

Prize Essay Wins Heppner Youth Trip to United Nations

The following is the prize-winning essay written by Jack Sumner in the contest for the Odd Fellows United Nations Youth Pilgrimage. Sumner, who was chosen for the trip, will leave Heppner July 5.

WHAT THE UNITED NATIONS MEANS TO ME

On August 9, 1941, a cold, gray morning at Argentinia, Newfoundland Franklin D. Roosevelt stood on deck of an American cruiser, The U. S. S. AUGUSTA. Slowly, out of the mist came a British warship, the PRINCE OF WALES. Aboard was Prime Minister Winston Churchill, who had risked submarine attack to attend a meeting that was to have such a great bearing upon the destiny of the world. It was at this little known port, during a four day period, that Roosevelt and Churchill originated the idea of a United Nations. About six months later a Declaration by the United Nations had been signed by 26 nations who

pledged to cooperate in the war effort. The United Nations received its name from this document.

At that time we who lived in Heppner, Oregon, or anywhere else in America, did not realize what this meeting would mean to us. Now we know many of the facts; we know the United Nations means a great deal to us and to all mankind throughout the world.

During the year 1945, a year of controversy and argument, the United Nations began to take shape. It officially came into existence October 24, 1945, after a charter created by delegates representing 50 nations was finally finished. This was the beginning of an organization which was to tackle many difficult problems and act as a mediator to the world's uneasy peace.

The United Nations has many great problems to solve, but it is constantly striving to better the conditions that will favor peaceful and friendly relations among

all people of the world. It attempts to accomplish this aim by fighting against hunger, illiteracy, and disease; by raising the standards of living throughout the world; and by establishing the rights and dignity of men everywhere. It is trying to provide the machinery for adjusting differences between nations when negotiations fail to bring agreement; to build the power to use diplomatic, economic, or even military force against aggression and other violations of the peace. The purposes of the United Nations "remain constant despite new dangers and unforeseen situations." These purposes are lofty and ideal, but at the same time difficult to obtain. The future of mankind, from a Chinese coolie in a rice paddy to a dark-suited businessman of Wall Street, may well hinge on how successful the United Nations is in accomplishing these ends. Each one of us will be deeply influenced by the course of the United Nations' action, and therefore is deeply in-

terested in what they do.

"... to feed hungry people." There are millions of hungry, starving, and undernourished people throughout the world, although this is sometimes difficult for those of us who live in America to realize this. War, drought, floods, insect plagues, and similar disasters make these conditions far worse. There is never enough food to eat, and "... since hunger and poverty breed war, food is a powerful weapon for peace." People who face this constant hunger and poverty think communism is the best way out, and face easy prey to the popaganda of the Kremlin. It is this condition that the Food and Agriculture Organization claims as its principle target. This is an organ of the United Nations.

"... to fight disease." "A world war is on against disease." This war is waged by the World Health Organization which is launching an international attack against all forms of disease. Throughout the world malaria is killing millions and crippling more for life. Tuberculosis is another mass killer. There are countless other diseases that besiege the world and take a tremendous toll of humanity. This organization is carrying on an endless fight to wipe out such diseases, to improve nutrition, pub-

lic sanitation, and to promote many other health projects. We know that a world free of disease would be a better place to live.

"... to find homes for refugees." "A man without a country ... is a refugee. He is driven to far-away places by war and by men who hate him or his race ..." No one would like to be in such a circumstance. The International Refugee Organization is aiding such people. Millions of individuals have been helped, resettled in a new place or returned

to their homeland, but many still need assistance. Thousands of missing children have been located. No one can tell when his own home or country might be hit by similar hardships of hatred and war. To have an organization like this to provide for such unfortunate people is to support the basic principle of humanity and brotherhood upon which the United Nations is founded.

"... to protect human rights." "The worth of the individual and his inalienable right to basic civil and political liberty are comparatively new ideas in the world's history." The United Nations has drawn up a Universal Declaration of Human Rights which is to achieve the protection of the fundamental freedoms of individuals everywhere regardless of who they are. To us as individuals this is very important (Continued on Page 2)



Charles A. Tom

Republican Candidate for Nomination for Legislature 22nd Dist.

—Morrow and Sherman County Farmer—Wheat, Cattle.

—Chairman Land Economics Committee & Taxation Committee, State Agric. Planning Conference.

—Graduate OSC & Cornell Univ., Agricultural Economics.

Veteran Granger
Pd. Adv. C. A. Tom, Rufus, Ore.

MAGIC IN MOTION!

We invite you to take an "Airborne" ride in the New *Aero Willys*

Up to **35 Miles Per Gallon** with Overdrive*

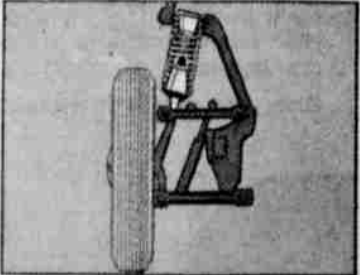
Loafs at 60—Cruises at 75—with Power To Spare

6 Ft. Wide—Only 5 Ft. High



Equipment, specifications and trim subject to change without notice. *Optional equipment extra. White side-wall tires, optional when available.

A soft, silent ride plus spacious seats plus "take-off" power plus unmatched mileage—ALL COMBINED IN ONE GREAT CAR!



A Cloud-Soft Ride because coil springs, new aero-type shock absorbers and rubber pillows soak up road roughness and vibration.



A Spacious Interior, with 61-inch-wide seating front and rear, gives six adults the roomy comfort you expect in only largest cars.



Free-Breathing F-head design and 7.6 compression give more power and mileage from every drop of gas in the Hurricane 6 Engine.



Easy To Park, easy to drive... you see all four fenders from the driver's seat... see the road 10 feet ahead over the sloping hood!

Farley Motor Company

HEPPNER



Hodge CHEVROLET CO. HEPPNER

1ST GRADE NATURAL RUBBER TIRES

20% OFF

STILL A GOOD SELECTION OF Passenger and Truck Sizes