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LANE COUNTY'S CALL TO ACT

Although the story cannot be reprinted till Feb. 18, copies of "Yank", the world-wide picture magazine of men in service (for Feb. 4th) are already abroad with the four-page feature "spread" on "Lane County Makes Post-War Jobs," by Sgt. H. N. Oliphant (pictures by Sgt. Ben Schnall). Civilians can't buy "Yank", but a good many soldiers and sailors are sending copies back to home folks. Of course, everybody is "all set up." It is an excellent job of presentation. It goes all over the world to millions of men and women in service. It stirs our pride!

At this point, we are going to inject a very sober thought—we in Lane county haven't really done much yet. After more than a year of preliminary study as to ways and means and methods, the Central Lane Council which has the task of integrating this effort and preventing waste of time and money is only ready now, at its meeting Monday night, to complete organization and get down to cases. Within the next few days, the Eugene and Springfield Chamber of Commerce must get at least \$10,000 to finance statistical and engineering work necessary to translate talk into action.

Because there is still a tendency to think of "the swell publicity" Lane county has had on its post-war effort, we recall Sgt. Oliphant's very quiet statement when he was here:

"The only reason we are here is because our people saw a little paragraph in some New York paper which said that some people out in Oregon had decided—'We are going to TAKE CARE OF OUR OWN, so far as possible in the post-war. That looked good to us because men in service have not been happy about grandiose schemes of world planners to show us around by index numbers. Under the uniform we are still human, and the home town approach looks sound to us; and if you have what we hope you have there will be a story.'"

The report in "Yank" is favorable and even flattering, so far. But we have a lot to do. NOW to make good the promise:

BUDGETS of all city, county, school units for 1945 should be put in preparation at once.

MEASURES to finance necessary public works must be ready by April 1 if they are to be voted at the primary May 19, or we will lose a whole tax year.

INVENTORY of what private industry and capital can do must be in fact form, not guesses.

REHABILITATION of returning veterans is already up on us (more than 350 known returns to this county already).

Fred Stickels, Bill Fort, O. S. Fletcher and many others have "prayed long" over the organization to be submitted Monday night. They have chosen wisely to make it fairly loose, flexible. Nobody should expect perfection. It will take time and patience to learn how to work together on the common problems of some 30 communities, but we must get going and it must be COMMUNITY EFFORT.

Lane county has only this advantage over other communities which have admired the Lane county program. Our community is sound financially, more stable than most. And, after a year of preliminary, we know what a tough job it is to turn "three cheers" into results. Lots of cities, with "big plans" are learning the same lesson.

THIS IS A WAR OF TERROR

The one and only important conclusion to be drawn from the official American government publication of the reports on Japanese atrocities is that this is no ordinary war we are fighting. The news calls for the American people to meet reality with realism. This does not mean that we must stoop to bestiality because our foes are bestial. On this point, the warning of General Emmons, commanding Western Defense is timely.

It does mean that we need to get rid of the illusion that "it's all over but the shouting," a simple matter of marching to Berlin and then bombing Tokyo to ashes. It may require YEARS to crash through island outposts and mountainous Burmese jungles, and the foe we send our young men to fight does not respect any of the "rules of war." He is a savage, embittered with national, religious and race hatred.

As to why this report of escaped army and navy officers from the Philippine prison camps was withheld more than a year, is not really fair to guess. Some think it is "an administration" scheme to whip up war feeling for War Bond Drives and election year. Others see it as "Republican propaganda" to sabotage confidence in the Roosevelt administration. We do not think either of these inferences sound.

Much more sound is the simple explanation of Ep Hoyt, till recently director of the home branch of OWI, that both military and civilian officials have bungled badly the job of telling the people the truth, as it happens. Their intentions have been noble, but they have underestimated the courage of the American people. They have carried "military caution" to some ridiculous extremes.

This is tough news for those who have kin or friends in the hands of the Japanese, not comforting to those who face the actual fight—and it gives us just another glimpse of the "problems of peace."

FOURTH WAR LOAN LAGGING

Everything that has been said in connection with every previous War Loan applies to the Fourth War Loan, and the "drag" in reports from Lane county, to date, is not necessarily discouraging because we are all at that point where "the march begins to tell." Nevertheless there is one point which needs constant repetition—the War Bond is your investment in your own future. In War Bond selling in Lane county, there has been a sensible departure from the heavy emphasis on "sentimental appeal" (although Hollywood still sends "missionaries"). In Lane county it has been pretty well explained that there is a bond adanted to every need, and reports show that buying is being done intelligently. But, the importance of SAVING NOW has not been sold sufficiently and the evidence is still everywhere in "idle bones" and wasteful spending. The fellow who "can and won't" isn't merely holding back a plane or a gun from the fighting front, but holding out on the future security of himself and his family—in that unpredictable period when the war ends and we wake from the dream of "shot and shell prosperity." The bond bought today at the "sacrifice" of postponing that new coat or that fancy party is saving for that day when the coat may really be needed or the party justified. War Bonds answer the dark prophets of "World bankruptcy."

The Order of the Buggy Ride invites all the guys connected with war housing in Eugene to become full fledged members—and bring your own cushions.

Now that Billy Maddaugh is out again that first violet on Route F should stop being so modest.

The War Chest managed to get 37 drives into one big drive, and we are not kicking because they failed to get 'em all into "one big union."

Do you remember when Oregon had championship basketball teams?

In describing the world after the war, a Tokyo broadcast said trains will speed along a new railroad and pass through a tunnel under the Sea of Japan. Down where the Japs will be.

Wayne L. Morse has renounced and announced, and returns to his horse ranch to run against Holman. It remains to be seen if he can get Rufus into his little buggy.

Orion, The Mighty Hunter

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Orion, the mighty hunter of Greek mythology and the finest of all star groups, now dominates the winter evening sky. So majestic is the nightly march of this giant across the southern heavens that all should learn to know him. Always a favorite of the classical poets, Orion is still popular in modern literature.

At 10 o'clock tonight, for observers near a standard time meridian, this splendid constellation may be seen due south and high in the sky. He will reach the same location four minutes earlier each succeeding night.

When looking in the general direction of Orion, we are immediately attracted by a short, very straight line of three bright stars, evenly spaced and of about the same brilliance. These stars form the famous Belt of Orion. Since this line is three degrees long, it is sometimes called the "Yard." Sailors have called it the "Golden Yard Arm." The Bible refers to it as the "Bands of Orion."

Having located the belt, one easily finds the rest of the group. Four bright stars, two well above and two below the belt, form a large four-sided figure. Dim stars outside this quadrilateral complete the boundaries of the constellation. A short line of faint stars, the dagger, hangs from the eastern side of the belt.

This region of small stars of the

dagger is glorious through good field glasses. Numerous twinkling points of light—never suspected without optical aid—flash into view. Each star of the dagger becomes a double. The lowest but one is seen surrounded by a "haze." This is an indistinct view of the "Great Orion Nebula." In telescopes this nebula becomes one of the most beautiful of sky objects, not an indefinite blur like many nebulae, but showing much detail and variation in the delicate wisps of its greenish-white light.

Notice the large, red star in Orion's right shoulder. This star, Betelgeuse, is immense, having a diameter of a few hundred million miles. At times it swells out like a rubber balloon and almost doubles in size. The color is due to its relatively cool temperature—it is only "red hot."

Two faithful dogs follow the hunter in his daily journey around the long sky path. The Big Dog is a well-outlined constellation and contains Sirius, the brightest star in the heavens, and often mistaken for a planet. But this "dog star" of the ancients is actually an immense self-luminous sun, the nearest of any star seen from our latitudes. Its light requires nine years to reach us. The light which tonight reaches us from the glittering Rigel, the buckle of Orion's shoe, started on its long journey through space 100 years before Columbus made his noted voyage.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAILBAG

TRUSTING

Guide me O thou blessed Redeemer,
Over life's tempestuous sea;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
There is no fear when I'm with thee;

Thou art the guardian of my soul,
For all my trust on thee is staid;

No power of earth can do me harm,
For I am thine, and not afraid.

Temptation may around me come,
To lure my steps from thy dear side;

But when I know my hand's in thine,
I then am safe what'er betide;

And so I journey on through life,
Holding fast, to my Saviour's hand,
Trusting, serving, my blessed Lord;

Until I reach God's Beulah land.

O, if we'd trust our Saviour more,
And lean upon his promised word;
Your heart would sing the whole day long,
The sweetest song that's ever heard.

—PERCIVAL I. RUST,
Eugene, Ore.

OLD TIMES

EUGENE.—(To the Editor)—We note your information about how much the youth of the land have done in the way of earning at their work, and are delighted to be informed.

Seventy years ago, we who were youths, didn't get pay for breaking the sod, clearing land, chopping wood, digging wells, doing the hundred and one jobs. The land these young people picked the beans and berries on had not yet been cultivated or the planting done on a large part of it. We raised wheat to ship round the horn to Liverpool, and got from 25c to 75c a bushel for it, sacked and delivered. Nothing else sold. When a man wanted apples he was told to drive in the orchard and pick what you want.

We youths got from three to six months a year schooling; we got up and milked the cows, cut the wood, fed the pigs, cleaned the stables, spread manure on Saturdays. We had Fourth of July and Christmas, and Sundays, when the chores were done. No eight-hour system those days or half holiday on Saturday. We did not need a curfew to get off the muddy roads. We got up at 4 a. m. and were fortunate if we got to bed at 9 p. m.

We worked till we were 21 generally, for the old folks, opening

up the farm, building improvements, laying the foundations for what the youth of today is using to earn its pay.

If we had time for a little extra work for a neighbor after we were 10 years of age, we did it at 50c a day. By time we could drive or load a header wagon in harvest we got \$1 a day and when we got to be separator tender and feeder of the thrasher we got \$1.50. We cut cord wood at \$1 a cord for fir wood and \$1.25 for oak. We didn't get wages, it went into the pot to build up the farm.

We didn't have the chance to say: "If you don't pay more, we won't work."

By the way—that is union labor theory and policy, as well as ultimatum. And I'd like to know how much income tax the labor unions pay on the millions they collect—

that is surely income as much as are the receipts of any other "bloated" institution.

The girls (until they got married) helped keep house, made quilts and rugs, picked wool for mattresses (when we got past straw and swale grass ticks). They dried fruit for winter, knit socks and mittens, mended and washed overalls and other appurtenances necessary to comfort and appearance—they got no thousands of dollars for it either.

The war has done some good, even if it is making some hardships. It seems a grievous cross to endure it from army service down, but it is just as much a part of the making of men as was the enlistment in the Civil war, or Washington's army at Valley Forge. Even the Indian wars were a part of the making of the men who built this country to what it is, and made it worth fighting for. That was a crime, to a great extent; we just wanted the homes of the Indians, as the Huns and the Japs want these homes we have built—and do not propose to stand for it, just as the Indians did, but we beat him into submission, nilly willy.

Injustice has prevailed since the world began and will probably continue until the nature of man changes—if it ever does?

C. L. ANDREWS.

Falon, in Seabees, Is Moved to Gulfport

Leo Vincent Falon, 26, petty officer second class with rating of carpenter's mate, naval construction battalion, is stationed at Gulfport, Miss. He was transferred in December from Camp Peary, Va. He was home on 15-day furlough in December, visiting Mrs. Falon, Route 1, Bethel drive, where she has been living with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gomez.

Falon's brother-in-law, Carl Gomez, petty officer third class, with rating of gunner's mate, was at home at the same time from Miami, Fla., where he is serving in the navy.

Van de Velde to Speak On Mexican Folklore

Paul Van De Velde, for many years a Belgian consular agent in Mexico, now living in Eugene, will speak Feb. 7 at the monthly meeting of the university Sigma Xi chapter, Dr. Pierre van Rysselberghe, associate professor of chemistry and president of the sci-

ence honorary, announced Tuesday. Topic for the lecture will be "Customs and Folklore of Mexico."

A noted anthropologist, writer, and lecturer, Van de Velde has specialized in a study of Mexican Indian cultures, largely in the state of Oaxaca, Dr. Van Rysselberghe revealed. He is the owner of a large library and of the valuable African collection displayed a few years ago at the campus museum of natural history.

The lecture is open to the public, and will be held at 8:15 p. m., in room 101, Condon hall on the university campus.



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