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**EDITORIAL . . . . .**

**Just Recognition For a Good Job**

Oregon publishers were paid a nice compliment Saturday when Herbert Buermann, representing the United States Treasury, delivered a message from the Secretary of Treasury to them for the part they played in promoting bond sales throughout the war and since. In his presentation, Mr. Buermann stated that Oregon's record thru out the bond selling campaign has been outstanding inasmuch as this state tops the nation in E bond sales, a record that was made possible thru the universal cooperation of the press. He did not say that the press alone was responsible. Far from it. But he was directed to convey to the newspapers the heartfelt thanks of the department for the great part they played in the ultimate success of the Allied cause.

Of particular interest to the publishers was the compliment paid to Giles French, publisher of the Sherman County Journal, whose county stands at the top of the counties throughout the nation in the matter of E bond purchases. Mr. French has been chairman of the Sherman county war finance committee since its organization and his work has been outstanding. Giles sold the people of his county on the bond buying idea and early in the campaign Sherman county set the mark for other counties to shoot at. Some of the neighboring counties came close a few times but never quite attained the per capita average to put them in the lead.

This newspaper is happy to extend to Mr. French a word of praise for his achievement and to wish him many more years of useful service to his community and nation.

**Teachers Are People**

Some caustic criticism has come from different sources regarding the action of the Oregon State Teachers' association in protesting against extending the draft. There may have been justification for this in some circles, yet the teachers were acting in their own right and if they have made a mistake it hardly seems proper to unleash the unfavorable comment that appeared in one or two instances.

Teachers are people like the rest of us. Some are good, some bad and some are just plain indifferent. The good ones are those who have the stamina and courage to carry on after months and years of wrestling with discipline that should be inculcated in the minds of the young at home; of patient endeavor to prepare the future leaders or their place in the home, community and nation. The teacher must hold to ideals if the pupil is to be greatly benefited by school, for to lose those ideals means the sacrifice of many years of hard work.

Lack of appreciation of the teacher's value to the community has been the blocking stone in the way of making the profession attractive to capable young people. There has been too wide a spread between the salary scales paid teachers and those of other employment. A person working for a private enterprise stands a much better chance for increased pay than the one whose wages come from tax sources. Taxes may eventually be increased to provide a more nearly equal basis but during the time-eating process of accomplishing such a raise many capable teachers fall out of the ranks to join up with some other line.

Teachers make mistakes, yes, but are they any different in that respect to the rest of us? Perhaps they stepped a little out of line in passing a resolution against extending the draft—or what ever it was. No unit of our national life suffered more at the hands of the war than did the schools and it could be that the teachers had in mind protection against a recurrence of that suffering. There may have been a certain amount of pacifism involved in the action, and once again it can be said they were acting within their rights as citizens. At that, it is hard to believe that under similar circumstances we should find the teachers shirking their duty.

In seeking to better their own condition they are working not so much as individuals but for the school system as a whole. We pay dear prices for the things we want and feel we must have or be outdone by the Joneses, and holler our heads off when the teachers seek a little more pay in order to dress well, travel a bit to broaden their education—in short, to live on a plane their position in the community entitles them to. For after all, teachers are people.

Heppner people and visitors will miss the pleasant smile and cheery hello of Eddie Chinn at the Elkhorn restaurant. His friends are legion and it is safe to say he has no enemies. That's a nice way to bow out of the active life of the community and he has the best wishes of every one in his move to rest up and recover his health. Best of luck, Eddie!

Not having been in this vale of tears long enough to have followed one line for 50 or more years, one wonders what Jim Thomson's reaction will be now that he has cut loose from the store. Jim has held down that job long enough to classify him as a landmark and the store won't be quite the same with him out of the picture. It is to be hoped that he has not tarried too long at the old stand and that he will be able to enjoy some of the fruits of his labors with no thought of grocery orders, invoices or freight bills.

Invitations have been issued for the wedding of Miss Georgia Pickering and Robert Taylor which will take place the evening of April 18. J. F. Davis came from Cle Elum Saturday to move Mrs. Davis to their new home. Cle Elum is no different to other towns so far as housing is concerned and the Davis's had to buy a house when they decided to take up residence there.

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