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Action Now!

In spite of continued emphasis upon the vital importance of all-out efforts in production, incidents still arise that indicate that the American people still do not understand that 1942 is really a critical year in the existence of the United States.

Perhaps we are a bit smug behind the thoughts of all the bombers and guns that our money and industries are eventually going to turn out. But in the meantime we have been on the defensive and in retreat—trading space for time. While 300 days of work were lost last Monday when workers in one plant refused to work except for double time, while quibbling and threats to strike continue in labor, while big industries hesitate to expand for fear of afterwar conditions—while these attempts were being made to keep some semblance of "business as usual" the axis were gambling against time—stretching their lines thin and making impressive offenses.

It would be well to heed the words of Donald M. Nelson of the War Production Board who recently stated, "Every weapon we make today is worth 10 that we might produce next year. . . . The job will take brains and initiative, but we can do it if we go out with a will, if we stop thinking about what we're going to do to the enemy in 1943 and start thinking about what we're going to do to him in February and March of 1942."

Save By Safe Driving!

The driving training classes which will begin at the high school next week will serve a double purpose this year. The training was originated as a safety measure, but today it gains additional importance in that safe driving is also economical driving which will conserve gas, oil, rubber and irreplaceable repairs.

The privately owned passenger car is an important means of transportation that enables us to more efficiently do the extra tasks which are ours because of the emergency.

That one may save by safe driving is a lesson well worth retaining after the emergency.

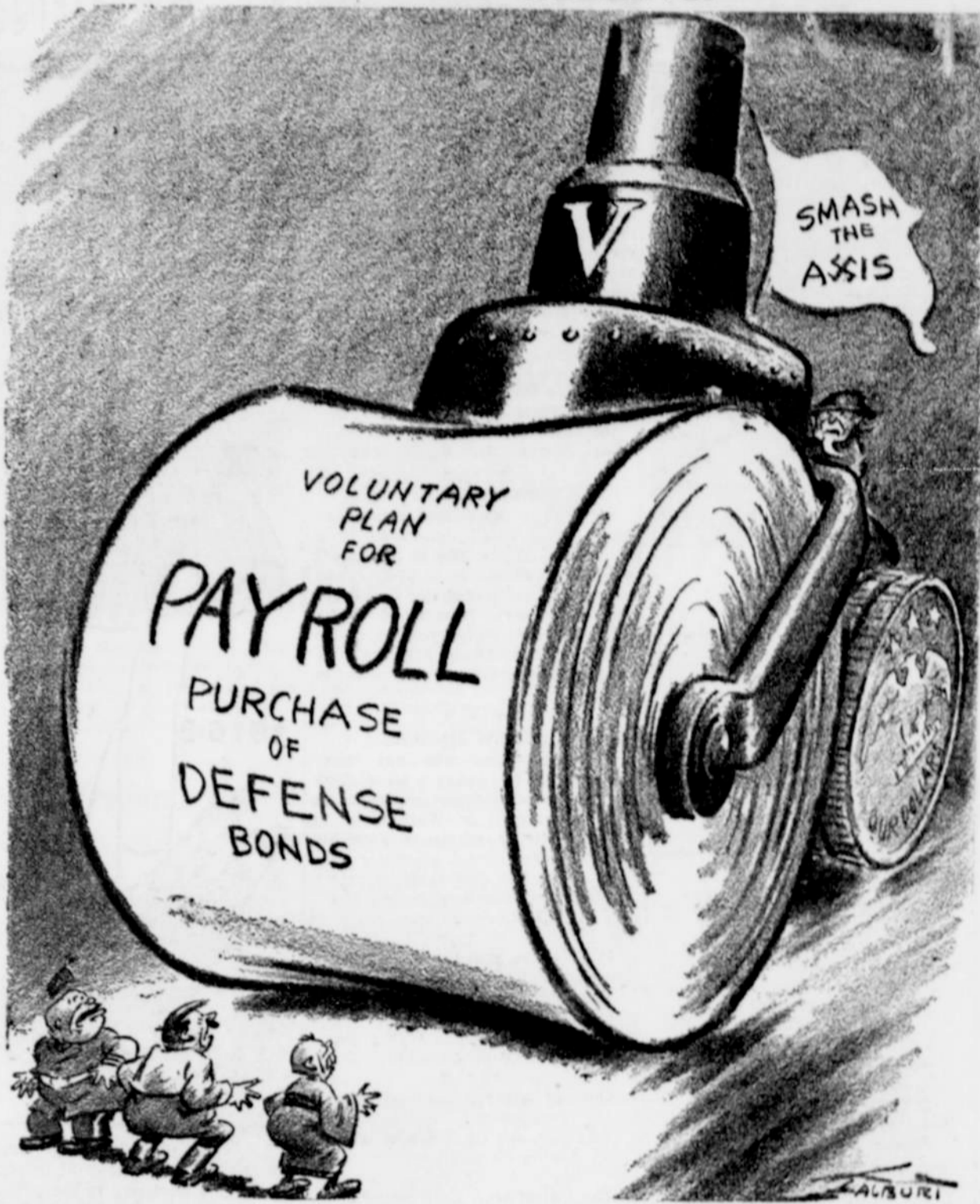
HILT NEWS

- The Henley Bridge club met Thursday at the W. F. Graves home for a 1:30 dessert luncheon with the following present: Mesdames Elmer Niles, Charles Quigley, Joe Bradley, Lola Bray, Fred Clawson and M. Horn, all of Hornbrook; Mrs. W. Rogers of Walker and Mrs. John De Witt of Hilt, and the hostess, Mrs. Frank Graves of Hilt. First prize was won by Mrs. Horn, second by Mrs. De Witt and consolation by Mrs. Fred Clawson.
- The Women's Society of Christian Service met Thursday afternoon at the club house with Mrs. Elmer Jackson presiding. Others present were Mesdames T. Anderson, Carrie Bernheisel, W. A. Dutro, W. A. Gran, Arthur Pedersen, Frank Ward, Mary Rosecrans, Don Ward, Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Richardson of Hornbrook, and Mrs. Walter Bray and daughter Judy of Dunsmuir. Following the business meeting, refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Rosecrans and Mrs. Pedersen.
- Mr. and Mrs. Ben Olom returned recently from a two weeks vacation trip in southern California.
- Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bauman and daughter moved to Medford Saturday where Mr. Bauman is now in government employ.
- Mr. and Mrs. Dick Williams and son Roy and Mr. and Mrs. W. Gran were in Medford Saturday.
- The Hilt Parent-Teacher association observed Founders' Day with a dinner and a program, Friday evening, Feb. 13. Due to illness of the president, Mrs. Kenneth Brown, Mrs. Enzie Wright had charge of the arrangements, assisted by Mrs. Jean Jackson.
- Following the dinner the company enjoyed several accordion solos by Miss Marina Cuneo, accompanied by Mrs. Anna M. White at the piano.

TALENT NEWS

- Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Moore of Napa, Calif. purchased the Shumate ranch and moved there last week.
- Mr. and Mrs. C. Gigger of Klamath Falls were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Pfeifer Friday afternoon.
- Mr. and Mrs. Dick Yarrington, formerly of the Buckhorn Lodge, called on Mrs. Anna Dickey Thursday afternoon. They were enroute to their home in Bend where Mr. Yarrington is engaged in the undertaking business.
- Talent grange met Thursday night. Letters were read from Earl Yaryan and Roy Roberson thanking the grangers for gift boxes sent them at camp. The entertainment for the evening was furnished by Elmer Whipple of Medford. Mr. Whipple played several piano numbers of his own composition, one of which he wrote years ago. It was named after a Seattle newspaper. It is now meeting with success under the name of "American Rifleman March." He also performed several sleight of hand tricks and some juggling acts which were greatly enjoyed. Mrs. Whipple assisted him in part of the acts. At the next regular meeting the grange is to have a covered dish dinner which will begin at 7 p. m. On Friday, March 20, Talent grange will serve the annual dinner for the Ashland chamber of commerce.
- Keith Mathew and Lillian Sloan were quietly married Saturday. The groom is employed as book-keeper at the McKeen mill at Talent and the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sloan. Their friends remembered them Saturday night and gave them a serenade.
- Miss Jean Larsen, a former teacher in the local school now teaching at North Bend, visited friends in Talent last week-end.
- Mr. and Mrs. Charles Estes of Crescent City moved to Talent last week. Mr. Estes will be employed in cantonment work.
- Bob Keith, Joe Rapp and Earl Sommers, who are employed in the Boeing factory in Seattle, spent the week-end with their parents and friends.
- Mrs. J. B. Selby was a Medford visitor Tuesday afternoon.

KEEP 'EM ROLLING!



ROGER M. KYES

RURAL TRENDS

HAVE YOUR PLAN READY

In most parts of this broad country we are rapidly approaching the time when the really productive parts of the year's farm work must be started.

It is not going to be enough for us to follow the old habits and traditions in operating the farms this year. The demands made upon agriculture by our own increased food requirements, and by the food needs of our allies across the sea, will require a good many significant changes.

Farming is not a regulated occupation, like working in a factory. In the factory, the production office makes the plan—the worker follows his foreman's instructions. There is not often room for important decisions on the part of the individual. He must follow the plan, the established routine, for the sake of the output of the plant as a whole.

Farming is more individualistic. Each farmer, within certain very broad limits, must decide for his own farm what he shall grow, and how. Results have always struck a reasonable average, which supplied the nation pretty generously with the products of agriculture.

Now that is changing. Government, our one central authority and responsibility, is telling agriculture what the needs of the nation are, for nourishment and for health in times of great emergency.

A new obligation has been laid on each farm family—the obligation to do its best to produce what is most needed by the nation as a whole.

Government is not going onto each farm, with such instruction as "You must raise potatoes instead of corn." But we are given a personal responsibility—an opportunity to decide for ourselves how best to devote the productive capacity to the common needs of all.

Many farmers are going to decide this important question for themselves, and in most cases, decide wisely. But there is help for those who do not feel able to make their own decisions, and still wish to do their part.

The Federal Department of Agriculture, and the various State Departments, have studied the question, with complete knowledge of production capacity, present stocks and future requirements.

These Departments will pass along their information to you, either through correspondence, or through the many thousands of fine County Agents who are to be found everywhere.

It is easy to get help in deciding, but it is important to get that help now. Then you can plan now what you are going to grow in 1942—and your plan will be a sound basis on which to arrange for machinery or machinery repairs, for seed and fertilizer, for crop allocation to the land, and for early season soil preparation.

Agriculture will not fail to do its duty. And that duty will be a more vital contribution to national welfare if it is based upon a sound plan.

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