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FREE ENTERPRISE IN ACTION.

The history of this nation can be largely told in one sentence: "America was built entirely by free individuals who were left alone to work out their own destinies." That is the reason for America's greatness. And America will remain great only as long as individual opportunity remains open for her people.

If the people of this country ever compromise with the ideals of freedom—if they ever accept any part of the slavish totalitarian principles and dogmas such as government ownership of our free enterprises—the end will be in sight. We cannot have adulterated freedom and maintain our independence.

We Americans take our freedom for granted. We take the achievements of the private enterprise system for granted. There is a danger in that. We are apt to lose sight of the seed that produced our greatness. It sometimes takes an outsider to bring back to our minds vital truths we have half forgotten.

Recently a distinguished Argentine statesman, Dr. Frederico Pinedo, made an exhaustive tour of the United States. He had this to say of his trip: "Americans have made excellent use of everything that nature gave them; they have exploited all of their natural resources, whereas in other countries similar resources have not been exploited or have been only partially exploited. . . Furthermore, the political and social structure of the country has resulted in those resources having been utilized to bring about the well-being of an enormous number of people. . . There is no place in the world where material wealth is so adequately subdivided. . . In no other part of the world do workmen, employes and small farmers have automobiles, telephones, radios, electric refrigerators, electric washing machines and thousands of other modern conveniences." Dr. Pinedo goes on to praise such common-place American assets as mass education, cleanliness, good drinking water, excellent lighting—things which are almost as abundant as air to the average American.

Now this nation is involved in a great war. It has had to accomplish the tremendously difficult job of changing from a peace-time economy to a war-time economy. And again, free enterprise has shown the stuff it is made of.

The achievements of American industry since defense began, are nothing short of astounding. Go down the list of basic industries—electric power, oil, coal, steel, mining, transportation, etc. Every one of them is devoting all its resources of men and factories and money to the protection of the nation. The planes, the tanks, the ships-of-war roll in an ever-gaining stream out of the factories of America, while at the same time the essential needs of the nation are supplied. They represent free enterprise in action.

The history of this great nation has been written by free men. And free men must write its history in the future.

THE SHRINKING DOLLAR.

Future generations may find debts in the making of which they had no voice or vote, and which they have no choice but to pay. As money means labor, the children of tomorrow may find life more complicated and enslaving.

To recompense posterity for the many mean tricks we are playing on them we are providing for their pleasure and convenience by the longest and greatest steps in human progress the world has ever known.

Just at the present time there are hundreds of scientists working early and late in research laboratories, backed by unlimited capital, to tear Nature's secrets from her bosom for the convenience and edification of nations yet unborn.

It may develop that by the time the great national debts are due the country's wealth and intelligence will be so great that what appears as vast sums to us will be only trifling accounts to them. Something like this did occur since the Civil War. The war debts of that day seemed as great as the governmental burdens of today, and yet as the bonds fell due they were easily met on a basis of increasing national wealth.

A deeply interested party is fighting inflation for the immediate future. It may be that as inflation means the cheapening of the buying power of the dollar, and as the national debts read "dollars," a cheap dollar will pay as much debt as a dear dollar. Then if dollars shrink in buying power to five cents each, the five-cent dollar will pay as much "dollar" debts as the 100 cent dollar.

Just now the question arises: Are prices advancing or is the dollar shrinking?—The Buckeye, Archbold, Ohio.

INDEPENDENT.

American women are going to be much more independent, economically, after the war. So said experts at the Stephens College forum at Columbia, Missouri, citing these factors: So much of today's work is machine-done, with accent on dexterity rather than muscle; vocational training of women is expanding rapidly, to fit them for jobs they'll obtain during the war, and retail afterwards; and industrial progress and invention are making ordinary household work for women relatively obsolete, so that more and more of this work will be done by "experts" working outside the home—while the "woman of the house" may be gainfully employed elsewhere. . . . But in spite of this economic freedom, the conferees agreed that woman's "larger responsibilities" of guidance and moral strength—in family, civic and national matters—are being similarly increased by the war, and that these, too, will remain after the war. New techniques in training will be needed to meet this situation, the Forum agreed.

HOARDING COPPER?

Congress has witnessed an attack upon Rural Electrification Administration for alleged hoarding and profligate use of copper wire. REA is accused of having hidden 23 carloads of copper wire in a Texas cotton field at the very time it was begging for more wire under the priorities enjoyed. It is reported that the wire stowed away in Texas is not needed in the area since the farms thereabouts already receive electricity at reasonable cost through cooperatives.

The federal priorities board announced, prior to outbreak of the war with Japan, that the copper shortage in the United States in 1942 will amount to 750,000 tons.—Oregon Voter.

Salary of Public Printer
 The salary of the head of the Government Printing office at Washington, D. C., receives \$10,000 a year.

Cleaning Inside of Bottles
 To clean the inside of glass bottles cut a lemon into small pieces and drop them into the bottle, half-fill with water and shake well.

Lizards Squirt Bloody Fluid
 Naturalists visiting tropical South America report that some of the large lizards there have the habit, when on the defense, of squirting small jets of bloody fluid from the corners of their eyes to a distance of several feet.

Cranberry ice cream at Gustafson's, of course. 19-1tc-3f



SANTA CLAUS CAN HELP AMERICAN DEFENSE! This poster, drawn by J. W. and W. J. Wilkinson, a father and son artist team of Baltimore, reminds Americans that they can help the Defense Program this Christmas by giving Defense Bonds and Stamps in addition to the usual present. Nation-wide distribution of this poster has been made, especially in the windows of 500,000 retail stores where Defense Stamps—for as low as 10 cents—are now on sale.

Ready to Break Swim Records



These pretty mermaids, practicing in Los Angeles Athletic Club pool, hope to lower many swim marks when winter aquatic events begin in January. From left: Katie Manley, Natalie Rogers, Lorraine Ogg and Corinne Smith.

Navy Announces Modification Of Its Physical Requirements

A relaxation of physical standards for enlistments in the U. S. Navy and the Naval Reserve was announced this week by the navy department. In commenting on this action, the navy department announcement stated that numerous men who in past months have been sought to enlist and have been rejected on the basis of minor physical defects will, because of the modification of physical standards, be encouraged to re-apply for enlistment in either the regular Navy or the Naval Reserve for the duration of the emergency.

The navy department has requested that any person knowing of young men who had been barred from enlistment in the navy or the naval reserve because of minor physical reasons should bring this modification in physical requirements to the attention of these young men.

Applicants with varicose veins will be acceptable under the changed standards, this varicose condition to be corrected, if the condition is painful, at the Naval Training Station to which the new recruits are sent. Hydrocele, another defect that formerly ruled out numerous applicants, will be corrected, if necessary, after enlistees arrive at Training Stations. Applicants suffering from hernia will be accepted provided their I. Q.'s are 75 or better. Recruits suffering from hernia will be treated at the Training Stations and will be enrolled for schooling during their periods of convalescence.

Other physical defects which formerly prevented men from being accepted as recruits, but which now are waived, are seasonal hay fever; correctible nasal deformities or nasal deformities of such a degree as not to interfere with duty; undernourished and underdeveloped applicants, providing the condition is not due to organic disease; and minor surgical defects which can be corrected within a month. Applicants who possess 18 natural serviceable teeth, with at least two molars in functional occlusion and not more

Christmas Mailing Heavy; Suggestions For Good Service

Christmas mailing at the local post office has been the heaviest in the history of the office to date, N. J. Nelson, postmaster, announced Tuesday and for those who have not yet done their mailing the following suggestions may be helpful: Wrap and tie packages securely, tissue paper is not recommended as a wrapping paper; all valuable packages should be insured; patrons should be ready to declare contents of package or packages, that is tell what they contain when they are presented for mailing.

Inasmuch as the lobby of the post office is small and all available space is needed, it is suggested that children and pets be left at home whenever possible.

Office Open Saturday. Of general interest to the public was the announcement made yesterday by N. J. Nelson that the local post office would remain open Saturday afternoon until 6:00 p. m. for the accommodation of those wishing to do late Christmas mailing.

Also it was announced that the mail on star routes running out of the local office would be delivered Christmas day as usual. There will be no city delivery of first class mail or cards on Christmas day, however the carriers will deliver packages on that date.

College Students Returning to Spend Holiday Vacation

College students who plan to spend the Christmas holidays at their homes in Cottage Grove include Marian Matche, George Dugan, Ethel Ann Newton, Kay Daugherty, Agnes McNew, Lois Baldwin, Bob Gierau, Ray Randall, Bill Workman, Bill Spies, Bill Bartels, Harry Sturges, Bill Earl, Jim Bлекie, of Oregon University, Eugene.

Glennie Scott, Heene Trunnell, John Dugan, Dean Jackson, Nancy Anlauf, Jacie Morton, Doris and Betty Ernest, Geraldine Kem, Dick Smith, Robin Woods, Lewis Sturges, George Drury, Stewart Roberts, all of O.S.C. at Corvallis.

Ralph Blake, Vinal Randall Jr., Miriam Ferrin and Betty Adkins of Willamette University.

Ted Scott, Linfield college; Maxine Curran, Salem Business college; Donna Hatch, Eugene Business college; Anna Marie Petersen, Alvin Dugan, Larry Wiese, Portland Business college.

Students are expected home the last of this week and schools will resume January 5th.

CITY COURT

The following were arraigned in city court the past week, charged with drunkenness: Joseph Ellis, Emil Ellis and Allen D. Ellis were charged with being drunk in an auto and were fined \$10.00 each. Marvin Glasgow was arraigned on charge of drunkenness and released with the understanding that if arrested again on the same charge he serve a 30-day jail sentence in the county jail. Pug Johnson was fined \$10.00 on a drunkenness charge and Herbert R. Adams was fined \$100 and his operators license suspended for one year on charge of drunken driving. Ernest Yost was arrested on charge of being drunk in an auto and fined. Leonard W. Coleman was fined \$50.00 on charge of reckless driving.

December 12th local officers picked up Max R. Archer for investigation in connection with a California car theft. Archer is being held in the county jail awaiting California officers.

Refuges for Wild Life
 The United States maintains 250 refuges for all forms of wild life.

Christmas Cookies

Whether for boxes going to the men at camp or for those at home, here are some recipes for cookies that pack well, are easy to make, healthful and taste grand:

- Fig Honey Cookies.**
 1 cup dried figs
 3/4 cup granulated sugar
 1/2 cup butter
 1/2 cup honey
 2 eggs
 2 tbsp milk
 2 1/2 cups sifted all purpose flour
 3 tsp baking powder
 1/2 tsp salt
 1 tsp lemon extract
 3 tbsp orange peel cut in strips
 1/2 cup shredded coconut.
 Boil figs 10 minutes, drain, chop stems and cut figs into small pieces. Cream sugar with butter, add honey, beaten eggs, milk, and mix well. Combine with flour sifted with baking powder and salt. Add figs, flavoring, orange peel and coconut, and beat thoroughly. Drop by spoonfuls onto a buttered pan and bake from 12 to 15 minutes in moderate oven (400 deg.)

- Oatmeal Cookies.**
 1/2 cup butter
 2/3 cup sugar
 2 eggs
 1/2 cup milk
 1 cup flour
 1 tsp baking powder
 1/2 tsp salt
 1 tsp cinnamon
 1/2 tsp nutmeg
 1 cup rolled oats
 Cream butter and sugar. Beat eggs; add with milk. Mix and sift flour, baking powder, salt and spices; combine with rolled oats. Add to first mixture. Drop by spoonfuls on buttered cookie sheet. Bake in moderate oven for 20 minutes.

This recipe may be varied by adding 1 cup chopped walnuts and 1 cup seedless raisins; or by adding 1 cup chopped dates and 1/2 cup shredded coconut to batter.

HOPES JAPS GET LICKED.
 Myrtle Creek, Oregon
 Dec. 15, 1941.
 Cottage Grove Sentinel,
 Cottage Grove, Oregon.
 Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find check for the Sentinel for another year. I sure am always glad to have the old home town paper to read. I

look for it every week and enjoy reading it. We are having some rain and wind here today. Everything is fine here and hope the Japs get licked before they get out here. I am always glad to hear the news of Cottage Grove as it was my home town from June 11, 1890 till May 7th, 1939.
 Resp. yours,
 W. E. NOWELL,
 Box 68

In season now, pumpkin ice cream at Gustafson's, of course. 19-1tc-3f



Radio Ray Has This to Say:

A local girl says that when a conceited sailor comes ashore, he assumes he is the salt of the earth.

And when a friend of ours asked the age limit on sailors, his girl friend came right back and said that sailors were the limit at any age. (She hadn't met the Coast Artillery).

Well, we've always had a lot of respect for the navy. As a matter of fact, we always feel a little proud when we see one of Uncle Sam's "goys" in uniform. They realize now that they are fighting skunks instead of men and you may be sure that our navy boys will prove themselves tops.

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