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Have To Wait For Sugar

American housewives might just as well face the facts. America's sugar barrel is pretty empty right now and there is little prospect of relief for a long time to come. It will probably be 1947 before the family sugar bowl is heaping once more and unlimited supplies will be available for home canning.

CLINTON ANDERSON'S forthright approach of the problem as secretary of agriculture has slashed bureaucratic red tape which has slowed the procurement, allocation and distribution of all foods. In addition to OPA many agencies have been involved in the handling of sugar including the WPB, ODT, WSA, FEA, WMC, WLB, the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion, the Office of Economic Stabilization, the Army and the Navy, the Bureau of the Budget, and the Departments of Agriculture, State and Treasury.

MUCH as we may resent the allocation of 60,000 tons to Franco's Spain, it is only fair to point out that this supply of precious sugar was used to help pay for quantities of tungsten ore purchased from the Spaniards so that the Nazis would not get it. It was a wartime commitment which was undoubtedly justified in the emergency.

PHILIPPINE cane sugar supply, comprising 15 per cent of America's pre-war consumption, will not be back until 1947—when cane fields are reclaimed, factories and railroads rebuilt and water buffalo, the principal work animal, replenished.

THE needs of the military and naval forces will still be sizable although reductions will be made here. It is interesting to note that per capita consumption of sugar in the Armed Forces is double the pre-war U. S. consumption.

SO, if the OPA seems a bit tough in dispensing sugar the real facts should be considered. The situation is about as bad as it can be now and can hardly do otherwise than improve. When it does, the housewife has been promised number one priority.

The Buckeroos Are Back

Bronco-busters and bulldoggers will hold the spotlight this week-end when the Jackson County Sheriff's Posse holds its annual rodeo at the Fairgrounds Saturday night and Sunday afternoon.

THE Sheriff Posse rodeo is fast becoming an institution, here in the Rogue River Valley, and it is quite conceivable that Medford's yearly affair will some day reach the proportions of the Salinas and Pendleton roundups.

THIS year, as an added attraction, the stars of "Canyon Passage," now in production at Diamond Lake, will be on hand to witness and participate in the Fairgrounds rodeo.

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, Sept. 7—The Pearl Harbor matter has devolved into a semi-subtle political maneuver of the new dealers to prevent exposure of Mr. Roosevelt's responsibility. Their commentators and congressmen, since the reports, have daily raised the theme that it would be useless to rake those cooled coals further and sully proud, official names (rarely mentioning Mr. Roosevelt's). Why not let bygones be bygones and get on with reconversion or whatever it is we are doing? Among themselves, they say: "De mortuis nil nisi bonum" say nothing but good of the

dead as if the worst of all blows to American arms was now a matter of etiquette. Hence also, Mr. Truman did what he could for his old chief by blaming the public and congress for the disaster, as the whole departmental administration below Mr. Truman had blamed one another. This drew the blame over everyone in the country except Mr. Roosevelt (as Mr. T. was then serving in congress.) ALL this, of course, represented genuine inner fear of what a full inquiry might do not only to the president, but politically to the party. Seeing this, the republicans started championing in congress the cause of an investigation. They have sufficient strength alone to force one, but they are getting quiet helping hands from some non-new-dealing democrats who want justice done. Deeper inside, an invisible impetus for exposure is coming from—of all places—the navy department and to a lesser extent the army. MR. ROOSEVELT, you will recall, recognized his talent for naval strategy. He once told a friend of mine, before our war,

he believed he could place the fleet in certain positions around the world and win the European war. He got big appropriations for his pet department and is supposed to have been the godfather of the fleet. It can now be related a large part of the navy did not like this. He ran things too much his own way, which was not the way of those admirals who retained independent minds.

He gave away destroyers to Britain, moved half the fleet into the Atlantic and left only half of it to face Japan, thereby opening the opportunity for the Jap attack.

THESE criticisms have long been murmured off-stage in congress. Lately there has been another unconfirmed story in circulation that Mr. Roosevelt required the half fleet in the Pacific to remain largely bottled up in Pearl Harbor for fear of giving Japan an opportunity to start shooting. Adm. Richardson is said to have been relieved of Pearl Harbor command because he refused to set the ships up at anchor in that small space, without maneuverability, like ducks in a pond.

A POWERFUL segment within the navy would like to have these matters publicly explored to clear its name, and is quietly pushing the investigation idea along.

In the face of this phalanx, the administration seems coming around to the view that there must be an investigation, and intends to do the next best thing about it—run it themselves. Signs are visible that they intend to take the issue out of the hands of the republicans and carefully choose the investigating committee, not only to protect the fair name of Mr. Roosevelt, but themselves politically.

THE Truman government is now in no discernible political danger. The fair name of Mr. Roosevelt in history will be whatever it will be, whether the Pearl Harbor facts reach full daylight or not. His name is in no danger I can see. But the morale of the navy and the army is in danger from this situation. A sickening condition has been caused in the services by the manner in which the whole Pearl Harbor blunder was covered all these years, and those deemed responsible were allowed to occupy the most prominent war jobs, or get retirement pay and otherwise were protected.

I understand, for instance, that the two lieutenant colonels at Pearl Harbor, shown in the army board report to have been alert to the danger and wanting to do something about it, have never been promoted through-out this war. A condition has resulted, harmful to initiative, alertness and efficiency. An investigation could act like a democratic purge to cleanse this condition, and establish a sounder navy and army morale.

I think the Truman administration is running a great political risk in trying to sit on the lid of this internal deterioration, but might gain great prestige by letting the facts fall where they should in a fully free, nonpolitical inquiry.

Naval Academy Is California's Hope

Washington, Sept. 7—(U.P.)—Sen. Sheridan Downey, D., Cal., said today he was "very hopeful" that the Navy department would formulate a training policy providing for the establishment of a naval academy on the west coast.

His senate committee to investigate the proposal still is at work, he said. Hero Wainwright To Lead Parade San Francisco, Sept. 7—(U.P.)—Lt. Gen. Jonathan Wainwright, hero of Corregidor, will lead a Victory parade here Sunday, army officials informed Mayor Roger Lapham today.

Wainwright will ride at the head of a parade of 20,000 service men and war workers, Maj. W. C. Powers, army liaison officer said.

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Jeb Wilkins loses the wanderlust kids and family... basking in the sunshine with a glass of cold beer... that's living," Jeb says. From where I sit, Jeb's discovered what millions of other Americans have learned through the war. Whether your choice is beer or buttermilk... a quiet book or a bit of friendly conversation... there's no place like home... where we grumble the most and get treated the best! Joe Marsh

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

TEN YEARS AGO September 7, 1935 (It Was Saturday) Henry Ford, auto king, mentioned as opponent of Roosevelt for president next year.

Fair and cooler, High 91, low 63 degrees. Pope sees peace prospect in Ethiopian fuss.

Bill Bowerman takes over as high school coach, and lacks football veterans. Coquelle takes firm action to halt strike disturbances.

Packing plants of city swamped by crop to work tomorrow. TWENTY YEARS AGO September 7, 1925 (It Was Monday) William Green assails Communism and "Big Business" in Labor Day speech.

Col William Mitchell wants court martial for criticism of army and navy air policy.

Rene Viviani, former premier, and greatest French orator of a generation, dies in Paris.

Stores of city closed for Labor Day.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO September 7, 1911 (It Was Thursday) "Alfred E", famous southern Oregon racer, sprains ankle, and racing days are over.

Rain falls over valley, but more is needed. War panic hits Germany over Morocco with France.

Minnesota farmers irked by President Taft's stand on tariff.

Navy Drops Plan Monterey Hospital San Francisco, Sept. 7—(U.P.)—The navy announced today it has abandoned plans to buy Hotel Del Monte near Monterey and convert it into a hospital. The announcement was made by Vice Adm. Ross T. McIntire, medical corps USN, chief of the bureau of medicine and surgery. Preliminary negotiations already had begun when the navy decided against purchase.

CONVICTS RETURN Canon City, Colo., Sept. 7—(U.P.)—Three long term convicts were in solitary confinement today after shooting their way to freedom with tear gas only to sneak back to their cells a few hours before roll call.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, E. L. Peterson, Director of agriculture of the State of Oregon, will conduct a public hearing at the Chamber of Commerce, Medford, Oregon, on September 13, 1945, at 1:30 p. m. to receive evidence and testimony pertaining to the minimum prices paid by distributors and consumers for fluid milk in the Jackson County Marketing Area; No. 2 and No. 3 and Camp White Marketing Area; to nooling regulations regulating the purchase of milk from producers; to regulations pertaining to fair trade practices relating to the distribution and sale of fluid milk; and all other matters pertaining to the production and distribution of fluid milk in the Jackson County Marketing Areas No. 2 and No. 3 and Camp White Marketing Area, and to repeal all orders now in effect in said marketing areas.

E. L. PETERSON, Director State Department of Agriculture. INVESTORS MUTUAL, INC. INVESTORS SELECTIVE FUND, INC. INVESTORS STOCK FUND, INC. Frederick W. Snook 1104 Queen Anne Tel. 2512, Medford, Ore.

TOURIST TRAVEL DISCUSSED HERE

Executives of the Grants Pass and Josephine County, Ashland and Jackson County chambers of commerce met here Thursday night to discuss tourist travel promotion and matters of mutual interest to the southwestern Oregon area. The meeting was held at the Jackson County chamber of commerce building, the business session following a social hour and dinner.

In attendance at the inter-city meeting were Senator and Mrs. Earl T. Newberry of Ashland, Don McGregor, president of the Josephine County chamber and Mrs. McGregor, Warren Whitlock, manager of the Grants Pass organization and Mrs. Whitlock, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Grey and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hull, representing the Jackson County chamber of commerce.

Senator Newberry is president of the Ashland chamber of commerce.

LANA DIVORCED Hollywood, Sept. 7—(U.P.)—Lana Turner, sweater-girl movie star awarded a divorce from

SOCIALITES PART Reno, Nev., Sept. 7—(U.P.)—Mrs. Margaret Mason Colt was divorced yesterday from Samuel Sloan Colt, New York banker, on grounds of cruelty. Both social registerites, they were married in 1918 and have several children.

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