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EDITORIALS

BEAT IT TO THE PUNCH

Build defenses against fire in the interest of national defense. That program should be followed aggressively now by every community, whether it be a village of 100 or a metropolis of teeming millions.

Fire prevention is one of today's urgent "musts." We must save the resources that fire destroys. We must save the time and effort that fire dissipates. We must save for productive purpose the lives, the money, and the materials that feed fire's insatiable appetite.

There is but one way that can be done. That way is the voluntary, enthusiastic cooperation of the American people in the greatest all-out effort to prevent fire that the world has ever known. Teach fire prevention in the factories of America—the homes of America—the schools of America. And teach it vividly, dramatically, so that the lessons will be remembered.

Any community which is not carrying on a continuous, persistent fire prevention drive at this time, is shirking its duty to the nation. The same thing goes for industries and individuals. Fire destroys hundreds of millions of dollars worth of material every year—materials that could and should be used for the manifold, growing needs of defense, and for the needs of normal life.

The most potent community weapon against fire is a modern, enforced ordinance which will adequately cover such vital matters as building construction inspection of properties, etc. One forgotten fire-trap could be the source of a blaze that might wipe out the heart of a town. Fire is ever lurking, ever ready to strike. We, the people, can beat it to the punch.

YOUR HOUSE IS ON FIRE

"For the first time in history the relative tax burden of the United States has now become heavier than that of England." That astonishing fact is stated by Ralph Robey in Newsweek.

Under the new tax bill, the per capita tax in this country will be \$180 a year. It is \$173 in Great Britain. Our taxes will amount to about 25 per cent of our national income, as against 22 per cent in England.

It is true, of course, that English income taxes are greater than ours. But the English are not burdened with the vast numbers of sales taxes, excise taxes and "nuisance" taxes on which our government depends for much of its revenue. Lastly, the English are not burdened so heavily with taxes levied by local government. In Great Britain, the national government collects 90 per cent of all taxes; here the Federal government collects only 60 per cent.

We cannot blame the cost of defense for the staggering tax load we



"NAVY INTELLIGENCE"

Is it necessary to be a high school graduate in order to enlist in the Navy?

No. Navy enlistees need not be high school graduates. All applicants will be given an examination containing approximately 100 questions. A grade of 50 per cent or better on this examination is sufficiently high to pass the Navy educational standards. However, a high school education will be valuable to the seaman during his Navy enlistment.

If I enlist in the Navy or Naval Reserve, will I be sent to a Navy Trade School?

All new recruits are sent to one of four Naval Training Stations and after a training period they may take examinations for entrance into Navy Trade Schools. Those recruits who pass their examinations with sufficiently high grades are sent to Navy Trade Schools before assignment to the fleet. While attending these schools, they will receive regular Navy pay and free schooling valued at \$1500.

What is the greatest possible pay I can expect to earn during my first term of enlistment? It is possible to earn as much as

\$126 a month by the end of your first term of enlistment, and remember that your clothing, lodging, medical and dental care are all supplied free.

After I have served my term of enlistment, what benefits do I get for re-enlistment?

Depending on your rate and length of service, you can get a cash bonus up to \$300 plus 30 days leave with pay.

What does the term "ash can" mean in the Navy?

An "ash can" is a slang term applied to the depth charge used to combat submarines. The average "ash can" is a container filled with approximately 300 pounds of T.N.T. and can be dropped overboard from a ship and so controlled as to explode at depths ranging from 35 to 300 feet. These are generally carried by the fast ships in the fleet, as a boat dropping a charge regulated to explode at 70 feet depth must move away from the explosion area at a speed of 25 knots or more. These "ash cans" are either rolled off the stern or shot from "y-guns" which hurl one right and one left simultaneously.

are now carrying. As Mr. Robey also points out, in Great Britain approximately 80 per cent of all government expenditures are for military purposes. Here only about 50 per cent is used at present for those purposes. Half the cost of government, in other words, is for non-defense activity, and Congress and our local governments have shown absolutely no wish to make reductions in any important direction.

To quote Mr. Robey once more, "No nation in the world, regardless of how strong it may be, can stand such a financial policy indefinitely and maintain a democratic form of government. With our tax bill now above that of Great Britain, it clearly is time to come to our senses." We are rolling merrily along toward national bankruptcy now, and only a public understanding of the consequences of reckless, unbridled non-defense "spending as usual" can save us.

Essay Contest on Oregon History To Be Held Soon

The Oregon Historical Society has selected "The Old Oregon Country" as the subject for the 1942 C. C. Beekman essay contest. The prizes offered are four in number, viz., first, sixty dollars; second, fifty dollars; third, forty dollars; and fourth, thirty dollars; and will be awarded for the best four original essays on the above named subject written and submitted by girls or boys over fifteen years of age and under eighteen years of age, attending any public or private school, academy, seminary, college, university or other educational institution within the State of Oregon. Each of the four prize winners will also receive a handsome bronze medal.

The conditions governing the competition are as follows:

(1) The essay submitted in com-

petition must not exceed two thousand words in length.

(2) The essay may be in handwriting or in typewritten form, preferably upon paper of commercial letter size, either ruled or unruled, the several sheets being numbered consecutively and written on one side only, with blank space of about one and one-quarter inches at top and left-hand margin.

(3) The essay shall be accompanied by a separate sheet containing the name and post office address of the writer, the date of his or her birth, and the name of the school attended.

(4) There shall also be delivered with the essay a certificate signed by the principal or a teacher of the educational institution attended, stating that the writer of the essay is a student attending the same.

(5) In order to be considered in competition the essay must be delivered, by mail or in person, to the Oregon Historical Society, Public Auditorium, 235 S. W. Market Street, Portland, Oregon, not later than Monday, March 16, 1942.

(6) All essays submitted in competition will be numbered and submitted, without the names of the writers or other identifying marks, to three judges selected by the committee.

(7) All competitive essays will be judged according to their general merit and excellence; but the judges will also take into consideration, in passing thereon, neatness of manuscript, accurate orthography, correct grammar and composition, and purity and clarity of diction.

O.S.C. Preparing For Homecoming

BY Ralph Blasing

The Oregon State College student body is making hasty preparations to welcome the alumni when they return to participate in the annual Homecoming on November 8-9, and to see the U.C.L.A. football game which will be held in Bell field.

Invitations have been sent to alumni members at all points on the globe. About 1000 Varsity "O" alumni members have received invitations from Percy Lacey, head of student activities at O.S.C.

A complete program is being planned for the Homecoming. On Friday night the rook bonfire will be fired, and effigies of the U.C.L.A. Bruins will be burned. This bonfire is an annual event, and is built by freshman boys.

After the bonfire the students will retire to the Memorial Union ballroom, where a rally dance is to be in progress.

The rook-frosh football tilt is also scheduled, and fans are urged to attend, because this game promises to be very exciting. Saturday, the main feature will be the football game between O.S.C. Beavers and U.C.L.A. Bruins.

All living organizations will make house signs representing the desired victory over the Bruins. These signs will be placed outside the houses, and prizes are awarded to the organization which displays the most ingenious sign.

"Splinter protection", a new advance in the form of topside armor, is being installed on many of the ships of the U. S. Navy to protect gun crews, observers and signalmen.

Democratic Rally to Be Held Nov. 14 At Rogue River

A kick-off Democratic Rally for Floyd K. Dover-for-Congress will place in the city of Rogue River in the Girl Scout Hall on Friday, November 14th, at 8 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Lester Mathes, general chairman of the Floyd K. Dover-for-Congress Committee in Jackson County, says the meeting at Rogue River will be the official kick-off meeting to open the campaign for the new 4th Congressional District for which Mr. Dover is the candidate on the Democratic ticket in the May Primaries.

Floyd K. Dover, a lifelong Democrat and active in the party since the World War, is a native Oregonian and a great grandson of the late Clinton Kelly who helped build the first Methodist church to be erected in the City of Portland.

Active in veteran affairs since his return from France, Floyd K. Dover is at present the Immediate Past Department Commander of the Disabled American Veterans. At the state legislature—in March 1941—Mr. Dover took the successful lead in securing an appropriation for \$10,000 from the State of Oregon to secure the National Convention of the Disabled American Veterans for Ore-

gon and which will be held in Eugene in 1942.

In the past ten years, Mr. Dover was active in the Northwest and Oregon in the Townsend and Old Age Pension groups, and was the national delegate to both the Chicago and Cleveland Townsend National Conventions serving as chairman of the Oregon Delegation, who numbered 320, at the Cleveland Convention.

Response to Mr. Dover's candidacy for the 4th Congressional District has been very favorable wherever contacts have been throughout the seven counties of the new 4th District.

The meeting at Rogue River is sponsored by the Floyd K. Dover-for-Congress Committee for which Earl Grizzell is chairman, Sandy

Blakely, vice-chairman, and William Hartman, Sr., secretary.

Mr. Worth Smith of Tah-Wah-Wi of Rogue River is honorary chairman for the meeting on November 14th.

Sewing Club Meets At Hazen Home

The Wednesday sewing club met at the Selma Hazen home for a house warming. Those present were Mesdames Alta Kelly, Freda Jantzer, Mary Perry, Ethel McCoy, Foresteen Powell, Violet Powell, Mary Langston, Ilene Pendleton, Bonnie Higginbotham, Hulbert, and the hostess Mrs. Selma Hazen. Plum pudding, coffee and hot punch were served. The honor guest received many nice gifts.

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