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RURAL TRENDS

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SAVING METALS

There is an old story about the writer and philosopher, Elbert Hubbard. When he was driving along a country road one day, his keen eye spied a discarded horseshoe lying in the dust. He told his young son to pick up the horseshoe, and take it home as a good luck token.



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A little later, the son called his father's attention to a pile of old horseshoes at the side of the road, spilled out of an overturned junk wagon. "Leave them right there," said Hubbard. "One horseshoe picked up is a good luck symbol—a pile of them is merely junk."

Those junk piles today have a new significance.

For a good many years, we have had such a large supply of metals, and they have been so cheap, that we have given little thought to reclaiming or salvaging them from broken or discarded machines.

World-wide war has changed that. Now we are embarked on a program of building ships and planes and tanks and guns that will make unheard of demands on our supply of iron, steel, copper, aluminum and other metals.

Already we are faced with strict rationing of metals for peacetime uses, and certainly we shall have to learn to get along without a good many of the things we have come to look upon as a matter of course, without much thought of their value.

This condition imposes a new and very important responsibility on every citizen. His first duty is to repair and make useful everything made of metal that can be put into working order. His second duty is to collect and turn over to the proper authority every pound of metal that is not working—every broken machine or part, every discarded tool or utensil.

War is destructive. It uses up, mostly without possibility of reclamation. The greater part of the metals we must put into war supplies will be permanently gone from our national supply. We may be facing a very long period during which no metals will be plentiful and cheap for peacetime purposes.

An increasing supply of scrap metals must come from the factories and the farms. City homes do not use metals in such large quantities—household machines are seldom heavy, farm machines are.

So every farmer has a special obligation, to seek out every fence corner, to look in and behind every farm building—for metals that can be reclaimed and put to use.

Thus we can contribute to winning the war quickly—to keep terrific losses of life and property to a minimum—to protecting the supply of metals we need in our everyday lives.

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HILT NEWS

● Word was recently received of the marriage of Miss Alha Cappello, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Cappello, and Sgt. Charles L. Atkins. The ceremony took place at Los Vegas, Nev., Saturday evening, Jan. 3. The attendants were Miss Dorothy Bethel and Corporal Robert Gorman. Both Corporal Gorman and Sgt. Atkins are stationed at Murdoc Field.

● A class in knitting was organized Tuesday afternoon when the ladies met at the home of Mrs. Frank Ohlund. Production manager of the Hilt branch of the American Red Cross. The class was started with each lady knitting a block for an Afghan. Refreshments were served to Mesdames Florence Clark, Fred Bayliss, Roy Schlappi, W. E. Tallis, Homer Vincent, Ben Ollom, Arthur Hall, John De Witt, Theodore Quamme, A. Sottana, W. A. Eastman, Andrew Vieira, Elmer Jackson, George Vieira, Arthur Pedersen, Don Ward, Oswald Bernheisel, Russell Harris, Arthur Gilberg, Gus Goldenpenny, Theodore Anderson, Bert Mitchell, Wade Roop, Will Poff, Frank Graves, H. St. Clair, M. T. Robinson and Harry De Jarnett. The next meeting is to be held Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 3, at the club house.

● Don Rosecrans and Earl Wall returned home Monday from a week's vacation trip to Nevada to visit Mr. and Mrs. Bill Reybould and family.

● Ed Vail was in Yreka on business early last Tuesday.

● Mr. and Mrs. Dick Williams and son Roy were in Yreka Tuesday afternoon.

● Mr. and Mrs. Tom Callahan of Ashland were visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. James Purvis, Sunday.

● Mr. and Mrs. Robert Trinca were visiting in Glendale, Ore., Sunday.

● Mrs. W. Gran visited in Yreka Tuesday.

● Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Walker and family drove to Medford Saturday.

● The Oregon Journal has started a paper route in this vicinity, with Norman Bernheisel making the early morning delivery to the homes of subscribers.

● Mr. and Mrs. Russell Harris were in Medford on business Saturday.

● Mr. and Mrs. Richard Williams and son Roy were in Medford Saturday visiting their daughter, Mrs. Roy Rushton and family.

● G. G. Black and children, Walt Foster and Russell Williams drove to Ashland Saturday.

● Kenneth Brown drove to Yreka Monday evening to have some dental work done.

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Funeral services for Henry Hunter Cole, 85, who died Feb. 3, were held at the Litwiller Funeral home Thursday afternoon. Rev. George W. Bruce was in charge of the services and interment was at the IOOF addition to the Mt. View cemetery.

Survivors include six children: Mrs. Sharman, Mrs. Emma Davis and Chester Cole of Ashland; Mrs. P. Corman, Hermiston; Samuel Cole, Portland, and Mrs. Glenn Ryan, Pendleton.

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Scouts Build Democracy

The Boy Scouts of America is celebrating its 32nd birthday this week. This is an anniversary that the whole nation could well celebrate—celebrate with thanks in its heart that such an organization exists!

The aim and purpose of Scouting—character and citizenship—are the aim and purpose of every democracy. Without these two ideal qualities democracy becomes a sham—a dictatorship.

America was wrested from a wilderness by a determined people—people who had fine character; people who understood the responsibilities as well as the privileges of citizenship. Therefore, it was only natural that the ideals of the Scout movement, as expressed in the Scout Oath and Law, should meet with such widespread approval in this country.

Scouting builds men; it develops citizenship. Scouting is American—it is as American as Indian corn, as American as ice cream sodas. Americans accept Scouting because it is continually strengthening and invigorating democracy.

Material Waste Must Be Stopped

Retail merchants are being called upon to take a leading part in the campaign against waste of essential materials.

At the moment, principal attention is being given to conserving rubber and paper. Merchants are asked to use a minimum of paper in wrapping parcels, and to use none at all for packaged goods. It is recommended that the number of store deliveries be reduced whenever possible.

The consumer should understand what is being done, and cooperate. Don't ask to have your purchases wrapped or put in bags if you can conveniently carry them as they are. Take your purchases home yourself, instead of asking for delivery service, whenever you can. Save boxes and paper of all kinds—they can be reclaimed and put to further use.

Experiments are now being conducted to discover whether or not it is feasible to reclaim the tin content of cans, and before long you may be asked to save your used cans. Tin, like rubber, is fast becoming scarce.

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