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Speeding

It was more or less a miracle that no one was hurt as the driver of the 1937 Chevrolet made his flashing trip up Main Street recently. This type of driver is not only dangerous to himself, but to others on the highway.

Sometimes it would appear that it might be a blessing in disguise if the wartime speed limit of 35 miles an hour might be kept on indefinitely as a safety measure for all. While it did slow down travel somewhat, since peace has come we should not be in as much of a rush as formerly.

In The Air

The National Safety Council has recently reported that sixteen American air lines have completed their 1944 operations without a single fatal accident. Moreover, that United Air Lines, Inc., was granted the Council's special wartime Distinguished Service-To-Safety Award for operating more than three years and over 1,000,000,000 passenger miles without a fatal accident.

This feat of the United Air Lines should certainly inspire "grounded" Americans for this was accomplished during a time when the airlines have been flying more passengers, mail, freight and distance than ever before.

All of which brings to mind how much has been taking place in the air during the past few years, for it has been only a short time since a trip by plane was considered a dangerous way to travel. The old feeling that to travel on the ground was the safest way will soon be out of date completely, for the statistics are fast proving otherwise.

The building of airports will be an important note of progress in all communities, and we feel sure that in time the question will be agitated locally and that a suitable location will be found.

Jap Surrender

With the Allied armada in Tokyo Bay, the United States begins its most critical military occupation in history. Unlike Germany, the controlling of Japan will be largely an "American show", with plans and procedures "made in Washington."

Will we succeed in uprooting from the Japanese mentality, for all time, the desire for aggression and conquest? What will Japan's Government, industry, religion, foreign trade look like two, three, five years from now? Three basic factors, it is realized, will determine the whole course of our occupational relations with Japan: General MacArthur's own personality and judgment, the Potsdam declaration, embodied in the surrender terms now to be signed on the battleship Missouri, and that secret over-all policy directive which has been carefully written by top officials in the State, War, and Navy Departments and solemnized by White House approval.

Americans are just beginning to realize the size of General MacArthur's initial undertaking. This includes the surrender of a home army of 2,500,000 Japanese which has never been defeated and contains a fringe of fanatics schooled from birth to believe their nation invincible. In such a situation, some fighting could conceivably develop.

Our long-term undertaking is equally critical, however, and will be the real test of statesmanship and vision. This comes when General MacArthur and his advisers begin to carry out the Potsdam terms and their implementation as provided in the as yet unpublished fundamental policy directive.

Japan's surrender provisions resemble those handed Germany in some points: The Japanese Army is to be disbanded, war criminals are to be punished, all conquered territory is surrendered, war industry is to be uprooted. But there are two striking similarities: First, the Japanese Government continues to exist and will exist to carry out the orders of General MacArthur; second, the Allies promise to get out of Japan as soon as the specific surrender conditions have been fulfilled.

Take these together, add the conditions of a shrewd Japanese Government and a gullible American occupation, and the Japanese "reformation" could be merely a facade which would fall away, revealing the old militarist Japan, when the last American warship had left Tokyo Bay some months and probably years hence.

Postwar Japan will be an island nation, small and weak by circumstance, but potentially explosive by ambition and birth rate. Can General MacArthur and his Washington policymakers, with Allied assistance, channel and redirect Japanese energies into permanently peaceful paths?—Christian Science Monitor.



HERE and THERE By HILDA WAY GWYN

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taught people to take better care of their shoes. They don't let me run on needing repairs. They believe in that stitch in time. But it has been bad on feet. These play shoes have ruined many a woman's foot, so she will have to wear bigger sizes and lower heels. Maybe it will be a good thing after all," he said.

"We have had as many as 1,000 shoes in one month to repair. It takes at least one-third longer to fix them today, because the shoes are wearing out and the supplies to mend are not so good, and the rationed shoes have never been up to standard. They have not lasted anyone, for they were bought as such. I will be glad when it is all over, for we have put some mighty good work on mighty poor shoes. You would be surprised how many times we find tar paper of oil cloth, where we used to find leather when you start in to repair," he explained.

"I have half soled one pair of shoes in this town seven times. You know people just hate to part with their prewar shoes, and you can't blame them," said Jack Nichols, who operates a shoe repair shop.

"I naturally like to work on shoes for women. In the first place the women are easier pleased than the men and the second I like to work on this type shoe better. I never have had to repair as many children's shoes as I have in the past two years. I guess there are two reasons. Maybe they are tougher on 'em than they used to be and of course the shoes are not near so good. I have worked on hundreds of shoes a month since rationing started. It is funny how white shoes have just come out. We work on more tan shoes than any other color. I will certainly be glad when it is all over, and the shoes are made of better materials. I don't like to work on poorly made shoes," Mr. Nichols continued.

Then the picture was not complete without the view point of the man who sells them over the counter, so we took ourselves to consult a few dealers.

"People generally have responded and accepted gracefully the shoe rationing. The hardest thing for them to get has been that they cannot buy shoes and leave their stamp books at home. Why you know me, you know I will bring the stamp into you. You know you would trust me," they have said. "Maybe they were buying for the entire family who had come into the shop. This has been the biggest problem we have had. The people have taken the rationing as such in a fine spirit," said Chas. E. Ray.

"People have been mighty philosophical about the whole thing. They have seemed to realize that

Voice OF THE People

Do you think that along with things in general that real estate prices have reached their peak?

Grayden Ferguson—"Yes. I feel that they have."

M. G. Stamey—"The returning soldiers will have some effect on real estate values, but how much and in what direction I am frank to say I cannot predict."

A. E. Ward—"I think surely it has, but I am told every day that it has not."

Earl Ferguson—"I would be afraid to say, for nobody knows what will come to pass during the next year."

Ashury Howell—"I might be badly fooled, but I think it has reached the top."

Jack Love—"I believe real estate prices have reached the top."

Noble Garrett—"I don't think the prices are as high as they are going to be, for I believe there will come a time when desirable property in this section will bring more than it does today. If I had any to sell I would not sell now."

J. H. Way, Jr.—"It might be best if the peak is reached at this time."

Sam Queen—"I certainly do. I don't see how it could go any higher."

C. N. Allen—"I doubt it."

State College Hints

Keep sugar sirup on hand for sweetening fruit drinks and iced tea. It goes further than plain sugar. To prepare, boil together for 3 to 5 minutes equal parts of sugar and water. Keep covered tightly in refrigerator.

Add a little salt to frostings, pie fillings, and puddings. It brings out the sweet.

Chop dried fruits, combined with nuts, moisten with honey or corn sirup, and use as a filling for layer cakes. Use strained honey or maple sirup and chopped nuts as an ice cream sauce.

When you do find sheets for sale don't be stampeded by the mere sight of them and snatch them up, regardless. Look for a label giving size, and remember that "torn size" means the size before hemming. Sheets which are too short are uncomfortable and are necessarily subject to more strain than those which are long enough to tuck in firmly.

A good bath towel is one that absorbs moisture quickly, and doesn't hang on the rack soggy and heavy for hours. That's the buyer's viewpoint—and a very sound one, but there are also other factors to be considered when you shop for towels.

Absorbency depends on the amount of pile or looped surface a towel has. The more pile yarns to the inch the greater the drying power. Long loops make for a soft fluffy towel, but for good wear too long loops are not advisable. Loops about one-eighth inch long are considered a desirable length.

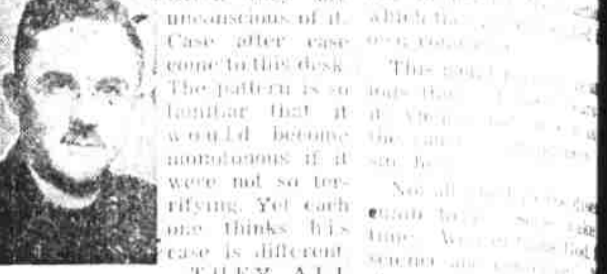
It could not be helped and they have grasped the situation. Sometimes I think they have taken it better than we who are selling the shoes," said J. L. Carwile, at the Toggery.

"There has actually been more stamps than shoes through it all, and people have bought more shoes than they did before rationing. This has been in part due to the poor quality of the war time shoes and in a large part to the fact that shoe stamps seemed to burn in a person's hand. They just had to buy shoes," said C. J. Reece, at Massie's Department Store.

The Everyday Counselor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

Moral paralysis will kill a man just as sure as a heart attack, and it will do much more than a heart attack if it will send him to hell.



START WHEN A MAN COMMENCES TO FORGET GOD. The disease is no respecter of persons. It lays hold upon the saint as well as the sinner. Here are some of the symptoms:

- 1. Neglect of personal prayer and Bible reading. Failure to say grace before meals. 2. Breaking the habit of regular church attendance. 3. Careless use of Sunday for personal and secular pursuits. 4. Social drinking. 5. Neglect of family relationships. From now on nothing can happen.

There are those who will take violent exceptions to some of these steps given above. Let me say this. You have had experience

YOU'RE TELLING ME

By WILLIAM RITT Central Press Writer

A NEW ALARM CLOCK, according to an item in the Toronto Star, will start the electric toaster going the instant the bell rings to awaken you. What, no coffee? Those Massachusetts fishermen who caught two deer along with mackerel and cod in their nets now can tell a four-legged fish story.

The one that got away, no doubt, was a bull moose. Grandpappy Jenkins says he has decided not to wait for atomic energy so he's ordering coal. He has a sneaking idea

That new beer which goes flat, says Brink Dyer, spoils one good drinking the stall. Zadok Dumkopi says the method of transmitting messages via stratosphere is pretty high just to discuss some low comedy.

The jeep according to item, performs 50 different chores—including asking at the next desk, the best gripping about low prices and bad crop outlook.

Inside WASHINGTON

Labor Gets Ready For New Demands Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—One of labor's prime post-war goals will obtain social security or welfare funds financed by employers. Contracts are reopened or new ones negotiated in the future. Proposition will rank high among labor's demands.

The big CIO United Automobile Workers' union already has mulated a welfare or insurance scheme calling for employer contributions totaling three per cent of the insured workers' earnings.

New York's recent three-week newspaper deliverymen's stemmed largely from such a welfare demand. John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers dropped his coal royalty demand to sign a wage contract a few months ago, now local unions that the issue is not dead.

THERE IS A GENUINE FEELING in Washington that unemployment won't be as big as some experts predict nor will the process of converting to peace-time production be as smooth and bring industrial chaos. Materials for reconversion are plentiful. WPB chief Julius Krug, in fact, he says they will be "running out of our ears" ahead for industry on a peace-time basis.

THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY



AT MRS. SULPHURO BRIMSTONE'S BOARDING HOUSE—LOOKS LIKE THE NEIGHBORS ARE CONTRIBUTING ANOTHER PRE-WAR FOWL FOR SUNDAY DINNER.