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Oregon leads the nation in the sale of important E bonds and it is hoped that the defense pledge campaign now being conducted will reach a high degree of success, setting a goal for the rest of the states to aim at in their pledge campaigns soon to be launched.

Henry Morgenthau Jr. emphasized the importance of this drive in his recent address to the people of Oregon, "... Its success in Oregon and in the whole United States is indispensable to our victory in the battle to preserve, protect and defend our democratic way of life. America must not only enlist men and machines, but immense sums of money to win."

The purchase of bonds and savings stamps is doubly important, for the money not only provides funds to finance the war and hasten victory, but it also is an important ally with taxes and price control in holding down inflation which is a more dangerous threat than many realize.

It is estimated that the inflation of prices in World War I increased the cost of the war by more than ten billion dollars, which remained as an extra burden of debt resting on the Federal Government after the war. Inflationary prices can double the cost of the present war, which even at present prices is expected to run well above 100 billion dollars. We shall be far stronger if our armaments do not have to be bought in a runaway market. Furthermore, inflated prices would tremendously increase our problem of adjusting ourselves to post-war conditions.

So each dollar invested in defense savings is a blow against the axis—and is a check on inflation in that it will not find its way into the consumer market and blow up prices.

What About Chrome?

Declaration of war quickly brought an end to the 49th state agitation and rightly so. However, the problem of undeveloped resources which led to that wild scheme cannot be so easily dismissed.

In spite of the government's need for chrome, a strategic mineral which is largely imported from the Philippines, New Caledonia, Turkey and Rhodesia, there seems to have been no move towards the development of chrome deposits in southern Oregon and northern California.

The Oregon Journal tells of one Curry county owner who has informed them of the presence of 100,000 tons of chrome ore on his place testing from 46 to 53 percent—a high test ore that is easily breakable. It was further indicated that open-pit mining methods could be used costing from \$1 to \$1.25 a ton. And, as the owner pointed out, 48 percent chrome ore with a 3-to-1 iron ratio worth \$50.70 should be worthwhile to someone.

Another lament is heard from northern California. The Yreka Journal states that "Paradoxically, since the war began, there has been no chrome market, whereas previously the small operators could sell to private industries. Now priorities prevent the sale of chrome to anybody but the government, and so far the government has been too busy to buy any."

The government needs chrome. So why does it wait until present stocks are exhausted before even investigating domestic supplies?

CLARKS CELEBRATE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Clark were recently honored when several friends called at their home to help them celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Clark were married in 1877 in Tennessee. Later they moved to Atlanta, Ga., California and Grants Pass, finally coming to Ashland where they have made their home the past several years.

STUDY CLUB MEETS
The Fortnightly Study club met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Stephen Epler. Following a 1:30 dessert and business meeting, the program was presented. Mrs. G. A. Briscoe reviewed the book, "As I Seem to Me," by Booth Tarkington, and Mrs. Ralph Billings reviewed "Meet the South Americans" by Carl Crow.

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TALENT NEWS

- The Talent Grange met Thursday evening. The grange enjoyed a letter from one of its members, Earl Yaryan, who recently joined the army and is now stationed with Co. G, medical regiment at Fort Ord, Calif. Another member of the grange, Roy Roberson, who recently joined the army, is stationed at Camp Roberts, Calif., with Battery B, field artillery. Both boys stated that they will be pleased to receive letters from the grange and their friends. The program opened with all singing "Columbia the Gem of the Ocean." A short skit, "The Smiths' Hunting Trip," a quiz contest and singing of "God Bless America" concluded the evening's program. The hospitality committee for the next meeting will be Mr. and Mrs. Howard Homes, Mrs. Rhoda Hensel and Mrs. Fred Garle.
- Mrs. Thresa Roberts and Mrs. Fred Hodapp of near Central Point called on friends here Sunday evening.
- A new office is being added to Charles Skeeters' service station and garage. The work is being done by Ray Schumaker and Howard Works.
- Mr. and Mrs. Charles Long returned home Thursday from a visit with their daughter, Mrs. Gladys Helbig and family in Roseburg.
- Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moffat and daughter Jane of Medford visited Mr. and Mrs. George Pfeifer Friday afternoon.
- Ben Clark returned home from Portland Wednesday evening after a few days visit with his sister, Mrs. Croin and family.
- Buford Childers and John Childers left Thursday evening for

Portland to join the U. S. army. Buford joined the navy and John the air corps.

• Mrs. Elizabeth Palmer slipped and fell in her room and dislocated her hip. She was just recovering from a broken hip which happened during the summer.

• Mr. and Mrs. George Hoyt of Crescent, Klamath county, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roy Coffman. Mrs. Coffman is Mrs. Hoyt's mother.

• Word was received here of the death of Mrs. Wallace Glover Sunday afternoon at her home in Underwood, Wash. Mrs. Glover visited in Talent many times with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tryon. Mrs. Glover recently left here for her home after spending six weeks helping to close out the Tryon store which was sold to Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Selby. Mrs. Tryon is making her home in Underwood.

• Mr. and Mrs. George Schuler and Audrey Lockwood returned home Thursday from a trip to Portland where they spent a few days.

• Mr. and Mrs. H. Gregory of Union Creek are the parents of a baby boy born Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Maxwell. Mrs. Maxwell is caring for Mrs. Gregory at her home.

• Will Bates at the Bates service station has been confined at his home for the past two weeks with flu.

• The Red Cross drive in Talent has been more than successful. Solicitors for this community were Mrs. Jay Terrill, Mrs. Ralph Jennings, Mrs. J. C. Williams, Mrs. Jason Ottinger, Mrs. Ed Robison, Mrs. Roy Levander, Mrs. Charles Skeeters and Mrs. Charles Holdridge.

RURAL TRENDS

ROGER M. KYES
Director, National Farm Youth Foundation

NEW OPPORTUNITY

The farms of America have always been the home of opportunity. They have always been America's best and healthiest homes, and have afforded more real security than any other type of work.

During the years of our agricultural growth as a nation, when our pioneers were opening new lands, and cultivating the vast fallow areas of our central and western plains, there was a constant market for all of our surplus crops. It wasn't necessary to organize farming for increased production.

Farmers raised first what they needed for their families. They followed habit or tradition in the crops they selected and in the methods they followed. Somebody could be found to buy what was left over. All farmers had enough to eat, and many grew rich by farming for surplus—for the market.

This undirected production finally ran against a snag. We systematized and mechanized large operation farming until we began to raise too much of a few leading crops, such as corn, wheat, cotton and tobacco. Unwanted surpluses of these crops caused prices to fall. It became harder to make money on a farm. We had crop restrictions and farm foreclosures.

And the wiser of our farmers began to learn something they had never before thought of. They found out that farming was just

like any other business, in that producing too much of anything was not sound economy. That started the era of diversified farming, an idea that has seen great developments.

Now we are entering still another era in agriculture—the era of planned farming.

We must still have diversification. We must still be intelligent enough to avoid raising too much of certain staples.

But agriculture is due to have its greatest age of prosperity if we only remember that it is better business to raise crops for which there is demand rather than raise the crops first and then try to find the demand.

The family we must feed has grown over night. It now looks as though we would have to feed, in the interest of both humanity and national defense, a great part of the population of the British Isles. Soon we may add to our list of boarders from continental Europe.

The demand for the products of America's agriculture will exceed anything we have ever known before.

For example, the last lend-lease bill to pass Congress allocated nearly 2 billion dollars for food to go across the Atlantic. We are told that this is merely the beginning. Our Department of Agriculture is urging us to plan on increasing the volume of certain crops almost without any limit at all.

As a single instance, take soybeans. Our 1936-41 average acreage in this crop is 3,433,000 acres. In 1941, we shall raise about five and a half million acres. In 1942, we are asked by our Government to plant over 7 million acres. That is more than doubling the acreage in this valuable crop in two years' time!

We counsel every farmer to read, in government bulletins and in his farm papers, about the requirements of the next year or two. Then he should determine what his land will best produce among the crops in which there is both the greatest shortage and the greatest demand. And then raise those crops.

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Truck, Bus Inventory Returns Called For

Secretary of State Earl Snell announced this week that the government has called for the utmost speed in completing the national truck and bus inventory.

It was pointed out that developments in international affairs make it imperative to complete the survey at once so that the data may be on file for use by the army corps area commander or other defense agencies which the commander may designate.

Oregon truck and bus owners who have not returned their cards are urged to do so promptly. Owners who have not received cards are asked to write Earl Snell, secretary of state, Salem, Ore., and cards will be sent at once.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Jackson.

In the Matter of the Estate of Al Hopkins, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed by the above entitled court of the State of Oregon for the county aforesaid, Administrator of the Estate of Al Hopkins, deceased, and having qualified, notice is hereby given to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against said deceased, to present them, verified as required by law, within six months after the first publication of this notice to said Administrator at the office of Briggs & Briggs, his attorneys Pioneer Building, Ashland, Oregon.

ELMER HOPKINS,

Administrator of the Estate of Al Hopkins, Deceased.
Dated January 9, 1942.

DR. W. E. BLAKE

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon in Albany for Dr. W. E. Blake, former Ashland dentist, who passed away last Friday. He is survived by his wife, two sons, a brother and a sister. While in Ashland he was active in civic affairs and fraternal organizations.

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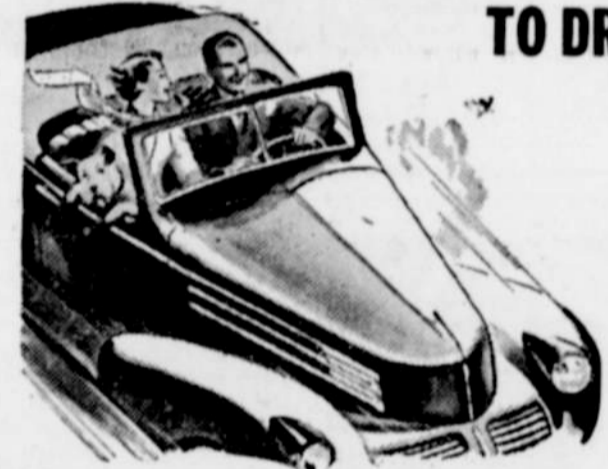
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