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PLAY FAIR—Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whose ever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest; for thou that judgest doest the same things.—Romans 2: 1.

Today is the last day for candidates to file for office. It also April Fool's Day.

The farm board will ask land owners in the wheat belt to transfer two million acres of wheat land to other crops and thus avoid a wheat surplus by reducing ten per cent.

Since Oregon can't have the fun of seeing Walter Pierce, West and George Joseph battle for the governorship, the next best thing should be seeing Walter and Os battle for the job of leading the democratic party.

TRAINING GOOD CITIZENS The annual bulletin issued last night on the occasion of the sixth anniversary of the organization of Company E, Oregon national guard, contains some interesting information about the guard company.

No statement can emphasize the importance of the guard national defense better than that. It means that in thousands of communities throughout the country there has been laid a foundation in military training that would be of most value to this country in case of an emergency.

At the start of the world war we had state militia playing small part in the national defense scheme. The units had very little supervision by the federal government, were comparatively few in number, carried no reserve.

Company E, the local unit, not only plays its part in this nationally important national defense scheme, but it plays a part in community development and in citizenship development.

Football and other team sports teach participants the due of team work. A military unit does that for many men who do not get athletic training.

Advantages of military training, as every former service man knows, can well be applied in business, in getting on with one's fellows.

Contrary to the opinion of many pacifists, the experience does not create a military attitude, nor does it encourage a liking for war.

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