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### COME AND GET IT, WORLD!

In the springtime thoughts are lightly turned . . . and it is along about this time of year that high school annual staffs scan the horizon, take a determined position at their typewriters and click out the estimated fate of their graduating classmates.

The traditional class prophecy is more than a jest at some, a compliment for others; it is a youthful, wholesome expression of a sudden realization on the part of students that soon they are to enter the world as citizens. The class prophecy is, in a light vein, their acknowledgement of a new responsibility.

If you have an old high school annual stuffed away in a trunk, dig it out some sentimental evening and read what your class seer thought would become of you. You'll probably laugh—and then blush as your juvenile traits of character that suggested such a future come to mind. Too, you will realize with poignant surprise the confident serenity with which an uninitiated high school graduate faces the future.

Looking back, you'll be thankful that year after year new classes will square off full of young strength in mind and body. It will be reassuring to know that, harsh as the world may be, it can never wear down the new generation.

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### A CIVIC SPIRIT CARRIES ON!

It is a biological fact that all living things move. The same is true of collective living things.

The clearest proof that Ashland is an animate, healthy community is to be seen in the progressive activity of its individuals who, working together, give pattern and pulsation to their town.

Already under way is preparation for another traditional July 4 celebration here and indications are that it will equal the best and excel most of the previous Independence day observances which have become a tradition in southern Oregon and northern California.

That such a large proportion of citizens and business men are willing to expend the time, effort and money to make such projects an outstanding success is most fortunate for Ashland. In some ways we are to be envied; surely we all can derive satisfaction from the knowledge that ours is a community of people who think and do.

That such an inner ambition and outward activity has been getting results can best be attested to by those visitors who, having been away from long enough an interval to gain perspective, marvel at the evidence of progress here.

You've got to stir a pool of water to keep it from becoming stagnant.

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### A COURT OF LAST RESORT?

Recently a person, in complaining to The Miner for printing an editorial which criticized thoughtless and reckless driving in this city, argued that we were "trying the case in the paper."

The thought occurs, after watching the results of some of the district attorney's mouse-like efforts at prosecution, that Jackson county might be fortunate to have newspapers in which to try some cases.

Newspapers—at least this one—has little patience for sly whearases and legal parsley which bewilder juries and defeat justice.

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### ARE WE A TOLERANT PEOPLE?

The United States supreme court this week decided the famous Joseph Strecker deportation case in favor of the defendant, ruling that former membership in the communist party was not cause for deportation of an alien.

Importance was attached to the case because of its possible bearing on the status of Harry Bridges, the Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde of the coast shipping industry. Many hope that Bridges will be deported and the single fact that he is not a citizen of this country has raised bitter resentment in the minds of many

### LIFE'S BYWAYS!



whose opinions are formed on no other dependable information.

The We-Hate-Bridges club has been gaining members by the thousands, and in him is being personified all the pet prejudices and irritations of park bench statesmen. Whether Bridges is the government-overthrowing ogre he has been painted, or whether he is a persecuted labor leader being knifed in the back by self-seeking interests capitalizing on the situation seems to be beside the point with most people. The fact that he was born in Australia and was never naturalized is enough for them.

Harry Bridges would have been a smarter man had he removed this vulnerable spot before becoming one of the west's outstanding labor leaders. By his neglect he has done a great injury to the organized working men.

And by his alien status Harry Bridges has delivered into the possession of his opponents—and all labor foes—the most effective hate-fanning, thought-strangling talking point they could wish for.

### What Other Editors Are Saying!

**FUTURE OUTLOOK**  
Evidences of increased confidence in business, although with an attendant fear of the European situation, is apparent to anyone who has recently visited San Francisco or Portland. Without attempting to promote the usual prosperity theme, this writer was impressed upon a recent visit to the Willamette valley with the amount of activity which was apparent on every hand.

This was in addition to the kind of activity that is represented by the WPA, PWA and other types of government projects, which possibly contribute an artificial stimulus to business.

If the European situation were settled, this writer believes that the United States would enter a new era of prosperity unknown to us formerly. This has not been as the result of political reasons, but because this country has a capacity of solving its own problems, not shared by any other country.

There is every reason to feel confident in our own resources and our own abilities.

If we can keep out of the European squabble, and there is no real reason why we can't at the present time, we have every reason for feeling confident of the future.—Lake County Tribune.

**TEMPEST IN A CREEL!**  
Quite a "stink" is going on in Roseburg over the fact that the Rod and Gun club of that place served "bootleg" salmon at their annual bake last year. This was, of course, reprehensible but we fail to see how the club can be blamed. They bought it in good faith; of course, they should have been able to have caught it themselves, but failing that, they bought what they thought was legitimate fish.—South Umpqua News.

● Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Elhart attended the county extension committee tea at the Birdseye home on Rogue River Sunday.  
● Jasper Reynolds and Phil Stansbury underwent major operations at the Community hospital Monday.

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### OF ALL THINGS!

By MINER STAFF WRITER

SOME thoughts on Robert Maynard Hutchins: Three times the faculty of the University of Chicago, of which he is president, have voted down the following ideas of his: That a university should be liberal arts school and not a vocational institution. That the system of electives is wrong and that students should study basic problems common to all mankind and not confine their efforts to the things that concern themselves alone. That a university is a place to get an education but not a trade school, and if the individual wants to increase his earning power he should stay away from the university and go to a vocational school instead.

Finally, at St. Johns College of Annapolis, President Hutchins has been allowed to try out his theory and the first year student starts in reading the ancient philosophers and scientists and reconstructing their clumsy contraptions with which they discovered the law of gravity or discovered the principle of the telescope and gradually working up through the ages until in their fourth year they are studying the internal combustion engine and the manufacture of rayon from a foundation absorbed step by step getting fundamentals and learning that the old wireless telegraph and television are the same thing basically.

Last fall President Hutchins came out with some ideas on intercollegiate athletics that probably will be the beginning of an era of lessening importance for this phase of American life and which caused as much comment on the sports pages as a battle of heavy-weights.

He said that it is possible for a man to go to college and win four letters and yet be unable to write one when he graduates. That a school should support its athletic program out of the budget and not be dependent upon gate receipts to carry out the program. If it can't do this they should get out of athletics or out of education, indicating that he didn't think that the two go together.

The supposition that a winning team brings prestige to the school and dollars to the endowment fund was refuted by the fact that aside from Yale and Harvard the University of Chicago has attracted more money to its endowment fund than any other schools and yet its football



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