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"THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE"

### A PRAYER FOR JOURNALISTS—"A HARROWED TRIBE"

From a Church of England clergyman comes what he calls "a quaint and unconventional prayer for journalists, addressed to St. Francis de Sales, the patron saint of newspapermen: "Dear patron of a harrowed tribe, grant us thy protection. Bestow on us a little more of thy critical spirit and a little less on our readers. Confer on our subscribers the grace of condensation in overlooking our faults, the grace of light in acknowledging our merits; and the grace of promptitude in meeting our bills. Make them less partial to compliments, more callous to rebuke, less critical of misprints. "Give us beautiful thoughts, brave thoughts, so that we may have the courage to write as we think, and our readers the docility to think as we write."

### LET'S GO, ASHLAND!

LET'S GO, ASHLAND! That's the slogan of the general committee backing the drive for funds for the USO in this city and from reports already in it looks like Ashland will come through handsomely. No sooner had word gotten out Tuesday morning that the drive will be under way Friday morning than numerous telephone calls were received making pledges for the fund. This continued throughout the day with the result that the drive will be well under way by the time the solicitors get into the field.

There is a two-fold purpose in this campaign, the one to obtain funds to operate the USO building when it is established; the second seeks to raise the money in the quickest possible time in order that the Federal Security Administration, government agency handling USO buildings, may be impressed with Ashland's sincerity in securing such a building for this city, either in the form of a new building or the equipping of a building for USO use. The USO has nothing to do with selection of a site for a new building, or for the location of the USO center, that being the function of the FSA, which turns the building over to the USO without cost.

There will have to be action if Ashland is ready to do its part in helping to entertain the soldiers, some of whom are scheduled to arrive this month, with the main part of the forces due in succeeding weeks. For that reason, it is hoped that each individual will give something toward the fund and also will have the amount ready when the solicitors call.

Let's go Ashland! We can't and won't fall down on this assignment.

### THEM DAYS ARE GONE FOR—THE DURATION!

GONE ARE the days when "limiteds" and "hot shot" freights claimed priority on the rails. Today they are making way for the Victory trains carrying troops and materials for vital war industries. As in the case of the line serving the Rogue River valley, many passenger trains have been taken out of regular service to place equipment at the disposal of the government in handling troop trains and military supplies. It leaves those who must travel, or think they must, no choice except such accommodations as the railroads have to offer, and thinking people will make little complaint so long as they arrive safely at their destination and are not too far off their schedule.

A. T. Mercier, president of the Southern Pacific company, in a message entitled "The Victory Trains Come First," states "Not only must troop trains be given the right of way, but also the many freight trains carrying materials and supplies must be handled with the same dispatch as the forces themselves, so that guns, tanks, ammunitions and planes may be available where needed. The public attitude in cases of delay to regular passenger or freight service has been friendly and understanding.

This understanding has been manifested in many instances of daily pursuits depending upon rail traffic. No patriotic citizen will feel that he must have peacetime service when to demand that service might be adding to the difficulty of executing the war effort. Transportation is still far in advance of the "horse and buggy" days and if the war burden becomes so great that civilian travel is further curtailed, or cut off entirely, we will have to get along somehow. Our job, as well as that of the railroads and other transportation concerns, is to win the war and win we will if we have to spend our vacations hoeing Victory gardens and by walking to and from our jobs.

### YOUTH WILL CARRY ON!

WHEN peace comes, following complete victory by the United Nations, it is to be hoped that the youth of the land will be given more of an opportunity to participate in the affairs of the government. That does not necessarily mean displacing the older men, for their counsel will be needed, but it would be only fair to give those who now are offering their all in the defense of liberty and justice for all an active part in the affairs of government.

But they are young and inexperienced, you say. So they are, but they are also intelligent, alert, far-seeing. They may be impulsive and will make mis-

takes, but could they go any farther wrong than their forebears? It is possible that youth, in its desire to get places by the shortest possible route, would eliminate a lot of the red tape that has consumed so much time and created such grandiose ideas of spending money. Perhaps out of all this mess could come a re-establishment of some of those principles included in the founding of the government. It would require new processes, no doubt, and again we hold that the younger generation would do its part.

One cannot listen to an oration such as was given at the memorial service in Ashland Saturday morning and feel that our country will be other than safe in the hands of the young people. Such clear, forward-thinking logic may not be common among high school students but certain it is that all of them are thinking these days, thinking seriously, and when it comes time for them to assume leadership in governmental affairs they will be prepared to act.

### MRS. AMERICA IN THE WAR

- Color Outlook Bright
- Sunday Hikes Popular
- Beauty Escapes Control
- Sugarless Canning
- Shoes Sans Leather
- Role For Stenogs
- Ham Prices Stabilized

THE COLOR outlook for your wardrobe is not drab despite the scarcity of dry chemicals. There will be red, yellow and some shades of blue available though it is probable that military colors such as green, khaki, brown and navy will be somewhat restricted. Don't be worried about limitations in the amount of chemicals available will result in poorly dyed fabrics. It is expected the high quality fast dyes will continue to be made. On the other hand, those which are less expensive and not of the best quality of fastness are useful for certain types of materials.

HAVE YOU been wondering how to spend a weekend without the family car to save tires and gas? Well, perhaps you will substitute a Sunday hike for the Sunday

drive. More than likely you'll discover more about your community on foot than you ever did when you had the family bus at your command. Or if you are a stay-at-home week ender, try table tennis or badminton with the family and some of the neighbors. Some of you, having stored your car except for business, probably will join in the Victory garden program. Other Mrs. Americas may discover ways of keeping their husbands busy repairing household gadgets over the week-end.

SORRY, milady, but the prices of your new hairdo and manicure are not controlled by the retail service charge provisions of the maximum price regulation. You see prices of services are covered only if they are performed in connection with a commodity. That means, for example, that after July 1, the effective date of the provision, the prices you pay for drycleaning, laundry or shoe repair will be on the basis of the highest charges during March. But hairdressing is a personal service and is not included.

CANNING and preserving fruits with limited sugar isn't a new story. During the last war some women learned to put up fruits without any sugar at all. New regulations on rationing for canning mean, fruits will be put up in a light syrup using one pound

of sugar for every four quarts of finished products. In this way you will be able to put up larger supplies with the limited amount of sugar available. The family allotment for preserves is one pound of sugar per person. Since sugar for canning goes farther than preserving, try to do without sweet preserves for those extra jars of canned fruits.

THE BATTLE cry has extended to the stenographic corps of the nation. So, if your daughters are looking for parts to play in the war effort, there's a vital role that typists and stenographers can do. Government war agencies need office workers, and although the civil service commission is hiring about 1,000 stenographers a week to work for the federal government in Washington, the supply is running short. Here's another idea. Some of you girls whose husbands may be drafted should study typing and short hand so you can be prepared to do your part.

YOUR butcher and baker have had encouraging news. Ham, which with eggs tops America's ten favorite dishes, has been placed at a permanent instead of temporary maximum price ceiling at the wholesale level. This also applies to bacon and other pork products. Retail prices of pork are covered by the maximum price regulation. As for your baker, his baking pans are among the permitted products of tin and terraplate. Furthermore, the WPB has allowed a limited use of high lauric acid oils in foods during the summer months because soya bean oil and other substitutes grow rancid in hot weather. These oils, including coconut oil, palm kernel oil, babusan nut oil, are used extensively in the baking industry as a coating and in the manufacture of cookies, candy and ice cream. Besides going into foods these oils have a war use. They are an important source of glycerin.

LIPSTICK has a new role today besides being a glamour aid. It is contained in the first aid belts given out by one state to its 65,000 air raid wardens because it is handy for writing on a person's forehead—either identification classification of injuries or other information such as the time a tourniquet has been applied.

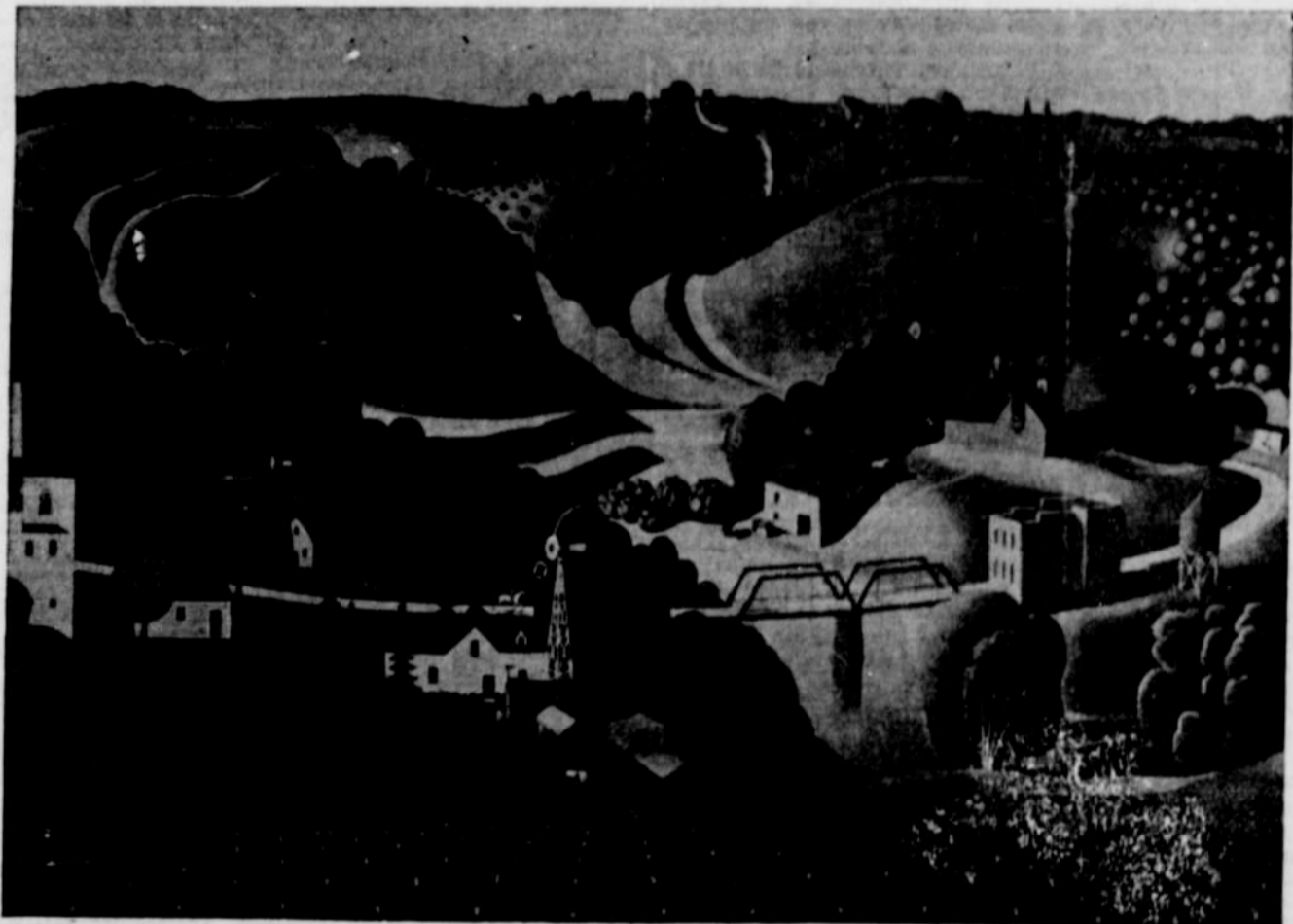
IF YOU are used to rinsing out stockings one evening to wear the next morning, better change your tactics with rayon hose. After testing hundreds of pairs, the OPA consumer division gives this advice: have at least two pairs and alternate in wearing because it takes rayon a long time to become thoroughly dry and it is easily damaged when it is wet. So hose washed on Monday night should not be worn until Wednesday morning.

THE COPPER ash tray which might have ended in your home soon will be in a munitions factory as a part of three hundred thousand tons of copper and brass products. They will be transformed into rifle cartridges and artillery shells or engines and motors of ships and planes instead of being used by you—either for roofing or as door handles. The average American home has five pounds of copper—enough to make 70 rifle cartridges.

APPARENTLY sugar rationing isn't much of a problem to the residents of the nations zoos. Under the OPA regulation a zoo is classed as an institutional use of sugar and must apply for it as such. However, a checkup at a large Pacific coast zoo revealed that absolutely no sugar is used in the diet. The keeper said, however, that sugar is used in tempting animals to take medicine when ill. He also admitted that gorillas ate large amounts of sugar cane, but who wants to look like a gorilla.

### QUESTIONS

1. In what sea are the waters almost motionless?
2. Name a large city on Lake Champlain.
3. What is the latest estimate of the age of the earth?
4. Who invented the submarine?
5. Was Shakespeare financially successful?
6. What metallic element is used in fire sprinkler systems?
7. What mythical creature was part horse, part human?
8. What is a tuning fork?
9. Who is called the "Father of Medicine"?
10. In what century did Christianity supplant paganism?



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## VICTORY BEGINS RIGHT HERE

### What's Up to the U. S. is Up to Us

This war belongs to all of us—to fight, to finance, to finish! As the President has said: "We are all in it—all the way. Every man, woman, and child is a partner in the most tremendous undertaking of our American history." Your part is clear—to put every dime and dollar you can possibly spare into uniform—to buy U. S. Savings Bonds and Stamps regularly—so that our boys will have the guns and planes and tanks they need to put the enemy on the run. Take part of your change in U. S. Savings Stamps every time you shop—your 25-cent Stamp may buy the machine bullet that sends an enemy bomber crashing in flames. Turn Stamps into Bonds as fast as you can, that is the American way—the volunteer way—to preserve our freedom and safeguard your home, your family, and your future. Remember that you can start buying U. S. Savings Bonds for as low as \$18.75 (for the \$25.00 Bond) and Savings Stamps for as little as 10 cents.



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