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Knocking on Wood with JOHN H. HARWOOD

BOMBERS OR CARGO PLANES?

In the discussion which has raged for several weeks over the necessity of building dargo airplanes to defeat the submarine menace, it seems to me that three significant facts have been overlooked.

I will admit that we need the streamline "pants" covering and cargo planes, but I cannot under hence were non-retractable. That easier to Judit than surface and the streamline "pants" covering and raiser propelled by steam. That is to note that the engine was of the first fact which capnot be radial type and not the long-in-

SUPERIOR

CAN'T HAVE EVERYTHING



GRASS SEEDING

ng on the suggestion of

R. Wickard, U. S. Secref Agriculture, that beautiff ary of Agriculture, that beautination of home grounds is a defi-ation part of the Victory Garden rogram because it is a morale unlider. George Tomlinson, direct with the control of the

PIERCE-LINCOLN SIGNAL LIGHT

Due to the change made in Birmingham's public school system, wherein many pupils will be required to cross South Woodward avenue to get to the Junior High School in the Barnum building.



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Recreation Program sight of relief To Continue? that officials of the Birmingham Recreation Commission saw their summer program come to an end last week, ending a most worrisome period in which the problem was mostly financial.

ing a most worrisome period in which the problem was mostly financial.

The job of begging the money to finance the summer program was so tedious that we wonder whether personnel for the Commission can be found in another year. It has been a hard job, but The Eccentric does not want to see it he a thankless one, and we are hereby extending words of praise and gratitude on behalf of the entire community. To Mrs. J. Rowsland Quinn, chairman, who earried so much of the responsibility, and to Mrs. George T. Hendrich, secretary, we give special commendation for the hours of work they expended, not merely in holding meetings but in actual physical labor involved in the paper salvage campets in the recent collapse in paper prices. Mrs. William E. Essery, likewise, has been faithful in abiling with publicity: Elbridge, G. Newhall, treasurer, has always been on the job. Others who gave much time to the program are Gits Manager Donald C. Esphert, Robert D. Lynd, Ralph I. Corvell, Wylie E. Graves, and Dr. Herman I. Shilber—all of these being members of the Colminission.

The needed cash has come by way of donations, and is not financed entirely by tax revenue as it is in a great many cities. The City of Birmingham Commission appropriates a substantial contribution every vear, but has shired away from total support. The Board of Education has given money in the past and has permitted use of land and buildings, but this year cut its donation. The gas of the money can be from contribution to the past and has permitted use of land and buildings, but this year cut its donation. The gas of the money can be from contribution overy vear, but has shired away from total support. The Board has permitted use of land and buildings, but they can be a supported by the past and has permitted use of land and buildings, but of Education has given money in the past and has permitted use of land and buildings, but of Education has given money in the past and has permitted use of land and buildings but the correct in the past and has permitte

Some will say that the fact that the program is largely privately-supported and is not a tax burden is meritorious, especially in this day of rising taxes. On the other hand, if people want to keep recreation off the public budget, then people and groups should be more willing to pay for it. Too many have been the broken promises of eash aid, and too great has been the task of raising momes by the method used in the past, and does like the property of the pr

ANY INTERESTED PERSON, watching the political activities of Washington, D. E., regarding attempts to stabilize prices, and wages, and thus prevent inflation, must come to this current conclusion: "Sure, we're going to have inflation: so far, it is largely an academic treatment that has been given it by our leaders."

JUST. THINK—if human beings made fewer mistakes how much rubber could be saved by eliminating the erasers.

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Wage Controls
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the battle against interpretation is being footbecause his seven-point program of April 27, designed to hold down the cost of living, is not being put into effect.

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The recent report of the National War Labor Board, granting a forty-four-tent daily wage increase to 137 workers of "Little Steel," emphasizes the double offect of such wage increases on anti-inflation efforts. In-creased wages affect costs and, in addition, add to the volume of purchysing power, thus augmenting "the inflationars gap."

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As far as we can judge, public opinion
throughout the country supports the President's determination toprevent infation, the
people as a whole, excepting certain groups
seeking special advartages, recognize the importance of price seedings and realize that
wages, as well asythe cost of raw materials,
must be controlled.

Women in War as more and more men are called into Industries the trans and Maxy, more and more women will be needed in our war industry. At the present time there are about one-half multion women employed in war industry. This can be increased tyckyofold, according to Miss Mary Anderson, Director of the United States Women's Bureau, by the end of this year.

year.

If Miss Anderson's goal is reached, 10 per-cent of the expected 15,000,000 war workers will be women. But if the goal is to be at-tained, a woman training program much larg-er than the training program most available must be organized.

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