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Whose War?

"The Sheridan chamber of commerce, in common with an overwhelming majority of the citizens of this nation, especially of the Pacific northwest, views with growing alarm the complacency of the government in the war effort," so reads a resolution adopted by the Sheridan (Ore.) chamber of commerce which pleads that all public officials from the president on down stop playing politics such as are jeopardizing the men in uniform and those people located in combat zones.

The Sheridan resolution is drastic, but it expresses well what many civilians who have been accused of "complacency" think where the most dangerous complacency lies. It is not to say that all officeholders are playing politics. There are many conscientious servants in regular public positions whose work has been greatly increased through war necessity and who are doing a good job. On the other hand there are evidences of politics all too plainly displayed, and the Sheridan resolution is but an evidence of the growing demand from the people that this "first-column" activity, the most dangerous column of all, be eradicated before it causes the fall of the nation, or at least is held accountable for needless bloodshed of patriots.

With another election year here, and many important offices to be filled, it is time now for every voter to study candidates and measures as never before, and to vote, when the time comes, for those about whom there is no question as to intentions and capabilities for prosecuting the war effort without reference to politics.

Nothing so heartened the nation since the start of the war as the arrival this week of General Douglas MacArthur in Australia from the Philippines to take supreme command of United Nations' forces in the war of the far Pacific. MacArthur can't do it alone, however. It is now for America to supply him with the men and materials of war in ever increasing numbers. One thing is certain, however, MacArthur has shown he can do a whole lot of Jap baiting with a few men poorly equipped.

Maybe we're going to get back to the good old days when it will be news to record among the personal items the visits to town of the country folk. A number of them tell us they are making it a lot less frequently these days, to conserve their tires.

A WEEK OF THE WAR

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of fuel oil in coastal areas, the Board curtailed installation of new fuel-oil burning equipment in the same states affected by the gasoline order. Price Administrator Henderson asked filling station attendants to impress on motorists the necessity for saving automobile anti-freeze for use next winter.

Rationing

The Office of Price Administration announced men in the armed forces and those called for induction may sell their new passenger cars without restriction. The OPA placed used typewriters under a complete allocation program, prohibiting their sale until April 13, but authorizing unrestricted rentals under a 60-day price ceiling based on rates prevailing March 5. Allocations will be handled by existing auto and tire rationing boards.

Shipping

Maritime Commissioner Vickery

reported the 1942-43 "Victory" ship construction program has been increased from 18 million to 20 million dead-weight tons to produce 2,000 ships in two years. Admiral Vickery said U. S. ship production will be greater than all the rest of the world combined. The Commission's overall program calls for 2,877 ships to be commissioned by the end of 1943. War Production Chairman Nelson congratulated 4,000 shipyard workers at the Bethlehem shipbuilding yards at San Francisco who offered to donate a Sunday's work without pay in order to get maximum production of war vessels.

Air

The Civil Aeronautics Administration announced expansion of its program in order to train 45,000 men a year in elementary flight training instead of 25,000 and 30,000 men in secondary courses instead of 10,000, and to inaugurate training of 31,000 ground technicians annually. Priority in the training will be granted students eligible for appointment as aviation cadets. The Army Air Forces' first class of flying sergeants were graduated as military pilots. An Air Corps Officer Candidate school will be established at Miami Beach, Florida, to train Air Corps enlisted men.

Army and Navy

Army Chief of Staff Marshall said reorganization of the Army has reduced the general staff from about 500 officers to 98 who will concern themselves primarily with planning of military operations. The War Department's Construction Advisory Committee and the Contract Negotiation Board were consolidated into the Construction Contract Board which will recommend and negotiate contracts awarded by the Engineer Corps. Navy Secretary Knox announced Admiral E. J. King, Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet, will also be Chief of Naval Operations. Admiral H. R. Stark was named Commander U. S. Naval Forces operating in European waters.

The War Front

United States forces in one raid on Japanese shipping sank two Japanese ships, set four more on fire and beached one. In another action U. S. Naval forces sank a heavy destroyer and a large tanker and put three cruisers and one aircraft carrier out of action. U. S. forces also sank three freighters and one passenger cargo ship, shot down five enemy bombers, and destroyed three Japanese-held airdromes in New Guinea. The Navy reported 12 United Nations' warships were lost in the battle for Java, including the U. S. Cruiser Houston and the U. S. Destroyer Pope. Two U. S. tankers and two freighters were sunk in the Atlantic. Gen. MacArthur reported no activity on Bataan Peninsula.

Civilian Defense

OCD Director Landis and Federal Security Administrator McNutt outlined plans for temporary hospitalization of civilians injured as a result of enemy action. The plan provides all voluntary and governmental hospitals will serve as casualty receiving hospitals and certain hospitals in "safe areas" will be designated as emergency base hospitals. The program will be carried out by the OCD Medical Division in cooperation with the U. S. Public Health Service and state and local authorities. The OCD issues a booklet suggesting safety procedures for department stores during an air raid.

Prices

President Roosevelt, in a radio address, said the fight "against inflation is not fought with bullets or with bombs, but is equally vital... it calls for mutual good will and willingness to believe in the other fellow's good faith..." The Labor Department reported the average family's food bill jumped 0.5 percent between mid-January and mid-February. The Department said rents in many defense cities were raised during the last quarter of 1941 on as many as one in every eight rented homes. The Bituminous Coal Division of the Interior Department and the OPA said they are prepared to take whatever steps are necessary to prevent wartime inflationary prices for coal.

Priorities and Allocations

Purchases, sales and rentals of various types of new office machinery were halted by the WPB, except to persons possessing high preference ratings. The board extended the ban on the use of "bright work" to all types of motor vehicles and

LOCAL ITEMS . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Devin and children from Condon visited Sunday at the home of Mr. Devin's mother, Mrs. Sylva Devin. They were accompanied by Mrs. C. W. Maidment and son Carl of Condon who visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Orwick, sister of Mrs. Maidment.

Mrs. Rose Gorsline departed Sunday for her home in New York after visiting for a week with her brother, Patrick "Sailor Pat" Doherty at the Lottie Kilkenny ranch. Her brother accompanied her as far as Pendleton on the return, going with Pat Brady.

Mrs. Truman Babb and Mrs. Norton King drove up from Portland yesterday to remain til Saturday. Mrs. Babb looking after business interests while Mrs. King is visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Hilma Anderson, in Eight Mile.

Katie Minert received a broken left wrist Monday when her wheel chair overturned on hitting a hole

prohibited its use in replacement parts. Manufacture of bicycles was curtailed, and production of tire retreading, recapping equipment was suspended except on preference-rated orders. The board directed canners to set aside for the government considerable quantities of their 1942 pack of fruits and vegetables. Maintenance and repair of existing plumbing and heating installations in farms, residences, and office and apartment buildings was facilitated by a new board order.

in the runway from her house to the street and overturned. She is being assisted by Mrs. Della Duran.

Ray Coblantz came up from Portland the end of the week on business. He is employed in the ship yards in the city. Mrs. Coblantz was on a visit to the home of her parents, at Toledo.

Miss Mary Monahan arrived Saturday from Seattle for a visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Monahan. She recently enlisted as a government nurse.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Egan and daughter Frances visited last week at Wishram, Wash., with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Egan.

Gilbert Dickson was in the city the end of the week from Pomeroy, Wash., looking after his variety store interests here.

Lee Slocum was a business visitor in the city Monday from the ranch near Monument.

Joe Batty was in the city Tuesday from his ranch on the John Day river near Kimberley.

Mr. and Mrs. James Farley of Condon were in the city Saturday evening to attend the St. Patrick's ball.

"Bill" Hyslop, of Hyslop Sheep company, Spokane, was a business visitor in the city Tuesday, looking over lamb purchase prospects.

Mrs. W. L. McCaleb was reported improved this week in an illness at Good Samaritan hospital in Portland.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gene Stone at the home of Mrs. Myrtle Smith in this city last Thursday, a son.

FOOD FOR VICTORY

Vitamins for vitality, vigor and victory, do not necessarily mean spending extra money or extra time preparing meals. Often the most simple dishes furnish us with the most needed food nutrients. Instead of searching through magazines and books for such meals we have asked several Heppner homemakers their favorite dishes for quick, balanced meals. Just reading these recipes will make you want to throw on your apron, flip on the oven and get the casserole dish down.

Lentil Scalloped Clams

By Mrs. Ture Peterson

2 small cans of minced razor clams, left over boiled potatoes diced, two or more slices of bacon cut fine and browned, raw chopped onion, and crumbled soda crackers.

Grease baking dish and add alternately in the following order: clams sprinkled with onion and bacon, crumbs, potatoes. When dish is 3-4 full cover with clam nectar and milk, and layer of crumbs dotted with butter. Cook for 20 or 30 minutes at 350 degrees.

Tuna Casserole

By Mrs. Conley Lanham

1 package of egg noodles, 2 cups cream sauce, 1 teaspoon minced onion, 1 pimento diced, 1 cup tuna flaked, 1 teaspoon lemon juice, salt and pepper to taste. Cover ingredients in casserole with grated cheese and buttered cracker crumbs. Bake ½ hour at 350 degrees.

ATTENTION CAR OWNERS

● To comply with the Federal Government curb on gas sales to conserve gasoline supplies the following Heppner service stations have adopted the following hours:

MONDAY thru SATURDAY

8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

CLOSED SUNDAY

ROSEWALL MOTOR COMPANY

FERGUSON MOTOR COMPANY

HEPPNER GARAGE

WRIGHT'S RICHFIELD SERVICE

A. L. CASEBEER

● We earnestly request our customers to observe the above hours, bearing in mind that wholesale deliveries are limited making it necessary to lock our pumps when our supply is exhausted.