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What a Changed World!

A year ago everything was hustle and bustle. The entire country was geared to war production and everything was done with an accent on winning. This fever heat continued until the boys began to come home from foreign soil, then we relaxed a bit and began to consider the problems of reconversion.

Six months after Japan surrendered what do we find? We are still looking forward to reconversion in many lines. Instead of being able to stock up with some badly needed things we find a growing scarcity of them. One may step into a haberdashery and be measured up for a suit of clothes. The dealer takes the order on condition that you are willing to wait from 60 to 90 days for delivery. One inquires about shirts and gets the old banana reply—yes we have none. The same goes for underwear and other garments dear to a man's heart and practically necessary to his well being. Merchants and salesmen have learned a new language and a new technique. Instead of trying to sell you something they are forced to teach you how to get along without the things you have been accustomed to and have been able to buy in the past.

Perhaps time will change all this but the situation leads us to quote one fictitious Chester A. Riley—"What a revolting development this has turned out to be!"

Latchstring on Outside

It is the hope of the committees in charge that the returned service people will respond to the hospitable invitation to attend the all-county banquet to be held at the Elks hall in Heppner Saturday evening. Great preparations are being made—a lot of excellent food prepared and a program in which the veterans themselves will be the principal performers, and it will give the committee and all others concerned with staging the banquet the keenest satisfaction to be able to greet as nearly 100 percent of the veterans as possible.

While the banquet is being put on in Heppner it is not a Heppner affair but a big county party. The people—wives, mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, friends—are taking this means of expres-

ing their appreciation for the services given by those who wore the uniforms of their country and for the great happiness that so many were privileged to return.

The latch string is on the outer side of the door for the returned veterans. Don't be afraid to pull it.

A World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 8 is designated as World Day of Prayer. It is a day set aside for all creeds, all denominations, in every country to devote careful thought to the subject of permanent peace and to put those thoughts into a plea to the Father of mankind for guidance and inspiration in making the world safe for posterity. If we would avert a second Hiroshima or Nagasaki catastrophe, and we know not when such a blow may fall in this unsettled world of today, we should not leave all the praying for those who profess Christianity. Certainly preservation of peace is something in which each and everyone of us is vitally interested. Whether a member of the church, a brother-in-law or sister-in-law to the church, or a rank outsider, you can lend your influence in laying the foundation for a permanent peace by engaging a moment in prayer, either silent or audible.

Should Remain in Office

Mayor Turner's announcement that he does not wish to be considered a candidate for the office for another term has not found general acceptance among people who are in sympathy with progressive measures instituted during his incumbency. The very reasons he gave why he felt he should step out seem the most logical why he should remain for at least another two years. He has served through a most trying period, yet a program designed to not only meet expansion but accelerate it has come out of the war era and it appears that the one who has had a guiding hand in formulating the program should have a hand in bringing it to fruition.

The developments referred to in the mayor's letter can be brought to reality only by farsighted and courageous leadership such as he has displayed and it is hoped he will reconsider his avowed intention of keeping his name off the ballot.

Three 1-Act Plays to Be Given March 8

A group of one act plays will be given at the school auditorium at 8 p. m., Friday, March 8. The Parent Teacher association, Morrow County Public Health association, and the high school will each produce a play.

"Murder is Fun", by Catherine Blankenship, will be given by the Health association. Co-directors are Mrs. Lucy Rodgers and Mrs. Marie Clary. The cast includes C. J. D. Bauman, Kenneth House, Miss Ja-

net Curtis, Mrs. Fred Parrish, Mrs. Robert Walker, Mrs. George Gertson, Henry Baker, Jackson Cantwell, Mrs. Gene Ferguson, Mrs. Sara McNamee, Conley Lanham, Frank Chapel and Francis Nickerson. This play is a recent prize winner and is unique in that part of the cast is in the audience. Capt. Brown of the homicide squad asks the audience to solve a murder for him and involves them in a mystery satire.

The P. T. A. will present a one-act play "The Dummy" by Arthur Kaser. It is a hilarious farce depict-

ing a young wife's scheme to teach the husband to stay home nights. Scuffling and shooting in the dark add to this fast moving comedy. The director is Mrs. Everett Smith. The part of the wife is taken by Miss Laurel Ball, that of the husband by John Hartman. Miss Grace Gadoken plays Emma, the maid, Harold Becket the playboy pal of the errant husband, and Joe Meek the policeman.

"The Trysting Place", by Booth Tarkington, will be given by the high school and directed by Miss

Janet Curtis. Those in the cast are Shirley Wilkinson, Morgan Connor, Don DuBois, Don Gunderson, Pat Pierson and Ramona McDoniel. The high light of the play occurs when love-struck adolescent Lan-cetot, who is in love with a beauti-ful young widow (to whom both his sister and mother object), arranges to meet the object of his affections at the same time and same place that the sister and mother have also decided to use to further their own affairs d'amour.

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