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A SANE FOURTH OF JULY

Whether we desire it or not, indications point to a sane Fourth of July in this year of 1942. Just how many years this will prevail no one knows but whatever the count we will have to make the best of it, for we are in a war the outcome of which is yet to be determined.

It will be the first time in many years that Ashland has not had a celebration. This is disappointing to hundreds of people throughout southern Oregon and northern California who have counted upon the program here as one of the highlights of the year. Many of these Ashland patrons, feeling the urge to give outward expression to their patriotism, will go elsewhere this year if their tires are sufficient and gas sales are not too restricted. On the other hand, Ashland's facilities for picnic parties—namely beautiful Lithia Park, will be the focal point for large numbers of citizens who feel they can observe the nation's birthday just as fittingly in a quiet manner and who can thank God they are Americans just as fervently in its matchless surroundings.

With no thought in mind of violating the war department's wishes in the matter, we would like to offer the suggestion that the Municipal band play a concert during the afternoon and that an impromptu program be conducted for the benefit of those desiring that kind of a celebration. This requires no advertising, no drive for funds, and in the long run business concerns will benefit about as much as they usually do.

If it requires a war to arouse our patriotic fervor we should make the best of it.

SALVAGE WILL WIN THE WAR—MAYBE!

There are many contributions on the solution of winning the war, none of which could single-handed put an end to the struggle, although forming an important link in the chain that eventually will bind the Axis powers in impotency.

Currently, the nation is involved in a drive to salvage old rubber. Everything from old tires down to grandmother's old hot water bottle is being gathered up and toted to the receiving stations and the outlook is good for staying the gas rationing order at least until after the Fourth and possibly until summer vacation season is past. The drive has netted a few shekels to individuals making the effort to gather up the salvage and this has spread the benefits in several directions.

Now comes word from the state salvage committee that farmers of Oregon have sent out an SOS for 5,000,000 sacks to handle the harvested crops of the state this year. All grades of sacks are in demand, from the heavy burlap to the cotton sugar and flour variety.

Governor Charles A. Sprague, urging a most active extensive and intensive drive for these sacks, Monday declared: "The harvesting of our Oregon crops is going to be one of the most important, vital programs the state has ever been compelled to undertake and every means possible of getting these necessary sacks into the farmers' hands should be promoted."

While agriculture is probably assured of a supply of new sacks to take care of coming crops where shipment is being made, there is a decided shortage of sacks which will be utilized in getting the crops from the field to the warehouse or to the co-operative for cleaning and grading, preparatory to shipment.

It has been suggested that the chairmen of the county salvage committees shall be the center of the sack collection program, urging 4-H boys and girls Future Farmers of America, Boy Scouts, Campfire Girls and other similar organizations to act in a patriotic contributonal effort in the collection of all sacks that may be used by agriculture. The mechanics of the plan would be for the boys and girls, as well as adults, to deliver the sacks to the county salvage committee for sale, the proceeds of the sale to go to such charitable or other organizations specified by the various salvage committees.

FAIR WEATHER FRIENDS

Perhaps no other institution has as many "fair weather friends" as the church. You know the type referred to: the Christmas and Easter churchgoer who want to be remembered by Santa and those who want to display their new spring wardrobes. They are the ones who have little to give to the church and expect a lot in return.

Most of us overlook the fact that the church stands for the same thing that our government is fighting for today. That is for the principle of freedom—the right

to worship, to think, to act as we please. It was a handful of brave and devout Christians who first landed at Plymouth Rock and planted the seeds of democracy which sprouted the thirteen colonies and branched out to envelop a region greater than all continental Europe and reaching from the Atlantic to the Pacific. In all that development the church had an important role in bringing culture to new regions and in directing the minds of men toward a higher civilization. Through war and peace, depression and prosperity, the church has maintained its ideal, offering spiritual guidance to rich and poor alike and a refuge for the troubled and needy. By that course it has survived throughout the ages and will continue to survive.

What a different story it would be if the church adopted a "fair weather" policy towards its members, turning a cold shoulder on them when they failed to pay their subscriptions or did not participate in the services. Fortunately, every church has at least a few faithful members who assume the burdens of the less reliable and were it not for their fidelity the work would suffer.

Now as never before there is a call for united support of the church. The forces that are running amok in the world aim at destroying every vestige of Christianity. If they succeed, then every hope of liberty and freedom in the world will be destroyed. Wherever the invader has gone he has made it plain that the Christian religion has no place in his scheme of world domination.

There is no intention on our part to preach. We wish merely to call attention to the danger we face and to the necessity of supporting an institution that is doing a great work in this war, as it has in all past wars and to ask more earnest cooperation not only financially but by attendance and participation in the church program. Remember, the preacher can do a lot better job speaking to full pews.

JOBS FOR EVERYBODY

Fortune smiled on the young people of this section when the war department decided to build a cantonment in the Rogue River valley. School doors of the county had scarcely closed when scores of young people, boys and girls alike, flocked to the orchards, to the cantonment, into the forest service and various other pursuits, where they are making wages beyond their fondest dreams. It may be a dream from which they will shortly be rudely awakened but the sensation is one that they will not soon forget.

For many of the recent high school graduates this means an opportunity to continue their pursuit of knowledge in institutions of higher learning and for college students the assurance of continuing their studies.

It is gratifying to witness the manner in which the young people seized this opportunity to help carry on. If they but realize that it is an emergency and that the present era of high wages must of necessity be of short duration they will be better prepared to face post-war conditions, which, if history is a criterion, won't be good.

MRS. AMERICA IN THE WAR

- Baby Carriages
- Dig Up Rubber
- Wooden Pails Now
- Can Opener to Rest
- Cotton to Fore
- Curtains Sans Ruffles
- Bedsprings Next
- Use Less Whitener

WAR IS war, but there is one part of the carriage trade that expects to carry on. The babies of America will continue to have carriages, strollers and walkers—that is, as long as the more critical materials are not used and only a minimum amount of iron or steel goes into the conveyances. In other words, there should be all wood models—except for steel axles and fittings—for Mrs. America's juniors. From August first on, iron, steel, gold and silver are the only metals which may be used. But here is an idea of the restriction placed on the use of iron and steel for these nursery products. During an ordinary year the baby carriage industry used 14,000 tons of steel. After the WPE order goes into effect, the same number of articles will be put out with only 3,000 tons of steel.

MRS. AMERICA, roll up your sleeves and rally to the home front's current battle cry—the rubber salvage campaign. Patriotic housecleaning means routing out every ounce of rubber scrap from the cellar to the garret of your home. Remember no bit of rubber is too small, too worn or too old for you to take to your neighborhood filling station for the rubber salvage collection. You will receive a penny per pound of reclaimable rubber. Look around your kitchen for old rubber gloves, aprons, sink stoppers or preserve jar rings. Any old shower caps, soap dishes, drain plugs, rubber sponges, hot water bottles or ice bags today? Even the tiny rubber bulbs from droppers in the medicine chest are worth reclaiming.

old tune you've heard. Seems there has been some encouragement given to the return of the wooden pail and tub in place of metal articles. Pails or tubs that contain metal only in hoops, baits, ears and handles not exceeding 15 per cent of the article's weight are not to be restricted. However, those of all metal aren't so favored.

THE INCREASED idleness ahead for the can opener means you'll be teaching your family to rely upon fresh vegetables and fruits rather than on food from cans. Eating fresh fruits and vegetables when they are in season saves canned, dried and preserved products for use when fresh foods are not so easily available. Also, there are the points of saving money by buying fruits and vegetables when they're cheapest and helping cut down on the waste of these products. Most important is the fact that you'll be helping save all possible tin for war. The tin content in one can is enough to provide the tin required for two Army compasses. Incidentally, on the subject of fresh fruits and vegetables, the use of locally grown products will cut down the load on railroads and truck systems.

MILITARY needs for wool are projecting cotton into such an important position that you and your family probably will be wearing clothes of this United States grown product more than you did before the war. The Army itself is trying to conserve wool, and as a result the quartermaster corps has developed cotton comforts to replace wool blankets for the barracks in the United States. Even the Army's winter underwear will have more cotton—yes long underwear contains 50 and 75 per cent cotton.

PREPARE for streamlined home decoration—straight-hanging tailored curtains minus ruffles and slip covers without pleated aprons—to conserve yardage needed for military purposes. The OPA consumer division declares that Mrs. America can save millions of yards of fabric a year by doing away with the frills and furbelows. The consumer division also offers these tips on making curtains and slip covers last. Wash or clean curtains and slip covers before they get too dirty. Naturally, it is easier on the textiles if they are not so soiled that harsh cleaning methods must be used. Wash with a neutral soap in lukewarm water, and use a warm iron—not a hot one—for pressing. Be sure that the material is actually washable before applying soap and water.

INNERSPRING mattresses are on the list of articles that you may expect to do without one of

these days. After September first, mattresses or pads containing iron or steel will not be made. This means that 43,000 tons of high carbon wire will be re-routed into war channels. Mattresses or pads filled with cotton, felt or hair can still be made.

EXPERTS advise you to use a whitener only every other time you clean your summer shoes to prevent them from becoming too heavily coated. Smooth leather shoes may be wiped with a damp cloth the second time. And spots on white suede or buck shoes can be removed by rubbing them with French chalk wrapped in cheese-cloth. What has care of white shoes to do with the war? Simply, that bleaching chemicals needed for the manufacture of white leather are scarce because of war use, and as you know, leather of all kinds is needed for our military forces.

THE EMERY bag—part of grandmother's sewing equipment—is destined to shine again. It is a strawberry-red pin-cushion looking affair used to sharpen needles, and it may be found on notion counters. Might be a good idea since there is need to conserve our supply of needles. There are enough for our use if care is used. The OPA consumer division cautions you to buy needles in small quantities as needed because they are likely to rust if kept on hand for a long period. If you are accustomed to putting your needles into the spool of thread after mending, take heed. That's not so smart because the needle may bend or break.

QUESTIONS

1. Who was the king known as the "March King?"
2. Is the whale a fish?
3. Who was the father of the modern political cartoon?
4. What were the names of the Three Wise Men?
5. Who made the earliest Arctic exploration of any importance?
6. What Indian war was fought in Florida?
7. What is the ocean temperature in polar areas?
8. What king united the thrones of England and Scotland?
9. To what country does Panama Canal Zone belong?
10. When was the Great Wall of China built and for what purpose?

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