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New Set-Up in Bond Program Accomplished

One Group to Serve 2 Committee Jobs Under New Plan

Machinery for operating the forthcoming United States Treasury Victory Fund campaign in Morrow county was set in motion Wednesday evening when members of the War bonds sales committee met at the First National bank to outline a program.

Recently B. C. Pinckney was asked to act as county chairman for the Victory fund campaign and after a discussion with P. W. Mahoney, war bonds sales chairman, it was decided to place both campaigns in the hands of the committee already functioning and to retain the chairmen of each to direct the separate drives. This was presented to the committee members and accepted, although they bore in mind the size of the job confronting them.

To accomplish the contacting of citizens in all parts of the county with the minimum of driving, assignments were made by district. Judge Bert Johnson has a sizeable job in contacting prospective buyers in the Ione section. George Peck and Ralph Jackson have a similar task in covering the Lexington district. At Cecil, John Krebs is confronted with quite a bit of territory but not so many people. Heppner members of the committee have been allotted the southern half of the county, or that part not otherwise covered. Chairman Pinckney stated an effort will be made to place someone at Boardman or Irrigon on the committee to handle that district.

As outlined at the meeting Wednesday evening, function of the Victory fund committee will be to look up idle money and put it to work for the government through the purchase of Series F and Series G bonds, Tax Savings Notes, Certificates of Indebtedness and other issues attractive to the heavy investor. The War Bond sales committee's task is to keep the sale of Series E bonds coming along steadily. This means contacting wage earners, the regular purchasers by payroll groups, and the small investor or others who find that series more suitable for their finances.

It is estimated that during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1943, the government will need some 85 billion dollars to finance the war and to carry on the normal governmental operations. Most of this sum represents war costs, which are budgeted at around 78 billion dollars.

Snow Depth Above Normal This Season

Snow depth in areas adjacent to Pendleton is somewhat above normal this season, the January federal and state cooperative snow surveys for the district recently completed by the Umatilla county watermaster and a representative of the U. S. Forest service reveal.

The surveys were made between Jan 26 and Feb. 2 and show the following results:

In the Tollgate snow course, average snow depth 85 inches, average water content 29 inches; Lucky Strike, at the head of the Yellow Jacket road, 47½ and 13½; Ar-buckle Mountain, near the head of Willow creek, 38 and 10½; Meacham, 37 and 10½, and Emigrant Springs, 30 and 10.

ON BUSINESS TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cox are in Portland on business for a few days. They left for the city Wednesday afternoon.

Full Cooperation of Citizens Urged to Fill Out Declaration Data

Full cooperation in filling out consumer's declaration forms required to obtain war ration book No. 2, starting Monday, Feb. 22, is urged upon citizens of the community by members of the local war price and rationing board.

According to P. A. Mollahan, chairman of the local board, the inconvenience of waiting in line can be averted, to a great degree, if housewives will make certain sending them to the registration the forms are filled out before pre-site. A sample form may be found in this issue of the Gazette Times, and those who fail to get a newspaper reproduction may obtain one at the registration site. The filled out local declaration form must be presented at the time of registration on or before Feb. 27, along with the war ration book No. 1 held by each member of the family.

The declaration form, which is mostly self-explanatory, requires:

1. The names of all members of

the family on one form.

2. Serial numbers of War Books No. 1 held by members of the family.

3. Pounds of coffee on hand Nov. 28 1942, minus one pound for each family member over 14 years old.

4. Number cans, bottles, jars (8-ounce size or larger) of commercially packed fruits, vegetables, juices and soups, chili sauce and catsup owned on Feb. 21, 1943, minus five for each person included in declaration.

The following foods will not have to be declared: any home-canned commodities, olives, canned meat and fish, pickles, relish, jellies, jams preserves spaghetti and macaroni.

Housewives will not be need to turn back excess supplies it is stated. Instead, coupons will be removed from ration books in cases where a family's supply on hand is greater than the allowed five-can-per-person.

Construction of Grain Products Plant Seen Near

Company Will Hold Meeting Feb. 22 to Hear Plans, Select Site for New Enterprise

Although little has been heard about the activities of Grain Products, Inc., in recent months, news coming from reliable sources indicates that directors and other officials of the organization have been anything but inactive. To let the stockholders know what progress has been made in the establishment of an industrial alcohol plant in the Columbia basin, a meeting has been scheduled for 10 a. m. Monday, Feb. 22 at the city hall in Arlington.

John Boden, chemical engineer for the corporation, is surveying the Columbia basin this week and will make a report on location and WPB requirements. Changes in the by-laws of the organization, and definite decision on the location of the plant will be discussed and every stockholder is being urged to participate. Any farmers interested in the progress of the project which has as its objective a new market outlet for wheat grown in this part of the state are invited to attend, local representatives of Grain Products, Inc. announced Wednesday.

All material for the plant has been located and construction is expected to start soon, it is stated. Numerous Morrow county farmers and business men have subscribed stock and the county is represented on the board of directors. C. D. Conrad, Morrow county agricultural agent, is secretary.

THERE IS SUNSHINE

Residents of this section of a troubled world are beginning to think "Old Sol" has taken a nose-dive into oblivion. It has reached a point where one is inclined to change the once-popular air—"It ain't gonna rain no mo', no mo'" to "It ain't gonna shine no co', no mo'." Now comes Lee Howell with evidence to prove we're all wet. Lee drove to Prineville Wednesday, making the trip via Mitchell and over the Ochoco pass. He said he struck sunshine just beyond Hard-over and back until coming into man and enjoy it all the way Hardman, then bluey! It was dim-out once more.

Food Program To Be Carried To the People

District Leader System Invoked to Deliver Message

The facts behind the current national wide campaigns to grow victory gardens, plan family food supply, and produce and conserve meat will be carried to every family in Morrow county as job No. 3 for the neighborhood leader system, says C. D. Conrad, county agent.

Details of the present situation in these three phases of the national food problem were brought out at the first training meeting for community leaders held in Ione, Feb. 15. Assisting the county agent in this meeting was J. R. Beck from the central extension staff in Corvallis.

Rural families are in much better position than others both to supply their own food needs and to help the war effort by producing as much extra as possible, declared Conrad. Beck added that unless rural people produce, conserve, and preserve many of the food items essential to good family nutrition this year, the family is very apt to go without such foods.

In addition to assuring adequate nutrition for their own families those who produce their own food will release labor and transportation needed for supplying food and materials to our armies and allies.

Well planned victory gardens large enough to give an extra supply of vegetables beyond fresh use for canning and drying purposes is emphasized this year and each rural family will be provided a return card by their neighborhood leader with many of the helpful extension service and U. S. D. A. bulletins which may be had by checking and returning the card to the county agent.

How the family food supply can be planned for the entire year so that the least amount possible will have to be taken from commercial channels is the aim of this part of the campaign. Charts will be distributed to each family to serve as a suggestion in planning the canning, drying and freezing of foods this summer.

Farmers have no restrictions on

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Community Sing Well Attended

Members of the Heppner Music Study club and a goodly number of townspeople gathered at the parish house Monday evening and enjoyed an hour or so of singing. Familiar songs were sung with fervor under the efficient direction of Mrs. L. E. Dick, with accompaniment by Mrs. J. O. Turner.

Plans of the club include more of these get-together events which originated as a vesper service and later were scheduled as community sings. The Music Study club has extended an invitation to every one who likes to sing to attend these gatherings and participate.

IN TOWN TODAY

Creston R. Maddock of Portland spent a few hours in Heppner today looking after insurance matters "Cres" is always glad for a visit to the old home town and says the visits are less frequent than he would like.

ATTEND PENDLETON MEET

County Supt. Lucy Rodgers and City Supt. George Corwin attended a physical fitness conference in Pendleton Monday. They were accompanied by Rev. Bennie Howe, Morrow county Red Cross chairman who had some business in connection with that organization to look after.

Behind the Scene at Salem

By Rep. Giles French

The big bills are going to come out of the committees before long, probably this week. The reason they do not come out more quickly is that they are big bills because they have the interest of many of the members and each one insists that some amendment be made to them in committee. The committees either do or do not make this amendment, thus making an enemy or a friend for the bill. Before they come to the floor the adherents of the bill usually know just about how it will turn out. Sometimes they fail, usually not.

Big bills coming up between now and the end of the session are the truck bill which is due for its advent into the legislative limelight early this week. It will be settled before this is printed. The rail birds say it will be defeated. Maybe they know; maybe they don't.

Then there is the civil service bill, now called merit rating, so called to give it a name different from civil service which is in bad repute all over the United States because of the national law. The merit rating law is due to come before the house sometime this week. It may make the grade for it has been well represented before the committee. However, the prejudice against civil service and the expense entailed in its operation may mitigate against it and defeat it. It is seldom that so radical departure from normal state procedure about employees can be carried in one session. There have been no examples of gross favoritism in Oregon state employment although some have been hinted about.

Then there are the tax bills. Farmers generally do not want any great reduction in the income tax. It is their cushion against higher property taxes after the boom days are over. If the income tax is cut now they know they will have to pay higher property taxes at some later time. Those of them who think the matter through do not favor any sizeable tax reduction in the income and excise taxes.

What reduction is made will go to the federal government in the case of those in the higher brackets anyway. As a matter of fact it is impossible for the state to give much aid to income tax payers. The federal government takes so much from income taxpayers that the little dab left for the state is of little consequence to the bigger taxpayers. The state is in the position of being teamed with the federal government and put in the same class as a demander of taxes, when it really is not.

The unemployment and workmen's compensation questions are of minor importance as neither employer or employees are anxious to make a major effort for them. Labor would like to have occupational diseases included in the things that compensation should be

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CANTATA SELECTED

"Bright Easter Morn" by Heyser is the cantata chosen by the Music Study club for the Easter presentation by the club and the combined choirs of the city. Anyone interested in singing is urged to be at the first rehearsal next Sunday night at the parish house immediately follow the close of the various church services. Miss Rose Hoosier will direct the production and Mrs. J. O. Turner will be accompanist.

Methodist Ladies Aid will hold the Case Furniture store Saturday their regular cooked food sale at morning.