

Comments of the Week

PREPARATION PROVES PROFITABLE

Forethought and preparation before hand proved profitable last week when a number of army trucks traveling northward for the mock war in Washington passed through Vernonia. Members of the Civil Reserve police were called to duty by Marshal A. D. Lolley to prevent, as much as possible, the interference of traffic with the trucks as they traveled city streets. As a result of that preparation no difficulty was experienced and the trucks were not slowed in their trip.

A letter, appearing elsewhere in this paper, from a member of that part of the army which passed through here expresses quite well the appreciation to the people who were on hand to see the caravan.

In this time of preparation for our defense, it seems most appropriate to give every aid possible. Those people who refuse to cooperate with officers at such a time are the people who will undoubtedly be first to push the army forward should invasion of this country occur. Yet in times of preparation for such an eventuality, they object to the small, if any, inconvenience.

STAY AND SEE THE FUN

Beginning Saturday afternoon Vernonia will begin another of its annual Host Days celebrations. Much entertainment is in store for those who are present for the affair and no admission will be charged for any part of the program. The program is arranged by the Vernonia Firemen who annually spend a good deal of time in making a success of the venture. Experience in previous years has aided considerably in composing a program that follows through to completion with a minimum of waste time between events. Residents of the Upper Nehalem Valley are urged to remain in Vernonia for the coming weekend and be guests of the firemen for Vernonia Host Days.

COUNTY NEWS--

St. Helens

DEFENSE BONDS COMMITTEE IS CHOSEN--

The newly-organized Columbia county committee on defense savings bonds held its first session last Monday evening at 8 o'clock in the city council chambers here. Attending this meeting were Palmer Hoyt, Oregonian publisher and state chairman of the defense savings bond set-up, Ray Conway, administrator for the treasury department, and Ted Gamble, state administrator.

These three men have been making a circuit of Oregon, making stops in practically every town to outline the drive to sell defense savings bonds and to aid the local committees in their work.

Heading the Columbia county committee is Irving T. Rau, secretary-treasurer at the paper mill, and committee members include Carl Vaughan, manager of the St. Helens branch, U. S. National bank; D. O. Bennett, local attorney and president of the Kiwanis club; Chas. Rogers, Columbia county coroner; Judd Greenman, Vernonia mill executive; Fred Herman, Rainier attorney; J. D. Perry, Columbia county representative; Arthur Steele, publisher of the Clatskanie Chief; Jack McAllister, representing organized labor, and Robert Pollock, Sentinel-Mist editor.

FLOATING PILE DRIVERS BUSY ON JETTIES HERE--

Driving of additional piling and placing of new timbers on the Sand Island jetty directly opposite the courthouse was underway last Wednesday and Thursday with a pile driver and crew of the Gilpin Construction Co., Portland and Astoria, doing the work. Another floating pile driver was at work on jetties on the Washington shore.

With the river at a very low stage, this kind of work can be better accomplished than when the river is several feet higher. It is understood that much repair work on jetties between the mouth of the Willamette and a considerable distance down the Columbia has been mapped by U. S. engineers.

Clatskanie

SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8--

Clatskanie schools will open for the coming school year on Monday, September 8, according to an announcement this week by the local board.

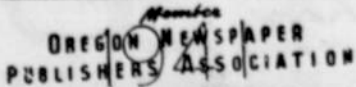
Farwell Brown, the newly elected superintendent, and his wife and small son arrived last Friday night.

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THE POCKETBOOK of KNOWLEDGE

40,000 RIVETS ARE USED IN A MODERN FIGHTER PLANE. 500,000 IN A BOMBER. AND ABOUT 3 MILLION IN THE LATEST "SUPER-BOMBERS".

SPICES WERE SO IMPORTANT IN ANCIENT ROMES THAT A LAW WAS PASSED EXEMPTING FROM MILITARY SERVICE EVERYONE CONNECTED WITH THE SPICE INDUSTRY.

MATERIALS DEVELOPED BY U.S. INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH FOR FOOTBALL UNIFORMS ARE NOW BEING ADAPTED FOR THE USE OF PARACHUTE TROOPS.

PURPLE BECAME THE SYMBOL OF ROYALTY AND WEALTH BECAUSE OF THE HIGH PRICE OF THE HIGH PRICE OF PURPLE DYE IN OLDEN TIMES (A POUND OF WOOD DIED PURPLE COSE AS MUCH AS \$175!).

IN 1937 THE ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY COULD GENERATE 37,000,000 KILOWATTS CAPACITY. THIS YEAR, TO MEET DEFENSE NEEDS, IT WILL REACH 45,000,000 KILOWATTS.

However, if you are a Benchley fan, you have some amusing moments ahead of you when you read Benchley on "Dogs and Public Service," "Naming Our Flowers" and his special treatment of "How Sheamus Coomara Met the Ban-shee."

You probably have gathered by now that I am a Benchley fan but then I like spinach too.

E. E.

Washington Snapshots

by JAMES PRESTON

Inflation is the "little man upon the stair" in Washington these days. Some observers say that he is already clearly visible; others argue that he isn't there right now, but that he soon will be. But whatever they may think about the immediate picture, most Washingtonians agree that the sub-jet of inflation is probably the biggest one at the present time.

Demonstration of this belief is the fact that hearings on the Henderson price control bill have been the best summer box office attraction in Washington. It is unusual for members of Congress to attend any hearings but those of committees upon which they serve, but in this instance two rows of seats were reserved up front in the hearings room for the solons who desired to attend—and those chairs were filled regularly.

In addition to Congressmen, virtually every department or agency of the government had its own official observer. The implications of inflation, or of price control efforts aimed at halting it, are so broad that they are likely to affect nearly every branch of government activity.

Leon Henderson, sponsor of the original measure on which hearings were opened, made it clear in his testimony that he thought Congress would enact wage control (or wage ceiling) legislation within the year. But he did not advocate this as part of his own price control bill, apparently feeling that wages should be regulated by some other government agency than the one which he himself heads. In other words, he contends that wage control and price control are two different problems.

This approach is reminiscent of the old story about the man who kicked his companion in the leg and then asked, "Why does your mouth cry out when it's your shin that's been hurt?" Economists are pointing out in connection with the price hearings a fact that ought to be clear even to laymen; that wages are a factor in determining prices, and that if wages rise considerably, prices will rise also.

From this point of view, facts on wages are being studied here with extreme care. Thus, for example, the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics has reported that average wage increases for the first six months of 1941 ranged from 4.9 per cent to 9.6 per cent, affecting more than 21 1/2 million workers in more than five thousand manufacturing establishments. About one point there can be little disagreement: these rises will inevitably have a very direct effect upon prices in the industries concerned.

You can't put a jack under an automobile, start raising the jack, and expect the car to stay at exactly the same height. No one really concerned with the inflation danger wants to see these points passed over lightly in the testimony. There is a feeling that it would be easier politically to put a ceiling on prices than to put one on the factors that go into making up prices. The only trouble is that in doing so, an economic law would be so badly violated that no workable result would have been achieved.

The President himself has said virtually the last word on this difficult subject of prices. Here's Mr. Roosevelt's analysis:

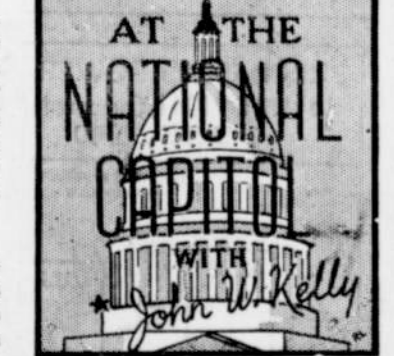
"There cannot be price stability if labor costs rise abnormally—Labor has far more to gain from price stability than from abnormal wage increases, for these are likely to be illusory and quickly overtaken by sharp rises in living cost . . .

"Labor as a whole, fares best from a labor policy which recognizes that wages in the defense industries should not substantially exceed the prevailing wage rates in comparable non-defense industries where fair labor practices have been maintained."

Facing facts like those would be a good start towards handling the "little man upon the stair"—the danger of inflation.

Allocation of funds has finally been made for improvement of airports in Oregon and Washington, five in the former state and 12 in the latter. Of the total appropriation of \$80,810,110 Oregon will receive but \$1,038,000 distributed as follows: Eugene \$113,000, Klamath Falls \$278,000, La Grande \$105,000, The Dalles \$180,000 and Tillamook \$410,000. The total for the 12 airport projects in Washington is \$2,105,000.

Selection of these airports to receive federal funds was made by a board composed of the secretaries of war, navy and commerce, which certified that they were necessary to the national defense. This certification included 26 locations previously announced but on which work had not been started and 149 new locations. The WPA will do the work on 87 of the projects and part work on 15; the others will be let by bid. It is expected that all will be completed shortly after the first of the year.



By PAUL DUNHAM

Washington, D. C., August 27—

Projects Deemed Necessary

While all projects are stated to be necessary to the national defense, there is a somewhat mystifying disproportion in the selections. For

instance, Texas is given 27 airports on which \$5,942,000 in federal money will be expended. Far to the northeast, in Maine, 17 sites were chosen for which \$3,069,000 will be available, and with one less in number Georgia will receive \$3,178,000. Just why there should be more airports required in Georgia than in Oregon or Washington is not clear, nor why Maine should be favored above other New England states, unless it is felt that the Pine Tree state affords a better jumping off place for the defense of Greenland and Iceland.

Training Program Set Up

For the announced purpose of aiding South American countries to prepare an efficient personnel to operate airlines to be established by them to replace lines previously operated by German companies, a program has been set up for the training of pilots and technicians in the United States. The number from each country will be apportioned on an equitable basis and will total 404 pilots, 120 service mechanics, 120 instructor mechanics and 20 aeronautical engineers. The army will train 100 of the pilots and the balance will be under the direction of the Civil Aeronautics administration. Hitherto all but a few of the airlines in South America have been either German owned or operated.

Quantity Decreases

Emphasizing the fact that such gasoline shortage as may exist in any locality in the United States is due to lack of adequate transportation facilities, a department of interior report on production of natural gasoline shows that the daily average in June was 7,133,000 gallons as compared with 6,161,000 in June of last year. However, there was an actual decrease in the quantity on hand, 261,870,000 gallons this June as compared with 294,000,000 on hand June 30, 1940.

While no record was made of the voice vote in the house on extension of the selective service period, a teller's count showed 21 Republicans voting with the majority and thereby keeping draftees in the army another 18 months. Had the policy of Republican Leader Joe Martin not been opposed this number would have been considerably

larger as other Republican members had previously expressed themselves as favoring a longer period of training. But Hamilton Fish rallied such strength against the house leader in a party caucus just prior to the voting that only 21 upheld the administration measure. This clash was only one of many recent almost open quarrels between Congressman Fish and the party leader.

Admittance Refused

Colonel Blank of the Presidio, in full uniform, decided while in Astoria recently that he would inspect the naval air base at Tongue Point; had his orderly drive to the scene of the development. A marine corps leatherneck was on guard at the entrance. The work is being carefully protected as the task of making it into an almost major air base (with destroyers and submarines, too) proceeds. The visiting colonel ranks the officer in charge. At the gate the marine halted the car, asked the colonel if he had a permit. No, the colonel did not have one; he did not need one, he was a colonel, and he demanded entrance. The marine was firm. "No tickie, no shirtee." Throwing out his chest, the colonel said he had his uniform on; that should be sufficient credentials. "Humph," said the marine, "anyone can get a colonel's uniform." And the colonel drove back to Fort Stevens indignant. (Note: Fakers have paraded in uniforms).

Secretary of Labor Perkins has rented the first two floors of her home to a British mission and is living on the top floor. The rent is presumed to be commensurate to the inconvenience.

The growth of the aircraft industry in the United States has been tenfold in the past 30 months, compared with a sevenfold increase in the shipbuilding industry during the entire World War.



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