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## EDITORIAL

### FRIENDLINESS COUNTS

THIS column has repeatedly referred to the hospitable spirit of Ashland, particularly in the unselfish sharing of Lithia park with neighboring communities or the world at large. It is a matter calling for commendation as well as frequent comment and now, with a war going on and with a cantonment within easy reach, the value of the park is more apparent than ever.

Groups of soldiers invited to Ashland under the program of the local war recreation committee and now responding to the invitation of the Ashland USO have enjoyed the park, as well as other recreational facilities, and their praise has spread to the far corners of the country. In that alone lies full justification for maintaining the park. Its use has been more pronounced since the USO moved into the Civic Club is just across the street, attract more of the boys to house, for activities at the club house, located as it the park. So it is that whenever a few or many of the soldiers come to town, the facilities offered in the park are readily put to use. Tennis and horseshoe courts are busy spots on Sunday and other days when parties attract groups of the boys to Ashland.

And when we attend a function such as the hostess-committee party at the USO house last Sunday and witness the fine spirit of friendship and hospitality displayed between townspeople and army personnel we are more than ever convinced that a kind providence guided the farseeing citizens of Ashland in building the park and Civic Club house and that there should not be any question about establishing a permanent USO here.

### STOP SIGNS COMING SOON

LET us forget, Secretary of State Earl Snell urges that motorists practice stopping at railroad crossings so that when the new stop signs are installed it will not be annoying. Merely stopping when the notion strikes us is not sufficient, according to Snell's viewpoint, who insists that stopping at all grade crossings is the habit to acquire in the interest of safety.

Slower speed on the highways has reduced accidents in Oregon and as time goes on the record should be improved. At least the real improvement should be notable, although it must be taken into consideration that fewer cars are on the roads nowadays. There is an occasional speeder in the flow of traffic, but by the time the President inaugurates a universal speed limit of 35 miles per hour the speed fiend will be readily discernible to traffic officers and eventually eliminated from the highway.

There is less danger from crossing accidents on this division than on some of the other sections. This is especially true since there is limited passenger service here and from the fact that the freights have slower schedules than the main line trains. This does not excuse us from obeying the new traffic order and while it may not seem so necessary where but few trains operate, it is essential that the ruling not only be obeyed but that we form the habit of stopping at crossings no matter where they are or what the traffic amounts to. When we do that we know we are safe, we are helping lower the mortality record, and above all, we are making a direct contribution toward promotion of the war effort, which, at the present, is the most essential of all.

### WAR JOBS FOR ALIENS

THERE are a million and a quarter aliens of enemy countries in the United States—including 700,000 Italians, 315,000 Germans and 91,000 Japs.

A large number of these aliens are skilled workers and could be valuable in speeding production of war materials. But naturally industrial concerns are hesitant about employing them for fear of sabotage or espionage.

Undoubtedly there are a large number of these aliens who are loyal to this country. Some have sons in our armed forces, some are married to native Americans, many have lived here for more than a generation. And, as far as sabotage or espionage go, many of those convicted so far have been naturalized citizens.

The FBI should thoroughly investigate every ene-

my alien and perhaps everyone born in an enemy country, but those people should be given jobs in our factories when their loyalty to this country is established. When an investigation has determined this, they could be given certificates showing that they are "certified" as friendly aliens and then permitted to hold war production job.

### EVERYBODY ISN'T RICH

WHEN we hear stories about how rapidly the incomes of this country are rising, many of us, who have not benefitted by this war-made prosperity, wonder why we have been passed by.

But an analysis of present incomes in all sections of the country, made by Dr. George Gallup, shows that there are 61 per cent of us who are making no more money than we did six years ago. The other 39 per cent have increased their incomes considerably, but even with the greatest total prosperity this country has ever had, about half of the nation's families have an income under \$35 a week and only 20 percent of the families get \$60 or more a week.

So if your income hasn't risen there may be some comfort in the fact that there are still plenty of others in the same boat. About 15 per cent of the people are earning less than they did six years ago.



**DALE CARNEGIE**  
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### THEY SUCCEEDED YOUNG

I have a letter from a young man who wants to know why it is that people who have done wonderful things early in life are always Europeans. "Haven't Americans ever accomplished anything worth while when they were young?"

Then he gives a few examples of what he means: Franz Liszt, Hungarian composer, gave a piano recital when he was twelve. It was so well performed that Beethoven went up on the stage and kissed him. Another example: John Keats, the great English poet, died when he was only 26.

I can understand the young man thinking as he does. One explanation lies in the fact that distance and time lend glamour; and these startling examples of early accomplishment are passed around by writers and are easy to take off the shelf and reprint.

I became so interested in his letter that I have been going through my notes, off and on, for two or three days, and now I'll give you examples of what Americans who are still living have accomplished early in life.

First, Lindbergh. All he did was fly the Atlantic when he was 25. In 1908 a garage mechanic in Santa Ana, Calif., rented an abandoned church, tore out the front door and built an airplane of his own. Not only that but flew it. He was 22. He had an airplane factory of his own when he was 26. He is Glenn L. Martin, the builder of the famous Martin bomber.

Orville Wright was 32 when he and his brother made the first airplane flight in the history of the world.

John Robert Gregg invented the Gregg system of shorthand at the age of 19. Today half a million people study his system yearly.

Eddie Rickenbacher won his first automobile race when he was only 20 years old.

When Lindbergh flew the Atlantic in 1927, a young man from Kansas City was thrilled over the feat. He got an inspiration to draw a picture of a mouse getting into an airplane and trying to fly an ocean. The young man? Walt Disney. The mouse? Mickey. Disney was 26.

In 1909, a young man who had been born on a farm in Ohio, rented a hayloft in Dayton, Ohio, and started tinkering 'round. He came out with the first automobile self-starter. His first order amounted to two million dollars. He was 32 years old. His name was Charles F. Kettering.

If my young correspondent reads this column, I think he will be encouraged.

### Health Hints

Deep regular breathing is necessary for maximum health.

Upon arising in the morning one of the best ways of clearing the toxins from the body is deep breathing.

The lungs are classed as one of the organs of excretion by the many authorities of physiology.

To obtain maximum efficiency of these organs it is necessary that they be used to their full capacity at all times throughout the day. If by sitting in a slouching position you hamper the full use of the lungs you are keeping toxins in the system that would be oxidized if full and proper breathing had been practiced. This also holds true in improper posture when standing.

Fats are energy and heat producing foods. They come under several chemical classifications but digestion of these foods is carried on in essentially the same manner in all types. There must be some fats in the normal diet in order to have a well balanced intake of food materials.

A sense of humor is the finest flower of civilization.

With it one can face the world and enjoy his misfortunes, be they business or personal.

Without it one would travel the road of life as though without pneumatic tires or shock absorbers.

"Next to knowing when to seize an opportunity, the most important thing in life is to know when to force an advantage.—Disraeli.

"Woman, dat ain't white mule in dat bottle—dat am Pluto water. You ain't gonna drink dat, am you?"

"Big boy, I ain't gonna do nothin' else."

"Yes, you is, honey, 'deed you is."

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## ABOVE the HULLABALOO



A newspaper reaching the top of the Rocky mountains, where this writer is now perched, says that the President intends to take definite action to stop inflation before it gets out of control. If this is so—and if he is successful—we will win the war; if he is unsuccessful, we may lose it.

Inflation is not just a name; nor is it just a "headache" for the government and the banks. Inflation is Hell—for you and for me and for the rich man; it is worse than that for the poor man; the rich man's money, and his investments, and all the rest of his wealth disappears; but he still has a few assets of some kind which he can start up again when the catastrophe is over. The poor man has a small farm, or a filling station, or a little shop, or 2 1/2 acres a job and three square meals a day. Suddenly prices begin to rise sharply, and the dollar buys only fifty cents worth of goods. Next month it buys only twenty-five cents worth. Then almost overnight it takes ten dollars to buy a cigar; twenty to buy ham and eggs. From then on—leaping higher and higher almost by the hour, prices soar until it could—as it did in Germany after the war—take the equivalent of a million dollars to buy a meal.

The man with a job is the first to suffer because his employer can't pay him or even feed him any longer and he has nothing to fall back on—no farm, no shop no business, nothing—only the memory of wages, or salary, which once brought health and happiness to his wife and children, but which wouldn't buy the small end of a toothpick in the inflation storm. The shopkeeper "folds up" because no one has the money to pay him so that he can buy his supplies. The filling station shuts down, and the farmer sells or mortgages his farm for anything he can get in order to buy a little feed to keep his horses alive and to get some canned goods for his frightened family.

The whole financial system begins to collapse and the people get panicky as the realization comes to them that they may be facing hunger. The government tries to "take over," and military rule is established. But if the avalanche is beyond control, no power on earth can withstand it until it runs its course. New governments succeed each other in a hopeless attempt to bring some order out of the chaos. If the nation which is caught in a tornado of uncontrolled inflation happens to be at war, the war is forgotten—there are no means of continuing it. If its enemies are "on the job" they can meet with little resistance. The terrified inhabitants will welcome almost "any port in a storm."

These awful sounding nightmares are not only possible—they are almost inevitable if a nation ever falls victim to complete, uncontrolled inflation. They have happened before, and they will probably happen again in this world of ours.

So no matter how the President's action should affect us individually, or as a group, we must still "get our shoulders to the wheel" and push as we have never pushed before; because we have reached the danger zone and if we collapse we are all in it together—rich man, poor man, beggar man and thief; farmer, laborer and politician.

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## No Range and Water Heater Wiring Material Available After Sept. 15

The present policy of supplying range and water heater units will be continued until September 15, providing present supply of materials is not exhausted prior to that date. Thereafter The California Oregon Power Company will cease to supply wiring material to be used on Customers' premises for the installation of ranges and water heaters. After September 15, application for wiring installations will be accepted only for those new ranges and water heaters which are installed with the approval of the War Production Board, providing that the necessary wiring materials for these installations are made available by the War Production Board.

## CHECK BEFORE YOU MOVE

If you are planning to move your present electric range and water heater to another house, check the wiring first. It may not be suitable to serve your equipment.

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