

Comments of the Week

4-H CLUBS DESERVE SUPPORT

Announced this week is a drive to be made towards raising the remaining \$500 needed to complete a barn for housing livestock exhibited at the county fair by 4-H club members. Facilities for sheltering the animals are hopelessly inadequate and have been for the past several years. Last year the number of 4-H animals exhibited astonished even the fair board with the result that steps were taken to provide the shelter that is needed. With that idea in mind donations were sought and received to an extent almost sufficient to build the barn but the figure mentioned above still remains unobtained before the work can be completed.

The 4-H clubs of the county have undertaken the task of raising that money.

4-H CLUBS OUTSTANDING YOUTH ORGANIZATION

The 4-H clubs are considered one of the outstanding youth organizations of today. The part these clubs play in developing citizenship, perseverance and sportsmanship in today's youth is held invaluable by many leading educators. Oregon's 4-H organizations are tops in the nation and this is due in no small part to the cooperation of older people and the support given boys and girls throughout the state by business firms.

The Upper Nehalem Valley drive for funds has taken the form of the sale of tickets to a show to be given at the Joy Theatre July 30th. Use of the theatre has been offered by Harold Dow in assisting the club to carry on the task of raising their portion of the needed money.

ADDITIONAL CAUTION COULD BE USED

A recent remark by N. S. Rogers, state forester of Oregon, brings to mind the danger arising from a thoughtless habit of motorists when they throw lighted cigarettes or other burning objects from autos. Rogers stated recently, "If motorists would stop flipping cigarettes and other lighted objects from their cars, the cost of forest fire suppression in this state would be cut approximately one-third."

The state forester is in a position to know whereof he speaks. At this time of year the grass which forms a border for many highways is turning brown and is becoming more inflammable than is true when the grass is green. A fire started in that grass now burns with great vigor and can spread to forested areas with ease and disastrous results.

If motorists would use the ash trays in their cars much timber would be saved from destruction.

VERNONIA LOSES ITS MAYOR

The need to choose a new mayor for Vernonia arose this Monday when E. M. Bollinger officially tendered his resignation as head city official. Ex-mayor Bollinger has served in that capacity for three years, going into office as an appointee, being elected for a two-year term and then being re-elected for another two-year term which will not expire until the general election of next year.

During his terms of office a number of improvements have transpired which have been instrumental in making a better city and it is reasonable to believe that Vernonia citizens would have seen additional improvements had the resignation not been necessary.

Vernonia will miss its mayor for the work he has done. With him and his family go the good wishes of the citizens of this area.

COUNTY NEWS--

St. Helens

PRICE OF MILK, CREAM BOOSTED--

Wholesale and retail milk prices in the St. Helens area advanced last Wednesday as a result of action taken at a meeting Monday night in the courthouse of dairymen in this sector. With the price boost, St. Helens falls in line with other Oregon cities such as Astoria and Portland in paying higher prices for milk and cream.

Of interest principally to householders is increase of 4 per cent milk to 12 cents per quart from the former 11 cent price. Wholesale price on quarts is 10c. Pints were increased to 8c, retail, and to 6c wholesale. Four quarts of milk, if taken daily, are priced at 45c for the lot and half-pints of milk are 3 1/2c wholesale with a special 3c price to schools.

QUADRANGLE SURVEY STARTED BY GEOLOGISTS--

Investigation and mapping of the iron deposits in the 200-square mile St. Helens quadrangle of Columbia county began in earnest last week with a party of four geologists assigned to the summer-long job. Dr. W. D. Wilkinson of Oregon State college, who is in charge of the group, was unexpectedly called to eastern Oregon to do some work for the state geology department so there are only three men in the field at present.

This particular party's job is to make an aerial geological map of the big quadrangle—a task that

will keep them in the field eight hours a day for nearly two months. Gathering data for use in the map requires that the geologists cover by foot every acre in the quadrangle. In view of the fact that there is considerable rough country in the area to be mapped, the task is not an easy one.

By means of this work it will be possible to determine the area and location of iron deposits in the quadrangle and whether or not they are commercially valuable. Members of the party said their work to date had shown that iron ore existed in quantity, but added they could not be sure of the extent of these deposits until completion of their project.

TAX EQUALIZATION BOARD TO MEET--

Columbia county citizens who have protests concerning the manner in which their holdings have been assessed will have an opportunity next month to air their grievances. The board of equalization will convene at the courthouse Monday, August 11, according to Assessor Fred Watkins.

The board will publicly examine the assessment rolls for the year 1941 and correct all errors in valuation, description of qualities of land, lots or other property assessed by the assessor.

Meetings of the board will be continued from day to day until examination of the rolls has been completed. It will not be in session for a longer period than one month, however.

CITY TAKES USO DRIVE IN STRIDE--

If other Columbia county towns do as well as did St. Helens in contributing to the United Service Organization, then the county quota of \$1200 will be over-subscribed by exactly 50 per cent. A check of funds turned in to Carl Vaughan, treasurer for the USO campaign here, showed \$990.50 had been collected in St. Helens, which had a quota of \$600.

Of this sum the management and workers at the paper mill contributed the lion's share—\$511, of which

THE POCKETBOOK of KNOWLEDGE

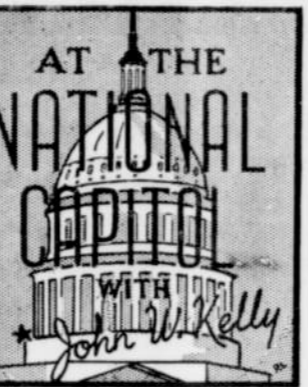
IN ONE RECENT MONTH, U.S. AIRLINES FLEW MORE THAN 10,000,000 MILES-- THE ONLY EQUIVALENT OF A TRIP TO THE MOON PLUS 4 JOURNEYS AROUND THE EARTH

IT NOW TAKES 18 CIVILIANS TO "BACK UP" EACH MAN IN UNIFORM-- DURING THE WORLD WAR ONLY 5 WERE REQUIRED!

MANGBETU WOMEN OF THE CONGO, SMOKE PIPES 6 FEET IN LENGTH

IT WOULD COST OVER \$5,000 TO FIRE A SINGLE .50-CALIBER MACHINE GUN FOR ONE HOUR!

IF ALL THE DESCENDANTS OF JUST ONE PAIR OF FLIES LIVED THEY WOULD NUMBER OVER \$55,000,000,000,000 IN A SINGLE SUMMER.



Washington, D. C., July 23-- There is a drive on congress by small wheat farmers to amend the law which provides a penalty of 49 cents a bushel for raising surplus grain beyond the allotted quota. Canvass of the Oregon-Washington delegations discloses that none of the wheat growers of the Inland Empire are protesting. Under the allotment plan the farmer has a fixed price for his wheat, but if he raises more than his allotment and tries to sell it he is fined 49 cents a bushel.

All this was known when wheat farmers of the country voted to carry on the plan for another year, and did so by a big majority. Now, however, small wheat men (those with a few hundred acres, not farmers with thousands of acres as in Oregon and Washington) want the government guarantee on their allotment and also the privilege of selling their surplus on which they consider a 15c a bushel penalty is ample.

Growers Realize Necessity

Oregon growers realize that price fixing means production control and that without control the price of wheat would drop. For this reason they are willing to abide by their allotment. This appears to be the attitude of wheat farmers in all important wheat sections, and only those who raise small amounts are attempting to chisel. These latter are looking for support from congressmen who represent metropolitan districts whose only knowledge of wheat is that it is something bread is made of. Some newspapers in the national capital (there isn't a head of wheat within the range of their circulation) are giving editorial and news support to the protestants from Pennsylvania, Maryland and other small wheat crop states.

Leon Henderson is waiting for congress to give him authority for price fixing. As the head of Office \$255.50 was given by the employees and remainder by the management under a plan in which it matched the workers' contributions.

Clatskanie

PUD DIRECTORS MEET; POLICIES DISCUSSED--

The Clatskanie Peoples' Utility district directors held an all-day conference last Friday with the Bonneville administration engineer and district manager.

Matters of district policy and steps toward the acquisition of the West Coast Power Co. and Northwestern Electric Power Co. properties, in the local district were thoroughly discussed.

The local directors feel that real progress is being made although hasty action is not possible under existing conditions.

of Price Administration and Civilian Supply (OPACS) Henderson was assigned the task of preventing inflation and he has surrounded himself with other economists, drawing many from eastern colleges and paying them far more than they received in private life.

Henderson Lacks Authority

Mr. Henderson started off briskly fixing prices. Then he ordered automobile makers to cut the price of their cars. Politely, one of the manufacturers told him to go jump in the lake. Then it developed that Mr. Henderson had no authority to place a ceiling on anything; all he could do was suggest that no prices be increased. His orders could be ignored; many have been.

This situation, of course, had to be remedied and congress was asked to give him the authority; congress refused to be rushed. Meanwhile, prices are going up as every housewife knows, and will go higher unless Mr. Henderson can place a ceiling on commodities. In congress there is a farm bloc, and it generally gets what it wants. The farm bloc objects to price fixing generally and on farm products in particular. It would like to compromise and have no price control until after this year's harvest. Toward this they are working.

Power Asked

Before a senate committee Mr. Henderson explained that he wanted power to place a ceiling on everything but one commodity--wages of labor. This, he was told, is the hub of the entire program. Labor costs enter into all production, whether on farm or in shipyard, and to permit increased wages would make it impossible to control prices. There the matter rests; Mr. Henderson still wishes to exempt labor, but place a ceiling on everything that is produced or consumed. This is the main issue to be threshed out in the senate.

Although Mr. Henderson is disinclined to interfere with wages, the government has no intention of permitting the workman to escape. A British economist visited the White House and explained how his plan to take part of the pay envelope works in England. In modified form the idea is to have the employer deduct a certain percentage of wages and turn the money into a special fund for immediate use of the government. Credit would be given the worker for the amount of his contribution so that after the emergency he would have a nest-egg on which he could draw. This plan would furnish the government with cash and build up a reserve for the worker when he needs it. An argument for this is that there would be no occasion to start a WPA to keep people from hunger in the next depression.

Two Other Devices Told

Two other devices have been practically completed to keep working men from feeling too rich. One is a general tax bill, the other the income tax. The tax measure will become operative very soon but the income tax will not, have to be paid until next March on 1941 income, and by then earnings probably will have been spent. Because of this plans are being made by which the taxpayer may set up a special fund in his bank into which small amounts may be paid sufficient in their accumulation to meet the income tax when it is due.

Washington Snapshots

by JAMES PRESTON

The House Military Affairs Committee, as is natural in times of stress such as the present, has been extremely active recently, and has probed the defense situation from a number of angles. Some of the findings of this important group, however, have received little attention outside of Washington, due perhaps to the explosive nature of international events.

But in Washington itself some ears have been burning, and others have pricked up, at the comments made by this Congressional body, which has the welfare of a part of the defense program entrusted to its care.

Most important action of the committee, of course, was its recent issuance of a majority report on the defense program, part of which was discussed in this column last week. The report is fairly packed with valuable findings, however, and a few more words concerning it are in order here.

The document in question deals primarily with the subject of "stock piles" of strategic raw materials, and the reasons why these were in some cases not accumulated in time. The Committee carefully identifies the source of such failures, and its listing is important because some of the points have a more general application than merely to the "stock piles" issue.

- Here, then, are the reasons for difficulties in this particular field:
1. Failure on the part of Congress, the Administration and the public to initiate a stock pile program at an earlier date.
 2. Failure to entrust to a responsible head the full authority to carry out the will of Congress in the legislation enacted.
 3. Failure of a sense of urgency on the part of officials of purchasing organizations.
 4. The delay in establishing conservation methods and the use of substitutes for fear of causing unemployment.
 5. Unwarranted delays in build-

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ing plants and facilities for the conversion of raw materials into finished products. It is easy to see that the Committee has government itself in mind for the chief responsibility in these instances, for only government could set in motion the forces to clear up these various inadequacies of the defense program.

That the same Committee has a high regard for industry's defense endeavors is shown by another report which it issued in connection with pending legislation. In that report, the following passage occurs:

"From the evidence, it is apparent to your committee that private industry has, without exception, cooperated to the fullest degree with both the War and Navy Departments and all other agencies of the Government engaged in the program of rearmament now under way by this Government; but unfortunately, certain minor groups or elements of employees in many of the factories and industrial plants of the country have sought for one reason or another to stop production and in many instances have largely succeeded in so doing."

Washington Sidelights: The government printing office committed a typographical error in the published report of the hearings on tax revision that contained more truth than poetry. Here's the sentence with the "bull" in it:

"Corporations are subject to State and local taxation equal on the average to more than a third of the net profits before Federal axes apply."

Whoever made that error was probably thinking of the old adage, "It's the taxpayer who always gets it in the neck."

The use of photographs taken by observation planes are proving an aid in fighting forest fires. Quickly developed and delivered aerial photographs give the fire boss vital information regarding the topography in the vicinity of a fire and the behavior of the fire itself. In Montana, forest officers recently photographed a fire, developed and printed an 8 x 10 picture and dropped it to the fire boss in 18 minutes.

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