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WAR BONDS AND FAMILY NEEDS

John Jones is a Eugenean, just like any of us, except that he has been doing some new and enlightened figuring on War Bonds...

- 1. Transmission in the family jalopy went haywire during the cold weather... 2. Mrs. Jones jammed the gears on the old ironer... 3. Jones put in most of three weekends overhauling the old washing machine...

Jones is getting on for 50, makes \$300 to \$400 a month, has his home two-thirds paid for, has kept up \$10,000 insurance from the last war...

Jones came looming into the office the other day with a set of figures he'd been jotting down—a budget of post-war needs of the Jones family. Here they are:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes New car (\$1,000.00), Washing machine (200.00), Ironer (150.00), Radio (100.00), Refrigerator (150.00), New bathroom, repairs (500.00), New furniture, etc. (500.00), Trip back to New York (500.00), Cottage up-river (1,000.00), Education fund (kids) (1,000.00). MINIMUM TOTAL \$5,100.00

Jones has developed an entirely new attitude toward War Bonds and payroll savings as the result of his calculations. He figures that in spite of taxes and insurance and normal living costs, he must try to put at least \$500 a year into War Bonds instead of just a bare 10 per cent.

"Great grief," says he, "the war will have to last 10 years to let me lay by cash enough for all the things we're going to need, and I don't want that to happen. Neither do I want, at my age to get involved in a lot of installments and mortgages at the end of this war. And we might need everything we can lay by for a cushion. Who knows? Thing that knocked me cold was the number of things the Jones family is used to, that we can't get now, that will be all worn out and needing replacement when we get Hitler licked."

We are indebted to Mr. Jones for a very stimulating idea. We have just finished reading in Fortune a very learned article on Inflation and ways to check it—"spending taxes," sales taxes, forced savings, heavier rationing, all very complex, all requiring a lot of additional government machinery. If we could make every patriotic American see what John Jones sees so clearly—the need to save now for the things you can't get now, the need to build up a post-war reservoir of cash buying power, to help make post-war jobs!

(We heard yesterday of a woman who has bought 30 dresses and coats in the recent "buyers' panic." What is that silly female going to use after the war?)

Now all of this leads to a suggestion which may or may not find favor with Gordon Orput and his War Bond crews—BUDGET POST-WAR NEEDS to set a visual measure on each person's payroll savings program. In the last week we have been discussing "a \$5,000,000 stock pile of public works" for Lane county's post-war program. If some way could be found to list and set up savings for all the family needs which can be foreseen, it would underwrite this community's post-war prosperity and security.

What John Jones has figured out all by himself is the necessary companion-piece to the patriotic slogan which says:

"Buy War Bonds; put fighting tools into the hands of fighting men."

John Jones isn't the kind of guy who makes slogans but his action says:

"It is high patriotism to cut your spending to the bone; if you can't fight, fortify the future." Fortune estimates 22 billion excess spending power over "necessary consumer goods"; hence the peril of inflation through many forms of luxury spending (wasting) unless this 22 billion can be drawn off by new taxes or War Bonds. This is money which should be directed to budgets of post-war needs. If the post-war needs of this nation's workers could be listed the total would

absorb that 22 billion excess for years to come.

Maybe "gov'tment compulsion" is the only answer. We still have a lot of faith in American common sense—and the simple arithmetic of people like John Jones.

ONE OF THE PAGEANT VETERANS

One of the veterans of "the pageant period" in Eugene was Alfred S. Walker, whose death we have recorded this last week. At 78, Mr. Walker had lived a long life and a good life, and death may properly be called "rest." Nevertheless many of us will remember Mr. Walker with fondness. He was one of the group of stalwart "old timers" that Doris Smith gathered around her. She called them "her boys." (They called her "their gal" and "Dorrie"). Charlie Farmer, who used to do the Jim Bridger ride! Sherman Robberts, a good two-gun man from the old west! Alf Walker, a good hand with man or "hoss"!

Men of the real Old West these were, and gentlemen all of them. Men who had seen a great deal of life when it was rough and raw and had learned a great deal of the wisdom not found in books. The civilization which they helped to create arrived and matured and passed somewhat beyond them, but they carried over into the roaring age of motor cars and airplanes much of the traditions and philosophy of saddle and horse.

Sometimes we have wondered if after this war, the custom of pioneer pageantry will be revived, and if it is whether there will be any to take the places of these men who really knew the Old West. To be sure, we can always train riders and there will always be horsemen, for horsemen are born and not made; but they will be a different breed from these old timers.

The most impressive quality of these old timers was a certain gentility, a courtesy, even an elegance of manners which was a by-product of frontier life. They were men trained in a school where it was dangerous to indulge in "big talk" without the skill and courage to back it up. There comes to mind a "stormy night" in the stables of the 1934 pageant with Alf Walker quietly and effectively doing his stuff as stable boss, a remarkable old gentleman, a man worth knowing.

From the files of the Eugene pageants we should draw up a list of these old timers for an honor roll. We owe them much.

WHEN JANE THACHER PLAYS

When Jane Thatcher plays, as she did Wednesday evening for the Red Cross war fund, there are a great many people in this community who feel that it is an event which they must not miss. For Mrs. Thatcher is not only a master of music and the piano but a person who has gathered much from living and added it to her attainments.

In this University town we are visited by many world famous artists who give us "a show" and go their ways. We have living here many fine artists who have not chosen the highroad of the public stage. Sometimes we get the feeling that it is through these we get "real music."

Thus over the years we have heard Mrs. Thatcher's interpretations of a vast repertoire. We have heard Beethoven and Mozart and Chopin and most of the masters through the medium of a brilliant and gifted woman whose interpretations bear the inflections of her own experience. Familiar music takes on new beauty from an artist whose high courage and great personal charm have enriched our experience.

Thus on Wednesday evening, Mrs. Thatcher chose to play Brahms, sometimes classed as the last of the great "romantics" of the pre-war epoch. It was not only Brahms, Mrs. Thatcher's friends heard but Mrs. Thatcher. There was a triumphant understanding in her rendering of the magnificent F-minor sonata. Mrs. Thatcher has not yielded any of her exceptional dramatic power; rather she has added a rich humor and delicacy in presenting the many moods of the Brahms sequence.

It is a privilege in these times to hear such music. And it is proud we are to live in the same town and to claim as a friend and as one of us an artist who has chosen to give us her music.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

"MRS. MINIVER" DESERVES IT

(Medford Mail Tribune) For once the Mail Tribune can agree heartily with the award of the chief annual movie "Oscar." Mrs. Miniver WAS the best film of 1942. Miss Greer Garson did a fine bit of characterization, and supporting honors were entirely deserved by Miss Teresa Wright. It is so seldom these awards come out that way, at least as far as the "movie expert" of this journal is concerned. There is always some fly in the ointment, however. And the fly in this particular case is James Cagney singled out for his "brilliant characterization" of the late George M. Cohan. In our judgment that was one of the worst films of the year, and "Jimmy the Cag." was no more like George M. Cohan, than he was like Mickey Rooney—in fact not half as much. But we grant such a verdict was shared by few and don't deny a strong personal prejudice against J. C. whenever he ventures out of his natural element which is gangsterdom. In other words in our judgment Cagney is definitely typed, not by the public but by himself and his own limitations. However, all in all the awards were excellent and the committee responsible for them, should be congratulated upon obvious incorruptibility and good taste.

Reedsport's War Relief Funds Soaring

REEDSPORT—The annual Red Cross drive for Reedsport's quota of \$1200 has progressed more than half-way in the first week of the solicitation, according to Mrs. Delbert Keith, general chairman. A total of \$600 already had been reported by the various district workers. Mills and logging camps of the district have not yet been heard from and any individual who is not contacted is requested to mail his contribution to Mrs. Delbert Keith, Reedsport, or to telephone one of the following chairmen who will call for the gift: Scottsburg, Mrs. Paul Applegate; Loon Lake, Mrs. Ben Moore; Winchester Bay, Mrs. Tom Richmond; Gardiner, Mrs. Adis Jones; Booth, Mrs. Clare Melvin; Deans Creek, L. F. Naappi, and Smith River, Mrs. John Weiss. Services will be held Sunday afternoon at St. Mary's Episcopal church, Gardiner. Rev. George Tourney of Marshfield is the rector. Rev. G. W. Mathiasen, of Calvary Lutheran church, Marshfield, will conduct services at the Reedsport Assembly of God church, 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, March 21. Lenten services will be held at 8 o'clock each Wednesday evening, at St. Ann's Catholic church, Reedsport, and mass at 8 o'clock each Thursday morning throughout the Lenten season. Rev. William J. Killian is the pastor of St. Ann's church, Reedsport, and of Holy Redeemer church, North Bend. Officers Elected Election of new officers took place at the meeting of the Missionary society of the local Community Presbyterian church held last week at the Albert Burling residence. They are: Mrs. Albert Burling, president; Mrs. Walter Keating, vice-president; Mrs. C. H. Bennett, secretary, and Mrs. Mortimer Bailey, treasurer. Mrs. Bennett will be hostess for the next meeting of the society. Several hundred persons packed the Reedsport high school auditorium last week to hear the concert given by members of the 104th Cavalry band of Camp Adair, under the direction of Sergeant McLaughlin. A dance followed, the music being supplied by an 11 piece orchestra chosen from the band. Members of the Reedsport American Legion auxiliary entertained Legionnaires and friends Friday evening in the Legion hall, the 24th anniversary of the founding of the American Legion. A large crowd attended and enjoyed the festivities. Jack Dunn, Bill Vian and Edward Gerhard, who had applied for voluntary induction into the U. S. marine corps, have finally been assigned to that branch according to word received here by their parents and left Portland last week for San Diego. James McCulloch, son of Postmaster and Mrs. George McCulloch, left Reedsport last week for San Francisco, where he has been assigned for naval duty following his graduation from a yeoman school at the University of Indiana, Bloomington. Lieut. Mike Morris, formerly of Gardiner and Reedsport, was a visitor at the Ben Baldrige home during the past week enroute to his new station in Florida.

River Road Play, Thursday, Friday; Production Comedy

RIVER ROAD — "A Pair of Country Kids," a three-act comedy, will be presented by the River Road P.T.A. Thursday and Friday, March 25 and 26, at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium. This play is a successor to the widely advertised and produced play "Aaron Slick From Punkin Crick." Many of River Road's old players will be seen with a number of new ones. The cast is as follows: Marie Anderson, Doreen Anderson, Meta Mae Coleman, Lila Smith, Hanne Pitney, Dwight Newman, Archie Holeman, Jack Clark, Glenn Harnden, and Jim Walker. Mrs. Irene Holeman is directing the play.

Ohio Flood Waters Claim Two Lives

CINCINNATI, O., March 20.—Spring floods from inland creeks and smaller rivers washed into the Ohio river today sending it three feet beyond the 52-foot flood stage at Cincinnati after two lives were reported lost by drowning in Ohio and much property damage caused in lowland farm areas ready for spring plowing.

Mailbag

"NOT FUNNY" EUGENE—(To the Editor)—After reading your playful item concerning the lady driving up to the market and stealing mds., I have been waiting for further developments. Is it possible that it is just a cute trick, when our boys in service are going without butter and many other things. Why is this act going unpunished? Taint funny, McGee. Very Truly, MRS. A. SCHULTZ, Eugene.

Creswell Mission Society Meets

CRESWELL — The postponed meeting of the missionary society of the Presbyterian church was held last week at the home of Mrs. F. D. Lacey. Mrs. Lacey presided at the meeting and read an editorial on Lent. She also conducted the devotions. Mrs. E. W. Hoagland was the leader of the lesson, "Our Emigrants." A poem from "The Guiding Light" and correspondence from Presbyterian secretaries were read. The program of study for the year was approved. Refreshments were served by the hostess and a surprise feature was the presentation of a large decorated birthday cake for Mrs. Lacey, supplied by Mrs. Richard Campbell. A meeting of neighborhood and community leaders will be held at the grange hall Monday evening, March 22, with Nellie C. Lyle, county home demonstration agent, in charge. The topic is "Victory Gardens and Family Food Supply."

A benefit St. Patrick's party will follow the regular meeting of Honor Rebekah lodge Wednesday evening. A program and games have been planned. All friends are invited. Practically every student of the high school was given the tuberculosis test by members of the Lane county health unit. A large number of pupils of the grade school also were given the inoculation. George Harold Sears, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sears, an airplane mechanic stationed at Providence, R. I., has recently been promoted from corporal to sergeant.

PFC E. Earl Smith left Friday for Portland to visit with his brothers, Allan and Robert, before returning to his medical detachment at Tomah, Wis. He has spent a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Smith. His mother accompanied him to Portland. Mrs. Walter Ransome left last week for Spokane after a visit with her sister, Mrs. C. C. Fox and family. Jeanne Fox accompanied her and will look for work in the city as will Betty Redding, who went with them. Betty has been nurse aid at the Sacred Heart hospital.

Announcements have been received by Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hoagland, parents of Cadet Pilot William Hoagland, and by friends, of his recent graduation from the aviation cadet training school of the army at Ellington, Tex. Cadet Hoagland has not been able to visit his home since enlisting a year ago in November, but has made steady advancement in his studies.

Mrs. Marjory Overholser, who has been visiting her father, C. E. Warner, left this week for her home at Seattle. Upon reaching there she found her husband had been called into service and she is planning to return to Creswell for a time.

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Union Auxiliary Arranges Party

WENDLING—The Ladies auxiliary will hold a social evening of the wives of the members of the AF of L union in the ladies room of the Community hall at the next AF of L meeting, Tuesday, March 23.

Mrs. Seth Byers has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Wearin of Waltherville.

Mrs. Harlow Stewart, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Susan Bailey, and Mrs. George Gilbert are now employed by the Booth-Kelly Lumber company. This makes a total of nine women working in the mill now.

Sergeant Shields of Eugene inspected the observation post recently.

William Davis, who was inducted into the army February 27, is stationed at Camp Barkeley, Tex. He is in the medical corps.

PLAN CARNIVAL

WENDLING — The Wendling P.T. A. will hold a carnival at the Community hall the evening of April 1. Entertainment will be provided for all ages. Everybody is invited to come.

BUYS PROPERTY

CRESWELL—Otto C. Worman of Yoncalla has purchased the John Lindsay property and will take possession at once.

A law prohibiting shoes which extended more than two inches beyond normal foot length was passed in England during the reign of Edward IV.

SCHOOL SELLS BONDS

WESTFIR—Bond selling reached a fairly high tempo in the Westfir grade school recently, when the eighth grade, under Clifford Baxter, and the third grade, under the direction of Margaret Leum, staged a contest.

Although the eighth grade won by selling more than \$100 worth of bonds and stamps, the third grade did a fine job by selling \$370.70 worth.

Based on the purchase value the total amount of sales during the six weeks period, was \$1270.60.

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