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### Synthetic Rubber

Ninety-seven per cent of all the rubber consumed in the United States comes from half-way around the globe, from the Dutch East Indies and British Malaya.

With this supply in constant danger of being cut off by war it is no wonder that American industrialists as well as military leaders have been worried about how to meet a sudden rubber famine should it come.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has carried on experiments for several years with rubber bearing native plants such as golden-

rod, guayule and a variety of transplanted natural rubber trees. But last year only 1,700 tons of native and synthetic rubber was used in this country, as against 592,000 tons of natural rubber brought 10,000 miles from islands in the Orient. And this tonnage was 60 per cent of the entire world's supply.

It is the synthetic product on which the United States would have to depend mainly if war or other catastrophe were to cut off our supply of natural crude rubber from the para tree. Three manufacturers are pioneering in making the synthetics. The Goodrich Company of Akron, O., will soon have a plant in operation making several tons daily of 'Ameripol.' Standard Oil is building a plant at Baton Rouge, La. to make 'buna,' and has a smaller testing plant at Bayway, N. J., making 'butyl.' The Firestone Tire company also is turning out small quantities of the substitute, 'buna.'

All these synthetics have a common base, a byproduct of petroleum made by long distillation. The finished product contains several chemicals prepared from such profusely available materials as air, natural gas and soap. It is of interest to note that with tires on it made of one of these substitutes, a car could utilize as products of the same oil well, fuel, lubricating oil and the rubber on which it travels.

Main problem of getting more of the synthetic rubber into use is its excessive cost over the natural product. At present the synthetics cost around 65 cents a pound while the natural rubber is about 20 cents. The former cost could be cut down very materially by increased production but there would be no outlet for any increase at present. If importation of natural rubber were to be stopped it would be comforting to know that we could get along without it by substituting the synthetic product of this highly strategic material.

### REPRESENTATIVE OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION WILL BE HERE THIS MONTH

With the ending of the base year on which 1941 benefits are to be paid, field representatives of the Unemployment Compensation Commission are making every effort this month to secure from more than 10,000 covered employers complete wage records for the past four quarters. Based on pay received between October 1, 1939 and September 30, 1940, claims for 1941 jobless insurance in the state may be filed beginning December 11, 1940. Field Auditor James E. Keys will be in the southern Oregon territory for most of October to contact employers of four or more workers covered by the act.

### American Boy Is Companion to Thousands

Hundreds of thousands of boys and young men read The American Boy magazine every month and consider it more as a living companion than as a magazine.

"It's as much a buddy to me as my neighborhood chum," writes one high school senior. "The American Boy seems to understand a boy's problems and considers them in such a sympathetic and helpful way. It gives advice and entertaining reading on every subject in which a young fellow is interested. It is particularly helpful in sports. I made our school basketball team because of playing tips I read in The American Boy."

Many 'amou athletes in all sports credit much of their success to helpful suggestions received from sports articles carried in The American Boy magazine. Virtually every issue offers advice from a famous coach or player. Football, basketball, track, tennis, in fact every major sport is covered in fiction and fact articles.

Teachers, librarians, parents and leaders of boys' clubs also recommend The American Boy enthusiastically. They have found that as a general rule regular readers of The American Boy advance more rapidly and develop more worthwhile characteristics than do boys who do not read it.

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### First Few Steps off Curb Dangerous for Pedestrians

With the man afoot the chief victim of traffic accidents in cities, Dr. E. B. McDaniel, president of the Oregon State Motor association, declared today that the pedestrian must be particularly wary when taking the first few steps off the curb.

"A survey of accidents involving pedestrians in a large Eastern city, cited in the A.A.A.'s manual, Pedestrian Protection showed that first steps off the curb are most dangerous," Dr. McDaniel said. "Visual reasons for such accidents are lack of attention on the part of the person afoot, and obstruction to vision due to parked cars so that the pedestrian does not see the approaching vehicle, and the driver has only a few seconds' time in which to see the walker after he leaves the curb."

"Not only are the first steps dangerous, but the middle of the street has a high pedestrian accident rate. An analysis of pedestrian fatalities in a city on the Great Lakes in 1939 showed that three out of four occurred in the middle of the street, or in the traffic lanes immediately adjacent to the center. Conclusions reached in the study were, (1) that the pedestrian expected the motorist to stop or slow down and permit him to cross safely, (2) that the pedestrian expected to be seen even though visibility was poor and he was wearing dark clothing at night, and (3) that pedestrians many times underestimated the speed of the approaching vehicle. Pedestrians, too, are apt to become confused in the middle of the street with vehicles bearing down on them from both directions."

In connection with the club's pedestrian protection campaign, Dr. McDaniel urged motorists to slow down at intersections, and be particularly alert for pedestrians who might step out from behind a parked car. He urged pedestrians to cross on green traffic signal only, to wait until the way is clear before crossing unsignalized intersections and not to start across when cars are dangerously close, and to wear or carry something white at night to increase their visibility.

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## OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

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### GOOD ADVICE

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, has objected strongly to the passage of the draft bill. But now that it is apparent conscription is the law of the land, after having been fully and thoroughly debated in congress, Green told a gathering of unionists in Washington on Monday:

Whatever form conscription finally takes, we will support it and carry it out. That is not only the reasonable, but also the patriotic position to take. Indeed, "we will support it and carry it out" might well become the sentiment of all classes

### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCHES

"REALITY" was the subject of the Lesson - Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, September 29.

The Golden Text was, "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32).

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches" (Ps. 104:24).

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following correlative passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "All reality is in God and His creation, harmonious and eternal. That which he creates is good, and He makes all that is made. . . . Let us learn of the real and eternal, and prepare for the reign of Spirit, the kingdom of heaven,—the reign and rule of universal harmony, which cannot be lost nor remain forever unseen" (pp. 472,208).

and conditions of American citizens. All they ask is that the draft itself be fairly and impartially carried out, that neither pull nor position shall be permitted to interfere with its operations; that every claim for exemption shall be heard.

### GOLDEN GATE FAIR PASSES SIX MILLION GATE MARK

Paid attendance at the 1940 Golden Gate International exposition reached the 6,000,000 mark on September 26 as Mrs. Emily Nordstrand of San Francisco went through a turnstile. Mrs. Nordstrand, a housewife, won a 30 day cruise to New York and return, with all expenses paid, and several other small prizes.

It is estimated that tourist camps and courts have 480,000 customers daily, according to the Oregon state Motor association.

### FINAL NOTICE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR JACKSON COUNTY. In the Matter of the Estate of

JOHN C. INGLING, sometimes known as John Ingling, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has filed his Final Report and Account in the above entitled matter, and the above entitled Court has fixed the 14th day of October, 1940, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., in the County Court Room, in the Court House in Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Account and the settlement thereof.

FRANK J. NEWMAN, Administrator. S12-03

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