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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

Sullivan's Post War Plan

Every state and all of the nation is planning some kind of a post-war period of building. There are several reasons for this First of which is to catch up on construction and other types of work that has had to be delayed because of the war and the diversion of critical material. Second is to provide jobs for the returning veteran and to take up the slack that will be caused by the closing of the war plants that have been in existence for the duration. Another reason is to spend some of the surplus that has been accumulating in the various states.

Sullivan has its own post war schedule of proposed work that will provide work primarily for the men who will return from the various war fronts.

The war work proposed for Sullivan is not basically a money spending scheme or just to provide brick turning jobs with a hint at dole. The plan that has been outlined for this city will be constructive work well engineered to make the town a better place in which to live.

The two state route streets, Jackson and Hamilton will be widened. This has been needed for many years. It will improve the appearance of the town and will help with the increase in traffic that will be evidenced at the close of the war.

The main work will be the installation of a storm sewer for the people of this community. That will help all property owners as drainage will be improved and the puddles of water that stand in the streets will then be a thing of the past. Basements will be dry and the fear of water in the basements will be a thing of the past.

There are other proposed projects for the town that has been included under the plan of post-war planning that will take up the employment of returning war veterans and will improve the city.

Post-war planning that does more than merely provide jobs is the type of work that veterans will appreciate. They will have little sympathy in any system of either a dole of money or work. They will want to see the reason behind their work and that is just the plan that has been developed here.

The American standard of living reached unprecedented heights because production and distribution were carried on under a competitive system. No very long memory is needed to recall how before the war, the moving force back of the sale of every service and commodity was the appeal to the consumer's taste for quality. Maximum quality at minimum prices was and still is the goal of the worthy merchant who firmly believes that the day will come when competition, rather than OPA lawyers, will again rule his existence. This type of merchant is the backbone of the distribution system. And it is this type of merchant who advocates most strongly that wartime regulations restricting competition be relaxed as rapidly as possible. He realizes that in the long run high quality and good service cannot be maintained without the stimulating influence of competition.

If wartime rules over distribution are a necessary evil to be continued on into the peace indefinitely, we may as well make up our minds right now to do without quality in the merchandise we buy. Quality depends on conscience and competition. It can't be sold by the pound at a fixed price.

Look Ahead, Labor!

The cause of organized labor continues to suffer because of wartime strikes. A short time ago, General Eisenhower sent home word that his country was not producing sufficient military supplies to keep up with the demands of the advancing American armies in Europe.

Then, if ever, was the time for labor to see that not a day or an hour be lost in the production of the needed equipment. Instead, immediately after Eisenhower's plea, more strikes occurred. Never has the comparison between a failure at home and the cry for help from the front been more direct or more bitterly apparent.

Everyone sincerely concerned with the future of American labor cannot help but shudder at the public wrath which its shortsighted officers and members threaten to bring down on its head. Day after day the newspapers in great metropolitan centers contain page after page of war casualty lists. And each casualty represents a man with a family in America, a family who reads in those same papers of disaster and strikes in vital war plants. There is nothing they and their families can do just now. They are not organized. No one can speak authoritatively for them. They are as helpless as the millions of other men overseas and their families—men who are not casualties and who fight on with no thought of desertion or mutiny which would be comparable to wartime strikes.

Some day when the war is over and the service men and their families are reunited, they will be heard from. Why don't more union spokesmen look ahead to that day?

AT THE GRAND

NEW "MCGEE" COMEDY STRESSES UTTER HILARITY

Radio favorites go to Washington on an "Average Man" Mission, and Meet Complications.

How Fibber McGee's blundering wins him nation-wide attention, makes for hilarity in RKO Radio's newest feature comedy, "Heavenly Days," in which he shares starring honors with Molly.

The story opens in the McGees' home town of Wistful Vista, with Fibber and Molly preparing to go to Washington to help out their cousins the Clarks, with some government work. En route, Fibber looks for an average man to get his opinions but can't find one. He does meet Dr. Gallup of the Gallup Follies, however, and sells him on the idea of finding the Country's The Average Man through his organization.

In Washington Fibber, still toying with his nation, decides that Congress ought to know what John G. Public is thinking, and accordingly starts to make a speech from the Senate visitors' gallery. The repercussions from this exploit win Fibber plenty of kidding attention from newspapers everywhere. After the Clarks hastily ship him back to Wistful Vista, he discovers that he has won the Gallup Poll choice as America's The Average Man.

"Heavenly Days" comes to the Grand theatre on Sunday and Monday, Dec. 17-18.

GIRL SCOUT NO. 3

Troop 3 of the Girl Scouts held their weekly meeting Monday, Dec. 4, at Mrs. Ramsey's home. The meeting was brought to order by saying the Scout promise. Mrs. Ramsey and 18 girls were present. We are going to sing Christmas Carols the Friday before Christmas.

We practiced some carols. Afterwards we played 2 games. Refreshments of cookies were served after which the meeting adjourned.

Carol Murray, Scribe.

MORE RECRUITS CAN BE ACCEPTED IN MILITIA STATE GUARDS

New recruits are being received by officers of the local company of state guards.

Monday night there were three recruits enlisted in the company and there is room for a few more according to the officers of the company.

Plans have been made by the officers of Company K to give drivers training that will permit those who pass the test to receive army drivers license.

Trucks and armored vehicles will soon be sent to the Sullivan Company and instructions, followed by the tests will be given to those who have not yet passed their driver's tests.

The equipment will also be used in practice problems involving true movement of men.

Enlistments may be made at the Armory any Monday.

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Quality Depends on Experience

When the quality of work seems to be that of a hasty job, it is because the labor and materials will be more abundant, and if production is high, the effects of high costs should be minimized. But is this all that is necessary to guarantee quality? It is not. Another important factor is competition. Where there is no competition, there is no incentive to quality.

From Our Old Files . . .

TEN YEARS AGO

Ernest Davis, of Sullivan, entertained the Millikin football team to a goose dinner in his home last Friday.

Mrs. Susan Hall passed away at the home of her daughter last Friday morning.

Miss Diamond Frantz and Walter Foster were united in marriage on Friday, December 14.

Miss Sallie Bristow entertained at a party at her home on Friday evening.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walker on Wednesday.

Members of the local Headquarters held their annual Christmas turkey dinner at Haw-baker's Cafe on Wednesday evening.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

John Curry Bracken passed away at his home on Monday afternoon.

The Friends-In-Council Club enjoyed a special Christmas program Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Edith Corbin.

Mrs. Carl Hill entertained several guests at dinner in her home on Saturday.

The annual Christmas dinner for the children of this community will be held on Thursday evening at the Masonic hall.

O. B. Kearney, of Lovington and Jake Righter, of Jonathan Creek have been elected delegates to the annual meeting of the Illinois Agricultural Association at the University of Illinois.

GIRL SCOUTS NEWS

This weeks meeting was held Monday night, Dec. 4th, at our troop room, and all but three girls were present and looked very nice in their uniforms. We had invited our troop committee as guests, and those who came were Mrs. Frank Wolf, Mrs. Edith Smith and Miss Florien Lively.

To introduce the troop to our guests, each girl stood for a moment when her name was called for attendance-check, the treasurer's report was read, and our balance on hand at the end of November was \$23.66. Mrs. Butler then explained how we advanced from Tenderfoot rank to 2nd Class Scouts and what we are now doing to become 1st Class Scouts. The girls sang several songs, ending with "Till We Meet Again." Our meeting next week is to be at the Lowe school gym at the usual time, 7:00 p. m.

NOTICE OF CLAIM DATE

Estate of Susan L. Leeds, deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all persons that Monday, February 5th, 1945, is the claim date in the estate of Susan L. Leeds, deceased, pending in the County Court of Moultrie county, Illinois, and that claims may be filed against the said estate on or before said date without issuance of summons.

C. G. LEEDS, Administrator
Francis W. Purvis, Attorney.

NOTICE OF CLAIM DATE

Estate of Roxie E. Adams, deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all persons that the 2nd day of January, 1945, is the claim date in the estate of Roxie E. Adams, deceased, pending in the County Court of Moultrie County, Illinois, and that claims may be filed against the said estate on or before said date without issuance of summons.

GEORGE P. ADAMS, Administrator.
FRANK L. WOLF, Attorney.

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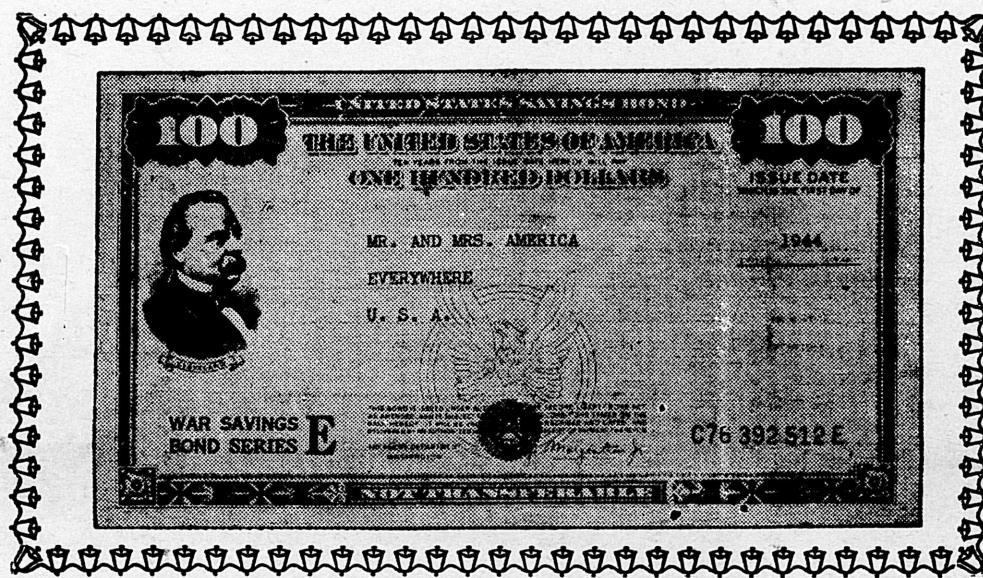
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