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## It Is Everybody's War

We are well into the third year of the war and the end is not yet in sight. Already huge sums—colossal sums, we might say—have been subscribed by the people and still the call comes for more money, vastly more. And this time, in the Fourth War Loan campaign, it is up to the people, not just a few investors, but the people en masse, to buy bonds as they never bought before. This has been fixed by the directors of the war loan drive on the basis of previous drives which show that not as many people have bought bonds as should have. Consequently, here in Morrow county we find a quota of approximately \$10,000 more in "E" bonds than in the third campaign, when harvest money was plentiful and also when our graingrowers and stockmen shouldered the burden and boosted a quota of \$368,700 to more than \$524,000.

In this war financing an oversubscription of a bond issue is not credited to a previous or a succeeding issue. It may readily be understood that many of those who invested heavily in the fall will not be in position to assume responsibility for the major portion of the present loan. They will do their share, but not in the proportion of the third campaign. That leaves it up to the smaller buyers, Mr. and Mrs. John Citizen and all the little Citizens to strain the family budgets and empty the piggy banks for all they can scrape up. Your Uncle Samuel needs the money to buy more bombs, build more airplanes and battle wagons and transports, to provide more food and clothing and all the countless other expenditures necessitated by the prosecution of the war. There is scarcely one of us not affected in a direct way by this titanic struggle—none but who have relatives either close or distant at the front or on the way there and we can't let these brave lads and lassies down.

Before you plan too much on what you are going to buy with your money, stop and figure how much you will invest in your government first.

## They Should Finish School

A few weeks ago this column called attention to a growing tendency of high school youths to quit school for a life roaming the country. It was pointed out that the tendency had not been apparent in Morrow county and the hope was expressed that our schools would not be faced with this problem. It appears that the "fever" has hit this area and is causing school authorities some concern.

In a matter of this kind, advice seems out of order. Appeal is the proper step and that is the thought in mind at this time. To those boys, and possibly girls, who have the urge to leave school now, especially those who have but a short time to go to finish their high school work, permit the suggestion that you remain and get your diplomas. There is one time and one time only to get that prized and valuable piece of paper and that is with the rest of the class with which you have climbed the ladder grade by grade. If you let that opportunity pass it may never come to you again and in later years you will reproach yourself for having been shortsighted in your youth.

There may be a desire on the part of 17-18 year old boys to get into the service. That is understandable. The boys know they will be drawn in due time and feel that they have a better chance to select the type of service they want. To those boys it may be pointed out that they will have a better chance for advancement in the type of service they want if they have their high school diplomas. They will be better prepared for a type of training that calls for more schooling, and that is an opportunity which they can ill afford to overlook.

If quitting school to roam awhile, consider the difficulties involved—transportation, housing,

food. When you have contemplated all angles it is safe to assert that you will find much more comfort in home and school.

## He Speaks for Others, Too

Apparently the John Day Valley Ranger was late last week for down in the right hand corner of page one is a note from the editor which has a familiar ring. Under the heading "If Paper Is Late—Here's Why," Editor Glen Chandler unburden's himself of some of the woes that make the life of a country journalist interesting if not cheerful. "At this writing, it's three o'clock in the morning; ye editor is having plenty of grief and is wondering how he will get out this issue. It may be a day late; it may be two days late, and a good many items will have to be omitted. The reason: our Linotype has gone "haywire" this week and we're having a heck of a time trying to keep it running. Under normal conditions, we would have little trouble in getting replacement parts and skilled machinists to make the necessary repairs . . . but now . . . well, we hope our subscribers know what we're up against . . . and will bear with us.

It might be added that in addition to linotype troubles, the editor put off writing his editorial column until the last thing; people kept coming in with news items long after the deadline; the fire went out and the news ink was stiff and sticky, and to boot, the metal in the casting box ran cold and the cuts had to be cast over. All this and more too contributed to the Gazette Times' failure to make the mail last week, which accounts for the even and genial disposition of the editor about three o'clock Friday mornings.

## A Bit of Pre-War America

A bit of pre-war America is to be found at the basketball games. American youth, deprived of much that characterized life before Pearl Harbor, still clings to school traditions and this is made clear at the gymnasium when rival teams are competing for district honors as in the case of the Big Wheat League games being played in Heppner and elsewhere in the district.

It is worthwhile to join the young people in an evening of excitement and uncertainty. Their noise is the natural outlet for youthful exuberance and a little of that exuberance is quite frequently exhibited by adult followers of the game. The troubles of the world are left behind for an hour or two, although we are ever mindful of the great struggle taking place on many fronts and on the seas, and there is a measure of pride in backing the home team, especially when it is winning.

The young folks are entitled to commendation for carrying on in the face of difficulties. If older ears find the cheering and the band a little disturbing just bear in mind that it is not as disturbing as bursting bombs—and not nearly so devastating. It's the young people's show and a good one. They are entitled to support from patrons and the general public.

Speaking of weather—oldtimers say this section is getting back to normal. But don't get to thinking spring has come. It is a safe guess that there will be some weather yet. The current brand is pleasant after a long siege of fog and frost, but farmers and stockmen would like to see some moisture. Most of them feel that the bumper yield years have passed, although a reasonable amount of moisture in the spring and early summer will make a fair crop this year. The boom days have been easy to take and it is hoped that Mother Nature will continue with her blessings and keep these old Morrow county hills flowering in golden grain and verdant grass.

California gets credit for the unusual but once in a long time something of that nature happens in Oregon. A grass fire in mid-January in Morrow county, for instance.

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