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For a Cleaner City

As the new year gets underway, steps are being taken by the city council to solve some of the municipal problems confronting the town. The council has had several things in mind as postwar activities to aid the employment situation but there are some things which cannot wait for that indefinite time and one of these needs immediate attention. That is the matter of garbage disposal.

At present and for many years past there has been no controlled method of garbage disposal. The city has maintained a dump ground above the mouth of Balm Fork where citizens have hauled their rubbish, and at times there have been men in charge of the grounds. At present there is an arrangement with a man engaged in hauling refuse to the dump and with better cooperation on the part of the citizens this could be made quite effective.

One serious handicap is the lack of transportation for garbage. The one vehicle for hire is a pick-up and is too limited in capacity to make hauling effective. There is too much labor in loading and unloading and too many trips to dispose of the loads. Consequently, the operator hauls what he can and has to let it go at that.

There are ways in which residents can help in the proper disposal of refuse. Much of it may be burned in the furnace, kitchen range or common heater. That which is not consumed entirely may then be shoveled up with the ashes and put in a barrel or some safe type of container for hauling away. Ashes are more easily hauled than waste paper and general garbage. But ashes should not be dumped in a pile. They should be boxed or barrelled. Arrangements should be made for regular disposal of the refuse by hauling to the city dump.

The question of alleyway incinerators will be studied by the mayor and council. Objection has been voiced to this method of disposing of cartons and other paper material inasmuch as the burning doesn't stop there. Other materials creating disagreeable odors find their way into the incinerators which prove nauseous to people living in the vicinity. Complaints of these conditions have been placed with the council and that body has promised to use its authority in putting a stop to the practice.

In its effort to make a cleaner town the council has the backing of at least two civic minded organizations. The Woolgrowers Auxiliary interested the Chamber of Commerce in the movement and both groups had representatives at Monday's council meeting to give assurance of citizen backing in any endeavor of the city government to improve living conditions.

War Loan Campaign No. 4

In a few days we will be in the midst of another war loan campaign, the fourth since the United States entered the conflict, and from all appearances this one will not be easy to put over. That's speaking for Morrow county. Local officials feel that the zenith of bond buying was reached in the third campaign when the people of this county bought some \$524,000 of the government securities. That's quite a lot of financing for a comparatively small number of people to do and it is not expected that they shall repeat in like manner this time. This is indicated in the smaller quota which is almost \$100,000 less than the third war

loan request.

Of the total \$14,000,000,000 to be raised this time, five billions will be raised by the small bond sales. This means that every individual will have to do his part. It may prove an advantage in the local drive, for the largest part of past purchases has been in the smaller denominations. But whatever is offered there will have to be takers. The boys "over there" can't be let down at this stage of the game, no matter what the cost.

Roger Babson, in his annual forecast, stated that in all probability 1944 would witness the high point in taxation and that by the closing months there should be a tapering off. This forecast is based on the assumption that Germany will be knocked out of the war sometime this year. But Germany will not be knocked out if we at home fail to do our part in purchasing bonds and keeping up production. We must remember that millions of our men and women in the armed forces not only are offering their lives in the cause but likewise are making regular purchases of bonds out of their monthly wages or salaries to help make life secure for those of us at home. This alone is sufficient reason for us to do our part but the fact that what may be considered the closing chapter of the war in Europe is due to open soon should be a stimulus to go just as deep as our finances will permit. This may be the "knockout" punch and it is no time to curtail any of the fighting forces.

Morrow county will do its share as it has in the past, although the goal may not be reached with the comparative ease marking previous campaigns.

There Is a Reason For It

A good many people are experiencing a distaste for our present bureaucratic form of government but so far have not been able to analyze their dislike and put it into expressible form. The writer admits a distinct aversion to this type of government and like many fellow believers has feelings regarding the subject which if put in language as violent would find his paper denied the mails.

Not a few farmers are expressing themselves on bureaucracy and it is greatly to their credit that they have sufficient self control to state their complaint in acceptable language. In the November issue of the Country Gentleman, Marvin Jones, national food administrator, stated the government's case in an article entitled "We're Taking the Home Folks Into Partnership." He might have gotten along alright had he not dwelt too zealously upon support prices. In the December issue a South Carolina farmer wrote the Country Gentleman: "The farmer does not want support prices, subsidies or any other thing of this kind. He has always paid his bills—sometimes he had to let his farm go to do it—and he can't see why the taxpayer, who pays Uncle Sam's bills, should help buy a pound of bacon or a dozen eggs for that neighbor who went off to build an army camp."

A Texas farmer wrote: "I don't think I ever read a more misleading article in my life. I am a small rancher-farmer and raise about 40,000 bushels of wheat and had 3500 cows when the planners from Washington took over. As I was familiar with cattle and wheat, I was put on a three-man board to try to co-ordinate the production program in our area. First, we tackled cattle. Every morning we would get a telegram from Washington telling us what to do that one day; maybe the next morning the orders would be entirely different, and issued by a man who never saw a cow ranch. Some of these instructions would be twelve pages long in a telegram at government expense. Finally they sent us a planner from Washington to supervise us. The boy sent came from a veterinary school in Vermont. He had never lived in the country and had never seen a cow ranch. We got ashamed to go out to the ranches with him, so we resigned."

That seemed to say a lot about the bureaucratic set-up without going into a lot of argument and discussion.

The trouble with most of us is that we are too fond of people who agree with us and of food that doesn't.

BAKERY REMAINS CLOSED

Due to illness of G. A. Sanders, Heppner Bakery will remain closed until Monday, Jan. 10. We are shipping in bread to supply our customers until our ovens go into production again.

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APPOINTED JUNIOR CLERK

Mrs. H. O. Bauman has been appointed junior clerk on the rationing board to serve during the absence of Mrs. Ilene Laughlin who has been given a two-months leave. Mrs. Harry Tamblin is filling Mrs. Laughlin's position.

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