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RUBBER AND TIRES

The American automobile association does well to urge that the rubber situation in the United States be clarified and the public be told exactly what is and what is not to happen with respect to the tires on private automobiles. Here again is a situation demanding the presentation of the truth as a basis for informed action. Whatever it is that has to be done the people will do—but they want to know what the facts are.

Partly because some government authority has said that private cars and tires might be requisitioned and partly because the people have been told that tires deteriorate about as fast while cars stand idle in a garage as when in use owners have been driving. They have felt that while they had their cars they might as well be using them particularly since such use did not affect the war effort. They have not been conditioned as to their driving by any question of gasoline supply.

As we see it the rubber shortage situation has three phases. There is the need of rubber in the direct war effort as in tank, truck, army car and other military and naval equipment. There is the need of rubber for essential transportation and there is the use, not need, in non-essential activity. Let the public be told just what is planned as to each and the word will be accepted.

Incidentally, gasoline rationing is going a long way to settle this question of non-essential use of rubber. Pretty soon a lot of car owners will be glad to have their tires requisitioned.

Here is what the Coos Bay Times says on this subject of loose conservation talk:

We know a man—perhaps you do, too—who has begun using his automobile quite freely of late. For a time after the sale of tires was prohibited and gasoline became scarce, he kept the car in the garage most of the time. Now he has returned to normalcy.

We asked him why. He said that judging from all the talk in Washington, his tires and possibly even his automobile would be confiscated soon. He proposes to get all the fun he can out of the car before he loses it.

So by a lot of loose talk this man has been induced to wear out tires, use gasoline, and generally to defeat the administration's desire to promote conservation.

Not only did Charlie Mack, of Klamath Falls, run against Walter Pierce, of La Grande, but there was, we gather, something of a competition between the newspapers, the radio stations and the county clerks of the two counties. Observe our friend Mac Epley, of the Klamath News, on the subject:

At 1 a. m. Saturday, Klamath county, with 75 precincts covering one of the biggest counties of the west, reported complete returns for 69 precincts for a state table. This was done through the combined efforts of this newspaper, the radio station and the county clerk's office.

At the same time, Union county, Walter Pierce's home county, reported only 6 precincts out of 30.

The comparison for alertness and effective work shown in Klamath and Union counties on this matter just possibly reflects the characteristics of their democratic candidates for congress—M. E.

In March the communist party held a mass meeting in New York and appointed delegates to call on President Roosevelt to urge the release of Earl Browder by executive pardon. The pardon was granted last week. And that is that.

BIDS ARE CALLED

Salem, Ore., May 21 (AP)—Fifteen highway construction jobs involving an estimated expenditure of \$1,500,000 will be up for bids before the state highway commission at its meeting in Portland June 4.

The list includes: Rock production project on Bel-

knap springs-Four-mile butte section, McKenzie highway, Lane county.

Rock production project on Central Oregon highway, Harney county.

Children's eyes do not become mature until they reach the seventh or eighth year.

Uncorking It



Civilian Defense and Red Cross News

Sixty-one years ago today the people of America gave new birth to an old ideal. They formed the American Red Cross and decreed that forevermore Mercy shall follow in the wake of war, that compassion shall never be denied man.

Today fitting observance of that ideal will take place in many parts of the world. It will be observed as only so great an ideal can be observed—by deeds.

Today, the American Red Cross flag waves below the Stars and Stripes wherever Americans fight for the defense of their freedom. That flag is carried by thousands of Americans who have striven through the years to establish the spirit of Mercy in the hearts of all men. Today those Red Cross men and women will be too busy on our distant battlefronts to celebrate the Red Cross birthday in customary manner.

Yet, their celebrations will not be lacking. Somewhere in the south Pacific a Red Cross nurse will soothe the feverish brow of a gallant American soldier. She will work quietly, expertly in tending his every need.

Somewhere on the broad seas a Red Cross worker accompanying troops to distant scenes of action

will join in entertaining the men, lift their spirits, bring smiles to their lips.

Somewhere a destitute family, made homeless by the fury of sudden disaster, will be visited by a Red Cross representative, and the sun will shine again because help and Mercy will accompany that visit.

In an army camp, a worried soldier will seek word from his desperately ill mother, and the Red Cross will find a way to speed him home to comfort her.

A life will be saved by the use of blood plasma donated by America through the Red Cross to the fighting defenders of a way of life.

Yes, all this will happen today, and all this will happen tomorrow. But today it has a special meaning in the hearts of true Americans and the thousands who today will come face to face with the Red Cross ideal.

That is all the celebration the American Red Cross desires on its 61st birthday.

The organization of the International Red Cross grew out of an instinct of compassion and mercy which even in war looks beyond race, creed, and cause, and sees in every wounded soldier a fellow man in pain and need. The name of Henry Dunant is associated with its origin. He was born in 1828 in Geneva, Switzerland. As a young man touring in Italy, he witnessed the battle of Solferino on June 24, 1859. Fifty thousand men were killed or wounded on that field. Horrified at the suffering and the waste of life, Monsieur Dunant gathered together a group of kind-hearted women from the neighboring towns and together they did what they could for the wounded, making no distinction between friend and foe.

But the sight of these dead and dying had stamped itself unforgettably upon Monsieur Dunant's consciousness. Upon his return to Geneva in 1862 he wrote and published a pamphlet. Few writers in history have raised a more eloquent voice against the horrible realities of war. In conclusion he asked, "would it not be possible to found and organize in all civilized countries permanent societies of volunteers which in time of war would render succor to the wounded without distinction of nationality?"

Later 13 European nations and the United States sent delegates to a diplomatic convention in Geneva. Here the famous articles of convention now known as the first treaty of Geneva, or the International Red Cross treaty, were drawn.

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The Capitol

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the idea of rationing clothing and considering the British type of rationing wearing apparel. This would require a book from which so many coupons would be detached for a pair of shoes (heavy leather is going up), a suit or a shirt. Wool suits are a thing of the past except for soldiers; civilians will have to be content with shoddy.

Hints are circulated that Joseph B. Eastman, director of defense transportation, may issue priorities for railroad passengers before the summer is over. Those priorities now exist on air lines and an officer on an important mission ousts the civilian from his seat. Dozens of businessmen from the northwest, accustomed to air travel, have been unceremoniously left at Chicago and other stopping points after leaving the national capital for home to make room for ferry pilots. The civilian riding a plane may have a priority, or passport, issued to him if the government needs his services.

Eastman has already caused the cancellation of several national conventions; others will follow. Whatever can be done to discourage train travel is being done. The travel bureau agency in the department of the interior has had its appropriation reduced to \$10,000 and even this is regarded as waste, considering the transportation situation. Concessionaires in national parks will lose their shirts for the next two years.

Only 50 per cent of the anti-freeze produced last year will be prepared this year. This is calculated as being sufficient with the disappearance of motor vehicles in the next few months.

Next month when the motorist pays his "use" tax to the federal government and places a sticker on his windshield he may have to tell how many tires he has left for his car. There are many motorists who undertook to beat the rationing by buying two, three or four new tires. To smoke out the facts on tires it has been proposed (but not yet adopted) that the second federal tax period be used to make this census, with a penitentiary sentence for swearing falsely.

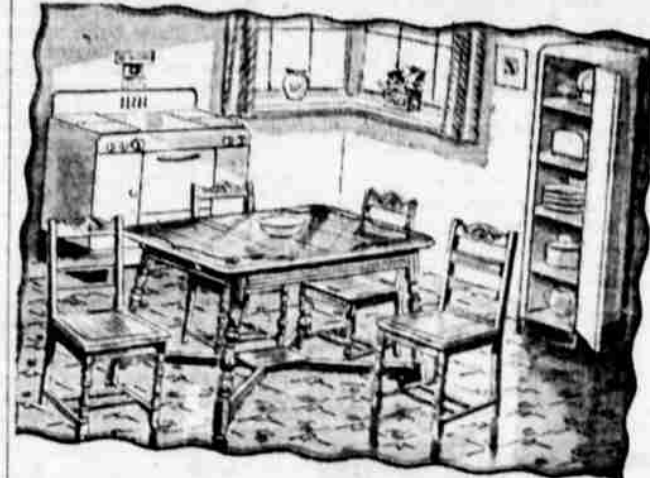
Reason the president authorized the war department to take over all the commercial air lines is to expedite a program which the department has had in mind some time. It stems back to the report

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EASY TERMS

Bend's Yesterdays

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO (From The Bulletin, May 21, 1927)

Captain Charles Lindbergh arrived in Paris today after a 33 1/2-hour flight from New York, the first non-stop airplane trip between North American and European continents. A crowd of 35,000 persons greeted the 25-year-old aviator at Paris.

The city council, at its regular meeting last night, issued an invitation to property owners desiring concrete walks under the Bannerfoot bonding plan to file petitions before May 27.

A proclamation urging the citizens of Bend to "do everything possible" to make the visit of the

Oregon Federation of Women's clubs here a pleasant one was issued today by Mayor R. H. Fox in anticipation of the opening of the convention Monday.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (From The Bulletin, May 21, 1917)

Bend and Prineville debaters, 18 in total, met in wordy combat here yesterday. In the intervals they played a ball game which went 10 innings and resulted in an 11 to 7 1/2 victory for Bend.

Horse meat is on sale at a Portland market with prices ranging from 4 to 7 1/2 cents. The horses were rounded up by the Warm Springs Indians and shipped to the Portland stockyards last week.



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Moth Pests

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FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



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