

# EDITORIAL . . . . .

## It Might Be Due to the Weather

For the first time since the war loan campaigns have been in vogue, Morrow county has dropped below the quotas set up for us to meet and our communal face is slightly red. There may be several reasons why we failed to meet our obligation in the Mighty Seventh, but we think the most likely one is that the quota on E bonds was a bit too high—\$63,000 worth, to be exact. Perhaps a concerted effort to raise the E bond quota might have put it over, and it is now evident that something of that nature should have been done. At the same time, war finance officials felt that the people have had education enough along the line of bond buying and that the quota, if within the bounds of possibility, would be met.

Perhaps another factor entered into the picture, and this could easily be the deciding factor. Freakish weather placed the crop situation in doubt at a time when financial security was necessary in order to make bond buying popular. Many prospective bond buyers no doubt put off making their purchases until the outcome of the 1945 crop was established. Unfortunately, the outcome has not been encouraging and this may have discouraged the investment of money in bonds that in all likelihood will be needed in farm operations.

The E bond quota was a little high—\$248,000—for a county with no more payroll industry than Morrow enjoys. Those who have the money to

invest probably bought all the E bonds permitted under the war financing regulations and there were not enough of these people to absorb the quota.

About the only consolation due this county is the fact that other counties found themselves in the same predicament, only not to quite the same depth as Morrow.

## Fire Danger Is Here

Extreme caution will have to be exercised from now on if serious grass and timber fires are to be avoided. Fortunately, the earlier part of the summer has been exceptionally free from electric disturbance and apparently the human element which always looms large in annual fire losses is under control. This has had a tendency to permit more rest on the part of the forest officials who are accustomed to sleep with one ear open to catch that telltale jangle of the telephone during the wee small hours.

Grass and forest are not all with which we are concerned. Not by a jug full, or long shot, or what have you. There is a grain crop right in the pink of condition for a fire and this too demands strictest adherence to anti-fire practices if huge losses are not to be sustained. From all reports the actions of nature have already accounted for about thirty percent of the wheat crop, and this should warrant an all-out effort to prevent further losses by fire.

Second Lieutenant Betty Doherty has been visiting her mother and other relatives the past ten days,

having come from Logan, Utah where she is on the staff of Bushnell General hospital. Her sister Helen Doherty came Sunday from Vallejo, Calif. where she is employed in government work.

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