

WOODEN SHIPS URGED IN PLAN TO SAVE STEEL

WASHINGTON, June 3 (AP) Construction of wooden merchant ships in idle yards of the Pacific northwest was urged Monday by Rep. Smith (D-Wash) in an address to the house in which he reiterated his predictions of a steel shortage.

"There is no reason why merchant ships should be constructed exclusively of steel," he said, adding:

"We should immediately utilize the idle wooden shipyards of the Pacific northwest, where the raw materials are plentiful and the idle ship carpenters and mechanics are ready to go to work and assist in turning out the ships which are so sorely needed."

Merchant shipping is becoming even a more important factor in the present war than in the World War and "it may prove the decisive factor," he said.

A year ago, he said, he told officials of the national defense council, the office of production management and the maritime commission that the supply of steel was not adequate for ship construction.

He said his statements "were clearly discounted and I was given to understand that there was no possibility of a steel shortage and no serious thought was being given to any extensive wooden shipbuilding program."

"The United States maritime committee and the bureau of ships, United States navy, have restricted their shipbuilding activity almost entirely to steel construction, and there has been little or no wooden construction," he continued.

"In the meantime, the demands for steel for munitions have been enormous—and we are hardly started—until it is now becoming a recognized fact that we will soon be facing a serious shortage of steel, the very condition which I pointed out last summer and last autumn and this spring was likely to occur."

There is "no method of undoing what has already been done," said Smith, "but we can turn around and get headed in the right direction on this shipbuilding program. There is no reason why merchant ships should be constructed exclusively of steel."

"The logical and most effective method of successfully meeting the U-boat challenge and preparing ourselves for the future, is an all-out ship-building program."

CCC in Fight for Life As Defense Drains Man-power

By FRANK I. WELLER
WASHINGTON, June 3, (The Special News Service)—A drastic and quick method of tying the CCC into the national defense program is being sought in order that the camps may be refilled before they are entirely deserted.

Twenty eastern camps already have been closed for lack of replacement enrollees. Re-employment in private enterprise, the war industries and national defense training, is draining the CCC reservoir of once-idle youth.

Congressmen are asking each other, off the record, whether to let the corps fade out of the national life or take some bold step for permanency. The so-called western bloc—senators and representatives from the mountains, plains and prairies—are taking the poll under leadership of Representative Robinson, (D-Utah.)

He says the west will not permit strangulation of CCC enrollment to continue. Senator Murdock (D-Utah) says he will introduce remedial legislation as soon as sufficient sentiment crystallizes. Talk currently centers around a proposal to route into the CCC all boys 17 to 18 years old who apply for federal-aid training in national defense jobs.

To the easterners, the CCC was important only when it siphoned unemployed youth out of the great cities. Western congressmen, however, believe they can command support from the east by pointing out to their colleagues that their states are prospering from western support of the national defense program.

In return, they ask that the non-industrial west continue to receive the benefits of the last eight years from CCC development and conservation of natural resources.

This would mean that eastern boys again must come into the corps to staff western camps. Normally they numbered 30,000 a year. There are 445 western camps, but only 115 of them are manned by western boys. Officials are alarmed at the decline in applications for these jobs. Quarterly replacement quotas have been cut from 100,000 to 40,000 and still cannot be filled.

If the current proposal flops, other attempts are planned to:

1. Set up 300 CCC camps to train volunteers for non-combatant military service in radio, heavy equipment operation, metal trades, machine shops, automotive mechanics and a host of other activities essential to maintenance of a mechanized and motorized army.
2. Rewrite the selective service act to require that selectees physically unfit for combat train-

ing go to CCC camps until their health permits induction. The selectee would not be required to serve if he had other accepted claims for deferment, or if medical officers agreed that the 6-month CCC tour of duty would not restore him to physical condition.

3. Amend the law to give the CCC enrollee all or a greater part of his pay to offset advantages offered by the national youth administration and state vocational training schools.

4. Deny, by government regulation, federal-aid jobs to any boy 17 to 21 years old who has not had previous CCC training.

5. Give CCC an extra \$20,000,000 to obtain camp instructors and equipment for training in national defense industries.

A. E. STONEHOUSE TO LEAVE ALGOMA

The resignation of A. E. Stonehouse as manager of the Algoma Lumber company and the appointment of Freeman Schultz, yard foreman, to the post, was announced Monday.

Stonehouse, Algoma manager since 1931, is leaving because of continued ill health, he said in a statement to The News-Herald. His future plans are indefinite.

The new manager has been with the firm for approximately 15 years. W. R. Henry, former assistant yard foreman, will succeed Schultz.

Idealism is never lost except when faith and morals are permitted to wither and decay.—James A. Farley, former Postmaster-General.

Young and Old Lead Mouse-like Lives Amid Ruins of Dunkerque

VICHY— (Correspondence of the Special News Service)—When the Paris municipal council recently "adopted" Dunkerque for relief purposes, it took over a city where a deserted remnant of children and old people lead mouse-like lives in cellars and roofless homes among ruins that still hold the bodies of some of their neighbors.

The 12,000 inhabitants left out of 100,000 in the town and its suburbs, living in the one building out of five still standing, exist in shattered homes with caved in roofs, doorless doorways and windows without panes, according to a description in the Weekly Candidate.

From May 18, 1940, when the population was reduced to 10,000, until mid-August, they went without city water, gas or elec-

tricity, yet 2000 more came drifting back. Until February, when the R. A. F. bombings of Dunkerque ceased, they slept in cellars. Most of them are old people or children, the magazine said, adding:

Eighty per cent of the houses in Dunkerque, including all public buildings, were destroyed or gutted at the time of the battle, leaving 26,000 people homeless. Fifty-one streets disappeared as all their buildings were razed to the ground; 40 others were badly ruined.

From 1200 to 1500 civilians were killed by the German bombardments of the town in May and June, 1940; in the ruins of one building alone there is an estimated minimum of a hundred bodies still unrecovered.

Another 191 were killed by R. A. F. bombings since then. The town's supplies come almost exclusively from Lille now, and are becoming increasingly scarce despite organized relief efforts.

Easterner Wants Real Ranch Sojourn

The chamber of commerce received an unusual request Tuesday from a man in the east who wants to learn the name of some rancher here that will accept paying guests.

"Not interested in a dude ranch," said the letter. Anxious to accommodate, the chamber asked that the request be published and that any ranch owner willing to accept paying guests to notify the chamber office here.

Indiana man sued for divorce because his wife turned the tables on him. Also some chairs and the garden hose.

LOTS OF CEMENT FOR TULE TUNNEL

It will take more than 4000 yards of cement to line the Tule-lake sump tunnel, and to construct the pump house and pipe line, according to B. E. Hayden, superintendent of the US bureau of reclamation.

Workmen are setting up equipment and getting ready to use the cement which will put the tunnel several steps ahead in the job of completion. It is hoped the contractors will be through in mid-September which is far ahead of schedule.

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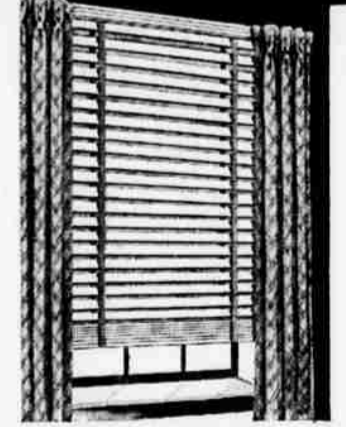
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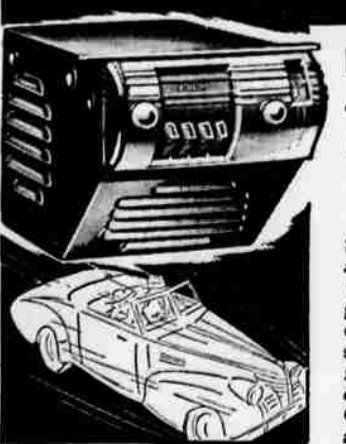
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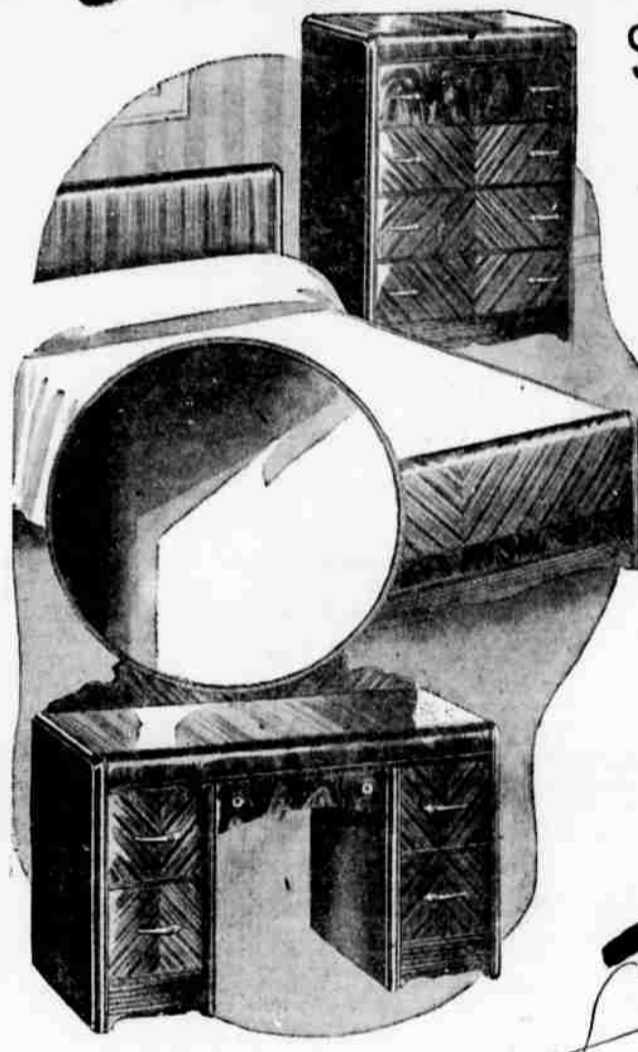


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AGED RESIDENT OF KLAMATH PASSES

Edward Bagby, 75, for the past 35 years a resident of Klamath county, died here Saturday morning following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Bagby lived in Klamath Falls for a greater portion of that time. He has two brothers and four sisters, one brother, Henry Bagby, living in Bly. The remains are at the Earl Whitlock funeral home.

Youth Returned Here for Theft

Deputy Sheriff Dale Mattoon went to Grants Pass Monday to bring back a 16-year old boy who stole a light truck here and drove it to the Josephine county seat.

The youth is alleged to have obtained keys to a local body works, where he started the truck and drove it out of the county. The case will be handled in juvenile court.

CURB SERVICE KANSAS CITY, (P)—Taxicab Driver Leslie Roberts pulled up Beside Patrolman Don Defoe and said:

"This passenger is giving me trouble."

Seeing a pistol in the man's hand, Defoe drew his own gun and ordered the man to drop his weapon. The officer picked up the gun, discovered it was a toy.

The passenger signed a statement admitting he robbed Roberts of \$1.95.

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MIDLAND FARMER SERIOUSLY BURNED

Flame from a weed burner painfully burned J. G. Houck, Midland farmer, who was released Monday from Klamath Valley hospital after treatment.

The burner became disconnected at the nozzle and the gasoline caught on fire. Flame squirted over the farmer, setting his clothes on fire. He managed to tear the burning clothes off of him, but was seriously burned.

His physician said he had third degree burns on both hands and one thigh, and second degree burns on his face. He will recover.

Federal automotive taxes, now being collected at the rate of more than \$450,000,000 annually, are providing revenue equivalent to 60 per cent of the annual budget of the federal government during the years before entrance in the last World war.

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