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EDITORIALS

THANKSGIVING

Again the time has come when the people of America set aside one day for the purpose of giving thanks to their Creator for the good things which have come to them during the year. It is altogether right and fitting that we should do this for no people on earth have been so blessed as we have been.

And in this year of Our Lord, 1941, let us look around a bit and take stock of the things we have to be thankful for. Nowhere else on the face of this globe has there been such an outpouring of the good things of life. No other of all the many races and peoples which inhabit the earth have such blessings of freedom—of personal action, of choosing our own way of life, of expressing our beliefs and desires either through the spoken or written word—as have the people of this most-favored country. Nowhere else can the common people choose for themselves the men who shall represent them in handling the affairs of state.

While other lands have been torn with war's red hell, we here in America can calmly sit down at our over-laden dinner tables and eat ourselves ill, if we so desire, with never a thought of bombs, nor parachutists, or long-range shells. But at the same time let us remember those less fortunate than ourselves and resolve that this curse of Hitlerism must be crushed—that America must be made so strong that no nation, or no combination of nations, will ever dare to attack our shores.

And in the words of the immortal Kipling:
"Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget, lest we forget."

THE HOME TOWN

"My home town is the place where my children are educated, where my business is situated and where my vote is cast; where my neighbors dwell and where my life is chiefly lived. It is my home spot for me. My town has the right to my civic loyalty. It supports me and I should support it. My town wants my citizenship, not my partisanship; my friendliness, not my dissension; my sympathy, not my criticism; my intelligence, not my indifference. My town supplies me with protection, trade, friends, education, schools, churches and the right to free, moral citizenship. It has done things that are better than others; the best things I should seek to make better, the worse things I should help to suppress. Take it all-in-all, it is my town, and it is entitled to the best there is in me."

"GOOD POLITICS" VS. "GOOD GOVERNMENT"

The fact that government non-defense spending is holding to depression levels at a time when employment and national income are approaching record highs, is a biting reflection on Congress.

It will be remembered that Secretary Morgenthau said some months ago that the normal cost of government could be cut by \$1,000,000,000 a year. Other authorities have estimated that reductions of \$2,000,000,000 or more are possible and practical.

The difference between government non-defense economy and continued prodigality, may prove to be the difference between a solvent and a bankrupt government in the future. Is Congress so preoccupied with "good politics" that it has totally forgotten the meaning and the obligations of "good government"?

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"NAVY INTELLIGENCE"

May I have an opportunity to get into Annapolis if I enlist in the Navy? Yes, a total of 200 men from the Regular Navy and the Naval Reserve may be selected to attend Annapolis each year. The Navy seaman who applies for admission into the U.S. Naval Academy must not be over 21 years of age on April 1st of the year he hopes to enter Annapolis. Your nearest Navy recruiting office will supply you with complete information.

What will the private yachts, sold or presented to the U.S. Navy, be used for?

These boats will join the sea forces as gun boats, sub-chasers and patrol boats. Car ferries can be used as mine layers.

Does the Navy give a man vacations with pay?

Yes. All men in the Navy are entitled to a long leave with pay each year of their enlistment.

Can a Navy seaman express his preference for his next assignment to duty?

Any seaman can express his preference for his next assignment to duty and so far as is practical his wishes are granted. However, the contract that is signed by all enlisted men in the Navy states among other facts that "no promise of any kind has been made to me concerning assignment to duty."

Are there any opportunities for musical instruction in the Navy?

Yes. The U.S. Navy maintains a School for Musicians in Washington, D.C. Young men who qualify for this schooling are given a 16-week course.

the water. And to think that one of the fishermen in the boat is the prominent owner of a sporting goods store in Medford. It looks like he has not learned the true meaning of sportsmanship.

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In my years of fishing I have seen many things like that happen but there is one instance when I pay homage to a man who once stopped way above the riffle where I was fishing and rowed down the shallow water so as not to spoil my fishing. There were two men and a lady in that boat besides a guide. And they all waved a cheery hello at me and went down, and never bothered me in that riffle. I bet they are true sportsmen and willing to think that they are conserving on the life of the fish.

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But those other boat fishermen, bah, they look glum and bend all their efforts to get the most while they can and in a long time I have never seen a smiling one in a boat.

All men in the U. S. Navy and Naval Reserve are paid twice a month. They receive no coins but are paid to the nearest dollar.

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his Final Account as Executor of the estate of David Orrin McCroskey, deceased, with the County Court of Jackson County, Oregon; and that said Court

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