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They Still Have a Job to Do

Young American manhood had a job to do and it was done. Our fighting forces went into a titanic world conflict under a great handicap but they never lost sight of the objective and with a will to win they did the seemingly impossible by not only stopping a ruthless enemy but shoving him back towards his homeland and eventually bottling him up there. Their one desire was to get the fight over with and return home and take up living where they left off when called to service.

In the foxholes, on the sea and wherever our boys were deployed their dream was of home—to have a chance to enjoy undisturbed sleep in a real bed, enjoy home cooked meals, go to a movie, have a date with a girl friend, in fact, forget about the horrible mess called war and just be normal human beings once more.

Now that most of them are home they are confused, and doubt exists in the minds of many of them as to what they had fought for. Things are not the same as when they left and strange to say they find the folks at home not altogether certain about which direction we are traveling or where we will be when we get there.

It can hardly be expected that a nation as large as ours could settle back to a normal stage within a few months after the coming of peace. It did not happen that way after World War I and compared to World War II it was more or less a preliminary skirmish. World War II called for an all-out effort in which practically every resource of the land was directed into war channels. It will require many months to attain reconversion, and this could be shortened if labor and industry would get together for the good of the nation as a whole rather than the settling of differences between the two groups. It looks like new blood will have to be injected into the political veins and it looks like the veterans are the ones to supply the new energy.

The boys in the trenches, their comrades in the air and on the sea, during their rest periods, or when not dodging raids by a vicious enemy, took time to think about home and what they would like their country to be. Now that they are home they have an opportunity to put some of their thoughts into action. Their ideas may not coincide with our political leaders but should they band together in sufficient strength to make their weight count they can go far in the direction of accomplishing their ideals in the years to come. This we believe they will do as soon as they have had time to get organized.

4-H Clubs Good Training Ground

Of the various organizations of young people throughout the country the 4-H club movement is one of the most outstanding. The 4-H program is

fundamentally sound for it has as its purpose the preparation of tomorrow's citizens physically, mentally and spiritually.

When a youngster becomes a clubber he has ten guideposts to direct him along the path to higher citizenship: Developing talents for greater usefulness; joining with friends for work, fun and fellowship; learning to live in a changing world; choosing a way to earn a living; producing food and fiber for home and market; creating better homes for better living; conserving nature's resources for security and happiness; building health for a strong America; sharing responsibilities for community improvement, and serving as citizens in maintaining world peace.

Morrow county has twelve 4-H clubs with a total membership of 125. More clubs are in the process of formation or will be started soon. If your children are not affiliated with one of the clubs this would be a fine opportunity for them to join in this worthy movement. Not all of them can participate in a livestock project but there are few who cannot join a garden club.

A Happy Occasion

Many expressions of pleasure were heard following the banquet Saturday evening and one veteran was heard to remark, "Why don't we have these affairs oftener?" He did not mean that we have them on such an extensive scale but was expressing the idea that community gatherings of that nature have an appeal to the ex-service men as well as those still in the service but privileged to be at home now and then.

The banquet meant a lot of hard work by committees but all who participated in the preparation and serving feel amply repaid by the response of the veterans and their kinfolk privileged to attend. All in all, it was a happy occasion.

A Write-in Ballot?

Unless there is a rush to file the last minute, the June primary election ballot will be short of names for the few local offices to be filled. That means a miscellaneous write-in of names for county commissioner and surveyor. Two of the positions, assessor and treasurer, have republican filings but democrats don't appear to be office hungry this year.

It seems that the office of county commissioner is of sufficient importance to warrant some good citizen to make the sacrifice for. There are a number of good men from over the county who could fill the job most acceptably but most of them feel they have too much business of their own to give it the attention it deserves. That may be but a busy man usually gets the most done and if he is making a success of his own affairs he is well qualified to look after the county's business. Won't one of you busy fellows kindly speak up?

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LOOKING AFTER BUSINESS

Bruce Dennis is in town today looking after business interests. Mr. Dennis owns the Markham place west of Heppner and is interested in seeing what the wheat prospects

are for 1946. Engaged in the newspaper business for many years, he can't resist getting a whiff of and a smudge or two of printer's ink and this office acknowledges a pleasant call.

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