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### Formula for Youth

If we remember correctly it was George Bernard Shaw who said, "Youth is such a wonderful thing it's a shame to waste it on children."

Down through the ages men—and certainly women, too—have sought means of rolling back the years so that they might keep that magic thing called youth. But no one has found a way of keeping perpetually young.

Gradually, however, people are realizing that a tender age does not in itself constitute youth, nor do advancing years necessarily take it away. A striking statement about youth was given to General MacArthur in 1942 and he keeps it on his desk. It says, in part:

"Youth is not a time of life—it is a state of mind.

"Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years; people grow old by deserting their ideals. Years wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul. Worry, doubt, self-distrust, fear and despair—these are the long, long years that bow the head and turn the growing spirit back to dust.

"You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear; as young as your hope, as old as your despair."

It would seem that the General has applied this statement to himself for not only does he look much younger than his 65 years, but his faith and self-confidence make his "young" enough to come back after the disaster of Bataan, whereas doubt and despair might have made another man of fewer years too "old" for such a feat.

### Danger! Rackets at Work

With nearly 50,000 men pouring out of the ranks daily with their discharge pay in their pockets American Better Business Bureaus are warning them, and all citizens, to be alert for bunco artists and confidence men who make money by "relieving" the unsuspecting of theirs.

Among 750 rackets used to defraud the public many are aimed especially at veterans just out of the service. The vet who wants to get a business of his own may find himself being offered—usually "confidentially"—a rare "opportunity" to buy such an enterprise. But if he hands over his money before carefully checking the character of the persons he deals with or the soundness of the enterprise he may find that both his "benefactors" and the "business" have suddenly vanished into thin air.

In the years immediately after 1918 the American public was defrauded of more than \$400 million in Liberty Bonds and other savings. With present savings far exceeding the 1918 figure the smooth-talking, fast-working gentry aim to reap a much bigger harvest this time.

Better Business Bureaus are waging a determined fight to prevent this but the degree of their success will depend largely upon the degree of public cooperation. Here are a few tips: 1. Don't be overanxious to put your money into a business—new or old. 2. Don't allow yourself to be rushed into a deal. 3. Be wary of secret transactions. 4. Investigate thoroughly before you invest. 5. Don't hesitate to contact the nearest Better Business Bureau or to ask the advice of reputable citizens.

Remember, it's your hard-earned money. Why not protect it?

### Pearl Harbor Inquiry

The Congressional investigation of the Pearl Harbor disaster should be neither a witch hunt nor a white wash. It should seek simply to gather the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth about that historic fiasco and then let the facts speak for themselves.

It has become quite apparent that the whole story has not been told through previous investigations. It is also evident that military officials are not anxious to have some of the facts publicized, since they reveal instances of startling incompetence and negligence on the part of many of those who were responsible for the defense of Pearl Harbor.

It will be much better, however, for all of us, including both political and military officials, if there is a complete airing of all the facts, no matter how embarrassing. Unless this is done false reports and accusations will be repeated indefinitely.

More important, unless all pieces of the puzzle are put together it will not be possible to undertake such changes in our military organization and personnel as are necessary to prevent another "Pearl Harbor" should there be the horror of another war.

The vitriolic charges and counter charges which have been hurled back and forth by investigating congressmen who are on opposite sides of the political fence are not contributing to a clearer public understanding of the tragic affair.

Their duty is to seek neither to persecute nor protect anyone in the course of their inquiry, but to do the job thoroughly and honestly.

For our future safety we cannot afford to continue fighting the battle of Pearl Harbor forever.

### Unified Command

In spite of the chill autumn winds that whistle past the magnificent piles of masonry along the Potomac, the temperature around Washington has been quite warm—especially under certain well-starched collars.

There are reasons. One is the private war waged in Congressional committee hearings between the "top brass" of the Army and Navy on the question of a unified command.

For weeks the generals have carried the battle in favor of unification. From all indications they have established a pretty solid beachhead. The admirals, caught somewhat off balance, have seen some of their thickest armour of conservatism pierced by Army big guns.

We laymen do not understand the in and outs of military politics or the frictions and pealouses between the two services. But we are pretty well convinced that separate commands are costly—in money and in lives. Millions of our dollars were wasted when the Army and Navy bid against each other for supplies in the open market during the war. As to lives, need we mention Pearl Harbor as one example?

A unified command will hardly eliminate all mistakes which occur under divided authority, nor will it banish all bickering between Army and Navy. But mistakes should be fewer and friction better controlled.

In the final analysis, we simply can't afford the dangerous luxury of permitting our armed forces to work at cross purposes or to forego cohesive planning if America is to be fully prepared to defend herself.

## LOCAL HAPPENINGS

The Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Griffin and daughter Eva and husband were overnight visitors in Ashland last Tuesday, continuing on to Lakeview Wednesday to spend the Thanksgiving holiday at home. The Griffins have been at Reedsport, where Rev. Griffin was temporarily filling in the pulpit. The Griffins are former residents of Ashland and number their friends by Legion. While here Rev. Griffin was pastor of the Baptist church.

Lowell Ager, local surveyor and timber cruiser, returned last week from Susanville, California, where he had represented a large timber concern in the sale of a large body of timber in that area. Storms and bad roads forced a temporary halt to the cruising of the timber involved in the deal. Mr. Ager plans to return to complete the job as soon as weather conditions permit. The sale involved an estimated 300 million feet of timber, and Mr. Ager will be several months completing the cruising of the timber.

Henry Van Prooyen, local mail carrier spent several days in San Francisco during the Thanksgiving holidays. He was accompanied to Frisco by Mrs. Emma Hagar and daughter Eunice. Miss Hagar is a teacher at Washington school. They returned in time to be on the job Monday. During Mr. Van Prooyen's absence the mail along main street was carried by Miss Aikin.

In justice court this week John Loren Oskar plead guilty to a charge of passing with insufficient clearance and paid \$2.00 fine and \$4.50 costs. Walter Monroe McKeen plead guilty to operating without a license and was fined \$2.00 and \$4.50 costs. Dudley Max Solomon was cited to appear Wednesday afternoon on a charge of using void foreign license on his car.

Roy N. Gillam, recently discharged from the army, has designated Howard Oden's sport shop as headquarters for his maintenance work on typewriters, adding machines, binoculars etc. Mr. Gillam is at present at Yreka, but plans to move to Ashland when he can secure living quarters. Those in need of technical service on office machines can get Mr. Gillam by calling Oden's Sport Shop.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Moore have purchased the property at 308 Liberty St. formerly owned by J. E. Peck.

### CARD OF THANKS

We take this means of expressing our sincere appreciation for the many kindnesses and helpful assistance rendered to us in our hour of bereavement. And we wish to say "thank you" for the many beautiful floral pieces.

Mrs. Grace Parks  
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cowdrey and family  
Mrs. Iva Blackwell and family  
Roland Parks and family

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Bergen have purchased the Earl Hoadly place on the Klamath Highway and have taken possession. Mr. and Mrs. Bergen have just returned from a trip to their old home at Rock Springs, Wyoming.

Mr. and Mrs. George Miller from Alhambra, California are contemplating buying property on which they will erect an Auto Court and Service Station.

Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Dalkenburg from Salem, Oregon have been visiting the past week, with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Dalkenburg on Liberty St.

Lyle Tame of Dead Indian, transacted business in Ashland Monday.

Happy Hour Services for the boys and girls at the Free Methodist Church on 777 E. Main St. every afternoon at 4 p.m. after school. Julia Mae Weber our Conference Field Secretary in charge. She will be giving Felto-gram stories, object lessons, magic lessons, contests, songs, and choruses and prizes. All children are welcome to attend these services.

Numerous new volumes have been added to the High School library this week. The 65 books cover many types of literature, science biography, reference, included in the collection of both fiction and non-fiction.

Joseph Edward Harper, Ashland Arrested on the charge of being drunk and disorderly, plead guilty in City Court, fined \$10.00 and \$2.50 costs.

Donald Wesley Mitchell, Ashland, Arrested on a charge of loitering on public streets at 2:30 a. m. plead guilty, fined \$7.50 and \$2.50 costs, twenty days suspended on future good behavior and payment of fine and costs.

Russell Howard Utter, Ashland, arrested for aiding and abetting a minor to violate the city curfew law, plead guilty, fined \$7.50 and

\$2.50 costs. Ten days suspended jail sentence on condition good behavior and payment of fine and costs.

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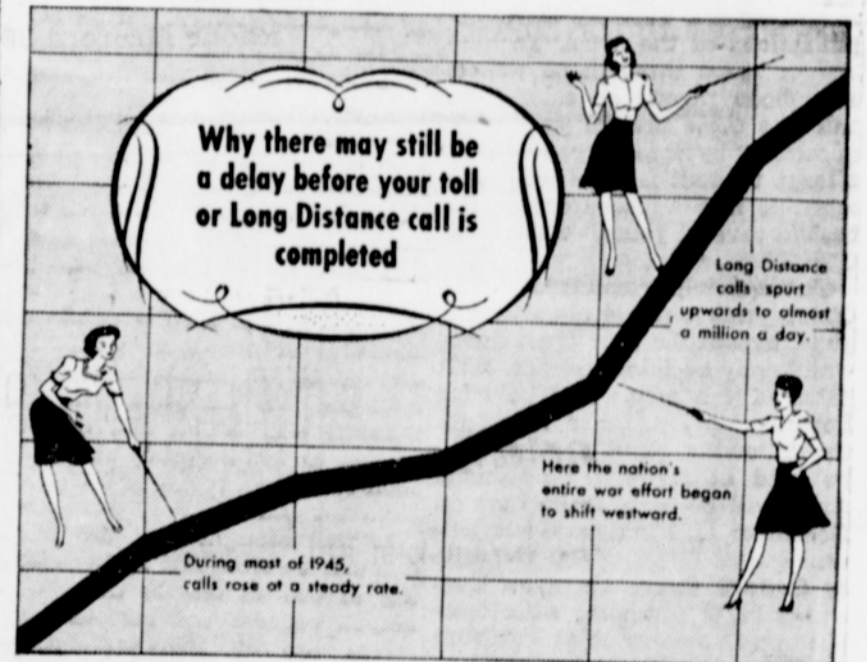
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It also tells you why...even though we are making swift progress in bringing service back to normal...your Long Distance call may sometimes be delayed, or the operator may ask you to limit it to five minutes.

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