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**MAYBE THERE IS A WAR ON,
OR SOMETHING!**

In times past, one of the joys of central Oregonians or those accustomed to passing through that region periodically, was the excellent cuisine offered by restaurants and hotels of the several towns. Service was of a high order and fine quality of food was recognized by patrons from near and far. It helped earn for central Oregonians a reputation for genuine hospitality and was a haven for the tourist.

Today the food is excellent if and when you can get it. That isn't to convey the impression that eating houses are not operating. It means that one may be disappointed if counting upon eating a Sunday dinner, for instance, at his favorite restaurant, for said restaurant may be closed on Sunday—not by choice of the management but due to necessity due to shortage of help and the purpose of catching up on food quotas.

Perhaps one has drifted back to happier days as the car wends its way up the winding trail of highway 97, flanked on either side by lush green of the Sherman county wheat fields for many miles and finally, reaching the rolling top country of Wasco county where the first full view of the matchless Cascade skyline meets the eye. Yes, it is little wonder one forgets the rest of the world and what is going on in it until Madras is reached. There you begin to emerge from a world of dreams into a realm of reality. With a big start already made toward construction of a huge airbase, forces are being collected for carrying the work to completion and soon upwards of 1800 workers will be on the job to complete the base at the earliest possible date. Redmond, always a busy little city, is more so these days, and at Bend all efforts are being directed toward completion of a new contonment, Camp Abbott.

All this by way of saying that there is unusual activity in the central Oregon region and things are far from normal. There are more people to feed and clothe and while caterers and storekeepers are doing an excellent job they can cope with the situation only as war conditions warrant or permit.

It is a rude awakening to the casual tourist or visitor and at the same time it is a quick and thorough lesson in the changes wrought by the war. There is a war going on, all right, and it takes but one little trip to find it out.

TALK ALONE NOT SUFFICIENT

Heppner is again faced with the sol-

COMPLETE GAME COUNT

Forest Guards Max Buschke and Bert Bleakman completed their game census work and have since painted the forest buildings in town. They now are engaged in

fire hazard reduction work on Shaw creek.

TRANSFERRED TO HEPPNER

Ellis B. Carlson of the forest service has been transferred from tim-

dier problem, the matter of providing some sort of personal entertainment for the boys who find themselves projected into our midst while awaiting transfer orders elsewhere. One advantage in the situation here is that the CCC camp will not house any large number of the men and that our entertainment efforts would be somewhat limited. However, an effort opportunity to break away from the man company which is theirs all the time except for the few hours of leave granted. Those few hours should bring to them contacts with home life to which only the women can provide the proper touch.

It is quite certain that groups of soldiers will be temporarily housed here regularly. There is little opportunity for house invitations and the simplest form of entertainment perhaps would be a hall operated on the USO plan. This has been urged upon the community before and is being presented again with the hope that something concrete will result. There is assurance from those engaged in USO work that the soldiers do and will appreciate the entertainment provided under such an arrangement, that they enjoy the contacts made here and that the percentage of "gutter romances" will drop perceptibly.

In a manner, the soldiers occupying the camp here are on their own. Idleness breeds mischief and if the civilian population sees fit to let the situation remain as is we may expect no small amount of trouble as the months roll by.

ARE YOU CONTENT

"If you are content with your present situation and with the present results in industry, in agriculture, and in our civilian life," said Secretary of War Stimson, "then I suggest that you go to one of our great Army camps I suggest that you read the detailed dispatches from Tunisia and the South and see our boys in uniform working, west Pacific about the fighting efforts of our soldiers, I suggest that you compare your comforts in life with theirs, and then ask yourself—Are you content?"

Few persons in civilian life can say they have yet made any all-out war effort. Too many are still more interested in planning personal and "social gains," first, says the Industrial News Review.

NOT A BAD IDEA, MAYBE

There are many ideas about the proper way to rid the world of one Schickelgruber but the one expressed over the radio Wednesday is not only good—it has possibilities of actual results.

It seems the famed castle of Berchtesgarden, perched atop an 1800-foot hill, has a secret elevator used only by der fuehrer and his most intimate intimates. The story goes that on the initial trip up the elevaor der fuehrer had the unpleasant experience of spending four hours about midway of the lift while mechanics repaired the machinery. Art Linklater, narrator of the story, suggests that the same thing happen again, only this time the proper thing to do would be to forget to repair the machinery.

**Entertainment for
Soldiers Needed**

Organized entertainment for soldiers during their stay in Heppner was urged upon his listeners by L. L. Dawley, director of the USO at Pendleton, in a talk at the parish house Thursday evening. If the soldier's conduct is not what the civilian thinks it should be the civilian should do some thing about it, he contended. Making the soldier feel at home is the most important thing. Many of the boys are separated from home life and environment for the first time in their lives. Of necessity, their company for more that 90 percent of the time is their fellow soldiers—man company. Dawley pled with the young women and matrons of the town to exercise their personal charm in the proper manner to help preserve the high moral standards so essential to the future welfare of our nation.

Mrs. W. P. Remington delivered a stirring address to the young people, her annual Lenten lesson, stressing the necessity for exercising courage and maintaining faith during these trying times. She also presided at the piano in leading community singing.

Several members of the YPF made short talks and the group pledged their best efforts in trying to formulate some type of organized entertainment for soldiers.

The meeting opened with a pot-luck dinner.

Coming from Pendleton besides Mrs. Remington and Mr. Dawley were Miss Catherine Peterson and two soldiers Pfc Karl E. Hoefle and Sgt. Luther Eskijian.

CHANGE MEETING DATE

At Tuesday's meeting, the Willing Workers of the Church of Christ voted to change their meeting date to Wednesday afternoon of each week. Several members wished to

participate in Red Cross work and the change in date will make it possible for them to meet with both groups.

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