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Draft Prospects
veen on the cover of a national mragzaine, article e inside- $-1 t$ having been our -impression
that it one were dratted there was nothing one could do obout it. As it turred outt the article
offered sundry practical suggestions as to wind-
 To our way of thinking, military service is
a privilege and not a penaltor mistortune,
and vius any question of unfairness in selection ind distinclly out of order- aside from the ques-
tion of dependents. No patriotic male citizen tion of dependents, No patriotic male cilizen
has occasion to be perturbed about selection
aside from the matter of his dependents President Roosevelt said the other day that
boys of 1 tand 19 would not be needed "nntil
1943," a statement which didn't seem to merit The headilines it reveived, seing the that 1 mer is is
almost here. On the other hand Major IGeneral
 much as there wouldnt be enough able-bodied
single men even incuding the 1 ti-19 cossses it it
ten to thirteen million men were to be mobilized
 e dratted, regardess of dependents or ocecu-
 twenty milision. That magazine insisted that
would require nother year to eupip even five
million; that ten million would be more men hhen Germany has, whereas we have allies able dited apparently prohibitive figures on the
tipping tonnage required to transport and Jupply such an army overseas
$\mathbf{S o}$ the ten-million man army a military

 Confession of Error

 It was the opening day of the new academic first year, which makee the big eastern school
alose contemporary of our wor wilamette-
ind President Gannon was addressing a student Contessing error is always painful, especially to young people whose confidence and respect
must be retained. So this was indeed a courageWhat Father Gannon believed a year ago is
tialry well revealed in this other paragraph


Faitere Gannon knows better now. More than
that, he sees that isolationism and the ostrich
 women who will want tut once to tear down our
national ditemsea. But we must not
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his patst exror and and whist who dremoly conteseses
eees similar thinking will be error in tuture, hee man in whom we can have confididence.
But what other tionationst do you have
mind, whe has made similar contession?

## Rock-Ribbed?

Pubyicalily imposing Lowell Stockman, re-
punk, opened hise cor second district congress
 hised an ercellent imprestion. Asserting that
Stockman malitcian and mever hopes to obe one,
 Taking into account both Stockman's energy
 ment the old cmpiow gene.
Four out of Oregon's gress are republicans. Next mear now in con
delegation of six. Of course a victory for Ste The new fourth district probebly will elect:
republican, Harris Ellsworth, and Jim Mott is sitting pretty well in this first distriet-but you
never can tell about the second district, MultThere is something appealing about conalstancy of the "solid south"-but there is an ex-
ten appeal in the opposition consistency of cer-
min rock-ribbed New Tngland states. Phyisoeraphically, Oregon isn't rock-ribbed, but we'd tates in sending a solid republican delegation Bonneville administration "released a Wil-


## Slabwood

upply 500 cords voley sawmills will be able Portland's fuel shortage, State Forester Neli Rogers announces, That may not entirely solve
Portiands's fuel problem and it involves the unortunate cercumstance that the wood, unles,
was cut some months ago, will be quite green But that same circumstance would have applied Slabwod pretty largely dropped out of the
picture some e ears ago, partly because in the deep depression years a great many sawnill,
were idle, because many of the mills were farthwere idie, because many of the mills were tarth
er and forther from the eites. becase there
were plenty of men who wanted to cut cordwood for a living-and because slabwood wa
in poor repute anyway That disrepute, we have always felt, was
unearne. Slabwood comes off the outside of the logg you don't get the heart. But it's good
wood for all that; and if when stoked into
furnace set for bulkier wood chunks it burns urnace set for bulkier wood chunks it burn
too fast, you can regulate that. We've been too choosy-and therefore waste-
ful. If slabwood comes back into its own, it will
be a victory for conservation. And given be a victory for conservation. And given
decent chance, it will do a satisfactory job of heating. If as we suspect there is no adequate
upply of dry slabwood, so that green slabe

## News Behind

 the News
 Now comes the Baruch repprt, like a ray of
realistic light. It looks straight at the civilian
automobile as a transportation necessity, without which we will lose the war.
It proposes a policy to keep cars runing, and
holds out hopes that they will continue indefinitely In service, if rutber u use is woonserved dy in gas-rition-
ing until synthetic rubber production ing until synthetic rubber production comes in
big It is nether rosy nor melancholy. It says we
"can."

One official exception to this between-the-1ines
lashing was implited by the report. In general) It
took somewhat the same line as WPB Transporta-
tion Coordinator Eastman's unpublished and pressed report on the same problem.
Mr. Fastman is zear over everthing on wheel.
in this country now, including the automobile, al.
 in the shutfle of inter-bureau conferences, as well
as his authority over motor cars.
The OPA fost stepped in and took over. Pril
marily, Eastman wanted to give gas for essentia
 plan, such as Baruch has suggested.
The Baruch report thus seemed to point an un-
observed finger in the general direetion of Mr.
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proper theories (the Barch committe had acese
to his unpubisished report), to direct policy-makecing

would be a rubber produution business man con-
cerned only with that phast.
They are saying national gas rationing will be
put fnto effect in a few weeks, but they mean a
few months. Not only the printing of rationing
cards will hold them beck . cards will hold them back. They will need a new
and dititerent $\begin{aligned} & \text { yystem } \\ & \text { and } 1 \text { than that }\end{aligned}$ ill effec in the east, to be worked out carefully. and it will have to be worked out carefully.
Baicically, the eastern system gives four gallons
week to everyone who has a car, whether or not woek to evergone who has a car, whether or not
he has any real us for elther the ghat or the cor.
This is a pasabile arrangement in the east, whero This is a passable arrangement in the east, wher
distancees are short, bus transportation good.
leaves enourit gas for eesential businese need. Out in the great open spaces, the problem is
different. Four gallone is not enouch for anyonee
who must go any place, and too much for the small who must go any place, and too much for the gmall
town residents who live within a few blocks of
everything.



Bits for Breakfast



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## Editorial <br> Comments

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## FINE WORT, HUTCH The many friends of the Rev,

 Robert A. Hutchisson ("Huther"to many of us in the Hood Riv-
er-Parkdale area), will be glad
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turther recognition by being lected to fill the pastorate of the
Pilgrim church at Seattle.
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