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Knocking on Wood

with JOHN H. HARWOOD
A FIELD FOR KAISER

A few weeks ago that ambitious American, Henry J. Kaiser, who fears no industrial problem, declared that when the war is over he would go into the automobile field, making a cheap, light car. That would be a mistake and here's why:

A TALE EXPOSED
A friend with the Air Force in Hartford sends this item from the Honolulu Advertiser:

Creeping Into History
Constant repetition of an untruth often establishes it firmly in the mind of the average citizen and false statements that pass as history have come into being.

Boiled Lung Ago
Henry Ford long ago built the car—the Model T—which Kaiser thinks he wants to manufacture. Ford put Mr. Average Citizen on wheels and helped develop the great used-car market which now permits anybody with \$50 or more to possess his own transportation—at least that was the case before gas rationing.

No Gifts
A couple of weeks ago, I wrote that "give America a decent standard of living" was not a democracy, we are not given things. We work for them, earn them, cooperate with them, and we will never consume, often think they must give among themselves to grab and hold in truth, the interests of all are the real interests of all. A writer for the news bulletin of the National City Bank has this to say:

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Biggest Event Unknown
What was the biggest news event of the year 1942? You will not find it chronicled in any of the reviews of the year; it took place in some unknown place, unrecognized as a great event and its importance will not be known for many years.

Unusual Fidelity In Office
In 1916, according to the New York World-Telegram, Captain Duncan Matheson, of the San Francisco police force, helped to send Tom Mooney and Warren Billings to prison on charges of bombing the Bremer kidnaping.

Entire Nation At War
The Federal Government has relinquished its mandatory controls over the wages and salaries of three million employees of state, county and municipal governments.

People's Column
The Eccentric is pleased to receive communications for the column. All communications must be signed. If you prefer to remain anonymous, please send your name and address in a separate envelope.

Uncle Joe Writes:
I agreed with you last week but you shot so many questions at me the week before that they will keep me busy for some time.

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When the retiring Governor of a state like Colorado declares publicly that American freedom is threatened by "regional dictators" he sets up "should the average citizen sit up and take notice?"

But if you are a dyed-in-the-wool New Dealer, you'll probably say: "Oh, that Governor is a Republican, and you must discount what the Republicans say about the New Deal."

There exists in this country a plan to encourage the remodeling of the minds of American freemen on a basis so dictatorial, so monarchistic, so bureaucratic that its very existence proves its hostility to our American form of government.

Such examples of unusual integrity in regard to public office are exceedingly rare. It is encouraging to report such an incident and gratifying to pay tribute to a man who certainly believed that a public office represents a public trust.

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The Third Front



There Are Many Uses For Salvaged Rags
Old burlap is converted into high grade paper used for blueprints for war ships. It is also shredded for stuffing and padding in shipping delicate airplane parts across the sea.

Happenings of Long Ago
50 YEARS AGO
Jan. 19, 1893
If to good music and good costumes we can add good lighting and a good crowd, the success of the masquerade will be certain.

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