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HOLLYWOOD WAR

It is probably natural, and
therefore necessary, part of an
American war, but some of the
manifestations of national battle
are too silly for words.

Feature writers gather pages
of stuff that would actually be
funny in any other land with the
possible exception of decadent and
defeated France. For instance,
Sunday supplements carry pictures
of neatly dressed women 'plowing'
with a tractor, of women in fresh
hair-dos draped inelegantly around
the neck of some patient cow, and
inform the reader—apparently
with a straight face—that these
women are hard working patriots
engaged in the dirty job of produc-
ing food for soldiers. Heck, they
couldn't cook for a work-

man.
Maybe it is to be expected, how-
ever, when it is considered that
there is something of a Hollywood
influence in the whole war effort.
The diplomats and national lead-
ers do a lot of flying around over
the ocean to the accompaniment
of many columns of type and pic-
tures, and hours and hours of
talk which, so far, hasn't won a
single battle.

We are promised the best kind
of a world the dreamers can
dream after the war is won; and
the enemy keeps right on taking
the earth the dreamers will have
to put their dream world on. May-
be they are talking about the
next world.

It seems entirely possible that
before we can win a war we will
have to obtain the services of
realists as leaders, may have to
trade our windy speechmakers for
some practical persons who win
battles on the fighting fronts in-
stead of before microphones.

Anyway we are not doing so
good right now. And some thing
is the matter besides the willing-
ness of the American people.

IT HAPPENED LIKE THIS

Once upon a time there was a
little drawer in a bureau back in
the great, big city of Washington
D.C. The little drawer, as all lit-
tle drawers in bureaus in Wash-
ington D.C. try to do, wanted to
grow into a full sized bureau.

The name of this little drawer
was the SCS (Soil Conservation
Service) which we shall call Essie.
Now Essie had a real aim in life
and was not like some little draw-
ers, or bureaus, that flitter away
the time of employees and the
money of the people. Essie's aim
was to keep the soil of the nation
in a productive state.

One day when the big boss of
the bureaus was looking for a
nice fresh bureau to put some-
thing in he found Essie sitting
demurely in a corner trying to
look attractive. Now here, said
the big boss, is an attractive
little bureau the people will like.

So he took Essie out of the cor-
ner and made her into a great
big bureau. He filled her drawers
with CCC boys and agents, and
men in green colored pants until
the people began to think that
Essie wasn't any different than
the other bureaus after all but
was just another bit of furniture
that cost a lot of money and took
up room.

Now the big boss had a great,
big, monstrous bureau called the
AAA and it was awful full; so
full that some men in black clo-
thes told the big boss he couldn't
put another thing in the AAA.
So the big boss took some of the
things out of the AAA and put
them into Essie and went right
in anyway.

And the people said, why Essie
is just an old what-not that sits
in the corner to throw things out
when they are worn out, or there
is no place else for them. Some-
of them thought Essie was a so-
cial experiment and some thought
she was a social outcast and Essie
raz a public disgrace.

And through it all Essie still
wanted to go on trying to keep

the soil of the nation in condition
to produce crops for the next
generation. Some thought Essie
had run around with the CCC too
much; some thought she had been
misused by the AAA. And Essie
will have a hard time living down
her past so she can become a
busy, soil saving little bureau
again.

FOURTH OF JULY

Saturday is the Fourth of July.
Celebrations of the anniversary of
the signing of the Declaration of
Independence will be scarce this
year. There may even be fewer
trips to fishing streams, to picnic
spots, to the green forests, gaso-
line and tires being what they
are. It will seem to some to be a
good day to save on rubber and
gas as an evidence of patriotism;
to others it will seem a good day
to demonstrate the independence
gained by our fathers.

Hereabouts there will be no
public celebration, no fire crack-
ers in the state, no star spangled
onitors.

There should be a re-reading
of the Declaration of Independence
the document that started all this
possibility for personal freedom
in the land. It was as novel and
revolutionary a declaration as any
that have come since. Throughout
a great part of the world its philo-
sophy is still new, new because
it has not been tried.

You remember that after Jeff-
erson had established the propriety
of setting forth the reasons for
seceding from the colonies were all
through with England he went on
to establish the beliefs that made
the colonial leaders revolutionists.

"We hold these truths to be
self-evident, that all men are
created equal; that they are en-
dowed by their Creator with cer-
tain inalienable rights; that among
these are life, liberty, and the
pursuit of happiness; that to se-
cure these rights, governments are
instituted among men, deriving
their just powers from the consent
of the governed; that whenever
any form of government becomes
destructive to these ends, it is the
right of the people to alter or to
abolish it, and to institute new
government, laying its founda-
tion on such principles, and orga-
nizing its powers in such form,
as to them shall seem most likely
to effect their safety and happi-
ness."

That is largely the meat of it.
There was a long list of grievan-
ces against the king but they may
be remembered for their histor-
ical significance, not their modern
application.

And the right to live according
to the quoted paragraph above is
what we are fighting for—and its
worth it.

In Other Days

From the Observer, July 3, 1903
It is now reported that the list
of dead at Heppner will be ab-
ove 200 and may reach 250. Re-
lief has been adequate and the
money well spent.

James Tomlin struck coal in
the second drill hole also on the
John Reckman farm at Kent.
The vein is not quite so thick.

Young Powell found his buggy
team with part of the harness
still hanging to them over about
Gordon Ridge. \$25.00 a minute
is about what is cost to put that
team up Sunday night.

W. J. Martin's family are over
from Douglass on a visit. They
are well suited with their new
home.

From the Observer, July 6, 1923
Miss Bessie Anderson and Miss
Margaret Foss left Sunday eve-
ning as delegates to attend the
international convention of Christ-
ian Endeavor, meeting this month
in Des Moines, Iowa.

The Grass Valley American Eg-
gton put on the county's celebra-
tion of the Fourth of July and
had a big crowd. Entertainment
included two ball games, a box-
ing contest and a dance.

Herman Burmeister, Moro's pop-
ular tailor left Tuesday for Por-
tland where he was expecting to
attend the mass meeting for Pres-
ident Harding. Before he returns
he will visit his daughter in Seat-
tle.

Ben Tomlin and wife are ex-
pected to arrive in Moro, this week
from Massachusetts. They are driv-
ing overland and are visiting at
Yellowstone.

From the Observer, July 4, 1913
R. D. Jackson was murderously
assaulted without warning last
Thursday afternoon about 4:30 by
a former employe, A. P. Estabrook, Portland.

Attorney W. C. Bryant bid in
the Moro Opera house at sheriff's
sale June 28 for a client in The
Dalles, the bid being \$1500.

A combination shipment of hogs
sheep and cattle was made Sunday
morning by George Hennrich,
Martin Hansen and O. L. Belshie
to the market in Portland.

While sitting in the house read-
ing about 9 o'clock Sunday morn-
ing W. E. Howell's attention was
attracted to a peculiar noise, which
was the machine shed entirely
enveloped in fire.

Kelly's Column

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ties on the fringe of the ocean
are entitled to all the protection
they can receive from the federal
government, and this means every
place from Brookings to Seaside.

Wheat farmers will receive a
break. Russian ships are entering
Columbia river and Puget sound
to carry away cargoes of wheat
and flour. A half dozen carrows
will move out of Columbia river
by the middle of July. Flour from
Astoria, Portland, the inland mills
in large quantities will be export-
ed to Siberia. It will be the first
substantial foreign market wheat
growers of the Inland Empire
have had in several years. Canada
is taking care of the wheat need-
ed by the British, but the Pacific
northwest will have the Russian
business under the lend-lease act.
A dozen Russian ships already
have carried northwest flour and
wheat out of Tacoma and Seattle.
The food does not cost the Rus-
sians a nickel but is provided by
the United States government and
will have to be paid for by Cit-
izen John Doe.

Statehouse Gossip

Continued from Page One
at Asheville, N.C. returned to Sal-
em Tuesday. President of the Sen-
ate Dean Walker officiated as
governor pro tem during the ab-
sence of Sprague.

Oregon's public buildings and
bridges are to be protected against
enemy damage by the new feder-
ally subsidized war damage insur-
ance.

The state board of control this
week authorized the state insur-
ance agent's association to write
a policy covering the buildings in
the capitol group and at the sev-
eral institutions in western Ore-
gon. Premiums on this insurance
will cost the state \$7000 a year
but the policy will provide 100
percent protection against any
damage done by enemy planes or
ships or by American forces in
repelling an invasion.

At the same time the state high-
way commission ordered insurance
placed on all of its buildings and
contents valued at \$10,000 or
more and on all state highway
bridges of a value of \$100,000 or
more. Bridges on the coast high-
way and on highways leading to
the coast valued at \$10,000 or
more will be covered.

It is expected that the state
board of higher education will also
take steps to protect its buildings
at Eugene, Corvallis and Mon-
mouth under this plan.

Sherman county's school fund
was enriched by \$557.54 this week
through the annual allocation of
earnings of the common school
fund. The \$225,000.48 available
for distribution was apportioned
on the basis of \$1.22 for each
child on the school census list.
The per capita apportionment was
a slight increase over the \$1.14
of last year.

The state highway commission
has adopted a new policy covering
maximum truck weights in con-
formity with the request of the
Office of Defense Transportation.
While this new policy will permit
the operation of some trucks with
a combined maximum weight in
excess of the 68,000 pounds recently
agreed upon as an emergency
measure these trucks will be con-
fined to certain specified roads
which are straight enough to per-
mit their operation without inter-
ference to other traffic and with
bridges strong enough to stand up
under the additional strain.

Only 13 of the 558 wheat seed
loans made to eastern Oregon
farmers by the state in 1925-26
remain unpaid, according to State
Treasurer Leslie M. Scott. The un-
paid principal on these 13 notes
amounts to only \$4,836.32 out of
the total of \$396,711.29 advanced
by the state to finance seeding op-
erations for farmers of the eastern
Oregon wheat section, whose crops
were frozen out in 1924 and 1925.
The loans were made out of funds
of the World War Veterans State
Aid Commission and were repay-
able by January 1, 1926, with in-
terest at the rate of 6 percent.
Most of the loans were repaid on
time but the legislature of 1927
appropriated \$4518.69 to reimburse
the commission's trust fund for
the loss up to that time since
which time loans repaid as well
as interest collected have gone
into the state's general fund. The
board of control has asked the
treasury department to make one
more effort to collect on the 13
delinquent notes although an in-
vestigation made by that depart-
ment two years ago revealed that
all of the signers of these notes
had lost their farms and had left
the counties in which they had
lived at the time of making the
loans and could not be located.

In spite of the tire shortage
and gasoline rationing consump-



The above map of Oregon shows the War
Bond quotas, by counties, for the month of July,
1942. Total War Bond quota for the state is
\$8,865,000. With the National quota total placed
at a billion dollars, the nation goes into high gear
in its support of the War Treasury and to give our
fighting forces maximum support of war which
will bring a swift Victory. American Soldiers,
Sailors, Marines and Airmen are on every front.
They are giving 100 percent for their country.
What are we doing here on the home front? Are
we lending at least ten percent of income to help
them? It's very little. But to fight this war suc-
cessfully our country needs a billion dollars in
War Bonds every month from us—the People.
U. S. Treasury Department

McKay Family
Has Son And
Family Visiting

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McKay and
family of the coast were here to
spend a few days visiting with
his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George
McKay and to spend a while visit-
ing with his brothers and sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. James Matthes
and Mr. and Mrs. Roy P. Barnett
went to Bear Springs Sunday to
attend the Eakin family picnic.

Mrs. Max Plumek left for
Portland Saturday to attend the
wedding of her nephew, William
Smith. She returned Sunday.

Earl Gregg came from Bend to
take his wife home after she had
visited her sister, Mrs. Grace Gregg.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wilson and
Jake Wilson went to Turner last
Tuesday to attend the Christian
church convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cox of Grass
Valley were visitors at the George
McKay home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Wilson and
family entertained Richard Stake-
ley at a birthday dinner.

Mary Lou Lyons is staying at
the home of her sister, Mrs. Jay
McKay for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wallace
returned home Sunday bringing
their daughters Marie and Jeanne.
Marie is in Wasco visiting her
aunt and uncle.

Mr. and Mrs. John Keopke and
daughters Marquita and Helen and
niece, Virginia visited at the Geo.
McKay home Saturday night and
Sunday.

Mrs. Richard Holdaway and dau-
ghter of Grass Valley spent a few
days last week with her parents,
Mr. and Mrs. Winnie Helyer.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Helyer were
business visitors in Moro last
Thursday.

James Brown of the US Army
was a visitor at the home of his
father, Robert and family Friday
evening.

Florence Hoskinson is visiting
in the valley.

George Witter received word
that his daughter, Mrs. Gus Keopke
was doing nicely after an opera-
tion a few days ago. She has now
been released from the hospital.

Shelton Fritts Jr. is working for
Clarence Laffoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Mobley and
children, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wil-
son and children, Eugene Norton
Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Smith went
to Grass Valley Sunday for the
picnic.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Davis and
Mrs. Charlie Smith were visitors
in Grass Valley Friday.

J. C. Wilson left for Portland
last Wednesday returning Sunday.
He visited with his wife.

Paul Wilson, son of Mr. and
Mrs. George Wilson had his tons-
ils and adenoids removed last
week and is still a little pale.

tion of this latter commodity in
Oregon shows a decrease of only
four percent for the first five
months of the current year as com-
pared to 1941 records. It was re-
ported by Secretary of State Snell.
May consumption was down nine
percent under the May 1941 fig-
ures.

One-Man Medical Corps on the Move



Dr. Gordon Scagrave, who was in the Harper Memorial hospital at
Nankhan, Burma, when the Japanese moved in, is shown with three of
his Burmese nurses in an army jeep after Dr. Scagrave had joined up
with General Joseph Stilwell's Chinese army in Burma. Dr. Scagrave
was in the thick of the savage fighting in this campaign, attending to
wounded and caring for under terrible conditions. During the heat
of the early fighting he worked one shift, but only 22 minutes
off, taking care of 100 casualties. The only first-aid kit he had was from
Makio, his head nurse, who happened to be of the minor cases herself.



"Every wasted penny shrinks
a defense dollar."

ITS wise to measure garments
before laundering; from arm
pit to cuff, from center of collar
to hem, and width of waist. Then
follow the measurements in shap-
ing while ironing. You'll save
time and money by such care!



Then put those thrift-wise coins
into U. S. SAVINGS STAMPS.
Don't forget to suggest that your
husband make every pay day a
savings day in the name of
freedom.

SAFETY FIRST FOR TREES

Salem, Ore. (Special)—When Pa-
ard Ma Oregon and the little John
and Mary start on their Fourth
of July jaunt this weekend they
carry with them stern warning
from General DeWitt, commander
of the Western Defense area, and
their local officials to use care
with fires in forest regions.
"Patriotic Oregonians might well
be the cause of adding our ene-
mies if camp fires are allowed to
get out of hand, or if matches and
cigarette butts are carelessly
thrown about," cautioned Nelson
S. Rogers, state forester, in a state-
ment asking for public coopera-

FOR VICTORY
BUY UNITED STATES WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

LIBERTY LIMERICKS
A teacher, explaining infla-
tion,
Its after effects and causa-
tion.
Advised all her scholars
To save up their dollars
And buy bonds to safeguard
the Nation.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
All persons having claims ag-
ainst the Estate of Jessie Amos,
deceased, are hereby notified to
present them, with the proper
vouchers and duly verified, to the
undersigned, the duly appointed,
qualified and acting administra-
tor of the Estate of Jessie Amos,
deceased, at the office of T. Les-
ter Johnson, Attorney at law,
Wasco, Oregon, within six months
from the date of the first publica-
tion of this notice, to-wit: July
3, 1942.
Isabella Crossfield
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Date of last Publication July 24,
1942.
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NOTICE
OREGON-WASHINGTON RAIL-
ROAD & NAVIGATION COM-
PANY AND UNION PACIFIC RAIL-
ROAD COMPANY hereby give
notice that on June 8, 1942, they
filed with the Interstate Commerce
Commission at Washington, D.C.,
an application for a certificate of
public convenience and necessity
permitting abandonment by the
former and abandonment of opera-
tion by the latter of the branch
line of railroad extending from
Eggs to Shanko, a distance of
approximately 69.79 miles, in
Sherman and Wasco counties,
Oreg., Finance Docket No. 13780.
OREGON-WASHINGTON RAIL-
ROAD & NAVIGATION COM-
PANY
UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD
COMPANY

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
THE STATE OF OREGON FOR
SHERMAN COUNTY
In the Matter of the Estate of
Hilrich Peters, deceased.
SS. Final Notice.
To whom it may concern: You
are hereby notified that Herman
D. Peters the duly appointed,
qualified and Acting Administra-
tor of the above entitled estate
has filed and presented for final
settlement and hearing his final
account in said estate, and that
the Honorable Court has appointed
Monday, July 6th, 1942, in the
County Court room, in the County
Court House at Moro, Oregon as
the time and place for the settle-
ment of said final account and
hearing objections if any there be,
at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M.
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Herman Peters, Administrator.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The undersigned Katherine
Andrews has been appointed Ex-
ecutrix of the last will and tes-
tament of John D. Patjens, deced-
ed, and has qualified. All per-
sons having claims against said
estate are hereby required to pre-
sent the same duly verified to
the undersigned at her residence
near Grass Valley, Oregon, with-
in six(6) months from the date
of the first publication of this
notice, to-wit: June 5, 1942.
Katherine Andrews
Executrix
ROSCOE KRIER
Attorney for Executrix
The Dalles, Oregon
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