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The Treasury Department's War Savings Staff has inaugurated a new and hopeful campaign to step up the sale of war bonds through payroll savings. Until recently the Treasury sought to have every wage earner set aside 10 per cent every payday. Now it has raised its sights. To each of us, it says simply—"Figure It Out Yourself." The appeal is a democratic one, of a sort to which Americans are certain to respond.

More than 26 million individual Americans are now buying bonds regularly through a payroll savings plan. Perhaps not all of them can manage to meet the 10 per cent quota. A great many of them, however, can manage to set aside much more. Some families have two, three or even four members bringing in pay checks each week. And with overtime work, the size of the pay checks has increased. Depending on individual circumstances, it may be possible for such families to save as much as a third or fourth of their aggregate incomes. The Treasury is asking them to forget the old 10 per cent minimum and to think in terms of a maximum—to invest every cent they possibly can in war bonds.

It is in the enlarged incomes of wage earners that the real danger of inflation lies, as former Food Administrator Chester C. Davis recently reminded us. The Treasury's job is not merely to raise money—it can do that readily enough from the banks—but to siphon off the steadily expanding excess buying power of the average American family, and to see that it is set aside for future, instead of current, use. The best way of doing this is through the regular allotment of some portion of the individual's earnings as they come due each week. The allotment must be made in one way or another if value is to be kept in the American dollar. It now depends upon the good sense of the American people in "figuring it out" whether we can avoid compulsory savings. Let us get behind the new campaign!

—An Editorial from the Washington Post.

OPA Offers Free Booklet on Request

"Uncle Sam Keeps Your Rent Down — You Must Keep Your Home Up."

With this appeal, the Office of Price Administration today announced the release of a 16-page pamphlet advising tenants in rented dwellings how they can help owners maintain living quarters in war-time repair.

"In wartime," the OPA said, "owners of these homes cannot effect repairs as they once could. Although the final responsibility is still theirs, it is often impossible for them to get materials. It is just as difficult to find manpower. What an owner would once have done gladly he sometimes simply cannot do today.

"Millions of tenants realize that this is so. They realize further that the homes they now rent may be the only ones available until after the war. And so, in their own interest, and as a part of the conservation program that vitally concerns us all, they must and are lending a hand to keep all repair jobs at a minimum, exercising a little preventive care."

Copies of the booklet, filled with practical hints on proper maintenance of homes, are available at all OPA rent control offices, and will be mailed to tenants upon request, OPA officials announced.

Lt. G. B. Hull is now located at Santa Anita, California. Before transferring to the new location, he visited in Ashland several days.

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Correspondence Study Suggested for Students

Eugene, Ore., August 23 - Many new courses for both college and high school requirements are offered by the 1934-44 catalogue of "Correspondence Study", just released by the general extension division of the state system of higher education, reports Miss Mogene Hair, head of correspondence study.

Timely for the college student interested in aviation are courses in elementary civilian pilot training - air navigation; elementary civilian pilot training - meteorology; secondary civilian pilot training - aerodynamics; secondary civilian pilot training - aircraft powerplants; and elements of navigation. A course in the fundamentals of radio is offered for the first time as are two courses in engineering - mechanics (statics) and mechanics (dynamics).

Other additions to this year's catalogue are principles of cost accounting, advanced cost accounting, history of Hispanic America (three terms) and modern social problems. In the high school field the following subjects are new: pre-flight aeronautics, mechanical drawing, and five courses in biology and physics.

Miss Hair suggests that through correspondence study one may prepare for a war-time job. In particular, she mentions meteorology, saying the basic courses are available for home study. The system of going to school by mail offers an inducement to the student, whether of college or high school rank, to complete work toward graduation when he has to

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This type of helicopter, which will be built in quantity for the Army Air Forces by Nash-Kelvinator Corporation, peacetime manufacturer of automobiles and refrigerators, can alight on land, water, snow, thin ice, a rooftop or a parking lot. The craft can hover motionless in mid-air; descend and ascend vertically without forward motion and fly backward, sideways or forward with equal facility.

drop school for military service or war work. College requirements for a lower division certificate in most fields might be completed in this way, Miss Hair said, and all college entrance requirements could be finished.

Under a new plan worked out with the state superintendent of public instruction, correspondence subjects have been approved for acceptance by the principal of a high school in Oregon for graduation credit. It is anticipated that many schools will take advantage of the program because of shortage of teachers.

Railroads Post-War National Bulwark

If the railroads are soundly positioned financially after the war, they should continue to be a bulwark to the prosperity of the country, in the opinion of A. T. Mercier, president of the Southern Pacific Company.

Financially strong railroads could serve the nation, he says, not only by providing efficient and economical mass transportation, which is a first essential of business and industry, but also by turning purchasing power into channels of trade through the vast sums paid in wages to railroad employees and, additionally, through very heavy purchases of materials and supplies.

Mercier points out that a large amount of maintenance work not absolutely necessary to safe operation of the railroads at this time has had to be postponed during the war period. Consequently, he adds, after the war there will be need for rehabilitation on a large scale, and this is important to the country.

In announcing new all-time high records for freight and passenger traffic in the first half of 1943, Mercier said:

"This is the first period in which railroad earnings have approached a reasonable return in more than a decade. The level of rates under which traffic is moving is the lowest in history by unit of work performed. For the first five months of 1943, taxes absorbed more than half of the railroad's real net earnings."

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TRAIN-BUS SCHEDULE CHANGES

Effective September 1st, schedules of busses operating between Southern Oregon and Dunsmuir, California, where connections are made with Southern Pacific trains, will be adjusted to operate as follows:

- SOUTHBOUND**
5:35 P. M. 5:10 A. M. Lv. Grants Pass
6:40 P. M. 6:15 A. M. Ar. Medford
6:58 P. M. 6:28 A. M. Lv. Medford
7:25 P. M. 6:55 A. M. Lv. Ashland
10:33 P. M. 10:03 A. M. Ar. Dunsmuir
- NORTHBOUND**
Ar. Grants Pass 12:41 P. M. 11:29 P. M.
Lv. Medford 11:15 A. M. 10:30 P. M.
Ar. Medford 10:58 A. M. 11:28 A. M. 10:13 P. M.
Lv. Ashland 10:53 A. M. 11:10 A. M. 9:55 P. M.
Lv. Dunsmuir 7:30 A. M. 8:00 A. M. 6:45 P. M.

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