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EDITORIALS

INTEREST ON THE NATIONAL DEBT

During the last seven months, our national debt has increased by about \$4 billion. This amounts to a boost of \$21 for each man, woman and child in the nation.

It is now becoming apparent that our national debt will reach its present legal limit of \$275,000,000 in about one year.

It is worth noting that \$1 out of every ten paid to the Federal Government in taxes is used to pay the interest on our national debt. Unless we can get on a pay-as-you-go basis, it is very unlikely that our taxes can ever be significantly reduced.

RUNNING OUT OF BLOOD

Although the fighting in Korea has slackened, there is still a critical need for blood donations in the United States. Korean casualties in the last eighteen months have almost completely exhausted stocks of blood plasma the United States formerly held in reserve.

The danger to a nation like the United States, in being caught without an adequate reserve of blood plasma, is obvious. In case of atomic attack, large quantities of blood plasma would be needed immediately. Should this attack occur today, the Red Cross, and other sources could not provide plasma in necessary quantities.

Officials have warned that atomic explosions would cause injuries requiring vast numbers of blood transfusions. Thus, if a number of large American cities were attacked simultaneously, the need for blood plasma would be great, and urgent, in many sections of the country.

That is the situation the country faces today, and it is up to the average citizen to do his part in eliminating this exposed flank in the present national defense position.

Doggone Saturday Night



To maintain peaceful international relations between her Siamese cat and her German dachshund—who think the Saturday night bath little short of a calamity—Pat Hall, television actress, supplies a shiny new tub and a soothing hand.

HAYSEED

By Uncle Sam

A WORD WEARY WORLD

At least it cannot be said we are not living in a world of words. Every subject and proposition is surrounded with a haze of meaning and meaningless words, with descriptive and un-descriptive words, with affirmative and contradictory words. We are wondering if words are stopped or even checked when they hit the super-senic wall. We are living in a crisis of words.

The Bible and religion are being smothered with comments and words of explanation. Much truth is being lost in religious verbesity.

The multiplication of laws and ordinances settle like ten million nightmares on the courts and lawyers with their debatable meaning of their unlimited number of words.

From every platform and stump politicians are uttering advisable or unadvisable words. Issues are being lost in torrents of words.

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Almost everybody is full of words about almost every subject mentioned.

Words are catapulting and somersaulting all around us. Words are whizzing and buzzing in every direction.

If words were water the earth would be forever hopelessly submerged. The atom bombs with all the other implements of warfare in a battle against words would make only a poor showing.

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DEFERMENT TEST

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LIFE SPAN

According to figures released by the U.S. Public Health Service, babies born in the United States this year have on the average, nearly 68 years of the ahead of them. The new estimates for average life span show that white women will continue to outlive men by five and a half years.

POTATOES

The white potato is again a problem for the Government. This time the problem is consumer complaints to the OPS that prices threaten to get out of hand. Last year, the Agriculture Department was worried because prices were too low. Farmers cut acreages of potatoes this year almost a fifth. This, coupled with less favorable weather, has resulted in a crop almost 25 per cent smaller than last year and, for the first time in seven years, there is no surplus of potatoes.

NET FLATTOP

With the contract awarded last July, the Navy is building the U.S.S. Forrestal, the first of a new type of aircraft carrier, which probably will become the pattern for an entirely new family of flattops. The Forrestal will be a 59,900-ton ship, 1040 feet long, with a flight deck as wide as 252 feet at one point. A multiple system of catapults will allow si-

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multaneous launching of four planes—a feature vitally needed when sudden action is necessary. Estimated cost of the new carrier is \$218,000,000.

TAXES

As a result of the higher Federal taxes, which went into effect on November 1, the average American will give the Government 29 weeks' more pay out of his working life, according to the Commerce Clearing House, a business and tax law analyzing agency. It defined its "average American" as 29 years old, married and the father of two, earning \$4,300 a year. Under the old tax structure, he could expect to pay \$34,743 in taxes during his working years, as compared to \$37,163 under present taxes.

10th DIVORCE SUIT—

Worcester, Mass.—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Picard recently filed their tenth divorce suit—five each in the past eighteen months. But, just before the suits were due for hearing the first nine times, the Picards changed their minds and no court action was taken. The charge was the same in each suit—cruelty.



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Done by Order of this Court dated the 28th day of November, 1951. First published the 6th day of December, 1951.

G. R. CARTER, County Clerk By Jeanne Wymore, Deputy Frank J. VanDyke John R. Dellenback Attorneys for Petitioners Medford, Oregon 28—Dec. 6, 13, 20, 28.

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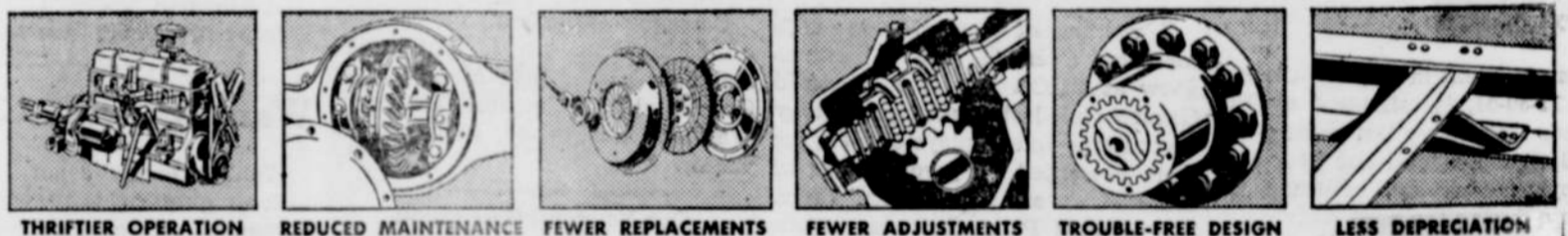
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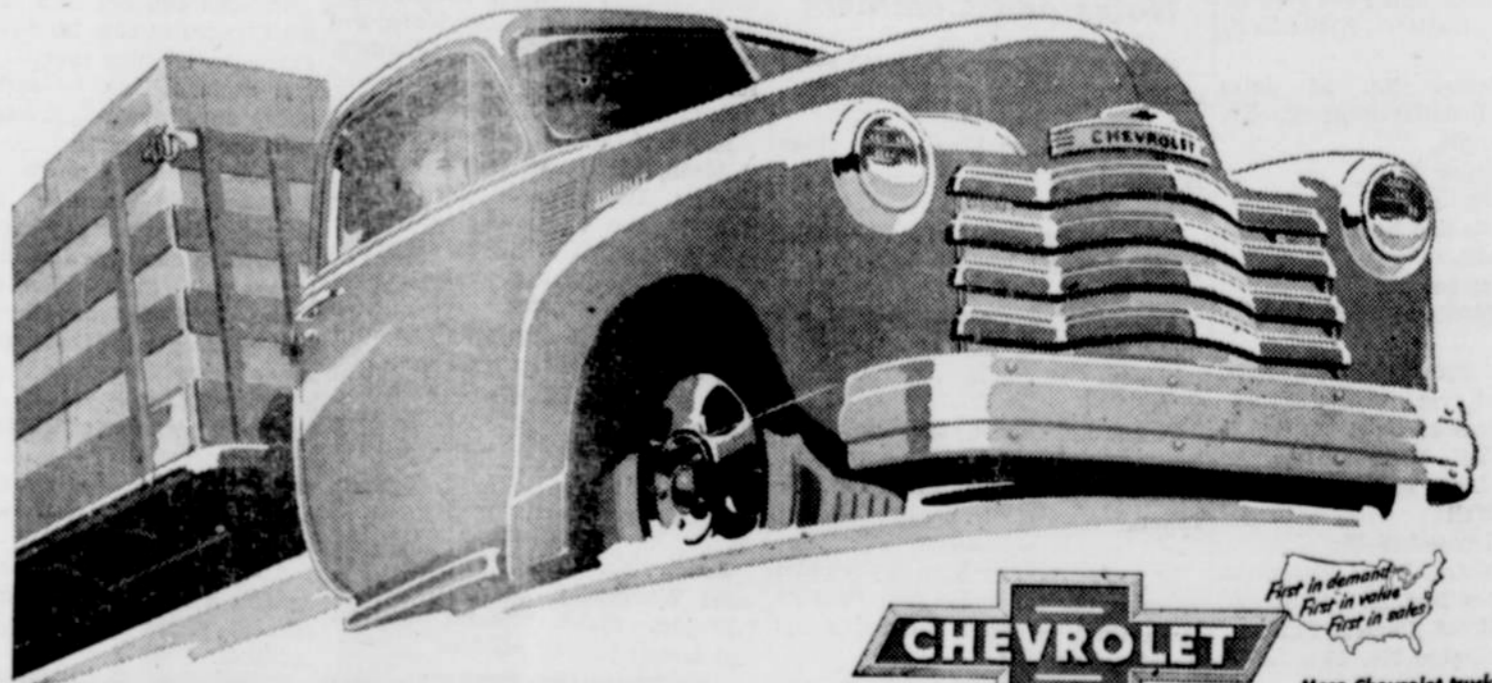
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