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Smaller Series Bonds Still Lag, Chairman States

E, F and G Sales Short \$57,418.50 Of Meeting Quota

Although there has been a noticeable upswing in bond purchases during the past week, the smaller series are still lagging, according to P. W. Mahoney, county war bond chairman. Series E, F and G had a quota of \$231,100. To date \$173,631.50 of these have sold leaving a balance of \$57,468.50. The chairman and his committee are confident the total will be reached and are urging prospective purchasers to get busy this week so the campaign can be drawn to a close before the 15th. The officials also hope that the balance of the E, F and G quota will be taken by small purchasers. To date only 629 purchasers are represented. It is felt that the county should have at least 1,000 buyers.

Down at Ione the folks are getting hot on the bond buying. This has been pepped up by the school campaign which has been underway the past 10 days or two weeks. Students have planned a rally for Saturday evening when it is expected every citizen will have done or will do his part.

Boardman and Irrigon both have responded nobly in the Fourth War Loan drive. Boardman has sent in 38 applications representing a tidy sum and while the number of applications from Irrigon was not disclosed the chairman stated that the response has been much better than in previous campaigns.

Heppner grade and high schools have been coming to the fore this week and it is expected the \$2500 quota will be raised by Friday evening.

Lexington school has completed its drive and is over the line with a safe margin.

"I believe the success of the present drive is due to the school of instruction given field workers and to the splendid organization of the schools by Mrs. Rodgers," Mahoney stated. "The people who took the brief instruction course entered the work with enthusiasm and have inspired their neighbors to buy generously. The work Mrs. Rodgers has done in the schools merits the highest praise and she has the thanks of the entire bond committee," he concluded.

Corporation purchases listed by the chairman include Federal Land Bank of Spokane, \$11,000; Standard

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Letter Commends Group for Gift

It is not the practice of the commanding officer at McCaw General to write a letter of thanks for gifts received at the hospital for if he did he would be busy writing all the time. An exception was made when the phonograph and records sent by the Morrow county committee were received, and Mrs. Ralph Thompson, chairman, received the following letter:

"The Red Cross director has just informed me of your gift to the hospital of a recorder and 100 discs. These have been needed for a long time and are particularly appreciated because of the difficulty in obtaining them.

"You may rest assured that this gift will be very much appreciated and will probably be used more than any other single thing your group could have contributed.

"To help maintain the morale of the patients in the hospital is to my mind a very distinct contribution to the war effort. Thanks."

The letter was signed by A. R. Gaines, Colonel, MC, Commanding.

Implement Concern Completes Modern Plant at Lexington

Completion of a modern machinery warehouse and plant at Lexington has been announced by the Jackson Implement company. The building has been under construction several weeks and embraces some of the latest features for the handling of machinery.

The 300 foot by 40 foot structure provides the largest workshop in the county. It has been equipped with individual stalls for machines that are being overhauled; turning lathes, line boring machine and other precision machines, and a full overhead crane covers the entire length of the shop. Repair jobs on any type tractor, truck or automobile can be handled, and the company will carry a complete line of parts for all machinery sold through the agency.

The new enterprise will add several new families to Lexington. The shop foreman, Rowan C. May, who has had several years experience with the civil service government maintenance department; a mechanic, Vern Wilcox, from the Columbia Aircraft factory in Portland, and several mechanics who will report as soon as releases can be obtained from their present jobs, will locate living quarters are available.

The new plant is open to inspection and the Jackson Implement company states that it will be a pleasure to show visitors around at any time.

Candidate Crop Slow to Put in Appearance Here

Only Two Filings For County Jobs, Records Disclose

There appears to be little interest in public office this year, if filing activity is an indication. To date candidates for county jobs have filed their intentions to enter the primary, while others have not made known their purpose. C W Barlow, clerk and C. J. D. Bauman, sheriff, are the ones who have filed. Whether or not they will have competition in the primaries remains to be seen, and so far there has been no hint that there will be contenders in the general election.

Henry Peterson filed his petition with the secretary of state early in January in preparation for entering the primary to secure the nomination for state representative. To date he has the field to himself.

Terms of L. D. Neill, county commissioner and Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, superintendent, expire this year and it is expected that both will file shortly. The same is true of the office of coroner, held by Dr. McMurdo.

Five positions of justice of the peace are open and so far no filings have been made. These run for six years and three justices are filling out their terms: J. O. Hager, Heppner, A. B. Chaffee, Boardman, and W. C. Isom, Irrigon. With the death of Ralph Harris at Ione that district has been without a justice of the peace the past four years. Lexington has not had a justice for several years, and the office at Hardman has been cancelled.

RELAYED DUTCH HARBOR RAID MESSAGE TO HEADQUARTERS

Sgt. Ernest Tunnell of the Service of Supplies was a Heppner visitor Monday and Tuesday spending part of a furlough looking over familiar country and renewing acquaintances. He spent a period here in the CCC camp, during which time he studied radio. Leaving here he entered the United States army and soon found himself in Alaska, where his knowledge of radio came in handy. It was Sgt Tunnell who intercepted a message from the radio station at Dutch Harbor stating that the America forces there were under attack by the Japs. Tunnell relayed the message to the regional commander and had to thoroughly establish his own identity before that official would give the news any credence.

Scout Troop No. 61 Has Annual Dinner

Boy Scout anniversary week was observed by Heppner Troop No. 61 Tuesday evening with a banquet in the dining hall of the Church of Christ. Chili formed the piece de resistance, with Oscar Rippee acting as chef and several scouts assisting him. Mothers of the boys baked cakes and the troop provided ice cream. It was strictly a man and boy affair, there being none of the fair sex present.

K. A. House was master of ceremonies and after stating the purpose of the meeting and outlining some of the past accomplishments of the troop, called upon Scoutmaster John Fuiten for a talk. Fuiten was followed by Ensign John Crawford, a former member of Troop 61, who related advantages he and other former scouts enjoyed in training for the navy. He advised the boys to take advantage of their surroundings and all training received for it will prove valuable in later life and particularly should they be called upon for military service. Lauren Corwin demonstrated some first aid measures for use in mountain hiking.

Two Belligerents Held by Sheriff

Vernon Amis, fined by City Recorder Huston last week for creating a public nuisance, is languishing in the county jail in lieu of \$250 bail on a charge of assault and battery preferred by his father, Clarence W. Amis. The accused man will appear before Justice Hager at 10 a m Monday, Feb. 14.

After a few days liberty on bail, Irving Greener was picked up by the sheriff's office upon a former charge of assault and battery was re-arrested. Greener is charged with assault and battery upon the person of Clyde O. Edwards of Lexington in the spring of 1942. Taken before Justice J. O. Hager at that time he stood on his rights to seek the advice of an attorney and was granted 24 hours to appear. He did not show up and is reported to have gone to Vernonia where he later was inducted in the army. Returning to Heppner after his discharge from the service, Greener sort of took up where he left off two years ago and soon found himself in the clutches of the law. He is being held over to the circuit court on the Ray McRoberts assault and battery charge. His hearing on the other count has not been determined.

SAILOR LADS VISIT

Albert Bailey, S 2/c, Glenn Fell and Russell O'Donnell were three of Uncle Sam's navy personnel visiting the home folks here the past week. O'Donnell was on shore leave pending repairs to his ship. He left Sunday to rejoin his outfit.

Council Decides To Remedy City Water Situation

Edwards' Offer to Drill New Well Accepted Monday

Looking to early improvement of the city's water supply, the city council Monday evening took steps to have a new well drilled. This decision was reached after Mayor J. O. Turner and A. M. Edwards of Lexington explained to the council the terms of a proposal made by Edwards to drill a well close to town.

Edwards has offered to drill a well that will produce 200,000 gallons of water per 24 hours. If he succeeds, the city will pay him \$3,000; if he fails, the city will pay him nothing. After being assured that this offer was bona fide, the council decided to give it a trial.

Mayor Turner, Watermaster J. O. Rasmus and Edwards did some investigating about two weeks ago and located what they feel is a good site for a well. This site is less than two miles from Heppner and not more than one-half mile from the present pipeline. The mayor was authorized to contact the owner or owners of the property upon which the site is located and in the meantime the council and Edwards will investigate other sites near town.

Depletion of the present water supply and difficulties experienced in maintaining the pipeline in good condition have caused the city fathers considerable worry and they have been investigating the possibilities of a new source for several seasons. Rebuilding of the present line, which would save a lot of loss through leakage, would be an expensive improvement and still not provide an adequate supply, officials state. A new well must be at sufficient elevation to force the water into the city reservoir which is fairly high above the town.

At Monday night's meeting Mayor Turner instructed Fire Chief "Bill" Isom to submit a monthly report on the department and fire conditions.

GOING TO SAN FRANCISCO

Archdeacon Neville Blunt will leave Saturday for San Francisco where he will represent the eastern Oregon diocese of the Episcopal church in a western conference. He will return to Heppner the following Saturday and hold regular services at All Saints church on Sunday Feb. 20.

"We Are Buying Extra War Bonds—Are You?"



Pvt. Olin W. Dennis, 25, Delmar, Md., was shot through the leg by a sniper at Alcatraz, Africa. He has been in the Halloran Hospital for over six months because of a bone infection. He is buying Bonds regularly.



Sgt. Edwin Johnson, 27, Long Island City, N. Y., suffered shrapnel wounds in throat and neck when a Stuka bombed an ammunition truck he was driving in Sicily. He couldn't speak for two months but has since appeared at Bond rallies.



Pvt. James C. McNally, 36, New York City, suffered a fractured leg when his supply truck hit a road mine in Algeria. That's all he remembers. He has a brother in the Signal Corps. His wife works, buys Bonds regularly.



Pvt. Arthur Bevis, 22, Bascom, Fla., went through African campaign without a scratch but in Sicily one of his buddies stepped on a mine. Bevis' leg was amputated, shrapnel partially paralyzed his fingers. He wears the Purple Heart, buys Bonds, too.



Pvt. Benjamin Ayscue, 26, Henderson, N. C., received compound fracture of leg and other injuries in Sicilian campaign when his truck ran over a mine. Ayscue has brother in the army, is married and has one child. Family buys Bonds regularly.