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## EDITORIALS

### ASH TRAY ESSAY

Mr. Motorist, this query is addressed to you, for you and you alone are the only person who can do anything to remedy a situation we have in mind. This situation was brought suddenly to our attention by one sentence in a public statement made recently by N. S. Rogers, State Forester of Oregon.

"If motorists would stop flipping cigarettes and other lighted objects from their cars," said Mr. Rogers, "the cost of forest fire suppression in this state would be cut approximately one-third."

This is a simple, forthright statement by a man who ought to know what he is talking about. Suppressing forest fires is a part of his job. Naturally he would prefer that forest fires didn't start. But we are coming into the worst half of another fire season. Our forest roads have never carried more tourists, both imported and domestic. We like tourists even though they have a bad habit of tossing any old thing out of their car windows. Plain rubbish is bad enough. Lighted objects are a crime. Grass, made unusually heavy this year by early summer showers, is now a thick dry fire hazard along most Oregon roads.

Now, to come to the point, Mr. Motorist—is there any deep-seated, possibly subconscious objection to an ash tray in a motor car? Are the ash trays that the modern automobile carries difficult to use?

If your answer to both of these questions is "No," then we will have to look elsewhere for a rational explanation of the hundreds of forest fires caused in Oregon last year by motorists who did not use their ash trays.

### OIL APLENTY

This country is building a great mechanized army. The very soul of that army will be oil—gasoline to propel it, and lubricants to grease the intricate mechanisms. So one of the extremely important questions of the time is this: Have we the motor fuel we need—and will there be enough left over for our civilian demands after military requirements are met?

That vital question was recently answered by the Texas Company. It is estimated that gasoline for the Army's 250,000 motor vehicles—tanks, blitz buggies, trucks, etc.—may total 1,000,000,000 gallons a year. That's a lot of gas—yet, says the Company, America's refineries can turn out that billion gallons in less than two weeks, leaving 50 weeks to produce for the air force, the Navy and the civilian population.

That shows how well the oil industry is prepared for this emergency. Under the American private enterprise system, it has developed, on its own initiative and with its own money, the greatest plant of its kind in the world. Thus, oil belongs with those other great industries—electric power, railroads, mining, etc.—which are ready to meet any demands circumstances may impose. That is what the private enterprise system—the democratic system—has done for this country. It is the system which has made America great, and which we are building our defense to protect.

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## New Trophies to Be Awarded at State Fair

Classification and prize lists for the 50th Oregon state fair horse show have just been issued and indicate that \$4,300 in stakes and prizes will be awarded. Also several trophies will go to winners. Fair dates are September 1 through 7.

Responding to the popularity of horseback riding as a sport, the fair management has included two new classes, one for stock horses with western equipment and the other for pleasure horses. Changes have been made in the jumping classes also but aside from these the 40 classes follow last year's plan. Twelve of the classes are breeding classes for registered American saddle horses.

The Dean Harvester perpetual trophy, presented by Dr. J. A. Bradley of Eugene, is new this year and will be awarded the final Saturday night (the horse show is not slated for the closing Sunday) in the roadsters to bike \$200 stake class. The trophy honors Dean Harvester, the donor's retired stallion that won the roadsters to bike event six night in a row at the 1939 state fair.

## LOCALS

The Moore-Tabor mill has rented the lot across from the mill from the Grange Co-op and are using it to store lumber on.

Rev. Charles Lewis and wife arrived last Saturday for a visit with friends. They are house guests at the E. C. Richmond home. Rev. Lewis will preach this next Sunday at the Federated church.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Vella and children Ignaccio, Carmela and Mary of Sonoma, California are spending a month here.

The Civic club picnic was a big success figured by the fun and enjoyment. Only nine were able to attend but it was a jolly bunch.

## Story of African Rubber Plantation

(Continued from Last Week)

Speaking of Pa reminds me of hunting and his and my experience of shooting at a target.—Anyway, one night next week we are going deer hunting—now aren't we the old sports or something? Joe says he doesn't know which end of the gun you are supposed to shoot out of—that is how much shooting he has ever done—I can hit a still target but never have any luck with a moving target—anyway we are going hunting with one of the bachelors, Jim Wilson, (his wife is in the States so he is only a bachelor out here) and he is a crack shot and has several guns and has asked us to join him. If we find a water deer—small animal but built like a deer, their meat is like white breast of chicken when cooked—they will stand and stare at you and then I am going to try my luck, if they run then Jim will bring him down—we hope—anyway Jim is quite a hunter. He says he is going to imitate Joe into the sport also. Won't it be fun?

I am wondering if we will get tired of this continual summer time. There are no actual seasons of the year out here, of course, the only difference at all being the rainy and dry seasons but the temperature remains practically the same. We are just finishing the Harmattan season and when it is completely finished we will have the annual Harmattan Party, this year it is to be an old-fashioned party and everyone will dress for hard times or "hayseddy". The nights are colder during the Harmattan season because the winds blow from the Sahara Desert north of us and sure are cold. You wouldn't believe it, would you? Did you know that people have frozen to death on the Sahara Desert at night? Neither did I until we came down here. In the day time they die of the heat and at night they freeze. The winds (called the Harmattan) blow at night from there and sweep past us down here so you get under a couple of double blankets and a sheet and are glad to stay there. The air in the morning is very hazy from the dust and sand which has come from the desert. When the sun goes down at night it looks like a red ball of fire sinking in the west because of this dust, a few hours after dawn each morning the air is all cleared and it is nice during the day. It's a funny arrangement of things, isn't it?

You asked how far we are from the office now—we are four miles

and of course drive down together when we go to work. I have driven the car about twice since I've been out here but as I mentioned before, it is against the rules of the company. One day I drove from here on up farther on Harbel Hills to Godley's house on an errand which had to be made. When I went out to the car Johnny dashed around to open the other side of the car. When I walked around to get in the driver's seat his face was a puzzle and he thought I was nuts. Finally I sunk in and he said, "Missey, you goan carry de car?" (If you move anything, a car, a pencil or anything, it is being "carried" as far as they are concerned). When I said I was going to drive it he jumped on the back and said, "Oh, Missey, if my Missey can carry de car then I goan carry myself to where she go den all de boys they see my Missey can carry boss' car." Oh, boy, that was really an honor for him to be seen riding on the back of the car and to think his Missey could actually make the far go the same as Boss could. Oh, me!

Yes we like this house better than the one at Dive No. 1 but we miss all those beautiful trees and shrubs which we had over there. You see that being the old part of the plantation they have had time for these things to grow but these homes up here are more modern and better looking inside and out but the landscaping hasn't been completed as yet. In the snags which I sent home you will notice the place looks bare. We have a large yard and only the driveway shows in the picture and of course that is hard dirt. On the other side of the house there is a big yard with some flower beds and some vines. All the hills and plain level places are always covered with green grass. Anyway, the houses up here are a little over a year old and the shrubs and trees aren't really under way—also the landscape man was taken off his job and put to work planning and completing the lovely golf course and just now is being returned to the job of fixing up the yards on Harbel. I think when it is done it will be much lovelier up

here than at No. 1. The General Manager's new home is being built on the highest hill at Harbel Hill's and will be quite a Mansion with \$5,000.00 alone allotted for furniture to put in it. He now lives in a large home at Division No. 1 so you can see the possibilities for Harbel are the best of any residential district out here. Will take some other views of scenery, etc. and also our Teku wood grove which is just across the road from us but wanted to send these pictures through to see what would happen to them before I took anymore.

(To Be Continued)

## Legal Notices

### NOTICE

The Board of Equalization for the County of Jackson, State of Oregon, will meet in regular session at the office of the County Assessor, in the County Court House at Medford, Oregon, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., Monday, August 11, 1941, for the purpose of hearing complaints and equalizing the 1941 assessment rolls. The said hearing will continue from the above date until August 26th, 1941. Any property owner who is aggrieved at the valuation placed on his or her

property may appear before said board and petition for a correction in the valuation as shown on the 1941 assessment rolls. All petitions must be filed on or before August 26th, as the Board of Equalization will complete its public hearings on said date.

C. A. MYERS,  
County Assessor.

24—July 24, 31, Aug. 7

**ADMINISTRATOR'S FINAL NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Administrator of the estate of Letitia M. Fredenburg, deceased, has filed in the County Court of Jackson County, Oregon his duly verified Final Account; and said Court has fixed Saturday, August 16, 1941, at 10:00 in the forenoon of said day, in the Court Room of said Court in the County Court House at Medford, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing said Final Account. All persons interested are hereby notified to make or file their objections, if any they have, to said Final Account with said Court on or before said time.

Dated: July 17, 1941.  
Benjamin T. Fredenburg,  
Administrator of the Estate of Letitia M. Fredenburg, deceased.  
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