

EDITORIAL

Peace Without Noise

A long blast from the city fire siren, the announced signal to the community that peace had come, was the single demonstration denoting the official ending of the world's bloodiest war. This siren blast, following closely upon President Truman's statement to the nation that Japan had accepted the Potsdam terms, seemed to stir sober reflection rather than boisterous celebration. Not that the people did not receive the news joyously! Far from it. There were tears of joy, friendly handshaking, and that evidence of genuine relief denoted only upon the human countenance. It was just hard to believe that the fighting was over, that when the processes of demobilization become effective the boys will come marching home to again take their rightful places in civilian life.

We of the interior sections have seen little of the actual preparations for war. Our job has been to produce those things which we were accustomed to produce in pre-war days, only more of them. There are no war industries except possibly the sawmill, the output from which was largely taken for war purposes. Instead of large groups of workmen being concentrated here, our population has been drawn upon to supply labor for war-industry centers. Consequently the reality of war has been more remote to us than to those directly engaged in wartime industries. Thus it was that when the President's message was broadcast to a waiting world, mob psychology prevailed in the large centers and an unprecedented national celebration broke loose—all except the small towns where the people paused to thank God for His guidance through the most perilous period of our history. There were thoughtful and thankful souls in the cities, thousands of them, who did not join the frenzied mobs but rather sought the peace and quiet of the home or took sanctuary in the church where they might offer prayers of thanksgiving.

It is human nature to indulge in noisy demonstration when something pleases us and when the world has been under tense anxiety for several years and suddenly finds that men are free once more it is inevitable that pent up emotions will break loose like uncontrolled flood waters.

Stockman and the OPA

When Lowell Stockman said he voted to retain the OPA until 1945 he acted on the know-

ledge that some type of price regulation would be necessary for a few months after peace came. At the time he gave his support to the measure he knew no more about the time the war would end than any other person and his sole interest was to prevent inflation as far as possible.

Few citizens who gave the matter some thought would have excluded the OPA or a similar agency from the war set-up. Experience in World War I had taught us that if we would avoid after-war price difficulties we must have regulation during the war. That the administration of the OPA has not been what most of us expected or would have liked, is no reflection upon the legislation setting up the bureau.

The congressman from the second district has had his quarrels with the OPA head men as many other congressmen have. Despite that fact he remains firm in the belief that the OPA was necessary during the war and will have to continue until postwar adjustments have been made. Any right thinking person will agree with him on that score. The fact that peace has come and that this country now is in the reconversion period does not eliminate all of the agencies set up for prosecution of the war. Part of their function is to assist in reestablishing our economy on a peace-time basis. As their functions become unnecessary they should and we think will be discontinued, as witness the immediate removal of gasoline, fuel oil and other commodities from rationing.

A word of commendation is due Mayor J. O. Turner who worked untiringly to assemble a program and an audience Wednesday afternoon to observe in a truly patriotic manner the coming of peace. That the mayor did not think up the observance on the spur of the moment is seen in the fact that a method of procedure for V-J day was completed and advertised to the public in time for people to be prepared. The meeting held at the high school gymnasium was truly patriotic and the program was of a high order. More such meetings should be held throughout the months to come to help us prepare the road to a permanent peace.

Have you dusted off that good ol' expression "Fill 'er up" yet?

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Dennis were over night visitors in Heppner coming Sunday from their home at Vancouver, Wash. Mr. Dennis makes frequent visits here to look after property interests but this was Mrs. Dennis's introduction to Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cowins announce the marriage of their daughter Rae to Jackson Lee Carter, U. S. Navv, in Bremerton, Wash., Dec. 23. The bride is at present in Portland while the groom is on leave from his destroyer.

The following men have recently been discharged and are home again: David M. Ely, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ely of Morgan; John Bell who is visiting at the A. C. Crowell home in Morgan; and Lt. Will-

ard Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Jones of Irrigon.

Lt. and Mrs. Jack Forsythe and infant son, Lynn, arrived in Heppner Friday evening to visit Jack's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Forsythe and sister Mrs. Edwin Dick. Lt. and Mrs. Forsythe have been stationed in Pampa, Texas for the past several months while he has been training for his pilot's wings. Mrs. Forsythe and Lynn will remain in Heppner for the present until the lieutenant is permanently located. He will return to Pampa for reassignment.

Mr. and Mrs. John Parker and children were in Heppner for a few hours Wednesday having brought Mr. Parker's niece, Lorene Mitchell, home. Lorene has spent the past

two weeks in Pendleton helping with the Parker children.

CPO Wm. M. Lanham arrived in Heppner Friday to visit his brother, Conley Lanham and family for a week. CPO Lanham is just back from the Aleutians where he has spent the past six or seven months. To make his visit complete the mother of the two men, Mrs. Mildred Lanham of Havre, Mont., arrived Saturday and will remain until September.

Claude Drake, S1c who has been visiting his parents since the first of the month, left yesterday. He was taken as far as Corvallis by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Drake. They were accompanied by Mrs. Burl Coxen and Miss Betty Coxen.

Col and Mrs. E. O. Shroeder of Washington D. C. announce the birth of a 6 pound, 8 ounce daughter, Aug. 15. The mother will be remembered as Dorothy Herron. Mrs. Shroeder and little daughter Wendy spent a winter here while they were waiting for the colonel to be assigned to state side duty.

Mrs. Sarah French was delighted to receive a telephone call Wednesday morning from her son, Earl Crismon who had just arrived in Seattle after many months in the Pacific. Earl was a member of the famous '41st and went across early in the war.

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We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the people of Morrow county for their many manifestations of sympathy and kindness during our bereavement.
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Weitzel
Mr. and Mrs. Alex Weitzel
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McClintock

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