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## THE CROSS ON THE HILL

Written by Venerable Eric O. Robathan

It stands, a lonely sentinel,  
And from its height surveys  
The going to and fro of men  
Intent upon their ways.  
Sometimes 'tis hidden from the sight  
In shroud of mist and haze;  
And those below lift up their eyes  
With searching, anxious gaze.  
The storms arise; the rain descends;  
The wind around it plays;  
But stronger than the storm, the rock  
On which the Cross is raised.  
Comes then the sun; the Cross appears  
All silvered in its rays;  
The mists dissolve: the Cross still stands;  
And hearts are filled with praise.  
Not always lonely is this Cross,  
Though lonely most its days;  
There comes some sad and burdened soul  
Who kneels, looks up and prays!

## EVERYTHING OR NOTHING

In this titanic struggle enveloping the major portion of the globe the answer appears to be "everything or nothing." Meaning, of course, that an allied victory means everything to the cause of freedom and democracy, whereas an axis victory will remove every vestige of those principles for which we stand. It also means that before this war goes much farther the American people will have to invest every dollar not absolutely needed for living and operational expenses in war bonds. If that is not done and done soon, this struggle for world freedom will last much longer than most of us want it to.

The allies seized the initiative several months ago. Since then telling blows have been inflicted upon the enemy. But that enemy is still powerful, dangerously so, and unless our forces are supplied with the equipment to continue striking the first and the hardest blow, the initiative may be lost or at the best the war reach a stalemate. Supplies and more supplies, men and more men—women, also—will have to be kept moving up to the front. To do this takes a lot of money. The government is asking you to loan your surplus funds. Remember, THEY are giving their lives—you are asked to LOAN your money

## ANXIOUS TO DO THEIR PART

In this all-out war it must not be forgotten that the teen-age folk have a part to play and they are eager to take their place in the sun. Today many of the young people, those in high school, are worried about the increase in juvenile delinquency and they would do something to curb this menace to the future of our country. But the young people are looking to their elders for guidance and the pity of it is that most of us are so engrossed in business affairs and activities resulting from stress of the war that we have not the time to give issues affecting the moral status of our country any thought.

In recent meetings of the luncheon forum of Heppner business and professional men both the young people's

viewpoint and what may be deemed a direct answer to their challenge have been presented. In the first instance, Loma Jones, high school student, stated the case of the young people, pointing to the fact that if they are left to their own devices they are apt to take the easy way, which, in effect, is the harmful way. However, she contended that youth is not afraid, that they will work for the good things in life, and that all they ask is the opportunity and the proper guidance. It was a challenge to an older generation to point the way.

The answer was furnished Monday by Mrs. B. C. Forsythe of Ashland, member of the executive committee of the Oregon council of parents and teachers, who told the forum of the program of the Parent-Teacher association Mrs. Forsythe had just come from a meeting of the committee in Portland and her talk was highly informative. The P-TA is vitally interested in the problem of juvenile delinquency and proposes to do something about it. Clean minds and healthy bodies are vital in the development of the youth of today who will be the leaders of tomorrow. That calls for a thorough and vigorous recreational program. Dancing is one of the items on the P-TA program—rhythmical, graceful dancing. Therefore the tango and boogie-woogie are ruled out, as are all other types of recreation that are not considered proper for development of mind and body. In brief, the program calls for training of our youth in a manner to carry on the principles upon which our government was founded, to meet new conditions arising as a result of the war. To do this will require keen minds and strong bodies.

The question is, will we get behind this educational movement and help our young people to help themselves, or will we just drift along and let them work out their own philosophy of life.

## THE BATTLE OF THE PINES

When the word battle is mentioned one naturally thinks of planes, guns, tanks, and kindred weapons, but there has been a real war going on right in our own back yard which merits the praise of every loyal American. It may not have the glamour of the battlefield, indeed there is little opportunity for heroic sacrifice, but the fact remains that the men who have carried on in the forests the past seven or eight months have put up a magnificent battle against the forces of nature in an effort to keep timber products rolling to the front or wherever they are sorely needed in sustaining the allied war effort.

The past season has been about the worst imaginable from the logger's standpoint. From the Pine Log, house organ of Kinzua Pine Mills it is learned that "weather conditions provided one of the worst problems. Rain, rain, rain was the refrain. No one liked it but not a man let it get him down. The rains never stopped during the summer and fall of 1942. Ground conditions in the woods were never worse. Had not Uncle Sam needed timber so desperately in the war program it would not have been commercially sound logging practice to have logged during the heavy rains and snows of the past few months."

Thus we learn that non-combatant forces too are putting up an heroic struggle to claim raw materials so vital to the promotion of the war. As in the case of the timbermen, it is seldom without risk to life and limb.

## Founded First Tin- Hardware Shop Here

The Gazette Times is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Mabel Leezer Bascom of 1235 E 74th St. Los Angeles, which reveals the origination of one of Heppner's earliest business enterprises. The letter is self-explanatory and is as follows:

Heppner Gazette Times:  
Congratulations on your 60th anniversary. I was only a small child when the first paper was issued so I do not remember Mr. Keyte, but I do remember Patterson, Michel, Redington, Warnock, Shutt and of course Mr. Vawter Crawford and brothers and sons.

My father, W. J. Leezer, had the first tinware and hardware store in Heppner. He and Mr. Briggs were associated together. I hope Mr. Briggs is still living.

Last week I called on an old classmate of mine, Lillian Bisbee Wentworth, at Altadena Calif. We had a grand visit talking over our school days. They have a lovely home. You will always find Lillian

in her flower garden and it is beautiful.

I always enjoy getting your paper and while a great many of the names are strange to me, there are a few old friends left. I would love to be able to come back to the old home town for a visit, but I do not know as that will ever be, so I say greetings to each and every person I ever knew.

Sincerely,  
Mabel Leezer Bascom.

## HENRY SCHWARZ HOME

Leonard Schwarz drove to The Dalles Sunday and brought his father, Henry Schwarz home from the hospital. Mr. Schwarz is recovering from the effects of an amputation in which he suffered the loss of one leg, but will be invalided several weeks.

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