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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14—Hot and cold-blowing patriots have been buying government bonds in public, then sneaking to the postoffices and banks to redeem them for cash.

The number of these chameleonic heroes is growing, not much, but too much. The last treasury figures show \$25,000,000 of war bonds were redeemed in July, \$32,000,000 in August, and \$34,000,000 in September, for a total of \$91,000,000 redeemed of all bonds sold since May.

How many stamp chiselers have tip-toed in for redemption, nobody knows. The amount involved in dollars cannot be large, yet it seems almost incredible that any American, at a time like this, would cash in either his bond or his stamp, unless he faced a personal crisis just as serious as the national crisis which caused him to invest in victory.

Not much is said publicly about these people. From the purely financial standpoint, the treasury is not alarmed, inasmuch as the September redemptions amounted to only .027 per cent of the bonds sold that month.

But everyone knows it costs the treasury money to sell bonds (administration, advertising, etc.) and every bond or stamp redeemed must be sold over again at added expense.

There are few more effective ways you can aid the enemies of this country than by bravely pretending to buy what you do not propose to hold and defend.

NO FOOLING
The government is not fooling now in its promise to provide tires for all, to keep this motorized nation going on wheels. The promise of Mr. Jeffers can and will be fulfilled.

The government already has practically doubled the recapped tire quotas for public disposition this month of October, from 425,000 to 925,000.

As tires wear out, B, C and S card-holders will go before an inspector every 60 days (A card holders every four months) and from them may secure certifications with which to appeal to the rationing boards for reclaimed rubber tires. No one here suggests the program will not work.

Two months ago rubber was the hottest subject. Today, it is the coldest.

The only thing that has happened in the meantime has been a straight-forward, common-sense investigation of the problem and the appointment of an experienced (but not in rubber) businessman with an affirmative reputation to work out an affirmative reputation to work out an affirmative policy is all that anyone, including this column, ever asked.

The only new part of the program is the proposal to develop 20,000,000 victory tires from re-

SIDE GLANCES



"You can't fool me, Doc—I'll bet this big order of groceries is just another one of your prescriptions for some hard luck family!"

claimed rubber, and even this proposal was being worked up in the government mill before Mr. Jeffers took over.

It might have been instituted anyway. So what Mr. Jeffers has contributed actually is a change of government policy from repression to affirmative help.

The old chant that the automobiles of the nation would be in the ditch, or everyone would have to walk by such and such a date, has been replaced in a few weeks with a valid and workable solution. The alteration is a really great achievement of government, and an excellent example of what can be done, by selecting government directors who say they can do things, in place of those here who have favored a "cant chant" from the beginning.

similar future censorship, the government should go far enough in handling the matter to prevent any such suspicion from arising.

So also with the president's criticism of "certain publishers, columnists and radio commentators" for breaking down public morale, his blanket castigation tends to tear down public confidence in general.

If he had specified those whom he believed guilty, and what they have said or done to provoke his charge, they would have been exposed and tried before the bar of public opinion. A blanket cloud would then not remain over all.

PTA Notes

Fairhaven

The Fairhaven PTA met Friday, October 9, at 3 p. m. Mrs. Harold Schieferstein, president, announced her committee chairmen as follows. Budget and finance, T. G. Zinn and Mrs. A. H. McLean; publicity, Mrs. Alvin Egan; program, Mrs. Carl Rice and Mrs. Jack Jones; hospitality, Mrs. C. Williams and Mrs. Harry Stoler; membership, Mrs. V. Miller and Mrs. Otto Mikkelsen; Summer Round-up, Mrs. T. G. Zinn; historian, Mrs. Lee Holiday; parliamentarian, Mrs. Bert Johnston; refreshments, room mothers, welfare and war, Mrs. Loyal Hopkins; publications, Mrs. Spielman.

The fourth and fifth grades tied for first place in the rummage collection contest. Both rooms were awarded a prize. The rummage sale will take place October 24, on North Ninth street in the location formerly occupied by Tim's market. Anyone having rummage to donate may call 3846, or 5018, and articles will be called for.

All children of the school will be fingerprinted, sometime in November. The PTA will have charge of this work.

Mr. Robinette, principal, introduced the teachers. A group of seventh and eighth grade students sang two numbers, "Go Down Moses" and "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes." Refreshments were served by Mrs. Wesley Cross and her assistants.

The Fairhaven PTA card club will meet at the home of Mrs. C. Williams in Stewart addition Thursday. All PTA members are cordially invited to attend.

Mills

There will be a meeting of the Mills PTA on Thursday, October 15, at 2:30 p. m. Room visiting will be from 1 p. m. to 2:30 p. m. There will be a defense stamp sale at 9 a. m. Thursday in Mills school.

Riverside

The goal of \$1000, set by Riverside students in their 1942-43 war stamp and bond drive, seemed likely with the sale on Tuesday of \$34.55 worth of stamps. Each student is being urged to participate in the purchase of stamps and the sales thus far have been highly satisfactory according to Principal Verne Speira.

Riversiders are war conscious and taking an active part in the scrap metal drive. Scrap is being brought to the school grounds piece by piece.

The PTA regrets the departure of Grace Rhoades, first grade teacher and secretary of the group, who left Tuesday for duty with the WAACs. A sewing kit was presented Miss Rhoades from the PTA. Mrs. Joseph Reading is now the first grade teacher.

The cafeteria committee reports a growing list of custom-

Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 200 words in length, must be written legibly on ONE SIDE of the paper only, and must be signed. Contributions following these rules, are warmly welcome.

ON WITNESS INCIDENT

MARSHFIELD, Ore. (To the Editor)—In reference to the recent editorial (The Witness Incident) dated September 21, I wish to state that it is the most unfair, unjust and un-American editorial I have read for a long time.

You state that the Witnesses ASKED for the regrettable violence that occurred in that Sunday's demonstration. I wish to ask you, is Klamath Falls in the United States of America or Germany? One expects these incidents against Christian people in Germany but not in America. We are still living under a democracy where we are supposed to have freedom of speech, press and worship. Just because you don't believe as I do, I still haven't a right to run you out of town or harm you or destroy your property.

There is no clause in our constitution which says that this freedom of speech, press or worship applies to all but Jehovah's Witnesses. Therefore, why didn't the Witnesses have a right to have a peaceable assembly in Klamath Falls?

It is not only presumed that the federal authorities know about Jehovah's Witnesses but they HAVE investigated the activities of this Christian group long ago and if we don't trust our officials capable of taking care of their business we certainly are not good Americans inasmuch as we are asked by these authorities not to have vigilantism.

How can you call Klamath Falls a patriotic American community? Is there anything patriotic about those who engage in mob violence which was premeditated against a group of peaceable citizens. All that is destroying the very principles of our flag, and to turn around and salute it doesn't prove you are an American.

One could go on about such hoodlums, but Klamath Falls may soon learn it is still in the United States of America.

Christians have always been hated and that is exactly what the Bible shows us. In Matthew 24:9 we read, "Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake." So therefore, true Christians realize why persecution comes upon them.

Those that are fighting the Witnesses are really fighting the Lord. In Matthew 25:45, we find the treatment inflicted on his servants counts it as done unto himself.

MRS. VERVILLE JOHNSON.

PENNY'S WORTH

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (P) — Some people take a weight off their consciences by buying war bonds. Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Langworthy took a weight off their hands.

They lugged in their 10-year collection of pennies, 9070 of them. They weighed 82 pounds.

Each noon and an average of 65 children are being served.

Next meeting of the PTA is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, at 2 p. m. There will be a "luncheon" program.

OUT OF THE WOODS

BY Jim Stevens

HOT BISCUIT SLIMI

The logging camp cooks have to wait a week. Some items remembered from my own times at tables loaded with provender designed and executed by such powerful logging camp cooks as Hot Biscuit Slim, Stove Lid Marlarkey and Cream Puff Fatty, had been rigged up for this week's column. But I've had my nose in a book again. So here's something hot off the griddle about a modern cook of the woods.

Elwin E. Harris is his name, and his cookhouse is the Forest Products Laboratory at Madison, Wisconsin. He has succeeded, says Fortune magazine, in hydrogenating lignin and wood, perhaps for the first time anywhere. Fortune calls this "an accomplishment of historical proportions."

Here's why, to go on quoting from the feature article, "The New Age of Wood," in the October issue of this 10-dollar magazine of industry:

"Forcing hydrogen into wood or lignin in a high-pressure bomb, he (Harris) has produced a substance very much like the result of hydrogenating coal; a heavy, dark, viscous mixture looking and smelling like crude oil. From this it was easy to distill off countless fractions, ranging all the way from alcohols, glycols, glycerine, to cyclic alcohols and phenols for making plastics. Such fractions are being analyzed not only for war purposes, but to put a finger on that will-o'-the-wisp, lignin."

LIGNIN A COOKHOUSE LEFTOVER

The splinter you stick in your finger handling wood seems to be all tough fiber. But you know there are cells in it the naked eye can't see, and you know something binds the fibers of wood solidly together. The fibers are "cellulose," and Ma Nature's glue that holds them in the form of wood is "lignin."

There you have the two basic parts of wood, cellulose and lig-

nin. Chip the wood, cook the chips in either an acid or alkaline solution, and the lignin is dissolved. The cellulose is highly usable for thousands of products; first of all the paper on which these and other words are printed. Many new wonders have been wrought from wood cellulose for war uses. The Nazis have made cow feed from it, and the cows turn their timber fodder into milk and beef.

But so far lignin is mainly a leftover from the cookhouses of the nation's pulp mills. Those using the acid or sulfate process sluice out more than two million tons—yes, two million tons—of lignin each year. Forest products chemists know that those tons have a world of values. The pulp industry's Institute of Paper Chemistry, the laboratories of individual companies, researchers of the University of Washington and Oregon State college forestry schools, and others, as well as the U. S. Forest Products Laboratory, have studied and experimented for many years to break lignin, as well as cellulose, down into effective working parts.

THE INVISIBLE MACHINE

The scientists have been steadily learning new things to do with the cellulose part of wood, as they have discovered new facts about its molecules and applied them. The great part of this field is still a blank unknown. Fortune says, "Compared, however, to what chemists know about lignin, their ignorance of cellulose amounts to positive enlightenment. They don't even know the exact chemical formula for a lignin molecule, much less the arrangement of molecules in a chain. Until they know this, they will continue to have a hard time unlocking the world of possibilities." But they will, Mr. Fortune, they will.

Dictionary definitions of the molecule don't help much in understanding this smallest of all machines, this littlest working part of a vital substance. Wood chemistry is seeking working knowledge of just how the lignin molecule is rigged up as is, and then how it can be rigged in other ways to do other jobs than the one for which Ma Nature made it, the binding of fibers into wood.

Treasury Announces Cut in Penny Output

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14 (P)—The treasury announced Tuesday a 50 per cent cut in production of pennies, to about 60,000,000 a month, and appealed to the public, especially children, to stop saving pennies in pig banks.

Mrs. Nellie Tayloe Ross, director of the mint, suggested that if every family dug up 10 pennies and put them in circulation, this would save 100 tons of copper needed for war industries.

The old world is dead. It was dying even before it was broken in pieces by hammers of Wotan and Thor. None of us can now escape from the revolutionary changes, even if we would.—British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden.

A girl in Massachusetts wept for 18 hours. We hope she got the coat.

Farm Benefit Payments May Be Used to Spur Output

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14 (P)—Farm benefit payments, used in the past largely to discourage excess crop production, may be employed next year to obtain the largest possible food output for war needs.

A new production-inducement role is cast for the payments in plans being made by the agriculture department for its 1943 "Food-for-Freedom" program.

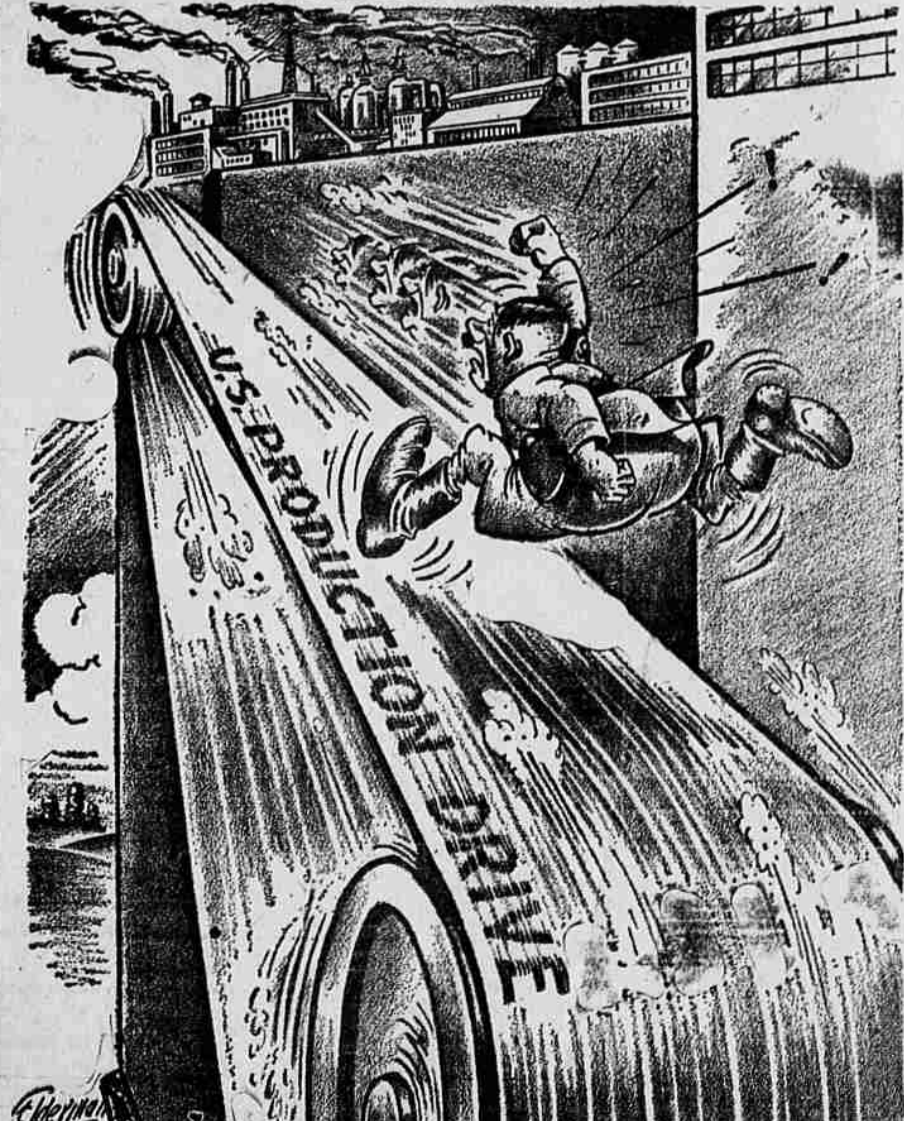
It is not known yet how much will be available for such payments, since the money must be appropriated by congress. Officials said the amount might exceed \$800,000,000, including soil conservation and parity payments. In some past years payments have totaled more than \$750,000,000.

Heretofore, most of the payments were made for cooperating with production control programs affecting cotton, corn, wheat, tobacco, rice and peanuts. A grower received maximum payments if he planted within acreages allotted him and carried out recommended soil conserving practices.

Under proposed new plans, payments would be made on the same crops, but farmers would be required to meet production goals for their products as well. The subsidies would be tied to production programs which would be worked out for each individual farm. These programs would include allotments for the basic crops normally grown on

the farm and production goals for one or more of such products as hogs, cattle, milk, poultry, eggs, peanuts or soybeans for vegetable oil, potatoes and other food commodities considered essential for war needs.

THE ROAD BACK



DRAWN FOR OFFICE OF WAR INFORMATION

PIGS HEAR, FEAR

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. (P) — The City Garbage Collecting company wants to raise its rates on account of the airplanes.

The garbage is fed to hogs, which are expected to grow fat and add income to the company's larder. But the air force transport command has established an airport near the hog pen.

The planes keep the pigs so scared they stay skinny.

I was asleep in my hammock when a sudden jolt tossed me out of it. I rushed up topsides to see what had happened and discovering that we had been torpedoed I dashed below to get my pants.—Leonard B. Monti, fireman survivor of U. S. S. Hammann, sunk at Midway.

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