

**Food Scarce in Land of Plenty**

There is a war, there is food rationing of one kind and another, and there is a manpower shortage—all of this and more too in a land of plenty. This fact was brought to the attention of L. D. Neill in an emphatic manner the past week-end while in Wallowa county shipping some lambs.

(Neill is not running for office, which some of our readers might think from the run of publicity the G-T has been giving him. It happens that his activities make interesting reading.)

To get back to the story. Anyone who has helped ship sheep knows that it is tiring, dirty work. Even in Wallowa county where the grass is greenest of the green in the summer time and the lofty Wallowas are crowned with perpetual snow, moving sheep is no white collared

job. So, after wrangling the woolies for several hours the Neill crew became tired, hungry—and dirty. But hungry mostly. The boss finally decided to go into town and order something to eat for his crew, which would have to be fed in relays. The hour was a bit late but it did not occur to him that he would be unable to get something to eat. There was but one place open in the town of Wallowa where food was served—a drug store sandwich service. L. D. parked his car and started for the door. Before he reached it the proprietor stepped outside, inserted the key in the door and started for home. He had put in a long day all by himself and no inducement the sheepmen offered was so potent to sway him from his intention to go home. Neill searched for food with out avail. He finally rented a cabin where he and Mrs. Neill and other members of the crew made out with

the meager supplies they were carrying along. Moral: Better carry your food supplies with you nowadays.

**Men of Inland Empire Doing Their Share Volunteering**

Commander David Goldenson of Salt Lake City inspector of navy recruiting and induction in the eight western states, believes the youths and men of the Inland Empire are doing their share in volunteering to serve in the armed services, but the young women — well—that's different.

Frankly disappointed in the failure of women generally to volunteer for service in the WAVES and other armed force auxiliaries, Commander Goldenson, upon a recent inspection trip to the Spokane recruiting and induction headquar-

ters, declared: "Knowing the people of the Inland Empire and Northwest as I do, I am amazed at the apparent failure of the young women of this area to do their share alongside the men. This is a crucial period in the war and women are vitally needed immediately in the WAVES and other feminine branches. Yet the response has been disappointing. I'm sure, if they were fully aware of the urgency of the need, this call would not go unheeded by the women of the Inland Empire." Commander Goldenson expressed himself leashed with the progress of this district in the enlistment of 17-year-olds and Seabees since the district was established as a separate and independent recruiting and induction district April 15th.

Jack Slocum of Monument was a week-end visitor in Heppner.

**RETURN FROM CALIFORNIA**

Mrs. Lera Crawford and son Calvin returned Wednesday evening from Berkeley, Calif. where they spent the summer with Mrs. Crawford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh C. Githens. Their return at this time was due to Calvin's number being called and he will leave tonight for his physical examination. Before coming north, Mrs. Crawford and Calvin visited Hugh Crawford, in training at University of California at Los Angeles. John Crawford is taking his initial training at Columbia university, New York. Mrs. Crawford took summer work at the University of California.

**JOINS HUSBAND HERE**

Mrs. Richard Robinson of Portland came to Heppner the first of the week to join her husband who has been working in this vicinity for some time.

*A message from the United States Treasury about*  
**YOUR WARTIME TAX DOLLARS** ★

**T**HE American people have accepted the highest tax bill in the history of the country with splendid patriotism and cheerfulness. The Treasury Department of the United States feels that an explanation is due them in turn—feels that they deserve to be told why, when and how their tax dollars are vital to winning this war and the peace that will follow.

**As a taxpayer, consider these facts:**

Our government is currently spending 240 million dollars each day, almost all of it on war, and this figure will increase materially as the war continues. About a third of that amount is being raised through taxes. Those tax dollars are as necessary for weapons with which to defeat our enemies as are dollars raised through the sale of WAR BONDS. Hence, when you pay taxes today you are definitely and directly contributing to victory.

And, at the same time, your taxes actually help to maintain your own purchasing power now—and prevent disaster to your country after the war. Here's how:

**Billions of Dangerous Dollars**

Every time your cost of living advances, you are paying a tax on your income. If your cost of living should double, you would pay a tax of 50% on your salary, wages or other income. But it would be a tax that wouldn't benefit our fighting forces, our government or anyone else—except Hitler and Hirohito.

Now—to prevent such a concealed tax on your income from taking place—isn't it good sense as well as sound patriotism to pay your government taxes of 20% on part of your total income—or more, if necessary?

And your taxes do help prevent just such a price rise! How? By taking part of the billions of dangerous dollars which otherwise threaten your living standard and putting them to useful work, winning the war. Those billions of dangerous dollars, you know, represent the difference between the income the American people will receive this year and the amount of civilian goods that will be made in the same twelve months. If taxes were lower, prices would tend to rise, and your real income would be reduced by just that much.

**Keeping the America He Knew**

There's another reason why your high taxes help your country in wartime—and really a much more important one to you. Your tax money is helping to win the war now—but it's equally essential to winning the peace and keeping the America that boy knew before he went into the armed forces.

All the industrial power, all the inventive genius and productive capacity of this country would not bring back a busy, prosperous America that we know if a drastic deflation followed victory. And, as surely as the sun that rises in the morning will set at night, a deflation would follow an inflation brought about by failure to tax ourselves realistically now.

So, next time that tax burden seems heavy to you—think of these facts. Remember that your tax dollars are helping to pay for victory now—that they are in there fighting for your living standard now—and that they are working to keep our country's financial structure sound for that boy now in the armed service, for all your family, and for you in the years of peace to come.

**SOME QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT YOUR TAX BILL**

- Q. How much of my federal tax payments is being spent on war and how much on so-called "normal" expenditures?**
- A.** About 96% of your tax payments are currently going to pay for direct war expenditures. Only one dollar in every twenty-two you pay, therefore, goes for all other federal expenses, most of which are indirectly to aid the war effort.
- Q. How much of the total war bill is being paid currently out of taxes?**
- A.** A little over one-third.
- Q. Is this proportion higher or lower than in England and Canada?**
- A.** Lower. Both Canada and Great Britain are paying approximately half of their war expenses through taxation.
- Q. Is there any way other than taxes and war bonds by which the government could finance our share of the war?**
- A.** There is. The government could borrow from the commercial banks,

- which would put even greater spending power in the hands of the people—thus creating a basis for inflation.
- Q. Is there any other advantage in financing as large a share of the war bill as possible through taxes?**
- A.** Yes—and a very real one to you, the taxpayer. All the bills for the cost of the war must be paid sooner or later through taxation, but if paid currently, from taxes, there will be no interest charge to mount over the years and provide an extra burden for you to carry.
- Q. So far, so good. But don't you think taxation is unfair in the way it distributes the burden for all this?**
- A.** On the contrary, and we believe you will agree if you think it through, that taxes are the fairest, most equitable way to pay for the war. That's because Federal Income taxes are levied on ability to pay for something that all of us need and must have—victory now, a sound America later

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