

COMMENTS OF THE WEEK

THE FIGHT AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS

THE NATION-WIDE fight against Tuberculosis is progressing this year and is being carried on in the same manner as has been followed in previous years. Perhaps many of us have become accustomed to receiving our quota of seals, have thought but little of the matter and have forgotten to purpose to which money received from the sale is devoted. We know that the money is used for tuberculosis victims but have we ever thought of the Christmas seal in this way:

There the little Christmas seal is—a square of paper you can cover with your thumb. It is about as insignificant as a diamond would be. It glitters and shines, and then goes on to tell the world of better things than vanity—that instead of decorating yourself, you are willing to decorate others with the precious thing called health.

You might call the seal a personal medal, in a way. Only instead of putting it in a bureau drawer, you have the fun of showing it to Aunt Kate, to Cousins Jill and Will in far-off states. And to all those scattered friends you only write to at Christmastime. You can stick it on a letter with gusto, for this medal tells everyone you are a person who wants the next generation and the one after that to be healthy.

It's a fine thing to buy power for a dollar or two. Certainly it's a lot more than we usually get for a dollar these days. Perhaps that's what makes buying the seals so satisfactory. With all the abstract and particular fights we have to let others carry on for us, this is one fight where we can get in and finish up the thing ourselves.

In our own grasp we have the power to reduce tuberculosis to just an archaic word in an encyclopedia. Or we can go on letting it kill more girls and women between the ages of 15 and 45 than any other disease.

Let us examine this power, for it is actual and demonstrative.

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A postal clerk in Copenhagen first thought of the Christmas seal idea in 1904. He thought penny stickers put on letters and packages would raise enough money to build a new hospital for children. He was right. Enough pennies poured in from that one sale to put up a fine hospital and to buy health for many children.

Three years later a Delaware woman, Emily P. Bissell, tried it in the United States. She hoped to get \$300 so that a small hospital which housed tuberculous children might remain open. The 3000 seals gave out in the middle of the sale; more were printed; and a third batch. By Christmas Eve, the sale's total was \$3,000. There is the accumulative power produced when more than five million people put dollars into the fight against TB.

And how is this power used? Well, looking back at the thirty-six years of activities of the National Tuberculosis Association and its nearly two thousand state, county and city associations throughout the country, we find that these funds have promoted the establishment of the following:

Ten thousand public health nurses engaged in tuberculosis work alone.

Eleven hundred clinics holding more than one hundred thousand sessions annually for diagnosing and finding tuberculosis.

Sixteen hundred seventy-nine tuberculosis associations and 842 smaller committees, a statewide organization in every state and local agencies in all the larger population centers.

This dogged, combined attack has tuberculosis pretty well on the decline. Certainly this is not the year to skip buying the little personal medals. We must buy at least another dollar's worth of power to give the disease the final shove. For, its complete eradication in our children's and grandchildren's lives is within our power.

ONE OUT OF EIGHT WILL DRIVE OFF THE ROAD

MUCH HAS been written, much has been said of the toll of lives which are lost each year as the result of automobile accidents. One out of eight persons lacks the inability to drive an automobile around a curve, or even down a straightaway on the open road without sooner or later plunging off the road to his death.

That is the substance of the 1940 edition of Accident Facts, the National Safety Council's statistical yearbook. The edition reports that of the motor vehicle accident deaths which occur in rural areas, one out of eight happens when the vehicle leaves the roadway on a curve. Another one in eight occurs when the vehicle leaves the road on a straight stretch.

Usually the driver loses control because he has been drinking, is sleepy, fatigued, distracted by scenery or has tried to pass another car. Occasionally he is forced off the road by another driver who is at fault in one or another of these same respects.

Rainier--

CITY HALL BONDS TO BE RETIRED

Rainier's city hall will be paid for during December, it was announced at a recent meeting of the council. This much-discussed structure was initiated with a \$20,000 bond issue, and two subsequent issues hoisted the expenditure to \$45,000, before the building was completed, or as nearly completed as it now appears—for the proposed heating plant never was installed.

Recorder A. S. May placed the approximate cost to the city of principal and interest during the years at \$100,000.

ACTIVE CLUB PLANS COMMUNITY TREE

A community Christmas tree is being planned by the Rainier Active club, with the cooperation of the Rainier Commercial club, which is lending its lights and other equipment for the purpose. The tree is to be set up on the city hall corner.



Despite an eight percent increase in travel in Oregon during the first ten months of this year, the traffic death rate, as expressed in the number of persons killed per 100,000,000 miles of travel, was slightly under the rate for the first ten months of 1939, it was announced today at the office of the Traffic Safety Division of the state department.

The death rate for the first ten months of 1940 was 11 persons killed per 100,000,000 miles of travel, compared to a rate of 11.13 last year.

Travel in Oregon up to November 1 of this year totaled 2,519,344,711 miles, compared to 2,327,086,775 for the corresponding period a year ago. Gasoline consumption so far this year amounted to 220,222,439 gallons, an increase of 16,794,399 gallons over the consumption for the same period a year ago.

The Forum

To the Editor:

The Ladies Auxiliary of the IWA protests the buying of non-union school books in the State of Oregon.

Ladies Auxiliary, IWA

Washington Snapshots

by JAMES PRESTON

Strange as it seems, some leading New Dealers and anti-New Dealers agree upon one major issue—that production disrupting strikes in national defense industries should be stopped.

A majority of the people probably feel that way too. So if the announced CIO and AFL plan for a big drive to unionize defense industries results in a series of strikes, something doubtless will be done.

One day recently there was a peculiar dovetailing of thoughts in Washington. In the House a conservative, a New Dealer, and a middle-of-the-reader all denounced the strike in the Vultee airplane plant. At the same time, an extremely leftist New Dealer downtown was talking privately about empowering the government to step in and end such strikes.

People are likely to get angry when strikes interrupt the production of defense goods. Therefore, it is sometimes hard to judge impartially and without heat the merits of such strikes. But in the Vultee and aluminum strikes the facts are pretty plain, even though often overlooked.

The Vultee story is this:

Two and a half years ago, a Federal agency—the Public Contracts Board—after considerable study decreed that a minimum wage of 40 cents an hour should be paid to beginners and learners in factories producing airplanes for the government. That wage, 40 cents, was found to be the prevailing wage in the airplane industry.

The unions thought that wasn't high enough. They appealed to the Board. So, six months later the Board fixed the minimum for unskilled workers at 50 cents an hour.

The Vultee strike was caused by union demands that the minimum be boosted to 75 cents an hour. The figure finally was compromised, but the union objected to a provision in a proposed contract which would have forbidden another strike during the two years in which Vultee will be producing \$84,000,000 worth of airplanes for the government.

An essential point, too often overlooked, is this: Two years ago the union found that the guaranteed minimum wage was too low. What did it do then? Call a strike and interrupt production? No. It appealed to the proper government agency and got the wage raised.

If the union felt it had a strong case now, it doubtless would have appealed to the government agency. Instead, it called a strike. This would certainly indicate that the union either was afraid of what the government agency would do, or it just wanted to cause trouble.

And so far as the argument goes that Vultee is making "millions" off the government, that doesn't seem to stand up either. Vultee actually lost money last year, and is making a small profit this year. Furthermore, if it makes too much, the government will take it away in an excess profits tax.

Of course, the plant could grant wage increases if the government would pay more for the planes. But the extra money would have to be collected by the government in taxes from the very workers who got the higher pay, so the workers' net gain would be nothing.

The aluminum plant troubles resulted from threatening remarks made by an employee when he was ordered to pay \$12 back union dues. The plant closed down, and a payroll of \$44,000 a day ceased—all for \$12.

The union wanted the employee fired. The company refused to do it. So production of thousands of dollars worth of goods for the army was interrupted in the union's attempt to force payment of \$12 in dues.

The whole point, as many in Washington see it, is that unions have had machinery available for their voluntary use to settle disputes. They have not used it. Therefore, the talk is getting around to the creation of machinery which would let the government arbitrarily step in and settle the questions at issue.

In the past, federal arbitration has been acceptable neither to unions nor to industry generally.

Eagle Items Of Past Years

ONE YEAR AGO—

Ira Bascom was named scoutmaster of the Vernonia Boy Scout Troop. Harold McEntire was named assistant scoutmaster.

The IWA basketball team held its first practice of the winter.

Regular games were not scheduled until the opening of the new year.

FIVE YEARS AGO—

The first basketball game was played on the Vernonia high school gymnasium since the gym was enlarged.

Service to Seaside by way of Vernonia and Jewell was started by the Nehalem Valley Motor Freight.

TEN YEARS AGO—

The damage suit of the East Side Logging company against the Oregon-American Lumber company for \$87,810.76 damages sustained in a fire that spread from Oregon-American operations above Keasey May 21, 1929, into property of the East Side company was decided in favor of the defendants.

Gross receipts of \$717.50 were realized from the sale of tickets in the Log on ambulance drive.

Book Talk . . .

By EDNA ENGEN

A book is like a faithful friend, With heart that's always ready; A comrade faithful to the end, Wise, understanding, steady— Nancy Byrd Turner

Seventeen new volumes, adult and child, have been placed on the library shelves this week.

They are of a wide variety to suit every taste. They include:

Westerns: Riders of the Basin, George C. Shedd; The Far Call, Jackson Gregory; Riders of the Plains, Max Brand.

Mystery: The Mislaid Corpse, Sarah Rider; Death Comes to Tea, Theodora DuBois; Heads Off at Midnight, Francis Beeding.

Historical Novel: On the Long Tide, Laura Krey. Romantic Novels: Invitation to Live, Lloyd C. Douglas; The Doctor's Party, Mary Frances Doner.

Non-fiction: The Patriotic Thing, William O. Stevens; Story-Lives of Great Composers, Katherine Little Bakless.

Poetry: The Face Is Familiar, Ogden Nash.

For Boys: Transatlantic Pilot, Frederic Nelson Litten; Yankee Skippers to the Rescue, Felix Riesenber, Jr.

For Girls: The Curious Affair at Heron Sheds, Augusta Huel Seaman; Sue Barton—Superintendent of Nurses, Helen Dore Boylston; Thrills and Thrills, Louise Barnes Gall-g.

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