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EDITORIALS

THE HARD WAY

Theodore Roosevelt once said, "I wish to preach not the doctrine of ignoble ease, but the doctrine of the strenuous life, the life of toil and effort."
 Strong words, these. But they challenge every one of us. What Theodore Roosevelt advocated was not mere physical "toil and effort," but mental hard work by which we keep ourselves alert and self-reliant.
 His injunction is pertinent to our times, for in the past 12 or 13 years we, as a Nation, have come to rely more on the Government and less on ourselves than ever before. We have also been permitting not only increasing government control over our daily lives and businesses, but actual encroachment by government in the field of private enterprise.
 This has been particularly evident in the expansion of government into the electric light and power busi-

ness through flood control projects. Now, there can be no objection to flood control projects as such. But insofar as these projects are used to produce and sell electric power in competition to existing enterprises they must be objected to.
 If the Government, through its virtually tax-exempt status and use of public funds, can enter one line of business and under mine the enterprises of citizens engaged in that field, what is to stop it from eventually going into every type of business and taking over completely?
 Maybe, to some persons, it would seem easier if the Government ran everything—if it did all our thinking for us. But any clear-headed American knows this would be disastrous.

Standing on our own feet and preserving the free enterprise system may seem to be the "hard way"—the way of "toil and effort." But in the long run it is the better way, the only way in which democracy can survive.
 "SEE THE WORLD"—IN 2 WEEKS
 "Seeing the world" used to be a matter of considerable time and money. But the postwar version which is expected to be introduced next summer promises to be quite different, especially as to time.
 One big tourist agency is planning a tour of the globe by air that will be completed in a regular vacation period—two weeks.
 Of course, the schedule will not allow much time to putter around Paris, or to go big game hunting in India, or to loll on the beaches of Hawaii, but to those who will never travel unless they can do it during their few days off each year, this presents a wonderful opportunity. In the years ahead even greater

opportunities for world travel will undoubtedly be provided by the air transportation industry if its expansion and development are not restricted by unnecessary and artificial regulations either by our own or foreign governments.
 Within the United States it behooves the State and local governments also to do all they can to foster the growth of air transport by avoiding legislation or taxation that would tend to hamper this industry.
 In the age of flight which is now dawning, sky travel will not only bring the peoples of the earth closer together physically, but it should bring them into closer understanding of one another.

City Sanitary Service To Start March First

Pick-ups once per week beginning the first of March will be made in Central Point by the City Sanitary Service company of Medford. Anthony Boltano, proprietor of the service, said this morning.
 Boltano met with Central Point city councilmen Monday night and discussed the proposed service.
 Merchants of Central Point several months ago requested the service but shortage of help has retarded its initiation. Details of schedule and charges are not yet settled for announcement, it was stated.

HOME ON LEAVE—

David D. Legg, Mo. M.M.1c home on 32-day leave after 22 months in the south Pacific visited his brother, Pat and family at Silverton over New Year's day. Mr. and Mrs. Pat Legg brought him home and then visited relatives and friends here returning back Sunday.

Breakdown Interrupts Supply of Sulphate

A serious breakdown in the Alumina plant at Salem has interrupted the production of ammonium sulphate for distribution to Oregon farmers, but repairs are being rushed so that shipments may be resumed in February if present plans work out, reports Art King, extension soils specialist at Oregon State college. War substitute lining in the crystallizing equipment failed, causing the shutdown.
 Dealers had received 1526 tons of the first 2500 ton allocation when the breakdown occurred. Demand is so great that orders had been placed for 5000 tons more than the original allocation made by the Reconstruction Finance corporation.
 The RFC has assured Senator Guy Cordon that production of ammonium sulphate can be continued as long as necessary so long as production of alumina is not interfered with. Plant officials have told King that some surplus ammonium sulphate can be supplied farmers even though the plant is on a full time alumina reduction schedule.

FIVE YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

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 Lee and Ernest Pinkham received their draft orders Tuesday evening.
 Circuit Judge Herbert K. Hanna is holding his first term of court in Josephine county this week.
 A farewell dinner and short program was held at the Federated church in honor of the Grimes family.

TEN YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson have moved into one of the double cottages at the Hotel Valandra.
 Mr. Wm. Askwith, who has been a guest at the Tex home, has returned to his home in Seattle.
 Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tonn are entertaining at their home this week.
 Mr. Tonn's mother of Lake Creek.
 Mr. E. C. Faber will leave this evening for Portland on a business trip. He will visit his daughter, Frances at the Willamette University.
 Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Marine and

Gwendolyn spent Sunday at the Chester Merriman home in Medford.
 The Woodmen enjoyed a social meeting Tuesday night.
 Mrs. Wm. Musty was installed as president at the W.R.C. meeting.

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