

EDITORIAL

Is Milk Shortage Warranted?

Heppner residents have no complaint to make relative to the milk service but it is a different story at Lone and perhaps other points in the county. Apparently there is enough of the lactile fluid if properly distributed to meet requirements locally, and it evidently is the purpose of the local distributors to serve families with children first. This is as it should be. Those whose diets require milk should come first.

It seems to be a different situation at Lone. The difficulty arises not so much from lack of production, or possible production, as from inability to sell the product because people owning and milking cows are not able to meet rigid requirements pertaining to production of milk. A family with one good cow that will yield far more milk than that family can use is not permitted to help a neighbor family without a cow. Why? Because it is impractical to build a dairy barn meeting the requirements of the dairy law. The result is that the surplus milk is shipped out of the community to creameries or dairies equipped to pasteurize, creating a shortage in the producing center when these outside concerns fail to return the milk in the pasteurized form. That seems to be the condition facing Lone at the present time.

We hear a lot about undulant fever nowadays. There may be something to it. But if it is due to untreated milk, why did we not all suffer from it years ago when the dairies delivered their milk in big cans, dipping it out with a big dipper or pouring it directly from the can into a milk pan conveniently placed on the back porch. That was before pasteurization had become such an important propaganda agent for dairy machinery manufacturers. There were undulant fever cases no doubt, just as there are a few nowadays, but there was no agitating motive to scare people out of drinking the raw milk as there is today.

If the families producing the milk drink it with safety throughout the year, why should others be denied the privilege of using any surplus milk so long as it is handled in a sanitary manner. It looks like the legislature will have this highly controversial subject tossed into its lap at the coming session. Let us hope that our representatives act in the best interests of the consumer.

Keep on Buying Bonds!

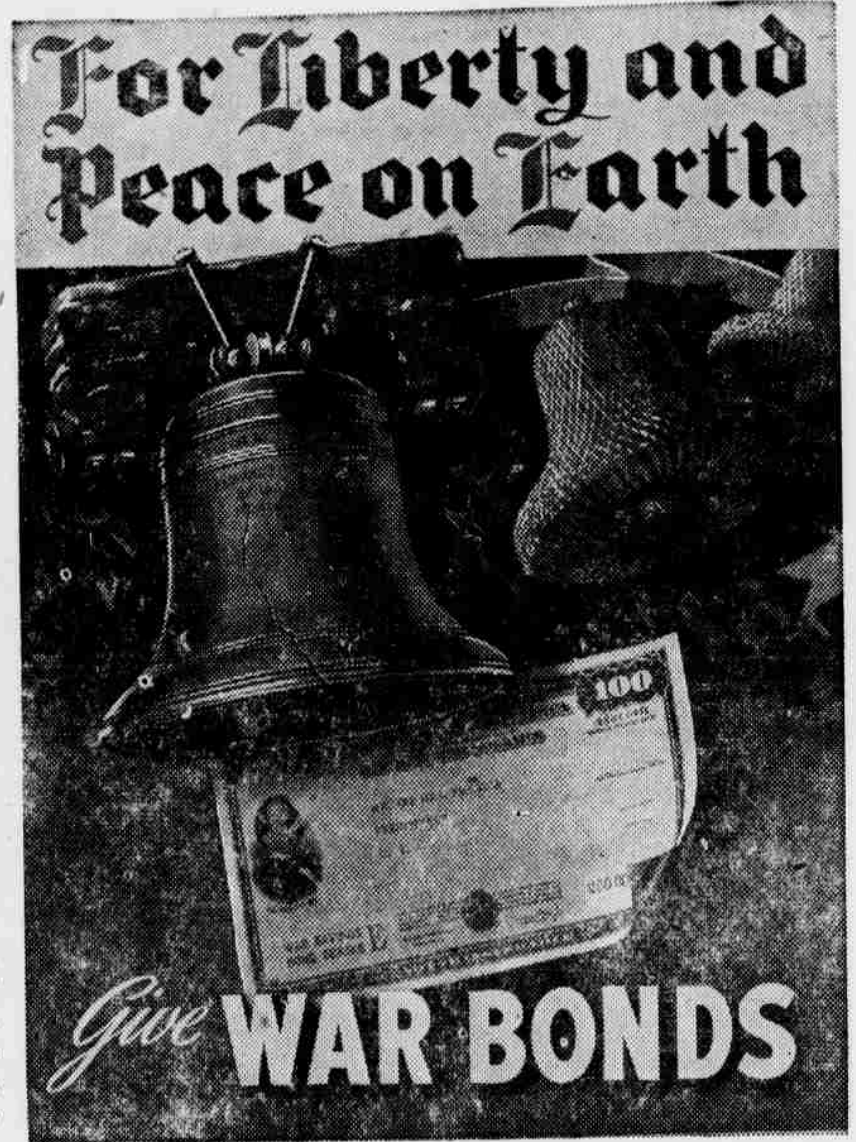
News from the European front has been disquieting the past week or more and only by the middle of this week has reassurance come from the high command. It is a singular coincidence that the German grand counter offensive was so timed that it started about the time the people of the United States concluded the greatest bond subscription of the war—greatest because it amounted to almost a fifty percent over-subscription. Our fighting men confronted with the most determined assault the enemy has yet made did not waver even when outnumbered and possibly before they knew the results of the battle on the home front, but knowledge of the outcome of the Sixth War Loan most certainly would give them renewed courage and added determination to bring the enemy up short and end the conflict as quickly as possible.

The German counter offensive was a bold stroke. It is doubtful if the Nazis had an idea they could win the war by such a move, not unless they were heartened by the first days of the strife. Evidently they are bidding for some consideration at the peace table and were willing to throw everything they had into one big battle. It looked bad for advanced American armies and the tide of battle may not be definitely clear as yet, but Allied superiority in the air is breaking down the German offensive and it may be said with some assurance that they once more are on the defensive.

This battle could well be the decisive factor. If our forces are in position to take advantage of it, the opportunity is theirs to inflict incalculable losses on the enemy for never before have the Germans exposed so many men and such quantities of materiel and equipment.

We have the reserves, the planes and all other essentials—greatest of all the fighting spirit of our men—and if we at home do our part in this great battle and succeeding campaigns it may be possible to observe the next Christmas holiday period under a peace time basis.

Our record for buying bonds is good. Let's keep it up until the boys come home.



NEW MANAGER ARRIVES

Jack O'Connor, new manager of the J. C. Penney company store, arrived Tuesday evening from Ritzville, Wash. and on Wednesday took over the local store. Blaine Elliott, manager for the past two and one half years, left yesterday for Freewater to assume management of the store at that point. His family will follow as soon as living quarters are found. Mrs. Elliott accompanied him for a hasty look for a new home. Mr. O'Connor has a wife and one child, a boy, who will come to Heppner when housing arrangements are made.

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YOUTH LOSES FINGER

While working with a tractor on the home ranch Wednesday morning, Robert Van Schoiack had the misfortune to lose part of the first finger on his right hand by getting it caught in the fan wheel of the machine.

GUESTS FOR CHRISTMAS

Guests of Mrs. Grace Hughes over Christmas were her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hughes, and her daughter, Mrs. Edith Smith and son Carlton, all of Portland.

BUYS RODMAN HOUSE

Charles Hodge of the Hodge Chevrolet Co. last week purchased the Millard Rodman house on north Court street. The property has been occupied for the past six years by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rosewall. Hodge closed the deal at Madras where Rodman's mother, Mrs. George Rodman, and his attorney, Lewis H. Irving, reside.

PREPARING FOR LEGISLATURE

Henry Peterson was in from Eight Mile Wednesday making preparations to go to Salem for the biennial session of the state legislature.

VISITING HOME FOLKS

Pfc Don Romine, patient at Mc

Caw General hospital at Walla Walla, is enjoying a 15-day furlough at home with Mrs. Romine and her father, Rev. Bennie Howe.

HURRIED TRIP TO PORTLAND

Mrs. F. S. Parker has gone to Portland in response to a message today from her daughter, Mrs. D. E. Mitchell stating that Mr. Mitchell is gravely ill with little hope for any improvement.

GRANGES TO INSTALL

Willows grange at Lone will be host to other granges of the county Saturday evening when with Rhea Creek and Lexington granges they will hold joint installation of officers. A pot luck supper will be served at 7 p. m. and grange mem-

bers are asked to bring food.

SPENDING HOLIDAYS HERE

Kathryn Turner, student at the University of Washington, Seattle, is spending the mid-winter holidays in Heppner with her mother, Mrs. Grace Turner.

FARM CENSUS TO START SOON AFTER FIRST OF YEAR

The farm census, which will be started soon after the first of the year, has been taken for the past one hundred and fifty years.

Anyone interested in work as enumerator please write to the bureau of census office in Burns, Oregon, and each one will be notified when a school will be held to instruct in your county.

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