

Have You Heard?

A column devoted to the analysis, the source, the motive, the effect and the answers to the many rumors now being passed, innocent and otherwise, by word of mouth to the detriment of our war effort.

I heard it again from a fellow bus passenger while I was on my way to the office. We were passing one of the numerous scrap piles that are still in evidence in various parts of the state. The talkative one made this time-worn remark: "If we are so short of scrap, why haven't they picked that up?" The surprising part of it all is that thousands of words were used explaining this situation during the recent scrap drive.

The facts are: we are and hope to be manufacturing armaments every day of the year. We are not having scrap drives every day, consequently a surplus must be built up. Does it make any difference whether it is stored at the school house, junk-yards or in much needed space at the defense plants? Of course it was an innocent remark and no harm was intended, but I suggest that some of us should read and think more and talk less.

The important part about it all is that we must learn to stop this kind of talk. If we cannot say anything creditable about our prosecution of the war, let's keep still. Surely our coup in North Africa is sufficient to keep conversationalists busy for some time to come.

Vicious rumors are being reported to the rumor and propaganda division of the Oregon state defense council every day. Some of them start innocently enough from small incidents that have no bearings on the war. Their constant repeating magnifies their importance so that actual damage is done. Others are the result of well-laid plans of our enemies, through fifth columnists and short wave radio.

Here are some of the more recent rumors that have been reported.

Here is one with a definite Axis coloring, designed to create fear and dissatisfaction with our local defense setup:

Rumor:—That a short time ago Axis planes were seen taking pictures while flying over Portland at dawn. That our planes did not go up until after the alleged aerial invader was gone.

Fact:—A thorough investiga-

tion among proper officials proves that there were no Axis planes over Portland, therefore no need for our defense planes.

This one has as its purpose the creating of friction between local who recently were imported from out of town.

Rumor:—That 95 percent of the men recently employed by the Oregon Shipbuilding corporation are parolees and exconvicts.

Fact:—Out of 2500 workers sent here only one was a parolee and he was not found guilty of a heinous crime. A simple method was used to check every one of the applicants. Every worker who was selected was asked to show his draft registration card. Those with 4-F classifications were carefully checked and those with a criminal background were not employed.

The food situation, too, comes in for its share of attention. This one is designed to create the impression that the government is permitting food profiteering.

Rumor:—That canned pineapple is being hoarded by the brokers and wholesalers until higher prices are possible.

Fact:—One of our leading wholesale grocery firms reports that it has not a single can of pineapple. Under the OPA ruling only a certain percentage of canned goods is released at regular intervals. For instance, those who have pineapple stocks on hand are not permitted to release any for sale until next month.

Stop repeating and report such rumors you hear to David Robinson, manager of the rumor and propaganda division of the Oregon state defense council, located at 101 Oregon building, Portland, or to your local defense chairman.

Domestic Tree Nuts To Feature Victory Special

High production and loss of export markets have resulted in designation by the Agricultural Marketing Administration of domestic tree nuts as the Nation's Victory Special for Nov. 16 to 28.

As part of wartime food conservation, housewives are being asked to make effective use of the near record crop supply of English walnuts, almonds, filberts and pecans, nuts, stated Ray Schwartz, state equal to 300,000,000 of unshelled supervisor for the AMA distribution division in Oregon.

Food retailers are cooperating with the AMA in this national drive to get increased consumption highly concentrated foods will get of domestic tree nuts so that these maximum use in the daily diets of all Americans.

It is estimated that over 184,000,000 pounds of this season's national supply of domestic tree nuts will be produced on the Pacific coast. National commercial production of English walnuts, almonds and filberts is centered in Oregon, Washington and California.

The healthful qualities of tree nuts offer housewives an excellent opportunity to utilize this abundant supply in combination with other foods in a manner which will cut down on the family's meat consumption. Tree nuts contain both proteins and fats, and are good sources of certain essential vitamins and minerals. Homemakers are being asked to use nuts as a basic part of the menu, rather than as a supplement to an already adequate meal.

A 92-year-old citizen of Ninook, Ill., rolled up his sleeves and got in 17,000 pounds of scrap for the local scrap drive.

A Challenge to Pet Lamb Raisers

James Carty, pioneer sheepman of Morrow county, writes the Gazette Times that he thinks a record has been hung up by Mrs. Charles Marshall in raising pet lambs. He challenges pet lamb raisers of both Gilliam and Morrow counties to come forth with evidence matching or beating Mrs. Marshall's record.

Mrs. Marshall's flock consisted of seven head lambed in March and April. They were Rambouillet stock from the Pat Carty sheep. When weighed in at Portland in October they scaled 113 pounds per head and brought the season's top price.

Power Company to Award Scholarship

Pacific Power & Light company will award a summer school scholarship at Oregon State college to the Morrow county 4-H club boy or girl who prepares the best report on rural electrification and farm use of electricity. K. A. House, local manager for the company, has announced.

Rules of the contest, entry blanks and information on preparing a report will be available at the county agent's office.

Arrangements for the P. P. & L. scholarship, which will supplement regular 4-H club work, have been made through H. C. Seymour, state club leader, and William A. Schoenfeld, state director of agricultural extension work, said House.

TRANSACTIONING BUSINESS

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ayers of Pine City were Heppner visitors Monday. While here they arranged to receive the county's news for the ensuing year by subscribing to the Gazette Times.

Hardman News . . .

By Elsa M. Leathers

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mc Daniel received word that their grandson, Roger Howell, who has been in the Hawaiian Islands has been sent to the hospital in San Francisco.

Hattie Bleakman of Heppner visited her sister, Mrs. C. H. McDaniel several days while her husband hunted elk. He came home with two.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam McDaniel Jr., moved to Heppner this week where they expect to live this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Reid visited over the week-end with Mrs. B. H. Bleakman.

Frank McDaniel is spending a few days at home getting his wood. Mrs. Mary Wright and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wright visited over the week-end at Monument. Mrs. Harold Wright's brother was on furlough from the army.

Mrs. Stanley Robinson entertained her room Friday with a party in honor of Gay Harshman who left school to join his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Harshman in Portland.

Mrs. Joe Batty and Mrs. Kenneth Batty were over from Kimberly on Saturday for the shower given Mrs. Kenneth Batty.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Leathers and daughter Jeanne moved to Portland Tuesday where they plan to work. Miss Jeanne will enter school there.

Due to sickness, Doris Robinson, George Moore, Ivan McDaniel and Roger Palmer were absent from school. Alene Inskip was also absent due to the illness of her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Adams and son spent the weekend in Heppner.

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