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 WHAT IS AN AMERICAN?

By Ruth Taylor  
 As always in a time of national crisis, the country is waking up to a realization of its "oneness." The same people who when asked what they were a few months ago proudly said—"I am a New Yorker, a Californian, a Kentuckian"—now with one voice proclaim, "I am an American."

But—what is an American? If it were dependent upon birthplace alone, America would collapse as an over-heavy structure. If it were a mere matter of nationality, America would soon be one with Tyre and Sidon. Were it conditioned upon race, America would fall as did the Mongol Empire and all other countries founded upon racism.

Anyone—no matter of what race nationality or color—can be an American. Accident of birth does not make an American. And an American-by-choice (wrongly called foreign born) is oftentimes a better citizen than the native born or American by birth and frequently more conscious of the importance and value of that citizenship.

To be an American is not just a matter of declaration—it is a challenge to act. Like almost all things worth while, being an American is not always easy. It means putting aside prejudice and intolerance. It means living so that not only has each individual an opportunity for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, but that he concedes freely to every other individual the same privilege. It means fighting not for one's own child alone but for all children—being willing to give up for the good of others—pioneering for progress and prosperity for the people as a whole.

If this yardstick were strictly used, we would perhaps find few individuals able to prove their Americanism—but it would find the great mass of people working toward that end.  
 To be an American is a thing of the spirit. It has nothing to do with birthplace, race, color or religious beliefs. It is a creed in which to believe—a standard by which to live, an ideal toward which to strive, a faith for which to die. And it is that spirit animating its citizens which will make America endure.

**WAR TO END WARS.**

Perhaps the statement that we shall have a war to end wars isn't too far-fetched in the light of present developments, even though human nature is what it is, which according to many (Doe Hagen included) is the reason the world has never been able to establish a universal peace. But if the business of fighting wars grows more expensive as well as destructive, there will have to be an end somewhere.

You may have been following with interest the report of the bombing raids of the RAF on Germany and have noted that with the extremely large bombers and 4,000 pounds of bombs, it is possible to knock out a town the size of Cottage Grove with three or four bombs. This method of fighting was in the experimental stage during the first World War and look how it has been developed in the past twenty-five years and more especially in the past two years.

**HOARDING CREATES SCARCITIES.**

That hoarding creates scarcities can not be denied; neither can it be denied that the rush to buy things we think we want because of the apparent shortage has had its part in the spiraling living costs. News dispatches tell of one man who registered for a sugar ration book and had 1,500 pounds stored away, purchased over a two-year period. One or two local stories told to the sugar bought up are almost as bad. Hoarding not only runs the price of commodities up, it will make extension of rationing possible and more government regulations.

The local merchants have joined in a plea to buy normally in a normal way. This is the most logical manner of avoiding undue regulation or of undue hardships.

**AIR RAID INSTRUCTION BOOKS AVAILABLE.**  
 Harry Metcalf, south lane commander, calls attention to the fact that copies of the air raid instruction books are available at the defense council office in the city hall, if residents have been missed by their air raid wardens. Books are also available for rural residents. Call and get yours today if you have been missed by the air raid warden of your district.

**TRUNNELL ATTENDING NAVAL SCHOOL.**  
 GREAT LAKES, ILLINOIS—John Van Trunnell, son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Trunnell, Cottage Grove, Oregon, is now enrolled in the service schools at the U. S. Naval Training Station here, and will undergo an intensive 16-week course in the school for aviation machinist's mates. Trunnell was selected for the service schools through a series of aptitude tests given to every Bluejacket during his recruit training. Upon graduation he will be eligible for a third class petty officer rating in his specialized field as soon as he is able to pass the qualifying examination.

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**HIGHWAYING WITH HI-Y**

BY ALDEN GAROUTTE

(Continued from last week)  
 The next day we went to Coney Island where there are so many people you can hardly walk. The famous boardwalk of Coney Island was so crowded with people that you had to have stilts to see anything. It seemed as though there were thousands of games to play and things to see so it took all day to get acquainted. The next day we started up to the top of the Empire State building, with a fifteen minute interlude in which 30 of us were in a 20 passenger elevator, lived over the "Black Hole of Calcutta incident" while we were stuck somewhere between the fifty-ninth and sixty-second floors in a stiffling hot elevator that would neither go up nor down. Boy, there sure was a bunch of scared people in that elevator, it's a good thing it had an emergency break on it or I might not be writing this story.

In the afternoon we took a rubber neck bus trip up fifth Avenue and Riverside drive, going then by subway to the Statue of Liberty, and the aquarium. In the evening, as you can see time was precious, we went to a Broadway stage show and then the radio program, "Cavalcade of America," later browsing around interesting Times Square, the so-called crossroads of the world. The next morning we were taken on a personally conducted tour of La Guardia airport and hangars by a TWA pilot. It was here that we saw an American bomber being prepared for flight to Britain. They wouldn't let a person get within 150 feet of the plane. After being shown around in one of the big transport planes we then went out to the Boston-New York Yanks double header, and had the pleasure of seeing jolting Joe DiMaggio hit safely in his forty-third and forty-fourth consecutive games. It was a terrific crowd, terrific heat, and a terrific DiMaggio that we observed.

In the evening we prepared ourselves for that thrilling experience, our appearance on the National Radio Broadcast with those genial personalities of the air, Frank Cramit and Julia Sanderson, in the east and west coast Battle of the Sexes program. Our answers weren't quite good enough for the more mature and experienced Jean Muir and Doris Nolan, both of stage and screen. Ruth Alderson, former Olympic swimming champion, and Alice Lord Landan, also after the program a few of the roof garden pleasure spots were visited and we were ready to go home.

In the morning, our last day in New York, we paid a visit to the New York Stock Exchange, then going over to the well known Trinity Episcopal church, and also the oldest church in New York. The last thing before leaving New York we ventured into the office of one Wendell Wilkie, who left us with this bit of philosophy, "Don't be afraid to live your life." In meeting a person of such reknown one is immediately fascinated and taken in by their personality. On leaving New York we had an over-night ocean trip to Boston.

We first visited the Boston fish piers, and went through the fish canneries and the super-cooled freezing units. We also saw the pontoons which had been used by the Navy department to raise the submarine Squalus and were surprised to see the English battleship Rodney, which had a big hole blasted in its side, getting repairs after successful participation in the fight with the German battleship Bismarck. After visiting the various places in Boston we made an extended tour of Lexington and Concord, passing Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard University, enroute. After a glimpse of Bunker Hill and the Charleston navy yards, we grabbed a fast lunch and caught the train for Montreal. Enroute to Canada the Canadian customs officials came aboard our train, roused us out of our slumber, looked through our baggage, and inquired some as to our citizenship. We spent July 4th in Montreal and it was really quiet, as Canada was in war. Some of us went shopping at Eatons (the largest department store in the British Empire) and practically got lost.

In arriving in Canada you seem to arrive in a different country, everything looks less modern, just as it was in Mexico—it makes a person appreciate his own country. The next day we were in Ottawa, the heart of the Canadian government, we were given a big reception as we got off the train. As we had arrived in the morning we were again whisked off to the Canadian Northwest Mounted Police Training School, where we were shown their living quarters, their school set-up, crime laboratories, airport, and had a chance to see the men drill. A beautiful demonstration of dog training was given in which we saw dogs climb ladders, scale walls, obey various commands and do some actual field training which was put on by the officers in charge of the dogs. A huge Rockweiler

dog, one of the few on the North American continent, was turned loose with one of the police officers to trail across the prairie and through a little wooded stretch, another one of the officers who was participating in the demonstration, the dog finally cornered the man and held him until the police officer doing the trailing caught up with him. After leaving there we were taken through the Parliament buildings, and by special permission, we were admitted to the house of Parliament library. The superb treat of the trip came, however, at five o'clock when we were received by Her Royal Highness, Princess Alice and the Duke of Athlone, the Governor General of Canada who, with other members of the royal family of England and friends staged a special cricket match for our benefit, and then tea was served at the beautiful spacious castle-like Government House. All that can be said of that tea was that it was simply grand. We received a royal reception and were graciously shown through the Government House and its huge ballroom in which all formal receptions are held. The Governor General and Princess very graciously walked around the grounds, signed autographs, and in many ways demonstrated that they are real people. This event was such a great display of courtesy and example of fine, friendly relationship existing between the Canadian and United States citizens that we make special note of our deep appreciation of the courtesies extended during our stay in Ottawa. In meeting such people with these personalities and listening to some of their stories was an education in itself. We were a sorry bunch when we left, sorry that we had to go, but feeling that we had been really lucky. We said good-bye hoping that some day we would have the pleasure again. By the way, Princess Alice is a sister to the present King of England. In the evening we had a most enjoyable evening with some of Ottawa's most charming girls. Late that evening we headed for Toronto, and Camp Couchiching where we attended the First Canadian National Hi-Y Congress. It was a great treat to meet with the fine Canadian Hi-Y delegates and the Christian Endeavor girls who were also using the conference grounds at the same time. It was very interesting in having talks with the Canadian boys and finding out what they think about the war. Also they told us stories about the English children who had come from Britain and how they liked Canada and also stories of England.

A fine period of swimming and boating, plenty of swell eats, horseshoe, and the like contributed to a very enjoyable day. Upon arrival back in Toronto we boarded ships for the voyage across Lake Ontario to Niagara Falls. After visiting Niagara Falls we went back to Toronto where we were to go back to Detroit. We were looking forward to our return to the states and our native land, but we came home with a feeling that some of our finest friends now live in Canada. The scenic beauty is untold, and I hope I will have the chance to go to Canada again. It really enchants you and gives you a thrill. It is a paradise, as words can best say.

It had been the most enjoyable part of our trip, the time we spent in Canada. Much could be told of the military situation as we discovered it in Canada, but it goes without saying that it is a serious matter with them and that beyond any question the welfare and problems of Canada are also ours. After going through another customs inspection we arrived in Detroit where we were much surprised to find that Joe DiMaggio and a gang of big league baseball players from the National League were to play the American League in an all-star baseball game. In the morning, however, we went through the huge Ford plant and watched Ford and Mercury cars of all kinds, sizes, and description being assembled on a 1000-foot assembly line where it takes just fifty-five minutes to complete a car. Then after a typical baseball luncheon of hamburgers, hot dogs, coffee, pop, etc., we lined up at the box office where our reserved seats awaited us. With the stands packed to capacity and with the greatest stars of the game today in a struggle for supremacy, the game worked up to the last inning, when Ted Williams with two men out, two men on base, two strikes and three balls on him and the American League needed two runs to win the game, he hit a home run, just like a story book finish. Later it was named one of the greatest baseball games ever played.

From here it was on to Chicago, city of wind and odors, although we later took in the beautiful and world-famous Field Museum, where we had a very charming hostess show us around. Later we went through the Shedd Aquarium and then spent the afternoon at the Brookfield Zoo which is the

**HEBRON GRANGE TO MEET ONCE EACH MONTH.**

Hebron grange met Friday evening at the Community Hall for a business and social meeting. One new member, Miss Belya Garoute, was admitted to membership and received the obligation and first two degrees from acting master, Walter Baker.

For the agricultural report, Mr. Baker reported on the recently enacted price control act. Mrs. Leon Morton for home economics reported that sales slips for this quarter would be due to her the last of June. She also explained the state Grange White Satin Sugar special contest which included a jelly making exhibit for men.

Mrs. Walter Baker was elected as alternate to the local master, William White, to attend the state convention.

A discussion was held regarding a stove for the hall kitchen and due to the fact that the temporary kitchen is small, it was decided to purchase an electric hot plate at the present time. Mrs. C. C. Gilham was appointed to purchase the plate, which will be paid for by the Home Economics club.

**DON'T HOARD GAS**

Don't attempt to hoard gasoline, in anticipation of prospective shortages, warns the Oregon State Motor Association, which points out that the average household would face difficulties with the fire marshal if he did so. Also he might find his fire insurance policies voided in case of loss.

Definite restrictions govern the storage and transportation of gasoline and it is doubtful if many persons could comply with them, according to the motor club.

**INSTALLS ELECTRIC LATHER MIXER**

Last week, C. H. Boslaugh of the Square Deal Barber Shop installed a new Oster Latherservice (Electric mixer), a machine that makes the old fashioned shaving mug obsolete. The machine heats the shaving water, keeps it at an even temperature and mixes the lather when wanted. The new mixer is one of the few in use over this section and was installed to give customers a quicker, more sanitary shave.

**Fishing Bulletin**

LANE County: Angling during the past week on the McKenzie and Willamette rivers has been only fair. A few catches were reported made on the upper McKenzie. Long Tom river yielded a few good catches. Fish are being taken on spinner and worms. If the weather clears up, angling should be greatly improved.

**Gifts for the Graduate**

- ARROW SHIRTS \$2.25 to \$2.75
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320 Madison. 5 room modern house in A-1 condition. Large, well arranged rooms, good neighborhood. Lot 70 by 125. \$2,000, \$700 down.

709 Washington. 4 bedroom plastered house, fireplace, hardwood floors, full basement, good furnace. Just one block from Main street. \$4,200, \$1,500 down and rest at \$27.00 month. Might consider a trade.

Corner 16th and Main. 2 room bungalow, modern, cement foundation. Lot 52 by 105. \$650 cash.

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