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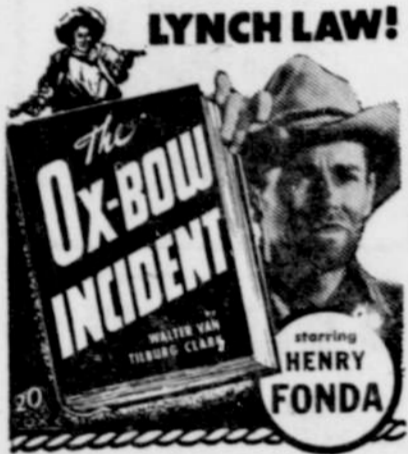
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Only the Worthy Remain Free

As the calendar heralds 1944, grim predictions of allied political and military leadership rank foremost in the minds of all people. Nineteen hundred and forty-four is the year of decision. It is the year of total war and destruction, death and suffering. It may well be the year of military victory—thanks to the courage of our fighting men and the American production miracle.

Armament production in the United States has reached staggering proportions. In November, every five minutes saw the birth of one new complete plane. The month's total was 8,789, of which 1,000 were heavy bombers. More than 150,000 war planes have been built since the start of hostilities.

Nineteen million tons of merchant ships were launched in 1943, compared to 1,163,000 tons in 1941.

Naval and shipbuilding has outstripped the imaginations of the wildest deramers. About a dozen aircraft carriers were turned out in November alone. Warship tonnage in 1941 was 2,132,000. Out of the ashes of Pearl Harbor it rose to 5,000,000 tons in 1943, a colossus bent on the destruction of Japanese aggression and Nazi tyranny.

Tanks, guns and supplies are being produced in unbelievable quantities.

These things were made possible by the productive genius of free enterprise. In the hands of 10,000,000 American men and their companions in arms, they are America's answer to the warped leaders of Europe and Japan who have challenged our freedom.

But we have no cause to rejoice. Tens of thousands of our men must die in 1944 to meet the challenge of the dictators. Usual year-end speechmaking and editorial phrase-making are out of place. The people were told when the war started that they would have to make sacrifices. They were told that this was total war. And, yet, other than those who have given their men, no one has so far made an iota of real sacrifice. It is not in the cards for such a condition to continue.

Sometime in the not-too-distant future we, at home, are going to find out what total war means even though we may never feel the impact of bombs on our cities.

A pretty good indication of how we are going to find out can be seen in the gusts of bitter controversy sweeping through the land over strikes, taxes, subsidies and inflation. They are the prelude to the storm. When it hits in full fury, the test of our love of freedom will be upon us.

No person in this nation can ever shut from his mind the awful vision of the last days of 1943 in which 1000 marines lay dead on the beaches of one little South Pacific island. Those men died for the right to be free. We at home have yet to prove worthy of the freedom for which they died.

From the Industrial News Review.

CALENDAR ODDITIES



AN MINOR PONTIFF'S TASK IN ANCIENT ROME WAS TO WATCH FOR THE FIRST GLIMPSE OF THE NEW MOON, WHEREUPON HE SHOUTED "CALO," AT WHICH INSTANT THE WAITING POPULACE COULD BEGIN THEIR FESTIVALS—HE REPEATED "CALO" SEVERAL TIMES, THE NUMBER INDICATING THE DAYS OF THE NEXT PERIOD—THESE CALLS BECAME KNOWN AS "CALEND"—HENCE CALENDAR—DO YOU KNOW that

The World Calendar of 12 months and equal quarters makes the days and dates constant year after year, holidays are observed on the same day and date, and the calendar itself has orderliness, comparability and stability.

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Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Bruce were called to Medford Monday morning on business matters.

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U.S. MARINES IN BATTLE OF TARAWA



NARROW ESCAPE—The Marine standing over the pack howitzer wears a helmet with two holes in it. A bullet entered the side and left in front, while the Marine wearing the headpiece. The smoke is caused by the powder from the howitzer and by sand and coral kicked up by projectiles from Jap guns.



THERE THEY ARE—Marines "hit the deck" as soon as they reach the beach and crawl ahead on their stomachs so they will be smaller targets for the waiting Japs. Here a squad leader points toward the spot from which Japs are firing. His squad crawled ahead and eliminated the enemy strong point.

BRUSSELS SPROUTS AMONG HARDEST OF VEGETABLES

Victory gardeners who raised a few plants of Brussels sprouts this year are finding now that these are among the hardest of vegetables and will stand lower temperatures than almost any other member of the cabbage family. They thus provide a continuing outdoor source under Oregon conditions of a vegetable moderately high in vitamins A, B and C, as well as iron.

FLORENCE LUELLA WILSON

Funeral services were held yesterday at the Litwiler Funeral Home for Mrs. Florence Luella Wilson 61. She was born in Osage, Iowa and had resided in Ashland the past two years with her daughter, Mrs. Jessie Hess. She was a member of the Methodist Church.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Clark Willits of Philadelphia on December 10, a son, Mr. Willits, a graduate of the Ashland High School and the son of Mrs. Alice Willits of Ashland, is now in the service.

THE LOW DOWN from HICKORY GROVE

I guess by now everybody knows we are getting weather reports. We been without these reports for a year or so, but we still had weather. She seems to me like maybe we had better weather when we had no reports. And in the second place, anybody interested in the weather could go out on their back porch, put a wet finger in the air and tell just as much about it as if he read an official report. If it rains or don't rain, the stores open up, and the trains run. A farmer sows, and plows, and reaps, on his own signs. He gets along good.



The Weather Bureau, all jokin' aside, is about the best bureau we have in the government. What

BICYCLE ACCIDENTS INCREASE IN 1943

In the face of an 80 per cent increase in the number of bicycle traffic fatalities reported in Oregon so far this year over last year, bicyclists and motorists were urged to exercise greater care in traffic to avoid these accidents.

There were nine fatalities involving bicycle-motor vehicle collisions in Oregon during the first 11 months of 1943. In 1942, during the same period, there were five deaths.

I'm getting at in this essay is the 100 other bureaus, all of which have for their main aim the making of rules covering things which we cannot do. This latter bunch is an irksome lot. Nobody likes them. Congress, if it wants to do something about these foxy bureaus versus just talk, and has any interest in the elections next fall, can start a housecleaning there in old swiver-chair-town on the Potomac.

Yours with the low down,
JO SERRA

SRU DAN . . . Shipfixin' Man!

WELL, MARY, I'LL SOON BE THROUGH ON THIS CONSTRUCTION JOB! GOSH, I'D LIKE TO GET IN THE ARMY OR NAVY!	BUT, DAN HOW WOULD WE LIVE IF YOU JOINED?	LET'S SEE! I GOT A LITTLE BOOK HERE THAT TELLS ALL ABOUT IT!	I KNOW HOW ANXIOUS YOU ARE TO FIGHT FOR YOUR COUNTRY! BUT COULD THE CHILDREN AND I MAKE ENDS MEET WHILE YOU'RE AWAY?	SEE, MARY, THE SRU'S NEED SKILLED WORKMEN LIKE ME! WITH MY EXPERIENCE AS A CARPENTER, I COULD BE A PETTY OFFICER!	JUST WHAT WOULD OUR INCOME BE DAN?	PETTY OFFICERS GET \$ 78 TO \$126 A MONTH...\$96.60 TO \$151.20 WHEN OVERSEAS, AND \$78 A MONTH FOR 3 DEPENDENTS!	AND OTHER EXTRAS! MAYBE YOU'D BETTER LOOK INTO THIS!
Dan Jones, 36, skilled carpenter, too young for last war, wants to enlist.		Jones is married . . . 2 children, 12 and 14. His wife considers finances.		A fellow worker gave Dan a booklet on the Navy Ship Repair Units.		Dan and Mary get the facts about the men who fix our fighting ships.	

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BARGAIN NIGHTS
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NEW BULLETIN ON OREGON FORESTS

"Forest Resources of Oregon" is the title of a 62-page illustrated bulletin that has just been published jointly by the school of forestry at Oregon State College and the State Forestry Department, with the Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment Station cooperating in the preparation of the material.

The booklet contains information covering the forest resources of the state, including a statement of the forests as they exist in seven separate state subdivisions. Complete data is given on the area and volume of the forests by ownership, species and counties; the rate of forest depletion and its causes, and an estimate of the current and potential growth. A description of the individual commercial tree species is included, together with their uses as manufactured products.

The development of the lumber industry in the state is covered, including the establishment of the first mill at Fort Vancouver by Dr. John McLaughlin in 1827, and carrying it through to the present modern milling and logging methods.

While these booklets are not being distributed on a mass basis, individual copies may be had free by any citizen of Oregon requesting one, says Dean Dunn of Oregon State College of Forestry.