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MORE DROWNINGS THIS WEEK

This section was the scene of three drownings this week, following closely on the heels of the one on the Fourth of July, when a Talent youth was the victim of a drowning accident at Emigrant dam. The four losses again brings out into sharp focus the need for youngsters to take swimming lessons. Three of the four drowning victims were youngsters, and while we do not know for certain, it is likely that they did not know how to swim very well.

In Jackson county a couple of weeks ago, was completed the Red Cross Swimming lessons. Several hundred youngsters took part in the lessons here at Ashland and at Medford. Most of them were beginners, and a few were familiar with the basic ideas of swimming, but were attempting to obtain more proficiency in the art of swimming. If these lessons could be given to many more, and better yet, if they could be given for a longer time, so that the swimmers could really get to be good swimmers, how much better it would be, and how many lives would be saved each summer.

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MARY AND JOHN AND DR. BLANK

There is an intangible something in the practice of medicine in the United States by private doctors, that will never be found in socialized medical systems where the personal element between doctor and patient is lost.

Commenting on the recent death of two prominent doctors in farm communities in Oregon, the Portland Oregonian said: "The bond of intimacy and dependence that is forged between a community and the family doctor who serves it through the years, is a precious thing."

Such a doctor attends the ill of town and countryside with patience, kindness and skill. When the nation loses one of the truly old-time family physicians, it has lost an institution. The ranks of these great Americans grow thinner. Only if you become a "number" under a state-controlled medical system will you realize what you have lost in the intimacy of a relationship that could have existed only between Mary and John and Dr. Blank.

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IS YOUR SELF-RESPECT WORTH ANYTHING?

Are you willing to help win the war against Japan? Naturally you will say yes. There are two outstanding things those of us who are privileged to remain at home can do to aid our fighting forces. First, we can work to the limit of our strength and ability, without interruption; second, we can deny ourselves luxuries in order to buy the war bonds necessary to give our fighting men every ounce of equipment and food they need.

While millions of men are facing death and foregoing the pleasures of home and family life, every mother's son of us should put every dollar we can into financing this war, so that by the sheer weight of the equipment we throw into it we will bring it to a conclusion at the earliest possible moment, thereby saving the lives of countless loved ones.

After all, this is our war; our boys are the ones on the firing line; our homes are the ones being saved. How much would your life or property be worth if the Japanese army and navy had not been held at bay, and were not eventually demolished? Don't think that in buying war bonds you are in some manner doing someone else a favor; you are the one who is really favored by having an opportunity to buy them. Think what it means to the boys at the front to know that the necessary money is given willingly to back them up.

All war loans necessary to knock out the Japs must go over the top with a bang. American bullets and American money are the most discouraging things they can face today. Why should we hesitate about buying that extra bond when the boy with a rifle hits the beachheads without question, not knowing at what moment he may be blown to bits or blinded or crippled for life—and then we quibble about loaning \$25 or \$100 to buy more supplies for him. There is only one answer if you wish to keep your self-respect.



Back by popular demand, starting Thursday at the Lithia is Roddy McDowell in "My Friend Flicka". Also on the same double header bill is Paul Kelly in "Grisley's Millions," with Virginia Grey. The program ends Saturday night.

The Lessons of War

By Ruth Taylor

What has the war taught you? Has the war been a total loss? If you stop and consider what you have learned, you may think differently.

Recently I was talking with an Englishwoman who had lived in war for four long years. She said: "I have learned so much from the war. I could never list all its blessings to me. I have learned how many things I could do that I never thought possible. I have learned how many things I could do without—and how much I could do with little. I just had to make things do—and I did."

"I had to learn how to do everything—that hitherto had been done for me. I never dreamed I could milk a goat, for instance—but I can. I never dreamed I could face horror calmly—but my husband's area was large and badly bombed, and when he was at one scene of destruction I had to fill in for him. I've seen things I never thought I could endure—but I did. Always strength was given to me when I needed it."

"War has enlarged me—my outlook and my heart. Now when I hear someone in my village has had a loss, I go at once, whether or not I know the woman. It may be my son tomorrow."

"The war has made us all neighbors. When women tell me they have done all there is to do, I ask 'What about your neighbor? Did you help her today? The one with the small children—did you take them for an afternoon, so she could rest? Did you help with her washing? Did you carry some of your flowers to the woman down the road who just received the fatal wire? What matter if you don't know her - she is your neighbor. It is only as we help each other that we are strong enough to stand the hardships of a war, that we as a nation are strong enough to stand firm together.'"

As I listened to her I felt very humble, and I wondered if I would have been able to do half as well.

Those who have lived through suffering have learned much. There was a line of George Eliot's that my mother loved. She said you couldn't understand it until you had suffered.

May I reach
That purest heaven, be to other souls
The cup of strength in some great agony.

If you have lost through this war, no matter how keen your grief, you have learned much. You have understanding of suffering to give to those who need it. You have acquired that mystic bond of brotherhood that makes all men one. And the comfort will come in that you will be served yourself by every sense of service which you render.

The lessons of war are bitter—but those who learn them well are bigger people because of them.

An impromptu Court of Honor was held Thursday, evening June 28, at the Junior high school cafeteria, with Scouts of Troops 12 and 14 being awarded numerous advancements. The Court of Honor had been hurriedly called by Scout officials and with

THE LOW DOWN from Hickory Grove

The way I figure, this new 5 buck windshield sticker, it is may be a good idea. You know, if all taxes were paid via sticker, it might work out skookum. Let every public project be paid for by sticker. Say, as a sample, the Govt. thinks it must have an OWI to pass out news or hold back some, that it thinks we are too young to understand, and it

thing for Uncle Samuel to pay for, and not them.

We could have 10 cent stickers for the local playground and leap frog projects—and work on up to the 25 buck sticker for bigger things like AAA, etc. And when the windshield was plastered and would hold no more, we could relax and know the worst was over—until next year.

Yours with the low down,
JO SERRA

LOCAL MAN HONORED

Lew H. Hansen, former well known citizen of Ashland, recently was elected department commander of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for the state of Oregon.

Below the picture in Sunday's Register-Guard, the caption tells the residence of the Hansens is at 1337 Hilyard street, Eugene, Oregon.

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**Discontinuance of
Short Over-Night
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Affects . . .**

**But It Means More Sleeping
Car Service for Veterans**

Operation of over-night sleeping cars from Portland to Southern Oregon points and to Coos Bay points will be discontinued with the last trip from Portland, Friday, July 13th and from destination points, Saturday, July 14th, by Order No. 52 of the United States Office of Defense Transportation.

The new regulations eliminate all Pullman sleeping cars operating for distances of 450 miles or less.

The reason for this order is that additional sleeping cars must be obtained to provide accommodations for the returning veterans from Europe, who are reaching Atlantic ports in large numbers. These veterans are coming home for discharge, or for furlough before going on to fight again in the Pacific. They deserve the most comfortable transportation service we can give them.

No new sleeping cars have been built since Pearl Harbor. Over half of the sleeping cars have been in exclusive use by the military. But they were not enough for this new task. The O. D. T. order resulted.

While discontinuance of short distance sleeping car operations will cause inconvenience to many people, we feel sure that the citizens of Oregon will approve this effort to better serve the men from overseas to whom we owe so much. We know the families of these Oregon boys who are coming home will have no question as to the merit of this new regulation.

As far as Southern Pacific is concerned, our guiding principal has been "The Military comes first," and we are cooperating 100 per cent in carrying out the provisions of the above O.D.T. order. With nearly 20,000 Southern Pacific men and women in the armed forces, we, too have a real and personal interest in the welfare and comfort of service men and women.

So you may know how this order applies to Southern Pacific service generally, we show below the Pullman sleeping car service on our lines which will be discontinued after the last trip from Portland, July 13th, and from destination points after July 14th. Coach service will still be available between these points.

SLEEPING CARS TO BE DISCONTINUED

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