful consideration.

AMERICA, in Stuart Chase's opinion, is the one great nation which will emerge from this war, with conditions favorable for maintaining a great area of what is popularly known as "free enterprise" and confining what is known as public ownership and operation to a "few key points."

Such a system will give what he calls a balanced economy, which will retain the conception of public service, without destroying the profit motive.

But it will be no easy job. Like most things worth-while, it will not be handed to the American people on a silver platter. They will have to fight—and fight hard—for it!

LEAGUE MEETING HEARS REPORT ON BILLS AT SALEM

Recommendations of the Oregon board of the League of Women Voters on legislation already introduced or proposed for the present session of the legislature were reviewed at a meeting of the Jackson county board Tuesday night.

The Oregon League will present recommendations to legislators who are preparing a county manager plan, it was stated. League members made a long-term study of the county manager system some time ago and have advocated that counties should be permitted to use the system if the residents so desire.

Opposition to any bill calling for a 25 per cent limitation on federal income tax through constitutional amendment was announced by the Oregon board. The board has also gone on record as favoring a proposed bill to develop an adequate statewide school lunch program, favors further state aid to schools with minimum standards set for schools participating and supports civil rights but not necessarily the present bill proposed in the current session.

JAY GIESE BUYS OIL CITY PLANT

Purchase of the wholesale and retail bulk plant, Oil City, at 1810 North Riverside avenue by Jay Giese, oil and gasoline distributor for Wilshire products, was announced today. Giese, who purchased the station from S. D. Begley of Medford, has already taken over its operation.

Giese who now holds the Jackson and Josephine distributorship for the Wilshire Oil company, formerly was distributor for Gilmore products in Josephine county. Prior to that he was employed by the Standard Oil company in Medford for 10 years.

The new station owner states that the Wilshire company has embarked upon an expansion program and recently opened a new \$10,000,000 refinery at Norwalk, Calif., which is considered one of the most modern in the country. The firm's district office is located at Klamath Falls. Oil City, modernistic in design and uniquely lighted, is being operated by Mel Simmonds. Giese is a member of a number of Medford organizations, including the newly organized Junior Chamber of Commerce, and has been identified with many civic activities, including Boy Scout work. The family home is at 129 Columbus street.

TWO JIMA TOUGH PLACE TO CRACK

A Liberator Base Somewhere in the Marianas, Feb. 8—(U.P.)—Two Jima island, half-way between Saipan and Tokyo in the Volcano Islands, is showing no apparent ill-effects from the heavy pounding that American airmen have been giving it in the past few months. Liberator crews here say they continually "bomb hell out of the airstrips" but return the next day to find them smoothed over. "The Japs have taken almost everything underground," said Liberator Commander Col. Lawrence J. Carr of Chicago. "Two is a tough nut to crack. We've knocked out their above-ground installations but otherwise they're just about as well off now as they were a couple of months ago."

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 with a view to clarity and condensation.

Likes Private Kahl's Ideas
To the editor: Most short quick statements have soft spots here and there, so perhaps there's an essential flaw in the logic of Pvt. Kahl as quoted, but it sounds pretty good—so good that few statesmen are up to it. Actually quite a few of us knew that there was something very wrong about it even as the events of 20 years came off the press; but some of us had already saved the world for Democracy once, and we were damned busy trying to eat regularly—and those who were paid to represent us were a little stupid on the average. Thank you for printing the excerpts from Pvt. Kahl. I like the ideas. Miles Gammill, RFD No. 1, Box 428

JACKSON COUNTY FARM NOTES

Compiled by County Office O. S. C. Extension Service

Farm Crops and Soils Meeting
On Wednesday, Feb. 14, a meeting on crops and soils will be held in the courthouse auditorium, beginning at 10 a. m. This meeting is important as the subjects of crops, soils and fertilizers, methods of applying fertilizers and the wants of the government in regard to crops will be discussed by C. H. Otis and Art King of the State College extension staff. Anyone interested is invited to attend this meeting.

1944 Agriculture Conservation Program Due
Only one week remains in which farm operators may file reports of practices performed for payment under the 1944 agricultural conservation program. February 15 is the final date.

County Committees have been given the "go signal" on filing 1944 applications for payment. Word has been received by the state committee that sufficient funds will be available to make full payment for the record amount of soil and water conservation work performed by Oregon farmers under the 1944 program.

War Food Administration cautions farmers that 1945 supplies of new machinery, even if manufacturing schedules are met, will not meet essential needs and that as long as the war continues farmers will not be able to buy as much new machinery as they will need in order to maintain their facilities at greatest efficiency.

Wigle, Lecture hour consisted of a reading by Roy Cameron, "The Flag Goes Up Again in the Philippines," "Bear Story" by Vance Wolgast. Reports of the boys in the service by parents and group singing. Ed Fiene and Mary Estamoda were reported recovering from their recent illness.

Refreshments were served by Nina Dusenbury, Florence Lance and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Long. The third and fourth degrees will be put on February 15.

Central Point Grange
Central Point Grange met in regular session February 2 at the Grange hall with a large attendance. Featured on the program was Miss Vera Humphrey who presented members of the Junior Red Cross in several enjoyable numbers.

During the meeting the following persons received the first and second degrees: Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Floux, Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Downing, Mr. and Mrs. Emory T. Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Goehring, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Cleveland and Wm. Lee Curry.

The third and fourth degrees will be given February 16 at which time any other Granges in the county are welcome to bring their candidates. Plans were completed for the Valentine dance to be held at 8:30 p. m. February 10, to which friends of the Grange are invited. Members who offered donations for the dance are reminded to have them at the hall in ample time.

THE GRANGE

Applegate Grange
The last meeting of the Applegate Grange, held January 26, had the installation of two new officers, May Fields as steward to replace Eugene Krouse, and Wayne Rich as gatekeeper, to replace Fred Walker. Both have been installed. Two new members, Vivian Walker and Olvis Terry took their first and second degrees. Then the Grange voted to contribute \$10 to the Hyslop memorial. At the close of the business meeting penny drill was turned into a march of dimes of which \$6.50 were taken in.

Last meeting of the Home Economics club was held at Marie Benedicts and the following officers were elected: Grace Hunter, vice chairman; Harriett Rich, secretary; Bessie Elmore, treasurer. Their next meeting will be held February 21, at Josephine Krouse's.

Central Point Grange
Central Point, Feb. 7—Central Point Grange members will give a Valentine dance Saturday, Feb. 10, at the grange hall. Dancing will begin at 8:30 and will last until midnight and there will be a few old-time dance numbers in addition to the modern dances, the committee states. Refreshments will be served. The public is invited to attend. Proceeds from the dance will be used to pay for the recent improvements on the hall which included a new ceiling.

Committee on arrangements is Frank Hammond, Arnold Bohnert, Al. Puhl and Claude Hoover.

Gold Hill Grange
The Gold Hill Grange met February 1 with Glenn Chase acting as master. All committees gave reports. Prof. Jones outlined the different measures pertaining to education before the state legislature. Eight candidates were obligated in the first and second degrees by W. G.

POLES IN EXILE FILE 14 CHARGES AGAINST SOVIET

Washington, Feb. 8—(U.P.)—The Polish government in exile continued its controversy with the Soviet Union today by listing 14 allegedly unfriendly Russian acts against Poland during the past five years.

In the new issue of "Polish Facts and Figures," published by the Polish government information center, it was asserted that the Polish exile government's attempt to create a basis of understanding with Russia had been ignored.

"During the past five years the Kremlin did all to discourage the sincere adherents of Polish Soviet cooperation," it said. "There exists a glaring contradiction between Soviet demands for a 'friendly Polish government' and the obvious unfriendliness of Russia toward Poland."

The 14 "unfriendly" acts charged to Russia included: Unprovoked occupation of eastern Poland in 1939; participation of Poland between Russia and Germany by the Ribbentrop-Molotov pact; deportation of "over a million people into Russia;" refusal to supply armaments and food to the Polish army formed on Russian soil.

—R. G. FOWLER, County Agent.

PETRILLO FACES LAW OBEDIENCE SAYS VANDENBERG

Washington, Feb. 8—(U.P.)—Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg, R., Mich., today accused James C. Petrillo, president of the American Federation of Musicians (A.F.M.), of engaging in "battle with the school children of America."

Vandenberg's remark was evoked by the AFM's action in placing the national music camp at Interlochen, Mich., on its unfair list. The senator is author of a bill which would make it illegal for anyone to interfere with the broadcast of non-commercial culture programs.

"I know nothing about the details of this latest episode in Mr. Petrillo's battle with the school children of America," Vandenberg said. "I do know, however, that the United States Senate, with the approval of the Federal Communications Commission, has twice unanimously said that freedom of the air shall not be foreclosed to non-commercial cultural programs from accredited educational institutions."

"If the House of Representatives agrees, I expect to see the law enforced. It clearly reaches any conspiracy to defy its mandate."

LIFE TERM GIVEN PRIVATE WEBER

Camp Roberts, Calif., Feb. 8—(U.P.)—Pvt. Henry Weber, who says he is opposed to war, hate and killing, today was under sentence of life imprisonment at hard labor after a court martial board commuted his death penalty for his refusal to obey an officer's command.

The general court martial, which returned the verdict yesterday after having been ordered to reconsider the case, directed at the same time that Weber be dishonorably discharged from the service and that any pay or allowances due or becoming due be forfeit.

A reviewing authority will determine the place of imprisonment.

The Socialist Labor party, New York, a left-wing group of which Weber is a member, promised through its regional head, Hebert Steiner, that it would do everything possible to "see that he gets justice."

"The punishment still doesn't fit the crime," Steiner said. He said the party was not pacifist but opposed the capitalist system which produces war. Some of its members have gone into conscientious objectors' camps or non-combatant groups, Steiner said.

Closing time for Classified Ads 9 a. m. — Too Late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

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

February 8, 1935 (It was Friday)
Woman comes from Germany as rebuttal witness for state in Bruno Hauptmann trial for kidnaping infant son of Col. Lindbergh. She denies her dead husband received the ransom money, as defense claims.

Cloudy. High 54, low 44 degrees.
Moves to amend work relief bill are defeated in congress.

Small boys nabbed for stealing reflectors from auto lights.

Spring hats for fair sex to retain side tilt, and be adorned with flowers and feathers.

Grants Pass quint to play Black Tornado tonight.

General Smuts of South Africa declares Japan's stand in Pacific world peace.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

February 8, 1925 (It was Sunday)
Highway near Roseburg blocked by mammoth slide.

Airplane races dog team to Nome with serum for diphtheria plague.

Ex-Kaiser sees world calamity in Russia alliance with Japan.

Floyd Collins, imprisoned by rocks in Kentucky cave still alive, radio reports.

Bill to move Jacksonville courthouse passed by lower house.

Rain. High 44, low 39 degrees.

Floods in Eastern Oregon continue. Downpour here is followed by clear cold weather.

Radio club to be formed here.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY

February 8, 1911 (It was Wednesday)
Civic Improvement committee asks council to make Medford, 'city beautiful.'

Police seize hats in Portland shops with Chinese Pheasant plumage.

John Bunny at Isis Theater tonight; stock company at U-go in 'The Senator's Daughter.'

FIGHTING GAINS ITALIAN FRONT

Rome, Feb. 8—(U.P.)—Fifth army troops repulsed a number of strong enemy counterattacks to defend and consolidate recent gains in the Serchio valley on the Ligurian coast, headquarters said today. Increased fighting developed on other sectors.

Colle Hamle, a quarter of a mile south of Reppignana was occupied against resistance. In the central sector south of Bologna, American units were forced to fall back under a strong counterattack a mile north of Castel Vecchio but they later routed the attackers and regained the ground.

Jessica Dragonette
singling star of the radio says: "I use and cheerfully recommend Arid. Arid never irritates my skin. Never harms the most delicate fabrics. That's why I'm an ardent Arid booster."
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