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"With or without offense to friends or foes
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Something to Shoot At

Oregon first in the nation, and Salem and Marion county first in Oregon!

That has been the sloganized expression of the spirit that has in the past carried this community over the top at the head of the pack in every patriotic drive or endeavor.

It is the spirit in which our boys responded to defense mobilization orders two years ago this month, and the spirit which has kept them in the fore ranks of those volunteering for war service since.

It is the spirit which has promptly met our Red Cross allotments and filled and repeatedly exceeded our war bond quotas, that carried the rubber salvage campaign to a successful conclusion and which has met every other war demand cheerfully, fully and promptly.

Now it is challenged again, doubly challenged. First to fill expanded community war chest with $65,000 and, second to create a Marion county stockpile of 6,700,000 pounds of scrap metal with which to help feed the war-hungry blast furnaces and keep them turning out steel and other materials for the tanks, guns, planes and other instruments with which to do battle for victory.

The $65,000 goal should be easy of attainment, involving as it does little sacrifice except for luxuries we are learning to do without.

The scrap collection effort requires time alone, which anyone can spare—time to make a systematic search of your cellar, attic, garage, toolshed or barn, factory or warehouse, store or shop, back yard or barnyard, closet and cupboard—any cranny or nook which might yield a piece of unneeded metal. Anything from a discarded key to an obsolete automobile or a broken down steam roller.

Anything at all that is metal, except tin cans.

The state of Nebraska set the pace for the nation in its recently completed scrap drive with an average collection of 103 pounds for each man, woman and child in the state. To equal that mark Salem must gather 3,605,000 pounds of metal, Marion county 6,695,000 pounds. It's something to shoot at and surpass.

All you have to do is provide the metal. Trucks will collect it in every part of the city starting with the business district this Wednesday and Thursday and extending into the residential sections next week on schedules already announced and which will be repeated in the newspapers. Your cooperation means not only bullets for our boys on the firing lines but funds for the community war chest, into which go all proceeds from the sale of scrap. Let's chalk up two more firsts on the war score board.

Our School Deficiencies

The Eugene Register Guard quotes a University of Oregon professor who has returned from several weeks with one of the navy's large officer training schools as having been told by the commanding officer:

"We have been getting fine young men with the best spirit in the world, but most of them are woefully unprepared for the exacting demands which we must make upon them. They are deficient in mathematics; in many cases they are utterly ignorant of basic sciences; they have not been properly grounded in history; they have not been taught the fundamentals and one of our biggest problems here is to recover this lost ground in a hurry. When we see a bright lad whose calculations make water run up hill it makes us wonder what he has been doing. In war there is no tolerance for such sloppy performance."

This is the inevitable result of our modern system of education that neglects fundamentals for frills and foibles designed only to avoid the drudgery of hard work. Many of our students go to college merely to have a good time instead of fitting themselves for a career.

The neglect of such homely subjects as the 3 Rs begins in the primary schools and continues through the university. The graduates of each are deficient because they haven't been disciplined to hard work and concentration or taught to think. It is amazing how poorly grounded in the fundamentals many high school graduates are.

There are already signs that the war will have a salutory effect on our schools and more attention paid to basic subjects and less to the social complex, to professional athletics and to foreign ideologies. The essential will supercede the unessential and hard work and self discipline be inculcated in the student as necessities for national survival.

Our Side-Stepping Policy

Raymond Moley was Franklin Roosevelt's ace "brain truster" and in his first campaign and in the first years of his presidency wrote many of the executive's speeches and was consulted on every important topic of statecraft or politics. He was appointed assistant secretary of state in 1933. So highly was he regarded that he was sent as the president's personal envoy to the London Economic Conference.

In a speech before the San Francisco Commonwealth club Saturday on "The New Deal and the War Effort," Moley criticized the president and congress for side-stepping wage controls, price controls, rationing and an adequate taxation program, and for persistently ignoring the approach of inflation. He also termed "the most cowardly thing" in the current crisis, the refusal of congress to act on the sales tax. Coming from this source the criticism is significant though it merely restates what the press and people think.

Aroused by the threat of the president to act under his wartime powers to curb inflation, congress has agreed to bestow inflationary controls asked by the executive, "subject to certain amendments" to protect certain groups—still playing politics.

At the best the program offered is a half-way measure and will require revision later. Let us hope it will not be another case of "too little and too late."

Rose Serves on Service Committee

Silverton—S. Parzy Rose was elected representative to the executive committee of the North Marion County Service club at a meeting held Thursday night, presided over by H. W. Adams. The purpose of the Service club is to arrange farewells for the boys who leave for the service. Arrangements will be completed for this at a Tuesday night meeting to be held at the offices of H. W. Adams at the Eugene Field building.

Life's Little Dramas

By Beck

Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

Candidates for the most dangerous downtown driver is the chap who overruns the red light, drives his car just past the edge of the pedestrian lane, stops, and then as the crowd is surging across the street, backs up, without looking to see whether the lane is clear or whether he's going to run over half a dozen innocent bywalkers. In a case like this the pedestrian has about the same chance as an allied merchant vessel with a nazi submarine.

Newspaper stories have been written about public utilities, courthouse, statehouse and other groups who have gone to work on swing shifts in the canneries but up to this instance have overlooked the three elevator operating Pillettes who formed a cannery group of their own. The three sisters, Kay, Evelyn and Anne, run the statehouse, hourthouse and Penney store elevators, respectively, and while their evenings away at a cannery belts, and one of the sisters can't see why this close little cannery working corporation doesn't rate a few lines in the papers when the rest of the boys and girls are getting a share of printer's ink. And, doggone it, neither do we, so here's to the elevator operator—cannery belt working trio.

Another metamorphosis took place in the local downtown scenery over the week-end when no less a personage than our old friend Dan Jarman had his mustache shaved off. Dan has petted this along for quite a spell of years now. He moved back here recently from California, and whether the climate here is too mild in comparison to keep on the extra foliage, or whether he wants to raise a new one under the favorable climatic and growing conditions here, Dan hasn't revealed. But, anyway, he's got a right nice pert upper lip, no boy needs be ashamed of.

Being "Psychic" on a Big Scale
(Item of Our Favorite Paper)

I'm sufficiently physic to be able to suggest that Britain's new middle east commander, General Alexander—a fighting Irishman of great capabilities and hard-boiled characteristics—is maneuvering in preparation for a house-cleaning.

Doggone if we're going to take any chances these nights going through a dark alley with a pound of hops in our pocket. Starting in the alley at one end of the block with the hops worth a buck or so, nobody'd know what they'd be worth when you came out at the other end of the block.

Good old Willamette started out on its 101st year today looking younger than ever and full of pep and vitality, regardless of handicaps. And the new president, Dr. G. Herbert Smith, looks, acts and talks like a man who can get the second century off to a flying start.

Evergreen — Mr. and Mrs. Harold Roop, who recently bought the Frank Rahn property on Mill street, plan to move there the first of next week.

Mrs. Nell Wray of Portland has been a guest of Miss Minnie Mascher the past week.

Novelties In the News

(By the Associated Press)

What About Overtime?

New York—The loneliest man in town over the week-end was not a soldier or a sailor—he was Warren Snyder, a watchman. Snyder was marooned alone in a stalled elevator 15 floors up in a skyscraper overlooking 42nd street from 7 p.m. Saturday until 7:30 a.m. Sunday.

When his relief came on, Snyder was still yelling for help. A policeman pried open the elevator door.

"I am very happy to see you," said Snyder.

Dangerous Traveling

Chardon, O.—Add seamen's shore leave perils:

Norman Kalar, who went through the battle of Midway, was motorcycling from the Pacific coast to visit his mother here.

Enroute his vehicle hit a porcupine and three quills punctured a tire, but a patch enabled him to complete the trip.

Slickered

Denver, Colo.—A man phoned Mrs. Louis L. Retallack at the hospital (she's just given birth to a daughter) that he had been hired by Mr. Retallack to wax the floors. She told the maid to let him in.

Her first impression, upon returning home, was that the floors hadn't received much of a going over. But the house had. About $500 worth of silver, furs, watches and jewelry were missing.

Mr. Retallack said he hadn't hired any man to wax the floors.

Forty-Three, Forty-Four

Kansas City—"Looks like you hit the jackpot, soldier," William Egerer, navy aide at the U. S. employment office, said to a private, busy scooping up nickels which gushed from a pay phone.

"No such luck," sighed the army lad. "I'm calling my folks, long distance, see, and the operator tell me to deposit $2.50. All the change I can get here is nickels. I put in 50 and now the operator says I put 'em in so fast she couldn't count.

"See (clang-clang-clang), I gotta do it (clang-clang) all over again!"

Kelly Says

Curry County Attack Causes No Surprise

Size of Enemy Fleet a Military Secret

Spruce Enterprise Back by Government

By John W. Kelly

Washington, Sept. 21—No surprise to army and navy officers was the dropping of an incendiary bomb by a Japanese airman in the forest of Curry county, Ore. Since Pearl Harbor, high military officials have repeatedly declared that the Pacific coast is in danger of such an attack. They do not anticipate an invasion, but they have held the belief that eventually the enemy would attack the forests, and later military objectives such as war industries. It is their opinion that the fire bomb unloaded near the sawmill town of Brookings is only the first of a series of appearances which the Japanese will make.

One result of the visit of the enemy airplane has been to increase the alertness of the volunteer observers along the coast of the Pacific northwest from Crescent City to British Columbia and to add to the vigilance of watchers in the lookout stations in the forested area. Reports here are that the network of observers is so numerous that no plane, enemy or otherwise, can come in from the sea without its presence being reported regardless of the weather. There are needed, however, additional volunteers to watch the sea and sky.

Japanese Design Boat

It is assumed that the submarine which mothered the flying boat is one of the latest of the Japanese fleet. There has been an understanding that the Japanese had evolved a submarine carrying a small hydroplane that could either be catapulted from the deck or launched from the side on a smooth sea. This is the type of sub that was the target of an army plane off the Oregon coast.

How many Japanese submarines have been browsing off the west coast, to the knowledge of the army or navy, is a military secret, but the general public has been advised of four (one off California, two off Oregon and one off Vancouver island) and the public has also been told of submarines which have sunk at least two ships off the strait of Juan de Fuca and of a British flag merchantman which limped into Vancouver, B.C., after an encounter with an enemy underwater craft. In Alaskan and Aleutian waters the enemy has operated these boats but with what success—if any— is also a military secret. So far as known, only one submarine has been shot at in the northwest and that was the hydroplane carrying craft that was bombed near Brookings with no known results. The submarine that shot at a radio station at Estevan point and the one that attempted to shell Fort Stevens disappeared without even a .22 bullet being fired at them.

Repetition Expected

The Japanese aviator over the Siskiyou national forest has settled once for all the contention of senators and representatives of the northwest that the enemy will seek to destroy the forests with incendiary bombs. It has happened once and will, it is believed, be repeated. Eastern congressmen regarded the forests of the Pacific northwest as something as remote as China and were loath to appropriate a few million dollars for fire protection. This attitude may now change.

With $3,000,000 advanced by a government agency a midwest citizen has left for Alaska to get out spruce. To loggers and timbermen he has met he admitted that he came from a flat country where there are no trees and that he knows nothing of the business, but expects to build up an organization when he arrives in Alaska. Among other items of equipment which he says he has is a 62-ton yarder, which would be about the right size for Paul Bunyan. Owing to the rainy season, this midwesterner may not be able to snake out the trees before late next spring. Although the Pacific northwest is saturated with experienced loggers, they have been passed over and the job has been placed in the hands of a tyro. The $3,000,000 would more than solve the spruce situation for several dozen camps in Washington and Oregon by making possible the construction of roads into the woods.

Going After Barnacles

Sumbitted to the federal maritime commission, the bureau of ships and other agencies, is an invention to rid the hulls of vessels of barnacles, the proposal coming from a northwest attorney representing a client. The invention consists of a composition which is spread on the hulls like paint and it will, it is asserted, last for several years. Experimental costs of the preparation have been used on vessels out of Puget sound, Columbia river and Coos bay and the shipmasters assert that the paint does the work. Maritime commission and the shipping bureau show immediate interest and have instructed representatives to contact shipmasters familiar with the paint. No device has heretofore been discovered that would eradicate barnacles.

Purchase Certificates

Certificates of purchase issued by the Marion county rationing board in the Salem district for the week ending September 19 were as follows, addresses being Salem unless otherwise indicated:

New truck tires and/or tubes—L. E. Corneck, Salem; airport trucker; William W. Wilson, 12th and Court, trucker; Reimann Truck Service, 295 South Cottage, common carrier; Salem Navigation company, 1610 North Commercial, common carrier; Sanitary Service company, 175 South High, garbage disposal; B. W. Maker, 90 Beach, fuel dealer; H. Rampstro, 1346 Hoyt, fuel dealer; Percy J. Kleeman, 1215 North 19th, wood dealer; Jory Packing company, route 3, cannery; Salem Supply company, box 41, sand and gravel; Earl Stewart, 174 Beach, truck operator; Ralph R. Dent, route 3, farmer; Olin Winney, 1190 North Winter, log hauler; William Wiederkehr, route 1, Jefferson, farmer.

New passenger tires and/or tubes—Wallace N. Bonesteele, Inc., 2060 Portland road, truck dealer; Dr. Sidney P. Lavene, 2380 Portland road, veterinarian; Lyman McDonald, 670 North Summer, rural mail carrier; R. F. McLaughlin, 1398 Court, bakery; Luther D. Cook, 740 Shipping, rural mail carrier; Edward Tooker, route 3, rural mail carrier; Des V. Dane, 1434 Ferry, warehouse foreman.

Class B, grade II and obsolete tires—J. H. Miles, 273 Morgan, truck driver; Alfred H. Kleen, route 3, carpenter; Mike Karner, route 3, farmer.

Passenger and truck recaps—J. A. Jelderks, 1584 Center, farmer; Z. C. Brock, 1403 State, fuel dealer; Reimann Truck Service, 295 South Cottage, common carrier; Alfred H. Kleen, route 3, carpenter; Pearl Berry, route 2, farmer; Salem Navigation company, 1610 North Commercial, common carrier; Leo Howard, Mission street, logging; Oregon state highway commission; W. B. Spence, route 2, farmer; W. W. Bradford, 575 North 14th, field superintendent; Salem Supply company, box 41, sand and gravel; Andrew J. Musgrave, Camp Adair, soldier; Jory Packing company, route 3, cannery; W. A. Nairn, route 3, farmer; Ralph Dent, route 3, farmer; James Laurence 3200 Portland road, gravel hauler; Ted Gordon, 554 Ferry, defense worker; Olin Winney, 1190 North Winter, truck operator; Earl Maurer, care of A. C. Hans company, service man; William N. Backe, 910 Monroe, farmer; Joe Schweigert, 795 South 21st, welder; Joe L. Hummel, 14th and D, mariner; O. H. Hachtrader, route 6, farmer and dairyman; Aileen M. Westphal, 190 South Liberty, visiting nurse; Jacob Geris, route 6, farmer; Earl Stewart, 147 Beach, truck operator; Oregon state department of agriculture; Percy J. Kleehan 1215 North 19th, wood dealer; Oregon state department of agriculture, Medford; Oregon state department of agriculture, Salem.

New automobiles—Hodaen Brewster Centennial Flour Mills company, route 4, sales and service.

Bicycles—Martini M. Stewart, route 6, grocery clerk; Frieda M. Geier, route 2, laundry.

Nazi Germany fixes women's pay at from 20 to 25 per cent less than men's.

Salem Sketches By Will Danch

"Now listen, Mister, just because my good friend, engineer Ira L. Stewart happens to be a couple of minutes late at Silverton, I'm not going to embarrass him by letting you cross ahead of him!"

West Salem Women Plan Club Year

West Salem, Sept. 21—In preparation for the resuming of fall meetings of the Woman's club, the chairman of the standing committees have been appointed by the president, Mrs. Oliver Sargent and the club has selected "Victory Is Our Goal" as a slogan for the club project for the year. The regular elected officers are Mrs. Oliver Sargent, president; Mrs. Glen Davenport, vice-president; Mrs. E. S. Englehorn, secretary; Mrs. John Bowne, treasurer; Mrs. J. M. Fisher, parliamentarian; and Mrs. Fred Cutter, historian.

Mrs. Guy Newgent will serve as official hostess for the year and Mrs. Waldo Mercer as pianist, while heading the standing committees will be Mrs. J. M. Fisher, membership; Mrs. Fred Cutter, finance; Mrs. Rose Phiefauf, flowers; Mrs. Wm. Stolk, child welfare; Mrs. M. P. Leck, community service; Mrs. R. J. Jager, defense; Mrs. L. Wallace, publicity; and Mrs. E. F. Underwood, booklet.

H. F. Eastridge has been granted a building permit to remodel a residence at 320 Magnolia street with the construction cost estimated at $50.

Arrests for traffic violations include Raymond Warren, Rose Lodge, driving without an operator's license, posted $5 bail; and Claude Clement, Salem, violation of the basic rule, also posted $5. Charles Dalton was the arresting officer.

Robert Newgent, son of Mayor and Mrs. Guy Newgent entrained at Dallas Saturday morning for Ft. Lewis where he will be assigned to military training.

Chest Kick-Off On Wednesday

The Salem Unit War Chest pre-campaign gifts committee will hold a kick-off breafast at the Hotel Marion at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, it was announced today by Lowell Kern, pre-gifts campaign chairman. Fifty war chest executives and members of the pre-gifts campaign committee are expected to be in attendance, according to Kern.

A round-table discussion of the campaign and short talks by committee members will be features of the breakfast.

Much enthusiasm has been displayed concerning the coming War Chest campaign, October 6-15, according to Mr. Kern and Jesse J. Gard, campaign chairman, and all indications are that the goal of $65,000 will be reached.

Funds from the campaign will go to the organizations formerly served by the Salem Community Chest and in addition will contribute to the U.S.O., local entertainment fund, Navy Relief society and War Prisoners' aid, United China, Polish, Russian, British and Netherlands war relief.

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