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DEFENSE PROGRESS

Overwhelmed by a flood of recent reports that the defense program is lagging, the man in the street is almost convinced that defense production has come to a full stop. That this belief is a long way from the truth is evidenced by the latest report of the National Defense Advisory Commission, which offers a full accounting of the Commission's achievements since its formation on May 28, 1940.

During this six months' period, the NDAC reveals, the production of vital military equipment has been speeded from double to tenfold. While completed airplanes are behind schedule—700 a month instead of the expected 1,000 a month—the manufacture of airplane engines, instead of being a bottle-neck, is up to 2,400 a month. In addition, each month sees a new delivery of 100 light tanks, 10,000 Garand semi-automatic rifles, and vast supplies of munition. When the program began, monthly production of tanks stood at 10 to 15, engines at about 800, and Garand rifles at about 2,000.

Biggest accomplishment of the Commission is not in actual production, which is just getting fully under way, but in the speedy clearance of Army and Navy contracts. Now approving contracts at the rate of $55,500,000 a day, the NDAC in the past half year has okayed $10,000,000,000 worth including $3,300,000,000 for ships, $1,500,000,000 for planes, $600,000,000 for ammunition, $500,000,000 for guns, and $400,000,000 for trucks and tank.s

These contracts, which call for 18 billion man-hours of labor, have sent more than a million unemployed men and women back to work in the last two months, and, according to the NDAC, will require several million more workers by next November.

LEGISLATORS SEEK TO KEEP UP WITH WORK

Endeavoring to keep abreast of work heaped on them by a "speed-conscious" State administration, members of the General Assembly's ranking committees have studied Governor O'Conor's $106,000,000-plus 1942-43 budget bill.

With the budget, bond issue and tav rate bills, the Legislative Council's 110 measures and other legislation already before them, solons face another batch of new bills.

Heading the list of new measures are the remainder of the defense bills, covering such projects as sabotage, explosives and protection of public property. Legislation to establish a home guard already has been introduced by the Legislative Council.

Other measures yet to be dropped in legislative hoppers include those to create a Department of Revenue and Taxes and establish a Commissioner of Safety. They are being drawn by the Tax Revision Commission.

Some Senators have objected to the administration's drive for speed, but leaders are hopeful the Assembly may complete its work and adjourn "sine die" before the ninety days alloted are consumed.

Administration leaders said they would keep "feeding the work" to Assemblymen, pointing out it would be to the individual legislators' advantage to keep abreast of their task and avert a jam.

The 1940 production of commercial apples in Maryland is estimated at 2,077,000 bushels. That is about 12 percent below the estimated production in 1939 of 2,362,000 bushels but about 8 percent more than the estimated 5 years (1934-38) average production of 1,922,000 bushels, according to the Maryland Crop Reporting Service. Maryland Counties designated as commercial are Allegany, Carroll, Cecil, Frederick, Harford, Montgomery, Talbot, Washington and Worchester.

Annual reports from 1899 to 1938 show that the number of sawmills operating in Maryland reached a high of 720 mills in 1909 and a low of 47 mills in 1933. The most recent survey showed there were 93 mills operating in the State, according to C. F. Winslow, specialist in forestry for the Extension Service.

It's a good thing to avoid people who consider you a good thing.

OLD REMEDIES

By J. E. Jones

Washington, Jan. 20--The men and women of the United States who are employed or giving volunteer service to the National defense program continue to live normally, and naturally--eating and sleeping as usual. The farms and factories maintain regular, or increased schedules, and meet their obligation to the World.

The foregoing observations bring us back to our great Common Denominator--Common Sense. From this starting-post we reach conclusions to wit: 1. That human life and progress cannot go on unless all the ordinary activities of human beings continue to function as far as possible. 2. That national defense calls for only a part--a most important part, it is true--of the energy of the people and cannot become the sole business of our Nation. 3. That war and defense have not and probably will not care for all the unemployed. 4. That stronger methods must be devised to insure labor peace in defense industries. 5. Finally, that reasonable living and enterprise, and wise non-partisan administration of Government, are the old, and sure remedies for all our ills.

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Housing Boom For 1941

All the wheels have been oiled in machine that will build new houses throughout the country. Every locality directly connected with the defense program will be provided with new homes that will likely be financed by the Government. Banks and building and loan associations, and other concerns, will also be backed in what seems to become a home building boom for 1941.

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Throwing Mud At The Newspapers

Many attacks have been made upon the press during recent weeks and most of them can be traced to a few big-shot politicians in Washington who might very well be spared from the public service when the new Administration is finally chartered.

There are several hundrd news writers in Washington who represent every class of publications printed in the United States. There are perhaps 20,000 publications. Your Washington correspondent has been a member of this fraternity for a great many years and I want to tell you something that is common in the experiences in the daily lives of all recognized contributors to the press. There comes to the desks of all of these men advance news releases, some of which cannot be used for several days. This practice of the Government has existed for several generations. And yet of the tens of thousands of advance news releases I never have known of an instances where the confidence and trust of the Government has ever been violated or the items printed before the date set to release them. Where else can you look to find such a wonderful moral?

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Watch Us Grow

When population statistics recorded more than 131 million population in the continential United States we were all surprised by the remarkable growth. Now the U. S. possessions of Alaska, American Samoa, Guam, Hawaii, Panama Canal Zone, Puerto Rica and the Virgin Islands show the whole population to be 150,362,326.

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America The Beautiful

National Defense made one of its biggest actual gains when the tourists, vacationists and travelers of 1940 had to go "somewhere" in their own United States. And what a glorious time they all had as they saw the grandeurs of our own land. Tens of thousnds of journeyers met large groups of people living differently and following customs that seemed peculiar--which in fact were only distinctive, and unlike the way the art of living was carried on "back home." New England and our own Northwest are as much unlike as England and Canada. The Atlantic seaboard and the Pacific seabord represent different chapters in the American way of life.

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Rainbows Of Hope

A new Chairman of the National Labor Relations Board has been chosen. The nominee is Dr. Harry A. Millis, of the Chicago University. Other changes are being made in the Board, and as a result it will be reorganized and very likely strengthened.

As the Labor Board has proceeded on its quarrelsome way in recent years Congress has made attempts to change the laws under which it exists. Back of this long fight powerful politicians have insisted that the Board should be given time to work out its own problems.

The chances are that labor disputes between industries and labor unions are approaching "happier days," and that 1941 will restore a good deal of the old time partnership and recognition of mutual interests between employers and employes.

STATE WPA AIDING NATIONAL DEFENSE

Thirty-six per cent of Maryland's approximately 12,500 WPA workers are now engaged upon projects important t onational defense, Harry D. Williar, Jr., State Work Projects Administrator, announces.

The proportion is increasing steadily and should amount to forty per cent by the end of this month, Mr. Williar said. As recently as a month ago the proportion was only twenty-three per cent.

Mr. Williar asserted that practically all the army and navy posts and military reservations in Maryland are being expanded or improved by the War and Navy Departments.

Other WPA defense activities include the construction of a wharf for the Naval Militia armory on the Key Highway, improvements at the Pikesville armory, construction of an access road to the new Fairchild Airplane Company factory near Hagerstown and construction of a hangar for the Maryland National Guard at the Baltimore Municipal Airport.

"WPA workmen can't build the tanks, aircraft, guns and ammunition that are required for national defense, but they can do work of this kind an dare carrying out many important improvements," Mr. Williar said.

Army and Navy projects have priority and are pushed as rapidly as possible, the Administrator said.

DAIRY HERD IMPROVEMENT SHORT COURSE SCHEDULED

A one-week short course for those wishing to prepare themselves to become supervisors of dairy herd improvement associations or cream and milk testers at receiving stations will be held by the University of Maryland Dairy Department during the week of January 27th, it is announced by J. A. Conover, Specialist in Dairying.

The course will consist of lectures on the State Babcock Test Law, demonstrations on how to conduct the test, and record keeping. An examination will be given at the close of the course for the tester's license which is required of all persons doing Babcock testing for record work for commercial firms.

The course will begin at 10 a. m. Monday and will run until Saturday afternoon. A laboratory fee of $5 will be charged. Classes will be held at College Park and rooms may be secured off the campus at 75 cents to one dollar a day.

For further particulars write to Mr. Conover, College Park, Md.

AUTO SIGNAL LIGHTS

Asserting that many motorists apparently are in ignorance of the meaning of the "flashing" red traffic signal, the Keystone Automobile Club, in a safety bulletin issued this week, emphasizes that this type of signal requires motorists to stop and remain standing until they are assured it is safe to proceed.

In recent weeks, the bulletin says there have been several serious accidents attributd to motorists' failure to observe the flashing red signal. Such crashes, it points out, are entirely avoidable, and there can be little or no excuse for the motorist who becomes involved in them

According to the Club, the flashing amber and flashing red are coming into more general use throughout the country. These types are being employd at locations where there is insufficient traffic to keep the signals on the "stop" and "go" indications at all hours, but where the danger is sufficiently serious to warrant stopping to make sure passage over the intersecting point can be made in safety.

"These signals," the bulletin continues, "are erected in the public interest, and it certainly behooves the motorist to make good use of them, for his own protection and the safety of others."

Kenneth L. Turk, department of dairy husbandry, University of Maryland, says that dairying represents the largest single farming enterprise in Maryland's agriculture and brings in a $21,000,000 annual pay check to Maryland farmers.

Peru, comparatively small nation in South America, which might figure in a Hitler invasion of the Western Hemisphere is spending $15 a minute for its army and navy.

A tramp may admire pictures, but he invariably draws the line at wood cuts.

GARFIELD'S DEATH FIRST IMPORTANT NEWS OVER STATE DEPT. TELEPHONE

The first important communication over the telephone recorded by the State Department in Washington was recently described by Francis X. Welch in an article in "Telephony" magazine.

On a July day in 1881, Mr. Welch reports, the one and almost unused telephone in the State Department at Washington, D. C. rang. A retired official who chanced to be nearby answered the call of this "new-fangled gadget." An excited voice told him that President Garfield had just been shot.

Mr. Welch adds that "today the telephone is the most important form of communication used in our diplomatic service."

Grandma's Menu, Too, Had Plenty of Vitamins

Grandmothers were good cooks and turned out meals with plenty of unsuspected vitamins when their store of foods permitted wide choice, but modern cooks in streamlined kitchens must be good cooks and also food engineers who can provide vitamins, calories, and minerals, without stuffing their families, say nutrition specialists at Ohio State university.

Cooks of the old school probably never heard of calories, but they knew folks who had plenty of different things to eat could live, work, and keep warm. Energy for these purposes came from the carbohydrates, fats and proteins, and grandmother learned quickly that the cooks who used plenty of butter, cream and eggs had the most guests.

Now, the minerals, calcium, phosphorus and iron are given attention by modern cooks because they are likely to be low in the average diet. Calcium and phosphorus form a large part of the bones and teeth. Some of the calcium, however, stays in the blood stream and is necessary for the proper functioning of the heart and the coagulation of the blood.

Vitamins were unheard of a few decades ago. Today, eight have been discovered, but vitamins, A, B^1, C, D and G are the best known. Quantities of vitamins and minerals were thrown away with the liquid from cooked vegetables until nutritionists showed homemakers the importance of cooking foods to conserve these health-giving nutrients.

Nutrition specialists point out that scientists have discovered how certain foods in the diet can prevent or cure pellagra, rickets, nutritional anemia and other body disorders. These findings have been a great boon to society.

A five-point diet worked out by the university specialists will furnish all the nutrients for the average person. It consists of the daily use of milk, tomatoes or citrus fruit, potatoes and green leafy vegetables, whole wheat bread and cereal, and eggs, meat, poultry or fish. Scientists have discovered that each person is a different problem in nutrition so each homemaker should appraise the physical fitness of all members of the family and plan the meals accordingly.

Soldiers Seek Tattoo Marks for Identifications

Tattoo artists in Canada are coming into their own as a result of the war.

According to Montreal's famous tattoo artist, Professor Paul, business is booming as never before since the days of 1914 with the army, navy and air force leading the procession through those narrow and gaudily decorated front doors. They want tattoo marks as identifications.

"Trouble now is," he said, "that there ain't the appreciation of art there used to be. I remember when a man could put in a couple of days doing a picture on a sailor's chest that was something to be proud of, but now it's just initials and numbers. Military numbers, girls' phone numbers, family initials, girls' initials. I'm telling yah, I'm gettin' writer's cramp.

"Tain't only the men that's getting them," he went on. "The women too are coming in here to get their boy friends' initials on their arms and legs.

"Of course," he added, "this idea isn't so good. Suppose a girl wants to change boy friends. Zingo! there's trouble. I've blotted out more initials by changing them into roses in the past six months than I've done in the last 25 years. But then, I guess a girl's got a right to change her mind. Got one now who's making her mind up to become a tattooed lady. Trouble with this is that a man gets about half through with them and they change their minds again, and tell me, what good's a half tattooed woman?"

Burma, bone of contention in the English-Japanese tension, produces oil at a speed of 13 barrels of oil a minute . . . and tin concentrates at a speed of 30 pounds every 60 seconds.

There has been a tremendous decrease in American apple exports during the current war year. . . . Present rate: six bushels a minute! Past rate: 25 bushels a minute.

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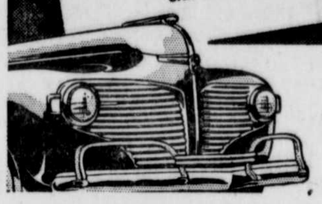

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Milk from Farm Grains Increased By Concentrates

Profits are Much Larger from Correctly-fed Herds.

It is a sound practice for a dairy farmer to raise all the feed he can, believes Meade Summers, head of the dairy department, Purina Mills. This applies both to grain and roughages or hay.

He adds, however, that to get the most profitable returns from his herd a dairyman must feed his grain and hay in the most efficient way.

Proof From Iowa State

To prove his contention, Summers calls attention to a statement appearing on page one of a bulletin issued by Iowa State College, "Feeding Dairy Cows." The statement reads—

"In Cerro Gordo County, Iowa, a cow testing association member was feeding only corn and cob meal in December. He changed to a grain mixture which included enough of a high protein concentrate to balance the roughage being fed, making no other changes in the care of the herd. In January his production increased so that the butterfat was worth $54.29 more. The new grain mixture cost $16.92 more than the old one, so that there was left $37.37 worth of butterfat as extra income over December. This is not an isolated case."

Grinding Feed Helps

Summers reports that a study recently made by Purina Mills in the feed stores of its dealers shows that about two-thirds of the folk grinding grain for dairy cattle still fail to appreciate how much more they can get out of it by adding a mixed concentrate. They believe in grinding their grain because their observations have shown them that much whole grain goes through the cattle. But because the loss of milk cannot be seen they continue to feed their ground grain without balancing it with a mixed concentrate.

Summers' recommendation on a mixed concentrate to add to ground grain hinges on the amount of home grown grain the dairy farmer has. When his problem is to make his grain stretch as far as it can, Summers advises the adding of 24% Cow Chow. If the supply of grain is ample he advises the adding of 34% Cow Chow. Both of these mixed concentrates are handled locally by our Purina distributor.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES

"Truth" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, Jan. 26.

The Golden Text will be from Psalms 119: 151, 152, "Thou are near, O Lord, and all thy commandments are truth. Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever."

Among the citations comprising the Lesson-Sermon will be the following from the Bible, Acts 5:12: "And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people."

The Lesson-Sermon also will include passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, among which is the following, page 30, "As the individual ideal of Truth, Christ Jesus came to rebuke rabbinical error an dall sin, sickness, and death-to point out the way of Truth and Life."

A discourteous man is a good lesson in courtesy.

WPA GIVES STATE TOTAL OF $502,705

Senators Tydings and Radcliffe and other members of Congress from Maryland, announced that allotmtnts from WPA funds totaling $502,705 have been approved for various projects in the State.

The largest of the amounts, that of --352,563, is slated for extension of the water system in the metropolitan districts of Baltimore county, including Pikesville, Pleasant Heights and Randallstown.

An allotment of $68,060 is slated to furnish free home assistance in general house work, care of children and simple home care o fthe sick in homes of the needy in Baltimore.

A soil conservation program for Harford and Baltimore counties is propsed under an allotment of $24,376. This program provides for the conservation of soil resources and to reduce soil erosion throughout Gunpowder Falls--the Deer Creek soil conservation district.

The allotments also included funds for street improvement programs in two Western Maryland towns: a total of $75,177 to be used for a citywide street improvement at Frostburg, and $44,975 to improve certain streets in Brunswick, Frederick county.

Mrs. Lulu Hamby of Nottingham, and Charles Redinger, of Conowingo, were united in marriage on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 15, by Rev. W. H. Haney, their pastor.

KIRKWOOD DELECTIVE ASSOCIATION

Kirkwood Detective Association met in annual session Jan. 11, in Colerain High School building at Kirkwood, Pa., and elected officers as follows: President, John H. Herr; secretary, Charles P. Swisher; treasurer, C. Melville Barr, Sr. Delegates to attend the Detective Associations Union are Norman Whiteside and Walter Ferguson. Directors elected are Joseph Martin, Walter Ferguson, Norman Whiteside, C. P. Penny, Thomas Cassidy and James T. Hastings. Auditors appointed are James Harrar, Frank Swisher and Fred Whiteside. The loss during the year was so small no claim for it was presented.

PAY FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS SEALS

Although the 1940 Christmas Seal Sale, sponsored by the Maryland Tuberculosis Association, came to a close on Christmas Day, thousands have failed, as yet, to make their returns.

Officials of the Association urged everyone to join in this health crusade to make all homes safe from the scourge of tuberculosis by promptly remitting for the health stamps that they received on the 25th of last November.

Through the funds raised by these Seals the Maryland Association is able to carry on its program of health control through clinics, tuberculin testing, x-rays, medical research and the Miracle House.

"It is not too late to pay for your Christmas Seals," said William B. Matthews, Managing Director of the Association. We have tremendous job ahead of us in Maryland, as its death rate from tuberculosis ranks third highest in the United States. Every effort must be made to reduce this rate and make Maryland happier and healthier."

Hot words between friends are usually followed by a cold wave.