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### Just One Big Objective

War is the one big business in which this country is engaged and everything else must be and has been patterned to fit in with the plans for bringing the conflict to a successful conclusion.

As a people we have come to learn the grim aspects of total warfare. It has not affected our land as it has those countries overrun by the Axis, for up to the present our closest contact has been training operations, yet we are rapidly learning the cost in manpower and money.

In the early days of our entrance in the war we were stirred by patriotic motives to make liberal pledges for bond and stamp purchases. It was the thing to do at that time and perhaps had we not been prompted by a spirit of patriotism the effort might have lagged. That stage of the war has passed and we now realize that patriotism, while a grand thing, will not win the war alone. Patriotism backed by plenty of dollars will win. That is the lesson we have learned and the country is buckling down to the task of financing our fighting forces in a manner to make success assured.

There is no necessity to dwell upon the rights or wrongs, whys or wherefores. Our very future is at stake and the money we possess will avail us little if we fail to back up our war machine. There is little to indicate that the war will be over in a few months, and we know that the demands will increase in coming months. It becomes our business to supply the funds and we will have no opportunity to use our money as we may wish until this whole mess is cleaned up.

Morrow county's share in the forthcoming 15 billion dollar bond campaign is \$367,800. That is putting it on a little heavy in comparison to demands made upon neighboring counties and it will require a thorough canvass to go over the top. It can and will be done. This county made its quota in the previous war loan campaigns and we will not fail in this one. This burden naturally falls upon the investor class. The payroll group is comparatively small and in most instances those coming in that class are pledged to buy bonds by the month. It is expected that farmers and stockmen will take up the bulk of the purchase, some of them buying the bonds as straight investment while others will be setting aside considerable amounts in this manner against the day when they will need new machinery, buildings, and other replacements. Whatever use is made of the bonds at some future date, the main thing is to buy them.

### A Distinct Loss

In the passing of Walter Erwin Bristow, Ione and Morrow county have suffered a distinct loss. Although a young man with but a few years behind him since high school days, Walter had earned for himself a place of leadership in the community and had he been spared the usual span of life would have become one of the most substantial citizens. He was that type—vigorous, progressive, with a sense of justice that won him the confidence of those with whom he came in contact. If he had a job to do, he did it uncomplainingly—and well. This was demonstrated in his handling of the scrapiron drive in his district. It was evident in his advancement with the Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc., which made him manager of the concern's extensive Ione properties. It was a quality which won him friends wherever he went and which with his passing created a vacancy in

the community life of Ione.

### Look to Oregon for Future Home

It is too early to predict when the war will be over but it is not too early for our fighting men to lay plans for the future, dating from the cessation of hostilities. We frequently read letters or hear statements over the radio by boys who do not hesitate to state their plans for the future when peace comes.

Over in England two men now playing important roles in the Allied offensive have announced their desires, if not their plans, for post war activity. One has a great yen to publish a country newspaper, the other wants to catch up on his fishing. "They have decided that Oregon is the best spot for them—good spot for a small paper, wonderful fishing," states Time magazine, to which we are indebted for this information.

Just as these generals, one American the other British, have coordinated their operations in a successful campaign to disintegrate the German war machine from within, they are now laying plans for their after-war life and are looking towards a region where nature has provided the comforts of life with a lavish hand. Generals of other wars have had the same idea and two of them who served in World War I realized their ambitions to become citizens of Oregon. One was Brigadier General Ulysses McAlexander, the other General Charles H. Martin.

We beg the privilege of extending an invitation to General Ira Clarence Eaker, commander of the Eighth Air Force and Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur T. Harris of the R. A. F. Bomber Command, to make this great state their home. We can assure them that they will make no mistake by locating here and that the people of the commonwealth will be mighty proud to claim them as citizens.

### Do Christmas Shopping Now!

It may seem a bit early to harp on Christmas shopping, but if you plan to send a gift to your soldier or sailor you must get it in the mail before October 15. Beginning September 15 and continuing through October 15, the post office department will make a special effort to see that your parcels get through so the service men will receive them by Christmas. After October 15, such parcels may not be mailed unless a written request from the soldiers and sailors for the article is presented with each parcel.

No fighting man should have to ask for a Christmas gift. Mail that package at the right time. If he does not receive it by Christmas you will have done your part and the blame will rest on other shoulders. Get in touch with your local postmaster at once and learn parcel specifications and other particulars. Don't disappoint that boy in the service!

### An Unsightly Spot

School will be opening in a few days. Teachers and children will be trekking over the Willow creek bridge and on up the hill to the school building to resume class work. Would it not be a proper exhibition of civic pride to clean the vacant property of weeds, grass and wild growth of willows and vines? If property owners or city can not accomplish the task, why not organize a civic clean-up group to turn out some evening and do a thorough job of it? After all, we are training our children to be the civic leaders of the future and they won't get a favorable impression of our civic pride if they have to traipse through a weed patch every day to school.

Motor vehicle registrations in Oregon at the end of July totaled 401,795, Bob Farrell, secretary of state, announced today. This compares to a registration of 408,437 vehicles a year ago, a decrease of a little over one percent.

There were 323,673 private passenger cars registered in the state, 1,080 busses, 32,989 light trucks and 41,038 heavy trucks.

Registration fees total \$3,247,888.24, compared to \$3,209,044.54. The increase is due to increased numbers of trucks and busses registered in the state. Truck registrations are up three percent and bus registrations show an increase of 42 percent.

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From where I sit ...

by Joe Marsh

We were sittin' on Bill Webster's back porch Saturday complaining of the heat.

"Reckon this is the hottest day on record," Homer Bentley observes. "And the thirstiest," says Bill, taking a long draught of buttermilk.

That got us on the subject of thirst-quenchers—and Bill allowed as how nothing was as cooling as a tall, cold glass of buttermilk. Thad Phibbs and I both voted for a glass o' cool refreshing beer. Dan Miles said

he'd take iced tea, "with a sprig o' mint in it."

"Anyway," says Bill, "we all got a right to our own tastes ... and that ought to leave everybody happy."

And from where I sit, Bill's right. It's a small point of course—but tolerance of what the other fellow likes—and his right to enjoy it—whether it's buttermilk or beer—is the important thing in any argument.

*Joe Marsh*