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"THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE"

IT WAS BIG BUSINESS THEN!

Six years ago this spring two men were leaning over the railing of the Burnside bridge in Portland watching a giant magnet dip into a gondola car, attract upwards of two tons of scrap metal and complete the job by depositing the load in the hold of a Japanese ship. The metal had been collected from near and far, some of it even representing what had been steel railroad bridges, and in the aggregate amounting to thousands of tons.

As the work progressed one of the two men remarked: "Someone is making a good thing out of this scrapiron and it may be smart to sell it to the Japs, but one of these days they will approach our shores and throw it back at us in the form of shrapnel and other death-dealing materials."

It was no extraordinary man who made that remark. He was a plain, everyday citizen, garbed as a laborer, and thinking as only hundreds of others thought who stood on the same bridge from day to day watching one of our rich resources passing into the hands of an enemy. Yes, an enemy, for it has been proved to our satisfaction that the wily little brown men have so considered themselves for many years.

Shipping scrapiron to Japan became such an extensive business that dealers went so far as to strip farm machinery, automotive equipment and anything bearing iron to get a cargo. More than one such culprit when apprehended received a prison sentence. The practice became a nuisance and complaints finally reached some governmental higher-ups who felt that it might be a good thing to call a halt to scrap metal exports—but not until the Japs had obtained enough to make their forthcoming war effort secure.

Why was so much metal permitted to be shipped out of the country? We can only hazard a guess to the answer. At that particular time this country was busy with a national election and disposing of the world heavyweight boxing title between Joe Louis and Max Schmeling. There was no thought of war and no time to consider the observations of a plain laboring man who could see what was in store for his country, nor to heed the warnings of learned men who had spent years in the orient and knew the workings of the Japanese mind. No, we had a national emergency to take care of and if by gathering and selling scrapiron John Smith and Bill Brown were getting themselves off the WPA or one of the other alphabetical organizations it was not of concern to the rest of us.

It is different now. If we had a few hundred thousand tons of that scrapiron there would be fewer withdrawals of vital materials which have a tendency to checkmate many lines of business dealing with household conveniences, farm equipment and many other lines.

This is not an attempt to say "I told you so." It is to remind all of us that our national security depends on conserving our resources—in looking after Uncle Sam first.

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WAR WORK COMES FIRST

It may require an enemy raid on American soil to awaken our people to the peril confronting us. Up to present we have thought how horrible it has been for the people caught in the rapidly spreading nets of the Japanese, but that seems to be in a remote section of the world, far removed from our shores—something not likely to happen here. Inwardly we know there is danger, the thought is ever present, but outwardly we wish to make a show of carrying on as usual.

For the sake of morale, it is a good thing to carry on as usual. To do so helps to subdue fear and avoid panic. And business as usual is well enough so long as it is directed toward carrying out the war effort. There is a line of distinction to be drawn between that which is an aid to the war effort and that which has for its purpose selfish gain.

Astronomical figures talked of in promoting the war effort have caused many of us to formulate ideas of "getting ours" while the getting is good. Communities with pet projects have been disinclined to set them aside for the duration, giving little thought to the reconstruction era following the war. Pressure is brought to bear on those in authority to spend available funds now when materials and labor both are needed in war industries. Some of these projects could wait until the United Nations have succeeded in strangling the axis. By doing so, men and materials would be released for war purposes and there would be approved projects to take up some of the surplus labor which is bound to follow closing of hostilities. To push these projects now may mean delay in ending the war, and, even farther, it might have an immediate bearing upon the outcome.

Our enemies are counting on every action of our citizens in their calculations for prosecuting the war. They will make a lot of propoganda out of the selfish motive behind the smallest project. Can we afford to carry on in the usual way?

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TWO GOOD APPOINTMENTS

Governor Sprague has maintained the high level of the state game commission in making recent appointments to that body. When George K. Aiken of Ontario was placed on the governor's staff, the vacancy thus created on the game commission was filled by the appointment of R. D. McClallen of Enterprise. A short time later a second vacancy was created by the death of Francis Olds of Klamath Falls. To keep one member of the board from that section of the state, the governor appointed T. R. Conn of Lakeview.

Both appointees have had wide experience as sportsmen residing in regions noted for both fish and game. McClallen, "Roarin' Mac" as he is called by the boys around Enterprise, is a member of a pioneer Roseburg family and is thoroughly familiar with conditions in the western part of the state as well as that of northeastern Oregon, where he long has been a resident. He is an ardent sportsman, always looking toward improving fish and game conditions, and is capable of speaking his piece when occasion demands.

Conn is a native son of Lake county—"where the deer and the antelope play"—and, while a young man, has had ample experience in fish and game matters to fit him for the important commission job.

ATHLETIC CHURCHES

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Second and B Streets
Earl F. Downing, Minister
Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning service, 11:00 a. m.
Evangelist Evans will speak on the subject, "The Old Rugged Cross."
Christian endeavor, 6:30 p. m.
Evening service, 7:30 p. m. Subject, "Is christian unity possible today?" The revival services will continue one more week with services every night except Saturday.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Boulevard and Morton Streets
Clarence F. McCall, Minister
Bible school, 9:45 a. m. Mrs. Glen Prescott, superintendent.
Worship service, 11:00 a. m. subject of sermon, "A doubting friend."
Plymouth Guild, Wednesday, 2:00 p. m.
Choir practice, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Miss Margaret Ramsey, director.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Dr. Claude E. Sayre, Vicar
Holy Communion, 8:00 a. m.
Church school, 9:30 a. m.
Sermon and Morning Prayer, 11:00 a. m.
Holy Communion, Wednesday, 9:30 a. m.
Holy Communion, Wednesday 11:30 a. m. After this service there will be luncheon in the parish house. Lenten study at 2:00 p. m. Choir meets Thursday, 7:30 p. m. You are cordially invited to worship with us.

CATHOLIC CHURCH
Rev. W. J. Meagher, Pastor
Mass at 9 a. m. Sunday.

FULL GOSPEL TEMPLE
E. Main and Siskiyou Blvd.
L. P. Furman, Pastor
Sunday school 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship 11 o'clock.
C. A. service 6:45 Sunday evening. Evangelistic service to fol-

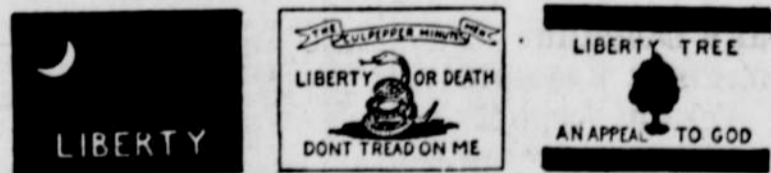
low at 7:30 o'clock.
C. A. service and choir practice 7:30 Tuesday evening.
Bible study and prayer meeting 7:30 Friday evening.
Everybody is cordially invited to all services.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Cor. N. Main and Laurel Sts.
Dr. George W. Bruce, Minister
Sunday Church school meets at 9:45 a. m.
Morning sermon at 11 o'clock on the subject, "I want someone to lift me above sin." The adult choir will sing an anthem.
Wesley league for college youth and Methodist Youth fellowship for high school youth will meet at 6:15.
Evening sermon at 7:30 on the subject "A word that never comes back." The young peoples choir will sing "Morning Comes," by Ruth Dale.
Midweek Bible study period 7:30 each Wednesday evening.

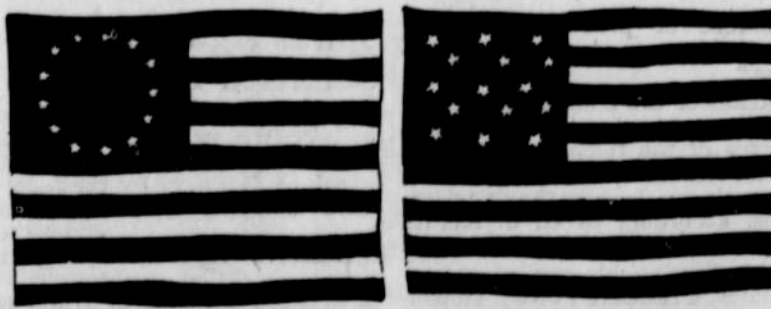
FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST
Pioneer Ave., South
Sunday morning service at 11 o'clock.
Subject: Matter.
Sunday school at 9:45 o'clock.
Wednesday evening meeting, which includes testimonies of Christian Science healing, is held at 8 o'clock.
Reading room open daily from 2 to 5 o'clock, also Thursday evening from 7 to 9 o'clock, except Sundays and holidays.
The public is cordially invited to attend these services and to use the reading room.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
J. R. Turnbull, Minister
Bible school 9:45 a. m., C. E. Corry, superintendent.
Morning worship 11 o'clock: BYPU 6:30 p. m.
Gospel service 7:30 p. m.: Ten-minute song service.
Prayer, praise and Bible study, 7:30 p. m. Wednesday.

Picture Story of U. S. Flag



PRE-INDEPENDENCE FLAGS—Depicted above are banners carried by American patriots when they first took up arms in 1775. At the left is the blue flag with its white crescent which was nailed to the staff at Fort Moultrie by Sergeant Jasper. In the center is the Rattlesnake Flag of the Virginia minute men at Culpeper. At the right is one of the New England pine tree flags.



THE FIRST STARS AND STRIPES
This is the first Stars and Stripes. The Continental Congress on June 14, 1777, resolved: "That the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, red and white; that the Union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." According to legend the five-pointed stars were designed by Mrs. Betsy Ross.

FIFTEEN STARS AND STRIPES
With the admission of Vermont and Kentucky to the Union two stars and two stripes were added to the flag following an Act of Congress in 1794. It was a flag of 15 stars and 15 stripes over Ft. McHenry that inspired Francis Scott Key to write "The Star-Spangled Banner." Congress in 1818 restored the original number of stripes.

HIS HAT IN RING



Harris Ellsworth, state senator from Douglas county and editor of the Roseburg News-Review, has announced he will be a candidate at the primary election in May for the republican nomination as congressman from the newly-created fourth congressional district.

Ellsworth has been prominently identified with numerous activities since his graduation from the University of Oregon in 1922. He was employed in the lumber industry and on a lumber trade journal, later becoming secretary-manager of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers association in 1928. He resigned from that office to become editor of the Roseburg News-Review in March 1929. He was elected president of the association in 1933 and served as president of the Oregon Press conference in 1940.

Politically, Ellsworth has been active in the republican party and was appointed by the Douglas county court to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator C. W. Clark who died during the last session of the state legislature.

RADIO SPECIALISTS SOUGHT BY MARINES

Radio specialists between the ages of 17 and 35 have an exceptional opportunity for service with the U. S. Marine corps. Any person who holds or has held an amateur radio operator's license class A or B, or a commercial radio telegraph or radio telephone operator's license, first or second class is eligible for one of two groups now being enlisted by all recruiting stations of the United States Marine corps.

Full information may be obtained from all Marine corps recruiting stations.

POSITIONS OPEN IN NATIONAL CAPITAL

Stenographers and typists are being offered immediate appointment for duty in Washington, D. C., to aid in our total war effort. The salary is \$1440 per annum for both stenographers and typists. Only female applicants between the ages of 18 and 53 are desired. Requirements have been reduced so that persons only have to take dictation at the rate of 80 words per minute to qualify as a stenographer. Examinations are being held as quickly as applications are received. Persons interested in appointment must be able to report for duty on very short notice, and applications are desired solely from persons interested in appointment in Washington, D. C.

Information may be obtained from the nearest U. S. Employment Service office.

WHO DO YOU THINK HE IS?

This is not a new one, but it sounds different to some of the "relationship" mixups told from time to time and is passed on as a diversion from your daily crossword puzzle.

Bearing the title "A close Relative," the yarn goes on to say: "Last year I asked her to be my wife and she gave me a decidedly negative reply, so to get even with her I married her mother. Then my father married the girl. When I married the girl's mother, the girl became my daughter, and my father married my daughter, so he became my son. When my father married my daughter, she became my mother. If my father is my son and my daughter is my mother, who am I? My mother's mother is my wife and must be my grandmother and being my grandmother's husband, I must be my own grandfather. And there you are. Can you beat it?"

QUESTIONS

Answers Will Be Found Elsewhere In This Issue

1. Where was John Milton, the poet born?
2. What is a celesta?
3. Who discovered the argali sheep?
4. Who designed the Statue of Liberty?
5. How did the words "In God we trust" come on a coin?
6. Who ruled the world when Christ was born?
7. What is the meaning of the phrase "Veni, Vidi Vici"?
8. In what country is the cow worshiped as a sacred animal?
9. Is the American bison a member of the cattle family?
10. Who invented the saxophone?

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