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Fourth Bond Drive Opens This Month

Of great interest to every loyal American is the statement from Washington that the Fourth War Bond drive will open the middle of January and continue for a month.

We at home are the ones that are providing the men fighting at the front with the weapons of war—whether we are actually working on defense projects or raising food or making lumber or digging chrome or buying bonds. All of these activities are necessary for the success of the men at the front. And we at home have been doing a remarkably fine job keeping the boys at the front going at top speed.

It now becomes our plain American duty to help finance this Fourth War Bond Drive. We must all buy as many bonds as our finances will permit. Officials at Washington picked the toughest time of the year to start this drive, for we are all wondering about our income taxes. That is, the business men are. The working men have been paying it every pay day, but the merchant must now dig up his income tax and buy bonds as well, and we venture to say that they will all do their utmost to get it over with in a hurry.

Ed Heydenburk is the county chairman of the Fourth Drive, and Ed has sent a challenge to Klamath county and Jackson county. Here is a telegram Mr. Heydenburk sent to the above counties:

"Josephine county throws out a challenge to Klamath County and Jackson county on Fourth War Loan quota 'E' bonds" saying we will be 'over the top' first. Loser to furnish a dinner or suitable reward for winners at a place convenient for all participants. Do you accept the challenge?" Signed, E. S. Heydenburk, chairman Josephine county Fourth War Loan Drive.

Mr. Heydenburk is confident the residents of the county will come through first, and is willing to buy the dinner for the county that will beat Josephine, Klamath or Jackson counties, of course. He is not taking in the entire state.

The people of the valley will do their utmost to insure the county's quota, and do it as fast as they can. Josephine county's quota on this drive is \$638,100.00. What Ed is particularly interested in at first is all the "E" bonds we can buy. The big buyers will come of course, but the little fellows who can only buy a \$25, \$50 or \$100 "E" bond are the ones Ed is most interested in. If he can help anyone during this drive, they only have to call and ask.

The valley committee has not been named, or if it has we do not know at this writing who the helpers will be, but when announced we will give you their names, and when they call, give them the glad hand and help them all you can, for their job is not the most pleasant in the world but it is a patriotic duty they are performing.

Let's all get on the band wagon and come in first with this Fourth War Loan Drive.

Figures released by the state office show that Josephine county has invested \$1,598,131.75 in series E war bonds since May, 1942. While the exact percentage of redemptions in this county could not be ascertained, Josephine county chairman, asserted that the figure is proportionately low.

COMING EVENTS

Illinois Valley Garden club meets the first Wednesday of each month.
H. E. U. meets every second Tuesday of the month.
O'Brien Women's club meet on first Friday of each month.
Ladies' Auxiliary meet the first and third Wednesday of each month.

Assignment In Brittany Next Attraction

Shows coming to the Cave City theater seem to be getting better and better. Following "Bambi", which proved one of the most popular pictures for a long time, comes "Assignment in Brittany" which is considered one of the very best war pictures.

We know some of you do not like war pictures, and we are not too fond of them, but this one should be seen to help us realize exactly what is going on across the ocean. It will do us good to see some of the experiences that our boys are going through. Maybe we can appreciate our own position a little better, and it might have a stimulating influence to buy a few more war bonds.

The story is a very interesting one, and concerns a British spy who is sent to impersonate a Poilu and find a submarine base that is raising cable with allied shipping. Pierre Aumont, former French screen and stage star and a World War veteran from the first war, was chosen for the star role with Susan Peters, one of the new stars of the screen who is gaining much recognition.

Aumont goes to the place and gets along fine until a former sweetheart of the man he is impersonating finds out he is a British spy and the Germans capture him. His escape is one of the most sensational scenes ever given the screen. The story ends all right and the British spy gets back home, but what he goes through with before his mission is accomplished is something to make us remember.

O'BRIEN WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING

On December 17th the club met at the attractive home of Mrs. Earl Boyd, with Mrs. Julia Williams, president, presiding. Twenty members responded to roll call.

Regular business matters were taken care of and some discussion followed and it was voted to send fruits and nuts to Ward B. Room 13, Camp White hospital, Medford, as a Christmas gift from the O'Brien Women's club. Being no further business the meeting adjourned and the afternoon taken over by the entertainment committee who presented the interesting program with Mrs. Clyde Conner in charge:

Reading—Mrs. Lela Cooke.
Duet, "Holy Night"—Mrs. Dale Shamp and Mrs. Nellie Wilber.

Reading, "Thoughts for Christmas"—Mrs. Clyde Conner.

Solo, "White Christmas" and "Let Us Adore Him"—Ruth Edgar, members joining in the chorus.

"What Does Christmas Mean Today," by Chas. M. Sheldon—Mrs. Anna Stiwalt.

"A Christmas Angel"—Mrs. Dale Shamp.

Recitation, humorous—Ruth Edgar.

The exchange of gifts pepped up the holiday spirit which was followed by a delicious luncheon served by the hostesses. Guests for the afternoon were Mrs. W. F. Burgess of Cave Junction; Mrs. W. A. Bottell and Mrs. Ed Taggard of the Quarantine Station; Mrs. Crowe of Hood River and Mrs. Ruby Thompson, nee Ruby Hoxford, who now resides in Portland.

Closing this most enjoyable afternoon with a cherry "Merry Christmas" greeting to all, members and guests departed.

Where Did They Get Those Hats?

WASHINGTON, D. C. — What ever became of those millions of three-cornered pants that the babies of the U. S. have been crying for?

More than 200,000 of them have been Lend-Leased to North Africa — and Senator Styles Bridges announces reports from returning Army officers that the Arabs are wearing diapers as turbans!

Snowfall Curtails Traffic

Valley residents woke up Wednesday morning to see the ground white with snow. A little flurry Tuesday night told what was coming but that spurt quickly melted on the ground.

Tuesday night it snowed quite hard and Wednesday morning there was a couple of inches of snow that stayed on the ground. Wednesday night it froze a little and Thursday morning the ground was still white, but road traffic was not entirely suspended.

Sam Bunch and his road crew were up late and early Tuesday night and Wednesday morning with the snow plow, making the Redwoods highway open for traffic.

Several valley folks started to town Wednesday morning but many of them turned back home when Hays hill presented some difficulties that required several hours to clean up.

Telephone and electric lines were broken and the valley was in the dark Wednesday with both telephone and electricity off entirely. Service was resumed with both after a hard fight with the elements.

Traffic was not stopped, but it was most certainly hindered considerably until the road had been cleared of snow.

HOSPITAL PLAN HELPS FARMERS

Mrs. Sara H. Wertz of the local FSA office here has compiled a report of the activities of the Josephine County Rural Health Protection Association for the first five months of operation. The report indicates that this service which provides prepaid hospitalization to rural families has a definite place during war-time doctor shortages and flu epidemics, Mrs. Wertz states. Two hundred fifteen farm families involving a total of 610 farm people have hospital protection under the plan.

Illness has caused 25 people to use the hospital an average of nine days each. The average cost to these patients individually would have been \$56.70. Three patients used their full 21 days in the hospital. They had to use the operating room, were provided surgical dressings and almost every provision listed in the contract. The cost per family is \$12.60 a year. Dues are paid to the local RHPA organization of which Earl Reinhardt is chairman and Josephine Powers is treasurer. The organization is open to membership quarterly. Dues are now being received.

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War Bond In Hands Of Purchasers

The American public is being misled by misinformation concerning the cost of selling war bonds and the rate at which war bonds are being cashed in. This is the conclusion of Forrest E. Cooper, district representative of the Oregon war finance committee, who reported this week to Charles R. Cooley, Josephine county chairman. Cooper has just returned from a conference of U. S. Treasury executives where plans were made for the 4th war loan scheduled for January.

The out-of-pocket cost of selling war bonds is 1-33 of 1 per cent, Cooper reported. This unusually low cost of selling bonds is in contrast with cost of 2 per cent in the sale of similar war bonds by other allied nations.

"Rumors about the high cost of selling war bonds can be laid to ignorance or enemy propaganda," Charles R. Cooley, Josephine county chairman stated yesterday. "Only in America could billions of dollars be raised at such unusually low cost."

Concerning cashing in of war bonds, Cooper stated that the number being turned in is much smaller than state headquarters had anticipated.

"Ninety-four of every 100 savings bonds (Series E, F and G) sold since war bonds were first introduced in May, 1941, are still in the hands of original purchasers," Cooper stated. "Even the most liquid issue, Series E has a splendid record with 91.5 per cent still owned by original purchasers."

Total sales of E, F and G bonds aggregate \$27,700,000,000, with redemption only 6.4 per cent," said Cooper. "Survey shows that the vast majority of redemptions are for legitimate purposes."

Cooper pointed out that compared with the total of \$26 billions of war bonds (including old Baby Bonds) outstanding November 1, 1943, monthly redemptions are only slightly above 1/2 of one per cent.

Taylor Ranch Is Sold to Californians

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Taylor sold their ranch last week to Mr. and Mrs. Ian Wilson of Hermosa Beach, Calif. Sam Miller of the Coates real estate agency handled the deal.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have not decided where they will go as yet, and will remain on the ranch temporarily. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson will take possession of the place about the middle of February. The ranch is located about a mile up the Caves highway from Cave Junction.

Kerby News Notes of General Interest

BY ADAH JONES

Mr. and Mrs. Don Morrison have received word from their son Jerry who has recently landed in England. He writes that he had a little trouble getting used to the money and to the cars driving on the left side of the street, otherwise it was almost like home, and he likes it fine. Jerry is in the army air corps.

Mrs. Morrison has also received a letter from Joel Albin who had made his home here in the valley at one time. Joel is in Italy, was sent there from Africa. He writes that we should be thankful that the war has not been brought to this country. Italy is terribly devastated. He is in a tank division. Joel also stated they were getting Christmas packages and he was well fed.

OLD MAN WEATHER TAKES SPITE OUT ON ELECTRIC LINE

While the people of the Illinois Valley were without power or light from the COPCO line all day Wednesday, the electric company was having its own little bundle of New Years grief with the line over Hays hill.

A tree fell down over the line at 8:45 Wednesday morning and put the entire circuit out in the valley. The company rushed a crew to find the break and it took them from 8:45 a. m. to 6:50 to repair all the breaks on the hill.

The repair crew would get one place repaired only to find that another break had occurred. This was one of the worst breaks the line has had since the days of Mooney mountain.

Last Thursday, the transformer that supplies the Cave Junction Auto Court, the Redwood Ranger Station, the News office and the Standard Oil plant, went out and this is the reason that the News had to leave out some important copy that should have appeared last week. But with no light or power for three hours Thursday evening when we normally go to press, made it impossible to get some of the news items in.

CLYDE EDMONDSON SENDS GREETINGS

Clyde Edmondson, general manager of the Redwood Empire association on leave and serving as Lieutenant U. S. N. R., "somewhere in the Pacific area" — takes this means of extending:

"To my many friends throughout the Redwood Empire . . . greetings and a fervent hope for a victorious New Year."

The tremendous day and night pressure of naval duty requirements prevent writing individual greetings to many friends.

Dinner Party Given For Mr. and Mrs. Patrick

Members of the Quarantine Station at the State Line were hosts at a dinner party in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Patrick recently with 20 guests present. A social hour followed. Mr. and Mrs. Patrick left Thursday (today) for Bakersfield, Calif., where Phil has been transferred to a position with the California State Department of Agriculture. The Patricks have been residents of the valley for a number of years and will be greatly missed by their many friends.

SAVE ALL WASTE PAPER YOU CAN

The paper situation is getting serious and the government is asking everybody to save all the waste paper they can. Old magazines and newspapers are especially wanted.

There should be someone in the valley who would be responsible for getting this material into Grants Pass, and we will try to see that someone is appointed. In the meantime, save your old papers and we will try to let you know what to do with them.

Synthetic Rubber In Production

Although synthetic rubbers are being produced in large quantity the tire situation will be the most serious during the next six to nine months, according to the Fourth Progress Report of the Office of Rubber Director, issued recently by Rubber Director Braley Dewey.

By early 1944 all plants in the synthetic program will be in operation, but that does not immediately assure sufficient tires. Necessary production of tires requires plant expansions that will not be completed until well into 1944. High tenacity rayon and cotton tire cords must also be produced in greater quantity. Production of these is being expanded but the full program for rayon cord will not come into operation for almost a year.

1944 Goal—30 Million Tires

The rubber director's goal is 30 million synthetic tires in 1944. During 1943, only 17,200,000 tires of all kinds—new, used or reclaimed — will have been distributed. Because of their starvation diet of tires during 1942 and 1943, American motorists would now buy much more than their normal peacetime consumption of 50 million tires annually if they had the opportunity.

New synthetic tires are available now only to those who gasoline ration permits 601 or more miles of driving per month. Other motorists, including all A and B ration book holders, will have to get by on their present tires, used tires, or with recapping. For a long time recapped tires must continue to carry much of the transportation burden. No ration certificates are required for passenger tire recapping. Camelback for recapping is now of much better quality than even a few weeks ago, being made of a combination of reclaimed rubber and 40 per cent Buna S.

Military Requirements Huge

The bus and truck tire situation is extremely serious. Shortages of manpower, rayon cord, and building equipment for new, large sized tires together account for this situation. Overloading and speeding, especially on hot pavements, must be eliminated and every possible tire carcass must be reclaimed.

Military requirements, especially for large tires, are tremendous. One large bomber tire, according to report, cancels several large truck tires or as many as 30 passenger-car tires.

New passenger car tires are now being made from synthetic rubber (Buna S). If properly inflated, properly loaded and not abused, these tires can be driven at reasonably high speed over smooth roads and will give 90 per cent or more of the wear of first-line, pre-Pearl Harbor tires, but heating, speeding, and rough roads damage them more easily. Buna S tires also are standard for motorcycles, tractors, implements, wheelbarrows, bicycles and smaller trucks and buses.

Next Few Months Critical

Buna S is still inferior to nat-

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Quinns Entertain at Christmas Dinner

Christmas day, Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Quinn of O'Brien were hosts at a party when they entertained a large number of guests at a traditional turkey dinner with the following guests present: Mr. and Mrs. Edgar George and family; Mrs. Helen Moore; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Conner; Miss Ruth Edgar, Roy Carl, Mrs. Ramona, Master Richard Langley and hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Quinn and son, Master James Quinn. The table was centered with tall tapers adding much to the holiday festivity.

Preceding the dinner guests participated in a gift exchange. The gaily decorated Christmas tree dominated the occasion and gifts were attractively arranged under its spreading branches.

WHICHEVER WINS, WE ALL LOSE!

