

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although the use of a pen-name of initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarity and condensation.

**Fan Protests**

To the editor: It was with amazement and admiration that I witnessed the exhibit of the "American way" and the "free enterprise" system in connection with the sale of reserved seats for the Medford-Grant football game.

Even in high school sports the school officials seem to understand very thoroughly the theory of scarcity economics. I really admire the cynicism of the school official who wants to continue the imposition of scarcity in seating capacity thus enabling the school and others to cash in on the demand.

I stood in a line of about 500 people the other morning for better than two hours awaiting an opportunity to purchase two tickets for the Thanksgiving day game, only to learn that the first 50 in the line had been permitted to buy 10 tickets each, thus exhausting the available supply of reserved seats.

Later I was offered tickets at \$5 per each ticket by certain profiteers and "scalpers." Still later I learned that high school students were soliciting sale of reserved seats at \$5 for the game with plenty of tickets available at the price. But at least 450 people were turned away Tuesday morning because the reserved seats were all sold out.

All this may be very satisfactory to the commercialized high school sports standpoint. Nevertheless, I shall no longer be interested in the Medford high school football team.

C. B. WALKER.

**Navy Vs. Army**

To the editor: This struggle is not a football contest, as the caption would indicate, but is one arising out of a very sane suggestion by someone knowing all the facts relating to the friction between these two branches of our service that they should be consolidated under one head, said consolidation to include the air forces, with a top ranking air man in full command as fu-

ture wars will be won by the contestant having the greatest air power.

War, like everything else has stepped out of the horse and buggy age of slow motion into one of speed, not on the water, but in the air, with bomber fighting and pursuit planes, with speed up to 500 miles per hour, with fast transport planes capable of landing regiments fully equipped for several days in the field.

We have only to glance at what the air forces accomplished in Japan and the South Pacific in conjunction with the trained ground forces, to place this new arm of our defense service on the top rung of the ladder and just below them on the second rung, the gallant forces comprising all units of the infantry, the backbone of all fighting forces in any man's war.

Now as to the disposition of the navy, we have no more use for giant battleships, cruisers and destroyers. They are too slow, they belong in the horse and buggy age. They are too easy a mark for the airman; they should be dispensed with and their personnel transferred to the coast guard and marines or used in building up a large merchant marine to carry the products of our factories and the surplus of our farms to the dwellers on the shores of the seven seas.

—G. H. Young.

**Welcome Home—Union Style**

To the editor: I am a returned veteran of 42 months of overseas duty. I have gone through the hell of Guadalcanal, New Georgia, Battle of the Coral Sea, Tulagi, Tinian, Tarawa, then on to Saipan, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Sick and suffering from fever and after waiting two months for transportation home I finally arrived back in the States, the land of the free, (so it is called.)

I received a discharge and went out to find one of the many jobs we veterans have been promised. I found one. Swell employer and good hours.

On the third day a fugitive from the draft board approached me and said, "hey Bud, do you belong to the union?" I replied "no." So he says, "well, if you

want to work you had better wise up and join the union or else." I told him I was a returned veteran and according to the G. I. Bill of rights I did not have to join a union.

So he says, "well, you boys run the show over there, but here we do." I honestly was dumb-founded. My employer was helpless. The union racketeer told me to either join up in three days or make myself scarce. Rather than cause my employer any grief or a chance to be picketed I walked off the job. Not because I was scared but because I've seen enough trouble.

Is this what we have been fighting for? I've seen whiter fellows on the Japanese islands in the South Pacific.

While your sons, fathers, brothers, and the husbands have been through the bloody hell of war these draft-dodgers have been sitting back like an octopus and slowly squeezing the life out of the country. I believe there are other veterans who have gone through this. If so why not let the public know what is happening. Surely the unions as a whole are not proud of what is happening. You wonder why some of us are bitter. Well, who has a better right to be? It is time for a home front cleaning so let's get started. I, for one, am going back into the service and ask for foreign duty.

—An Ex-Marine. (Name on file.)

The city of Sonora, Tuolumne County seat, was incorporated May 1, 1851.

**S. P. Will Borrow For Equipment**

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The loan, at an interest rate of 1.70 per cent per year, will finance 4,050 pieces of freight equipment, already ordered, which will cost about \$16,000,000, President A. T. Mercier said.

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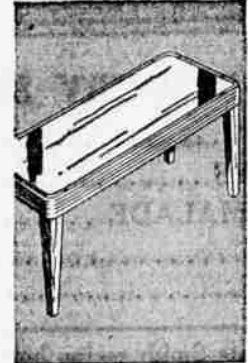
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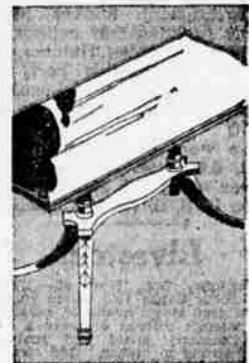
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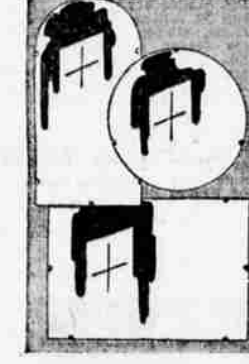
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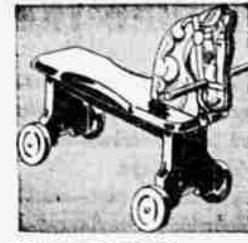
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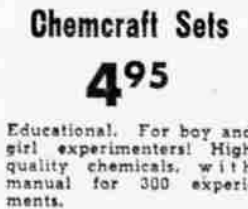
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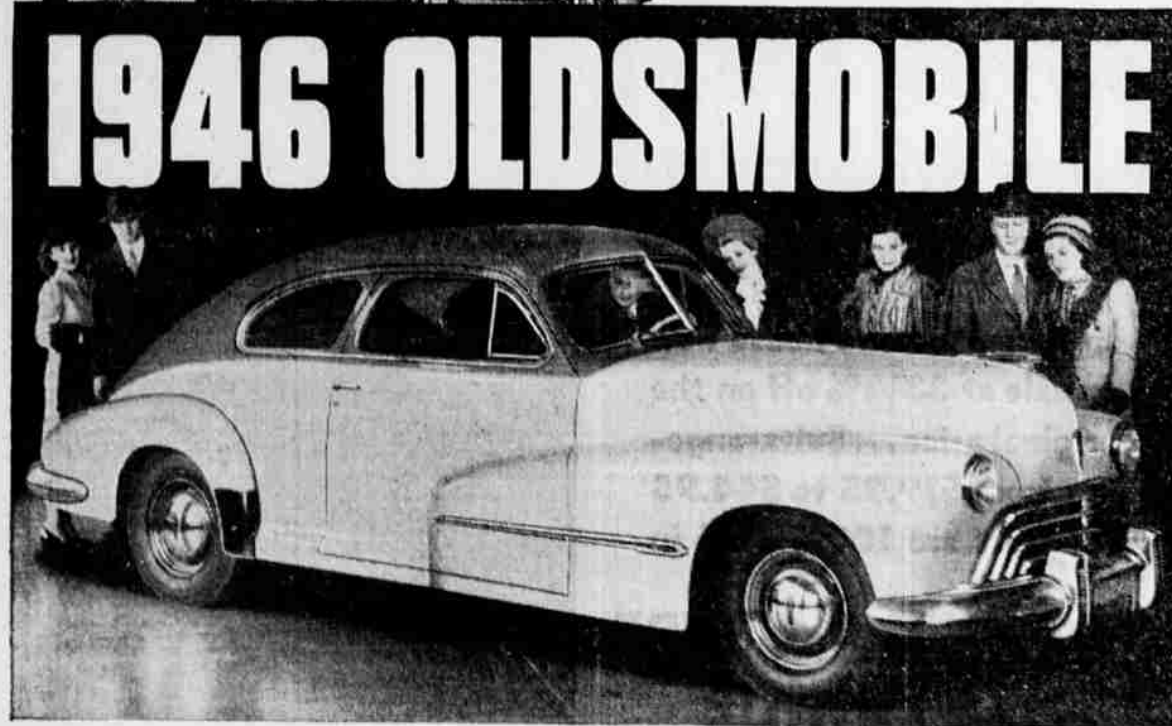


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