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**COMMON SENSE**

Writing in Harper's Magazine, C. Hartley Grattan says factories cannot employ all the millions of persons in the armed forces and war production, but that this need not cause despair, for the first essential of a healthy postwar economy is that workers be properly distributed—a larger proportion in service industries than in factories.

Service industries must be given every opportunity. They include the wholesale and retail trade, transportation, communications, utilities, farming, bankers, brokers, insurance people, office workers, hotel keepers, domestic servants, teachers, publishers, newspapers, advertising, radio, amusements, all professional people, etc.

Mr. Brattan is correct. You can't build a peacetime economy on a wartime foundation.

**FEAR OF INFLATION**

The 7th war loan can do a lot toward stemming the tide of inflation now that the war is in its final phase. Most observers agree that the real threat of inflation will come after V-J day. In the meantime we hope proper brakes are put on efforts to sell the returning GI Joes over inflated property.

Several months ago an overzealous real estate agent is reputed to have sold some Lane county logged off land to a disabled vet. We read of another instance where a returned veteran bought a Pennsylvania farm for \$12,000, paying \$4,000 down and assuming a mortgage for the balance. When the land was appraised it was valued at \$6,000.

The land boom according to some observers has been kept pretty well under control up to now. A climb of five percent was recorded from March to November in farm values. Prices are now 52 percent higher on farm land in the nation as a whole and 70 to 96 percent in nine states. The danger point will come at the close of the war. According to one source the rise started from a lower level than during world war I. A farmer who sells his farm for \$1,000 profit and pays \$1,000 too much for a house in town is swapping one inflation for another.

**ANOTHER DREAM**

There is a tremendous lot of talk about foreign trade, all based on the theory that a World bank stuffed with American money, will stimulate the purchase of all sorts of goods, machinery and products from the United States. But nearly everyone skips the answer to the question: "Why should friendly foreign nations delay reconversion in their own country and buy United States goods?" The question answers itself. The United States will not discover prosperity through the interchange of trade in foreign countries. We must swim alone, and not expect any particular advantages in our economic conditions, even through the Good Neighbor policy, backed with liberal loans and credits to the Southern Republics.

**WANTS BOUNTY ON HAWKS**

Saginaw, Oregon, May 28, 1945  
To The Cottage Grove Sentinel, Cottage Grove, Oregon.

Editor: May I hope that the following will reach the columns of your good paper. I have read of the cat or cougar hunters with great interest, but where are the hawk hunters?

It is possible, we are the only chicken owners that are cleaned out of our flock of chickens.

Do others realize the owls and hawks are also raiding the little birds as well. Why can't there be a bounty on hawks and owls, so that hunters can afford to hunt them out?

The hawks are surely on the

increase, all kinds, sizes, and colors. What do other readers think? Respt' yours,  
**JUST A NEIGHBOR.**

**DORENA SCHOOL NEWS**

May Day which was celebrated May 24 at the Dorena school, was enjoyed by a large crowd. The boys enjoyed a track meet in the morning. The ladies of the community served a fine dinner at the noon hour. The program consisted of crowning of the May Queen, Hazel Cooper. A pageant, "The Spirit of America," winding of the May Pole.

The final event of the day was a ball game with Cottage Grove, which Cottage Grove won 9 to 7.

**PFC. DEERE TELLS EXPERIENCES**

Mrs. Esther Deere has received a letter from her son, Pfc. Donald Deere, telling of some of his experiences while fighting with the 5th army in Italy. He is 50 miles from Trieste and 80 miles from Venice, close to the Alps "where it is plenty hot."

At one time last fall Pfc. Deere went out with a platoon of 34 men and only four of them got out alive. He had the tail of his rain coat punctured and his rifle shot out of his hands. The four of them called for smoke shells and crawled out under cover of the smoke. Pfc. Deere had his ear drum punctured and concussion, and while in the hospital became ill with jaundice and hepatitis. He spent 3 months in the hospital at that time. He served as the bazooka man and at times the flamethrower operator.

He has the combat infantry badge, good conduct medal, three battle stars, was put in for the bronze star and purple heart, and wears the parachute jump wings.

Pfc. Deere was released a short time ago from the hospital after having pneumonia.

**TOWNSEND PETITIONS TO BE OUT SOON**

In Chicago at the first Townsend national council meeting it was unanimously voted to put on a national petition drive to speed enactment of the Townsend Plan. The thousands of Townsend clubs throughout the nation will soon circulate petitions urging congressmen to support Townsend legislation and vote favorably on H.R. 2229, H.R. 2230 two Townsend bills in the House.

Townsend club No. 1 held a social meeting in Townsend hall Monday evening with the usual number present. Mrs. George read Mother Shiptons prophesies. Elmer Kent had a reading on Memorial day, Mrs. Blackmore read the Flash and others had stories to tell.

Next Monday evening will be a business meeting and all interested members are urged to be present as there are interesting subjects to be acted upon.

**BUD HUSTED TO STAY**

Bud Husted, popular local manager of the Shell Oil Co., will remain a Cottage Grove resident. He said Tuesday that rumors to the effect that the family would move to Roseburg were without foundation. Bud admitted that he did think of leaving Cottage Grove, but admits now that it was on the order of a nightmare, a bad dream or something, the idea of leaving a good town like Cottage Grove or "maybe it was something I et," he says "that made me have such notions. Anyway I'm back to normal now."

**ORLA ROLFE RITES**

Orla Rolfe of Dorena passed away Wednesday, May 30. He has been a resident of Dorena for four years. He was born September 25, 1882 at Beaverton. Funeral services will be Saturday at 2:30 p.m. from the Mills chapel.

**Church Activities**

"Ancient and Modern Necromancy, Alias Mesmerism and Hypnotism, Denounced" will be the topic for the 11:00 o'clock service Sunday morning at the Christian Science church.

The Sunday morning service at the Methodist church will be "Window Shopping to Relax the Soul." The M. Y. F. will meet at 6:45. The evening service will be at 7:45.

Rev. Alvin J. Kammann will exchange pulpits with the Rev. Frank E. Gray of Creswell church next Sunday. Rev. Kammann will also administer the Communion Service, baptism, and have reception of new members in the Creswell church. Besides the sermon by Rev. Frank E. Gray both the choir will sing at the eleven o'clock service in Cottage Grove. The Sunday school meets at 9:45 a. m. The Young People's Service at seven p. m. You are invited to any or all of these services.

The Rev. Howard Campbell will supply the pulpit at the First Baptist church Sunday morning at the 11:00 o'clock hour.

**Divide**

Mr. and Mrs. George McReynolds and children Georgina, Barbara and Jon went to Medford last week end and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Austin McReynolds. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McReynolds returned home with them.

Mrs. John Lamb of Eugene spent Sunday with her family here.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas who lived in one of the cabins which burned at Reed's store, have moved into an apartment in Cottage Grove.

Alan Reed and Dortha Smith spent the week end in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Erickson and son Stanley and daughter Delores of Portland spent the week end here visiting with relatives and friends. Stanley is being inducted into the army June 1. Roy Jr. is in the South Pacific.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert St. Elmo are expecting Mr. and Mrs. Otis Swearingen and two children of Great Falls, Montana, in a few days. He has a 15-day furlough which he will spend here and with relatives at Drain.

Mrs. Gillie Sylvester of Lebanon is staying with her sister, Mrs. Anna Burkett.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lawrence of Comstock visited with Mr. and Mrs. Mackey one day last week.

Gene Burkett has bought a half interest in the Davenport mill.

Mr. Pynch is building a house for his sister, Mrs. Helen Hana across the highway from his house in the peach orchard. Mrs. Hana is a teacher in the Elkton high school.

Mrs. G. O. Hardin of Portland is spending a few days here with her sister, Mrs. Frank McGarvin and other relatives. Dale Lee Mullica is also staying at the McGarvin home while his mother is in Portland.

**T. J. Leach on Duty In Japan's Front Yard On Carrier**

ABOARD A U. S. LIGHT CRUISER OFF OKINAWA (Delayed)—Lester J. Leach shipfitter, third class, whose wife, Mrs. Doris Leach, lives at 1041 Jefferson St., Cottage Grove, Oregon, saw duty in the very shadow of the Japanese homeland in recent weeks as the U. S. Navy carried the war into Japan's front yard.

As a prelude to the Okinawa operation, this ship and her crew spent four days close by the Jap's mainland as a part of a task force which sent wave after wave of carrier-based planes against Kyushu and Honshu Islands.

Assigned to provide anti-aircraft protection for the Navy's fast and hard hitting flat-tops, this cruiser was in the middle of the action during the entire engagement. Her first kill of this operation came in the afternoon of the first day when she teamed up with a destroyer to shoot down a Jap bomber and capture its pilot alive after he had parachuted into the water. Earlier that day, one of the most spectacular kills of the engagement was made when two twin-engine Jap bombers were shot down a few thousand yards off the cruiser's starboard beam.

The Japs made their most determined bid on the third day when a large formation of planes was reported headed for the task force. Patiently the men of this ship waited at their battle stations for the attack that never came. Several hours later, American planes sent out to intercept the enemy reported that enemy bombers and 12 fighters had been shot down and that the attack had been routed.

This report called for a celebration of all hands and a big dish of walnut ice cream for dinner that night.

The cruiser and her entire complement came through without a scratch.

**Dorena**

Mrs. Milton Anderson and twin daughters of Eugene are spending a few days at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Teeters.

Mrs. Harold Boslaugh, who is employed at Poulsbo, Washington, spent the latter part of last week at the home of her mother, Mrs. M. Mosby.

Herman Kanel of McMinnville spent the week end at his home here.

Mrs. L. Gillespie and Mrs. Bertha Carter were Eugene visitors Tuesday.

Buy War Bonds and keep them.

**ROSS POLLESKE KILLED IN SOUTH PACIFIC**

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Polleske of Eugene, former residents of the Silk Creek community, were notified Monday, May 28, of the death of their son, Ross Polleske S 1 c (A.R.T.), who was killed in action in the north Pacific and the notification said he had been buried at sea.

Ross attended the Silk Creek grade school for several years and attended the local high school his freshman year, going from here to Salem, where he graduated from high school in 1943 and then entered the service.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Polleske, and sister JoAnn of Eugene and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Moxley of Silk Creek.

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Nothing could please Japan more. Nothing would hew so closely to her propaganda line.

We westerners understand this danger perhaps more than others. We may remember Pearl Harbor more clearly. And Bataan, Guadalcanal, Tarawa...

With the war over in Europe, the West will now become the great "marshalling yards" for the final Big Push against Japan. An enormous tide of troops and war materials undoubtedly will pour through to our seaports. Western railroads, housing, food supplies and shipping will be strained with the full weight of the nation's fighting effort.

We say this because—as far as the western railroads are concerned—many civilians may expect victory in Europe to mean better transportation service here. Actually, it may mean less room for civilians on the trains.

When the full tide of war traffic comes, we shall call on every resource to handle it. We shall run the war trains through.

First things come first until this war is over—and it isn't over yet.

**S.P.**  
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