

# EDITORIAL . . . . .

## Gifts for Yanks Who Gave

There is evidence that Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Public are troubled with short memory. During the heat of battle we found it easy to comply with requests for funds or gifts—it was our patriotic duty—but now that the fighting is over we are prone to sit back and say to ourselves, "We carried on during the war, let someone else carry on now." That would be fine if it were not for the fact that we, ourselves, are that "someone else."

Currently there is a request for "Gifts for the Yanks Who Gave." You know who they are. They are the men and women who now are hospitalized because they spilled their blood to make home a safe place for us to live. They are the people who contracted disease and fever, broken limbs, sick minds that we might live and enjoy the American way of life. They are the people who left home with a firm belief in the principles of democracy, ready to give their all that the world might be a safe haven for peoples of all countries.

The least we who gave little but our money can do is to show our appreciation of what these defenders of democracy gave by making Christmas a bit more cheerful. It matters little what one may spend in the way of money for one of these gift packages. The fact that you gave something, that you remembered, will bring cheer and comfort to those who cannot enjoy the holiday festivities at home. Make your own holiday season brighter and more satisfactory by brightening it for others. Give to the Yanks who gave!

## Our Contribution to McCaw

Morrow county people are justified in expressing pride in the share taken in providing funds and gifts for the veterans in McCaw General hospital at Walla Walla. It is fair to assume that no other county of equal size in the district comprising the Blue Mountain Camp and Hospital Council has quite measured up to this county in the work done in this great cause during the past two years. Our people have been ever thoughtful of the veterans and in most instances the requests for bread have been responded to with cake.

It is gratifying to know that our generosity has been noted and fully appreciated not only by those carrying on the work at the hospital but by the patients as well. They will remember Morrow county and its people for many, many years and perhaps recall with a bit of pleasure the efforts of our people to brighten their lives during their darkest hours.

Word comes that McCaw and other general hospitals taken over by the army for the duration are being evacuated of service men and returned to a civilian status. Just why this is being done at a time when there is a crying need for more hospitalization is one of those things the powers that be kept to themselves. The work of the Blue Mountain Camp and Hospital Council will be carried on at the Veterans hospital and the Walla Walla airbase hospital, the navy hospital at Pasco and Madigan hospital at Fort Lewis. The call for funds and gifts will continue to come and our people will continue to give.

A word of appreciation is due Mrs. Ralph Thompson, chairman, and her committee for their

unselfish devotion to this work. At times it has seemed to them that all they did was ask for money or gifts and they would have willingly turned the task over to others but for one thing—when they thought of doing it they could not forget those boys and what they had given for their country, and then they rolled up their sleeves once more and went to work with renewed energy.

## Good Time to Visit Schools

Of all the national weeks we are asked to observe, one of the most outstanding is American Education week which begins Monday, November 11 and runs through November 17. During that short period an effort will be made to focus attention upon the schools to create more interest among the patrons and all who contribute to the support of our educational system.

As a prelude to American Education week an invitation has been sent to all school patrons "to visit our school during American Education week. We have circled the dates on the calendar. You will enjoy seeing our school in action; you will enjoy knowing our teachers better; you will enjoy our classes, the things we do, the way we learn. Welcome to our school during American Education Week. Your friends and neighbors will be there."

In connection with this special week it is fitting to quote President Harry Truman's special message to the patrons, students and teachers of American schools: "After the most destructive war in human history our nation has turned once more to the more prosaic but preferred tasks of peace and reconstruction. Those tasks are no less stupendous than those of war. They require as great a measure of intelligence and understanding and of unselfish devotion to the common good. For the building of these qualities in its citizens America looks to the schools and colleges, dedicated as they are to the development of individual competence, wisdom and good will.

"It is fitting, therefore, that the week of November 11 to 17 has been set aside for observance again as American Education Week. I urge that it be an occasion this year for counseling together on how we can improve the schools and colleges of the nation for their essential peace-time tasks. Let us, as parents and citizens interested in the welfare of our children and in the general welfare, visit our schools during American Education Week, learning at first hand of school needs and problems. And then let us resolve as individuals and as a people progressively to develop our schools as the basic instruments of freedom, democracy, and human interest."

These are words of wisdom and coming from the President of the United States they are fraught with earnest meaning. Our schools have the greatest task in their history and require and are entitled to more sympathetic understanding than has been accorded them in the past. Patrons should know more about school government, how lessons are given, how teachers get along with their class and vice versa. This is something in which all of us are vitally interested. In justice to the schools and to the patrons American Education Week should be observed by every friend of education.

## Portable Bins to Go on Auction Block Next Week

Bargains in bins await Morrow county buyers when 253 portable wooden grain bins go on the block at auction sales in Umatilla and Morrow counties Nov. 16, 19 and 20, Henry Baker, chairman of the county AAA committee, announced here today.

The Umatilla county sales will be held at Helix on the morning of Nov. 16, and at Myrick on the afternoon of that day. In Morrow county, the auctions will be at Heppner the morning of Nov. 19, at Lone that afternoon; at Jordan the morning of Nov. 20 and at Lexington that afternoon.

Farmers, dealers and the general public are invited to the sales, which will be conducted by county AAA committees for the Commodity Credit corporation. The bins are all that remain of the 800-odd storage structures shipped into the Columbia basin by CCC several years ago to help avert a grain storage crisis.

Three types of bins, both erected and unerected, will be offered at the six sales. Baker pointed out that in addition to being an excellent farm grain storage structure, the bins can be adapted for many other uses. They are made of first grade lumber throughout.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the kind neighbors and friends who assisted us in the recent illness and death of our father, A. D. Inskeep; also for the beautiful floral tributes. Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Wacken

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