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### It's Too Big a Job

This war is too big a job for any one man or group of men to direct. The war department has accomplished wonders bordering on miracles in selecting and training men for combat duty and all attendant branches. This fact is being proved in no uncertain terms right this very week. Totally unprepared to defend ourselves three years ago, today we have one of the finest fighting machines in history and the word defense has been almost erased from the American vocabulary. It is offense now and will continue so to the end.

There have been some 90,000 casualties in American forces up to the Sicilian campaign. With the "big push" underway, casualties are going to mount rapidly. Hospital facilities in many points over the land, and particularly on the west coast, are experiencing difficulty in caring for daily increasing numbers of wounded men returned from battle fronts in the Pacific area. This condition prevails right in our own area in the case of the McCaw General hospital in Walla Walla where the Blue Mountain Camp and Hospital Council is endeavoring to provide comforts for the boys. The council is doing a good job, a big job, in fact, but the work has only fairly started. As the offensive campaign progresses the number of disabled will multiply rapidly, thus creating a bigger problem for home front war workers.

One may be led to ask why the task of providing comforts for disabled men is placed in civilian hands. The navy takes care of its own disabled and that raises the question relative to the army. A partial answer is found in the fact that the army has neither funds nor personnel to handle more than straight hospital care. The extras must come from civilians. An effort is being made to acquire certain items of convalescent necessities by direct army purchase but this has not been accomplished so far and may require several more months to make a start in that direction. Although up to the present campaign navy casualties have been slightly higher than those of the army, it is expected that land force casualties will mount much faster in succeeding months. It is true the navy asks for no outside help in caring for its disabled, but land forces now number several times the naval personnel, hence the organization of camp and hospital councils to provide additional facilities.

Kindly permit repetition of the statement that the work now started is but begun. We must go on and on raising funds, donating materials and dividing our time in making life more cheerful for these American lads who are offering their lives and sacrificing their futures, not from choice but because they do not wish to surrender the principles of freedom and justice under which they have been raised. It is a big task, but it will be done. We of Morrow county have not failed on any score so far and we can ill afford to break that precedent. Make your contributions today—and don't count your change too closely.

### Pleasure Last

This page has more than once called attention to the difficulties of travel on rail and bus lines during the war emergency. The transportation companies, while serving as public utilities, have but one object in view and that is to move troops and supplies just as fast as possible. To do this they need every passenger car seat and every foot of space in freight cars most of the time. Coming to the rescue of the passenger lines, the Office of

Defense Transportation insists that strictly non-essential travel on trains and buses must be eliminated and vacation travel must be rigidly limited. This admonition is directed to everyone and it is pointed out that it is impractical to apply a system of travel priorities.

The Industrial News Review has compiled some statistics which should give us valid reason for passing up the usual vacation trip by rail or bus. Organized troop movements by rail are proceeding at the rate of over 2,000,000 men a month. They require the constant service of over one-half of all Pullman sleeping cars and of nearly one-fourth (over 3,000) of all day coaches.

Soldiers make an average of eight moves by railroad between induction and embarkation for service overseas. It takes 356 passenger cars, as well as 82 baggage cars and over 900 freight cars, made up in 65 trains, to move an infantry division of 15,000 men and their equipment. Movement of an armored division and its vehicles requires 75 trains of from 28 to 45 cars each. Furlough travel on regularly scheduled passenger trains equals approximately the volume of organized troop travel. Both are to increase substantially during the months immediately ahead. No new railroad passenger cars or locomotives, and no new intercity buses, are being constructed.

These are a few of the reasons why civilians are being asked to limit their traveling activities. It is no sacrifice to limit your traveling to necessity if it helps your boy get home on furlough or speeds freight on which his very life may depend, concludes the Review.

### New Magic in Wood

New Magic in Wood is the title of a booklet just released by American Forest Products Industries, Inc., Washington, D. C. It is the third in a series of three booklets descriptive of our American forests and their contribution to our lives, and the objective of the organization is to perpetuate the supply of forest products through sound forest management and to promote understanding of forest ownership and enterprise.

Illustrations throughout depict the many uses to which wood is being put, especially in this wartime emergency when so many strategic metals have been withdrawn from civilian use. Familiar uses of wood include houses, furniture, ships, turpentine, paper and bridges. Some new uses are wooden soles for shoes (not too new, at that), cases for thermos jugs, rayon for stockings, textile mixture of wood fiber and wool, jewelry, compacts and lipstick cases, tableware, including utensils, dishes and other new types of dining equipment, and curtains and blankets. When the lignin in wood is dissolved and the cellulose made flexible through chemical treatment we have a fluffy substance which looks like cotton and contains the same ingredients, the booklet states.

All-wood washboards and buckets are now being marketed. Instead of the usual metal mail box, we now have plywood mail boxes. Strong good looking bumpers for our cars can be fashioned from wood and even new fluorescent lighting fixtures are now made with wood cases.

These new uses found for wood products are just the beginning of the things scientific laboratories will develop in the future. With the end of the war followed by a reconstruction period, we doubtless will hear of many new developments in the use of wood and the AFPI is encouraging a program of selective cutting and forest management that will permit the heavy inroads of wartime demands and at the same time preserve our forests for future needs. Says the booklet, "If we harvest heavily we must protect the forests from fire and keep injurious insects and tree diseases under control. Only then can the young seedlings have a chance to grow into trees for another harvest. *Trees may be harvested, but a forest can go on forever.*"

### Warning of No Avail

It is one thing to talk about fire prevention and quite another thing to accomplish prevention. For some time this column has been urging strictest caution in the matter of starting and controlling fires, yet the past week-end was a busy period for fire fighters. Fortunately, while considerable acreage of grass was burned over, grain fields

were spared. That was a bit of luck that will not hold from now on, for another week of dry weather has turned much of the grain in this vicinity and weather conditions similar to those prevailing last week are almost bound to bring disastrous results if more grass fires get started.

### IONE PASTOR CALLED TO VALLEY CHURCH

Rev. J. Fred Stilwell, pastor of the Co-operative Church of Ione has resigned to accept the pastorate of the Church of Christ at Yamhill. His resignation becomes effective July 30 and in the meantime he expects to finish the job of painting the church, which will be complete a total of \$1550 improvements to the church property since he assumed this work there more than a year ago.

The Yamhill church is considered one of the best rural organizations in the Willamette valley and Mr. Stilwell states the call was unanimous.

A new pastor will be called to the Ione church.

### CHURCH LADIES MAKE PILLOWS FOR HOSPITAL

Ladies of the Church of Christ held an all day meeting in the parlors of the church Wednesday. The group is engaged in making 45 pillows for the Blue Mountain Camp and Hospital council and in addition has contributed \$26 in cash to the hospital fund.

Three ladies of the group, Mrs. Minnie Gaunt, Mrs. Bertha Johnson and Mrs. Burl Coxen, were observing birthdays. Mrs. Frank S. Parker baked the birthday cake which climaxed the bountiful repast that was served at noon.

### RETURNS HOME

Mrs. Virgil Hatfield returned to her home in Portland Monday after visiting a couple of weeks at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Instone.

### LEAVE FOR PORTLAND

Rev. and Mrs. Bennie Howe drove to Portland Monday where Rev. Howe expected to have eye treatment and Mrs. Howe some dental work done.



**DINE OUT**  
*It isn't unpatriotic*

**You Can Eat Your Points and Have Them, Too!**

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