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FULL TICKET

The vacancy caused by the death of U. S. Senator Charles L. McNary and the expiration of the term of Senator Holman creates a situation unparalleled in the history of Oregon. For the first time the voters will be called on to elect an entire congressional delegation—two U. S. senators and four congressmen—in the same year. Governor Earl Snell received scores of letters and telegrams from Oregon citizens offering their advice as to whom the governor should appoint to succeed the late Senator McNary for an eight month term. There was a wide spread of choice but no perceptible demand for any one citizen.

NEW CONCLUSIONS

A definite tightening up on draft deferments is predicted by Col. Elmer V. Wooten, Oregon's director of selective service, upon his return from the national capital his week. Col. Wooten said that draft boards all over the country are scraping the bottom of the barrel in their efforts to fill their monthly quotas. He said, however, there would be no substantial change in the policy of Oregon selective service organization which has always been pretty hard boiled on applicants.

TEACHERS CERTIFICATES

Teachers holding emergency certificates permitting them to teach in Oregon this year have been notified by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Rex Putnam that they must complete nine quarters of professional work before they will be eligible for another emergency certificate.

GOVERNORIAL APPOINTMENTS

State Rep. Harvey Wells to the state emergency board, to serve in the absence of Speaker McAllister, who is in the army; Dr. E. H. Mc medical examiners; Dr. L. S. Ben-Lean, Astoria, to the state board of son to the same board. Reappointments include: E. C. Sammons to the state board of higher education; T. H. Banfield to the state highway commission; Theodore Hansen to the commission for the blind; E. E. Wilson to the game commission and Guy Ellis to the state board of barber examiners.

SOLDIERS BALLOTS

Oregon's county clerks are extremely cooperative in their efforts to give Oregon's men in the armed forces a chance to vote in the primary and general election, Secretary of State Bob Farrell stated after conferring with several clerks.

He said clerks promised they would have ballots printed quickly so they could be dispatched anywhere in the world in time to be returned before the elections. More than 2000 requests for ballots from servicemen have been received.

SNELL COUNSELS FARMERS

In an address before the annual Union, Governor Snell praised the state convention of the Farmers farmers of Oregon for establishing a new high for production records and urged federal and state postwar cooperation.

After a spirited debate a resolution was adopted opposing the administration's subsidy program. The fight against the subsidy was led by Peter Zimmerman, Yamhill county farmer and candidate for governor in 1934. A resolution also was adopted urging that equipment in abandoned army camps after the war be made available to the public before being auctioned or sold to speculators.

CAPITAL SHORTS

Greater uniformity in assessment and taxation methods used by Oregon counties has been urged by the state special committee on postwar tax problems. . . State-owned vehicles made a 26 percent saving in mileage the past year. . . Ralph H. Cake has two campaigns in the fire—as pre-convention campaign manager for Willkie and as mana-

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You Will Be Giving to Your Own

Somewhere out there in that vastness known as the war zone your boy—he may be husband, brother, son or sweetheart—is looking toward the homeland wondering what the "folks" are going to do about backing that nearest thing to home within his reach—the American Red Cross. He is looking and wondering, and he can't visualize even a suggestion on the part of his people to deny him anything within the realm of comfort that can be provided through the medium of an organization that has ministered to the needs and sufferings of fighting men for nearly three quarters of a century. He is looking and wondering if in the event he should become a prisoner of war, will the folks at home support the organization that is sending food, or, should he become a casualty, will the support be such that the supply of blood plasma will not be diminished. He is thinking of many things that are supplied for his benefit to make living a bit more bearable at a time when his outlook on life is dreary.

Yes, he is thinking about all of these things and telling himself that the folks at home will not let him down, that they will give as freely of their substance as he is giving of his life to make the world safe for all liberty-loving people. He comforts himself with the thought that his sacrifices are appreciated, that his people will give more than they are asked for. That is the American way of life and it will not change so long as there are free men and free women who want to preserve our way of life to future generations.

The call comes from afar for us to maintain unbroken service to our fighting forces. The demands are growing greater every day. It is no time for us to sit back and say "I'm tired of giving to the Red Cross and other organizations. It it give, give, give all the time and I must draw the line somewhere." When one feels that way he should ask himself, "where would I be if the boys at the front took the same attitude?"

We can ill afford to lie down on the Red Cross or any other service agency for the duration. To do so will be to tell our boys that we no longer care how they get along for we want to use our money on ourselves.

There is no relief in sight from the various war-time drives. The best we can do is to estimate what we can get along on and place the rest of

our money at the disposal of wartime agencies. If that is not what we should do it appears that that is what we are doing and since that is the case why not get around early with that Red Cross subscription and put Morrow county over the top long before the 31st of March?

Help Shorten the War

There are many indications that the Allies are assembling forces for an all-out offensive which will bring about an early conclusion of the war. This is particularly true with regard to the Nazis and from activities in the Pacific it is easy to surmise that the high command is eager to extinguish the Japanese war machine at the earliest possible moment.

Great forces of men and vast quantities of supplies are on their way from both sides of the continent. Draft lists are being combed for every available man. Doubtless many men rejected in the past will be reclassified and called up for limited service. Every effort will be made to release men capable of going to the front. It is safe to assume that there are altogether too few men to fill the ranks of the able bodied men sent overseas and to supplement this draft the several branches of the armed forces are seeking women recruits. Thousands of them are wanted and an active campaign is under way in many centers, where it is reported there has been a stepping up in enlistments in recent weeks.

Just how far the recruiting will reach into the smaller centers and the back country depends upon the response in the cities. If the demand becomes any more acute it may be expected that recruiting officers will schedule regular visits to the smaller communities until such time as the requirements are met. That means that Heppner and similar towns will have an opportunity to take stock of their womanpower—those employed in essential industries and those otherwise employed or not regularly employed. It is not pleasant news, perhaps, but this is a war in which everyone will have to do his or her part if our way of life is to be preserved and the quicker we do that just that much earlier will our purpose be accomplished.

When baby chicks are cheeping it can't be too long until spring arrives. Have you noticed that familiar sound in the post office these mornings?

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