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JEEPS ARE EXPENSIVE

The covers were pulled off the new Jeeps which are being manufactured by an eastern automobile concern this week to reveal what they will be like, as to performance, cost, etc. And to those who have studied the prices of them, we are afraid that many people are going to be sadly disappointed. There has been a widespread desire, we have noted, for ownership of one of those little cars, which all of us have seen so blithly running up and down the road, driven by army personnel. Many, many times have we heard some one say that they would be fine for going hunting and fishing in, others could envision a thousand uses for them on the farm, until it all added up to a tremendous desire for the little motor buggies.

But we are afraid that this week's announcement that the little cars, now being manufactured for civilian trade with a few modifications from the army type, will cost something like \$1050 at the factory and with the extras added, (and without which they wouldn't be much good to a farmer, the price delivered in the west will come close to being \$2000. That is a lot of money for such a car, and we have a notion that the sale of them will not be large.

Before the war regular pickup trucks were selling for much less, in fact for about \$1000. Of course the jeeps are equipped in some respects as a tractor and can be used for field work in farming, and the OPA has classed them as a half-ton truck, which makes them more expensive.

But to those people who had visions of owning one for just knocking around in, and expected to get them for \$200 or \$300 are going to be sadly disappointed.

KEEP OREGON GREEN

The past three weeks has witnessed one of the most disastrous fires in Oregon history, that in the Wilson river area, near Tillamook. While there has not been a large amount of good live timber burned as yet, the fire is threatening to burn into the area where merchantable timber is standing, and if it is not controlled soon, may get into it. And to cap it all off, it has been reported that the fire was started from moving a steam engine at a logging camp and can thus be attributed to being "Man Caused".

With a long, hot summer here, conditions are favorable for such a fire to get started in this area, also, and only constant vigilance can keep a fire from getting started in this area, with its large stands of fine timber, or in some of the brushy areas, where the timber while not so valuable, provides cover for the maintenance of water for irrigating.

The Keep Oregon Green Association has done a fine job of educating the people of western Oregon in being fire conscious. Jackson county has always had an outstanding record for Keeping Oregon Green and with the fire season at its heighth, lets remember to Keep Oregon Green. A little care in putting out fires when out in the mountains may continue to KEEP OREGON GREEN.

BEER STILL ISN'T FOOD

The brewers have been rapped on the knuckles again. This time the War Production Board did it. Beer, says WPB, is not food; therefore, it may no longer enjoy the AA-2 rating for can enamels for food con-

Last fall the Federal Trade Commission ordered a group of brewers to stop telling people falsehoods in their advertisements. They were saying that beer is a valuable human fuel in today's war effort and that it has the nutritional ingredients of bread.

"It is necessary to ingest relatively large amounts of beer in order to obtain what would to a workingman be a relatively small amount of white bread," remarked the FTC.

We wonder if anyone really ever believed that beer is food.—Christian Science Monitor.

A POOR SOLUTION

In Paris the lights may soon be dimmed. In the huge textile mills of Lyons, the spindles are idle. In Belgium the great stell mills in Liege, Charleroi and La Louviere are shut, and in many a European village there is ample food, but no way to get it to the hungry cities, says Time magazine.

Why is the economy of Western Europe still paralyzed? It has a coal famine. Like a wagon without a horse, it lacks the power to start. Until the coal shortage is solved, there is little chance that Europe's shattered economy can be rebuilt or that any sizable trade with the United States can be revived, says Time.

The only remedy that France suggests is to nationalize its coal mines. It seems to have the idea that state solialism of industry, such as the Hitler government established, will in some miraculous manner encourage increased production ,even though it destroys the incentive that flows from individual opportunity.

According to the latest figures, this fuel year will see the United States 37 million tons short of its coal needs. We tried temporary socialization of the coal mines as a remedy for coal strikes. The result was

not surplus coal but continued shortages, One gloomy official in the European area, says: "If the people don't get coal, you can count on choas and revolution." That would mean less coal and more freezng. We had the modern revolution-strikes- in in the United States mines when our country faced its greatest war danger. And the result was less coal. It takes more than revolution and government seizure of property to get production. Until the people learn this, they must expect suffering.



picture, "Tonight And Every Night," with Janet Blair and Marc Platt.

A Free Country

By Ruth Taylor

This is a free country. Sure it is - but free for what? It is free for work. No man has to be what his father was before him. No man has to work where his father worked. In time of emergency we may voluntarily re gulate our man power but it is done under the laws we ourselves made, which are to be abrogated when the need is over.

It is free for knowledge. No man need stay ignorant if he has the will to learn. The history of the country has proven that. Of course, there are differences in the man who truly wants to learn, who is willing to work at the job of getting ahead, can do so. No man need stay ignorant.

It is free for courtesy. Where each man is counted as one, there need be no servile scraping nor condescending nod. Each man is free to accord to every other man the same courtesies of behavior to which he is himself entitled. It takes but one person to be polite.

It is free for friendliness. We are all equals under the law, bound by the same rules and regulations. We can therefore ac- for same, we have a flock of cord the comradeship of citizenry 2000 or so Bureaus and Grand to our neighbor, regardless of his class, creed or color.

It is free for integrity. No man wears the yoke of another. No man is bound to another as his slave .Each man can stand aloneincorrupt, and loyal to the finest ideals.

It is free for thought. The unfettered mind of man is the secret of the advancement of the nation. Here no man need be told what to think or when to think it. He blows not hot or cold as he is ordered. He can be for or against and, provided he keeps to the law of the land - that self-made law of free men - he can think and act as he pleases.

It is free for belief. No man need worship or not worship at the behest of his master. Each man is responsible to his own conscience and to his own concept of God. Strong in his faith, he can stand or fall by what he believes. His beliefs are his own

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THE LOW DOWN from Hickory Grove

As a young nation back there in Plymouth Rock times, we were a sturdy and thrifty lot. We had to be sturdy and alert or we would not have survived the blizzards and tomahawks.

Our Mayflower grandma and grandpa had a log house out there in the edge of the forest-no running water-no grocery educational opportunities - but store and bakery and beauty shoppe down on the corner. These folks laid the foundation for a great nation. Thrift was the corner-stone. Without a stock of beans, and corn, and smoked meat stored in the summertime, there was no eatin' in the winter-

But as time rolled along and as the country prospered we started joining lunch clubs, and golf clubs, and book reviews. We took on some fat around the midriff. We decided it was easier to let the other guy do our heavy thinking for us. And now as a reward Idea Agencies with their feet under our table and their elbow in our ribs. We better choose to return to our Mayflower habitsbefore we find ourselves out in

Yours with the low down, JO SERRA

Local Republican Women ReOrganize

The republican women's organization, organized this spring, has organized this week and will be known hereafter as the Council of Oregon Republican Women, Inc. The reorganization is in accordance with a movement over a large part of the state and replaces the former designation of Pro America. The organization was made early in the spring, with the help of Mrs. George Gerlinger of Portland, Oregons national committee-

Leading the new organization is Mrs. Will Dodge as president; Mrs. Larkin Grubb, vice president; Mrs. Henry C. Galey, secretary; Mrs. Rollie Freeman, treasurer and Mrs. Arthur Peters, Trustee.

Railroad Needs Men to Move War Trains

Shortage of workers has kept a number of critically needed Southern Pacific locomotives and cars from their job of speeding men and war materials toward Japan, L. B. McDonald, vice president in charge of operations for the railroad, said today.

The railroad needs 5,000 more men. To date the Army's plan to furlough 4,000 soldier-railroaders to work on western rail lines for 30-days periods, has increased S. P. personnel by less than 100, Mc-Donald said. Railroads have been given top

employment priority rating by the War Manpower Commission, and from his temporary head-quarters at Potsdam, President Truman has issued an urgent call for 65,000 men to work on western railroads alone, it was pointed out.

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privileges. Immediate need is for and damaged 65 others. machinists, boilermakers, pipefitters, electricians, carmen, signal-

The agent at any Southern Pacific station will accept applica- stadt, Austria, last May. tions for employment, and the job, it was stated.

Cpl. James Harris Will Return Soon

With the 15th Air Force-After long service in Italy with the 15th Air Force, Cpl. James H. Harris of Box 1291, Medford, Ore. Bomb Group. He has 85 points.

Since coming overseas, he has been assigned to the 456th Bombardment Group commanded by Col. Thomas W. Steed, of Etowah ,Tenn., a B-24 Liberator bomber group which has partici pated in numerous bombings of German-held targets throughout southern Europe and the Balkans

The veteran unit is being returned to the States for a period of training and receipt of new equipment before jumping into the battle against Japan. The training and additional equipment has been made necessary because of the changed tactical situations which ground and air men of the group will experience in the Pacific Theatre.

The group has flown 238 combat missions since entering the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations, having bombed such vital targets as Vienna, Austria, Wiener Neustadt, Austria; Munich, Germany; Ploesti, Roumania; coastal fortifications on southern France before D-Day; as well as numerous other pin-point bombing on enemy troop concentrations in northern Italy.

In all, the group bombed over 126 different targets, dropping nearly 14,000 tons of bombs. Gun-

overtime pay ,as well as hospital ners destroyed 130° enemy airbenefits, insurance, railroad pass planes, probably destroyed 53

The group has been authorized six battle participation stars, and men, switchmen, brakemen, fire- was awarded the Distinguished men telegraphers, carpenters and Unit Citation for its "outstanding performance of duty in bombing aircraft factories at Wiener Neu-

The group completed operarailroad will furnish free trans- tions in the MTO with a perfect portation to qualified applicants (100 per cent within 1,000 feet) from point of recruitment to the bombing assault on Tarvisio Motor Transport Depot in northern Italy.

Jim Powers in Crew of Hospital Ship

Jim Powers, Seaman, first class USNR, of Ashland, Oregon is a member of the crew of the U.S. will soon return to the United Navy Hospital Ship Samaritan States with the veteran 456th now undergoing repairs in Portland, Ore.

The Samaritan, commanded by Commander W. A. McCreery, U SNR, evacuated wounded from the historic battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa this year. In 1944, the Samaritan's role of mercy was played at Saipan and Pelle-

The Samaritan has 600 beds and is a modern floating hospital. It carries 14 doctors, 19 nurses three dentists, three hospit a l corps officers and 153 enlisted corpsmen.

The Senior Medical Officer is Captain R. W. Hayworth (MC) USN, of Asheboro, South Caro-

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