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## Victory Liberty Loan is Debt Of Honor Americans Must Pay

J. D. ZURCHER, CAMPAIGN MANAGER FOR EASTERN OREGON, ENTHUSIASTICALLY GATHERING OF FAITHFUL LIBERTY LOAN WORKERS

### PLAN WHIRLWIND CAMPAIGN

Malheur County's Quota will be in neighborhood of \$650,000 is belief expressed here—Amount of issue not announced.

Six months ago could any man stand before an average American audience and with authority declared "Give me half of your wealth and I'll end the war without the killing of another soldier," he would have been overwhelmed with the load of wealth offered him. His proposition would have been taken at once. While American boys were dying, American fathers and mothers were willing to give them everything, and back them to the limit. Now those fathers and mothers want their boys home, and that can't be done until the Victory Liberty Loan is subscribed.

"That was the message that J. D. Zurcher of Portland, Eastern Oregon Manager of the Victory Liberty Loan campaign gave to a small gathering of the faithful Liberty Loan here Monday afternoon.

"That is not all," said Mr. Zurcher. "This Victory Loan is called for to pay the honorable debts of the American people. These debts must be paid. The war is not over until they are paid.

"The American people are situated just like the man whose wife runs a bill at the grocers, the baker's, and the dry goods man's store. He must pay her bills if he is an honorable man. We as Americans must pay the bills that our government has contracted to pay.

"And it is a bill that is worth-while paying. It is a bill for Victory. Remember that," said Mr. Zurcher. Democracy has triumphed. The Kaiser is off his throne. Prussianism has crumpled. Right has prevailed, and we who believe in our government must pay the bill.

If the War had Continued. "What does this Victory Loan amount to compared with what the war would have cost us had it continued six months longer. Just before the war ended American soldiers were being killed at the rate of 1,500 per day. Had the war continued six months longer 275,000 killed in action.

"Had the war continued we would have had a Liberty Loan now, but the Victory Loan would be an event of the future. This is the last Liberty Loan. The Honor of the nation, our nation, that has never repudiated a debt demands that this loan be subscribed by the people, for the war will not end until all the boys come home and the debts are paid."

J. R. Blackaby, county chairman, presided at the meeting and prominent among the delegates present were Messrs. Kennedy and Reed of Brogan, M. D. Kelly of Jamieson, and E. M. Dean of Nyssa.

## JIMERSON-BLACKABY WEDDING WEDNESDAY

Payette Furnishes Bride and Ontario Groom at Inter-City Wedding—Both Members of Pioneer Families.

At the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. J. R. Jimeron of Payette, last evening occurred a marriage ceremony which united two well known pioneer families. The bride at the ceremony was Miss Fredricka Jimeron, the groom, Larue Blackaby, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Blackaby of this city.

Only the members of the immediate families and two girlhood friends of the bride were present. Following the wedding, at which Rev. Wallace of Payette read the service of the Methodist Episcopal church, an elaborate wedding supper was served at the Bancroft hotel. Covers were laid for twelve, those present with the bride and groom being: Mrs. Jimeron, of Payette; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Blackaby, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blackaby, Miss Margaret Blackaby, Miss Lavine Smith of Ontario, Miss Ruth Goodwin and Miss Myrtle Chapin of Payette.

Later Mr. and Mrs. Blackaby left on No. 19 for Portland and Eugene for their honeymoon trip. They will be gone for ten days and on their return will be at home in Ontario.

### P. T. A. MEETING POSTPONED

The regular meeting of the Parent Teachers association which was scheduled for Friday afternoon has been postponed until Tuesday, April 22. The program for the meeting will be announced next week.

## BROGAN WANTS JOHN DAY HIGHWAY BUILT

J. A. Kennedy Declares that Road Will Develop County as well as Other Highway—Business Outlook Good.

J. A. Kennedy of Brogan who has been one of the faithful workers in very patriotic drive since the war began was in Ontario Monday afternoon to attend the conference of Victory Loan chairmen, and afterward took time to discuss the development work that is going on in the upper county.

"The people of the Willow River valley are extremely interested in the good roads program," said Mr. Kennedy. "They believe that the building of the John Day Highway will do more good than anything else can do to develop the interior of the county.

"With the building of this road, and with the watering of lands from the Warm Springs district, a great change is going to take place. Crop conditions in the valley, and grass conditions on the range indicate unrivalled prospects for a prosperous year in our sections," he said.

## DEAD OX FLAT MEN FORM ORGANIZATION

Two Meetings Held to Unite Residents of Growing Section on Program of Betterment.

Two meetings were held during the past few days by citizens of the upper Dead Ox Flat for the purpose of considering a program that will bring that section into contact with its neighbors in Oregon and result in bettering conditions there.

The executive committee selected is composed of the following: E. J. Patch, Samuel Hill, P. M. Boals, L. R. Breithaupt and Frank M. Northrup.

One of the first considerations of course was the matter of roads. That section desires that a road between it and Ontario be built. They want a good highway to this section so that when they have business here or at Vale they can as Oregonians stay in Oregon and drive over Oregon roads for the building of which they pay taxes.

The people of Dead Ox Flat are loyal Oregonians. They want to see their section bisected by the Oregon Trail highway which is a part of the State Highway program, and they are going to send a representative to Portland to represent their interests.

"The people of Dead Ox Flat are not selfish in their desire to secure the upbuilding of their region," said one of the men at the recent meeting who was in the city this week. "We are forming a protect league as a portion of the Malheur Development League and we are willing to do our part in aiding the upbuilding of any section that does not seek its advantage to the detriment of some other section. We want progress all along the line, and we feel that if the Dead Ox Flat country can be opened up to Oregonians it will be to the mutual benefit of all concerned."

## NYSSA COMMERCIAL CLUB IS LUNCHEON

Plans Made for Enrolling 200 Members to Boost for Advancement of Community—Owyhee Project and Roads.

Nyssa has a new commercial club. With all the other communities of the county the Nyssa people are getting in line to help boost the development of the Snake river valley.

The first step in the Nyssa campaign is to form a strong organization. It is their purpose, according to Nyssa visitors in Ontario this week, to secure 200 members for their club and then get behind every movement for the upbuilding of their town, and the country around it.

Nyssa is ready to back the movement for making the Owyhee project a reality, and to build good roads thru the county, into the Big Bend and Owyhee regions and on up Suscor Creek to Jordan Valley.

## TROPHY TRAIN WILL SPEND NIGHT HERE

Eleven Coaches Filled With Soldiers and War Relics to be Shown Here Friday—Whippet Tank and Hero Present.

From 8:10 p. m. Friday, April 11, until the last person has seen all he wants of the relics of the battles fought by American doughboys in France, the Victory trophy train will be in Ontario. The train with its soldier attendants, all veterans of the battles in France will arrive here from Vale after a trip down the branch. From here it will go to Nyssa Friday morning.

Beside trophies similar to those shown here last fall the train has a French Whippet tank, which was used by Americans in the Argonne battle. With the tank, telling how it feels to "go over" in one of them is Pte. Chas. C. Likins of Portland.

His was a record of action from the time of his departure, September 9, 1918, until the zero hour struck. He went over the top the first time on November 6th. The experience was repeated on the 7th and 8th and on the last date the whippet tank was hit by a German high explosive shell, when the driver was killed and Private Likins wounded.

The sensation of the soldier who goes over the top is something that most of them do not attempt to describe—they can't. Private Likins answers it with just that statement, that he can't explain it. He does tell some of the detail that every reader of news reports has been interested in learning. The driver and gunner strapped in their places, just as aviators are, and for the same reason their ears wedged tight with cotton wadding that the ear drums will not be destroyed by the deafening roar of shot and shell, and that of artillery and rattle of machine guns. The hum of the machine gun fire hitting the armour plate of the tank is described as resembling very much the rattle of a hailstorm. But there is no time to think about it, for with the enthusiasm of the red blooded American of the West, his only thought is "How to get Fritzle-boy," before Heinie has a chance to "get" the persuing "tom-cats."

It was on the evening of November 8th that Private Likins was picked up several hours after the infantry detachments had marched across the field. It was in base hospital No. 24, at Langras, France, that he regained consciousness and made the start on the road to recovery.

## OWYHEE PROJECT IS BEING INVESTIGATED

Government Reclamation Officials Call for Data of Engineer J. L. Lewis, Former State Official.

Representatives of the United States Reclamation Service were in Ontario, Nyssa and Vale during the past week getting data on the Owyhee Project. This is being done, it is believed, so that the service will be in a position to proceed with this project in event that the Soldiers' Homestead bill is passed at the coming session of Congress.

John L. Lewis, Project engineer of the Warm Springs district, who was state engineer at the time the State and Federal authorities made the joint survey of the project was called upon by the officials for the data in his possession.

## REV. S. R. STEELE ACCEPTS LOCAL CALL

Congregational Church Extends Invitation to Portland Pastor to Take Pulpit Here—First Service Sunday.

Rev. S. R. Steele of Portland, who since the war has been a Y war worker, this week notified the trustees of the Congregational church of his acceptance of the call which was extended him at a Congregational meeting last week.

Rev. Steele said that he would be here on Saturday ready to undertake the work and services on Sunday.

The new pastor who comes directly from Y work was prior to the beginning of the war a minister of the Southern Methodist church. He is married and has five children. He comes to Ontario well recommended as an active worker and capable pulpit orator.

Mrs. E. A. Fraser entertained the Tuesday Bridge Club at her home last Tuesday.

E. W. Carral and J. W. Holtman, of the St. Joe Stockyards of St. Joe, Missouri, are in Ontario this week on business.

## CROSSING USED AT PERIL SAY CITIZENS

Instances of Prolonging Blockade Cited—Speed of Thru Freight—Too Great—Blame Placed on Employees.

That the people of Ontario use the streets which cross the railroad tracks at their peril was the statement made by several citizens who appeared before the City Council Monday evening to urge that some means be taken to rectify conditions.

Dr. H. H. Whitney was the first to bring the matter before the Council when he said: "A vicious condition exists here in Ontario. The crossings are blocked for long periods by trains, and the crews apparently have no thought for the convenience of the public. The freight trains pass thru the city traveling at high rates of speed, and it is a wonder to me that more accidents do not occur." He then cited several specific instances of prolonged blockades of the crossing and narrow escapes of citizens.

S. F. Taylor, A. L. McDowell, Mayor R. W. Jones and other persons present at the meeting reported similar conditions.

City Recorder C. M. Stearns called attention to the fact that more than a year ago the Council passed a resolution requesting better conditions at the crossings, the installation of a wigwag signal on the Idaho street crossing, but that no action had been taken.

Mayor Jones reported that he had a talk with one of the signal officials a few days previous regarding all these matters and had told him that while the Council would prefer to have the company proceed to remove the cause of complaint, that unless this was done the City would have to pass ordinances with teeth in them sufficient to compel changes in the practices complained of. Mayor Jones, and other speakers declared it was their opinion that the fault lay to a great degree with the train men who were violating the company's regulations. This was confirmed by Attorney W. E. Lees, who advised that the matter be taken up direct with the officials before new ordinances were passed.

On the reading of bids for the construction of lateral sewers in district No. 9, along Minnesota avenue the bid of C. H. Helmer for \$7,276.96 was accepted and the contract awarded him. The only other bid was that of J. A. Hoskins Co. for \$8,326.57. Both bids were the same for either cement or vitrified pipe. The sewer committee was instructed to investigate and determine which material to use.

W. E. Lees appeared before the Council to request a rebate on the water bill for the Wilson building, and presented a comparative statement. The water superintendent declared that the differences were due to leaks in the plumbing. The matter was referred to the water committee.

The condition of the filters at the pumping plant was discussed at length and the determination reached that the filter company is bound under its bond to keep them in condition for a year. An investigation of the conditions which lasted until 11:30 adjourned to meet again next Monday.

## LOCAL WOOL BEING SOLD AT GOOD PRICES

Opening Prices for Early Market Higher than Sheepmen Expected, But Some Look for Further Advance.

Forty-eight cents per pound was the price at which the first wool clips of this section sold during the past ten days. This price was paid by Boston firms to Lester Seawell who sheared his sheep here at Ontario and on Dead Ox Flat.

Several other sheepmen of this section and Western Idaho have sold at that figure while others have refused that price believing that higher quotations will be offered. It is generally admitted however that the first bids for wool are higher than anticipated, and some of the local wool raisers are in doubt as to the trend of prices.

The Congregational Ladies Aid society will hold a cooked food sale at the Udic Plumbing shop in the Moore Hotel block on Saturday, April 19th. Adv.

The Fruitland Senior class will give their class play, "The Dutch Detective," in Fruitland High School auditorium on the evening of April 18th at 8 o'clock. Admission 35c. Don't miss it, it's a scream.

Ithel Lang spent the week-end in Glens Ferry visiting with his parents.

H. F. Mustard, a Ontario sheepman of Vale, was an Ontario business visitor, Monday.

Frank Foster arrived home Friday from a business trip to Portland.

## Delegates Going to Present Road Program to Commission

## SOLDIER BOYS ARE COMING BACK FAST

Almost Every Day Sees Addition to List of Returned Service Men—Cliff Canfield May be With Flying Circus.

As fast as one of the boys home from the army for more than a week gets back into mufti, two others reach Ontario to take his place. Since each new comer wears some different insignia on his sleeve it would require a course in military matters to keep track of them all.

Among the arrivals home this week is Sergeant Arthur Moore who left Ontario on April 10, 1917, with the first group of volunteers. He has been in the airplane service in Texas ever since. He arrived home Monday evening.

Herschel M. Browne who has been at Fort Stevens for several months, and who it was reported last week would not be discharged soon, arrived home Monday evening, and will soon be back on his old job at the Dreamland.

From Over-Seas. Among the arrivals at New York last Saturday was Sergeant Glenn N. Brown, who also was a member of the first bunch of recruits that left April 10, 1917. He has been in France for more than a year.

Word was received this week, too, from Sprague Adam who was with the "Tomcats" in the Argonne. He had left for Camp Grant at Rockford, Ill., and expected to be discharged soon.

Will be at Boise. Mr. and Mrs. Ward Canfield received word from their son, Sergeant Clifford Canfield who recently returned from France that he is now at San Diego, Calif., and expected to be with the airplane circus that is to tour the West and will give an exhibition at Boise on Saturday April 19. He too was a member of the party that left here April 10, 1917.

## OLD CLOTHES DRIVE FALLS BELOW QUOTA

Chapter Secures Less Than Half the Amount Requested Though Quality of Clothing was Superior—Women Grateful.

All last week the Council room of the City Hall looked more like a warehouse than the legislative chamber of a municipal governing body. The long table was buried under piles of clothing and boxes and packages filled the room. These were the result of the work of the "Old Clothes" committee of the Red Cross Chapter which had charge of the drive for clothing for war refugees.

The work of the committee reached an end last Saturday when 19 boxes of garments of all sizes and for both sexes, and six bags of shoes were taken to the freight house and loaded on a car which was to pick up from Weiser, Payette, Nampa and other points along the line all the old clothes and go direct to Brooklyn, N. Y.

Ontario last time more than filled its quota—this time it fell short. The chapter was asked for three tons—double the quota of the last drive. The committee for various reasons was only able to collect a ton and a quarter. A total of 2650 pounds were sent. But in the quality of the garments forwarded the chapter may well be proud. A large box was filled with new comforters made by willing Red Cross workers, from material left from the Red Cross work, and thanks are due Rader Bros for a generous donation of new undergarments and shoes, and to Mr. Cummings of the Cash Variety for a large number of childrens wool undergarments and sweaters.

The committee feels thankful that so many clean warm garments were donated. The school children helped largely by having a drive in school and each bringing a large parcel to the room last week. The Nyssa branch sent a quality of new convalescent robes and a bolt of outing flannel, besides other pieces of goods from their work rooms. The committee feels grateful to all those who helped by giving and working.

The Fruitland Senior Class play, "The Dutch Detective," at their high school April 18, 8 o'clock; 35c.

Mrs. Anos Roethler and daughter, of Westfall, were in town on business Tuesday.

Mrs. E. C. Van Petten entertained the Wednesday Bridge Club at her home last Wednesday.

M. D. Kelly, a prominent stockman of Jamieson, was a business visitor in Ontario last Monday.

Howard Belmour spent the week-end in Glens Ferry with his parents.

COMMERCIAL CLUB ELECTS REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND PORTLAND CONFERENCE NEXT TUESDAY—THE COUNTY TO BE REPRESENTED

## PROPOSE TO HIRE SECRETARY

Useless to Continue Present Program Declare Citizens—Frank Opinions Expressed of Citizens who Take Slight Interest in Civic Affairs.

To represent the views of Ontario on the question of good roads and an adequate road program four delegates were selected at a meeting of the Commercial club held last evening. The four men selected are W. W. Wood, J. R. Blackaby, P. J. Gallagher and G. K. Aiken. They will leave with the other representatives from the county Sunday night for Portland to attend the session of the State Highway commission on Tuesday.

From the Malheur Development League, County Judge E. H. Test, and Commissioners J. A. Weaver and Frank Vines will be the delegates. Vale is sending G. H. Wildhaber, Julian Hurley, H. R. Dunlop and G. H. Curry; Brogan is sending J. A. Kennedy, Jamieson, C. H. Oxman; Nyssa, E. M. Dean; Dead Ox Flat, Frank M. Northrup and L. P. Breithaupt. And other representatives are expected from Malheur City, Ironside, Juntura and Westfall. Jordan Valley will send a representative and Harley J. Hooker of the Jordan Valley Farms company is to attend.

At this meeting, too, Grant, Baker and Harney counties will have representatives to present their road programs in the expectations that definite arrangements can be made with the commission to cooperate in its plans for the Eastern Oregon highways. Until the counties know what the commission wants, and can do, the situation is chaotic, and the commission can not make its plans until it learns what the counties can and are willing to do.

Want Real Program. After discussing the road program from all angles the club members discussed local affairs. Mayor R. W. Jones focused the discussion on the selection of a paid secretary with a proposition to be one of six men to guarantee the salary of a real secretary to the amount of \$250 or \$300 per month. H. H. Tunny declared he would be Number two.

President W. W. Wood who presided told of the difficulties of the directors to proceed on any program without funds, and of the failure of the finance committee appointed months ago to make its report.

What Ails Ontario? Several of the members present declared that the trouble with Ontario is lack of interest in the city's affairs by the men in town who own property, and who are merely sitting still expecting some one to do all the civic work, and then if that some one does want to start anything to "kick" because he is not a heavy taxpayer.

It was the sentiment of the meeting that the community could be counted up to contribute anywhere from \$400 to \$600 per month for such work. On that basis an effort will be made to launch a real club program.

## SATURDAY MATINEES LATEST INNOVATION

Ontario to Have Two Shows on Week-End Day, Starting This Week—Shoppers Can be Entertained When Tired.

Ontario is to have regular Saturday matinees. This is the latest innovation for the city and is announced this week by Miss Dorothy J. Quish, manager of Dreamland.

Two performances will be given every Saturday afternoon for the benefit of women and children, and for mere men, too, of course. No doubt this will result in many "show and shopping" parties, for women shoppers when tired of bargain hunting, in Ontario emporiums will find it a delightful change to drop in at Dreamland for a real or two and laugh away that tired feeling with Charlie Olers, or enjoy a love story with Clara Kimball Young, Mary Pickford, Marguerite Clark and other stars of the regular galaxy shown at Dreamland.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wood made a trip to Vale, Friday.