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Stop, Look Both Ways

Don't forget there is a war on and that there are unusual train movements. This may happen even on branch lines such as the one serving this community. Car drivers will do well to heed the state regulation regarding stopping at railroad crossings or wherever there is a warning sign.

Restricted gas sales played a big part in reducing the number of Fourth of July traffic accidents but there still are drivers who grow careless. While holiday accidents have been reduced it does not signify that careful driving should receive all of the credit. There is the matter of light traffic to be considered. Some drivers still try to beat the train to the crossing and that practice is fraught with greater hazards these days than formerly. Practically every mainline freight train carries some munitions or straight explosives. A collision with one of these cars, or the wrecking of a portion of the train may lead to serious consequences for the car driver and cause incalculable loss to the war effort.

"Stop, look both ways, and proceed with care at grade crossings," is the warning sounded by Secretary of State Bob Farrell, who, like his predecessor, Governor Earl Snell, is giving the traffic division of his office most serious consideration.

Valued Service Canceled

In another column of this week's Gazette Times will be found a feature which has held the interest of readers for the past year or more. If you have been one of those enjoying this column you will want to read every paragraph this week because as far as we know it will be the last of "Mrs. America Meets the War."

In the humble opinion of the writer, this is one of the most valuable releases coming out of the Office of War Information. It was mailed out of the Portland bureau of the OWI, was timely, well

written and teemed with information relative to the things Mrs. America will have to do to meet the war situation.

An economic trend in the lower house of congress has resulted in a general curtailment of OWI activities throughout the nation and while we have no fault to find with the representatives for wishing to cut out unnecessary expenses, we must express our personal regret over the loss of this particular column. Perhaps some other service will be devised to aid the weekly papers in their efforts to be of real service in this time of great national stress.

Just Doing Their Job

No small amount of wailing has been heard from those who in times past have been termed "Coat-tail riders" on the administration over some recent acts of the lower house of congress. From reports coming out of the national capital it appears that the voters in the 1942 election threw out the "rubber stamps" and mandated some independent thought and action.

Most frequent comment is that politics should be side tracked during the war. That's what the congressmen think, but when they are confronted with the same tactics that have characterized the administration for the past ten years they feel it is up to them to stand their ground. The most radical administration supporters cannot honestly complain about the support the president has had in his war program. Congress has stood by him even to the establishment of new "emergency" war bureaus, but when unnecessary sums of money and numbers of new federal employees are involved the House has revolted. The senate, still largely on the new deal side has reversed some of the House measures, but even the upper house has not been able to take all of the domestic political bushwah.

There is no desire to embarrass the administration's war program, but there is a strong sentiment in favor of curtailing domestic expenditures and it will not be surprising if further efforts are made to reduce the number of federal employees outside of the war effort. There will have to be a stopping point some place and the present House of Representatives if actually working to that end will be but doing the job indicated in the last election.

Morrow county is still in the fore front in the war effort, even to the point of leading off in line of marriage by proxy. Well, anything can happen these strenuous days and the only thing left for us to do is offer congratulations to Marine Captain Chester Christenson of Heppner and his bride who will be waiting for his return from the Pacific battle area.

Grange Programs Over State Radios To Be Continued

By Mrs. Mary Lundell
(Too Late for Last Week)

Morrow county pomona grange met on Saturday, June 26 at Ione with Willows grange as host. Members were present from Boardman, Lexington, Rhea creek and Ione.

Mrs. McFarland, Pomona master, gave an interesting report on the recent state grange meeting held in Eugene. One resolution voted into grange law raised the dues paid by the subordinate granges to the state grange from 30 cents per member to 40 cents per quarter. The importance of this move will be manifest when we realize that the 10 cents raise will net the state grange some \$8,000 to be used in continuing the broadcasts similar to those presented over the 15 Oregon stations last spring, in defraying the expenses of state meetings, etc.

Pomona voted to send \$10 to the Morrow county committee for the benefit of the Blue Mountain Camp and Hospital council. The members indicated their willingness to donate blood to the Red Cross at any time arrangements can be made for a panel truck to come into the county for that purpose.

During the lecture hour an interested crowd listened to the splendid program presented by the Lecturer:

Song, America.
Recitations: Judy and Alice Mason

Musical Readings: Beneath the Mistletoe and Circumstantial Evidence, Marjorie Baker.

Letter from Rev. Perry Schrock of Portland.

Agricultural talk, County Agent Conrad.

Song, God Bless America.
Address, Dr. Carl Thompson.

Movies, Bonneville and Winning Their Wings.

Members are taking an interest in the contest sponsored by Pomona for which a \$25 war bond will be given as a prize.

The next Pomona will be held Oct. 2 at Lexington on which date the election of officers for two years will be held.

Anti-Waste Drive To Be Launched

State and county committees on nutrition for defense will soon have an additional task—that of heading a campaign to reduce food waste to the absolute minimum.

Dean Ava B. Milam of O. S. C., chairman of the Oregon state committee, reported to that body at the latest meeting.

Americans wasted more food in 1942 than was shipped abroad, according to statistics reported to state chairman at a recent conference in Washington, said Dean Milam. A campaign within the army to eliminate food waste is getting results, she said, and now the movement is to be extended to restaurants, hotels, and to the individual homes

where clean plates are a mark of patriotism.

Additional changing food habits are in store for Americans in helping win the war, the state chairman added. Plenty of vegetable proteins are in sight but not as much animal protein food as people of this country are accustomed to.

Soy beans in several forms for home consumption will be available on the markets soon. These will be marketed as flour, grits and whole beans. Victory gardens have been grown in such tremendous numbers that the vitamin situation throughout the country is good, she reported. The next step now is to see that all of the preservable food in these gardens, beyond immediate needs, is canned, frozen or dried for future use, and that late vegetables are planted where soil and climatic conditions permit.

Better nutrition for industrial workers is becoming a definite movement in war plants, though Portland and other northwest cities are lagging in this. The committee was told by William E. Broeg, industrial nutritionist for the War Foods administration. He said that when plant owners are shown that what they get from their men in work is directly related to what goes into them as food, they look on better nutrition as an engineering problem that they can understand and do something about. Noon or "mid-shift" hot lunches are the answer in many plants, he said.

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