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AMERICANISM

"Americanism is unfailing love of country; loyalty to its institutions and ideals; eagerness to defend it against all enemies; undivided allegiance to the flag; and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity."

THE GREAT DESTROYER

Fire, the great destroyer, has been in fine fettle this summer.

Fire, raging and uncontrolled, has made black and barren and ugly, thousands of acres of the nation's finest forest land. Fire has turned pleasant homes into smoking piles of debris. Fire has ravaged factories, and added men and women to the long rolls of the jobless. Fire has marched irresistibly through farms, killing livestoik, razing buildings and ruining crops.

A few of these fires may be unavoidable. But they are very few indeed, and so rare as to be hardly worth mentioning. 80 percent of all fires, say the experts, could have been prevented. They need never have occurred. But they did occur—because someone was thoughtless, someone was careless, someone wa ignorant, someone took a chance.

Back of all these fires, great and small alike, lies the human element. A cigarette butt tossed from a speeding car—a camp fire not quite extinguished—a clean-up job left undone till tomorrow—a vacant lot left to dry, untended weeds, these are the things that make fire, this year, last year, next year.

There can be no recompense for the fires of the past—unless it is in a general campaign to prevent the fires of the future. It can be done. It's up to us—each of us, as an individual, holds the weapon that will destroy the great destroyer.

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THE DAYS GROW SHORTER

If the best rural traditions have any important value, only six weeks remain before frost descends upon the land, now bright and rich with color after a summer of warmth and more or less moisture, and prepare the way for the swift advance of winter. The first of the katydids have begun their evensong which is really a preliminary dirge in anticipaton of the summer's departure, because, on the authorty of the ancients, if the katydids come, frost cannot be far behind.

But before these six weeks pass, and even after, this so-called human race, to apply the characterization of a cynic, will witness some gorgeous spectacles which even now are in the making. There are already to be seen on many a field and hill a numerous and varied army of wild flowers. And in hundreds of yards, in every city of many lands, there are dahlias, tended carefully and lovingly by faithful slaves to their beauty and their infinite variety.

There are compensations, therefore, as the days grow shorter and winter draws nigh. And not the least of them is the crisp tang of autumn already occasionally in the air and the rich but somber tones of fall as they run riot throughout the landscape.

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GET READY NOW

..It isn't pleasant to think of winter while enjoying the warm days of summer. But summer is the time when your home should be prepared against the cold and rainy period ahead, in the interest of comfort and fire prevention.

Check up on your heating plant first of all. Furnaces and chimneys should be thoroughly cleaned and necessary repairs made by a qualified expert. Likewise, clean out the fuel bin and when you stock it arrange your fuel in an orderly manner. Papers or rags mixed in with wood or coal may result in spontaneous heating.

It is very possible that certain minor changes in construction in your home are advisable as an aid to fire prevention. Wood beams extending into the chimney walls, for instance, have started many fires. And adequate fire stops are all-important.

Check over any exposed electric wiring—dark days bring maximum demand for lgiht and heavy use of electric heating appliances. Don't make amateur repairs yourself—bad wiring has caused many a serious fire. Your electrician will do it properly and what little he charges is insignficant in the light of the fact it may save your home from destruction.

Finally, go through the house horoughly and clean out accumulations of papers, magazines discarded clothes, broken furniture and other inflammable junk.

Be ready for winter now. It's a little job that pays big dividends.

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RATHER DISILLUSIONING

Dr. Victor G. Heiser, hygienist and public health authority, is an almost mid-Victorian sort of person. He has old-fangled notions and seems to glory in them. When Congress was debating that sidetracked housing bill, Dr. Heiser's counsel was sought on the important question of the relation between proper housing and public health. Here is what Dr. Heiser said:

"I don't care how well you house a man. Let me feed him and I can soon make him cranky and irritable and wreck his health. On the other hand, if his diet is right and common physical diseases are looked after properly, he will thrive while living in what might be considered a most unsatisfactiry home. It is very difficult if not impossible, to show much correlation between housing and health in this country."

That is rather disappointing. We all like to think that if we take the unfortunate out of the slums and place them in good clean houses, they eventually will become healthy, wealthy and wise. According to Dr. Heiser, however, the problem is not so simple as that. His is one of those comments which few persons enjoy reading, but which most persons cannot help believing.

Use the Classified Ads to dispose of that surplus farm produce you have on hand.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALOHA ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Church on Wheeler and Alexander Streets.
Sunday School 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A. M
Young People 6:30 P. M.
Evangelistic 7:45 P. M.
Tune in on KWJJ each Sunday from 5:00 to 5:30 p. m. to the Assembly of God Broadcast.
F. J. Huntley
Pastor

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
W. P. Keebaugh, Pastor.
Sunday School— 9:45 A. M.
Classes for all ages.
Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.
N. Y. P. S. Meeting, 6:30 p. m
Evening Message at 7:30 P. M.
Everyone welcome to all these services.

THE METHIDIST CHURCH
Earl B. Horsell, Pastor
Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.
Chas. H. Roseman, superintenuent.
Morning Worship at 11:00 a. m. Sermon "What Is a Religious Experience?"

CHURCH OF CHRIST
E. E. Coulter, Pastor
The unified service Sunday morning at 9:45. Sermon subject, "Contending for the Faith." Bible study at 11:00 o'clock. Unified Endeavor at 7:00 o'clock. At 8:00 o'clock a great evangelistic sermon. Sermon subject, "The Cross," in a beautiful cross service, all the old cross songs, with the song "Rock of Ages" will be pantomimed. Also we will have "Beleive It or Not of the Bible." You will enjoy this, come and see these startling events o the Bible are true, "Beliebe It or Not. Come and enjoy this helpful gospel service.

ALOHA COMMUNITY CHURCH
D. Marquis Godwin, Pastor
Sunday school, 10:00a.m., with classes for all ages.
Morning worship, 11.00 a.m.
Young People's meeting, 8 p.m.
Mid-week service, Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.
All are cordially invited to attend any or all of these services.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Regular services will be resumed Sunday, August 20th.
Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship at 11:00 a. m.
A fine time was had by all who attended the church picnic at Camp Adams last Sunday. About 75 were present.

The SNAPSHOT GUILD
INFORMAL PORTRAITS

Use a portrait attachment to take informal portrait close-ups such as this with a box camera or fixed-focus folding model.

SUMMER is an ideal season for informal outdoor portraits of your family and friends, and informal portraits are about as easy to take as any other type of snapshot. Naturally, such informal shots are not to be compared with the work of skilled, experienced professional photographers . . . but, since you take them yourself for your own album, they do have unique personal interest.

Your informal portraits may show one, two, or several persons, grouped naturally — without stiffness. The subjects should fill most of the picture space; too much background is detrimental. Faces should be turned so that a good likeness is obtained—whether profile, full-face, or in between—but as a rule the subjects should not look directly at the camera.

Two types of lighting are acceptable. Direct sunlight from one side is all right, but straight-overhead lighting from the noon sun produces harsh, displeasing shadows. For a softer lighting, and better likenesses, place the subjects in "open shade"—for example, at the edge of shade from a big tree, where they will receive light reflected from the sky, but no direct sun.

Informal portraits in direct sunlight require no increase in exposure. In open shade (not under trees or a porch) try an exposure of 1/25 second at f.8 lens opening. With a box camera or inexpensive folding type, use the smallest lens opening, and give a very short time exposure—about as fast as you can work the shutter—with the camera on a firm, solid support.

A focusing camera enables you to take reasonable close-ups without a lens attachment, as well as full-figure shots. You can also take full-figure shots and group shots with a box camera if it has a "two-point" focus setting, enabling you to get as near as five or six feet to the subject. But for real close-ups with the inexpensive camera, you will need a portrait attachment—a small supplementary lens that slips on over the regular camera lens. The attachment does not change the exposure.

Often, an informal portrait gains interest if the subject is busy with some everyday activity—for example, filling a tobacco pipe, if a man, or crocheting, if a woman. The action adds story quality—and tells more about the subject. Concerted action—such as conversation—adds unity to a group picture.

Make a collection of good, informal portraits of your friends and family. They'll justify a special section in your snapshot album.

John van Guilder

THE STICKER

by ZELMA HOOKER

Mrs. Blake slipped the bottle into the rack and stood back to admire it. Washed clean and bright, it awaited the milkman's coming and today it bore a pleasant surprise for him. Upon the side carefully turned uppermost was a small bronze-colored sticker.

Perhaps it would be well to explain that the day was Sunday, proclaimed "Friendship Day." And in keeping with the spirit of the occasion, Mrs. Blake had purchased a package of small friendship seals to stick upon her letters and cards, in the same fashion as one uses Christmas seals. And having one left over, what could be nicer than to place it upon the empty bottle to greet the milkman.

This had been a real inspiration, as Mrs. Blake truly was grateful for the type of milk which she was receiving, put up under such splendidly modern, sanitary conditions. She had made it plain upon engaging the milk service the fall before, that none other would do, and was assured by the milkman, a pleasant individual, that such were the conditions at the No-such Dairy. He explained that with modern equipment, an efficient force carefully maneuvered a high grade milk into vigorously scrubbed, steam cleaned bottles.

Mrs. Blake eyed the rack thoughtfully and frowned a little. She was not certain that the seal would remain upon the smooth rounded surface of the bottle. However, she comforted herself that it surely would remain in place a sufficient length of time for a friendly greeting to the milkman and dairy force.

The milkman smiled appreciatively as he viewed the friendship sticker, gay in gold and bronze colors. Whistling merrily, he returned to the truck, ruminating to himself, "Nice paeople, them Blakes."

But a sad incident happened four days later when Mrs. Blake stepped out upon the porch to take in the milk as usual. As she reached forth a hand to pick up the bottle, she suddenly stiffened.

Silhouetted against the whiteness of the milk, a familiar object caught her eye. The survivor of four alleged scrubbings and steam cleanings, the friendship sticker grinned up at her.

The milkman scatched his head the following evening as he read the curt note stuck in the thoat of the bottle in the rack and muttered, "Don't want no more milk—just like that. Ain't women funny?"

PAID IN FULL

A court room scene back in old New York state years ago. Joey, high school boy, was found guilty of stealing books out of the desks and was sentenced to the reformatory. There behind those grim stone walls out from Elmira on the Erie road, Joey was taught the tailoring trade. The sentence was served. Back to the home town he came and set up shop. He took to himself a wife and became one of the well-thought-of citizens. JOEY THE MERCHANT TAILOR.

Good for Joey. Only a few of the old-timers ever recall his past. The state of New York long since discharged him with its PAID IN FULL. The chapter was ended. But was it? Is there not another court room scene POINTED UNTO MEN ONCE TO DIE, BUT AFTER THIS THE JUDGEMENT.... EVERY TONGUE SHALL CONFESS TO GOD. Those days of theft still stand in the book of God's remembrance.

Now a question, Joey. In all righteousness, what could not the Sovereign Ruler of the universe do for you if you stood before him this minute with his PAID IN FULL? With your page clean, what could not the merciful God who will not wink at sin, do for you?

One—Two—Three. Count 'em. One—Take discharge on the ground that Christ paid it all. Take His death as full coverage for your sins and you have God's PAID IN FULL.

Two—Being cleared, God can now in all righteous breathe into you his eternal God-self. Your human father gave you a human nature that runs after sin. By birth, desire and practice it serves the world, the flesh and the Devil. The universe—Angels, man, animals, all nature are created beings and things. Only God is uncreated. On him all are suspended. He never can be touched with old age or death. And so Joey, with his PAID IN FULL he can add his eternal uncreated life to your little span.

Three—Your new Father, God, now takes up to make you Christ-like within and without. The dynamic Christ within you. As a new-born babe in the family of God, YIELD, YIELD, YIELD. Yield yourselves until God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. So he Saves, Keeps, Satisfies.

LIBRARY

Hours: 2:30 to 5:00 Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.
Saturday evening 6:30 to 8:30.

A cash donation by the Friendly Circle of Beaverton is responsible for two worthwhile books recently added to the shelves of the Community Library. These books, "Adventures of David Grayson," by Ray Stannard Baker, and "The Young Mrs. Miegs," by Elizabeth Corbett, are proving immensely popular.

"The Adventures of David Grayson, is a collection of four of the most popular of seven books published by Baker, under the name o David Grayson. Baker, a world traveler, wrote the Grayson "essays," in the first person, covering his experiences while roaming about in rural Michigan and Wisconson, never intending them for publication. He felt that he was already saving the world under his own name and that his more important work would suffer in esteem of readers, if it became known that he was whiting anything so simple under an assumed name. In his biography he states that he "has never been able to understand the public enthusiasm for these books and altho deluged with hundreds of letters addressed to "David Grayson" was able to keep the identity secret for ten years.

"The Young Mrs. Miegs," is another interesting recording of events in the life of "Carrie Eaton." "She was Carrie Eaton" by this popular author also appears on the shelves of the Community library.

KOAC Garden Programs Scheduled for Season

A complete schedule for the KOAC Home Garden hour has just been issued showing a related series of programs starting September 7 and continuing through the end of June of next year.

The state-owned station, located on the campus of Oregon State college, cooperates each year with the Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs in the preparation and presentation of these programs. Each month features a related group of progams, such as garden planning in September, roses in February, flower arrangements in April and perennials in June.

Many KOAC garden clubs have been organized in the past around this series of programs. Any group of at least five persons who agree to meet regularly at least once a month may form such a group and receive program outlines, report blanks and other types of service. This adult education sevice is free as one of the offerings of the general extension division.

Fair Folies Star

Starring in the new Folies Bergere, now playing to capacity houses at the Golden Gate International Exposition, is Andree Lorain (above), known in Europe as Miss Paris. She is shown as she arrived at Treasure Island with the rest of the troupe for their first American appearance.

SAFETY FIRST

By EARL SNELL
Secretary of State

National economists compute the total accident cost in the United States at $105 per second according to figures received by the Oregon traffic safety division of the secretary of state's office.

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Eighty-seven percent of the fatal accident drivers during the first half of 1939 were men, Earl Snell, secretary of state, said today, while 79 percent of all drivers involved in traffic accidents were men.

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Traffic fatalities during the second quarter of 1939 showed a drop of 25 percent from the total for the coresponding period in 1938.

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When overtaking another vehicle, the smart driver makes sure he has plenty of room to pass and that his speed is under control. During the first half of 1939 there were nine fatal accidents which occurred when drivers attempted to overtake and pass another vehicle and found there was insufficient room.

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Periodic inspection of lighting equipment of automobiles was urged by Earl Snell, secretary of state in the compliance with new lighting regulations adopted by the state legislature at the 1939 session. These regulations have been effective since June 14th.

Most important of the laws is that regarding dimming, Snell said. Under the amended law, all motorists are required to dim their lights at night when within 500 feet of an oncoming vehicle. Prior to the amendment dimming was required only when meeting another car on a wet, hard-surfaced highway.

The new law permits only one spot light, whereas the old law allowed two. The act specifies that the beam of the spot lamp at a point 100 feet ahead of the car must not extend to left of a point in line with the left side of the car to which it is attached.

Three auxiliary driving lights may be used on the front of vehicles now whereas the old law limited the number to two. These auxiliary lamps may now be mounted not less than 12 inches nor more than 42 inches above the ground.

The new law provides that the uppermost distribution of light from the headlamps must be of sufficient intensity to reveal persons or vehicles at a distance of at least 350 feet ahead of the vehicle. The old law set the limit at 200 feet.

Cars with multiple beam lights registered in Oregon after January 1, 1940 must be equipped with a beam indicator which will indicate the position of the headlamps by means of a light when the beam is tilted up. This indicator must be located conveniently so that the operator can tell at a glance the position of his headlights.

In the interest of courtesy and safety, motorists should inspect their lights regularly to assure their proper adjustment at all times.

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