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## THIS IS KEEP OREGON GREEN WEEK

BY PROCLAMATION, Governor Sprague has set aside this week, May 11-15, inclusive, as "Keep Oregon Green Week." It might be suggested that there is little we humans can do about it at this time, but there is a serious situation confronting our forests which demands sober thought. The fact that we are at war has a definite bearing upon the status of Oregon's vast timber supply, for our enemies would like nothing better than to apply the torch to this great source of so much of this state's wealth.

The Oregon City Enterprise in its issue of May 3 covers the fire situation quite thoroughly and it is our belief that Miner readers will enjoy reading the viewpoint of an editor located in a district similar to this in regard to timber and the lumber industry. Headed, "A Job to Do on the Home Front," the editorial goes on to say:

"Thoughtful citizens of Oregon together with our civil authorities are pondering reports from eastern states of widespread destruction to the forests. As this is written comes word that 40 square miles of wooded lands in the New England states is a blazing inferno and state troopers and militia have thrown a tight net around the doomed area in an effort to catch the saboteurs. Last week over 200,000 acres in four southern states, set fire by enemies of our country, are now smoking ruins, with millions of dollars in virgin timber gone.

"Here in Oregon 24,155,000 acres of our state are covered with a rich stand of merchantable timber wealth. We must protect this timber stand not alone because nearly every foot of lumber now produced by Oregon's 600 sawmills is going to build ships to take supplies to MacArthur, planes to bomb Berlin and Tokyo, cantonments to shelter our boys in Iceland, Alaska, Australia and houses to cover vital defense workers, but because lumbering today creates 60 per cent of our state's industrial payroll. Because timber today in many districts is the sole support of schools, and a large contributor in taxes in many school and municipal districts.

"Burning timber makes smoke, and smoke creates an artificial hazard reducing visibility. Smoke-filled skies mean grounded interceptor planes. Hazy, murky atmosphere means grounding of navy patrol planes which now range far out to sea, ready to report approach of enemy ships or planes. Lastly, smoke forms the perfect screen for enemy attack.

"You ask. What can we do?

"The answer is—plenty. The biggest assistance the general public can give to our soldier protectors, who today patrol our highways and coastline, is to make sure that no fire starts in our woods this year from carelessness. We must reduce man-made fires to the absolute zero, for we can't have soldiers taken from their line of duty to fight fires, nor can we spare men from the mills and logging camps to stop blazes, for every piece of lumber is needed.

"The other jobs should be on every citizen's MUST list of "Home Front" activities. One is to know what to do in case of fire. Learn the name of your nearest fire warden or police officer. Then report the fire at once. Also, if you live in forest areas, keep a constant vigil for suspicious characters, and report them at once, at all costs to the nearest officer. We cannot afford to take chances.

"Here in Oregon, state, federal government, fire patrol associations and private timber owners this year have formed a unified forest fire fighting command. Nels Rogers, state forester, is head of this Oregon Forest Defense Council. Every man and every piece of machinery in wooded areas which can be used for fire fighting has been listed and today stands poised ready for any emergency. Our official fire fighters are ready, fully equipped, well trained.

"Citizens of the state are banding together under the banner of the Keep Oregon Green association, and through this public sponsored movement are learning how to prevent fires and what to do in case of fires. To those citizens desiring to aid their commonwealth we recommend membership in Keep Oregon Green.

"Finally, we want to warn against carelessness. Every fire is an axis fire. It's up to you in 1942. Keep Oregon Green."

## NOISELESS CAMPAIGN CLOSES TOMORROW

AFTER a few weeks of desultory vote canvassing, candidates have placed their fortunes in the hands of fate and await the outcome at the polls tomorrow. It has been a noiseless campaign and not one to stir the muse in the breast of a weary editorial writer.

As is usual, last minute predictions are being made

and how far these will miss the mark remains for the ballot counting to disclose. Like predicting the weather, the present campaign leaves no room for certainty. There are good men seeking the various state and national posts and no doubt the country's affairs will be safe in the hands of any of them.

The Miner is not disposed to make claims for any of the candidates and in mentioning a few of them is doing so merely to keep up with other newspapers in the popular pastime of forecasting.

Starting at the top, the United States senatorship, it looks like McNary for the republican nomination. Oregon republicans have been voting for the senator for so many years it has become a fixed habit—and not a bad one at that. Next in line is the governorship. Well, what do you think? Snell forces have made more of a campaign in this vicinity than the Sprague followers and both men are popular. That makes it difficult to predict the outcome. It may mean that the quiet voter will cast the deciding ballot. You guess the outcome.

Considerable interest has been manifest in the race for congressman from the newly created fourth district. Boehnke and Ellsworth appear to have the lead but it is possible that George A. Simon will spring a surprise. Simon has a considerable following among groups that represent a large vote. These groups have worked quietly and possibly not without effect.

Of more local interest is the contest for the post of state senator. Opinion prevails that Newbry will carry off the honors. This is disputed by Looker adherents, but Newbry would appear to have the advantage by virtue of previous experience in the legislature. We're not posting any wagers on this race.

There is one thing voters can do to enliven the primary and that is to turn out and vote. It is true the war overshadows everything else, but unless we have competent officials to carry on the business of state and nation we will have a hard time winning the war. Go all-out for America tomorrow and do your duty at the polls.

## ANOTHER WORD OF APPRECIATION

THROWING bouquets would seem to be a Miner habit—and withal a good one—but this paper would feel it had neglected a duty if it did not pause to comment upon the program presented by the music department of the Ashland high school Friday evening. Staged as the closing event of a week of delightful musical presentations, it was a fitting climax to National Music week as observed in Ashland.

Older musicians of the community marvel at the musicianship displayed by the young people, realizing that the present generation is much farther advanced than those of previous generations. This was displayed in both vocal and instrumental groups. There was nothing amateurish about the youngsters except their age. They are serious about their work and this has made it possible for their instructors to implant not only the fundamentals of music but the processes of interpretation as well.

Mrs. Koehler and Mr. Tripp have done a splendid work in the high school and Ashland may well count itself lucky in possessing this fine teaching talent.

## MRS. AMERICA IN THE WAR

- Lights Out!
- About Ladies' Shoes
- Transportation Lifts
- Sewing Machines Ample
- No Sliced Bread
- Sugar Substitutes
- Fuel Prices Frozen

LIGHTS out. You can do your part to keep an unbroken power line to war industries and essential civilian service by being careful at home. Turn off lights when they aren't necessary, don't leave the radio playing to an empty room, and conserve on electrical appliances. If you don't the War Production Board may find it necessary to cut down on electricity for commercial and industrial consumers as well as in the home. If shortages occur—and they have in some areas already—it's the war effort that comes first.

LET'S get down to brass tacks, ladies. Actually, the tacks are steel nailheads which have been sprinkled promiscuously on shoes. The WPB says these steel nailheads, or brads, cannot go on serving as high style decorations. If they do, shoemakers may be restricted in the amount of steel actually necessary in the basic construction of footwear.

AND here's a note on Mr. America's shoes. Although the WPB set aside the entire stock and production of heavyweight sole leather for military and lend-lease requirements for shoes, don't worry. The order affects only heavyweight outsole leather, and there is plenty of the ordinary lightweight outsoles, the kind that is used for most civilian purposes.

WARTIME means more neighborhood cooperation, and one

way it can work with benefits is to help in your city's transportation problem. With the obvious decrease in transportation facilities, try promoting group riding in private automobiles in a round-robin fashion. That goes for the master of the house as well as for any working wives or daughters. And if the schoolhouse is too far from home for children to walk, perhaps neighborhood mothers could get together and work out transportation on a planned basis. Still another way to help is to shop at a time which does not intrude on rush hours of buses and streetcars already overcrowded with workers.

HOME sewing needs are expected to be amply taken care of for some time despite the WPB order shutting down production of domestic sewing machines after June 15. Of course, there has been an increase in the amount of sewing done at home, but there are about 20,000,000 women who own machines. And there's a good supply from the stock of 800,000 in 1942 as well as this year's production of 250,000. Statistics ordinarily are dry, but not when you translate the 29 pounds of pig iron used in one electric sewing machine into enough steel for a .30 cal. machine gun.

GET that knife and bread board out again because the chances are that they will be called into active service. It looks as if ready-sliced loaves of bread may be another civilian war casualty. Unsliced loaves save both labor and paper.

IT WON'T be too great a catastrophe if you break a cup or if the cream pitcher falls to the floor during dish washing. A recent OPA regulation set a ceiling on the price of many china and pottery articles. The regulation runs the gamut of Mrs. America's cupboard—dinnerware sets, cooking and baking dishes and even refrigerator jars.

THE kitchen brigade is shifting attention from refined white sugar to other sweeteners for cakes and cookies now that sugar rationing is in effect. If you use honey as a replacement, experts advise that the measurements be matched cup for cup. However, use one half the quantity of any liquid required. For example, reverse the original recipe listing one cup of sugar and one cup of milk to one cup of honey and a half cup of milk. Other ingredients remain the same. This tip is contained in "Victory Begins At Home," a pamphlet of recipes to match the homemaker's sugar quota. It is distributed by the Consumers Division of the OPA.

plastic shortages, especially since many containers will no longer be made of these materials. Each year that fancy row of toiletries and cosmetics on your dressing table takes its toll of critical goods to the tune of five million pounds of plastics, 250,000 tons of steel, 2,250 tons of copper and 550 tons of zinc. That's the explanation for the contemplated packaging of cosmetics in paper, cellophane or other less permanent containers. However, the WPB toiletries and cosmetics branch doesn't expect to ration glamour yet. Perhaps women will not use more than they need. Then the supply of lipsticks and other cosmetics will take care of beauty needs adequately.

THINK twice before tossing away that used lipstick container, empty cold cream jar, or last year's vanity case. They're all precious items because of metal and

● Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Detrick enjoyed a week-end visit with Mr. Detrick's nephew, Sgt. Randall E. Jigger, from Stockton, Calif.

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