

LOOK CLEARLY

by Ruth Taylor

"I can't see for looking," I once heard a woman say as she watched army planes flying in formation back in the days when we looked up, not in dread, but in admiration, "I can't see for looking."

There is a real danger of our doing just that today. Events of historic importance are happening so rapidly that the mind is apt to lose its perspective and to become so cluttered and confused that we cannot "see for looking."

We need to keep our mental balance and to see the events of today in their proper perspective to both the present and the future. We CAN see clearly if we will, for we have a magic lens through which to judge the importance of events, and we have agreed upon a code of ethics for ourselves as a people, as a nation, and as a part of the new United World.

What is this code of freedom? Freedom of speech and expression - everywhere in the world. The right to disagree vocally or on the printed page without fear of reprisals, of secret police or imprisonment without trial; the right to argue for or against a government policy provided we appeal only to orderly processes of law to change or alter government.

Freedom of religion - no restraint on the practice of any religious faith nor discrimination against any group because of religious faith nor discrimination against any group because of religion; the right of the family to teach religion freely to youth, so that the next generation may grow in faith and wisdom.

Freedom from want - a sharing of the riches of the world, not a selfish hoarding of them for one nation or group alone. Not an ill thought out and patronizing dole or charity, but a conscientious attempt by all governments to make all citizens free from want, with no special favors shown to any group, whether they be workers or wealthy, members of the party in power or a small minority. And conversely it must be a system that will distinguish between the worker with hands or brain and the drone - a system that has the effect of leveling up and not dragging down, that encourages industry and distinguishes in its rewards between the energetic and the lazy.

Freedom from fear - fear of cruelty, intolerance, prejudice, organized hatred - freedom from fear of unexpected aggression and unforeseen man-made disasters - freedom to live and grow strong in security and peace.

These are our guides to correct vision. We must not let exciting trifles blind us to realities, for on our clear perspective of the events of today rests the decision and the fate of tomorrow.

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Five sixths of the 60,000,000 Americans working on the home front or wearing the uniform of their country own War Bonds, says President Roosevelt. Only by upping your War Bond buying through payroll savings can you join the invasion of Hitler's Europe.

Furniture Care More Important at Present

Clean furniture wears longer, says Lois A. Lutz, extension specialist in home management at the Oregon State College, in giving tips on prolonging the life of what is on hand while comparatively little new furniture is available.

Furniture woods cleaned regularly will not have a cloudy, dull appearance, says Miss Lutz. A protective coat of wax will keep the piece in good condition.

A good cleaning solution is a soap jelly whipped to a dry lather with an egg beater. Wipe this over the furniture, rinse with a cloth wrung dry from warm water and dry immediately with a soft dry cloth, always working with the grain of the wood.

Old wax may be removed by applying a generous coat of liquid wax and wiping it off when still wet. The fresh dissolves the old wax and both can be rubbed off at the same time. This may have to be repeated, depending upon the original condition.

Scratches often make furniture seem older and less beautiful. To

avoid them make it a family habit always to place a small mat under vases and other accessories placed on tables, mantles, chests, pianos, and similar pieces, Miss Lutz advises. Felt or moleskin glued to the bottom of accessories will eliminate many opportunities for scratches. A coat of wax also gives protection when scratches are deep.

Light scratches can often be made less noticeable by vigorous rubbing with linseed oil or furniture polish and liquid wax. Rubbing the scratch with the cut end of a walnut meat will sometimes stain it sufficiently.

Deep scratches require more care. A small bit of matching stain applied with a small brush or toothpick tipped with cotton will make the scratch less apparent. For walnut or mahogany, a bit of iodine or potassium permanganate solution is used to touch up the scratch.

When the dye is dry, fill in the small groove with a mixture of half white shellac and denatured alcohol using a fine brush. Any surplus is wiped off, but the filling is allowed to dry. If it leaves a rough spot when dried, work it down with pumice and oil.

A traveling examiner of operators and chauffeurs is scheduled to arrive in Ashland Monday, July 19, 1943, and will be on duty at the City Hall between the hours of 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., according to a recent announcement released from the Secretary of State's office.

All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with the examiner during these hours.

SMALL FARM PURCHASES REQUIRE NO PRIORITIES

Farmers do not need priority ratings to purchase such items as pipe, water well casing, nails, staples, wire or fencing, the state USDA war board reports.

The War Production board's controlled materials plan permits dealers to sell up to \$10 of any of these pipe or wire items to anyone, without restriction. Amounts up to 4000 pounds may be sold to one purchaser in any calendar quarter if a specified certification is furnished the dealer.

Farmers whose quarterly needs exceed 4000 pounds of either pipe or wire products may apply to their county farm rationing committee for a purchase certificate.

National Prayer

by the

Rev. Charles Stelze

Father of all men, Ruler of the universe, in Whom dwells wisdom, power, love and authority, in this hour when the world is in chaos, and when Thy plans for the redemption of mankind are being worked out in mysterious ways, we beseech Thee to give Thy children everywhere a larger faith in Thyself, a better understanding of Thy purpose and greater courage to fulfill the tasks which Thou has committed to them.

We pray, especially, for the men and women of these United States.

We pray for our President. Give him the wisdom which comes from above. Guide him in making the decisions which mean so much to our country and the world.

We pray for the soldiers, sailors, and marines at the front of battle and for those who are preparing for service, who have unselfishly given themselves for home and country. May they find in this sacrifice the blessing promised to those who, losing their lives, will find them again - larger, fuller, richer - in this world, as well as in the world to come.

We pray for those who are serving their country at home - the mothers and daughters, those who are at work in the factories, men and women on the farms, those who are giving heart and brain in the creation of plans and the building up of the forces which will help win the war.

May these all find in their daily tasks opportunities for service as American patriots and defenders of our country.

We pray for peace - but only the peace which shall come through the victory of right over wrong, of democracy over autocracy, of the spirit of world-brotherhood over the spirit of national selfishness.

To this end bless our country in its fight against the rule of those who stand in their arrogant dominance over the people - until the day shall dawn when all men shall be comrades in a world made safe for the building up of democracy and righteousness, over which Thou shalt be the Undisputed Ruler.

Note - This poem was written by Dr. Charles Stelze when we entered into the First World War. It seems just as appropriate for the present day.

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT!

★ ★ here is a **10**-year record
that warrants attention!

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STATEMENT OF CONDITION

ASSETS	JUNE 30, 1933	JUNE 30, 1943
Cash on Hand and Due from Banks	\$ 8,799,775.82	\$ 70,806,699.46
United States Bonds, including U. S. Government Agencies	17,696,114.45	192,377,872.04
All Other Bonds	\$ 26,495,890.27	\$ 263,184,571.50
Loans and Discounts— MONEY AT WORK IN OREGON	11,783,661.66	6,169,246.87
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	10,240,178.29	37,927,259.58
Bank Premises, Furniture and Fixtures	105,000.00	300,000.00
Other Real Estate	1,226,433.72	2,711,335.74
Customers' Liability on Acceptances	1.00	1.00
Interest Earned	21,629.20	7,516.82
Other Resources	394,129.51	948,180.08
	199,210.56	143,368.08
Total Assets	\$ 50,466,134.21	\$311,391,479.67
LIABILITIES		
Capital	\$ 2,500,000.00	\$ 4,500,000.00
Surplus	1,000,000.00	5,500,000.00
Undivided Profits	288,076.46	2,477,009.53
Reserves for Contingencies	48,895.84	1,380,418.64
	\$ 3,836,972.30	13,857,428.17
Reserves for Taxes, Interest, Etc.	94,382.90	580,534.35
Acceptances	21,629.20	7,516.82
Interest Collected in Advance	3,827.86	137,492.60
Circulating Notes Outstanding	2,500,000.00	None
Other Liabilities	621,912.14	184,570.21
Deposits	43,387,409.81	296,623,937.52*
Total Liabilities	\$ 50,466,134.21	\$311,391,479.67

*Exclusive of reciprocal bank deposits

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