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Since the beginning of this country the farmer has been the mainstay of American stability. Today, more than ever before, it is necessary that every member of our rural communities should consider this responsibility. Many things are happening to America that deserve serious consideration. America was founded on the premise that people are intelligent and sensible. The pride of America has been the knowledge that public opinion, based on a full knowledge of the facts, has been able to direct this nation through a century and a half of progress and well being, such as any other nation or people has ever experienced.



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It doesn't seem so long ago that the representatives of the people would join them at the town meeting and openly discuss the issues of the day, then return to the assemblies of government for the purpose of carrying out the will of the people. Today, however, it is difficult for any congressman or senator to fully represent the people. There are a number of reasons for this. First, is the very atmosphere of Washington. It is like the seat of government of any nation. The minute you step out of the railway station you get the feeling you are in a world apart. The huge labyrinth of corridors makes one forget that America lives and breathes on the fresh air and common sense of the country side.

ways Culloden flowers; they spring from the soil that has been enriched by sacrifice. Freedom is one such flower. It has claimed its price in the lives of our best that we might be a free land. Religious liberty is another which has claimed its thousands of martyrs to a great cause. Christianity is another—it sprang from the blood-dewed ground at the foot of the cross!

HILT NEWS

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- visitors Saturday.
- Miss Marian Hunt, instructor of the intermediate grades at the Hilt grammar school, entrained Friday night for San Francisco.
- Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gran and son Bill and Jack Eddy attended a show in Ashland Friday night.
- A few members of the Hilt Boy Scout troop camped near the Circle P. Ranch.
- Mrs. Arthur Gilberg entertained Thursday with a birthday party for her son Gene who received many nice gifts from his little friends.
- Mr. and Mrs. Henry De Clerck and Mrs. Florent Van De Wegle were in Yreka on business Saturday.
- Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Walker and sons Buster and Billy and daughter Audrey, Mrs. F. Brownlee and daughter Phyllis of Hornbrook, Mr. and Mrs. Jes Brownlee and grandsons and Willis Brownlee of Medford picniced in the Lithia Park Saturday. Later in the day the party was joined by Mr. and Mrs. Walt Foster and Richard Laustal.
- Mrs. Maud Wert spent the week end in Ashland at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Francis.
- Mr. and Mrs. Richard Williams and son Roy were Medford visitors Saturday.
- Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Donovan Ward and daughter Diane, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bray and daughter Judy, Mr. and Mrs. L. McCulloch and daughter Donna of Klamath Falls and Babe Burnhiesel enjoyed a picnic in Lithia Park Sunday.

Conference after conference in smoke-filled rooms makes it difficult for any man or woman representing the people to maintain the same perspective as the folks back home. There is much criticism of our lawmakers because they are said by many to have given away their powers for political advantage. If this is true, the blame should fall not on the man, but on the people back home, who did not take the time and trouble to give him the benefit of their council and advice or words of encouragement when they were needed most.

In the old days, it was easy to go to town meetings and express an opinion, but when it comes to writing a letter to our senator or congressman, we neglect it because most of us hate writing letters. Yet we will denounce the work of our public servants to our neighbors and friends.

If we get an America of a sort we do not want in the next five years, it will be the fault of the American people who have practical opinions, but who fail to express them to those representing them in Washington because such action requires a little gumption.

Few of us take the trouble to review the work of the United States Congress. Today our newspapers are filled with discussions about strikes in our defense industries and, yet, practically none of us have written to Washington for a copy of the Wagner Act which governs the interrelations of industry and labor in the matter of defense. Every American should know the contents of the important Acts of Congress.

It is time that we, the people, take off our coats and help those who are trying their best to represent us by taking a definite interest in their work, both by giving our opinions and by reviewing the work that has been done in an effort to determine whether or not it serves the best interests of the American people.

Because the best thinking in America has come from the land, it is the special responsibility of the rural people, who have produced sound opinions, to see that such opinions are given full consideration in the determination of policies under which this nation is to be governed.

MRS. MAPES ENTERTAINS PAST NOBLE GRANDS CLUB

The Past Noble Grands Club of Hope Rebekah Lodge met at the home of Mrs. W. H. Mapes Friday afternoon. Mrs. Charles May presided over the business meeting. Mrs. George Trimble was elected president in place of Mrs. Charles Young who has moved away. Refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Belle Schwein and Mrs. George Trimble.

KNOTT-CARMEAN

Mrs. Gladys Knott has announced the marriage of her daughter Virginia June to John Charles Carmean, son of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Carmean of Medford. The young couple were married in Reno, April 21 and were accompanied by their mothers. They left last week for their new home in Los Angeles.

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P. S. See us for your announcements and invitations.

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Defense At Home!

While editorial comment on the president's speech is varied to the extremes of 'A virtual declaration of war' to "Disappointingly vague and not concrete," we are hopeful that it will at least result in immediate and definite action along two lines — namely, stoppage of defense orders by strikes and the equally dangerous but less publicized fifth column activities.

Labor dictatorships which can force men to leave their jobs regardless of their own wishes, the welfare of the nation, and in defiance of the government itself, is inexcusable. Especially when most disputes could be arbitrated without loss of precious man-hours of work which are so important in providing defense needs. The importance of the man in the factory was forcibly emphasized at a recent meeting of the machine tool builders association at which it was stated that in modern warfare it takes 18 men in the factory to maintain one at the battle front.

After all, it is the men, women and children in the United States whose lives, liberty and happiness are at stake in our preparedness drive. No labor dictator can save them from an aggressor, if his acts cause a breakdown in our defense ability. Witness the fallen countries of Europe.

Startling disclosures by Jan Valtin, author of "Out of the Night," regarding Nazi activity in this country, industrial reports showing Nazi control and influence in some of our most important industries, reports of shipping insurance companies providing vital information to Nazi agents, these and many other evidences are coming to light which show that invasion is actually here now rather than being some vague far off possibility.

Our defense should start at home. Says the Seattle Times, "... again we pledge our loyalty, but from the president we demand what our loyalty earns — ruthless abolition of fifth columnists.

Honor Our Heroic Dead!

The Memorial Day observance is two-fold. It brings flowers and orations for the dead and exhortations for the living. The finest tribute we can pay to our heroes is paid when we reproduce and perpetuate their spirits.

Another great factor upon which Memorial Day lays special emphasis is the spirit of self-sacrifice. In Scotland there is a battle field upon which the natives and their Saxon foes met in a terrific battle. No monument marks the spot, but a singular little blue flower grows there and nowhere else. They call it the "Flower of Culloden" because it sprang from the soil where patriots were buried.

The choicest flowers of human civilization are al-

REMEMBER WHEN

—the kitchen lamp set on a fancy iron bracket that swung out from the kitchen wall? There was one over the cook stove and one beside the kitchen cabinet. Polished reflectors increased the lamp's efficiency. Filing and cleaning lamps was part of the regular morning work. Remember?

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