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## WANTED: A LITTLE FEAR—

A veteran air line pilot who had broken all records for safe flying was asked how he did it. He replied that he had never taken off without a little fear in his heart.

Fear is a distasteful word to most Americans. It connotes cowardice. Our forefathers did not win a wilderness by being afraid, yet the early settlers took no foolish chances. They built stockades for protection, and they kept their powder dry. That is what the air-line pilot meant when he confessed fear. Not timidity. His was intelligent fear.

This weekend millions of Americans will commemorate the birth of this nation's independence. It would be well to approach the occasion with intelligent fear—recognition of the extra hazards, determination to meet them with extra care.

The National Safety council tells us that the Fourth of July is one of the most dangerous single periods of the year. The council's exhortation to "Be Alive on the Fifth" is not just a slogan, because it is statistically possible—even probable—that hundreds of persons who begin this holiday will not be alive on the fifth. They will be an anonymous part of a short word—toll—which fits neatly into newspaper headlines.

So if you are driving this weekend and your patience is strained by a slow-moving jam of cars ahead, be a little afraid to pull out of line and race into the unknown.

The "dud" firecracker will not suddenly blind or burn if a touch of fear keeps you from rushing forward with match in hand to relight a faulty fuse. Or better yet, listen to fear which tells you to forego personal fire works altogether, and to give your kids a bigger thrill at the public displays.

Recklessness, thoughtlessness, chance-taking, a show-off attitude, impatience, discourtesy. These are the things Fourth of July accidents are made of.

Intelligent fear of the consequences may give you pause—and save your life. Don't mistake foolhardiness for courage. A chance in a million is not the wise man's odds.

Get a little scared on the Fourth — and be alive on the fifth!

## INDEPENDENCE — FOR WHAT?

In the excitement of celebrating the "Fourth" how much thought is given to the official title "Independence Day?" Or has this too been relegated to the limbo of so-called "narrow nationalism" by our enterprising left-wing propagandists?

When disloyalty and sabotage is disclosed in high places and among Americans, products of our educational system, the conclusions are far from encouraging. Especially is this true, when under oath the guilty ones have declared their training in American history and government to have been totally lacking. Small wonder that love and respect for our republic has fallen to such a low ebb in recent years.

The well known radio broadcaster, Henry J. Taylor, who talks about "Your Land and Mine" over the air, made a survey of 1,650,000 students in universities and colleges across the country and made the startling discovery that less than 12% were studying American history or government.

The Fourth of July might be an appropriate date to evaluate the rights and duties involved in the citizenship of every American without regard for race, creed or color. Too many are willing to take all the guarantees of independence for granted and to give nothing in return, including loyalty and allegiance. Too often is license substituted for liberty and a free-for-all paternalism for a free-to-all enterprise system. Without appreciation of the underlying principles involved in American independence there can be small hope for a stable and strong nation. Building upon the past is the surest way to guarantee a long time future.

F. M.



## From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

### Maybe This'll Wake Us Up!

Because a couple of thoughtless drivers threw a newspaper out of their car yesterday, Miss Gilbert, our school principal, nearly had a bad accident.

She was following them on the highway and the paper flattened over her windshield, so she couldn't see. In a minute her little coupe was across the line—right in the path of an oncoming trailer-truck. It missed... but only just!

The parties were recognized and soon as I heard about it I ran over to Sheriff Harper—demanded they be brought up on charges. But

Harper says: "Hold on, Joe. Let's talk this out, over supper and a glass of beer at Andy's."

He pointed out that these men aren't criminals. Just careless, like a lot of us seem to be getting these days, judging from the trash you see along roadsides. From where I sit, this near accident may be the lesson we need to make us stop littering our roads—and start showing a little tolerant consideration for our neighbors!

Joe Marsh

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## Letter From Washington...

By Hon. Harris Ellsworth, Congressman, 4th District

After many months of discussion, the House Ways and Means Committee produced a tax bill. It reduces a number of the more irritating "war excise" taxes. To make up for revenue thus eliminated, the committee provided for some additional taxation, the heavy burden of which will fall on large corporate incomes. There is little doubt that the bill will pass both House and Senate and be signed by the President. It should be noted that this tax bill does not actually reduce or eliminate taxes at will raise substantially the same amount of money as is being levied now. The new bill shifts the places from which tax collections are made and it will seem like a mild relief. But the people, the consumers, will continue to pay the taxes — indirectly.

When the appropriations bill is finally completed by the Senate and cleared through conference and final passage by both Houses, I believe it will contain some really good news for the people at Charleston on Coos Bay. Meanwhile, I am able to report that the Engineers anticipate the availability of funds for beginning work on that project soon after the middle of July, and are even now completing plans and designs for the bulkheads and some other construction there. When I visit Charleston and Coos Bay this fall, I shall enjoy telling the whole rather involved story of our struggle to secure this appropriation.

There is a saying to the effect that an elephant never forgets. Apparently the Democratic donkey has a long memory too. Two years ago President Truman decided he wanted a balcony on the south portico of the White House. The Truman plan to change the architecture of the White House was presented to the Federal Fine Arts Commission, composed of nationally-known and qualified experts in the art, architectural and engineering fields. The commission unanimously disapproved of a balcony being located in the middle of the south portico of the White House.

White House officials made no secret that the President was plenty "burned" over the Commission's decision and, disregarding the advice of the experts, went ahead and had the balcony made a part of the White House, already crumbling from old age and decay. Since then a major repair job has been started on the executive mansion.

This week the terms of four members of the Fine Arts Commission who opposed the President's balcony expired. The President refused to reappoint any of the four, replacing them with new members.

Robert L. McCormick, Research Director of the Citizen's Committee for the Hoover Report, says his organization is very much opposed to two of President Truman's latest proposals for reorganization of the executive departments. McCormick was assistant to Herbert Hoover during the operation of the Reorganization Committee.

McCormick declared that the President's two recent proposals regarding the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and the creation of a Department of Health, Education and Security are "in conflict with the recommendations of the Hoover Commission."

The President wants the RFC transferred to the Commerce Department. The Hoover Commission said the RFC should be transferred to the jurisdiction of the Treasury Department.

The reorganization plan creating a Department of Health, Education and Security also is "at variance" with Hoover Commission recommendations. McCormick said that the President's plan would put the health service under the jurisdiction of the Social Security Administrator, while the Hoover Commission urged that the health service be set up as an independent United Medical Administration, taking in the medical activities of the Armed Services and the Veterans' Administration.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
 We wish to express our thanks for the help given us, and the beautiful flowers sent at the time of the recent loss of our loved one.

Mrs. James C. Gould  
 Albert C. Gould  
 Mrs. Annie M. Klinger  
 Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Currie

## Barton LaFon Tops SOC Honor Roll

Barton LaFon of Ashland headed the spring term honor roll at Southern Oregon college with a 4.00 grade point average, which represents straight A's in all work. Thirty students are included on the honor roll for spring term, according to Mrs. Mabel Winston, registrar. Requirements are a grade point average of 3.5 or better in at least 12 hours work.

Among the honor roll students are: Billee B. Bailey, Robert Boyer, Jerry R. Bruce, Ed Butler, Marjorie Fliniau, Amasa L. Gilman, Ray Hassell, William N. Hederick, Marilyn Matheny, Emma Redbird, and Bruce Smith, all of Ashland and Wesley E. Claflin, Phoenix.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Romanchuk and 3 children of Alberta, Canada, are visiting with Mrs. Romanchuk's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Eliason of 128 Wimer street. Little Linda served as flower girl for the wedding on Saturday evening of her aunt, Barbara Eliason to Keith Morrill.

## FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST (Christian Church) Second and B Streets.

Earl F. Downing, Minister  
 Bible School, 9:45 a.m.  
 Morning Service, 11:00 a.m.  
 Junior Church, 11:00 a.m., for the children.

Sermon, "Our Sacred Honor." Anthem by the Choir, directed by Doris Renzma.

Christian Endeavor and evening service dismissed to unite with the service in the park at 6 p.m. Fireside 7:30 p.m. at the Gresham home.

Midweek Service: Wednesday at 7:15 p.m.

## FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

Pioneer Avenue, South.  
 Sunday morning service at 11 o'clock.

Subject: God.  
 Golden Text: Psalms 99:9 Exalt the Lord Our God and worship at His holy hill; for the Lord our God is holy.

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

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