

EDITORIAL

Get Ready for "Victory Loan"

While in the midst of a national campaign to raise funds for various war relief agencies we are reminded that the eighth war loan, only this time it is to be a "Victory Loan", is just around the corner. A mere eleven billion dollars is needed by "Uncle" to finish up the job of making Germany and Japan behave and getting our boys and girls home.

As in previous drives, the newspapers are asked to play an important role in the forthcoming campaign. Some of our advertisers and readers may have gained the impression that we were taking advantage of the drives to increase advertising sales, to which we can only reply that we were doing what was asked of us. To make that point clear we submit a letter issued by the Secretary of the Treasury to newspapers and advertisers all over the land. It reads:

"Newspapers and their advertisers have cooperated excellently with previous bond drives and the Treasury needs your assistance this time more than ever. Obligations incurred in the achievement of victory have been tremendous. We must bring the boys home as soon as possible, care for the wounded, supply mustering-out pay, and maintain occupational forces in Germany and Japan. These and other aftermath-of-war responsibilities make the success of the "Victory Loan" a must for our nation."

Sincerely,
Fred L. Vinson,
Secretary of the Treasury

Throughout the war the various agencies of the government—army, navy, treasury, etc.—have recognized the value of newspaper advertising in getting their messages and needs over to the public and no small amount of the success of the various fund raising events has been credited to that source.

A Federal Building Here?

Reading a list of proposed appropriations for federal buildings in Oregon we came upon an item of \$95,000 for a building in Heppner. This news gave rise to a feeling of jubilation, what with a proposed county hospital to cost upwards of \$100,000, and we thought the future for the little city looked rosy indeed.

Perhaps, gentle reader, you too read the list if appropriations and you too were elated. But did you read far enough to find the whole thing is in

a more or less formative stage and that there is nothing definite except, perhaps, where larger towns are concerned?

Laying aside the indefinite prospects it is worthy of note that Heppner could use a federal building. It is customary to house the postoffice and other federal agencies in such buildings and we have both forest service and agricultural administrative offices now renting office space in a local building. There is nothing wrong with that, either, but the fact that we have these agencies all of which could use more space to good advantage, furnishes a basis for demand for a federal building.

Those of our citizens who think we have good reason for asking for a federal building should get in touch with our congressman and urge action on the matter.

This Is National Fire Week

This particular seven day period of the current year is designated as National Fire week—a time set apart for the people to learn all they can about fire hazards and how to avoid them. We learn plenty about fires from almost daily accounts in the newspapers but why they happen is the other side of the picture which not enough of us take time to study.

Some fires may start from natural causes but in most instances they are due to carelessness. Failure to remove trash from the furnace room or the storing of combustible matter where a carelessly dropped match may readily ignite it—these are practices in common with hundreds of others that contribute to our national fire loss approximating one-half billion dollars annually to say nothing of the frightful loss of human life.

We are approaching the heaviest fire loss month of the year—December. Let us see that furnace rooms are cleared of debris, flues are made safe and above all refrain from use of explosive materials in lighting fires. It is always better to be safe than sorry.

Return of cigarettes to counters has its drawbacks, according to Harry Van Horn. When there was a scarcity of the commodity shoppers got around almost the first thing in the morning, with the hope they could get at least one package. Now that they know they can get cigarettes any time they do their shopping just about that way—especially right at closing time.

P-TA Enjoys Fine Program at Opening Meeting of Season

Singing of "God Bless America" opened the first regular meeting of the Heppner P-T A for 1945-46. Joan Corwin favored with two delightful piano numbers after which the regular business meeting was held. It was decided to make a membership drive, rewarding the room with the most paid-up members. Harold Becket, president announced an executive meeting at his home, Wednesday evening, Oct. 17.

A short skit followed, put on by the publications committee in which Mrs. Wendell Herbison and her son Jimmie, took part.

Cooperation between the home and the school was the keyword of the program prepared by Mrs. James Valentine. Very interesting talks on what the teacher expects of the home were given by Mrs. Lena Kelly of the grade school faculty, and Leonard Pate of the high school. They stressed punctuality, cleanliness, discipline, regular attendance, know your child, plenty of sleep and rest, study the child's report card, and encourage home

work. Everett Smith, grade school principal, had charge of a reading and literature display, featuring texts used throughout the entire school in these subjects. Some written work in connection with their reading was also on display.

The refreshment committee, Mrs. Harvey Miller, Mrs. Clyde Nutting and Mrs. Kenneth House, served doughnuts, coffee and tea.

Next meeting will be Nov. 14 with Mrs. James Thomson as program leader, stressing health and physical fitness. Miss Margaret Gillis, county health nurse, and Dr. F.

G. Sherer, director of social hygiene, Oregon T-B association will appear on the program.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Gonty are taking their little daughter to Portland for medical attention and a check-up.

Change of Schedule

Effective Oct. 1, 1945

HEPPNER STAGE

Read Down	Read Up
9:40—Lv. Heppner	Ar. Heppner—5:45
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