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"It is Better to Give—"

It has been pointed out on this page from time to time that we are but fairly launched upon a campaign to bring justice and equality to a war ridden world. While our fighting forces are rounding up the outlaws it is our privilege to provide the funds for feeding, clothing and sheltering the unfortunate peoples who have felt the pressure of the tyrant's heel. It is our privilege because we have something to give, not only of our means but of our way of life. It is an opportunity to prove to the Axis powers our faith and belief in the principles of democracy, in the more abundant life for the individual, and the right to use our means as we see fit.

In Europe and Asia are millions of people who have not enjoyed a bountiful meal in more than three years. Countless numbers of them have been doing slave labor and living off of what the invaders have cast aside as unfit for Aryan consumption. Clad in the flimsiest of makeshift clothing, they face another winter of intense suffering, for if they are fortunate enough to have shelter it is almost certain they cannot provide fuel for warmth. Such fuel and food as they may scrape together will not be spared to them if their Nazi overlords choose to take it for their own use.

Demands for funds are more apt to increase than decrease in ensuing months. The war is far from over and Nazi destruction will add to the burden. The spirit of revenge displayed in Italy in recent weeks should serve as a warning of their intention to leave conquered lands desolate. Starving people, trying to rebuild their homes have little stomach for war or pursuing a campaign and to the Nazi mind, as well as the Japanese, this is honorable warfare.

Starting tomorrow, Friday, we will be given an opportunity to subscribe funds for Oregon War Chest, Inc. This subscription will cover donations to 17 different relief agencies as well as several state organizations. The sum asked from this county is in excess of \$4,000 and while this looks like quite a sum, the money will have far-reaching results and this campaign will eliminate numerous other drives throughout the year. It does not include the tuberculosis seal sale nor the annual Red Cross membership campaign. It does include the USO and several other agencies for which this county has given generously in previous drives. It will provide funds for several baby homes in Oregon for which private solicitors have been sent out over the state, thus relieving a certain amount of administration expense to the institutions. In a sense it will do away with constantly organizing for this or that drive and will lessen to some extent the amount of subscriptions made throughout the year.

It will facilitate the work of the committees if you will first make up your mind that you will give generously and then send in your remittance at an early date. If this is not done it will be necessary to canvass each district and this means needless use of cars at a time when gas and rubber conservation are the need of the hour.

Remember the admonition of the Man of Galli-

lee, "it is more blessed to give than to receive." We have been gloriously blessed by a bountiful nature. We have suffered no hardships—very few inconveniences, in fact—and we should gauge our giving by the blessings we have received.

We "Dood It" Again

Morrow county is still in there pitching. It is still too early to learn just how much we "pitched" but figures released the first of the week prove that when it comes to meeting quotas this political unit is no piker. Third War Loan quota, \$367,800; Third War Loan sales in Morrow county, more than \$435,000 up to Monday. It is possible that the figure will be expanded ere the last purchases are recorded this evening.

When this county's quota was announced a few weeks ago it looked like the state war loan officials were loading it onto us a little. At least it was a little out of proportion to neighboring counties and those in charge of the drive wrinkled their brows just a trifle. Then came the auction sale which put the campaign into high gear with something like \$138,000 worth of bonds, bought, in the main, by a handful of affluent wheatraisers and stockmen. This pace was not maintained, of course, but it made our people bond conscious and purchases were made regularly—except on Saturday nights when the bank was prepared for a landoffice business which did not materialize.

It must be remembered, however, that the county slowed up on bond purchases during August. This may have been due to the harvest and the forthcoming war loan drive. Whatever the reason, the slack has been taken up in the current drive and our reputation has been saved.

Hunting and Fires

Friday, October 1 marks the opening of the hunting season. The weather bureau has not indicated that there will be rain by the end of September and this raises the perennial caution about fire. The mountain fastnesses are dry, there is no disputing that fact. Likewise there are large numbers of deer and not a few hunters with itching trigger fingers—even if ammunition supplies are running low.

Hunters native to this region understand the fire hazard. It is not likely that they will grow careless or commit a deliberate act endangering timber and grazing land. Nevertheless, the forest service wishes to impress upon each and every individual the extreme necessity of avoiding fires. There is insufficient manpower to cope with a serious fire and any fire right now would be classed as serious.

If you contemplate a hunting trip it is just as important that you prepare to prevent fire as well as to hunt. This is especially pertinent to opening day nimrods, for if fire breaks out early in the season it is possible that the forested areas will be closed. No one wants to see this happen, least of all the hunters.

Mail That Package Now!

Unless relatives and friends of service men overseas get busy right now with mailing Christmas packages those boys out there will be disappointed. Date for mailing such packages positively closes October 15. Fifteen days of the allotted time have passed and post office authorities state the mailing has been slow to date. This will work a hardship on mail carrying facilities. If you plan to send packages overseas, don't plan any longer—send them now! A package from home is like manna from heaven to those boys. There is no finer thing the folks at home can do for them.

The Chinese have given many things to the world but there is one thing they can take back for all of us—their lettuce.

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From where I sit

by Joe Marsh

One of the best-liked farmers in these parts is Bert Childers! And he has the best way of beatin' the man shortage, too.

Come husking time, Bert invites all of his farmer neighbors over to have a glass of beer. When they ask politely "Where's the beer?" Bert points to a bucket-full of frosty bottles in the middle of the field.

"All you got to do," he says, "is work your way out to it."

Well, Bert's idea has caught on all over the countryside.

Folks are pitching in to help their neighbors harvest grain, and fruit, and vegetables—and are taking their reward in sociability when the job's done.

And from where I sit, that's a mighty healthy picture of American life—people working together to get in the food this country needs—and afterwards, sittin' around like good friends, over a moderate glass of wholesome beer. I'm for it!

Joe Marsh