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Keep Oregon Green!

While everyone is "national defense" conscious, it is also well to remind ourselves of the slogan recently set forth by the Keep Oregon Green committee, "Forest Defense is National Defense." That the prevention of forest fires is a problem that affects the self interest of every citizen is emphasized when we consider that 60 percent of Oregon's annual industrial payroll comes from lumbering and its allied industries.

Since most forest fires are caused by human carelessness, the Keep Oregon Green association urges strict observance of the following creed of the Oregon woodsman as a simple but effective means of eliminating preventable fires that annually consume valuable timber, destroy wild life, mar scenic beauty and sometimes claim a tragic toll of human life:

FOREST SAFETY RULES

I will be sure my match is out. To be doubly sure, I will break it in two before throwing it away.

I will extinguish cigarette, cigar and pipe sparks in the ash tray of my car.

I will not throw burning material from the window of any vehicle, whether moving or standing still.

I will dig down to bare, damp soil before building a campfire. And I will remove all inflammable material from around the fire circle.

I will never leave camp before the fire is out—dead out. I will pour water or pack earth over the fire, stirring the coals to make sure no spark is left alive.

I will not smoke at all in the dry summer woods of Oregon.

Should I see a fire burning untended along the highway, I will go to the nearest telephone and place a collect call for the nearest fire warden, I WILL ACT!

Cut Non-Defense Expenses

"We'll all have to take it on the chin" was an expression heard recently in regard to higher taxes and other sacrifices necessary for national defense, and it has been quite evident that most Americans are willing to pay any price for the survival of freedom. However, as was recently pointed out in the Collier's magazine, the politicians are asking us to make sacrifices yet not making any themselves—in the way of cutting non-defense expenses. The Department of Labor emphasizes the thousands of jobs opening up in the defense industries—yet little has been done to cut relief expenditures. And so it is with most of the departments of the government that are trying to continue on a "business as usual" policy.

So while much is heard about new taxes, very little is heard of a program to reduce government costs in non-defense activities to ease the tax burden. The secretary of the treasury recently admitted before the House ways and means committee that "It would be folly to assume that we can continue to spend now as we did in normal times." The secretary then testified that up to \$1,000,000,000 of non-defense items can be lopped off the budget.

If this country is to avoid rolling up a national debt which will make bankruptcy an ever-present specter or burdening the nation with taxes great enough to force our standard of living down, the congress can no longer listen to those who ask for swimming pools for towns and privvies for individuals.

CHILDREN'S DAY PROGRAM AT METHODIST CHURCH

The Sunday School teachers and pupils of the Methodist church have arranged an elaborate program for the observance of Children's Day, Sunday morning at 10:45. The program is as follows: hymn, "This is my Father's World," by the congregation; prayer by the pastor; songs by the beginners; pageant - "Children of Peace" by the Primary, Junior, and Intermediate departments assisted by the young people's choir; offertory; address by the

pastor on the subject, "Assisting Youth to Follow the Glean;" and a demonstration, "The Wedding of Mr Sammy and Miss World."

For the latter demonstration the children will be dressed in appropriate clothes for a formal wedding. Bobby Madden has the part of the groom; Sandra Clary, the bride; Ryal Stemple, the best-man; Margaret Clary, Bride's Maid; Betty Clary, flower girl; Eldon Clary, minister; and soloist, Mildred Thompson. The minister will read the words uniting Mr. Sammy and Miss World for the peace and prosperity of the world.

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. Filling and cleaning lamps was part of the regular morning work. Remember?



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DEMOCRACY

Democracy, which we have taken for granted and have been neglecting, has suddenly grown very dear to us. As a united nation we are most concerned about the survival of our democratic institutions.

Many of us do not know exactly what we are trying to save. There have been many hazy notions and warped explanations of democracy. It is not a complex thing that requires the learned philosophy of a renowned professor. Democracy is a simple process which draws its strength from the fact that it is easy to understand and reasonable.

Democracy, in the American sense of the word, is simply that the individual decides of his own free will to join with his fellows in a collective effort. While taking part in this effort, it is understood that every individual reserves the right to withdraw from this collective endeavor if he so chooses. In other words, democracy is based upon individualism, successfully blended through common consent of individuals to accept a combined point of view for the benefit of a whole nation.

Our people have decided that democracy is worth defending, so we must consider the task. The most apparent fact is that we must accept a lower standard of living as a part of our defense obligation.



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HILT NEWS

Scout Awards Made At Court of Honor

HILT, Calif., June 5—Hilt Troop 25 of the Boy Scouts held their Court of Honor at the club house Monday evening with Bill Tallis, scoutmaster, and Harry De Jarnett presenting the awards and promotions as follows:

Merit badges to Horton Geroy; automobilism, firemanship, hiking, animal industry, camping and civics.

Bill Gran: Safety, handicraft, firemanship, athletics, hiking, automobilism.

Donald Geroy: Scholarship, civics.

Gino Michelson: Scholarship, civics, leathercraft.

Charles Vieira: Carpentry.

Norman Bernheisel: Agriculture, woodcarving, carpentry, personal health, safety.

Claude Wright: Handicraft, woodwork, civics.

Tony Marin: Safety.

Promotions to second class: Remo Trinca and Joseph Van De Weghe.

To first class: Norman Bernheisel.

To star scouts: Donald Geroy and Gino Michelson.

Eight special awards were to the junior assistant Scoutmaster, senior patrol leader, two patrol leaders, two assistant patrol leaders, bugler and scribe.

Games followed award presentations.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lange and daughter spent the week-end at Grants Pass.

Miss Margaret Colby and Mrs. Peggy Miller of Redding were visiting in Hilt Wednesday.

Mrs. Ed Vail recently received word of the death of her brother.

we must submit to... Many things... gone. In spite of govern... efforts at control, prices will rise. The result will be that many will not be able to afford things to which they are now accustomed. Income will lag behind prices, making the lot of all of us more difficult.

Much can be done through our own efforts to help ourselves. Food is the main essential which we all need. Unless we do something about growing more food we will find ourselves in a difficult position. The hungry people of other nations look to the United States for food.

The world demand upon this country for foods of high nutrition will be greater than any of us dream. This demand will cause a shortage in the supply of many foods. The price will jump, making it more difficult for people of low income to secure the foods they need to maintain adequate diets. Soon the health of the nation will be at stake. No greater permanent damage can be done to democracy than sacrificing the health of the democratic people as a result of inadequate preparation to insure an abundant and lasting supply of foodstuffs.

The maintenance of democracy requires strong men and women. A coward can rule with gun and sword, but it takes courage housed in a healthy body to be a worthwhile citizen of democracy.

To safeguard democracy we must turn to America's greatest democratic institution—the family farm. Here vegetables, poultry, fruit, livestock and dairy products are best produced. Best of all, we can rebuild democracy while we are fighting for it. Commercial agriculture has ruthlessly destroyed the happiness of many farm families, but its day has passed; its surpluses are of little value. All America is returning to the realization that the strength of this country lies in those small plots of land upon which the family toils, sharing joys and sorrows, but, more than that, sharing the knowledge that the land will return all you put into it. Such families made America and such families are now necessary to safeguard our people.

No defense effort can pay greater return than the efforts we make to re-establish the rural families of America on farms which they can call their own. Children born to these families will be the dividends of democracy.

Russel Gilbert of Plumber, Ida. He resided at Hilt before moving to Plumber.

Mrs. Stella King left Tuesday for Texas to spend her vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Reynolds and sons Dean and Robbin, and Lester's mother, Mrs. Ernest Reynolds and brother Carol, all of Klamath Falls, visited Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Black and Mr. and Mrs. W. Gran Sunday evening at the Black home. Mrs. Lester Reynolds is a sister to Mrs. G. Black and niece to Mr. Gran.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Walker and family and Mrs. Walker's sister, Mrs. Mae Billings drove to Pondersa Saturday night to spend Sunday with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Bernheisel and daughter Helen spent Saturday night with friends in Grants Pass.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gran and son Bill attended a show in Medford Saturday night.

Gerald Goodwin returned home from the Yreka General hospital Thursday evening where he spent several days recovering from an appendectomy.

Mrs. Julio Rossetti and her little daughter Lianna went home from the Hilt hospital Tuesday.

Clyde Purvis and Mrs. Inez Sowell of Klamath Falls were guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Purvis Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nye Bernheisel and children of Grants Pass spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bernheisel and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Foster, Richard Laustalot of Weed, Char-

Summer School for Grade Children

Dr. Walter Redford, president of the Southern Oregon College of Education, has announced that the Lincoln school would again offer free summer instruction to boys and girls of southern Oregon. Children in primary, intermediate and junior high school grades may enroll from June 9 to July 18, inclusive. School will last one-half day, beginning at 9 a. m. and closing at 12 noon.

A selected group of children between the ages of four and five years will be permitted to attend the kindergarten conducted by Miss Lillian Nicholson, assistant professor of education at the college.

Parents who have children who will enter school this fall are urged to enroll their children in the first grade during the summer session as an introduction to school work. Children who will be able to enter school in the fall must have reached six years of age by Nov. 15, 1941.

Les Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ekwall attended the baseball game at Seiad Sunday. Foster pitched a 4-0 victory for Hornbrook.

A large crowd of friends turned out Saturday night to charivari Mr. and Mrs. Victor Van de Weghe at the State Line service station.

Gene Carr of Portland, field man of the Industrial Employees union, addressed a special meeting called Thursday evening to announce that the Industrial Employees union had been disbanded. A representative of the AFL, also a Portland man, addressed the gathering following the completion of business.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Norton are moving their furniture this week preparatory to making their home with their son.

WATTS-MEE

Miss Maxine Watts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Watts of Grants Pass was married to Frank Mee of Ashland June 1 at Grants Pass. Mr. and Mrs. Mee will live in Ashland where the bridegroom is employed by M. C. Lanning and Sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Calkins and children of Weed arrived Thursday to spend the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth S. Wood and two children of Portland arrived Monday to spend their vacation with Mrs. Wood's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Billings.

Bill Johnson and Jesse Lilly enjoyed a fishing trip Wednesday.



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