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Watch Carefully For Fire Hazards

The people of the United States have again been warned that suicide air raids by the Axis may still be expected. In the meantime another raider, fire, is working daily in our midst destroying millions of dollars worth of vital property.

Whether a factory or a home is burned or bombed, the loss is the same. With warehouses now full of irreplaceable farm crops, and with vital war materials stored throughout the country, a warning should go out for every citizen to be doubly alert to fire hazards.

All over the nation, possibility of fire has been increased by housing developments of a flammable character, by war industries operating in buildings never intended to house them, and by inadequate or inaccessible water supplies in areas never prepared for storage or production purposes. These are but a few of the hazards as deadly as any bombing raid.

There is little excuse for the existence of such fire hazards. They are generally controllable through painstaking inspections. Every individual in every plant and home should be enlisted to help with such inspection and fire prevention work, just as they are enlisted to sell war bonds. It is as important to prevent fire which destroys property or goods which the nation buys with the money from war bonds, as it is to sell the bonds. It may not be as spectacular to prevent fires as it is to fight them, but it certainly is a more effective means of conserving immediately needed resources.

In 1914, when the first World War started, annual fire losses in the United States were a little over 200 million dollars. They increased to over 350 million dollars by 1918, and rose to exceed 550 million dollars in 1925.

When the second World War started in 1939, our annual fire losses had been reduced to about 275 million dollars, in spite of tremendously increased property values over 1914. From that date on, however, losses began a slow but steady rise, and now stand at slightly more than 325 million dollars. This is a great improvement over the sharp jump in losses during World War I, particularly with present enormously increased values.

Now is the time to redouble efforts to curb fire losses and prevent such a rise on this controllable waste as took place during and after the first World War. We can all help win the fire prevention battle on the home front and save lives as well as money.

Down To The Gunwales

Farmers and the food sellers find themselves in a boat which is being so overloaded with price restrictions and regulations that it is close to floundering. Commenting on this situation, Albert S. Goss, president of the National Grange, in addressing the National Association of Food Chains, said:

"Food is rapidly becoming the world's number one problem. We are waking up to the fact that the United States has not been feeding itself for the past ten years; that we have imported more food than we have exported. Because of some very unwise OPA policies, we are prevented from raising the maximum amount of needed food. The average farm prices are high enough. Some commodities may be too high, while others are definitely too low."

"The OPA is supplanting the laws of nature with the laws of the swivel chair. The mistake is made of violating all laws of economics by trying to force all prices into a common mold. When we set ceilings, based on average costs, we strangle the production of those commodities with costs above the ceilings, and create shortages. A frost may take 90% of the Georgia peach crop, and if we try to hold Georgia peach growers to the same price level as in an area with a bumper crop, the Georgia peach growers will go broke. These unworkable directives create impossible conditions which will eventually blow up."

Clearing The Track To Push Forward

It has remained for Joseph B. Eastman, director of the Office of Defense Transportation for the government, to recognize officially the fact that a lot of our manpower shortage is the result of rules and regulations that were often devised for the specific purpose of making two jobs where one was sufficient.

Unless vigorous remedies are undertaken at once, the country is headed for a crisis in railroad manpower, says Mr. Eastman. In

a 13-point program to forestall such a crisis, he recommends as an important essential the suspension for the duration in certain circumstances of full-crew laws and engine mileage limitations.

Mr. Eastman recognizes that the railroads have gone the limit in expanding service under many restrictions, and that the time has come to remove any artificial barrier which blocks the fullest use of available manpower and equipment in this critical period.

This should be hailed by both labor and management as an opportunity to once more demonstrate that America's rail transportation system and its workers can and will conquer problems as they arise. As a war emergency, it is to be hoped the suggestion of Mr. Eastman will be considered in this light.

Destructive Taxation

One social planner recently expressed the opinion that socialized medicine, as advocated in legislation now before Congress, would be as logical as our publicly-operated, tax-supported educational system. He is wrong in at least two respects. In the first place, control of the school system is in the hands of local citizens and is supported by local tax funds. Control of the medical system, as envisaged by the socialistic planners, would not only stem directly from the central government, but from one man in that government—the Surgeon General—who, backed by more than \$3,000,000,000 (three billion) of public funds, would reach into the smallest community with authority as complete and compelling as that of any dictator.

Secondly, the assumption of the planner in question that the educational system has been a resounding success, while the medical profession has been lacking in accomplishment, is certainly not based on fact. The growth of bureaucracy, strife between labor and capital, tragic lack of statesmanship in both public and industrial life in this country, are all traceable in a great measure to the failure of education for the first grade up. It is a fatal mistake to assume that public education is a success because of the simple fact that most people can read and write.

Any doctor who had the temerity to suggest that medicine reached eternal perfection with the discovery of anesthesia, would be laughed off as a lunatic. The medical profession, under the stimulant of private incentive, never rests on its laurels. In spite of the doctor shortage due to war demands, the death rate of the nation in 1942 was the lowest on record, 10.3 per thousand. And its accomplishments in saving the lives of American soldiers are miraculous and have outstripped all past records.

Measured by service to humanity, the private medical profession need not take a back seat for any other activity. Its constant research has resulted in uninterrupted progress. The most ardent advocates of socialized medicine cannot deny these facts.

Deserters, What Else?

The head of the American Legion, in addressing labor leaders, said that a man who lays down his tools on a war job to strike is just as guilty of an act of treason as a soldier who deserts his post of duty.

Labor leaders bitterly assailed this viewpoint, but their arguments are unconvincing. Morally, it is no less treasonable for a man to throw down his tools which provide a soldier with equipment to fight than it is for the soldier to throw down his weapons and refuse to fight.

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PAGE ITEMS

Mrs. La Vern Stevens and children came over from Chambers Tuesday for a visit with Page relatives and friends.

Lloyd Fusselman, who is employed in defense work in Hastings, arrived Saturday evening and left Monday morning, accompanied by his family for Hastings where they will make their home.

William S. Howell, who had spent a five day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Howell, left Thursday for Omaha where he spent the day before returning to his duties at the Officers Naval Training School at Ames, Iowa.

Mrs. George Fairbanks entertained Mr. and Mrs. Roy Haynes and family at a dinner at her home Wednesday evening, honoring the third birthday of her daughter, Edna, and the 12th birthday of her son, Johnny.

Mrs. H. S. Harper entertained a few at her home Sunday noon at a family dinner. Those present

were: Mrs. Ida B. Chase, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Tipton and Jeannie and Louise and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beelart, Bobby and Brenda.

John Lamason, who teaches at Adams, spent the week-end vacation visiting relatives and friends in Page.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eickhoff moved the latter part of the week from the residence property east of the Farmers store to the Bernholtz property west of the school house.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Coover returned last week from several days spent visiting at Newcastle, Wyoming.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Snyder, of Ainsworth, visited Page relatives and friends on Tuesday.

Mrs. Eva Gray entertained at a family dinner at her home Friday evening honoring her son, Sgt. Virgil Chase of Salt Lake City. Guests were: Sgt. Chase, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Walker and family, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Weyer and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baber and children of Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Murphy and Mrs. Doris Murphy and daughter, Marion, were Tilden visitors Sunday.

Mrs. Mildred Roche, who has been seriously ill at her home, is showing some signs of improvement.

Postmaster and Mrs. B. H. Stevens received word from their son, Kenneth, that he is on his way over seas.

Miss Virginia Murphy went to Lincoln Wednesday where she spent the remainder of the week visiting her sister, Ruth, who is attending the University there, and with other relatives and friends.

Miss Marian Prill, who teaches at Valentine, attended teachers Convention at Norfolk last week and spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Prill.

Mrs. Elsie Ballentyne and children, Jim and Fay Irene, and Mrs. Charles Wegman and daughter, Helen, spent Saturday afternoon in Neligh.

Miss Carline McClure, of Wayne, spent several days last week with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McClure. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. McClure and Miss Bernice Peterson spent the week-end here. They all returned to Wayne Sunday evening.

The members of the Chatter Sew Club and the Contract Bridge Club entertained at a 7:30 dinner and farewell party Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Kennedy for Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Fusselman who left Monday to make their home at Hastings. Fifteen couples attended and spent the evening socially and at cards.

Mrs. Charles Wegman and daughter, Helen, spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Wegman's sister, Mrs. Levi Jensen where they visited a cousin of

Mrs. Wegman's, Ralph Heskett, of McCook, who was a guest there.

Mrs. Gene Baber and children, Bobby and Bonnie Jean, drove up from Plainview Wednesday afternoon and spent several days at the Eva Gray home. Mr. Baber came up from Plainview Friday afternoon and they all returned home that evening.

Miss Bonnie Bernholtz left Saturday to take up her work as a dietetic intern at Fitzsimmons Hospital at Denver.

Mrs. Grace Lamason and daughter, Elsie, moved last week to their residence property in Page.

Lt. and Mrs. Dale Halsell, of Sacramento, Cal., visited a short time Sunday at the home of Lt. Halsell's mother, Mrs. Myra Van Conett. They left Sunday noon for Texas where Lt. Halsell will be located. Mrs. Van Conett and daughter, Yvonne, accompanied them to Council Bluffs, where they spent several days at the Virgil Terrill home, returning to Page Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Singleton and family moved the first of the week from the Owen Parks residence east of the school house to the Dr. Gallagher property on upper Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Waring entertained at a miscellaneous shower at their home last Friday evening in honor of Corporal and Mrs. Keith Waring of Camp Clark, Mo., who were guests here. One hundred relatives and friends attended and spent a social evening. Lovely gifts were received by Cpl. and Mrs. Waring.

The teachers of the Page public school were honored at a public reception Monday evening in the parlors of the Methodist church. The reception was sponsored by the Chatter Sew Club, with a committee consisting of Mrs. J. M. Kennedy, Mrs. Harold Banta, Mrs. George Fink and Mrs. A. L. Darr in charge. Mrs. C. E. Walker gave the "Welcome" and Supt. Earl Hurst the response. Mrs. J. M. Kennedy had charge of the community sing and Miss Jean Woods gave a piano solo. Refreshments of sandwiches, coffee and cake were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Merwyn French and Betty, Clifford French, Mrs. Merle Brouse of Valentine and Mrs. O. W. French of O'Neill left early Monday morning for Council Bluffs to attend the funeral of an aunt, Miss Neosha Brobst. They expect to return home Wednesday.

Sgt. Virgil Chase left Thursday morning to return to the Salt Lake City air base at Salt Lake City, Utah, where he will resume his duties as an aerial gunner.

A miscellaneous shower was held Wednesday afternoon at the Roy Wilson home, honoring Mrs. Floyd Wilson. Sixteen were present and spent a social afternoon, after which a lovely lunch was

served. The honor guest was the recipient of many lovely and useful gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Watterman and Mr. and Mrs. Theo Kemper visited Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Tegeler.

Mrs. J. M. Gallagher and Terry are spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Gallagher at Inman.

EMMET NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kloppenborg were callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Luben Friday evening.

Charles Fox and son, Gilbert, and Alvin Kloppenborg were business callers in Hastings Friday.

The pupils of the Emmet schools attended a Halloween party at the home of Mrs. Ruth Wagon Friday evening. Many interesting games were played

and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. After the entertainment a delicious lunch of jello doughnuts were served.

Opal and Ruby Fox visited school in Emmet last Friday.

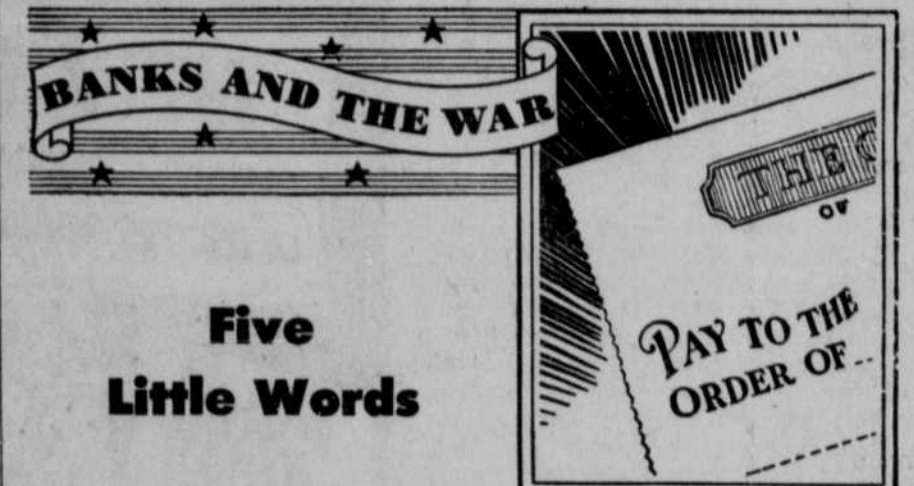
Alvin Kloppenborg left for Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, on the morning of November 2. A party in his honor was given at the Homer Lowery home last Friday evening.

"Cookie" Benze is suffering with the whooping cough. All of us hope that the little girl gets along well.

Miss Florence Winkler and Armella Pongratz were business callers in O'Neill Saturday afternoon.

Joseph Winkler and Tom Troshynski were business callers in Spencer last Monday.

Joe Winkler hauled cattle to Sioux City last week. Mrs. (Continued on page Five)



Five Little Words

THINK of the magic in the five little words "Pay to the Order Of." They cause scores of billions of dollars to change hands. They pay the nation's wages, buy the nation's food, help produce the nation's goods and help fight the war. They are the key words on the face of bank checks—and checks are used in making 90% of all payments in America! You can enjoy the modern convenience of paying by check. All you need do is come to this bank and start an account.

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