

Vinson Asks That OPA Controls Be Retained

WASHINGTON, March 27 (AP)—The Treasury Vinson today said that "we are well on our way to a balanced budget" and asked that OPA controls be retained to help the national economy be "a little longer."

"We can be more optimistic about the future than before," Vinson told the Banking Committee. "It is pathetic if we muffed our opportunity."

The committee is considering legislation to keep OPA going for a year.

Vinson said treasury receipts were larger than estimated, expenditures were smaller than expected and "the two together would give us a surplus."

"We are well on the way to a balanced budget," Vinson said, "and the contents of the proposed legislation are sound."

"The financial picture is pleasant," he said, "taxes must remain at present levels and expenditures in February dropped to \$3,500,000,000."

from last June's high of \$9,700,000,000, he reported, adding: "This decline of nearly two-thirds in eight months is because we have all made a wholehearted effort to leave the wartime basis and adopt the peacetime course."

"We have built up a tremendous demand for most consumer goods. This demand is backed up by large savings. The amount of currency, bank deposits and United States securities owned by all non-bank investors has increased from about \$82,000,000,000 at the end of 1939 to about \$300,000,000,000 today."

Eagles Honor 3 Members

Jerry Mason, Al Friesen and Barney Goldstein were honored recently by the Eagles lodge of which they are members.

The drill team came out on the aerial floor in splendid color and put on its first performance since the war.

With a colorful drill, a class of 72 new members was initiated. Officers and members cooperated with the team. The team which started with eight men has grown to 16 members and is practicing every week for the district and state convention, to be ready for first-class competition. They expect to have new uniforms by then.

Merrill Postmaster To Resume Duties

MERRILL, March 27—Merrill's postmaster, T/S Alonzo Hodges, is out of the service and will resume his duties at the local post office about May 1.

Hodges was discharged at Fort Lewis, and was joined by Mrs. Hodges in Portland. He spent two years in Europe with the army post office department. The ship on which he returned to the United States was badly buffeted by storms.

Mrs. Myrtle Chatburn has been acting postmistress during Hodges' absence.

Use Of Hooch Brings Rap

Luther Witherspoon, 2533 Broad, who was arrested by city police early Tuesday morning on a charge of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, was unable to pay a \$100 fine assessed in police court yesterday afternoon and was returned to jail for 30 days.

Milton Williams, 1244 3rd, was arrested on a warrant charging him with failure to report an

accident, and was released on \$5 bail.

Philip Bergstrom, Lewis lane, was cited to appear in court today for making an improper left turn at Main and 8th, and Wayne L. Mansfield, Westwood, Calif., posed \$2 bail for a like traffic offense on the same corner.

Two vagrants, six drunks and one drunk and disorderly appeared in police court this morning.

Vacationing—Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Brown, 2361 White, are vacationing in Portland. They left yesterday for a one-week stay there. Brown is employed as a brakeman for Great Northern.

Damage Suit Filed Here

A damage suit for \$15,000, growing out of an automobile accident on S. 8th, January 9, 1946, was filed with the circuit clerk today by Loyd Newlun against Ariand B. Jones and Basil Behnke.

The wreck occurred on the S. 8th curve just below Altamont junction, the suit alleges, when the highway was covered with snow and ice.

Newlun charges that Jones was operating a car belonging to

Behnke at a high rate of speed and failed to keep the vehicle in control when the two machines crashed. Newlun's injuries, which he asserts were caused by negligence in Jones' driving, included a fractured right leg, knee and knee cap and cuts and lacerations.

U. S. Valentine is Newlun's attorney.

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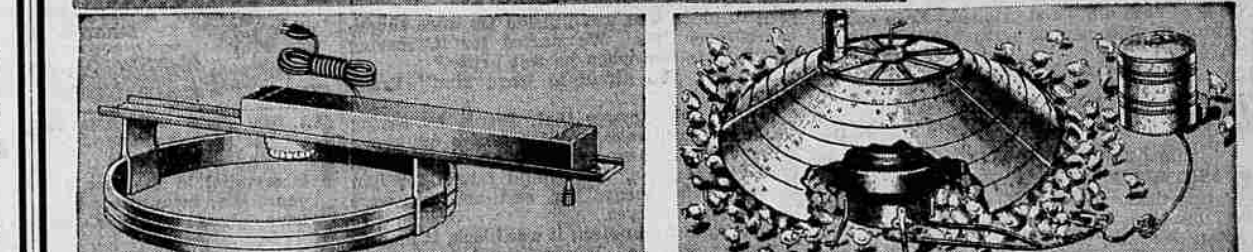
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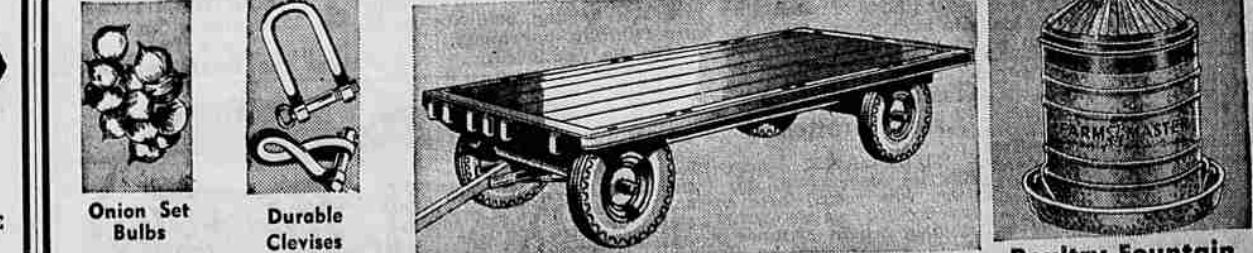


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