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DRAINAGE BONDS GO TO FIRST NATIONAL

LOCAL FINANCIERS SOLVE PROBLEM WHICH HAS VEXED DISTRICT—OFFER OF 95 IS ACCEPTED BY BOARD.

MEANS MUCH TO ONTARIO

Issue Will Be Taken By Local Capitalist Thru Bank—Faith in Country Demonstrated—Is Exceptional At This Time.

When bonds of all kinds except United States government issues are having a hard time to find purchasers, it is remarkable to note the sale of the Malheur Drainage District bonds. At that it is not the only remarkable feature about the sale. The second is the fact that the sale was made locally; the First National bank of Ontario being the purchaser.

President A. L. Cookrum of the bank in telling of the purchase said that the offer of 95 for the issue has been accepted by the board and that the bank while underwriting the issue had prepared to distribute the securities among its clients. Further he declares that the issue would all be in the hands of Ontarians which is a condition which speaks volumes for the stability of values in this section. It demonstrates the faith that the local institution purchasing the bonds and its clients have in this section.

Members of the board could not be seen before the Argus went to press to learn just when bids for the work would be sought but it is known that it is their intention to get work under way as soon as possible.

MOTHER RECEIVES LETTER FROM SON

Ontario Boy Urges Everyone to Subscribe to Y. M. C. A.—"Best Thing for Soldiers."

The following letter was received by Mrs. D. B. Purcell, from her son Earl, a former graduate of the Ontario High School and who is now in the aviation service and is present stationed at Mineola, N. Y.:
Mineola, L. I., N. Y.,
October 22, 1917.

Dear Mother:

Here we are again. I got the apples and say there was never anything so welcome ever arrived here. When I got the box open and saw those fine big beautiful apples I just jumped in the air and hollered. Immediately there was a rush because most of the fellows have heard of the famous Oregon apples and when the scrap was over I had half of an apple left. It sure hit the spot. We got some fruit but believe me there was nothing so good as those apples.

The big Italian bi-plane was here today. It was an immense thing. It carries about a dozen passengers. It is sure some boat. A bunch of Italians were in it. They could not talk English at all. But they could fly and that is enough. They do know how to handle a plane.

There has been a war correspondent here this evening talking to us. He told us all about the Russo-Jap war. Also about the Far East. It sure was interesting. He was a splendid talker and I enjoyed it immensely.

Yes I am carpentering again. Putting in shelves and building sidewalks now. I am very well contented. I don't expect ever to go across the pond now, though we may. I doubt it very much though. We are supposed to be here until the end of the trouble as a training squadron, so don't worry. I'll be home some day and everything will be all right. "I'll come marching home to you." I guess I had better close now as it is time for the lights to go out, so goodbye until I call again.

Tell everybody to subscribe to the Army Y. M. C. A. It's the best thing in the world for the soldiers. It helps to keep us contented.

—Earl.

HIGH SCHOOL TO FLY SERVICE FLAG

To Have Flag With as Many Stars as Boys Who have Went to School here and are now in service.

Students of the high school at a meeting this week appointed a committee consisting of Superintendent Douglass and the presidents of the Seniors, Amy Canfield, Juniors, Char-Senios, Amy Canfield, Juniors, Charlotte Claggett, Sophomores and Homer Maddux, Freshmen, to select and purchase a service flag similar to those being used in homes over the country, where one or more members are in the service. The flag is made up of red border and a white center on which are blue stars, one for every representative in the army or navy service. The high school flag will contain thirty-two such stars. Following are the Ontario High School Honor Roll:

Lee Maddux, Glenn Brown, Arthur Moore, Henry Cassidy, Harold Sproule, Earl Griffin, Irving Harris, Earl Purcell, Ernest Gramse, William Blackaby, William Pinney, George Maddux, Estus Morton, David Sanford, Harold Thompson, Lynn Dingman, Earl Lendingham, Damon Milliken, Stanley Milliken, *E. A. Trousdale, Wilmer Boyer, *A. A. Hall, Dewey Standish, *J. W. Prater, Gerry Gires, *D. C. Petrie, Ray Boyer, Earl Bull, Raymond Jones, Clifford Canfield, Marie Jenne, and Ed Draper.

The names with the * before are to certify they are ex-teachers of the Ontario High School that have joined the colors.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL ISSUE BIG ANNUAL

Bernard Rader and Edmund Fraser Elected to Head Staff—Four Hundred Copies Pledged by Students.

Ontario High School is to issue an annual this year. After some discussion at a meeting held Monday morning at the High School the students decided to issue a publication as is done in the larger high schools and pledged the sale of four hundred and twenty five copies to the newly elected officers who were chosen as follows:

Editor-in-Chief, Bernard Rader. Business Manager, Edmund Fraser. Ass't Business Manager, Homer Maddux. Associate Editor, Gladys Emison. Advertising Manager, The Lampkin. Literary Editor, Ione Lehrs. Wit and Humor Editor, Abbe Winegar. Art Editor, Darrell Howser. Athletic Editors, girls, Mary Messer. Boys, Cladue Christensen. Circulation Manager, James Biggs. Treasurer, Erms Von Roadon. Representatives from each class is to be elected later.

The annual, the name of which has not yet been selected will consist of about a hundred pages of material including pictures of students and faculty, building, board of education, athletic and debating teams, clubs and organizations and will be pictorial and written history of the school year. The publication will be one to be treasured by students in future years and should be an advertisement for the school and city.

To prevent books being unsold it was decided to publish only many books as are actually subscribed for and to limit the circulation to four hundred. It is planned to issue the annual some time during the last month of the school year.

EASTERN OREGON TOWNS ALL GO OVER THE TOP

Attorney J. W. McCulloch returned Saturday from a campaign for the Liberty Loan which took him into Umatilla, Wasco and Morrow counties. Mr. McCulloch reported that every town in which he and members of his party spoke in behalf of the loan reported at the close that the maximum assigned that section had been exceeded.

Millions of Dressings Needed To Bind Soldiers' Wounds

Unless there is to be a serious calamity, thru lack of surgical supplies for American soldiers in France the women of America must awake to the needs now manifest to the men in charge of the work in the war zone.

It is a question with the local Red Cross whether or not the women of Ontario and vicinity realize the situation. If they will but read the following message received this week from Lucy C. Hilton, of the Seattle headquarters, it is believed that an adequate response will follow. This is the message:

Millions of Red Cross standard surgical dressings must be sent immediately or serious calamity inevitable. American women must pre-

pare with greatest speed dressings which mean life or death to our boys. Please give widest publicity calling all possible workers. Letter follows.
LUCY C. HILTON.

While only a comparatively few workers have been faithfully devoting their time and strength all summer and fall the Ontario Chapter has been able to accomplish a great deal. Those who work only wish that others would help, for there is so much that must be done. Ontario chapter this week sent one box of knitted goods and will send forward at once two boxes of surgical supplies. Women who would "do their bit," should go to the Red Cross rooms at once.

WATER HEARING TO BE RESUMED MONDAY

Long Delayed Adjudication of the Rights to Malheur River Water to Occupy Attention of Examiner.

At Vale next Monday Geo. T. Cochran, superintendent of water district No. 3 will resume the taking of testimony in the contested water right sections for the distribution of the waters of the Malheur river.

It is anticipated that two months, or more, will be consumed in the hearing of the many contests pending and that during this time the history of settlement and appropriation of water in the valley will be thoroughly covered. A host of attorneys are to be heard in the various actions, some representing large groups of property owners, while others have individual cases.

The hearing of these cases has been set a number of times and the ranchers have been anxious to have the question settled. After long delays the cases were set for hearing on May 14, of this year, but had been underway but a short time when Mr. Cochran became ill and it was necessary for adjournment. Now that the hay crops have been cared for, however, the ranchers will have plenty of time in which to follow the procedure without loss of time.

Ontario Goes Over Minimum But Just Misses Maximum

Ontario and vicinity is proud of what was accomplished here last week in the Liberty Loan drive. While the district failed "To Go Over the Top" on the maximum of the allotment, it did far exceed the minimum and came so close to the maximum that the difference was slight indeed and Chairman J. H. Blackaby and the members of the committee are justly proud of the record made.

The City of Ontario itself did reach, if indeed it did not exceed the maximum, but the country district, where the population was scattered did not respond as it was hoped it

SAVE FOOD AND HELP WIN WAR

O. M. Plummer, of State Food Conservation Committee, Addresses Students.

Food conservation and the saving of fats, meats and sugars to preserve life at the front was the text of an address given to the High School and Eighth Grade students last Friday morning by O. M. Plummer, field agent of the state food conservation committee.

Mr. Plummer made a strong appeal to the high school students to help in the campaign to economize the nation's resources, and made it plain to them that a little done by everybody each day toward economizing food will have a surprising effect upon the total food supply increase.

"One slice of bread less a day will afford thousands of loaves for your brothers over in France if all the people in the country enter into the spirit of the campaign," said Mr. Plummer.

"One piece of meat saved by each one of you, and by your fellow students throughout the country will mean better nourishment and longer lives for your brothers over in France."

would. Few of the workers found open opposition to the loan, but did encounter a great measure of misinformation and lack of knowledge concerning the needs of the government.

VALE TELEPHONE MANAGER GOES TO SAN FRANCISCO

Walter Powers, who for several years has been manager of the Vale exchange of the Malheur Telephone company has resigned and accepted a position with the Pacific Telephone company at San Francisco.

SLAM AT RED CROSS STARTS REAL FIGHT

Drewsey Socialist Gets Beating At Hands of Red Cross Workers—Feeling High in Community.

Frank Upton, of Drewsey, received a thoro drubbing at the hands of Alex Murray of that community last Saturday evening after he struck Murray for a remark Murray made criticizing those who would not contribute to the Red Cross campaign.

According to reports of the affair received in Ontario young Upton was among a group of men among whom young Murray was soliciting funds for the Red Cross, and during the course of which Mr. Murray severely stigmatized anyone who would not aid the cause. No names were mentioned. Upton, advancing from behind hit Murray on the side of the head. That was all that was needed to open the ball. Murray went at his assailant with a vim that soon demonstrated his willingness and ability to back his words. After Upton had been knocked down he declared he had "had enough," but Murray thot that it was he who was deciding that question and while the crowd approved he further administered punishment.

Owing to the fact, so it is said, that there are a number of socialists in the Drewsey country feeling for a time ran high but the beating given young Upton is said to have had a salutary effect.

It may also be added that the Drewsey patriots did their bit towards the Red Cross and the Liberty Loan as well.

NEW SYSTEM IN GRADING IN ONTARIO'S SCHOOLS

Grade cards of pupils in the Ontario schools being sent out this week explains a new system of grading, which was adopted by the teachers at a meeting recently. The system which is comparatively new is said to be spreading rapidly among public schools. It is used by a number of colleges and universities, including the University of Oregon, which with the University of Missouri was one of the first to adopt it.

Under the new system the pupils are divided into three groups. Pupils ranking in the higher quarter of their class are marked as S meaning Superior, those in the lowest quarter as I meaning Inferior, those between as G meaning Good. Students whose work is decidedly inferior receive F meaning Failed. Occasionally a student whose work is unusually excellent is given the honor grade of E meaning Excellent, signifying that he ranks at the top of the class.

Among the advantages claimed for the system are the fact that the students and parents know from the grade the comparative rank with other students, and that it gives a common standard for all teachers, preventing some from undergrading.

TYPHOID CLAIMS ITS SECOND VICTIM HERE

Miss Ruth Howe, Daughter of Geo. Howe, Succumbs to Disease That Has Had Its Grip on Many Citizens.

Altho Ontario had suffered from two successive epidemics of typhoid in the past two years until this year no case of the disease contracted here proved fatal. The second victim of the disease was Miss Ruth Howe the 17-year old daughter of Geo. Howe.

The young lady who had been ill for nearly two weeks, died Wednesday evening. The funeral services are to be held tomorrow. Miss Howe first felt ill nearly two weeks ago but continued to work at one of the packing plants until last week medical aid was summoned. The fever, however, had secured too great a hold to be shaken and she passed away Wednesday evening. Miss Howe was a student at the High school.

ONTARIO AWAKES TO HEAR OF MARRIAGE

Well Known Young Couple Go To Baker City for Wedding Ceremony But Did Not Tell Their Friends on Return.

Ontario this week became acquainted with the fact that at Baker on October 24, occurred the ceremony which united Miss Helene Crooks and Herscott Browne, in marriage. The ceremony was performed by County Judge Duby.

The news of the wedding, which was not told by the bride and groom on their return, just gradually became known, as those things will, and Mr. and Mrs. Browne are now receiving the belated good wishes of their many friends. Both Mr. and Mrs. Browne are well known in Ontario. Mrs. Browne who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Crooks of Chillicothe, Missouri, but formerly of this city, has lived here two years and graduated from the Ontario High School with the class of 1915. Last winter she taught school at Big Bend and since has been employed at the Ontario Pharmacy.

The groom is a native son of Malheur county and has resided in Ontario the past seven years. He is also an alumni of Ontario High School, a member of the class of 1914. Since his graduation he has been employed by Boyer Bros. Mr. and Mrs. Browne are making their home with Mrs. A. A. Browne.

ANGERED AT FATHER SON BURNS HAYSTACK

Noble Pullen in Jail Charged With Arson of \$8,000 Worth of Hay—No Insurance on Stacks.

Noble, the 16-year old son of Doc Pullen of the Owyhee is in jail awaiting the result of a hearing on the charge of arson which was lodged against him. The young man was arrested last Friday as the result of a fire which destroyed the \$8,000 stack of hay belonging to his father and to Hub Walters.

The boy is said to have quarrelled with his father and that shortly following to have set fire to the stacks. There was no insurance on the hay.

Mrs. William Shinn and little daughter, Margaret, returned to their home in Montana Monday after an extended visit with friends in Ontario.

J. A. Reed, representing the Remington Arms Co., and formerly an Ontario resident, was in the city this week.

Attorney W. H. Brooke returned Sunday from Drewsey where he spent the week securing data to be presented at the hearing of cases in the Malheur adjudication hearings.

TORPEDO LEAVING TUBE OF BRITISH DESTROYER

