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EDITORIALS

FIGHT FIRE ON ALL FRONTS

On July 9, a nation-wide program seeking to strengthen national defense through wide adoption of a comprehensive municipal fire prevention ordinance, was launched. The suggested ordinance provides for the creation of a bureau of fire prevention in the local fire departments, and gives the bureau authority covering fire prevention in general; the storage and use of explosives and flammables; the installation and maintenance of private alarm systems and fire extinguishing equipment; the maintenance and regulation of fire escapes; the means and adequacy of exits from all manner of buildings in which persons live, work or congregate, and the investigation of the causes, origin and circumstances of fires.

In announcing this new plan, W. E. Mallalieu, general manager of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, said: "Many plans are running three shifts. Many of them are taking on work foreign to their former operations; new materials and processes are being introduced, and general business is being speeded up. Excess production, especially in agriculture, must be stored; cotton, which has a high hazard, is an outstanding example of the necessity of supervision of storage which it is not now receiving. It is therefore of vital importance at this time to give adequate authority to fire departments."

The new ordinance would be immediately adopted by all cities. And even in very small towns, which do not have fire departments, it should be possible to carry on similar inspection work. Every fire prevented today is of direct service to the defense effort; every destructive fire which occurs is the enemy of the defense effort. And this is a work in which all citizens can participate. Fight fire on all fronts.

PRIVATE INDUSTRY PLANNED AHEAD

A newspaper interviewer recently asked an executive of a leading oil company this highly significant question: "If an enemy air bombing force were able to reach Southern California and attack the thousands of oil wells located there, is it likely that the supply of petroleum for our Army and Navy would be seriously lessened?"

The executive's answer was an emphatic "No!" There are 20,000 oil wells in California alone, spread over a tremendous territory. If an enemy could destroy half of these wells—which is obviously a ridiculous assumption—the remaining 10,000 wells could double their production.

That isn't all. For example, oil storage tanks offer good targets for enemy bombers. Therefore, the oil industry, with commendable foresight, has long made it a policy to build these tanks sufficiently far apart so that if one were hit its neighbor would not be ignited. On top of that, the oil industry makes full use of the safest storage of all—the underground pools, provided by nature, where oil is found.

The oil industry, to sum up, is one of the many private industries which planned ahead for just such an emergency as we are facing now. Private enterprise made this country great. And private enterprise is today making this country secure.

James Rolls, one of our soldier boys, left for camp last Thursday after visiting his parents on furlough.

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Ralph Lee in The Oregonian

Story of African Rubber Plantation

(Continued from Last Week)

Yes, there are snakes, and insects and pests—There are poisonous snakes which are fast and flip around and are gone, then there is one called "Cassada," which is very sleepy and slow but if touched will strike quickly and deadly. The fast ones are more prevalent on Harbel—the Green Mambas and usually crawl in the wood piles or sometimes in the boy's quarters which are on the ground floor—another reason why the white man lives on the second floor of these houses. We always watch before we step and evenings and early morning is about the only time you must be careful. If you go next door to call in the evening you usually drive or carry a flashlight to throw on the road in front of you constantly. If Joe is working in the evening and I decide to call on my neighbor on either side of me, I have one of the servants carry the flashlight and he walks about two or three steps behind me and to the side and casts the light in my path. "System?" There are many other snakes but they rarely get to Harbel because so many of them stick to the lowlands.

Yes, we constantly sleep under our cage of mosquito netting. It is brought down from the ceiling over the beds, about 4 P.M. and tucked in! the way around. The boys tuck it in so that at the sides you can pull a little tuft of it which is sticking out and it will loosen along the sides enough for you to crawl under and get into bed. After getting in you then

retuck it and there you are for the night. If it happens to be a warm night you do not need to be completely covered with a sheet because you are safe from not only the mosquitoes but also other insects such as spiders both great and small, praying mantas (a flying bug about three to six inches long, bright green and quite graceful looking things.) Daddy-long-legs which, out here, weave webs, and practically every kind of goat and other tiny things which might crawl over you as you slept so it is a very secure feeling to be tucked in under the net. Some of the houses on Harbel have mosquito rooms built in their bedrooms but I am not anxious to have it done in this house. A small section of the bedroom is screened in from the floor to ceiling and when you enter the bedroom you go through the regular door and then to go to bed you must walk through the screen door of the screened enclosure. It eliminates the room quite a bit but eliminates the necessity of the mosquito net as far as the mosquitoes are concerned but I feel much safer from the other insects with the net so then the mosquito room has lost its advantage to us. The praying Mantas is called by this name because it has long thin legs and quite often it reels on the front legs and thereby derives its name of "Praying Mantas." They are rarely killed for they eat all other insects including cockroaches so are left alone. We also have, at times, small lizards which somehow get up the step and pop in the door. I do not like them but they do not frighten me. The boys want to leave them in for they clean the house of insects also but when I say "No" they are just as pleased for then they catch the poor lizard and "chop" him. (Eat him.) I have only seen two mosquitoes since arriving here. The malaria

ones stand on their head when they bite you and that is how you identify them. They are here at the change of rainy to dry season and vice versa but do not live in the completely dry season or the completely rainy season. Another advantage of the mosquito net is that down here the dews at night are terribly heavy. When we awaken in the morning we do not know whether it is raining or not for the eaves are running and little rivers of water are all over the ground just like it had rained hard all night. It is the dew. When you flip the net in the morning a shower of water goes all over the floor. Inside the net where we sleep it is dry so you see that is quite an advantage, otherwise you would be ringing wet in the morning from the dew.

(To Be Continued)

Howard District
By Mrs. Ella H. Leonard

The Executive Committee of the Howard P.T.A. met at the home of the President, Mrs. Ernest Rogers. Plans were made for the work of it for the coming year. Regular monthly meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the month beginning with September. The hostess served delicious refreshments. Mrs. Paulina Lee who has been

staying with her sister, Mrs. Ella Leonard, for a couple of months, is spending a while with her son Dr. Robt. E. Lee, at his Ashland home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Yantiss called on Mrs. Alma Twyman Saturday. Mrs. Twyman has been at Likely, Calif., while her daughter, Mrs. Alice Flannery was in the Alturas hospital during confinement, and has not been getting along very well.

Fancy Leonard still is not able to work.

Mrs. O.E. Hamilton is home again from the hospital where she gave birth to a son who made his appearance on his daddy's birthday as was expected.

The Friendly Neighbors met with Mrs. Mable Johnson July 17 for a 1:30 dessert luncheon. Mrs. Price was in attendance for the first time. Other guests were Mesdames Thomas, Palen, O. M. Johnson, Yantiss, McCulloch, Leonard, and Puhl. A happy afternoon was enjoyed by all.

Mr. Gustin is building an outside fireplace and summer house (which is to be screened in) at his home. It has been said a butterfly party will be held as soon as the adjoining Neely corn is right, when the butterfly will fly.

A surprise birthday party was held last week for George Thomas. Lee Johnson sasheted over the district distributing invitations. A high time was had and Mrs. Thomas' fine cooking done full justice.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Jewett, Miss Lillian Bestul of Grants Pass, Jeanette Metternich, Bobby Vincent and Hal Jewett spent Sunday at Lake of the Woods.

Legal Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF JACKSON

In the Matter of the Estate of Chas. P. Johnson, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the undersigned has been appointed and qualified as administratrix of the estate of Chas. P. Johnson, deceased; all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, with proper vouchers, at the office of Kenneth G. Denman, attorney for the undersigned, in the Jackson County Bank Building in Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, within six months from date hereof.

Dated this 31st day of July, 1941.
NELLIE J. JOHNSON,
Administratrix of the Estate of Chas. P. Johnson, deceased.

24—July 31, Aug. 7, 14, 21

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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