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WORTH EQUALS SERVICE

This is the age of the atom, the era of development when the seemingly improbable becomes fact. Science and industry are teamed for the invention of more effective devices with which to do the work of the world.

On May 22, National Maritime Day serves to emphasize one industry which has contributed magnificently to the growth and development of the United States as the world's dominant nation. And in assessing its future, we can but anticipate wonderful accomplishments even yet to come.

The men who ply the seven seas, laden with goods produced in the United States, are practical missionaries of the American way. Wherever they go, goes also their homeland, and the goods they deliver are little seeds of Democracy.

Since the dawn of the nation, the maritime industry has served in peace and in war, for business and for pleasure.

As intrepid upstarts, in the days of sail, American mariners sallied forth to challenge the world. Their clippers trafficked the China Sea, the tempestuous Cape Horn, the Mediterranean and wherever the interests of trade required.

As steam came to the fore, the maritime industry slipped somewhat in predominance. Yet it fulfilled a significant role, made even more valuable by the readiness with which it shouldered the burden in times of war.

Fresh in the minds of American citizens from the age of grade school students on up is the recent, large-scale war, which took members of the armed forces into practically every nation and every continent of the world. How many of us have taken the pains to consider and credit the maritime industry for its vital service of supply?

If there is any glory in war, the Merchant Marine deserves a share of it for the diligent manner in which it transported the endless materials to keep American forces equipped in their titanic struggle. This represented a coordination of effort by many, with the planning and execution by the shipping industry completing a national task of supply.

For its future, the maritime industry may have high anticipation. With developments of atomic energy for peacetime use, shipping may expect a revolutionary advance. And as the scope of industrial development broadens within the United States, its job of transport in trade will increase by mighty lengths.

Should there be no other recourse in international relations than war, even then will the maritime forces find themselves in the forefront of service. And, noting its past record, shipping will do its task with speed and efficiency in than respect.

For National Maritime Day, of May 22, the eulogy most deserved for the industry is a fair commentary on its service to the nation and the national interest, during a long and distinguished history. Shipping has overcome many obstacles in the past and will meet changing conditions of the future with the same determination.

In practical evaluation, worth equals service. The maritime industry may recognize its own laurels in this.

—W. K.

LET'S GET OUT AND VOTE

Friday, May 19, punctuates a political picture in Oregon with an important crossroads after which only a chosen few will continue down this year's trail to the general election.

There have been a number of surprising developments and evidences of venom and heat in campaigning for the primary election. And promises are, in many instances, that this trend will continue into November, somewhat curtailed in number but doubtlessly heightened in intensity.

Statewide, there is the dominance of numbers which is credited to the Democratic party, first time so remembered. That this might influence a decided change in the character of Oregon's politics is as firmly avowed by the partisans of the elephant as it is discounted by Republicans.

If Washington county is any example, the mere preponderance of registrations will not usher the Democratic party into the chambers of the throne. Certainly, if voters show preference for one party over another, it is only logical to suppose they favor the type of political service which party leaders display.

Yet, within the Democratic ranks there is somewhat of a divergence as to what the label means. Some proclaim themselves "Roosevelt New Dealers", "Truman Fair Dealers", "Roosevelt-Truman Democrats", "old line Democrats" and "Jefferson Democrats".

For a nation which is traditionally swayed by labels as variously interpreted, this picture injects at least a minimum of confusion. Likewise, it lessens the impact of party strength in cases where too much anticipation might be felt.

While in political activity Democrats of

the state have made a telling comeback of late, it might almost seem that registration gains have even outstripped the organizational. Washington county Democrats are within 3,000 or so of Republicans in strength. Yet, despite this firm indication of Democratic interest, there appears upon the Democratic primary ballot but one contest for office, that of county commissioner and, from statements of the candidates involved, this seems no result of organizational recruitment.

Without partisans, a political party lacks the power that counts. Yet, without candidates, partisans have no means of implementing their beliefs and desires as far as government is concerned. There can be but deep, shattering divorcement from many who profess a political faith yet are restricted from expressing that faith because of a dearth in candidates on the ballot.

An axiom that finds frequent repetition is that a two-party system is necessary for the health of our Democracy. By such is established the responsibility of the two party organizations to build their followers from the grass roots on up, grooming candidates and preparing for future, higher leadership.

To the Democratic party's credit, this campaign, may be noted the race among its candidates for governor. As a brawly, rough and tumble scramble, this contest gives a zest to office-seeking. Issues are at least coming out from their hiding and, if the successful candidate doesn't knock himself out in winning the primaries, he might gather the support needed to defeat the Republican incumbent.

All is not soft words and music in the GOP column either, particularly in the matter of selecting a candidate for U.S. Senator. An alleged "neophyte" in politics seems to have found a surprisingly cutting campaign behaviorism—even though it might turn out to be a double-edged blade which cuts him more than it was designed even to cut his opponent.

As it comes upon us, the date of May 19 gains more importance and generates increasing interest. May the people lend their opinions to the swelling roar of politics. Let's all get out and vote!

STRONGEST DEFENSE

This weekend, the nation observes Armed Forces Day and, in effect, inflects its muscles of defense. There will be parades, programs and all sorts of observances paying homage to the men, the women and the machines in which the United States may place dependence in the event of an outbreak of war.

This is indeed a noteworthy occasion. We need know only one thing more than we need to know by what means we may defend ourselves. That item is the knowledge of how imminent is war and whether or not the need of defense is actual, probable or implied.

The United States government, and its forces of diplomacy, are busy the world over, pushing this intrigue or that persuasion—apparently to ward off an outbreak of hostility. On this day of strength-showing, might the government be persuaded to let the people in on a pertinent summary of its diplomatic accomplishments?

The hungry maw of government demands more and more taxation, a dangerously large percentage of which goes for the sinews of war, in one shape or another. Might we get a companion statement of this expenditure in terms of how much is being spent to bulwark defenses, . . . and how much, in practical consideration, tends to incite disagreement?

The shade of a vast army of war dead will march with muted footsteps in the parades that are held on the display of our defenses. They gave their lives in defense of their homeland and many of them hoped the so far unfruitful hope that a definite peace would blossom from the carnage which involved them.

Let us keep our defenses strong. . . . but our resolutions for peace and honor among nations must not languish. For it is the strongest defense of all!

PROSPECTS OF VACATION

With the irregular blossoming of spring sunshine reminding a winter-weary Oregon that summer is yet to come, there are stirrings and yearnings in the direction of vacations.

Oregonians are already responding to the lure of the beaches and the mountains to crowd the highways on weekends. A vast restlessness spreads throughout the state and the natural response is a migration to the outdoors.

This year, too, the state will be visited by a regular horde of tourists, from all parts of the nation—according to qualified prophets. They will bring certain contributions to our prosperity as they visit us and find, in the recreational and scenic offerings, prospects of a vacation to be long remembered.

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College Senior Honored By Phi Kappa Phi Note

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis, (Special) — Norman G. Horning, a senior in engineering from Beaverton, was among students tapped for membership in Phi Kappa Phi, national all-school honor society. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Horning, route 2, box 865.

Members of the society, who were tapped during the annual Oregon State college honors and awards convocation, were selected from the top ten percent of the senior class and the top five percent of juniors.

Spanish War Vets And Auxil. Attend Memorial Tribute

Saturday May 27th at 10:30 a. m. Beaverton Camp No. 31, Department of Oregon United Spanish War Veterans and the Beaverton Auxiliary No. 25 USWV, will meet at the Odd Fellows Hall at Beaverton and will go in a body to the Seventh Day Adventist Church of Beaverton for "Memorial Day Exercises". All members are urged to attend.

At 1:00 p. m. a potluck luncheon will be served at the Odd Fellows Hall.

Mrs. Rosaly Putnam is chairman and her co-workers are Mrs. Mary Cavanaugh, Mrs. Vessa Woodson, and Mrs. Dorothy Mickleson.

CHI PHI PRESIDENT
Thurlof Weed, Beaverton attorney, has been elected president of Oregon State Chi Phi Association, composed of all members of the college fraternity residing in Oregon.

Chi Phi is the oldest non-continuous collegiate social fraternity, having been organized at Princeton University in 1824.

Re-elect HENRY R. JOHNSON



The Present County Commissioner

- He has served for the past three years and is acquainted with the needs of the taxpayers.
- Commissioner Johnson favors a substantial system for rebuilding roads and is willing to cooperate to the fullest extent with the taxpayers, and the rest of the county court to improve the road condition in Washington county.
- He also helped organize the Cedar Mill Fire District and still a board member.

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