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EDITORIALS

AMERICA AT WAR

Once more America is at war. But this time conditions are different. This war was none of our seeking. We have been actually attacked, our citizens killed, our ships sunk and damaged—all while special envoys of Japan were engaged in conversations with our state department in what they pretended was an endeavor to find a peaceful settlement of the problems of the Far East.

Such a "dastardly" attack can never be forgiven nor forgotten. It was as though a nation had sent out men asking for an armistice under a flag of truce and then suddenly whipping out concealed guns and shooting the men who had momentarily laid aside their arms while they talked peace measures. Mankind has always had a name for such an act.

Japan has at last shown herself in her true light. She has asked for war—and war she shall have—to the very end. America is today aroused as never before. She has risen in her might, and God have mercy on the nation which brought about that arising. Not until every vestige of Nazism is wiped from the earth will we ever lay down our arms.

Today we are a united people once more. Republican and Democrat, Conservative and New Dealer, Capital and Labor—all are as one in their resolve to wipe out the cancerous sore that is afflicting mankind. And may God Bless America in that endeavor.

HEALTH OF AMERICAN YOUTH

The percentage of army selectees rejected for physical reasons has been the cause of considerable alarm in some circles. Commentators have compared this percentage with that prevailing in World War I and have drawn the conclusion that the health of American youth has gone downhill during the intervening twenty-odd years.

Here is a case where statistical comparisons alone provide a false picture of actual conditions. For the draft of World War I and the Selective Service Act of 1941 were based on very different principles.

In 1917, when the draft law was passed, we were at war. The Allies, faced with defeat, were pleading for men. We were faced with the necessity of building a gigantic conscript army in a very brief period of time. Only men who were obviously unfit were rejected. Almost any man who could do work of any kind was accepted and given a uniform.

Compare that with the present day. We were not at war when the Selective Service Act was passed. The Army had an abundance of time to build its forces. Army policy, as reflected in the Act, has been to create an army which, from the physical standpoint, will be finer than anything ever imagined. The physical and mental capacities of men trained for mechanized, highly-involved modern warfare must be far higher than were needed for the mass land warfare of World War I. In short, this time the Army has taken only the cream of the crop, where before it took all the crop.

There is still another important factor involved. Diagnostic technique and facilities have been immensely improved since World War I.

—thanks to the medical profession. The doctor of today discovers physical defects that the doctor of 1917 could never find. That in itself accounts for a considerable percentage of the rejections.

The truth is that American youth was never healthier. And American doctors can be given credit for this condition. The fact that only the finest specimens are now taken for army service is a reason for confidence in the Army, not alarm.

Story of African Rubber Plantation

(Continued from Last Week)

(This letter was written by Mrs. J. J. Swain from Liberia, Africa to her mother, Mrs. E. E. Scott of this city. Mrs. Swain was the former Miss Mildred Berger.)

Aug. 11. Well while I'm in the mood I might as well start another letter to you folks all in the same day on which I finished another one. Isn't that wonderful for me?

While I think of it—if you can get ahold of a June 2nd issue of Life Magazine you will see the picture of St. Johnson, one of the Firestone men who went home and who took a bunch of animals with him, among them a baby Piny Hippo. A picture of the Hippo is also in the magazine and it is sure a cute thing. Si is a friend of ours and came out here first with the purpose of hunting big game in Africa—that is really his business but employed later by Firestone. The Co. sent some animals home to Rinsling Bros. and other places by him also. Si was born in Africa and both he and his parents have spent a great many years out here so he decided to return and hunt big game. He was the leader for the Mann Expedition a couple of years back when they came here to hunt game. Mann was sent out by the Smithsonian Institute.

Aug. 13. Well, mother, I was never so surprised in my life as when I received your letter and those snaps which sent home—the pictures of our trip up the St. Paul and read your statement where you said you never even knew we took the trip. I wrote practically a book giving you all the details of the trip and mentioned that I had taken a flock of scenery pictures for Ray and had some developed down here—or rather said I was planning on having some developed just to be sure they wouldn't mislead enroute home. That is one letter you certainly never received I guess.

We took the trip in March I believe it was. I was never so disappointed in my life as when I saw those snaps. Isn't it maddening to think they were spoiled. We are already getting another party of people planned for another trip up the St. Paul as soon as the dry season comes again and will take endless snaps—also hope to have a movie camera with us too. I still think I had sent the whole mess of films home without developing them here they would have been lovely. The pictures from the Zeiss which were taken of the white launch and of the sail boat here at our landing turned O.K. don't you think? They are the clearest of the bunch I believe.

Heve. I am glad you are sending a filter for my camera. Think it will help a lot. I have carefully cleaned the lens each and every time I load the thing but still no better results—That is one reason we bought the Zeiss. We purchased it a week before we took the trip up the river just to be sure to have two cameras and get some good scenic pictures.—Nuts!!

Briefly, I'll say this about the trip—A group of us including Bea and Bob Henninger (those poor kids. We surely miss them a lot) left here at the crack of dawn one morning and drove down to Monrovia. Previous arrangements had been made for us to get two native boats (they are not kiyaks.) They are native canoes called "Kanoos" or "Kanus" and are pronounced with a long sounding "a" as "K-A-NOO." They are manned by Kruu tribe boys (pronounced like "crew") They are hollowed from a half log and then have boards built up a bit higher on each side. It takes five boys to man one boat and there were five or six passengers in each Kanu. As usual there were no Kanus waiting for us because they had had money palaver about how much they would be paid for the trip and the headman who had agreed previously on a given price didn't have his boys show up for he figured when the white people arrived they would want to go on time, and would pay him more to get his boys "quick, quick." So it goes down here, they think of more ways to make white people dig down. Anyway, after three hours, we were finally able to hire another crew, sack them, and hire back the original crew and get under way at 10:00 a.m. the three hours we spent standing at the landing in Monrovia while the whole town of blacks came down and stared at us. We threw coppers in the water and the blacks dove in, clothes and all, to get them and thought it was a lark. We went up the river about eight miles to a place called "Mammy Point" on which a Mr. Twe' has a rubber farm. It is eleven miles to walk by beach but the sun was too high by 10 A.M. so we rode up and back. Had planned on walking in the early morning and riding back, having the Kanus come up after us.

(To Be Continued)

LOCALS

Second Lieut. Lewis Hedgpath of Ft. McClellan, Alabama, has received orders to return to Belvoir, Virginia, where he will be instructor in the officers' training school.

Mrs. Dixon returned home recently from visiting relatives for several months.

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Mrs. William Foley and boys, Winston, Benston and John were dinner guests at the Bursell home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Middleton and son Theron from Klamath Falls were week end guests at the Edward Jones home.

Mr. W. E. Alexander was able to be down to the store Saturday for the first time in a long time.

Mrs. Carol Whetstone and sister Mrs. June Blair, both of California arrived Saturday called here by the sad news of the death of their grandmother Mrs. Carolina Furry. They returned home Wednesday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. Troutman, a baby boy weighing 9 lbs. at the Community hospital December 1. Born to Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Glenn of Table Rock a baby boy weighing 7 1/2 lbs. at the Sacred Heart hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Loid of Cascade, Idaho, on their way to California, stopped for a short visit Sunday with Mr. Loid's sister Mrs. De Haas and family. They also stopped later on their return trip for another visit and went to Albany for a visit with relatives before returning home.

Mrs. Bert Hedgpath was feeling happy over the prospect of her son Ralph Buckles returning home from the navy, but now owing to the latest war news it may be that he will be unable to come home.

Mr. Leslie Mathes returned home Friday from a trip to Lebanon with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dover. This was a political meeting, Mr. Dover being a candidate for Congressman from the 4th district.

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In the Matter of the Estate of Nora Anderson, deceased.

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The East Half of the Southeast Quarter, and the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 33, Township 32, South Range 1 East of the Willamette Meridian, in Jackson County, Oregon, containing 120 acres.

J. H. MALLERY
Administrator of the Estate of Nora Anderson, deceased.
36—Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18

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 has set December 20th, 1941, at the

hour of 10:00 in the forenoon of said day, in the Court Room of said Court in the Court House at Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections thereto and the settlement thereof. All persons interested are hereby notified to appear at said time and place and show cause, if any they have, why said Final Account should not be approved by said Court and said Executor discharged from his trust, and file any such objections in said cause on or before said date.

Dated and first published November 20th, 1941.
DON R. NEWBURY,
Executor of the Estate of David Orrin McCroskey, deceased.
28—Nov. 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11

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