

EDITORIAL

His Is a Big Task

In assuming the duties of President of the United States, Harry Truman is faced with the biggest task ever confronting a man elevated to that office. That he will meet the challenge is indicated by his remarks addressed to the congress and later to the men in service all over the world. He accepted the office in a spirit of humility, as one realizing the grave responsibilities he was taking upon his shoulders, expressing a fervent desire to carry the war to a successful conclusion and win a just and lasting peace. He realizes that this is the number one project and doubtless will keep domestic political affairs in the background until such time as they may rightfully come to the fore.

A dazed American people likewise realizes the enormity of the task confronting the new president and regardless of political faith or disagreement with Mr. Roosevelt's policies will rally to his support in succeeding months. It may follow that Mr. Truman will find it necessary to replace certain of Mr. Roosevelt's appointees. It is believable that he may find others more capable to serve in high places and there is no apparent danger to the national welfare or to the successful persecution of the war in such changes.

Mr. Truman comes from a source near the com-

mon people—the farm. He knows the average man and can speak his language. He may not possess the political acumen of his predecessor but he has an opportunity to serve his country in one of its greatest crises and if he meets the crisis the good old state of Missouri will be entered upon the list as the mother of a great president.

Give All You Can Spare

Some of our citizens all ready have scraped the bottom of the barrel as far as used clothing is concerned and may be able to give a little in the current campaign to collect 150,000,000 pounds of clothing for liberated Europeans. There are others who, for one reason or another, have not participated in a clothing drive. To these we would say, go over your supply and weed out every garment, every pair of shoes, all unused bedding and turn the articles in at one of the reception centers. It is safe to say that every family, every individual, has some cast-off garments hanging around gathering dust that will not be worn again. You may think you will wear them but just check up on yourself and see how many times you have done so. Give them to your less fortunate brothers and sisters across the Atlantic. They have suffered more than we can imagine. It is the least we can do in the name of humanity.

Pan-Americanism Auxiliary Theme

Pan-Americanism was the theme of the program given by the Legion auxiliary at the regular meeting Monday evening, in charge of Mrs. Ed Dick, child welfare chairman and Mrs. Kenneth Blake, Pan-American chairman. Mrs. Dick gave a report on the work done in child welfare, stating that the American Legion and the auxiliaries, believing that our nation's most valued asset is our children have set a goal—"a square deal for every child."

Mrs. Harold Cohn reported on activities of the Brownie Scouts.

Mrs. Blake gave a reading on this year's theme, in observance of Pan-American day, "The peoples of America—dependent yet interdependent—neighbors in a world of neighbors." Tables were decorated with flags of the republics and allied countries. Hostesses were Mrs. Cyrene Barratt, Mrs. Frank Davidson, Mrs. Ethel Adams and Mrs. Floyd Worden.

HERE FROM PORTLAND

Mrs. John DeMoss came from Portland Saturday to spend a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gammell. Mrs. DeMoss is working in the telephone office in Portland.

OVER FROM SPRAY

Business visitors in Heppner Tuesday were Ed Sanders and C. A. Macomber of Spray. Macomber, who has been with the state high-

way department for 21 years, formerly was located in Heppner. He suffered a fractured leg about a year ago from which he has not fully recovered.

COMPLETES BASIC

Currin Cox, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Cox of Oregon City, recently completed his basic training at Camp Roberts and has been transferred to Oregon State college at Corvallis for special training.

WEEK-END IN PORTLAND

Mrs. Joe Hughes plans to go to Portland Saturday to meet with members of her family whom she has not seen for several years. Her sister, Mrs. Florence Correll of Santa Monica, Calif., is visiting another sister, Mrs. A. E. Williams in Portland and a brother, R. H. Bassett, Salem attorney, is coming up to spend the week-end. It will be the second time the four have been together since 1916.

ATTEND SALING FUNERAL

Morrow county people going to Pendleton Wednesday to attend the Frank Saling funeral included Hugh Smith, E. Harvey Miller, F. W. Turner, Henry Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Devine, Mrs. R. B. Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Denney and Terrell Bengé.

TRANSACTIONING BUSINESS

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wick from Lone Rock were in Heppner on Wednesday transacting business. Mrs. Wick expected to have some dental work done while in town.

SEWING MACHINE CLINIC HELD IN RED CROSS ROOM

Miss Lucy Lane, state extension clothing specialist, conducted a sewing machine clinic in the Heppner Red Cross room April 16. She was assisted by Mrs. Cecilia Van-Winkle, emergency assistant. Fifteen sewing machines were cleaned and adjusted. This is one of the services that is available for women through the extension service.

LEAVES FOR IDAHO

Henry Happold departed Wednesday afternoon for Idaho where he expects to engage in sheep shearing for the next several weeks.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Bob Pinckney returned home from St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton Sunday, April 15, where he had undergone an operation. He is quite well, but will have to remain quiet for a few weeks.

GUESTS OF COXENS

Week-end guests at the Burl Coxen home were Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Coxen and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Coxen of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Coxen of Hermiston. Tom Coxen is just back from 26 months in the South Pacific area. W. F. and Roy Coxen are brothers of Burl Coxen.

ATTEND CONVOCATION

Mrs. Percy Hughes, Mrs. James Davis and Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Crawford were in Bend over the week-end in attendance at the Episcopal convocation at Trinity church.

SLATED FOR FURLOUGH

In the rotation of furloughs, it has finally fallen to the lot of Tom Wells to be the fortunate Seabee. He wrote Mrs. Wells to that effect and she is anticipating his early arrival. Tom has been in the Pacific area for 27 months.

VISIT IN NORTH

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Gonty and children drove to Spokane Friday to visit Mr. Gonty's mother and attend to business matters. They also visited the Everett Her family in Coeur d'Alene. Her was home on 15-day leave from Farragut.

HOLD SPECIAL MEETING

All Saints Episcopal auxiliary will hold a special meeting Friday afternoon in order to hear the report of the delegate to Convocation. It is desired to have a large attendance at the parish house at 2:30 p. m. Mrs. Percy Hughes, president of the Episcopal Church Women's Service league will be in attendance.



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