

LOCALS

A baby boy was born to Corp. and Mrs. John Stanley of Portland on January 26. Mrs. Stanley is the former Helen DeClark and is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Logus of Sandy and is well known here.

Adolph Amstad was down from the Boring district Saturday on business errands.

H. O. Eri was down from Kelso Tuesday attending to business matters.

C. E. Eggers made a trip to Estacada Friday and purchased a number of R. I. Red baby chicks from the Hillview hatchery operated by A. W. Armstrong.

Chas. Hill of Government Camp was in Oregon City Friday. The Hills have closed down their place at Government Camp temporarily but hope to reopen in the near future.

A. W. Dyal, chairman and Mrs. Nina Malar, clerk of the Sandy Ridge school have resigned and an election has been called for February 9th to elect a successor to each position.

Nett Connette was in Sandy on Monday exhibiting a large bob cat which he killed near her home in the Aimes district. Her dogs treed the animal and she shot it out of the tree. The animal was a beautiful specimen of the bob cat family and the hide will make someone a fine rug.

A group of friends gathered at the Vedder home Saturday evening to surprise Mr. and Mrs. Brenton Vedder. The evening was spent at various forms of amusement culminating with a delicious lunch which was enjoyed by all present.

Miss Vera Long has resigned her position at the Brownie Beauty Shoppe and with her mother will move to Portland where she will be employed.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Hathorn made a trip to Vancouver, Wash. the last of the week to visit the latter's father who is quite ill.

There will be an election held in Sandy Ridge school district on Friday, February 9, for the purpose of electing a chairman and a clerk of the district.

Orval Butler and Bill Pollock made a trip to Gresham Wednesday afternoon to attend to business matters.

Visitors at the J. B. Williams home the past week were Miss Alice Wombacher of Los Angeles, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Wise of Belgrade, Mont., Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Forest, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pratt of Portland, Oregon.

Miss Nellie Crank and Arthur Crank entertained at cards Tuesday evening at their home on Sandy Heights. Pinochle was played and a delicious lunch was served. Invited guests of the evening were Henry Helms, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Leash of the Aura Vista Ranch, Mrs. H. E. McIntyre of Dodge Park and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rehberg. Mr. McIntyre arrived later in the evening. The occasion was the 70th birthday anniversary of the host.

SALE BOOKS for sale at the Sandy Post. Plain sales books and Sales books with your name. Also Rubber Stamps.

Visitors at the home of Mrs. Helen Gruha the past week were her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Schneider of Hillsboro, her brother Chas. Schneider and a friend, Maxine Jensen of Bloomfield, Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Millsap of Barton were in town Wednesday on business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Babcock of Sandy are the proud parents of a baby girl born at the Emanuel hospital last week. Mother and baby are doing well and are expected home today.

W. C. Carroll of Gresham was in Sandy Wednesday on business connected with burial of Donald Dahrens.

A regular meeting of the board of education of Sandy union high school was held Wednesday evening.

On account of the shortage of help the Brownie Beauty shoppe will be closed on Mondays until further notice.

Lieut. and Mrs. Edwin L. Hedden of Amarillo, Texas are receiving felicitations over the arrival of a 7-pound baby boy, Gary Lewis, January 15 at Amarillo. Mrs. Hedden is the former Florence Ann Johnston. The maternal grandmother is Mrs. Talkie M. Johnston of Portland, formerly of Sandy. The smile on Mrs. Johnston's face is one that won't come off.

A. M. McDonald received a severe cut on his leg Wednesday while working at the Krebs mill.

The wind storm the first of the week caused considerable damage to telephone and power lines in this vicinity. Fortunately no service was interrupted for any considerable length of time.

J. L. Salsberry has recently purchased the Chevrolet garage and taken possession of the same and is living in Sandy.

Several Sandy boys left this week on trips with the merchant marine service.

January rainfall in the mid-Willamette valley at 4.34 inches was 2.2 inches below normal, thus widening the deficiency for the rainfall year since September 1 to 8.8 inches below normal, according to records kept by the soils department at OSC. The coldest temperature at Corvallis so far this winter was 21 degrees above zero on January 20.

Cecil Duke attended a meeting of the survivors of the S.S. Lusitania during World War I held in Portland recently.

Don't forget the big firemen's dance at the local Odd Fellow hall this coming Saturday night. Good music and a good time is assured.

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How it has supplied our military demands and kept wheels turning at home is a story of accomplishment almost without parallel. While meeting demands of war the industry is not failing to think in terms of peace, and its obligations to maintain unending reserves for the greatest oil-using nation in the world. We are just discovering as it were, the vast potentials of our great natural resource, oil, that has transferred our way of living, discoveries brought about by individual initiative and spurred on by free competition.

LEAK IN THE EVIDENCE

Three men at Spokane were arrested for drunkenness and a case of beer seized as evidence were loaded into a jail-bound patrol wagon. The police had to stop enroute. The prisoners were drinking the evidence.

—On Pay Day, Buy Bonds—

THE LOW DOWN from HICKORY GROVE

Jim Shelton, I been talking to him. He is one of those fellows where, if you keep your own mouth shut you learn something. He got to talking about his boss. His boss is past 60. And when he turned 60, he ups and did 3 things. He quit playing golf because he knew he no longer had a chance of being champion. He quit dancing because he had seen others past 60 making monkeys out of themselves. He got out of debt.

Getting out of debt, that is the main part of the plot in this essay. But, if I had space I could also like to talk more about Jim. He has 3 Boy Scouts in his family. Jim claims he can cook eatable corn bread over an open fire, outdoors. He says he did it, but that is alright, most likely it was his boys who did it, but any guy who goes with his boys on a Scout hike is okay. He will have no delinquent youth on his hands, later.

But back to getting out of debt. Operating on borrowed money is proper, if your business is sound and you are under 60, but beyond 60, owe no man a dime. That is the advice of Jim's boss, for comfort and peace of mind. Yours with the low down. JOE SERRA.

WAR BONDS in action



Action on Bougainville. This soldier used a field telephone to keep in touch with his comrades who are clearing out the Japanese. Without these phones, bought with the money you lend your government, our forces would soon be a disorganized mass and easy prey for the Japanese. Buy an extra War Bond today. U. S. Treasury Department

WOOD CEILING SET

The OPA Wednesday set ceiling prices for all firewood sold by farmers after February 12, due to reported exorbitant increases above the current exemption of \$75 per month. Ceiling prices charged for the same type of wood sold during March 1942, as of determined under the general maximum price regulation. Specific area ceilings established by OPA offices will continue in effect.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Sawmill hands and woods crew wanted about March 1st, also "cat" and skimmers to contract log yarding now. Call or write WILSON MILL CO., Sandy, Oregon, or 3621 S. E. 50th Ave., Portland, Oregon

NOTICE FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the board of directors of Union high school district No. 2, Sandy, will receive bids on 100 cords of old growth fir wood to be delivered at the union high school building on or before the 15th day of September, 1945. All bids to be in writing and filed with the clerk on or before 8 p.m., March 7, 1945. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. By order of the board of directors of Union High School district No. 2, Sandy. This 7th day of February 1945.

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The Farmer and War Bond Purchases

by Charles W. Holman, Secretary

The National Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation

AMERICAN farmers have a great deal more at stake in purchasing War Bonds than simply a patriotic urge to assist in financing the war so that it may be prosecuted to an early and victorious conclusion. Modern war demands governmental expenditures far in excess of those which may be met by current revenue receipts. This means Government borrowing. If a large part of this borrowing is through commercial banks additional inflationary spending power is created through the expansion of credit. On the other hand, if the borrowing is largely from individuals much of their excess funds are drained off. Hence, the pressure on prices resulting from unusually large funds bidding for limited amounts of goods and services is relieved, and thus inflation retarded.

A tremendously increased agricultural production and some increase in average prices received above those paid by farmers have raised the net income of all United States farmers from the 1935-39 average of \$4.7 billion to \$6.3 billion in 1941, \$9.4 billion in 1942, and an estimated \$12.5 billion in 1943. With available supplies of farm machinery replacements and building materials limited, Agriculture has a fund available for either debt retirement, savings readily liquidated for future purchases of machinery, buildings, etc., or for present investment in land.

A marked decrease in farm mortgages in recent years indicates that much of this fund has been properly applied to debt retirement. However, activity in land sales and a very marked increase in land values demon-

strate that farmers are probably diverting a large part of this fund into land purchases. From March 1, 1943, to March 1, 1944, average land values per acre rose 15 per cent, with the larger part of the rise taking place in the last four months of the period. The increase during this four-month period was the highest on record, being 20 per cent greater than the average monthly rate of increase for the 1919-20 boom year. Average values per acre have increased more than one-third in the past 3 years. In the 1919-19 period the rise was about the same.

It appears that an overcapitalization of farm commodity prices is in process just as in World War I. Large mortgage debts incurred now, at high levels of income, will prove disastrous when both total agricultural production and prices fall. Land values are based on the net return to land. With the end of the war in sight and with the prospect that farm labor and other costs will require a relatively larger return leaving the return to land less, the logical course for land values at present would appear to be downward rather than upward.

Therefore, it appears that farmers would do well to invest every available dollar, beyond that needed for debt retirement, in Government Bonds. These can be held against the day when necessary farm replacements will be available and when farm land values will have become more stable. In this way the individual farmer may assist in hastening the day of return of his own, and also have capital available to help finance him in ventures of his own choice. U. S. Treasury Department

Prompt Ordering Urged of Certified Potatoes

"Order certified seed potatoes immediately" is the terse advice given by Chester Otis, assistant extension farm crops specialist in view of the current shortage of table potatoes and the reduced supply of certified seed stock of the Nettle Gem Variety in Oregon this season.

Otis points out that when demand is keen for table stock there is a tendency for growers of seed potatoes to dispose of some supplies for table use unless they are bought for seed promptly.

The Oregon acreage of certified and war approved Nettle

Gem seed potatoes in 1944 was only 1200 acres, compared with 1600 in 1943. A considerable number of growers produce their own seed, however, using purchased certified seed only every few years.

The supply of certified seed is plentiful, Otis points out, since the California market has been lost because of the demand for higher producing White Rose potatoes.

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Why Farmers Should Buy War Bonds

by Richard L. Adams
Professor of Farm Management
University of California



WITH net farm income now about three times that of 1938-1940, farmers and ranchers are in an outstandingly fine financial position to buy War Bonds to an extent far beyond the total good as it is—already reached.

In the first place, it's the patriotic thing to do. There's no real sacrifice in using money to "back the attack." What is a loan of one's cash compared to the sacrifices of the boys who are taking on more than a man-sized job?

Secondly, it's the wise thing to do. If history repeats itself—and I for one firmly believe it will—these present-day high net incomes can, after the war is over, go into a "tail-spin" to levels far below what is deemed normal. Over the past one hundred years agricultural earnings have been at so-called normal levels for three to four years for each year of high returns. And note that these returns are net—that sum remaining after farming expenses have been paid. Thus allowance is made for higher costs—of labor, of supplies, of equipment, of taxes.

Without doubt present earnings of most farmers are the highest in the history of United States agriculture.

Today's high returns to agriculture make good reading. But with the increased earnings there is bound to be a marked rise in prices for farm properties, in speculative buying of farms, and (again if history repeats itself) in a marked increase in the real estate mortgage debt, followed by mounting foreclosures if and when payments of interest and installments on principal cannot be met.

Contrary to the views held by some farmers, it is extremely doubtful that we are on a new and permanently higher economic level. World War I was proof of this. So the wise farmer, looking ahead and planning for his future, will reduce his debts to manageable proportions if and when lessened incomes must again be faced; resist the temptation to speculate in farm lands; and create reserves.

The reference to "resist speculating" doesn't mean no buying. There may be need to enlarge a farm, or to acquire additional lands for business reasons. But caution suggests that one not be caught in the excitement of a rising tide of buying merely for speculation's sake.

That reserve fund can be created by purchase of Bonds. Money thus "salted away" can create a cash reserve for use when times may not be so good. It will serve as "an anchor to windward" for times when cash is an asset. And when isn't it? Bonds can eventually be used for needed repairs or improvements. Bonds can supply the "stake" to set sons up in business once they are mastered out of service.

Agriculture is for the time being in a strong financial position. Farmers, these days, are in a position to accumulate substantial "stockpiles" of crops, livestock, and livestock commodities, but, as well, of good United States Bonds. Think it over. Then invest your limit in order to insure a real future for your country, yourself, and your children. U. S. Treasury Department



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