

Washington, D. C. Sept. 2.—The first vanguard of lawmakers have arrived back at the national capital for the reconvening of congress Sept. 14. These early birds are busy comparing notes with each other on the many subjects they discussed with their home folks during the vacation period. Every congressman with but few exceptions, spent the past two months in his district sounding out opinion, getting reactions and building up his political fences, which is always a necessary part of a lawmaker's chore. All agree that the No. 1 ailment of the public is OPA—not the principle, but the way it's run, and the squawks are loud and long against those running it. However, the congressmen report the situation has improved since Chief Byrnes ironed out many of the wrinkles that existed in OPA, and the improvement is still going on.

The No. 2 pain plaguing the average voter is organized labor, its leadership and antics. From all reports, Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Public are fed up with any and all kinds of labor disputes, especially during war times. John L. Lewis is just about as popular with all classes of people as is an advanced case of small pox. The No. 3 pain is the high cost of living, prices of all foods and commodities are much too high, complains Mr. Citizen, and all agree something should be done immediately to check and lower prices. Opinions seem to be about evenly divided as to the best way to obtain the desired results, some say subsidies, some say No. The returning lawmakers also say the public is getting more and more conscious concerning the perils of inflation and will do almost anything to ward it off. Most everyone interviewed seemed altogether too busy making money to bother about talking politics, except the home town political leaders. Those few who would discuss such subjects thought President Roosevelt would be re-elected with out much trouble regardless of who his opponent might be. Wendell Willkie was looked upon as the best bet for the Republicans. And last but not least, everyone from theater usher on up now knows the meaning of the word

taxes. The 20 percent withholding tax has proved to be an excellent educator to the rank and file on the subject of taxes.

Reports have it that thousands of soldiers who received their military training in the several northwest camps over a period of many months like the country so well that they intend to make Washington or Oregon their permanent homes after the war. Practically all of these men are from the deep south or east and but few of them had ever been away from their native haunts before they joined the armed forces. As one New York soldier put it. "It's sure God's country; never saw such forests, streams and good farming land, and the climate's all O. K. too, even if it is a little rainy at times. But you don't freeze to death in the winter or smother in the summer, like you do in the east. Me for this country after the big show is all over."

Big Chief Jimmy Byrnes, who was one of the most popular men in the senate when he wore the toga, is said to be heading a move to bring the likewise popular and politically astute Jim Farley back on the Roosevelt bandwagon. The president and his exmanager have been at outs for several years and the feeling between the two has been getting no better fast. Flocks of other potent Democrats who have been off the reservation will have the olive branch extended to them by the very foxy Mr. Byrnes. Politics makes strange bedfellows and it may be that the smooth Mr. Byrnes can accomplish the impossible. Some political seers say if Jimmy can engineer a Roosevelt-Farley love feast he is indeed the miracle man of the age, because they feel it can't be done. However, Jimmy is going to try, because miracles can happen once in a while.

How many wage earners who are making more money than ever before are holding on to the war bonds they bought through payroll deduction plans? That's the question an answer to which the treasury department is anxiously seeking in figures now being compiled. All classes of wage earners in the northwest have an excellent record for war bond purchases, but the record could be better as to the number who held their bonds instead of selling them. This is one of the arguments proponents of a forced savings plan are using to put over their proposal. The group who are campaigning for such a plan point out that altogether too many wage earners sell their bonds and spend their entire weekly pay check just as soon as they can get it. Little, if anything, is being saved for the sure to come rainy day. If some definite action is not taken now, say this group, to make these people save the government will be up against another far-reaching relief program after the war.

## Farm War News

### SPUD LOANS

The War Food administration has just announced loans on potatoes. Loans will be made on field run potatoes to growers or co-ops. The rates will be 35c a hundred less than the support prices announced last spring with appropriate adjustments for the percentage of No. 1 potatoes. Support prices will be increased 20c a hundred in December, and an additional 10c in January. Loan rates will go up accordingly. Local loan rates will be announced as soon as they are received.

### MORE PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT

Steps were taken this week to make available to farmers two types of production equipment that have been in the hard-to-get class. First, county USDA war boards have been authorized to issue AA-2 preference ratings to farmers for engines up to 20 horse-power. Second, the state has been given a definite quota of crawler-type tractors which will be released to farmers by the War Production board on the recommendation of the State USDA war board.

An AA-2 rating can still be issued to farmers by the county USDA war board for soft wood lumber to be used in essential construction in connection with the food program. Morrow county still has some 90,000 board feet of lumber which they can issue an AA-2 rating on during the month of September.

### COPPER WIRE

About 5,000 pounds of copper wire have been distributed to Oregon farmers through county USDA

war boards in the past months and a similar amount is available for September farm wiring needs. Special copper wire purchases certificates can be issued to farmers meeting production requirements. Certificates for the purchase of copper wire can only be issued for wire needed for other than the wiring of dwellings.

Permission to power companies to install power extensions to farms can also be granted by county war boards to farmers with sufficient livestock production. At least five units of production are necessary for a power extension and at least one unit of production for each 100 feet of extension. One dairy cow equals one unit now, as do three sows, 150 laying hens.

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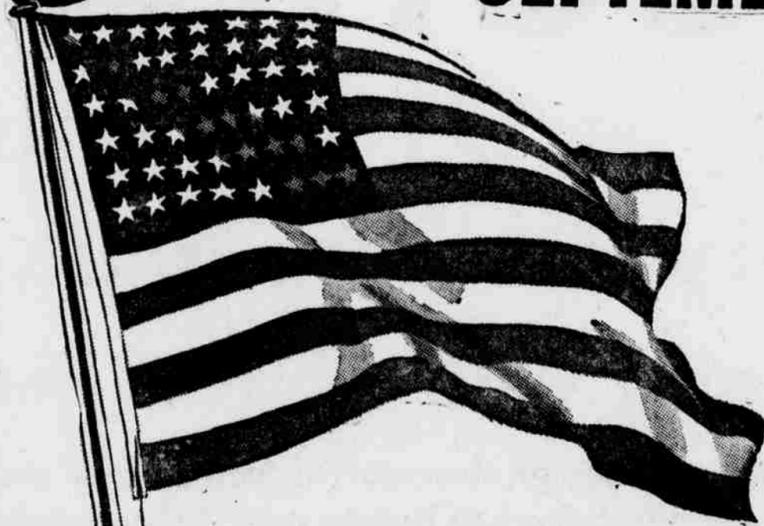
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SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>



## 3<sup>RD</sup> WAR LOAN DRIVE —FOR INVASION

• Put a circle around the date—Thursday, September 9th. For that's the day the 3rd War Loan Drive starts.

On that day, you will be asked to go the limit to back our valiant fighting men. You will be asked to do your share in the greatest invasion the world has ever seen. Answer your country's roll call!

Your part is to back this invasion by investing in at least one EXTRA \$100 War Bond in September. That's in addi-

tion to your regular War Bond purchases. Invest more than \$100—a lot more—if you possibly can.

The job is big. Everyone must do his full share if we are to put this drive over the top.

War Bonds are the safest investment in the world. For your own sake, for your Country's sake, put every spare dime and dollar in War Bonds during the 3rd War Loan Drive.

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### "A Tip from Mr. Squirrel" Prepare For Winter NOW!

Autumn time is canning-time. You'll find all your canning needs as well as a large supply of fresh fruits and vegetables, to supplement your garden produce, at our store.

Home-canning is the answer!

Leave your orders for peaches

Central Market