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A LITTLE SELF-DENIAL

We hear altogether too much petty grumbling over the alleged "scarcity" of meat and butter and other staples of our accustomed food.

It is sickening to hear those who have never known the wholesome discipline of self-denial, whine because they can't always get all the meat or butter or coffee or sugar they are able to use.

Perhaps the government is going about this rationing business wrong end to. Maybe it would be better as an experiment in the regimentation we must expect to have imposed upon us, if our daily food supplies were immediately cut down drastically to what is reasonably necessary to maintain our usual health and well being. That would surely cut off a majority of the things we have been educated by our ways of life to think of as necessities. We would find that the daily food bill would be greatly reduced and for many of us, our health improved. It used to be a saying among physicians that people "dig their own graves with their teeth," meaning that most of us eat, not wisely, but too well.

This cutting off the luxuries one by one may be something like the cutting off of a dog's tail half an inch at a time, instead of the whole thing at one quick chop.

Think what pleasure it would be to see the announcement that next Saturday there would be meat for all, or perhaps unlimited sugar or bacon or butter or coffee!

SOLDIER ENTERTAINMENT

We recently, from the military side, received a new slant on the subject of soldier entertainment by civilians.

We have been constantly urging Las Vegas people to be hospitable and entertain soldiers at dinner in their homes and people have responded very generously although, obviously, only a comparatively small number of the five to ten thousand soldiers stationed at McCarran Field could be invited.

Contrary to the rather biased ideas of some who are total strangers to Las Vegas, the people of this city have done much for the pleasure and entertainment of the service men, and those activities are constantly increasing as organizations get their activities better organized.

But, as we started to say, we have been given a new slant on the subject of dining and dining the soldiers, entirely aside from the possible ill effects that stuffing with unaccustomed confections might induce. That is that the camp cooks must always prepare food for the entire number of men on the camp roster and, as no left-overs are permitted to be used, the food for whatever men are absent from camp goes into the garbage.

On the other hand, it is pointed out, if for example, one thousand men are guests once a week in five hundred civilian homes, that much food, one thousand meals a week is taken from the rationed allotment of private life.

So far as the large majority of people of Las Vegas are concerned, no sacrifice is too great if it will add to the well being and the happiness of our men in the service.

Moreover, we must remember that the charge recently made in public that the people of Las Vegas have been very lax and delinquent in their duty is unfounded.

It should be remembered also, that the task of providing regular entertainment for several thousand men is no small thing for a community the size of Las Vegas.

We repeat that Las Vegas has not been neglectful of its duties, is not at present and will not be so in the future, although there may be a difference of opinion as to the best way of showing our hospitality.

Paratroops in Action



IN TUNISIA British parachute troops like these have dropped in large numbers from U S transport planes to capture enemy airfields needed by the Allied air forces in their advance. Picture shows machine gunner and machine gunner protecting others while they get equipment from the container dropped with them.

In Command



SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM AIDS AMERICA'S WARTIME STRENGTH

Several Thousand Nevada School Children Being Provided With Noonday Lunches By Agricultural Marketing Administration

Miss America, 1951.



THIS YEAR thousands of American communities will furnish free school lunches to strengthen the health of our youth. Food from the Agricultural Marketing Administration of the U. S. Department of Agriculture helps to make these lunches possible.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—Filling a wartime need, community school lunch programs are continuing to provide several thousand Nevada school children with adequate noon-day meals, reported K. C. May, State Supervisor for the Distribution Division of the Agricultural Marketing Administration.

Recognizing the need in wartime of adequate school lunches these community projects are currently being promoted under directives issued to County Nutrition Committees by Mrs. Mary S. Buol, president of the Nevada State Nutrition Council, to Nevada civilian defense organizations by Mr. Hugh Shambaugh, State Chairman, to Red Cross Chapters by Mr. Frank Brown, State Chairman, to school authorities by Miss Mildred of the Nevada State School Department. The commodities are distributed by the Nevada Commodity Distribution of the Nevada State Board of Relief, Work Planning and Pension Control, under the direction of Mr. Rufe Henricks and Mr. J. L. Wilkison.

"The AMA is donating to the state over 31,000 pounds of farm products monthly so that all children who need lunches will get them. In November over 3,000 children in Nevada received lunches made up in part of this commodity distribution, and supplemented by other foods purchased locally by the schools.

"Like England, we have found that under war conditions, the strength of the nation's youth is of first importance on the home front. Whatever food shortage may develop, school lunch programs will enable all children to receive at least one nutritionally adequate meal a day.

"Last school year, over 250,000 pounds of foodstuffs were supplied by AMA, indicative of the

"The Big Job" Tells Of Silver & Copper

Old Paul Revere would have been pleased to the depths of his patriotic soul had he been present week. He would have been present at the end of another historic at the BMI bus bar plant last ride, started by a company bearing his name and executed, as was his famous horseback gallop, to win an American war.

Three cars reached BMI. They contained 141.8 tons of solid silver bus bars—sped here to replace copper sorely needed for shell cases and other war uses. The shipment would have pleased old Paul particularly because it was sent here from the Revere Copper and Brass Company of Baltimore.

This second Revere ride stirred the patriotic fervor of Nevada's history students. They recalled that silver from Nevada's fabulous Comstock Lode just about financed the war between the States. And now Nevada's silver comes home to help win another war. And by one of those strange quirks it arrived to replace copper just a short time after management of BMI had been taken over by representatives of that giant of the copper industry—Anacosta. Paul Revere, the Comstock lode, silver, copper, Anacosta, magnesium! If that isn't a combination of stimulating circumstances, try to think up a better one.

Allen Bunker Will Enter West Point

Allen Bunker, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan L. Bunker, has received an appointment to West Point through his uncle, Senator Berkeley L. Bunker. Allen is now a student at the Utah State College in Logan and will go to Fort Douglas, Utah in March to take his examinations for entry into the army training school.

Vegas Vo'unteers In The Navy Now

Lieut. George O. Hackett, officer in charge of naval recruiting in Nevada, reports that young men enrolling on the Navy-NYA training program, regular apprentice seaman applicants and prospective "Seabees" thronged the recruiting stations in Reno and out-state offices during the closing days of voluntary enlistments.

Among those transferred to training stations and NYA training center at San Luis Obispo were Raymond Earl Thorn and Clarence William Jeffrey, of Las Vegas. John Junior Taylor, Lonnie B. Titus, Bruce McDermid, Richard Lewis Evans, Jr., and Carl Louis Reed of Las Vegas completed their initial applications.

CURB MACARONI SIZES TO AID SALVAGE EFFORT

WASHINGTON—You may eat your macaroni in a different shape for the duration because the National Macaroni Manufacturers Association, in a move to wrap that well-known product around three Fascist necks, has voted to eliminate a number of sizes and shapes of macaroni, making available approximately twenty-six obsolete dies for scrap. These dies, made of steel, copper and manganese alloys, will supply the mills of the nation with a large volume of these critically-needed materials.

HEALTH TOPICS

HEALTH IS WHAT?

It is just what it means to you in terms of ambition and desire. Carried to a further point, there is apt to be little ambition or desire left without health. Health is the "vitamin of motives" that is worth just as much to each of us as we apply it to serve particular ends.

If it is desired to enable one to earn more money, then health is wealth.

If it is wanted to make one taste the spice of life and enjoyment, then health is pleasure.

If it is sought to prepare one for efficient work for the work's sake, then health is industry.

If it is hoped for to stimulate the brain and clear the mind, then it is intelligence.

If it is held valuable to keep us from accidents and physical blunders, then it is insurance.

If it is valued as a means to save car-fare, auto expense, or doctor's bills, then it is Scotch thrift.

Perhaps if it is wanted in a nice balance between them all, then I declare it to be that veritable Bluebird of Happiness, whose nest we hope to see hanging in our own vine and fig tree.

—Jeff McDermid.

DON'T GET IT

Keep as well as possible, for the healthier your body, the harder for the germs or tuberculosis to grow therein.

DON'T live, study or sleep in rooms where there is no fresh air. Fresh air and sunlight kill the tubercle bacilli and germs causing other diseases. Therefore, have as much of both in your room as possible.

DON'T live in dusty air. Keep your rooms clean. Get rid of dust by cleaning with damp cloths and mops. Don't sweep with a dry broom.

KEEP at least one window open in your bedroom at night, and air the room two or three times a day.

DON'T eat with soiled hands. Wash them first.

DON'T put your hands, pencils or any candy or chewing gum that other persons have, in your mouth.

DON'T keep soiled handkerchiefs in your pockets.

DON'T neglect a cold or a cough, but go to a doctor or a dispensary.

DON'T neglect your teeth; keep mouth clean.

DON'T waste money on patent medicines or advertised consumption cures, but go to a doctor or a dispensary. If you go in time you can be cured; if you wait, it may be too late.

Labor, Rates And Traffic Give R. R. Headaches

The railroads and their prosperous revenues are caught in a cross fire. Last Week OPA, acting for Economic Stabilizer James Byrnes and the Department of Agriculture, petitioned the ICC to cancel the six percent freight and ten percent passenger-rate increases granted last spring.

In Chicago this week the five operating Brotherhoods (trainmen, engineers, etc.) are expected to ask for a ten to 15 percent increase in wages. The 15 non-operating Brotherhoods (signalmen, track workers, etc.) have already demanded a wage boost of 20 cents an hour, minimum pay 70 cents an hour.

The proposed reduction in rates on current traffic would reduce the railroads' gross income by \$500,000,000 per year; the wage increase, if granted in full, would add some \$600,000,000 to their payrolls in 1943. These two actions would wipe out all railroad profits in sight for next year.

The case against railroads is that their gross profits, before interest and rentals this year will be approximately \$1.5 billion, their net profits a little over \$900 million. This, in Leon Henderson's opinion, is rank profiteering at the Government's expense, since the Government is the railroads' biggest customer. Furthermore, Henderson claims that high railroad rates are inflationary.

The railroads' case against Henderson's reasoning is: railroad profits this year will still be approximately five percent less than the five and three-fourths percent return on invested capital allowed them by Congress. These profits are being used to pay off debts (which is anti-inflationary), and cash is being put aside for post-war cost of rehabilitation. Finally, a reduction in passenger rates would only tend to increase the amount of civilian travel which the Office of Defense Transportation is now frantically trying to reduce.

One of the older inhabitants of this village was describing a visit he had just made to the newly installed schoolmaster.

"After a bit of talk," the old boy asked me if I would take anything, and I said I wanted a bottle and commenced to pour into glass. Of course, I soon said, 'Oh, stop, stop!' and he did suit! Na. I dinna think he'll suit this parish."

USO Says Christmas Many Officials Are White Or No Members of Masons

Since we can't have snow on the desert for Christmas, the U S O under the direction of Miss Margaret M. Bushard, Director, took stock of the fact that the first Christmas is said to have featured the three wise men riding across the desert to Palestine on camels. And that's just what Santa will do this year—make his appearance on horse-back, replacing the traditional arrival over snow-covered hill tops aboard a sleigh—at the Christmas party at the Basic Trailer Camp, December 23, sponsored by the U S O in conjunction with the Trailer Camp Management headed by N. R. Snyder.

The party on that evening will feature a huge Christmas tree, and arrangements are to be handled by Mrs. Merle Miller, U S O Assistant for the Trailer Camp, assisted by the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of the Basic Trailer Camp.

Chances will be sold throughout the camp previous to the party for the turkey and duck raffle, one of the main events of the evening. Another high-light will be the awarding of prizes for the "best-dressed" trailers of the Park—a home-decorating contest for the Christmas season, also sponsored by the U S O.

Candy and fruit will be given by Santa, and the evening will be of the Traditional Christmas Party evening, with games, caroling, and other yuletide festivities, according to officials in charge. The party is to be one of several events to make the season a more realistic Christmas for those whose families have been separated, whose homes have been left behind, and whose whole efforts are being given toward this particular war effort.

PERSONALS

MISS MARION CAHLAN, Miss Patience McNamee and Miss Mary Alice Turner who are students at Immaculate Heart College in Hollywood, have returned home for the Christmas vacation.

MISS AMY HANSON, who for several years was employed in Las Vegas as school nurse, has returned and will be found in the office of Public Health.

MRS. SHERWIN GARSIDE and little daughter have returned from a visit with Mrs. Garside's parents in Long Beach.

LIEUT. MIKE MCNAMEE spent a few days the past week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo A. McNamee, returning Wednesday to his post in North Carolina.

MRS. ISABELLE MCHRYSTAL, who has been living in Sausalito, Calif., for the past two years, is a guest at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Leo A. McNamee.

A check since the November, 1942 elections shows that of the 48 Governors, 34 are Masons, and so far as their membership in the Scottish Rite is known 6 are 33rd Degree and 19 are 32nd Degree Masons.

Governor John W. Bricker of Ohio is a 33rd Active Member of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. Governors Earl Warren, 33rd, of California, Walter W. Bacon, 33rd, of Delaware, John Moses, 32nd, of North Dakota, and Earl Snell, K.T., of Oregon are Past Grand Masters of their respective states, and Governor F. C. Donnell, 33rd, of Missouri is present Grand Master.

Of the 96 U. S. Senators, 55 are Masons, of whom 5 are known to be 33rd Degree Masons and 25 are known to be 32nd Degree Masons. Senator Harry S. Truman, 32nd, of Missouri, is a Past Grand Master of that state.—Scottish Rite News Bulletin.

Congratulations To Senator Scrugham

Secretary of Navy Frank Knox, in a message to J. G. Scrugham recently, congratulated the Nevada legislator on his election as United States senator from Nevada, and expressed his appreciation for the Nevadan's interest and services in behalf of the U. S. navy.

Scrugham, who was sworn in as a senator, December 7, served ten years in the House of Representatives as Nevada's lone member in the Lower House, and for the past four years had been chairman of the House subcommittee on Naval appropriations.

In expressing his thanks for the outstanding work done by Scrugham while in the House, Secretary Knox wrote in part as follows: "I have not had an opportunity to congratulate you upon your recent election to the Senate. Permit me to do so now and with genuine warmth. I must add, however, that there will be many occasions in the future when we will miss your sound and sympathetic judgment and your exceptional understanding of the navy and its needs on the House appropriations committee.

"With many thanks for all you have done for the navy in the past and my earnest good wishes in your new position of increased responsibility, believe me,

"Sincerely yours,
(Signed) "Frank Knox."

BIG SALVAGE DRIVE MAPPED BY GIRL SCOUTS

A door-to-door salvage drive is to be launched immediately by the Girl Scout Troop of the Basic school district. The Scouts plan to make a thorough canvass of this entire area and to organize the district for a complete salvage program.

People, Spots In The News



HURRY UP CALL—Cindy Lou Sinclair, 19-month-old daughter of Tampa, Fla., physician, is caught by camera in picture which won prize in American Red Cross National Photo contest.



"I CAN PRODUCE! . . . even if I can't fight," says Gus Selberg, 54. Aluminum Co. of America potman who voluntarily worked 112-hour week, making enough aluminum for nine fighter planes. He's pictured buying War Bonds to speed his son's victorious return from "somewhere in Pacific."



VICTORY MARCH—American troops, led by Old Glory, march to capture Maison Blanche airfield, located near Algiers, in prize invasion of North Africa, which has changed whole complexion of European war.