

EDITORIAL

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Oregon's habit of meeting all war demands in a big way is no more graphically illustrated than in the accomplishments of its schools in the purchase of war bonds and stamps. A recent report submitted by Mrs. F. W. Blum, schools-at-large chairman, Oregon war finance committee, shows that the schools purchased 9,059,992.50 in war bonds and stamps from September, 1943, to June 1, 1944, representing a per capita investment of \$34.33. This standing does not include participation by college students, who purchased an additional \$1,491,063. The purchase of bonds and stamps by Catholic schools of the western archdiocese, which amounted to \$252,481.80, a per capita rating of \$25.45, has also been omitted from the total.

Morrow county pupils purchased \$43,274.50 of the \$9,059,992.50 amount, Mrs. Blum's records show. This is something to be proud of and clearly reveals the earnestness with which the young people are backing the fight for victory. The \$34.33 per pupil compares very favorably with the \$19.80 per capita quota set by Washington D. C.

A Good Public Servant

It is with regret that the people of Morrow county see the departure of Cliff Conrad and his family. They have been accepted as fixtures in the community where both Mr. Conrad and his wife have been active in fraternal, church and civic organizations. As for Conrad and his work he not only has carried out the regular duties of the office but has accepted without consideration of extra time and energy involved, what may be termed as extra-curricular duties arising from war conditions. His ability for organizing and carrying to completion the various wartime duties assigned to him have in a large measure contributed to the success of these activities and placed Morrow county among the top-flight counties of the

state. He has been alert to anything that will aid the agricultural development of the county and equally alert in preventing practices that would prove harmful. He is of the type that will go far in his chosen field and Morrow county has been fortunate in having his services for a few years. The best wishes for his continued success go with him to his new field.

Fuel Oil Shortage Real

These are busy times and no matter how much people may be concerned about this, that and the other, they are apt to follow through on the business at hand and overlook some other things equally important. Thus it is in the matter of fuel oil. The weather is warm now, harvest is on, and why be bothered with something we will not be needing for several months.

With reference to fuel oil, it may be stated with emphasis that we are faced with a critical situation right now. Most reliable information is to the effect that there is no visible supply beyond January 1, 1945. Current supplies are sufficient if fuel oil users will take advantage of the opportunity to stock up now. It is permissible, as well as urged to use left-over coupons from the 1943-44 ration and to spend the first period coupons of the 1944-45 issue in the purchase of oil for storage.

One can only speculate on the advice thus released by the Office of Price administration, but it is readily believable that our position in the war is such that the high command is making ready for a big shift in the war theater within a few months and that move will require quantities of fuel oil necessitating rigid curtailment of civilian use. Let us not fool ourselves into thinking that this is just another OPA ruling and overlook preparing for winter. If we do we may wake up some morning and find the oil barrel empty and nothing to put in it.

JAMES WESLEY STEVENS

The following account of the passing of James Wesley Stevens is taken from the Hamilton correspondence in the John Day Valley Ranger:

"The community was saddened by the sudden passing of James Wesley Stevens on Friday, June 30. He had eaten his breakfast as usual and was standing in the yard near where Mrs. Stevens was working in the flower garden when he was stricken with a heart attack, death coming in a few moments. Besides his many friends he leaves to mourn his passing his wife, two sons, Esten and Arlton; three daughters, Mrs. Frank McDaniel, Mrs. Elmer Musgrave and Miss Lois Stevens; also three brothers, John of Hardman, and Clark and Arthur of Heppner."

"The funeral was held at the family home in Hamilton, Tuesday, July 4 at 10:30 a. m. and interment was made in the family plot at Hardman."

VISITS PARENTS

Pfc Donald K. Peck left Thursday from Pendleton by plane to join his squadron at Lemoore, Calif., after spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burton H. Peck of Lexington. Don has received his diploma from Flexible Gunnery school, Yuma, Ariz.

CUTS FOOT ON GLASS

While at the swimming tank Monday, Don Rippee stepped on a piece of glass, cutting his foot quite badly. That member is now encased in a cast and the young man is getting around with the aid of crutches.

MOVES TO APARTMENT

Mrs. Bertha Johnson has taken a suite at the Jones apartments. Mrs. Emma Jones, proprietor, who has occupied the suite the past winter, has moved into her residence adjoining the apartment house.

VISITING SISTER

Pfc Arthur Peterson is spending

a 10-day furlough visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. Marion Palmer. Peterson has been gone about four years and has seen service in the Solomons and New Guinea.

HAD NEAR FIRE

A call for help came Friday from the Art Hughes home east of Little Butter creek when it was discovered their house was on fire. Cool headedness and pluck on the part of Mrs. Hughes who was alone in the house was responsible for keeping a roof over their heads. She discovered a fire in the roof and after calling the Edwin Hughes home for help tried to remove the family car from alongside the house. The car refused to start so she decided the next best thing was to put the fire out, which she did. When volunteer help arrived it was to find Mrs. Hughes calm and collected although grateful for company.

Pomona Grange to Discuss Sales Tax

Morrow county Pomona met in regular session on July 1 with Willows grange as host. A great deal of interest was shown in the coming vote on the sales tax and an effort will be made to have a speaker to present the arguments for and against this tax at the next pomona meeting which will be near the time of election.

A few cases of blackleg were reported in the county and farmers were urged to guard against its spread by vaccinating their cattle.

One of the high lights of the day was the ceremony put on by Willows grange in which they burned notes on the hall. The last of the indebtedness on the hall was paid only about a month ago.

During the Lecturer's hour gifts were presented to Vida Heliker and Mary Lundell who served the Pomona as lecturer and secretary respectively, for eight years.

Following the program the fifth degree was exemplified by Willows grange to seven candidates.

The next Pomona meeting will be held Oct. 7 with Lexington grange as host.

BROWNIE SCOUTS PLAN "NOSE BAG" PICNIC

The troop committee of Girl Scout troop No. 2, the Brownies, met with the leaders at the home of Mrs. Harold Cohn to discuss and plan the work of this group for the coming year. Those present were Mrs. L. E. Dick, chairman of the troop committee, Mrs. Elbert Cox, Mrs. Alva Jones and the leaders of the Girl Scout troop No. 2, Mrs. Harold Cohn, Mrs. E. O. Ferguson and Mrs. Harold Peck.

The Brownies will meet at the Legion hall at 11 a. m. Wednesday, July 19, for a "nose bag" picnic. A nose bag picnic is one in which you bring your own lunch, also bring a cup and a spoon.

TWO HEPPNER YOUTHS WOUNDED IN ACTION

Word has reached Heppner of the wounding of two of our servicemen. Definite information is lacking in each case but Paul McCarty received slight wounds on June 6 and Donald Fell is reported suffering from wounds received in action in the Pacific area. More detailed information is being awaited by relatives and friends of the boys.

ARRANGE PROGRAM FOR FALL INSTITUTE

Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, Mr. and Mrs. George Corwin and Rev. and Mrs. Bennie Howe drove to La Grande Monday where Mrs. Rodgers and Corwin conferred with other officials in arranging the annual teacher's institute program. La Grande will be host this year to the district which embraces seven eastern Oregon counties.

IN PENDLETON

Archdeacon Neville Blunt and Mrs. Blunt are spending the month of July in Pendleton where Mr. Blunt is filling in for Rev. Eric O. Robathan who is enjoying a vacation in British Columbia. During Archdeacon Blunt's absence from Heppner services at All Saint's Episcopal church have been suspended.

WINS SCHOLARSHIP CUP

For her record as a straight A student in the last semester at Oregon State college, Clara Belle Adams, daughter of Mrs. Ethel Adams of Heppner, was awarded a scholarship cup for her sorority, Kappa Delta. Clara Belle has been working in Portland but is leaving there today for Anniston, Ala., where she will have secretarial work.

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