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Penny-Wise

County Commissioners Disclose Poor Sense of Values

Several days ago when the story appeared in the paper about the Board of County Commissioners' decision to raise the salary of Chief Linberry...

And so the decision was not to expend a \$50.00 editorial on a \$25.00 subject.

As matters are turning out, however, the decision was better taken than the decision with the attitude of the Commissioners to that it was penny-wise and pound-foolish.

What confronts the County Commissioners is one of those open-and-shut propositions which has only one possible answer.

The Chief Service Board, the members of which put their minds and their time into the responsibilities delegated to them, has recommended the increase.

Cashion and McDonald, the Commissioners' police committee, have recommended the other hand.

They want that they will be better advised in the meantime. The City Council could tell them how fortunate they are in having a police department which does not have headaches.

More than a third of Hawaii's population is Japanese. The New York Times quotes a prominent official:

"Hawaii some day soon may have to pay a terrific price for the cheap labor imported years ago and for the politics played there with the Japanese vote."

And an unnamed Army officer in Hawaii, referring to the large number of Japanese that are now serving in the Islands' Territorial Guard, asks:

"Can you imagine what confusion would be caused if a few are not loyal and in case of an invasion attempt, start firing their rifles at Territorials and on the Army and Navy?"

Already verified are reports of mirrors tied in tree tops near American anti-aircraft batteries during the Pearl Harbor attack.

As long as these traitors are at large the danger to Hawaii is as great as is imminent as a big gun aimed at the last important American garrison between Tokyo and the American mainland.

Wishful Thought

Mussolini's Newspaper Digs Up a Tall Story

Benito Mussolini's personal news organ, Popolo d'Italia, declares that settlement of the war between Japan and China is imminent.

There are two rather obvious propaganda motives behind such a report. The still gullible portion of the Italian population it might give some little entertainment.

Moreover, the timing is all wrong. A few more battles like Chanzha and they may have to put a bag limit on Japanese to save the race from extinction.

U.S. Troops To Eire?

By Paul Mellon

WASHINGTON
READERS may have the notion from Mr. Roosevelt's speech that he is dispatching land, air and sea expeditionary forces to Eire.

He did not say that. He said that they are to "take station in the British Isles."

England needs troops. Ireland needs troops. The British Isles need troops.

There is a very large unoccupied section of American land, air and sea forces to a good advantage, politically, economically and militarily.

A one-paragraph item out of Dublin the following day betrayed the prospects. It said the Irish would rather have American than British troops.

As American forces go into those valuable bases, however, they will furnish extensive anti-aircraft protection to Irish cities.

FREE FOOD ITEM
IRKS ROOSEVELT
FDR was astonished by one item in his own budget—the appropriation for free-food disposition under the food stamp plan.

Another thing Mr. Roosevelt or someone else will have to justify in Congress is the new "free" food and taxes.

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After While It Will Draw Tighter

—By Herblock

PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE, DUTCH INDIES



Reawakening To New Effort

By Dorothy Thompson

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America's Convulsion

By Raymond Clapper

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The Hired Man

While Crops Rot, He's After the Big Money

Secretary of Agriculture Wickard has just sent out another of his forthrightly solicitous for farmers to increase the production of foodstuffs.

And the farmers, we judge from a raving wave of protest in agricultural journals, are beginning to be irritated by these exhortations.

They would be delighted to double our production—treble it, if need be.

But we can't do it unless we can find hired hands. Crops are rotting in the fields right now because there was not enough help available to gather them last fall.

And the farmers are right. The migration away from the farm has been a long-term movement.

But the blossoming of the defense boom, combined with the economic reviving by the armed forces in agricultural areas (ask the Navy) has accelerated the movement and cut sharply into the supply of farm workers.

They have gone into cities and camps and they have another of the same going back to their old jobs.

When a more prosperous than average farmer is willing to pay a hired man \$50 a month and board, it may seem like a good deal to the farmer, but it doesn't stack up alongside a carpenter's job.

Side Glances

EFFICIENCY MUST MEAN PRODIGIOUS EFFORT

Our work mentality is tuned to the idea that efficiency consists of the smallest amount of work for the largest material rewards.

Can a nation change its ingrained habits? Will it have to undergo a deeper re-education in prosperity? That is our test.

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Senator Soaper Says:

A research report that insecticide, varnish, fiber board and paper bags may be made from tobacco, or the campaign for a four-day work week.

The armed services sound a call for astronomical navigators, or fellows who steer by the stars. America has known some such, among motorists now deceased.

Something new and remarkable in medical complications is the West plague coming down with typhus.

A famed taper of animals says the best way to control a natural enemy is naturally this: when you are curious as to the second best.

This Japanese emergency ration which includes whole chickens and leeks, hardtack, elder and candy sounds like a meal for a group at a hunting camp.

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Today's Bible Thought

THE work of men soon crumbles into dust, build with God and you build for eternity.

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Visitin' Around

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"I understand you boys are going to Camp Dix—here's a kiss to give to my grandson, Sergeant Jones!"