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## UP FROM A WATERY GRAVE TO FIGHT

OCCASIONS when submarines have been sunk and recovered are rare and when one is reconitioned for service and engages in war upon the enemy, it is historic.

How many of us recall the sinking of the Squalus off the New England coast in the summer of 1939? The vessel remained under water 16 weeks, yet it was raised, reconitioned and rechristened the Sailfish. In recent combats in the Pacific area the Sailfish has acquitted itself creditably, placing her "eggs" where they have been costly to the Japanese navy.

Recently General Electric workers were congratulated by the Navy on the excellent manner in which they reconitioned the propulsion equipment of the reclaimed submarine. The equipment, acquired from General Electric, was returned to the company for reconitioning. Engineers soon discovered that metallic surfaces, such as gears and shafts, which had been coated with oil, were in excellent shape and easily reconitionable. Washed and dried in an oven the entire equipment passed the same rigid tests as those given new equipment. After being rebuilt it was reinstalled.

President Roosevelt recognized the unusual performance of the former Squalus in a recent comment on naval engagements. Said the president:

"The Sailfish has covered many thousands of miles in operation in those far waters of the Southwest Pacific.

"She has sunk a Japanese destroyer.

"She has torpedoed a Japanese cruiser.

"She has made torpedo hits, two of them, on a Japanese aircraft carrier.

"Three of the enlisted men of our Navy who went down with the Squalus in 1939 and were rescued are today serving in the same ship, the U. S. S. Sailfish, in this war.

"It seems to me that it is heartening to know that the Squalus, once given up as lost, rose from the depths to fight for our country in time of peril."

## WOULDN'T WE ALL!

IT IS reported that the exiled Czechoslovakian government has presented a request to the allied high command that if and when Hitler and his overlords are captured they may be turned over to the Czechs for execution. The request was made following the recent wiping out of the village of Lidice, as barbaric as any deed ever recorded—one which makes exploits of early American Indians strictly amateurish by comparison—and was made with the hope that the oppressed people of Czechoslovakia might be privileged to enact the closing chapter of the war.

While the Czechs are the first to make formal request for such a gruesome job, it is highly probable that others are itching to take a hand in the party. Doubtless if the truth were known there are any number of Germans who would delight in putting an end to the bloodthirsty scoundrels who, in their efforts to bring about a new order in Europe, and the whole world for that matter, have brought nothing but hardship to the masses and who in spite of declarations of high purpose have done nothing more than to wreak havoc throughout Europe and line their own pockets with wealth.

Yes, there are plenty of people throughout the world who would take pleasure in wiping out Hitler and his Nazi cohorts, Mussolini, Hirorito, Laval, Quisling, and all the little Lavals and Quislings. It may take several years to bring it about, but whether of early or late date, the heads of these wrongdoers are scheduled for eventual decapitation and nobody knows it better than they.

War propoganda is a great thing, particularly as practiced by the Japs. Two of the world's greatest sea and air battles were fought in the Coral Sea and near Midway Islands and the Jap propogandists minimized their losses by bragging about the losses they inflicted upon the Allies. Comes Sunday, June 21, and a Jap sub hurls a few shells at Fort Stevens, Oregon, happily missing the mark, but the propogandists in Tokyo broadcast it to the world as something to make all North Americans quake in their boots. A wonderful organism, the Oriental mind.

If the city wants to make good use of its mowing equipment it might arrange to cut the hay crop around the observation post on Hargadine street. That foxtail has a way of testing one's patriotism and besides, the alfalfa might better be used for stock feed than go to

seed.

Continuing the line of thought in the foregoing paragraph: What would be the matter with the city using its equipment to redeem the hay crop in the park at the rear of the Lithia hotel? It will soon be necessary to trim the hedge lining the sidewalk or broaden the walk so that pedestrians can get up and down that block without walking in the middle of the street. This is just a thought, but it is hoped someone will read this paragraph who is in a position to act. An otherwise beautiful spot is being allowed to go to seed through neglect.

## LET'S BE ALIVE ON THE FIFTH!

IT'S GREAT to be alive, even in troublous times like these, and a dead man is of little use to Uncle Sam right now. And a badly crippled man is a decided liability. Therefore, it behooves all of us to exercise the greatest caution on the highways, not alone on holidays and Sundays, but every day. There are too many factors involved in operating a motor vehicle in this great emergency and motorists should begin to think about using their cars only when business demands or some other emergency makes it necessary.

This year, more than ever, it will be wise to think well about that Fourth of July holiday trip. It might be the wiser move to plan something that will keep you off the highways, at least for any great distance. Proper judgment at this time may forestall an immediate order for gas rationing and buying of tires. If we are prodigal in the use of these critical defense materials we may hasten stricter enforcement measures. On the other hand, sensible use of our cars over the holiday period will be a contribution to the war effort without lowering the morals of the country.

If you feel you must drive over the mountains or to the seashore, see to it that your car is in perfect working order. It might be that you would have to "make a run for it" if the enemy should decide to send over a suicide squadron to remember us on our national birthday, and in that event you will want to be prepared to get out.

Secretary of state Earl Snell's slogan of several years, "Let's be alive on the fifth," was never more pertinent than now. It is being stressed with double emphasis this year, for combined with the plea to conserve human life is the necessity for conserving gasoline and rubber. So, be a good citizen by doing the

## MRS. AMERICA IN THE WAR

- From the Frying Pan
- Blackout Dips
- Rayon Yarn Ceilinged
- Anent Tube Tradeins
- Soft Pedaling Travel
- What Is Precious Stone
- Wood in the War

From the frying pan into the war effort—places where more than a half billion pounds of fat, America's waste cooking fats and "pan drippings" will be going down the drain. By saving pan drippings and fat trimmings you will be helping to replace the loss of fats and oils from the fat radd. Fats make glycerine, and glycerine helps make military explosives. And that is the meaning of salvaging from American kitchens drippings from roast ham, beef, lamb and poultry, broiler drippings from steaks, chops and bacon, deep fat wheather and vegetable shortening from fried potatoes, fish or doughnuts. A nation-wide drive in July will start the collection at neighborhood chest stores, meat markets and frozen food locker plants.

EVEN Mrs. America's Junior may be taking to the colors—at least, for his three-cornered pants. Maybe you've heard that navy blue, battieship grey and MacArthur tan are being shown for the war babies besides the ordinary white burseye. That's not all—these last word diapers are said to be special blackout costumes for Junior. Phosphorescent ties, we understand, answer the problem of pinning baby's pants during a blackout without a casualty. And this guarantees that Junior won't be a case of mistaken identity in the dark. He can be distinguished from the neighbor's infant by the motif you choose for the phosphorescent ties.

YARN that goes into your rayon stockings is put through the process of "throwing" or twisting, and consequently it is subject to a new price regulation on rayon yarn applying to commission converters and sellers of converted yarn. This means that the price has been stabilized for manufacturers who in turn may continue selling their products at March prices. Converting, incidentally, means preparing the yarn for weaving and knitting by such processes as twisting, warping, dyeing and spooling. A total of 44,000,000 pounds of rayon yarn has been allocated by the WPB this year for hosiery.

IF YOU send a gift to the boy you know in the service and (Continued on Page 3)

best job of driving you have ever done. Let's all be alive on the fifth.

A real old timer is one who can remember when history was made for less than half what it is costing today.

Golf liars have one advantage over the fishing kind—they don't have to show anything to prove it.

Today a wise guy is one who leaves his hat and coat outside in the car and takes his spare tire inside with him and checks it.

An echo is the only thing that can cheat a woman out of the last word.

## Motor Registrations Gain Despite War

Restrictions on motor vehicle sales, gasoline and tires are not yet reflected in the motor vehicle registration trend in Oregon, figures compiled in the office of Earl Snell, secretary of state, disclosed today.

At the end of the first five months, there were 394,511 vehicles registered in the state, a slight increase over the 394,284 vehicles registered in the state for the same period a year ago. Registration fees so far this year total \$2,796,890.33 compared to \$2,707,272.92 last year.

## ASHLAND STUDENTS AT U OF O RATE HIGH

Frank King and Warren Applewhite of Ashland are two students

at the University of Oregon receiving the coveted honor rating. Requirements for honor roll rating is a grade point average of 3.5, half "A's" and half "B's" or better.

High scholastic rating at the university was maintained through the spring term, with 204 students being placed on the honor roll, according to announcement by Clifford L. Constance, assistant registrar.

Elmer says: "When a professor falls in love with a co-ed, she makes A while she can."

He gazed admiringly at the beautiful dress of the leading dancer.

"Who made her dress?" he asked.

"I'm not sure, but I think it was the police."

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# Please Remember... WARTIME TRAVEL is not "As Usual"

The pleasant days of travel "as usual" will come again. But right now the war job comes first—and the traveling public must expect some inconvenience and delay. Greyhound is cooperating fully with the Office of Defense Transportation in Washington, D. C., to provide essential service for all those who must keep rolling to keep America rolling—selectees, fighting men and war workers.

## THIS NECESSITATES:

- Operating only essential service.
- Eliminating extra buses if not sufficiently loaded.
- Reducing operating speed and eliminating fast, limited schedules.
- Establishing cooperative service with other companies over certain routes to reduce bus mileage.
- Conserving rubber and other vital materials by the above and other means.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Make your trips short—as close to home as possible.
- Travel only during mid-week—Tuesday to Thursday. Week-end travel is congested by military personnel and war workers.
- Carry as little baggage as possible.
- Be lenient if there is any inconvenience, delay or crowding.
- Think twice before taking any trip—postpone it if you can.
- Buy U.S. War Bonds and Stamps.

## THE WAR EFFORT COMES FIRST!



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