

The Blood and Tears

Through many months America has slowly come to grips with the toll and sweat of war. And now America is making the sacrifice of blood and tears; blood of heroes, and the tears of the mothers who bore them. The first long casualty list was led by the name of a California boy: First Lieutenant Hans Christensen, 21, of Woodland, a marine aviator, killed in action at Pearl Harbor. To his mother, to all such mothers as she who must grieve, applies a message from Abraham Lincoln, written in his own hand on November 21, 1864, to a mother who had lost five sons in the Union Army:

"Dear Madam: I have been shown in the files of the War Department a statement of the Adjutant General of Massachusetts that you are the mother of five sons who have died gloriously on the field of battle. I feel how weak and fruitless must be any word of mine which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming. But I cannot refrain from tendering you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the Republic they died to save. I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom. Yours very sincerely and respectfully, A. Lincoln."

So might the nation express the thanks it feels to the mothers who are laying the costliest sacrifices upon the altar of America's freedom in this terrible war of today.

Two Common Poultry Diseases Explained and Treatment Told

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"An ounce of prevention" is certainly the key to poultry health. Most poultry troubles may be prevented and some may be controlled; but few can be treated and cured economically.

PULLORUM: If chicks get droopy and begin to die during the first week, probably the cause is Pullorum. One condition frequently associated with this disease (and others) is diarrhea, from which it was at first called "white diarrhea" and later "Bacillary White Diarrhea" — B. W. D. This is the only disease which may be passed directly from the hen to the chick thru the egg.

There is no known cure, but fortunately it may and should be prevented. A blood test of each bird in the breeding flock will identify those which carry the disease. They may appear perfectly healthy and productive, but should all be removed from the breeding farm. These mature "carriers" probably were chicks which recovered from an epidemic, tho they may have picked up the germs from droppings.

Even if there are only a few diseased chicks in an incubator or brooder the disease spreads rapidly. Before buying chicks the source of eggs should be investigated, and guarantee received that all breeders have been tested and reactors removed. Most hatcherymen attend to this nowadays, but occasionally someone buys eggs here and there carelessly.

If this trouble should appear droopy chicks should be removed immediately and disposed of. The rest should be kept warm and litter maintained clean and dry. There is less chance of spread of infection if chicks are brooded on one-half inch mesh hardware cloth, and feed and water kept free from droppings. The only positive diagnosis of pullorum is by laboratory test. This will be made free by the Poultry Pathological Laboratory if sick or recently dead birds are taken or sent to 1451 Mirasol st., Los Angeles.

COCCIDIOSIS: Another trouble often causing diarrhea of baby chicks may occur at any time from three weeks of age

Red Cross Was Ready In Hawaii, Reports Reveal

That Hawaii and the Philippines were more aware of the impending crisis than we have been is evidenced by recent reports received by the Red Cross. These reports should be a comfort to many here who have relatives in the Islands.

For many months the Red Cross in Hawaii had been preparing. Twelve 50-bed first aid stations had been set up with equipment, doctors, nurses and first aid personnel. Training courses had been conducted for months and 2,200 men and women, doctors and nurses and first aiders were ready when the emergency came. Large supplies of food, bedding, surgical dressings etc., were on hand.

The Hawaiian Red Cross Motor Corps, many of whom were wives of Army and Navy men, assisted in evacuation of civilians from bombed areas. Women volunteers had sewed many garments. The Red Cross in Washington, D. C. crossed \$25,000 to Hawaii for immediate needs.

In the Philippines, the Red Cross had planned a system of evacuation and were prepared for mass feeding, medical aid and first aid. Ten 50-bed first aid stations had been set up. Settlements had been designated as evacuation centers. First aid groups, mass feeding and infant feeding groups had been trained and set up with large stores of food, clothing and medical supplies.

Members of the National Red Cross were sent to the Islands weeks ago to direct relief in case of an emergency.

FOR WASHINGTON?

There will be no slowing up in the manufacture of machinery for the propaganda front. The year's output of typewriters exceeds a million.

Victor Moore, the actor, is superstitious of the month of August for during that month all his family's misfortunes occurred.

sure and immunity develops gradually with rarely a severe case.

If straw or other litter is the principal floor covering an outbreak may be expected. Treatment consists in the following procedure: Clean house and use fresh litter. For several months only give a molasses-bran or 40 percent milk mash, afterwards regular feed. Clear house daily. This removes the organisms before they are in a condition to reinfect the flock. By all means the water fountains and feeders should be on wire frames large enough so that the accumulation of droppings and moisture are out of chickens' reach. During a period of serious outbreak confine birds to the house and keep it dry.

There are many variations of this procedure but these principles rule: Coccidia must be 24 hours old to be infective. They must have warmth and moisture to mature. Control these conditions and birds develop immunity.

The list of poultry diseases commonly met with extends thru fowl pox, colds and laryngotracheitis. But as these last three normally occur later in the season, if at all, they will be discussed later.

FOR VICTORY



Taitout cartoon courtesy of Washington Post

Door-Bell Pushers Using National Defense Racket

IT'S OPEN SEASON on the front porch peacher—the gadget mechanic who beguiles housewives (and often their you'd think, their husbands as well) into buying things they don't need at twice the price they'd pay at any local store.

The war, it is, and not Spring, that brings the itinerant salesman around two months ahead of time, and it behooves the householder to watch his step when the door-bell rings incessantly and urgently.

The combination potato peeler, fountain pen and teething ring of his has given way to a newer line — "defense equipment."

One salesman already reported to authorities inspects the house thoroughly and sells a small size fire extinguisher "as recommended by National Defense Boards" for every room, collecting half the price in advance and promising to send the equipment in a day or so. He never does.

Another representing himself as an authorized defense worker goes through the same inspection tour, carefully checking ingress and egress facilities. The next thing the unwary householder hears of him he has used the information to his own advantage in the dead of night.

Others attempt to take orders for "government recommended" blackout materials including everything from gasoline lanterns and lightproof window curtains to black paint, gas mask and shatter-strips for glass.

There are two effective lines of home defense against the racketeer who makes a field day of the wartime emergency. One is to continue as in normal times to trade with the merchants who are part of the community, who have established their right to local patronage and who honestly advertise their goods in the home town paper.

The other is to report without delay, and to the proper authorities any solicitors about whose integrity there is the slightest doubt — and those as well who cannot be established as part of the local defense organization.

Bliking of this nature is unsavory enough at any time. But using a national emergency to take advantage of people in their own homes is a despicable practice that can be brought up short only with the intelligent cooperation of householders acting for their own protection.

AND THE BILLS

The old-time radio battery is destined soon to become a thing of the past. Two million farms are now receiving electric current.



By AILEEN MOSHER

Have You Read?

"The Great Big Doorstep" By E. P. O'Donnell

Five years back the reading public was presented with "Green Margins," a book bringing to attention the people of the delta of the Mississippi. E. P. O'Donnell, the author, now gives us another story of these quaint folks of the delta region, in the comedy of the year, "The Great Big Doorstep."

In this new novel we meet the Crochet family, humorous and genuine. Commodore and Duck, husband and wife, are quite a pair. Commodore is a dreamer, delusive, and Duck is a full-fledged pessimist. Evvie and Topal are the girls of the family, and they certainly keep the plot moving. Topal, 20 years of age, is expected to be an old maid, as the fiance she once had left her and named a mule after her. Evvie, 15 years of age, has plans of conquering some man so she can leave a lover when she enters the convent. Arthur, 18 years old, leaves home regularly because his Pop, Commodore, objects violently to Arthur's three dogs sleeping on Pop's side of the bed. And of course the babies of the family enter the picture quite boisterously.

"The entire Crochet family have dreams of having a 'great big' house to match their 'Great Big Doorstep.'" Said doorstep was obtained in an extremely unusual fashion. When the river was high and flooding some regions, what do they spot coming down with the current but a beautiful doorstep that has washed from some plantation up the way. Naturally, they save it and hitch it onto their tiny rented shack. From this point on Pop Commodore, who is by the way, a "drainage expert" (ditch digger to you) accepts as his purpose in life, the job of buying for his Duck and kiddies a home to match the doorstep. Believe me, it leads to numerous hilarious incidents.

When everyone needs relaxation and brief interest from war-wary, an A-1 prescription "The Great Big Doorstep." It wouldn't surprise me to see this

Edison Company Reinforces Power Service for S. C.

Reinforced electric power service for Southern California war activities will be supplied in 1942 by the Southern California Edison Company through new construction and system-wide improvements which will total approximately \$7,500,000, according to Harry J. Bauer, president of the company. The accelerated war program, reflected in virtually all phases of the company's operations, has been met by the plans for greater development of power resources and service facilities for the new year.

The amount of electricity available for this region's war materials industry plants and for normal growth requirements will be increased early this year by the addition to the Edison Company's generating facilities of a new unit at Boulder Dam. This will be the company's third generator at the dam and will add 82,500 kilowatts of capacity to Edison's interconnected hydro-electric and steam-electric generating system.

This added power will be brought to Southern California over the Edison Company's second 233-mile major transmission line from Boulder Dam which was completed five months ago. The company's two transmission lines, connected by a cross-over station midway between Boulder Dam and the company's receiving station at Chino, represents double certainty of service.

Mrs. Tansey Resumes Beauty Shop Work

Mrs. Ethel Tansey, formerly of Torrance, has returned and is now associated with Nyla Darling's beauty shop on Post ave. Mrs. Tansey owned a shop here for years and is an expert operator. She will be glad to greet her old customers and friends.

THERE ARE WORSE Arias, deposed president of Panama, prefers jail at home to liberty in exile. No accounting for tastes.

made into a movie, as it's good entertainment for any medium.

DISSA AND DATA For the children who have birthdays around the first of the year, buy "Guess Again," a charming little book made up of puzzles in rhyme.

For everyone of us, William O. Wehrle has designed "Vocabulary Drill Book." If each of us, especially those with limited vocabularies, would do one drill from this book each day, we would find ourselves amazed at our progress. And don't think others won't notice the improvement in quantity, quality, and use of words.

We Lead in March of Dimes

Californians have a proud record in the national annual drive for funds to finance the war to control and exterminate infantile paralysis. In the March of Dimes campaigns of 1938, 1939 and 1940, California led all other states in contributions, and last year was tied for the lead only by the populous and wealthy state of New York.

From now until the campaign reaches its climax with the President's birthday balls January 30th, replicas of the legendary "wishing wells" will be set up in all communities of the nation as depositories for dimes. This year, California has local defense expenses above those of any other State because of her exposed position to possible Japanese attack and her lengthy coast line. But by digging a little deeper in the war-draughted purse, by economizing a little more stringently, this community and all communities should be able to continue generous support in the fight against the dread disease which strikes hardest at our children. No state has passed us in the last four years. Let's make it five years straight by leading the nation's March of Dimes in 1942.

Forest Fire-Fighting Equipment Brought Into Industrial Areas

Sheriff Eugene W. Biscalluz, chairman of the County Defense Council, has announced that all possible fire protection is being provided for areas housing national defense industries. County Fire Warden Spence D. Turner has ordered several large pieces of fire apparatus transferred from mountain areas to more available locations. The engines are of tank-truck type carrying their own water supply of from 600 to 800 gallons. In event the regular water supply is cut off, this type of equipment will prove invaluable in fire fighting.

As District Coordinator of Fire Defense, Chief Turner is making arrangements with the U. S. Forestry Service to have similar equipment transferred from National forest areas.

A training program for auxiliary firemen in county areas is under full swing. Around 1,500 men have already received fire fighting instructions, but many more recruits are needed in order to bring up the auxiliary force to the 4,000 required for adequate protection. All able-bodied men living in county area are urged to enroll at their nearest county fire station.

In addition to training auxiliary firemen, a three-hour course in fire fighting has been prepared for use in Sheriff Biscalluz's air raid warden school. A staff of trained men from the County Fire Service are ready to act as instructors in classes which will commence soon.

At a recent meeting of representatives of the County School District and the fire departments of the various districts, a set of uniform rules

BENEFIT DANCE All arrangements are complete for the second benefit dance for the building fund for the proposed Labor Temple on Border ave, which will be given in the Civic Auditorium Saturday night, Jan. 24. Rex Kearney's orchestra has been engaged to provide the music and the dance is open to the public.

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