

EDITORIAL

Gas Ban Should Be Lifted

In a previous article on this page attention was called to the ruling denying more than the regular allotment of gasoline coming under A coupons to residents of Camp Five of the Kinzua Pine Mills company. Since that article appeared, workers at Camp Five have asked assistance of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce in securing a more liberal allotment and the directors of the chamber have requested the secretary to prepare a letter of protest and forward it to the proper authorities.

So much for the timber workers. Now comes a report from the mill company that production has dropped approximately 40 percent at the plant. Much of this drop has been due to the difficulties encountered with forest labor. Men come and work for a while and then leave to get into some other camp not quite so remote, or at least where they can get into town with less difficulty. It is not through lack of proper labor policy on the part of the mill company. The owners have provided good living quarters and other features to give the men and their families a reasonable amount of home life—all, in fact, that can be done under the circumstances. But timber workers are human after all and crave a bit of surcease from their labors. They work hard and play just as vigorously. The camp cannot provide all the facilities and the workers do not expect that much from the company. They prefer to get out of the woods occasionally and see how the rest of the world is riding along. When they cannot do this they become restless and ere long move on.

Most of us have heard a good bit about morale among civilians as well as our fighting forces. We wonder if the OPA has heard of the word or what it implies. It is a strange situation when a government agency set up for the purpose of protecting civilian rights to aid in promoting the war, uses its authority, either knowingly or unknowingly, to hamper the progress of our cause. It seems that curtailing the use of a few hundred gallons of gasoline by Camp Fivers because it was reported that some of them were misusing the vital fluid by driving to dances is a small matter compared to the loss in production resulting in a large sense from that ruling.

We believe that the mill workers are more in-

terested in keeping their crews satisfied and on the job than they are in selling the workers supplies out of the company store. In the case of Camp Five in particular, a change of rationing boards was sought in order to make it possible for residents of the camp to shop and seek recreation. Under the present set-up it requires a lot of pooling for one car load of people to come to town. In case of sickness, if a car owner has not already used up one month's ration he can just about make one round trip and then wait until next month. Should it become necessary for him to rush a member of his family to town he will have to depend upon the generosity of neighbors. How long can a worker be expected to stay on the job under these conditions when he knows of a job in another place—several jobs for that matter—where he will not be so handicapped?

If the flow of lumber from this area is to continue without further losses it looks like the OPA will have to come down off its arbitrary perch to the extent of granting the timber workers a supply of gas commensurate with the distance they have to travel.

Good News for Over There

There is no doubt but that the greatest Christmas gift of all for the boys "over there" would be a furlough home—nothing could compare with that except the news that they were going home for good. The next best thing is a nice gift from home and in addition to that is the news that the people in the States are backing them up.

Speaking for Morrow county, it will be reassuring to our boys to know that the home folks are still in there fighting—with their dollars. The county has exceeded its quota by 21 percent and the campaign is not ended. Our people have become fully aware of the necessity of providing the funds for the sinews of war and if more money is needed to shorten the conflict it will be forthcoming. There are times when we think the campaign is lagging, that something should be done to bring the war to an early end. When such thoughts occur we are reminded of the plight of the man in the foxhole, the airman facing death as he goes forth on his mission, the men of the

MANY ENJOY CONCERT

Vert Memorial hall in Pendleton was completely filled Monday evening when Louis Kaufman, renowned violinist of motion picture studios, the radio and the concert stage, opened the series of concerts sponsored by the citizens of Pendleton and surrounding communities. Mr. Kaufman is a serious musician, devoting his entire attention to his violin and free from any kind of mannerism. As an accompanist, Mrs. Kaufman proved herself no less skillful at the piano than her artist husband. Several Heppner music lovers attended the concert and all pronounce it one of the best musical evenings they have enjoyed.

STAGING ANOTHER SALE

A second sale at the C. R. Peterson ranch below Monument has been scheduled to begin at 10 a. m. Sunday, Dec. 17. Bob Runnion will do the auctioneering and Harry Dinges will serve as clerk. A large crowd attended the sale Wednesday of last week but there was not time enough to dispose of everything. Peterson still has a lot of stuff to dispose of and several of his neighbors are joining with him in Sunday's sale to dispose of some horses and cattle and whatever else they may bring in.

CLARKS HAVE DAUGHTER

Friends in Heppner have been informed of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Martin B. Clark. The child weighed 10 pounds, 10 ounces and was born Nov. 21 at Remington, Ind. where the former local Church of Christ pastor and family are now located. The baby has been named Karlyn Lois.

PVT WALKER HERE

C. W. Barlow drove to Pendleton Tuesday evening to meet Pvt Robert Walker who arrived there Wednesday morning from the east coast Mrs. Walker was to have met her husband in Portland but she came down with the mumps and the plans had to be changed. Pvt. Walker has completed quartermasters school at Camp Lee, Va. and will report at Cheyenne Dec. 28.

sea courting death above and below—all the branches of the service living in a world of death and destruction—and we arrive at the conclusion that the home front is getting off pretty easy.

There is no alternative course but to go right along buying bonds and backing every worthwhile war activity.

Have you sent for your 1945 license sticker? If you have you are one of the 17 percent of Oregon motor vehicle owners making application to date. If you have not sent in your application do so today. It may help avoid a holiday rush and aid an under staffed motor vehicle division of the secretary of state's office in processing more than 400,000 applications for Oregon licenses.

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