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FOR A QUIET MEMORIAL DAY

WITH THE world in a turmoil and the blood of Americans being spilled in far away lands, it is fitting that the observance of Memorial Day be not left merely to veterans and members of patriotic organizations. It will be a good time for all of us to show our patriotism, to lay aside plans for a holiday and participate in the program of remembering those who laid down their lives that we might enjoy the democratic way of life.

During the past several years the public has been guilty of overlooking the significance of Memorial Day, taking advantage of the holiday to enjoy a long trip, a fishing excursion or some other lighthearted enterprise. In the light of events now prevailing we should resolve to never again permit the day to pass without giving it the consideration that is its due.

ASHLAND SHOULD BE READY!

WITHIN a few weeks troops will begin to arrive at Camp White and the program of entertainment we have been hearing about ever since the proposal to build the cantonment started will be under way. Just what part will Ashland play in this program?

Groundwork has been laid for this city to play an important part in entertainment of the soldiers. The chairman of Ashland recreation activities was appointed and she, with her committee, has been busy putting over the preliminary work. According to report these people have everything in readiness except a building and it is expected the city will make provision for that in ample time. At least, that is the present plan.

Perhaps there are some who forget there is a war being fought, a bitter war, the outcome of which depends upon the greatest teamwork the people of this nation have ever experienced. Sacrifices are being made on every hand—gasoline, sugar and tire rationing, just to mention a few, and daily it is becoming more apparent that even some of our prejudices and biases will have to suffer indignities if we as a people pull together and win this war—which is a bit of must legislation. This is not a time for bickering over the moral aspects of this, that or the other thing. Neither is it a time to let down the bars and use the war as an excuse for a national debauch. And it was with this object in view that wise and far seeing men and women formulated the USO—that our young men entering the service would be given every protection possible upholding the moral standard of the army and maintaining a high morale among the men.

Uncle Sam's army is a new army. It has been recruited from all ranks, rich, poor, educated and uneducated. Training schedules are so arranged that few, if any, of the youths remain in their home districts. For many of them it is the first big trip away from home. They face new conditions, new surroundings, and if

they are not to become hardened too fast, entertainment of a nature to which they were accustomed in civil life must be provided. This the USO is doing to the limit of its facilities and from reports coming from all over the nation a good job is being done.

If there are those who frown upon the idea of a recreation center because our young women will be asked to go there and dance with the soldiers let us ask this question: Would you rather have your daughter meet her soldier promiscuously, perhaps attending dances in questionable places, or would you prefer having her properly chaperoned to and from the USO center? Under USO regulations, no girl under 18 years of age is permitted to entertain at the center. Those who are asked must be chaperoned to and from the hall, meeting soldiers only at the hall. The USO center is no more of a brothel than the YMCA or the Salvation army. From a moral standpoint its effect will be as far reaching as either of those institutions proved to be in the first world war, for while the soldiers accepted the hospitality of both institutions the majority of them were not diverted from their usual life courses.

There is no cause for selfish interests to play a hand in this recreational program. It is a call for every citizen to do his or her part and do it cheerfully. If it goes a little against the grain, just stop and consider what our institutions will amount to if, through our selfish motives we balk the army's efforts and lose the war.

In the language of the President: "We are only as strong as our morale. Your great task is to help build the morale of the American people, now called upon to perform a historic role."

A LARGE AND CREDITABLE CLASS

COMMENCEMENT exercises at the junior high school gymnasium last night marked the close of school activities for the largest and one of the finest classes yet to take leave of Ashland high school. Diplomas were handed out to 108 bright young people who must now assume a new outlook on life.

Many of these graduates are planning to continue their pursuit of knowledge in institutions of higher learning, and the wish we would express is that every one of them could and would follow this course, for we have entered into a phase of national life when expert training is more essential than at any time since this United States of ours was formed. The Class of '42 has had splendid groundwork for higher education. Their work has been supervised by an efficient teaching staff as may be found anywhere and there are none but will find a welcome in any college or university they may choose.

So we say, Class of '42, congratulations for your achievements as students of Ashland high school. Carry on and prepare yourselves for that inevitable job of leadership which may appear vague to you at this moment but which will become very real within a few years.

WHY NOT A LOAD BOTH WAYS?

THERE is a war going on—the greatest conflict in all history—and it will not be won by well-wishing with the attitude of "Let George do it." It is everybody's war, for there is not a country or a race of people on the globe left unaffected.

Doing your part does not necessarily mean shouldering arms and going forth into battle; neither does it mean that to be a good patriot you must do more than your share in any one of the many calls being made for sacrifices to maintain our country's war effort. A reasonable response to all of these calls is asked and the measure in which we participate will gauge, in a large degree, the extent of the government's policy for eventual all-out participation.

Transportation lines are performing miracles in the herculean task of moving troops and munitions, while at the same time carrying out slightly curtailed schedules for civilian needs. Freight cars and trucks are required to carry loads both ways, and those loads must be a certain percentage of the vehicles' capacity.

There are trucks operating through Ashland that carry enormous loads one way and are seen to return empty. One such truck makes several trips each week from Klamath Falls to Medford. On the other hand, a fleet of trucks operating out of Gold Hill to Klamath Falls carries heavy loads over the mountains one way and returns empty. Why could not these concerns get together on this hauling and arrange schedules to carry each other's products?

To the casual motorist who faces the necessity of retiring his car to the garage for the duration it is more than a little annoying to see a big truck rolling along on 14 enormous rubber tires with the driver comprising the load. Is that cooperating in the effort to conserve gasoline and rubber? Is it making the job of holding off gasoline rationing any easier? A little more team work by all will make the burden lighter and move us faster in the direction of victory.

EVERYBODY'S WAR

THIS IS everybody's war—and everybody must help finance it. That is the gist of a recent statement by Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau in which he pointed to the need for increasing purchases by individuals of United States savings bonds.

During the next year, said the secretary, the nation will probably have to borrow upwards of \$35,000,000,000. And then he made this pertinent observation:

"If the government is compelled to go to the commercial banks for the bulk of these funds, the result will be to increase inflationary tendencies which are already serious.

"When bonds are purchased with savings out of current income, on the other hand, such savings help to reduce excess consumer income which, if spent for a limited supply of consumer goods, would tend to force prices up. It is for this reason, among others, that we are going directly to the people for as much as possible of the money needed for the war."

The banks cannot do it all—and in the interest of a sound national economy they should not do it all even if they could. It is the plain duty of everyone, out of self-interest if for no other reason, to put every possible dollar into the bonds which pay for fighting our enemies.

Mr. Morgenthau recommends a wide extension of the payroll savings plan for bond purchasing. Under it, you simply allot a definite part of your salary for bonds, precisely as you budget for food, taxes and everything else. Time is short now—and it's up to all of us to buy bonds to the absolute limit of our financial abilities.

The "eternal triangle" soon becomes a wrecked angle.

MRS. AMERICA IN THE WAR

- Stoves for June Brides
- Shorter Shirts
- Nuts to Hirohito
- Make Your Own Clothes
- No More Mothballs
- Make it 40 Per
- Now It's Chocolate
- Manicure Shears Next

JUNE brides need not worry about stoves for new homes despite restrictions of the country's output of domestic cooking and heating appliances. Smaller companies will be allowed to make a limited number of simplified models for civilian use so the facilities of larger producers and more iron and steel can go into the war effort. However, by the time the order becomes effective on July 31, there should be about 2,000,000 new stoves in the country—plenty for the crop of brides and Mrs. Americas for the year to come.

YOUR husband isn't going to lose his shirt, but there's a pretty good chance that it will be shortened. The shorter length is one of several measures being suggested to produce more shirts out of less cloth. The order under consideration to save yardage would not change the looks of hubby's shirt. It would, however, restrict the length of collar points, reduce the number of buttons on a shirt, eliminate French cuffs and do away with pockets on his dress shirt.

NUTS to Hirohito and Hitler. The cashew nut is going right from the bridge table into the battle of production. This bland nut, wonderful to nibble on while you trump your partner's ace, is not going to be imported in the usual quantity. Its importation has been restricted to make sure that the maximum amount of oil from cashew nut shells is extracted in the exporting country. Cashew nut shell oil is a valuable war material. It is used in making electrical insulating materials, plastics, paints and varnishes, and paper, and as a pigment in many manufacturing processes.

YOU WOMEN who make your own clothes aren't bound by the WPB limitations to save yardage. That rule governs only retailers, manufacturers, dressmakers and others offering clothes for sale. However, when the wartime simplified clothes make their appearance very few women will want to be out of style with pep-lums and other material consuming details. That's just not true to feminine tradition. What's more you'll be in style for the duration.

YOUR HOME front is not a far cry from the production lines. You should look out for the family's health, especially for the Mr. America who works on the assembly line. His time at work is too valuable to his country, to let colds or stomach upsets keep him away from his job. Records show that nine-tenths of industrial disability is caused by disease and injury

not associated with working conditions. So Mrs. America, you can help safeguard the 100,000 man hours that go into the construction of a bomber, or the 500,000 man hours it takes to build a liberty ship.

HERE'S ONE order that you won't put away in moth balls. It's the conservation order which places the distribution of naphthalene under rigid allocation control after June 1. As you know, most moth balls are made of naphthalene. But naphthalene can do more than deal a death blow to enemies of your clothes closet. Its most important use is in the production of smokeless powder.

WHEN YOU take the wheel of the family car, Mrs. America, think about making your tires last and be sure there is a good reason for driving. Don't drive too fast—not more than 40 miles an hour—and take it easy going around corners. Don't slam on brakes unless it means averting an accident. Gentleness is the watchword for starting and stopping the family car. Don't spin your wheels and grind off rubber, and don't bump into curbs. If you follow these rules, besides saving rubber, you'll probably save wisecracks about women drivers.

CHOCOLATE is on the "go easy" list of civilian products. The American family likes chocolate many ways—as a drink, in candy bars, as syrup on sundaes—so well that the United States is the world's best customer for cocoa beans from which chocolate is obtained. But the cocoa bean is imported largely from the Gold Coast, Ivory Coast and the Nigeria areas of West Africa and from Brazil, and there has been a reduction in shipping space. With care there's a large enough supply of cocoa bean in the United States to make all the chocolate we'll need for 16 months. Unrestricted—it won't last a year.

LITTLE THINGS count up in war time. By stopping production of manicure scissors, the war effort will gain 630,000 pounds of iron and steel—steel equivalent to 19,687 four-inch shells or 162 37mm anti-aircraft guns. Reconcile yourself to the restriction on hairpins and bobby pins by knowing that this will save 16,000,000 pounds of steel—or 160,000 additional .50 caliber machine guns.

BROWN RATED MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Harold Brown of Sutherlin, Oregon, was voted the most valuable player of the Southern Oregon College of Education Intramural Softball league as players from the three-team league selected their all-star team today.

Players named were: Eugene Hayes, Medford, catcher; Harry Stallard, Powers, pitcher; Wesley Peters, Ashland, first base; Bud Silver, Ashland, second base; Elwood Bizeau, Portland, third base; Brown, short stop; Jack Merritt, Ashland, left field; Dean Jones, Klamath Falls, center; Don Windbigler, Blocksburg, Calif., right field.

It isn't such tough luck when a girl gets a bald head before twenty. Generally he has a great deal of money.

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