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How Much Is a Billion?

In these days of billions, instead of millions, how many of us really appreciate just how much a billion dollars is? To the average person it's an awful lot of money.

Statisticians have figured out, however, that if a person born at the time of Christ had been given a billion dollars to spend at the rate of \$1,000 a day and could live until his money was gone, he would still have about 800 years to go. By now he would just about have finished spending his first seven hundred million dollars!

Read that last paragraph again; then reflect soberly on this astounding fact: During 1943 Federal expenditures totalled 88 billion dollars, or approximately 241 million dollars every 24 hours.

Do you envy the members of the appropriations committees in Congress who are now holding hearings on the one hundred billion dollar federal budget tax for the next fiscal year?

We Must Not Fail

We are in the third week of the Red Cross war fund drive and the goal is still hidden behind a cloud of indifference. A county that always goes way beyond the quota on bonds can ill afford to fall asleep at the switch when a plea comes for outright giving to war activities and Morrow is not really asleep—just a little groggy from the routine of drives.

As we enter the home stretch there should be a quickening of the pace and a fast conclusion of the campaign. There will be other and bigger demands

as the war progresses and we will have to face the situation with determination and fortitude—as well as with a smile. So, let us get the current drive over with and take a short breather before the next funds campaign.

Former Governor Announces

Entrance of Charles A. Sprague, former governor of Oregon, into the race for the toga of the late Senator McNary lends assurance of some lively campaigning before the primary election. Sprague undeniably will be a formidable contender since his term of office as governor gave him many contacts that will now stand him in good stead. If he can overcome his reticence to "glad hand" the voters and really let them know that he wants the job it is likely that he will be counted out in front in the approaching campaign. A great many republicans still feel that he should have had a second term as governor, if he really wanted it, and most of these will be ready to support him for senator.

Old Man Winter may be on his way out but he still has considerable punch left, or did have before his effective comeback the fore part of the week. We lost our urge to plant garden.

When we learn that it requires 1,800,000 gallons of 100 octane gasoline for a six-hour mission by 1,000 four-engine bombers we may appreciate the necessity of curbing home consumption of the "vital fluid."

BOARDMAN NEWS

By MARGARET THORPE

Mr. and Mrs. I. Skoubo have received word from the war department that their son Lt. Ralph Skoubo has been missing in action over Germany since Feb. 21. Ralph is a native of Boardman, graduating from both grade and high school here. He attended Oregon State college for one year and Eastern Oregon College of Education for one year where he took aeronautics and received his pilot's license. This is Boardman's first casualty of the war.

A health clinic was held Tuesday at the Boardman school by Dr. Bohlman of Hermiston assisted by Mrs. Anne Thomas, county nurse. All the school children were examined and some pre-school children.

Mrs. Charles Anderegg and Barbara left the first of last week for San Francisco where they will visit relatives.

Home Economics club met Wednesday with Mrs. Hazel Miller with a good crowd attending. Pollyanna names were drawn again to include the months of March, April and May. The meeting day has been changed to the second Thursday of each month.

Danny Ransier is spending boot leave at home after training at Farragut, Ida. Sgt Marvin Ransier who is stationed in Texas is also home on furlough.

Mrs. Yancey Rutherford was buried at Arlington Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Rutherford is an old time Boardmanite.

Mrs. Francis Harter and Mrs. Ronald Black entertained the basketball teams at a party at the Black home Tuesday night. The evening was spent in playing cards.

Adult classes in machine repair are being held three nights a week in the basement of the gymnasium with Ronald Black in charge and Jack Meinen as instructor. Each person attending is taking machinery to be repaired.

Mrs. Jack Meinen's mother from Denver, Colo., is visiting them.

I. Skoubo made a business trip to Pendleton Friday.

Friday night the high school boys who were the losers in the bond contest entertained the girls at a party at the schoolhouse. Cake and ice cream were served and the evening was spent dancing.

A party was held at the Frank Marlow home Saturday night in honor of Marvin and Danny Ransier who are home.

Archie Jones' car was stolen from in front of the Roseland cafe Saturday night. Up to date nothing has been learned as to where it went to.

Mrs. I. Skoubo went to Pendleton Sunday morning to spend a few days visiting her daughter Frances.

Mrs. Gilbert Petys and Mrs. Warren Dillon spent Monday in Pendleton.

Old Mother Nature seems to have her seasons mixed. Tuesday morning was the coldest temperature we have had this winter.

Milo McFarland and two daughters or Umatilla spent Sunday at the A. E. McFarland home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gilliland of Pendleton are spending a few days at the A. A. Agee home.

EXAMINER COMING

A traveling examiner of operators and chauffeurs will be at the court house in Heppner between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. Tuesday, March 21.

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