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SAFETY, SANITY AND VICTORY

It is a peculiarity of the American people that we have come to look to the Fourth of July as we would to a major battle. There will be a long and dreadful casualty list. As a rule about 250 of us manage to get killed on the Fourth, and three or four times that number are injured, often permanently maimed or disfigured.

This year we have Sunday, Monday and Tuesday (most of us) for the festivities of Independence Day, and although the casualties should not treble, they might. At any rate, the extra holiday time is accepted as an extra hazard by the National Safety Council which has made war day in and day out and year in and year out against "the fool killer."

In recent years, largely due to education, but also to intelligent legislation and enforcement, fireworks have ceased to be the major hazard of the Fourth. But the motor car and John Barleycorn are still a deadly pair along with mysterious EXCITEMENT which makes so many ordinarily sensible people do silly things on a holiday. To list only a few which are common to this Oregon country:

The chap who takes a chance in the Pacific surf or in the icy waters of a mountain lake or stream, just to show what he can do.
The showoff who scales a dangerous cliff, without proper climbing equipment.
The smarty who starts a big fire in dry brush or near the forest.
The middle-aged "champ" who thinks he can still keep up with the boys in all the strenuous sports of the season.
The overesters, the overdrinkers, the overdoers of any kind.

It is now 31 months since Pearl Harbor, since we began to fight this war to save this nation which some very brave but level-headed men established just 168 years ago. In the time since Pearl Harbor we have killed some 88,000 persons in traffic. In the same period our Armed Forces have had 244,158 casualties of all kinds but only 55,206 have been killed in battle.

These figures convey the highest compliment on the preparation of our fighting men for battle, but they do not flatter the intelligence of those of us who are manning the front at home. We on the home front lose more in traffic accidents alone, than our Armed Forces lose in battle! If we were to add in all preventable accidents the comparison would be shocking.

The answer is to be found in DISCIPLINE! And we do not have in mind the formal discipline of Army and Navy. What the fighting man really learns, especially when he comes under fire is SELF DISCIPLINE. In battle the foolhardy man does not live long. Nor is he respected or admired by his comrades; he is a menace to them all.

Perhaps as we enter upon this Fourth of July holiday, we should try to think of ourselves as "going to battle." Each of us has some job to do, the obligation to be as sober and as fit as possible. It is a duty not to clutter up the already overburdened hospitals with needless casualties. Have fun! But keep your head! Only nations which have self-discipline deserve to win wars.

OREGON'S MARIE ROGNDALH

On Wednesday evening, it was difficult to tell whether more people in Eugene were interested in what Tom Dewey might have to say as a presidential candidate or in Marie Rogndahl's success in the big radio contest to find "the undiscovered voice of America." Maybe NBC feels "like Columbus." There are a good many thousand Oregonians who feel they have prior rights of discovery.

In Eugene we have seen many remarkable young musicians go forth from the School of Music at the University of Oregon. It is a school which can lay claim to high distinction in the records of its graduates. Discriminating Boston has adopted Frances Brockman Lanier, and Howard Halbert found Los Angeles open to his talent, and it would be possible to make a long list of musicians in all parts of the country who got their training here.

For Marie Rogndahl, however, the way seems to be open to a spectacular career, and every young singer dreams of "the Met," or "Broadway" and the "name in lights." A few weeks with a radio orchestra does not mean that fame is sure, because the road to fame is always rough. But we have an idea that Marie will make her way in the big world by the same qualities which have made her so many sincere friends here. Somebody said:

"There's a lot of Norwegian sense in that blonde head. She works hard; she isn't vain or silly. She has looks, talent and common sense and it's that last quality that counts in the end."
Everybody is gratified by the success of "the girl from here." Time and again she has left her work on the campus to come

downtown to sing for us. Mr. Nilssen was the real "Columbus." Perhaps the real problem of the University of Oregon is to keep him from being "discovered." We need him here.

NICKERSON OF THE AFL

Everywhere in this state the name of Del Nickerson, executive secretary of the Oregon State Federation of Labor, stood for "square shooter." He was respected by business leaders with whom he often fought, and he was trusted by the men of the AFL unions who made him their leader.

"Nick" did a great deal to improve the relations of employers and labor unions in this state. He was fond of saying that he had been "on both sides of the fence" during his life. He refused to recognize the theory that labor disputes are "class warfare." His notion was that employer and employee should be able to face each other eye to eye, as human equals. His notion was that while each had his rights and privileges, essentially their interests were common.

It was a privilege many times to sit in on meetings where Mr. Nickerson wrangled with "the friendly enemy." He could hold his own in the "give and take." He fought hard, but so far as we could tell he carried no grudges. He was opposed bitterly to government "regimentation" of labor regulations because it was his idea that collective bargaining should mean the right of both sides to bargain freely.

"Nick" worked hard and played hard. When he was in Eugene recently for the state convention, he was not well, but he insisted that he was "okay" and would see it through which he did with all of his accustomed vigor. By some standards Nickerson was "old fashioned" and "a labor reactionary," but under his guidance AFL unions grew, prospered, and as Dave Simpson, president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce told them "the proof is written in the war production records."

HERE COMES THE FUTURE

Not long ago you read how Lockheed's new "Constellation," capable of carrying some 50 passengers, flew from Los Angeles to New York in a little less than 7 hours. Now Consolidated Vultee announces its "Liberator Limited"—another 50-passenger ship which can span the continent between breakfast and dinner with ease. It boasts some unique features—wings set halfway to the rear, tricycle landing gear, cylindrical body for maximum headroom, and it stands only 3 feet off the ground for loading to eliminate the long ladders now necessary to get in and out of super-transport planes.

No doubt you have read that the B-39's which bombed Japan recently had built-in oxygen supply and pressure regulators. It was not necessary to hamper the crew with awkward individual oxygen masks and inhalators. In the future the ordinary passenger transport will be able to fly at extreme altitude without discomfort to passengers. The stewardesses will not have much "air sickness" to worry about.

Not all of the progress is in big ships. Fact is there may be practical limitations on the size of super-airliners. Some may be built and operated just as the ship lines have always had a few oversized liners. Regular service will probably stabilize on ships of moderate size—with great emphasis on comfort and safety. And a lot is being done to improve small ships for feeder service.

There will be small planes capable of carrying 8 or 10 passengers and light freight and express which will make very small towns. Some of them already are equipped to grab mail pouches on the fly. And there will be helicopters. Some are now being used in active war service for special missions. The "helicopter taxi" has not been perfected, but it is reasonably sure to come.

When? This is a big question for Eugene, with one of the finest airports in the country and only two regular stops a day permitted to United. Since service began United has had to turn down hundreds of applications every month (which isn't good for developing air travel). But the word is that some additional ships and pilots may be released soon, and if the war continues to go as well as it has been going intensive development may begin very soon.

The day of air travel is at hand! The whole world is only 60 hours from your door. Air transport will not replace rail and highway, but all forms of transport are going to be faster and cheaper than ever in human history. The signs are very clear.

Time has made it perfectly natural for a girl's complexion to be artificial.

Our boys have kept their date with D-Day! How can you give the run-around to B-Day? Buy Bonds!

The park policeman reports that the great majority is against disarmament.

Sunburn time is the only time when a slap on the back isn't better than a dig in the ribs.

Mailbag

HEAVEN
When I shall reach that heavenly
clime,
Where God and Jesus reigns
above;
What ecstasy will fill my soul,
What joy unspeakable and love;
Where everlasting spring abides,
And never fading flowers are seen;
With loved ones standing by our
side,
And nothing mars the peaceful
scene.

We'll see our loving Saviour there,
Robed in his vesture pure and
white;
Saying peace be yours for ever-
more,
You've conquered sin and won the
fight;
And then with joy we'll shout and
sing,
Praise to our God and Saviour
king;
We'll make the welkin ring with
praise;
Our tribute to the Lamb that
saves.

If Christ returned to earth today,
I'd haste to meet him without
fears;
Be caught up in the azure skies
To reign with Him a thousand
years;
When heaven and earth shall pass
away,
God will create all things anew;
A glorious heaven for us to stay,
To be with Christ and loved ones
too.

Where angel hosts sing 'round
God's throne,
A wondrous hymn of saving grace;
To see his loving heavenly smile,
And gaze upon his lovely face;
To hear him say the words, 'Well
done,'
Forever more come dwell with
me;
And peace and happiness be
thine,
And joy through all eternity.
Perceval I. Rust
Eugene, Ore.

Bruckart Announced Forest Restrictions

Restrictions for use of national forest lands effective for the period July 1 to September 30, were announced Saturday by J. R. Bruckart, supervisor of the Willamette national forest. The restrictions provide for forest use upon the condition that the following requirements or conditions be complied with:

1. To refrain from smoking while traveling except on two-way surfaced highways.
2. To obtain a campfire permit before building a campfire except in safe stoves or at those forest camps where no campfire permits are required as shown by posted notices.
3. To have as a part of his or her equipment while traveling in the national forests with automobile, other vehicle, or pack horses with the intention of camping thereon, the following fire fighting tools: (a) one axe not less than 26 inches in length overall, head weighing 2 pounds or over; (b) one shovel not less than 36 inches overall, with blade not less than 8 inches wide; (c) one water container, capacity one gallon or more.
4. The discharging of any kind of fireworks within 1/4 mile of any forest land is prohibited by both state and federal law.

Forests Getting Dry
The forests are drying rapidly and some of the areas in old burns and slashings are becoming dangerously dry at this time, according to Mr. Bruckart, thus entrants are urged to observe the restrictions and to exercise care in use of fire in any form while using the forest. Violations brought to the attention of forest officers will be prosecuted.

Closure restricting recreational use will not be made until hazardous weather conditions justify. Advance publicity will be given.

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Red Cross Question Box

EDITOR'S NOTE: From time to time a series of questions and answers regarding Red Cross work will be published, one of these appearing today.

Q.—When does the American Red Cross assist in communications?
A.—The American Red Cross assists when normal means are not available, when the use of normal means has not been successful, when an emergency exists, when the situation calls for a personal visit or interview by the Red Cross.

Q.—What is the American Red Cross reporting service?
A.—The American Red Cross assists servicemen and their dependents by providing the military and naval authorities with social histories required for medical and psychiatric treatment and by reporting on home conditions to aid commanding officers in deciding questions of discharge, furlough, or clemency.

Q.—What assistance does the American Red Cross give in regard to benefits and claims?
A.—The American Red Cross assists in applying for family allowances, and in presenting claims for pensions, and other government benefits.
Q.—Does the American Red Cross give help in solving family problems?
A.—The American Red Cross offers consultations and guidance in personal and family problems to servicemen, ex-servicemen, and their dependents. The applicant is referred to the proper agency if it is a problem that can not be taken care of by them.

Q.—In case of disaster to a civilian, such as a dwelling burning, whom should you call?
A.—The American Red Cross cares for one-man disasters when the family is financially unable to re-establish itself.

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cents a pint, 22 1/2 cents a quart, 15 cents a pound.
OPA also announced cents-per-pound maximum prices for berries sold for processing in the counties of Oregon and Washington west of the Cascade mountains, effective at once.
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