

EDITORIAL

It Won't Be Too Easy

In contemplating the forthcoming sixth war loan drive there are two factors which come to mind that may make the task more difficult than previous campaigns. First from a local standpoint, we know that crop returns were considerably less this year than last. The difference may not have been great enough to cause an appreciable drop in bank deposits and yet the fact that crops were not as good as formerly is in itself a depression factor.

In the second place, reports of successes on both fronts have a tendency to lull us into a false sense of security, to take the attitude that the war other fellow buy the bonds while we invest our money elsewhere. This is the kind of action our enemies are counting on to help them. War is a business with them, the grimmest kind of business, and they make capital out of any of our weaknesses or idiosyncrasies. Their leaders know that our petty actions can mean only temporary solstice to them, yet they seize upon every little thing in an effort to prolong the struggle with the hope of weakening us to the point of granting less strenuous terms when the day of settlement at the peace table arrives.

So it is when the sixth war loan drive opens. If we enter into the prosecution of the war from our end of the line with the same attitude and energy toward the enemy as we did in partisan politics during the recent campaign there will be no doubt about the results. There are signs that big moves are in the making and these moves will not spell comfort and happiness to our enemies. Greater volume of supplies and munitions are on the move than at any time since we entered the conflict and the faster they move to the front and are placed at the disposal of our fighting forces the sooner we may expect the war to end.

Morrow county has done nobly in all matters calling for funds since the Pearl Harbor disaster. Our people are hardy, courageous, generous. They believe in the American way of life, the right of the individual to make his own way—to earn, learn and worship according to the dictates of his conscience. So long as we hold to these beliefs, and so long as nature shows a tendency to bestow bounteous blessings upon us, we will face our enemies with no fear of the ultimate outcome.

What of Future Generations?

One of the major tasks confronting our educators, law enforcement officers and welfare workers is the solution of the juvenile delinquency problem. That it has reached a critical stage is seen in the staggering financial burden involved. It costs billions of dollars annually to cope with

this youth problem which has grown definitely worse during the war years.

It is understandable that children left to their own devices while parents one or both of them, are on war jobs or otherwise employed are pretty apt to get into mischief quite regularly. Pressure of war demands causes us as a nation to think of the war first and the family when there is time left over. In the early days of the war the call for supplies was so persistent that there was but one thought in mind—build ships, tanks, guns, planes and all munitions possible and do it now. Under such pressure it is little wonder that fathers and mothers wishing to save their country and all its precious traditions and wealth to their children neglected their offsprings, who, left to their own devices have failed to make themselves worthy heirs.

There are hopeful signs that much of the damage will be repaired. It will take time and patience and require the cooperation of older people who have not lost contact with the spiritual side of life while striving to accumulate enough of the material things to live comfortably. Men and women in all walks of life are studying the problem and in many instances effective work is already under way.

Just where the delinquency problem will lead to ere the war ceases is something beyond our comprehension. It is a matter that calls first of all for action in the home. If the parents cannot cope with it how do they expect teachers and law enforcement officers to make men and women out of their children? It calls for sacrifice of some good times the parents are wont to indulge in, and need not cheat them of their good times if they will take the children as their first responsibility and look after their welfare before considering the parental pleasure.

In larger centers gymnasiums and other types of community halls where games and crafts in which youths are interested or may become interested are being provided either by civic groups or individuals. It may become general throughout the land and looks like the kind of enterprise even small communities could well invest in to keep their young people interested in something besides drifting into bad company because nothing better is provided for them.

Youth lives and learns by example. Nearly every boy has his ideal in a man. His life is influenced by the actions of that ideal. If the actions are good, the youth emulates them to his own betterment; if bad, he is apt to suffer. So it is we find comparatively little boys, and girls, too, smoking, swearing and otherwise conducting themselves in a manner unbecoming to themselves and annoying to their elders.

Sailors recently extinguished a forest fire in Idaho. Their buddies are trying to start a fire in Tokyo.

VISITING PARENTS

Sgt Orrin Bisbee arrived Monday from San Francisco to spend a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Bisbee.

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Bank Cooperates On Veteran Loans

B. C. Pinckney, manager of Heppner branch, the First National bank of Portland announced this week that the First National bank in all its branches throughout the state, was setting up a loan plan to cooperate with the veteran's administration in the making of loans under the recently enacted G. I. law.

Complete regulations and application blanks have not as yet been received by the banks from the federal government but as soon as they are received, applications will be accepted by the First National, according to Pinckney.

This is not an effort to rush veterans into making loans unless they have an immediate need for them. The new law, "Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944" reads: "Any veteran may apply within two years after separation from the military or naval forces or two years after termination of the war."

The provisions of the GI bill provide government guarantees on loans to veterans for the purchase of a home, farm or business. Regulations covering home loans have been issued by the veterans administration but those on farms and businesses are not expected for another 30 days or so.

The GI law also provides for loans on a home owned and occupied by the veteran for repairs, alterations, improvements, or to pay up back property taxes, delinquent indebtedness, or for farm equipment, Pinckney stated.

Loans are not made by the government to the service man or woman direct. The transaction will be between the veteran and the bank with a guarantee of 50 percent of the loan. The maximum guarantee on any loan will be \$2,000. Thus, as an example, the maximum guarantee by the government would be \$2,000 if the loan is \$4,000 or more. If the loan is for less than the maximum amount allowed at 50 percent of the loan and the guaranteed portion of the loan remains at 50 percent of the unpaid balance as the loan is paid off.

BERNARD DEVLIN

Bernard (Barney) Devlin who died in Portland, Nov. 5, was born in County Derry, Ireland. He was the son of Elizabeth Mechievir Devlin and Patrick Devlin. He leaves a brother Michael Devlin of Pittsburg, Pa. a brother James, two sister, Ann O'Brien and Mary Jane Donnelly of County Derry, Ireland.

Barney, when a boy, came to America making his first home in New York. It was there he met Pat Connell and came to Heppner with him to work with Pat and then with Frank Monahan.

In the middle twenties he went into the sheep business for himself. During the passing years he became well known among Morrow county and Umatilla county people. In 1943 Barney went to Vancouver, Wash. working there as a pipe fitter in the shipyards until a week before his death.

His brother, Michael Devlin and a close friend, Joe Brosnan brought his body to Heppner for burial. On Monday, Nov. 13 a requiem high mass was offered for him at St. Patrick's church.

IN CITY FOR TREATMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Anderson went to Portland Monday where they expect to remain for some time while Mr. Anderson takes medical treatments. They plan to return here for the annual installation ceremonies and dinner given jointly by the Masonic and Eastern Star lodges, date for which has been set for Dec. 18.

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