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Bond Drive Not Doing So Good In Oregon

Oregon got off to a walking start in the Security Loan drive which is now in its third week, according to E. C. Sammons, chairman for Oregon of the Savings Bond Division of the Treasury Department.

Thus far the state has sold a bare ten per cent of the \$25,750,000 in Security Bonds which have been assigned as its quota. There are, however, scattered bright spots in the picture which are reminiscent of the days of the War Bond drives.

At the end of the second week, figures released by the Treasury show that Gilliam county is leading all counties of the state on a basis of percentage of quota thus far sold with 46 per cent of its objective already reached. Wheeler county has sold 28 per cent of the amount assigned it while Tillamook county has 23 per cent of its bonds sold and Morrow county is fourth on the list with 22 per cent.

Mr. Sammons feels that this slow start will serve as a chal-

lenge to the various county organizations to increase the pace of their efforts. In most counties where there is an appreciable amount of income from payrolls, county payroll committees are active in the field installing and enlarging Payroll Plans for 'Buying Security' on the installment plan. The impact of these efforts should be felt within the next two or three weeks and the ensuing savings in the various communities of the state will begin to count toward the making of quotas.

It is Mr. Sammons' opinion that the people of this state will not neglect the opportunity being provided by the Security Loan drive to increase their own personal financial security through the buying of Security Bonds. Businessmen are becoming more aware each day of the importance to themselves and their communities of encouraging thrift in this form and their increasing cooperation is bound to be felt.

The Treasury Department figures show that at the end of business April 24th, which marked the close of the first week of the Security Loan drive, the people of the state of Oregon had purchased \$2,538,127 of Security Bonds. This obviously leaves a long way to go in remaining weeks of the drive.

O'BRIEN NEWS

By Ruby Thompson

Dave Webb is confined in Good Samaritan hospital in Portland. While he is away from home his daughter, Mae Hearing is on the ranch with Mrs. Webb. His many friends in the valley are wishing for his speedy recovery and return home very much improved in health.

Last reports from the Josephine General hospital is that the Mills baby is slightly improved, suffering a case of double pneumonia.

Saturday Mrs. Gladys (an o-b-i) gave a birthday party for Dorothy and Patricia to which were invited Linda and Patricia George, Louise, Kathleen and Janet Solomon, Phyllis Ehler, Ida Mae Stowe and Dolores Shaw. Many pretty gifts were received. Two beautifully decorated cakes later were served as refreshments.

Dr. S. B. Osgood and Mrs. Marie Wilson gave the tuberculosis test to first graders.

Gasoline Taxes Break All Time Records

Gasoline taxes paid in Oregon in 1947 totaled \$21,511,631.07, the largest in the history of the state, Oregon State Motor Association officials have pointed out, in emphasizing the growing use of motor vehicles in this state.

The 1947 gas tax was 14 per cent greater than the tax reported in 1946. A total of \$2,706,651.82 in motor fuels taxes collected by the state on fuel not used for highway purposes was refunded. In 1947 amounted to 430,232,621 gallons, compared to a consumption of 376,290,133 gallons in 1946. Indicative of the increased motor vehicle use in Oregon is this increase, amounting to 45 per cent over the previous high year of 1941.

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