

**DIM-OUT**

By Ruth Taylor

Those who live in perpetual darkness develop acuter perception in other senses. We who are living in dimmed out cities and towns are developing an acuter perception, too.

When the little street lamps blink out, we draw together in closer companionship, in a realization of our dependence one upon the other. Our sense of neighborliness becomes more acute.

When I come up into the darkened Pennsylvania Station or when I walk along the blackened streets of New York, I notice this new feeling of friendliness. There is less hurry, less rush, more politeness, more consideration. People talk together, where before they would have ignored each other's existence. There is a feeling of neighborliness in the air. We are tied in bonds of common danger.

Our manner of living, too, has been dimmed out by war. Those things we thought essential, for which we have fought, are put aside. We are already restricted in many of our liberties and we know that before long we will have to dim out other privileges.

But—as our eyes have become accustomed to the darkened streets, to the absence of the strong lights which detracted from the details of the every day scene, we have learned to see with other eyes, to know what we truly believed. As the material things have been taken from us we have learned to use the senses of our hearts and minds.

Only in material things does the dim-out prevail. Our faith is not dimmed out. Our spirit is not dimmed out. We know that it is up to each and every one of us to make this dim-out a temporary thing—that it is up to us and to our work to turn the lights on again.

In this darkened period we need to be a united people, to hold hands with our fellow men, to work with them regardless of race or creed or color. We are no longer rich or poor, worker or employer, black or white, Catholic, Jew or Protestant. We are, each one of us, simply Americans, believers in a common credo of democracy, in the freedom of all mankind, in the sanctity of the individual.

In the dark hours the barriers of pride dim out first. We are at last free to meet as neighbors, ready to serve, comfort and befriend one another regardless of whom our neighbor may be. Let us resolve, therefore, that when the lights go on again we will carry this friendliness into our daily lives, living as bravely in the light as in the darkness!

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**THE LOW DOWN**  
from  
**HICKORY GROVE**

A nation-wide sales tax right now, to pay for the war, is the medicine we need. Unless we care to drag around for years as a half-way invalid, we better start doing something - - and taking our medicine.

A sales tax is a hot potato and poison to many office holders. But more than one politician of renown has not always had his finger on the public pulse - - they just think they do. That is why we see so many new faces there on the old Potomac, as time rolls along - - as we get hep.



And while we are on the pulse subject, it reminds me of the horse doctor story that the chef told me at our Coffee Pot Restaurant. A horse doctor, he says, must be smart - - smarter even than your family doctor. You tell your family doctor where you feel bad, he says, and the doctor proceeds to fix you up. But a veterinary, he can't ask the horse where he has a pain.

But the sales tax - - I am off the subject.

Yours with the low down,  
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The Associated Women Students of the Southern Oregon College of Education elected officers this week, to serve next year. They are: President, Barbara McLean of Klamath Falls; Vice-president, Henrietta Hall of Gerber, California; Secretary, Ann Crandall of Ashland; Treasurer, Verna Dean Meggs of Klamath Falls; Sergeant at Arms, Florence Wood of Ashland. Retiring president is Nellie McLain of Ashland.

These officers direct the extra-curricular activities of the women students; they have charge of the big sister work, the entertaining of new girl students at the beginning of the school year, and the acquainting them with the college during Freshman Week in September. Barbara McLean, Henrietta Hall, and Verna Dean Meggs are students of teacher-training. Ann Crandall and Florence Wood are enrolled in the junior college department.

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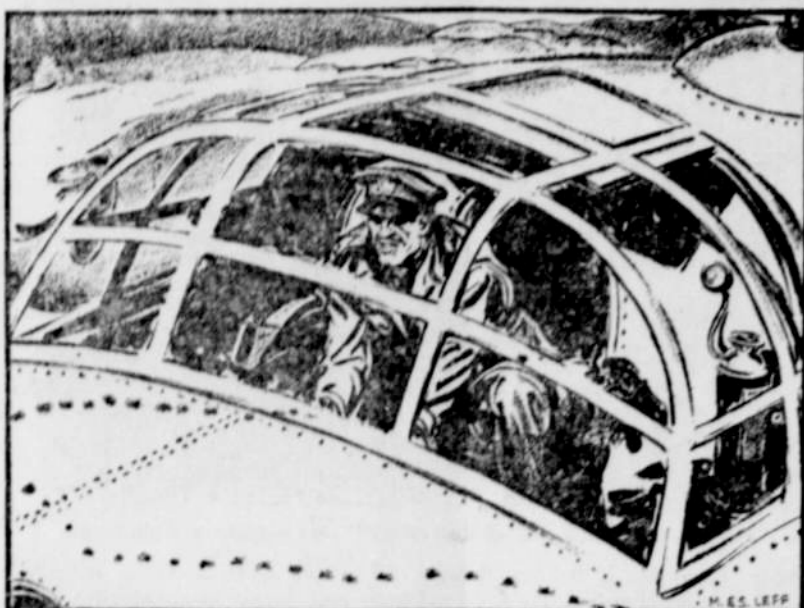
**MORE ADVANCED AND BASIC ASTU MEN COMING TO OSC**

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—Around four to five hundred more soldiers for the Army Specialized Training unit now on the campus are due to arrive here early in July, according to notification received here from the War Department at Washington, D. C. Tentative plans call for the arrival of

from 100 to 150 men for the advanced work already under way here, and from 250 to 300 who will be enrolled in the basic training also in progress here.

As these are not scheduled to arrive until July they will not interfere with the 4-H club summer school scheduled for June, college officials point out.

**AMERICAN HEROES**  
BY LEFF



With the bomber pilot killed, the co-pilot seriously injured, both left motors shot away, left wing on fire and a swarm of Jap Zeros all around Col. L. G. Saunders took over his bomber's controls above Bougainville, escaped the Zeros and saved his seven remaining crew members' lives by a crash landing on the water at 95 miles an hour. Navy craft rescued them.

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**ANGLERS TO REPORT CATCH**

Anglers are urged again to cooperate with the Oregon State Game Commission by mailing in catch record cards for all fishing trips made. A report is wanted for each trip even if no fish are caught.

The orange-colored cards, which are simple to fill in, need not be signed and need no postage. They can be secured from state police officers, game license agents, fishing resorts and boat concessions as well as from the office of the Game Commission.

The Commission desires to secure as much information as possible as to the angling success in the various streams and lakes of the state.

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**PRODUCTS OF A FREE COUNTRY**

● Bob Mortensen is a production foreman in a factory that used to make bicycles. He's seen a good many of his boys there at the plant called into the service, and Bob kinda likes to keep in touch with them. He was writing to Don Sumner not long ago, and said something to this effect:

"You'd hardly know the old place, Don. Things are humming around here 24 hours a day. We're not making bicycles any more, and I wish I could tell you what we are making. We've converted. There's a girl at your old stand now, doing your job—only on a different kind of machine."

Well, in that letter, Bob was telling Don a story that has been repeated many times since Pearl Harbor. Plants, factories and mills by the hundreds have changed over from roller skates to aircraft parts; from typewriters to guns.

To make the swing to war production really effective, there had to be electric power—tremendous quantities of it, ready and waiting.

The power was there, all right. America's electric companies saw to that. They were prepared. They had built up reserves of power to have on tap when needed and where.

Behind that readiness in the emergency is the tradition of American business management—free men and women, working together, and inspired by the incentives that only freedom can provide. Without good business management, in its electric companies, America would not be the power-full nation it is today.



There is no substitute for War Bonds, either!

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