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An airpilot just down from the Aleutians tells us of a treacherous wind up there that seems to be coming from all directions of the compass and points of the altimeter at once. It makes flying extra hazardous—gets the best pilots twittery and is the cause of frequent crashes. The natives call it williwaw. The word shows promise of getting into the dictionary in an adverbial capacity. We need a word like that.

The republican national political situation is williwaw right now. The Oregon senatorial scraps are getting williwaw fast. Loud friends, whispering enemies, pressure group endorsements—with the kiss of death are the first tangents to come to the surface in the primary campaign.

#### STATE PAYS TWO MILLION

Oregon's bonded debt is only one third of the \$66,062,810 figure of 16 years ago. This week Treasurer Scott paid off \$2,222,365.54 of the debt which leaves \$22,270,110 still due. Bonds due are \$13,375,000 in World war veterans state aid bonds, \$7,407,500 in highway bonds, \$1,487,610 in irrigation bonds and \$1,414,500 in state board of higher education bonds. The figures for this month's payment do not include interest which varies from one and three-quarters to six percent, averaging about 4 and one-half.

#### VOTERS PAMPHLET LATE

Wartime conditions will affect the delivery of the voters pamphlets as printers are not available to make up the usual three shifts used in normal years to produce the booklet.

#### INTEREST ON ALIMONY

The state supreme court ruled unanimously this week that interest should be paid on delinquent alimony payments and that such interest charges may be assessed against the estate in case of death of the party who pays the alimony.

#### STATE PAYROLL

There are now more than 7000 full time employes on the state payroll. Thirty-five years ago there were only 1,826. This represents an increase of nearly 400 percent in the 25 year period since 1919.

State employees now and as of 1919:

Department	1944	1919
Highway	1649	81
Higher Education	1549	555
Hospitals, pen, etc.	997	555
Industrial Accident	320	91
Public Service	113	66
Tax Commission	110	3
New Activities since 1919:		
Welfare commission	416	
Liquor Commission	405	
Unemployment comm.	140	
State Police	224	

#### RATIONING GOOD CITIZENSHIP

Rationing is just another name for dividing, sharing. It has been a test for good citizenship involving the surrendering of individual rights for the common good, said R. G. Montgomery, retiring head of OPA for Oregon, in an address this week at the capital.

The problem faced and solved was based on the fact that rationing of commodities is the only fair thing in time of war, with the economy changed overnight.

Rationing in this country is nothing compared with that of other nations, he said. He returns to private life with the strong conviction that the program must be carried to a sound conclusion.

Governor Earl Snell, former president of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators will be the principal speaker at the annual convention of the association to be held in Portland, April 19 and 20. . . There were no disqualifications among the 366 candidates who filed for office on the May primary ballot. . . The will of the late United States Senator Charles L. McNary admitted to probate here shows an estimate of property valued at \$30,000.

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## Invest In Our Youth

Everybody is accustomed to investing money in one enterprise or another and in the present world crisis we are learning to put our "dough" up for more things than we ever dreamed of prior to the war. It is all a matter of promoting the war while retaining as many of our civilian activities as possible. This is important, especially as the youth of the land is concerned. We must protect the future men and women, the leaders of tomorrow, by guaranteeing to them as many privileges and advantages as present conditions will permit.

Perhaps no other agency does as much for adolescent youth as the Boy Scouts of America. Like wise it may be said that no other agency accomplishes so much with so little financial assistance. This may not be true in those brighter years we are looking forward to following the signing of peace terms, yet it is doubtful if the financial demands will expand beyond the growth of scouting and the value of its training.

There are many evidences of the value of scouting as a developer of leadership. To name one, Major General James Doolittle. Other young men in the service have written home that they are thankful for the early training they had as Boy Scouts, some of them crediting the knowledge they acquired in that training with saving their lives in battle.

Scouting has taken on renewed activity in Morrow county during the past year. Membership has more than doubled and there are now four troupes where two existed before. Parents and friends are backing the movement for they realize that it is seldom that a Boy Scout gets into trouble with the law. They also recognize that a few dollars invested in the training of these boys for future citizens is economically sound as compared with the known cost of trying to make good citizens of them once they have gone wrong. It costs the people of the state of Oregon \$800 a year to keep one boy in a house of correction and too often that cost is repeated in paying for his keep in a penal institution.

The annual Boy Scout fund campaign is scheduled to open Monday, April 17, and continue for three days. Compared to other requests for finances, this campaign is small. But it is important! Don't forget that point.

## 100,000 Casualties a Month

Protest is heard here and there against the drafting of more men for the several branches of the service, the belief existing that the armed forces are now large enough to accomplish the task that lies ahead. Much of this talk was prompted by the recent call for 1,000,000 additional men and it is within the realm of possibility that some of the folks doing the talking had not grasped the full text of the law.

If replacements were not necessary on the far flung battle fronts, it is possible that the present size of the armed forces would be sufficient. Those in charge of the draft are not anxious to draw more men than are needed. That has not been done and will not be done. But enough men will be called to carry on the fight which, we have on good authority, has not started.

Senator Rufus Holman, speaking at the Umatilla Ordnance Depot Monday afternoon, told his audience that the real fight is to come. It is not far off and likely will start as soon as enough reserves are ready to replace casualties which are almost certain to reach 100,000 a month. That accounts for the additional draft of 1,000,000 men—to supply no less than 100,000 replacements per month. Senator Holman knows whereof he

speaks for he is a member of the important senate military affairs committee

We are fighting powerful enemies, enemies that were deeply entrenched before the United States got into the struggle. The Japanese, for instance, spread over a vast territory and this requires that our forces be spread just as far. The enemy has the advantage in that the territory seized is rich in raw materials for conversion into war materiel. On the other hand, our forces are being transported long distances, half way around the world, and their supplies must travel the same distance. We will win, but not as soon as we wish or might think we will. Senator Holman emphasized this fact in complimenting the ordnance workers for their splendid accomplishments, both in work delivered and money invested in bonds. He urged that they continue as in the past as long as their services and money are needed; that all the people lay aside any differences that may exist and work together for a common cause, the only thing of real importance until our arms and those of our allies have been victorious.

## Timber and Post War Planning

Timber will play an important part in post war planning in Oregon and other western states. Despite inroads made upon the virgin stands of the west there still is enough to place it in the foreground of industrial activity and it will be reckoned with in all plans for development when the government relinquishes its claim upon the major portion of the output of the nation's mills.

Wartime necessity has drained timber resources to a degree threatening future lumber supplies and unless there is a diversion from the common practice of wholesale sawing and shipping out, the rate of cutting will far exceed the ability to reforest. More rigid cutting rules will have to be put in practice when the industry enters once more upon a peacetime basis. Selective cutting and reforestation will be more readily understood and the tendency should and probably will be towards more intensive manufacture.

Shipbuilding and airplane construction in the west have brought thousands of people to the coast, people who in the main do not intend to return to their homes. They are hoping to continue on here with their present jobs or similar work. If they are successful there will be heavy demand for building materials, furniture and other products of the forest. There may even be calls for products manufactured from waste materials. This will call for new enterprises which will create new jobs and bring new wealth. There has been some exploring done in the field of plastics and this, too, will be in line for further development.

Wood has been carrying on at home during the war, substituting for metals in many lines. When metals are freed, manufacturers will resume production of products for civilian use and will be seeking new fields for expansion. Competition will be keen and if the west, with its vast timber resources, holds its own in the race there will have to be a right-about in much of the manufacturing as is practiced.

The Japs must have some influence over the erstwhile Japanese current. In 1941-43, when the war was headed this way, we had plenty of rain, and now that the little brown bandits are headed homeward they must be dragging their current along with them—certain it is that not much of it is coming our way. Which goes to show that they will resort to any skulduggery to throw a monkey wrench into our war machinery.—P. S.: They must have lost the monkey wrench.

#### MISS ANDREWS LEAVES

Miss Effie Andrews, manager of the local telephone exchange the past three years, recently resigned the position and left Wednesday for The Dalles where she will continue in the employ of the telephone company. Her place as manager has been taken by Mrs. Glen Hayes, who has been an employe at the local exchange most of the time for the past 17 years.

#### RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. Awdrey Gentry has sufficiently recovered from a serious illness to be brought home from the hospital. Roy Gentry and Mrs. Alice Gentry drove to Pendleton Wednesday to bring her home.

#### ATTENDS SPECIALIST SCHOOL MOVING HERE

Mrs. Anna Q. Thomson and daughter, Mrs. John Bennett, drove to Portland Tuesday where they are attending a New York Life specialist school. They will return the last of the week.

#### MAKE BUSINESS TRIP

Mrs. Lloyd Burkerbine, Mrs. Mabel Burkenbine and mother were business visitors in Pendleton Thursday.

#### DRIVE TO PENDLETON

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hughes and Miss Frances Egan were Pendleton visitors Thursday.

Vett H. Reed, nephew of Fred Reed, is moving his family here from Spokane, having obtained employment in his uncle's mill.

Pvt Ned Sweek has left Camp Rucker, Ala. to see overseas activity according to word received by his sister, Miss Edith Sweek.

Mrs. W. E. Pruyon has sold her home on Court street to Mrs. Cyrene Barratt and will soon move into the Jones apartment house.

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