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EDITORIALS

IT'S UP TO YOU

Every community, whether it be a tiny village or a teeming metropolis, should at this time make fire prevention a headlined civic activity. Fire prevention is vitally important at any time. In this period, when we are attempting to turn all possible national resources to defense purposes, its importance is magnified many times. Anyone can understand the menace of fire to defense factories—one conflagration could delay vital production for months. And it should also be understood that the prevention of fire everywhere is a definite contribution to defense. Materials and labor which are needed to rebuild a home or a barn or a place of business, cannot be used for defense work. The more fires we prevent, the fewer material shortages we will have—and the faster the defense effort will go through to successful consummation.

Many organizations, of which the National Board of Fire Underwriters, New York City, is the leader, are doing everything conceivable to fight and prevent fire. The National Board, for instance, has given its full services, without charge, to the War and Navy departments, in order to prevent fires in army camps, naval bases, etc. It is carrying on 24-hour-a-day work against arson and sabotage. It is intensifying its inspection of communities and industries. These activities are bearing fine fruit. But they cannot achieve maximum success without unlimited public and civic aid and cooperation.

Keep in mind the fact that fire prevention is in the direct interest of your safety, your security, your survival. And do your part.

HOW TO LOSE THE WAR

Much of the serious writing of the period is concerned with the world of the future—with the "new world" which will follow this war. Utopias of a hundred kinds are on order, to be delivered when the dictators are at last defeated.

Unfortunately, a good many idealists seem to regard the future as a thing complete in itself, which will have little connection with the present.

The truth is that the future can have no meaning, save in its relation to the past. We cannot talk of freedom and justice tomorrow, and disregard them today. We cannot win this war by building a gigantic military machine to defend us from invasion from without, and at the same time permit our liberties to be progressively destroyed from within.

For example, a peace-time Federal debt of nearly fifty billion dollars, EXCLUSIVE of the war emergency, is something that must be taken into consideration before plans for the future can be laid with any certainty. Likewise, deliberate movements to undermine the free enterprise system, movements that have of late years made substantial progress, must be stemmed, if there is to be any future for us as a nation of free men. Representative government cannot be maintained without free enterprise. Studied efforts to socialize or obtain dictatorial government domination over America's basic in-

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dustries, such as power, mining, oil, etc., must be stopped, because whether you like them or not, such basic industries are the keystone of our whole American system. If they ever become the patronage machines of a bureau-ridden central government, dreams of a better future for the individual in this land of ours, will be indeed idle.

Private enterprise in any field can be regulated. The abuses of private enterprise can be corrected and the abusers punished. But no one has yet found a solution to the problem of government grown too great—government abuses. The end result is always dictatorship for all.

This American future we talk about must be founded on the American present and past. It must be founded upon a system which has done more for the common man or woman than any other system the world ever knew. If we permit that system to be weakened and emasculated, we will lose this war without firing a shot. And we shall deserve to lose it.

Story of African Rubber Plantation

(Continued from Last Week)

Well, I wish you folks could be here a week from Sunday for the big native celebration. Firestone is giving a party for the labor force.

You see the labor force works seven days a week because the rubber trees must be tapped each and every day in order to keep them smoothly, consequently, there is little vacation for the field workers who do this type of work and there are over 12,000 of them. This coming Sunday, however, they are giving them a big party which is an annual event. Every division of land on the plantation is having an individual party or celebration and is furnished with all

the food and prize money necessary to run that particular celebration. We are invited in the one which is being held at the Factory Compound down by the water side near the factory. It is held for all the boys which work in the factory and there are over 500 boys working in the factory. Their wives and children are also invited to the big blowout. —and so is Joe and his little wiffie. There will be at least 1200 to 1400 natives present. Anyway I started to say I would take that little clothespin for my nose, and how! What with all the sack races, three legged races, and everything else there will be a beautiful "native perfume" about the whole place and the fellow who awards the prizes will be fortunate to get close enough to present it.

They are also going to have a beauty contest for the native women and that ought to be somepin'. They will have a platform built up and the "beauties" will parade along in front of judges and the winner will be crowned the "Queen" of the day. Some will have clothing on above the waist and some will not, depending on which tribe they belong to. There will also be a beauty contest for children under four years of age and they will be crowned prince and princess of the day. The Chop will be served to this mob at 6 P.M. and they are planning on cooking a ton of rice in some of the factory machines, having three or four steers, 15 lbs. of country pepper which is possibly the hottest pepper on earth and is a bright green, and everything else is in like quantities. The food will be prepared so as to be edible for white people so yours truly is sure going to have a sample—even if I have hiccups for a week. There will also be a drummers and dancers contest. I think it will be a lot of fun. Joe is going to try to get a program and enclose with this letter.

—The "Factory machinery" which was described, are 250 gallon stainless steel skids. These will be set half way into the ground with fire underneath and on all sides. These skids they use to cook rubber in using formic acid in the process.

Oh, I must tell you—your little angel is going to be the leading lady in the forthcoming "Drama", now

ain't that somepin! Guess I told you that we had one play put on out here by the little theatre group and it was surely a good one. Now they are putting on two short plays, one act each, and I happened to draw the lead in one of them. Of course I didn't have enough to do without adding to my many activities out here in this "lazy" country. We rehearse every Tu-day and Friday evenings at the big club as that is where the plays are held and they have a small stage up there. We have a bunch of fun rehearsing and everyone is just as crazy as I am so consequently you can imagine the giggling which goes on. There are two girls out here who have been trained in directing plays and they are very good so each one of them is directing one of these plays and you might as well do it right in the first place or you will have to do it over again. Anyway it is fun but it sure keeps me busy now days. I don't have time to even think. It is 6:15 P.M. now and I must close this and have Johnny get the table ready for chop. George is busy cooking the deer and the other things. Joe also brought home a huge stalk of bananas and six pineapples today and boy, do we love tropical fruit so fresh and nice, so that is what we'll have for "sweet" tonight as the boys call any kind of dessert.

Love,
Mickey and Joe.
(To Be Continued)

Children 12 years old and under will be admitted free to the Oregon state fair every day during the full week's exposition, opening at Salem on Labor day.

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 21st day of July, 1941.
NELLIE J. JOHNSON,
Administratrix of the Estate of Chas. P. Johnson, deceased.
24—July 31, Aug. 7, 14, 21

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF IRVIN AMOS DEW, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed Executrix of the Estate of the above named Deceased and has qualified as such.

All parties having any claims against said Estate are hereby notified and required to present the same, duly verified as by law required, either to the undersigned at her home address, Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, or at the office of H. B. Duncan, Attorney for said Es-

tate, in the Liberty Building, Medford, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this Notice.

Dated and first published this 21st day of August, 1941.
EVELYN NYE,
Executrix of the above Estate
27—Aug. 21, 28, Sept. 4, 11

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

In the Matter of the Estate of CAROLINE EPLER, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed by the above entitled Court of the State of Oregon, for the County aforesaid, Executor of the Estate of Caroline Epler, deceased, and having qualified, notice is hereby given to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against said deceased, to present them, verified as required by law, within six months after the first publication of this notice to said O. H. Bengtson at his

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