EDITORIAL



An Obligation to Meet

Americans responded nobly to seven requests from their government for funds with which to provide the sinews of war. That response backed our fighting forces in winning victory for the Allied cause, thus preparing the way for what every right thinking person must pray for-a lasting peace. Now, with the fighting over, we have another obligation to meet. We must provide our government with funds necessary to return this nation to a peacetime basis and this involves a staggering sum of money and an incalculable amount of work.

Most of us should remember the urgent calls for finances with which to equip and train combat forces, ship them overseas and maintain them better than any other armies in this or any other war. Now that our fighting forces have completed the task of subduing the enemy the big job is to get them home and reestablished in civilian life. That is one job. The care of hospital cases, of which there is an essential 400,000 in continental United States alone, is a work that cannot be slighted in the least degree, and after release from the hospitals many of them will have to bi trained in different types of work before they can become even partially self-supporting.

In view of these factors and so many others that no attempt is made to list them it is plain to all of us that we must get on the firing line here at home and put up every cent we have been asked for in the Victory Loan bond campaign, It is an obligation as binding as anything we as individuals may be subject to in the form of notes or mortgages. Yes, it is even more binding than that for back of it all is a debt we owe that can not be estimated in terms of dollars. Money will not restore our loved ones who gave their all, but it can be used to make a better world for those who are returning and the least we can do is make this contribution towards a better world.

We should not wait to be called upon by a finance solicitor. Our duty is plain, Buy early and put Morrow county back up at the top of Oregon counties in the Victory Loan bond campaign!

Pretty Kettle of Fish!

There is a crying need for houses in Heppner with little that can be done to remedy the situation. The fault is not entirly local, either, as the national picture lends more than a little influence, what with the lumber strikes and other brakes upon reconversion.

It is not likely that suffering will result from the housing shortage other than the town may

he missing a growth of population. Not a day passes that we do not hear about someone wishing to locate here if living quarters can be found. We do not know whether they would be better off elsewhere but it would be a source of satisfaction to be with the little girl and accomif we were able to offer suitable housing to them, pany her home. Claire will be in

Perhaps when employers and employees come the hospital for another week at to an agreement and industry once more gets into motion there will be a revival of some of the building proposals here. As pointed out before, an extensive growth in population necessarily calls for an increased water supply. This matter still claims the attention of the mayor and council and it is likely that something will be done about it when labor is more plentiful. Two proposals are under consideration, boring a new well to augment the present supply or construction of a reservoir to hold more of the present supply in reserve. Reconstruction of the pipe line for several miles up Willow creek would conserve a lot of water that now leaks out through the old pipes.

But this started out to be a housing article and in conclusion it is pertinent to remark that our problem is not to be confused with the weather situation as Mark Twain viewed it, because something can be done about housing if we put our minds to it.

Good Team Creates Interest

Heppner high school's football team has made a creditable record up to date and is one of the outstanding squads of this section of the state. The home games have drawn good attendance and with the boys winning the contests it has not been difficult for the cash customers to cheer lustily.

In other towns where the writer has lived Meets Every Monday Noon at the there have been organizations of town groups whose purpose was to support the high school teams. Known as the "dewntown quarterbacks' or a similar title, these groups of business men have lent spontaneous support to the school athletic activities while in no wise attempting to run the show. When the teams were playing elsewhere substantial numbers of the "quarterbacks" went along to back them up. At home they turned out en masse to support them. Generally at the conclusion of the winter sports program a banquet was staged by the organization at which time awards were made and a general good time was provided for teams and club.

Such an organization could prove beneficial here. It not only would lend support to the athletics but would serve to establish a closer relationship between the high school and the business people and others of the community.

HAS MASTOID OPERATION

Claire Corwin, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Corwin, un- the home of his brother and sisderwent a mastoid operation Fri- ter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Orville day in Portland. The operation was Smith. successful but the thing that hurt Claire most was the fact that the surgeon shaved her head for a considerable area around the incision. Her hair is her pride and joy and this liquidation of her tresses, as it were, is the chief discomfort of her hospital tenure. Mr. and Mrs. Corwin took Claire to Portland Thursday and after an examination the physician ordered the child to the hospital. Mr. Corwin remained until satisfied that Claire was doing all right and returned to Heppner. Mrs. Corwin remained in the city

Mr. and Mrs. Will Ball are spending a month's vacation in Portland. Mr. Ball is employed at Central Market and Grocery.

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Sqt Vivian White Weds Utah Girl

Belated news of the marriage of S Sgt Vivian White, son of Mr. and JOS. J. NYS Mrs. Neil White of Pilot Rock reached this office early this week. His marriage to Miss Clara June Scott of Salt Lake City, Utah, was an event of July 6 and took place in the Yuba county courthouse, Marysville, Calif., with a "pleasant, robust" justice of the peace performing the double ring ceremony. Miss Leona Reynolds, cousin of the bride, accompanied her from Salt Lake and was her only attendant. The Whites are residing at 127 Dalton Manor, Benicia, Calif.

Sgt. White has been making considerable progress in poetry and song writing in recent years. His latest achievement was publication of a song, "No Time to Spare", doing both the words and music. While this is the first song he has had published it is not the first he has written. He has been marketing more and more poetry of late, as well, and is making quite a name for himself in this field. His poems

deo and weather publications. Sgt White entered the service Jan. 5, 1942 and was 27 years of age Sunday.

Emmet Hughes was in Heppner the past week-end having come from his home in McMinnville to hunt in Morrow county. He was able to take a deer home with him.