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DEFENSE HEAD

It is to be hoped that the ap-
pointment of Donald M. Nelson as
chief of purchase and supply dur-
ing the war is all that it is hailed
to be: that later developments do
not show that he is just another
head of a board with no powers
more important than packing pro-
blems to the president.

The main reason why this nation
has failed to reach the production
possibilities of which it is capable
is that no one had authority. Now
it looks as if we are on the way
to co-ordinating our defense effort
and putting out war materiel.

It is still much too early to tell
whether Mr. Nelson is really the
long looked for leader or not. It
doesn't make a lot of difference
if he is reasonably capable. One
man power to give orders and see
that they are enforced can increase
our production many percent.

Now if we could get rid of a
bunch of alphabetical agencies that
still clutter up the Washington
scene and give Mr. Nelson some
real support we will have taken a
step of extreme importance—be-
lieved though it is.

CIRCULAR SOCKS

Say, neighbor, when you go home
tonight and settle yourself with
your pipe and slippers, look over
and see what the good wife is do-
ing. It'll surprise you. Chances
are she's knitting on some of those
new fangled circular sock for the
Ree Cross. Look 'em over, broth-
er, they're the dad burnest con-
struction for a foot you ever saw.
There's no heel in 'em. They fit.
Try and put those two statements
together and make sense if you
can. Then when a sock is finished
try it on and see how smooth it
fits.

Here the human race has been
knitting heels in socks since
grandma's grandma had her first
set of needles and now some Swede
finds out we been doing unneces-
sary work all these years and if
you twist a sock enough it will fit
without a heel.
A man who wears out the heels
of his socks can keep turning this
new design around each day until
he wears it clear in two thus get-
ting more wear and more warmth
from each pair.
Now if some woman will just
invent a sweater made on the same
principle.

LET'S HOLE UP

Bears, some kind of squirrels
and other animals have the habit
of holing up for the winter. They
go into a hole, pull the opening
in after them and lie down to nap
for the winter. Why a bear should
be classed as one of the lower ani-
mals with such a handy proclivity
is more than we can understand
but let that pass.
What we started to say was that
the citizens of Sherman county's
towns have been almost hear
like for the part of 1942 that has
gone by. Sure. There's a little
activity on the streets about mail
time in the morning and in the af-
ternoons a few folks have to get
out to replenish the food supply,
but we try to hibernate.

With a little practice, and more
of this kind of weather, we might
learn to get through a winter with
out bothering about the food—or
even the mail. We could then
awake so hungry in the spring we
wouldn't care if we were at war,
if Churchill had been here, if the
Russians had worked all winter.
Probably we couldn't evade the
taxes, though.

ALUMINUM PLANT

Some time when the war is over
and aluminum is used for pots and
pans again there may be another
aluminum plant in the northwest.
It was going in at Cascade Locks
and The Dalles made a play for it
at the same time with some hopes of
success. It was finally located at
Fairview, near Troutdale and work
started. It looked like it was all
settled and the nation on the way

to getting a new source of the
needed metal.

Then some big shot decided that
Fairview was too dangerous and
the plant should be in Boise or
some other inland city. It was un-
derstood that the plant was to use
Bonnieville power anyway. It would
be hard to use it even in Boise if
the dam was blown up.

The overweening ambition of
public power advocates may be de-
tected in the matter. If the plant
was put in Idaho think what a fine
excuse it would be to string a line
to it and distribute power along
the way. We would thereby be
using as much aluminum and cop-
per in the line as could be manu-
factured for the first month or so.

It looks like everyone else is go-
ing to have to give up something
but the theorists.

BE KIND TO HUSBANDS

The American people have been
pestered with all kinds of weeks
for one purpose or another. There
is apple week, health week, safety
week, be kind to animals week.
Some one has finally evolved a
week that requires due and im-
mediate notice. It is "be kind to
husbands week."

There are those who hold that
this be kind to husbands week is
a mere outgrowth of the be kind to
animals week; and there may be
some justification for their argu-
ments. The reason for being kind
to them, however, are different
than the reasons for being kind
to animals.

One is kind to animals because
one has humane sentiments. Often
one receives the fawning devotion
of the animal in the case as well.
There may be some doubts in
womanly breasts whether one
should be kind to husbands for the
same reasons.

Possibly there are women who
are kind to their husbands for
humane reasons, just because they
don't want to see the poor thing
suffer. May be women are kind
to husbands in order to receive
their devotion. The matter is ad-
mittedly beyond us.

There is certainly the fear, ex-
pressed or otherwise, that wives
cannot be too good to the brutes
and permit any advantage to be
taken of their goodness. You just
can't build the fire in the mornings
or let him scatter ashes around.
There seems to be limits on per-
missible kindness, even in be kind
to husbands week.

It's a good idea, though, and
needs to be expanded. Maybe
next year we can have two such
weeks.

So far 1942 has been the coldest
year in history, we betcha. We
can't prove it but it hasn't been
above freezing all year.

In Other Days

From the Observer, Jan 19, 1923

The city council accepted the
recently built septic tank and
Court street sewer.

The county crew moved to the
Fred Blau place to rock a two mile
section from the railroad up the
creek.

It is the intention of the county
to improve the Scott Canyon road
out of Rufus and a \$2000 appropria-
tion has been made for that purpose.

W. C. Bryant has returned from
a trip to Portland on legal busi-
ness and to Monmouth where he
attended a meeting of the board of
regents.

Rev. D. H. Leech is closing a
month's meetings at the church here.

From the Observer Jan. 17, 1913

R. W. Anson and I. N. Lemon
were appointed as road viewers for
1913.

J. R. Belshe, a Sherman county
pioneer, died at his home at Hood
River January 8th.

M. A. Bull has accepted a posi-
tion as city marshal and is busy
collecting water rents.

Sherman county has had some
real cold weather the past week.
There is about 8 inches of snow
and still cold.

Ginn & Coleman have moved in-
to their new establishment at the
foot of First Street.

From the Observer Jan. 16, 1903

Hon. E. O. McCoy has purchas-
ed the Main street lot and build-
ings of W. A. Wallis including the
brick store. Consideration \$2500.

Roy Belshe and Roy Benson
were out for some shooting and
Benson shot a goose at 380 yards
with his 22 rifle.

William Morrison says there are
lots of rabbits in Hay Canyon,
blacktails and cottontails. Of late
they have been found to have a
growth between the hide and the
flesh, but a rabbit isn't good to
eat anyway.

Rather than have the Rutledge
postoffice discontinued George
Thompson has accepted the almost
thankless task, succeeding J. L.
Yarnell, now in the Willamette
valley.

Kelly's Column

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have been taken. It is not known
whether they are in a concentra-
tion camp in Japan or have been
detained on the islands.

The capital is awaiting confirma-
tion by the war department of re-
ports that interceptors stationed
at Portland, Pendleton and Boise
have sunk several Japanese sub-
marines off Oregon and Washing-
ton coasts. It is the policy of the
department not to announce when
an enemy submarine has been de-
stroyed, except in rare instances,
such as reports from the Philip-
pines, but this secrecy does not
apply to enemy merchant ships,
cruisers or battleships.

About 2,000 acres of peppermint
in western Oregon have a ceiling
placed on them by price control
administration. Why peppermint
should have a ceiling has not been
explained other than the suspicion
that it is to prevent an increase in
the price of gum to Uncle Sam's
soldiers and sailors. As most mint
growers borrow from local banks
to handle the crop, the bankers
are evidencing an interest in the
action of the administration.

Statehouse Gossip

(Continued from page one)

There are a number of highway
bottlenecks on primary roads in
this state that might well come in
for army approval as vital to the
expeditious movement of men and
materials. Baldock points out. For
instance there is the relocation of
the Pacific highway between Euge-
ne and Springfield, a project
estimated to cost approximately
\$500,000. While the department
has had plans prepared for this
job for some time the improvement
has been postponed because of the
cost involved. Then there is the
proposed relocation of the upper
Columbia river highway at water-
grade, a project estimated to
cost \$1,500,000. This highway re-
located as one of the most scenic
in the state also constitutes a ser-
ious bottleneck so far as fast truck
traffic is concerned. Another sec-
tion of highway which Baldock ad-
mits might also receive army ap-
proval is that between Rosburg
and Grants Pass where a series of
sharp curves and heavy grades ser-
iously handicaps the movement of
heavy army equipment.

Decision of the highway com-
mission to curtail new construc-
tion work was based upon a pro-
spective loss in revenues as a result
of the tire rationing program.
Baldock estimates that gross rev-
enues of the department which
totaled \$17,845,696 in 1941 will be
reduced by at least ten percent in
1942 while the reduction in 1943
may be as much as 25 percent with
the full force of the automobile
and tire shortage expected to be
felt by that time.

Gasoline taxes accounted for
\$12,867,932 of the highway de-
partment's revenue for 1941. An-
other \$3,629,074 was realized from
motor vehicle registration fees
and truck and bus operators con-
tributed another \$1,392,242 in fees
and licenses. Of its gross rev-
enues the highway department al-
located \$2,410,961 to the counties
and \$341,097 to the state police
leaving a net of \$15,093,637 for
the work of the highway department.

Allocation of another \$815,072
in highway funds to the several
counties was announced by Sec-
retary of State Snell this week, to
bring the year's total to \$2,815,-
072. The counties share from 1941
highway revenues was \$404,110
in excess of allocations from 1940
revenues. At the same time Snell
announced allocation of \$39,004
among the public and counties
with more than one-third of this
total, or \$13,123 going to Malheur
county.

Cecil Edwards, private secre-
tary to Governor Sprague until he
was called into military service
when the national guard was mobil-
ized in September 1940, spent a
few days in Salem last week be-
fore leaving for Ft. Benning,
Georgia, where he will join the
tank corps of the third division.
Edwards holds a commission as a
captain.

Secretary of State Snell admits
that he has a bicycle held in re-
serve but declares that he does not
expect to use it until all of his
automobile tires are worn out.
Snell points out that there is no
occasion for motorists to become
panicky over the tire situation.
Most cars, he points out, will be
able to operate with reasonable
care, for another year or two with
present equipment. In this con-
nection Snell calls attention to the
fact that thousands of garage
mechanics and service station em-
ployees are dependent for their
jobs upon the continued use of
automobiles.

Little Ignatz, who takes in all
the wrestling matches hereabouts
says its just like necking with the
heart interest removed and no
holds barred.

Defense Council
Will Meet
Wednesday a.m.

The county defense council
will meet Wednesday 10 a. m. Jan-
uary 21 at the court house says
Wily Knighten, co-ordinator. The
meeting will be open to the pub-
lic. Blackout provisions will be
discussed.

LeRoy Wright, having made a
trip to Portland to attend the an-
nual get together of the fair
board officers, returned Sunday
with the information that the
Sherman county fair dates would
be September 18-19-20 this year.
This is, however, a tentative date
as the fair board may wish to take
the first week in September, the
3-4-5 instead. Wright had quite
a time getting to Portland as the
train took 12 1/2 hours to make the
trip from The Dalles.

Robert Sterling, specialist in
land use, will be here Monday to
talk to the land use committee
about their problems. The FSA
advisory committee met Thursday
at this week. County agents will
gather at Arlington the 24th for
a conference.

Bee McKee is agent for the
Peacock Floral company of The
Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Moore re-
turned Saturday evening from
Portland where they had been vis-
iting since the first of the year.
They found the highway very slick.

M. E. McKee came up Saturday
afternoon from Portland to spend
the week end with his family.
Mac reports that there was 6 miles
of glare ice on the Washington
highway and that the Columbia
river highway was entirely closed
to traffic.

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Moore and
daughter, Gladys Morrison came
home last week from their trip
through the southern states.

A sheep lined black coat about
the right size for a small boy of
8 has been brought in to the Jour-
nal office. Who's it is?

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Powell
have moved to Portland for the
winter and are living at the Crom-
well Apartments.

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Peacock Floral company of The
Dalles.

Clarence Hensen who has been
barbering in Moro for a little over
a year has moved to Grass Valley
this week to take over the shop
owned by Arch Cantrall who has
found a job in the shipyards in
Portland. C. V. Belknap now has
a monopoly on the barber business
in Moro.

Jane French left Thursday morn-
ing for Hood River where she will
begin a term of school teaching
next week.

Elmer Belshee left this week for
Portland and was among one of
the largest groups sent from Port-
land to Bremerton for naval train-
ing. He is the second son of Mr.
and Mrs. R. W. Belshee to enlist
in the navy.

An informal party was given
Friday night at the Pinkerton
apartment in the hotel in honor of
David McLeod who left the fol-
lowing day for enlistment in the
navy.

Members of the Moro woman's
club will entertain their husbands
Friday night at the hotel with the

HI-WAYS TO HEALTH
by ADA R. MAYNE
OREGON DAIRY COUNCIL

FITTING OURSELVES

The state of the world right
now points out to everyone the
tremendous importance of fitting
ourselves - every man, woman and
child - for whatever demands may
be made upon us. We need to be
strong in body and mind and in
character. We need to be alert,
clear thinking, efficient in our jobs,
and in the part we are taking in
the defense program.

Nutritionists who look after the
feeding of our soldiers and sail-
ors in training are seeing to it that
these boys are given not merely
enough food, but enough of the
right foods. They know that the
needs that the boys eat have much
to do with their courage, cool-
headedness in emergencies, and
general morale.

Civilians have the same need for
courage and cool headedness, and
general morale, and it is up to the
women in their own kitchens to
establish the physical basis of
those personal and national assets,
by providing the foods that help
to build good health. It is up to
the home-maker to see that in her
food purchasing she has planned
wisely and well, which means that
she has included generous amounts
of the protective foods first - that
is, generous amounts of milk,
fruits, vegetables and eggs for

PLEDGE FOR REGULAR INVESTMENT IN
DEFENSE SAVINGS BONDS
NOTE—This is not an order form. The Signer will buy Defense Savings Bonds
by one of the methods listed below:
To aid the National Defense, I pledge that,
I will invest the sum of \$_____ in Defense Savings Bonds (or Stamps) each
I will buy these Bonds:
From a post office, bank, or other sales agency.
By mail from the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C.
Under a Pay-Roll Savings Plan (or other similar arrangement for regular purchasing) in
effect at my place of employment:
Through a regular purchase plan installed by the following organization:
I will faithfully fulfill this pledge for the duration of the War, or so long as I am financially able to do so.
(Print) (Given name) (Middle initial) (Last name)
(Street and number) (City) (State)
(Date) (Signature)
U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16-50888-1 (Name of Organization and Agent Securing Pledge) D. E. 8, 176

Shown above is a replica of the
pledge which every loyal Ameri-
can will be asked to sign, during
a house to house campaign to be

carried on in every part of Oregon
beginning January 20. Citizens,
to be designated as "minute men"
will call at homes, with the request

that all Oregonians sign up to
"buy a share in Uncle Sam," by
agreeing to purchase regularly
defense savings bonds and stamps

Income Tax Quiz
For Taxpayers

Forms for filing returns of in-
come for 1941 have been sent to
persons who filed returns last year.
Failure to receive a form, however,
does not relieve a taxpayer of his
obligation to file his return and pay
the tax on time—on or before
March 16 if the return is made on
the calendar-year basis, as is the
case with most individuals.

Forms may be obtained upon re-
quest, written or personal, from the
offices of collectors and from deputy
collectors of internal revenue in
the larger cities and towns.

A person should file his return
on Form 1040, unless his gross in-
come for 1941 does not exceed
\$3,000 and consists wholly of sal-
ary, wages, or other compensation
for personal services, dividends,
interest, rent, annuities, or royalti-
es in which event he may elect
to file it on Form 1040A, a simpli-
fied form on which the tax may be
readily ascertained by reference to
a table contained in the form.

The return must be filed with
the collector of internal revenue
for the district in which the tax-
payer has his legal residence or
principal place of business or
before midnight of March 16, 1942.
The tax may be paid in full at the
time of filing the return or in four
equal installments, due on or be-
fore March 16, June 15, September
15, and December 15.

In making out your income tax
return read carefully the instruc-
tions that accompany the form.
If you need more information, it
may be obtained at the office of the
collector of internal revenue, deputy
collector, or an internal revenue
agent in charge.

Remember that single persons
or married persons not living with
husband or wife, who earn as much
as \$14.43 a week for the 52 weeks
of the year, and married persons
living together who have aggregate
earnings of as much as \$28.85 a
week for the year, are required to
file returns.

Tire Rationing
Inspectors Named

The tire rationing board has
completed its organization and has
issued permits for the purchase
of the four tires that may be sold
to Sherman county residents this
month.

Mrs. B. E. Hailey is secretary of
the board and she may be found
at her office in the old bank build-
ing from 10 to 3 each
day except Saturday afternoons.
Applications may be given to her
W. R. Reid, Wasco plumber, re-
ceived the first allotment of tires,
two tires and a tube. Kenneth
Sather, common carrier, had his
application approved for two
truck tires.

C. M. Clevenger of Grass Valley,
Harry Kunsman of Moro, Wes
Wilde of Wasco and John Mathie-
son of Rufus will be local inspec-
tors of tires.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
THE STATE OF OREGON FOR
THE COUNTY OF SHERMAN
CITATION

In the Matter of the Adoption
of Robert Kelo Christianson, a
Minor.

To - Joseph Rollin Bixby, father
of the above named minor:
IN THE NAME OF THE STATE
OF OREGON.

You are hereby notified that
there has been filed in this Honorable
Court a verified petition of
Arthur B. Christianson praying
for an order of this Court that said
minor be declared to be the adopted
child of said petitioner and
that the name of said minor child
be declared to be Robert Kelo
Christianson.

Now, therefore, you are hereby
cited and directed to appear in the
County Court of the State of Ore-
gon for the County of Sherman, at
the courtroom thereof, at the
courthouse in Moro, Oregon, on the
16th day of February, 1942, at
10:00 o'clock a. m. of that day,
then and there to show cause, if
any you have, why said minor
child, Robert Kelo Bixby, should
not be by this Court declared to be
the adopted child of the said
Arthur B. Christianson and the
name of said minor child declared
to be Robert Kelo Christianson.

Given under my hand and the
seal of the County Court of the
State of Oregon for the County of
Sherman, this 14th day of Janu-
ary, 1942.

Ross Ornduff, Clerk. 11-14

It is better by far that your wife
should find a letter you forgot to
mail than one you forgot to burn.

Moro Lodge No. 113, I. O. O. F.
Moro, Oregon
Meets 1st and 3rd
Tuesdays in the
I. O. O. F. hall. Trai-
sisters and visiting
brothers are cordi-
ally invited to meet
with us.

Joe Ritner N.G.
Vernon Miller, Sec.
Bethlehem Chapter, No. 78, O. E. S.
Moro, Oregon

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Fourth Thursdays in each
Month. Visiting members
Invited

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Pauline Douma, Sec.

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3rd Thursday
evenings of each month.
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cordially invited to
meet with us.

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C. V. Belknap, Secretary
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