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With an incidence of 134 cases of Typhus Fever reported in Texas last month and 83 cases reported last week alone, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, today made an urgent appeal to all citizens of the state to help control the spread of Typhus by assisting in exterminating rats.

"There is only one way in which Typhus can be controlled," Dr. Cox said, "and that is by as nearly as possible completely exterminating rats in the state, since fleas from infected rats transmit the disease to man. We can begin to visualize the extent of the needed extermination campaign when we realize that there is estimated to be 13,000,000 rats in Texas."

There has been some confusion concerning the type of Typhus fever which is occurring in Texas, but Dr. Cox pointed out that this disease is entirely different from the old world type which has followed some of the armies in Europe. Ordinarily the kind of Typhus which makes its appearance in this section of the country is not a fatal disease, although there has been a death rate of about 2 per cent from Typhus this year.

The poisoning and trapping of rats throughout the state will help to control the spread of this disease although these are obviously temporary measures. In order to be permanently rid of rats they will have to be starved out, which means that buildings housing food supplies must be rat proofed.

In the laboratories of America, miracles are in the process of being wrought. New frontiers of science are being explored. And old and commonplace materials are being turned to new and marvelous uses.

Coal and oil are cases in point. We think primarily of coal as a substitute which provides motive power for industry and which heats homes. We think primarily of oil as a variety of liquids which propel our engines and lubricate our machinery. But coal and oil are the basis of new materials which serve a thousand other vital purposes.

The loss of our natural rubber is leading to the creation of a vast new synthetic rubber industry. Some kinds of synthetic rubber are made from oil derivatives. Other kinds are made of derivatives of coal. All the various synthetic rubbers have special and important uses. And the chemists are certain that, in time, we will have an abundant supply of artificial rubber which will be superior in all ways to the natural product.

We are just on the verge of what might be termed the "plastic age." Again, coal and oil enter prominently into the picture. They are the basis of a long list of plastics which will be used for an astonishing variety of purposes in the future. Plastic autos, plastic airplanes, plastic window glass, plastic furniture, plastic home utensils—these are but a few of the revolutionary chemical development of the time.

America is singularly blessed in the magnitude of its natural resources. And it is equally blessed in the efficiency and progressiveness of the great private industries which develop them. Natural resources give us strength in time of war. They will give us a higher standard of living than we have ever known, when peace comes again.

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Drawn for Office of War Information

The Solomon Islands campaign must not be considered as an isolated action. It is part of a long-range drive to gradually unloose the Japanese from key Pacific positions. The last goal in that drive will be Tokyo itself.

The Marines who led the attack represent the best equipped, best trained and best commanded troops this country has. Every report from the Solomons indicates that they fought magnificently—and did justice to the highest traditions of American arms. And they were given finely-coordinated support by other military branches.

In theory, the government is now tapping every possible source of tax revenue. In actuality, it is completely overlooking a source which could and should pay the Treasury hundreds of millions of dollars annually. That source is government-owned business enterprises which are now wholly or partly tax free.

The most outstanding example of this inexcusable brand of "tax favoritism" is found in federal and municipally-owned power and light systems. For many years, it has been argued, with full justice, that a profit-earning government-owned business should be taxed on precisely the same basis as a profit-earning privately-owned business. Today, with the enormous financial demands of war eating deeper into every business and every individual income, socialized business must pay its share of the burden.

The Wall Street Journal recently gave a typical instance of what tax favoritism for socialized business means. In the first five months of the current year, the municipally-owned Seattle Power and Light company had a 400 per cent increase in net earnings over the same period in 1941. The Seattle plant pays some taxes to the city, but none whatever to the federal government. In those same five months, a representative private utility had an increase in gross earnings of 20 per cent—but its net earnings declined 35 per cent, due to the increase in its taxes. That kind of thing is happening to practically all basic tax-paying industries, in the manufacturing as well as the service fields.

When congress is seeking ways and means to tax even the gold in fillings of one's teeth, as it were, it should no longer overlook the earnings of "rich" municipal and federal socialized business projects such as power plants. Why should their profits be more sacred than the wages and profits of private citizens? These tax-exempt parasites should begin to pay for the privilege to their existence the same as private business does. The people should demand that congress plug this loophole.

Increased Oil Shipments Sought

With shipments of oil to the eastern states clocked August 22 at 817,980 barrels daily, a slight drop from the peak of 830,000 barrels recorded the previous week, due to washed-out railroad bridges, ODT officials and representatives of the petroleum industry announced further plans to increase shipments from the southwest in solid trainload lots. Instructions have been sent to small shippers of oil on routing their cars by the most expeditious routes. The Office of Petroleum Coordinator for War also has banned use of tank cars for moving gasoline in the southwest and midwest, so additional cars will be released for eastern traffic. An estimated 70,000 tank cars now are carrying oil to the east, in solid trainload movements of 50 or more cars. Appointment of W. M. Kent, of Homer, La., as assistant deputy associate director of ODT, to handle oil shipments from Louisiana, Arkansas and East Texas, has been announced. Mr. Kent's office will be at Shreveport, La.

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Pertinent Paragraphs from Panhandle Press

Items of interest culled from newspapers on The Times' exchange list.

A girl may wear a golf suit when she can't play golf, and a bathing suit when she can't swim, but when she puts on a wedding gown, she means business.—The Memphis Democrat.

W. Lee O'Daniel has been sent back to the United States Senate by a good majority. We imagine he will have the feeling of a person going to a party where he was invited, but not wanted by the other guests. We trust that Roosevelt and the 95 senators will give O'Daniel a chance to make good.—The Higgins News.

Billboards, due to restricted travel, have become almost valueless. "Window shopping" has already fallen off, while on the other hand newspaper reading is on the increase and newspaper advertising gets additional attention. There is an opportunity for home town merchants in times like these, if they will take advantage of it.—The McLain News.

Someone is going to get whipped in this war, and it is not going to be too long about it. We had as well face facts and call a spade a spade and a shovel a shovel. Up to the present time the Allied nations have not been winning.

This county, the state and the entire nation is thinking that we have been hard hit on sending men to the army. In a small way we have known there has been a war going on somewhere, but not many people have yet half-way awakened to its seriousness or the hardships that are before us. It has been more of a dream than anything else, but day by day, faster and faster, we are going to realize that it is the most terrible war our country has ever faced. Within the next six months we will begin to realize what an "all out" war effort means.

Last week the local selective service board had Major Johnson with them, along with a Mr. Smith from headquarters. They frankly said that the call for men is going to get heavier and heavier until Uncle Sam will have every available man who can do active service in the army. Those who keep up with current events have seen such statements over and over, and yet we could not believe it no more than we could believe for a long time that we actually had a war.

Yes, we have a war—a terrible war one that is going to take an "all out" effort, which simply means we are going to have to put our "all" into it with men, money and material.—The Paducah Post.

With the approach of Fall and Winter, heralded by the rapidly shortening days, there is evidence on every hand that war time will be expensive, unwieldy and downright punishing for the citizens of the Panhandle, where we border on the mountain time zone, and really belong in it.

Some sections of the nation similarly situated have already made adjustments for economy and convenience.

We need mountain time and we ought to secure the needed change through official Washington. We ought to do it now.—The Clarendon News.

It looks like Hitler is making the same mistakes as Kaiser Bill made in 1917. Brazil is now in the war. The United Nations gain a very valuable ally. Brazil is the first of the South American nations to declare war on Germany. It looks like the Germans deliberately brought this nation into the war. It is no secret that the Nazi have operated openly in most of the South American nations. Hitler deliberately sunk ships of Brazil and drove this nation into the war. It is evident that the German egotism was so strong that Hitler threw caution to the wind with a feeling that the "larger they come, the harder they fall." Kaiser Bill boasted that he could whip the whole world; Hitler has taken more territory than old Bill was able to do, so naturally is willing to take on more enemies. It looks like Hitler was doing a good job for the United States in developing our Good Neighbor policy.—The Canyon News.

From a Letter to a Soldier: Lots of talk about God, home and country, but I understand we are still short on our bond quota. The politicians, preachers, magazines and newspapers keep talking and writing but honestly, Bill, it just seems like we can't wake up. Perhaps we need a few of you boys to come home and give us a kick in the pants. We've shown more interest in a political campaign teaching us to hate one another than we have in the reverses in the Pacific.—Ed Bishop in The Dalhart Texan.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller and children, S. D. and Pauline returned Tuesday from Socorro, New Mexico, where they visited his sister, Mrs. J. L. Parker and family and his brother, Norvil Miller and family. They also visited in Santa Fe.

Phillips Workers Go On Longer Working Hours

Effective September 1, 1942, employees of Phillips Petroleum Company, with some exceptions, will go on longer working schedules. Every employee now on the pay roll is badly needed. The new working hours are made necessary by the company's increasing demands for manpower to operate new war production plants and to fill jobs left vacant by the departure of a large number of employees entering the military services.

All employees subject to the Fair Labor Standards Act and who are non-exempt will receive time and one-half for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours per week. With respect to other employees who may be required to work longer hours than they are at present working, certain adjustments will be made.

In making this announcement, Mr. Frank Phillips, chairman, and Mr. K. S. Adams, president, point out that only by employees working longer hours can shortages of manpower be overcome. This new working schedule affords every employee of Phillips Petroleum Company a greater opportunity to help win the war.

Lumber Under Control

WPB has replaced its temporary "freeze" order on softwood construction lumber with a permanent control on the distribution and use of all types of softwood lumber. The new WPB order, M-208, puts purchase orders into four classes, with automatic priority ratings granted, according to uses of the lumber.

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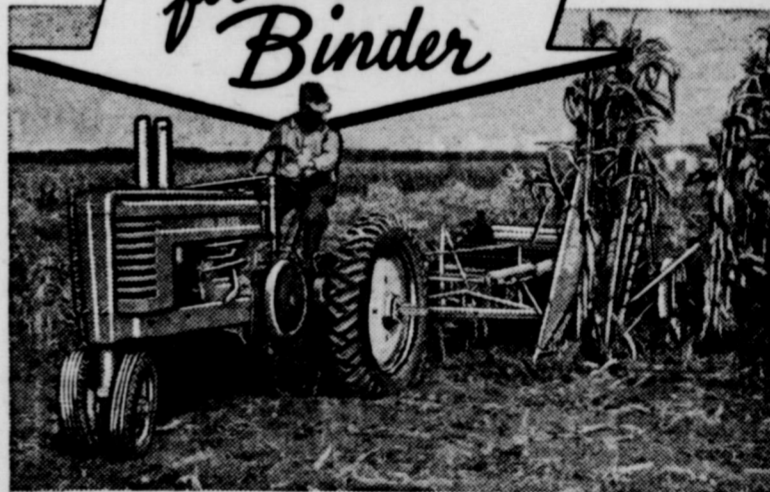
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