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DEFENSE SAVINGS BONDS CAMPAIGN IS UNDERWAY HERE

'MINUTE MEN' WILL CALL AT EVERY HOME

Portland, Ore., Jan. 22—Of considerable interest to Oregon folks is a case which was argued last week before the United States supreme court, between the Northwest Salmon Packers and the so-called Fisherman's union. "So-called" is used advisedly. The union, whose members catch about 90 per cent of all fish packed by the canners, demanded that the canners buy fish from no person not a member of the union. There is no disagreement over wages, hours or anything else. The packers advanced the argument that the union is not an ordinary labor organization, but is in fact an association of business men rather than working men. The members own all of their own equipment, such as power boats, nets, etc., which represent an investment of several thousand dollars each. They also hire and fire their own crews. In these circumstances, contend the packers, the union is not a labor organization but a group of independent business men, and to agree to buy only their fish would be a violation of the anti-trust laws.

For the union appeared the chief counsel of the CIO and AFL and Edwin Smith, a former member of the national labor relations board. Representing the packers were Jay Bowerman and Ralph Moody.

To two members of the democrat party goes the honor of being first to file for governor. Last week Howard Latourette, former speaker of the house and democratic national committeeman for Oregon, and Lew Wallace, state senator, both of Portland, filed via the petition route. It is expected that Governor Sprague and Earl Snell will file not later than February 1. Wallace goes into the contest with the support of both labor branches, namely CIO and AFL. Eugene Allen, able editor of the Oregon Labor Press (AFL), so the story goes, is to direct the writing end of Wallace's campaign. This move on the part of labor seems peculiar, to say the least. Heretofore any indorsement given a candidate by the AFL was almost sure to be a sign of thumbs down for the CIO, and vice versa. It may be that the olive branch recently tendered by CIO John L. Lewis to William Green and the AFL is having its effect away out here in Oregon. If so, this will be one of the very few times that any candidate has had the blessing of both labor organizations. Latourette, who is looked upon as a conservative, has never been too popular with the leaders and big shots of labor, but has considerable strength among the rank and file of labor.

Broad smiles, back slapping and hearty handshakes was the order of the day when members of the Northwest Livestock Credit association met in Portland last week. Prices on all classes of livestock are good and the future looks very rosy, so say the livestock men. Over 100 members from all parts of Oregon and Washington attended the convention and the boys were feeling better than they had in years. What a whale of a difference a few cents a pound can make. Every one is happy. Jay Dobbins, the sheepman from Enterprise, gave the boys one of the best talks of the program.

Representative of Oregon peppermint industry are in Washington, D. C., trying to persuade the office of price control that the industry needs no price ceiling. At least, not a ceiling that overlooks the cost of production. Many Oregon lumbermen are also high-tailing for the national capital. The lumber industry may be further affected if a proposal now being studied is carried out. The growing scarcity of metals is becoming so serious that there is a good prospect of orders discontinuing private dwelling construction for the duration.

In the next few days every citizen of Oregon will be solicited to pledge a certain amount of his income for the purchase of defense stamps or bonds. Squadrons of volunteer solicitors have been organized in every city, town and village in the state. All of us must do our part to win the war and to loan money to our government is a most necessary part. Besides being the safest investment on earth, defense stamps and bonds will help all of us to start that savings account which is going to come in so mighty helpful after the war is over. There is bound to be a wave of unemployment and general business recession when peace comes. Then is when a few dollars or a few hundred will look good to all of us.

The cities of west end Umatilla county will fall in line with other cities of Oregon to maintain the record of the "pace-setting state" in the national defense savings bonds campaign. A concentrated drive will get underway this week end to get all residents of these cities to sign pledge cards which will help assure the United States government a steady income for war purposes for the duration.

Guy Johnson, Pendleton fuel dealer and county chairman of the bond drive, was in Hermiston Wednesday night to discuss the coming campaign. Sam Moore of this city has been appointed regional chairman for the west end cities and will also head the local drive. Mr. Moore has appointed a group of men who have been assigned certain blocks in the city.

Those making the canvass, known as "minute men", will make a house to house visit to give everyone an opportunity to sign a pledge for the purchase of bonds during the ensuing months. The signed pledges, when once made, should be strictly adhered to in the future.

Governor Sprague, in a recent address, formally endorsed the campaign and urged that Oregon continue to set the pace. He stated, "I predict the loyalty of our people will be demonstrated by their overwhelming response with signed pledges."

Palmer Hoyt, state defense bonds chairman, declared at the same gathering, "Free people of Oregon, be ready, willing and enthusiastic when the 'minute men' knock on your door. Cheer them on with as substantial a pledge for purchase of defense bonds as you can make."

It is hoped that Hermiston will continue its high record in response to various drives in the forthcoming defense bond campaign.

Gene Lear, assistant county agent here, is in charge of the canvass to be made among farmers in this region.

DUCKS SUFFER IN COLD WEATHER

The past two weeks have been extremely difficult for wild life in this area, especially ducks. During the past few days numerous reports have come in that wild ducks are starving to death can be picked up handily because of their poor, weakened condition.

Roy Hale and Frank Bilderback, through cooperation of the state game commission, are feeding many of the birds at the present time. It is stated that a wild duck needs sand or gravel to exist, both of which have been covered with snow for some time. This, in addition to the lack of food, is causing a great loss among the large flocks of ducks on the Columbia river and at the various reservoirs.

RIPLEY SENT TO TRAINING SCHOOL

Ted Ripley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ripley of Hermiston, has been chosen in a group of five to attend a flyers' training school in Santa Maria, Calif. Ripley has been stationed in Pendleton for the past several months and has established a fine record with his work.

He will be stationed at Santa Maria for seven months and then probably transferred to another post.

DELINQUENT WATER USERS ARE WARNED

The Hermiston water department this week is adopting an ironclad ruling which will be strictly enforced in the future. During the past several years this department has realized that at times it was difficult for some citizens to promptly pay a \$3.00 monthly rate.

However, beginning with the new year the rate has been reduced to \$2.00 but with the understanding that "everyone pays". The new watermaster has been given instructions to cut off a delinquent account.

Credit Union Plans Annual Meeting
The regular annual meeting of the Credit Union will be held at the Hermiston Legion hall Friday, January 30, at 8:00 p. m. All members are urged to be present, according to Ed Dunning, secretary.

PLEDGE FOR REGULAR INVESTMENT IN DEFENSE SAVINGS BONDS

NOTE—This is not an order form. The Signer will buy Defense Savings Bonds by one of the methods listed below:

To aid the National Defense, I pledge that, I will invest the sum of \$..... in Defense Savings Bonds (or Stamps) each I will buy these Bonds:

- From a post office, bank, or other sales agency.
- By mail from the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C.
- Under a Pay-Roll Savings Plan (or other similar arrangement for regular purchasing) in effect at my place of employment:

(Employer's name) (Employer's business address) (Address)
 Through a regular purchase plan installed by the following organization:

(Name of organization) (Address)
I will faithfully fulfill this pledge for the duration of the War, or so long as I am financially able to do so.

FOR DEFENSE BUY UNITED STATES SAVINGS BONDS OR STAMPS REGULARLY

(Print) (Given name) (Middle initial) (Last name)
(Street and number) (City) (State)
(Date) (Signature)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16-3668-1 (Name of Organization and Agent Securing Pledge) D. S. 8, 174

Pictured above is a replica of the United States savings bond pledge which citizens will be urged to sign this week. So that all residents may be ready for "minute men" when they knock on the door in the defense savings pledge campaign a careful study of the bond pledge card is urged. The plan will be fully explained by those canvassing the city and a cordial welcome by residents is urgently requested. "Minute men" are working without pay and are doing their part in addition to buying their share of bonds. Make their task easier by responding wholeheartedly. "Remember Pearl Harbor" can also be applied to this undertaking.

WOMEN'S SKILLS TO BE CANVASSED HERE STARTING FEB. 16

A canvass designed to determine the number of women who would be available for defense industries in case an emergency should arise will be launched in Umatilla county February 16. Mrs. Frank Duff of Pendleton will act as general chairman for this county, Mrs. Maude Stangier, also of Pendleton, is a member of the sponsoring committee, and Mrs. F. B. Belt will act as regional chairman for the west end cities.

The purpose of the inventory is to create a reserve of 30,000,000 workers to support 3,000,000 men in the American army. This means that soon it will be necessary to find more than ten times the 2,850,000 workers now employed in defense industries in order to feed, clothe and otherwise equip the expanding military forces.

The registry of available women workers will be placed at the disposal of the employment service and if women are called for employment in the state's offices, factories or fields, they will be fully paid.

Mrs. Duff of Pendleton will be present at a meeting to be held Monday at the U.S.O. building, beginning at 2:00 o'clock. All women are cordially invited.

As regional chairman, Mrs. Belt has appointed the following women to act as city chairmen: Hermiston, Mrs. R. H. Piersol; Stanfield, Mrs. R. G. Penney; Umatilla, Mrs. Melvin Eller, and Echo, Mrs. A. C. Ebert.

Mrs. Keller Sues For Divorce
Mrs. Gerald Keller of Hermiston last week sued for divorce in Pendleton on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment. She is asking \$75 a month support for herself and infant daughter and a property settlement. A. S. Cooley is the attorney for the plaintiff.

JOHN H. NYE WINS 'JAP PLANE' BOND

Every time a Japanese plane bites the dust the "kitty bank" at the Hermiston Food Store tinkles with ten cent pieces. The plan is this: Each morning the front page of a Portland newspaper is scanned for the number of Jap planes which have been downed during the preceding 24 hours. For each plane accounted for, members of the defense bond group place a dime in the little bank. At the end of the week the money is counted and a defense bond purchased. This then is presented to one of the group.

The lucky winner this week was John Henry Nye.

LOGAN APPOINTED WITHOUT TERM

W. E. Logan has received word from Senator Chas. L. McNary that his appointment as Hermiston postmaster for an indefinite period has been approved. It now only needs several signatures which, it is understood, is only a formality.

Mr. Logan received his appointment under the civil service plan which makes it quite permanent and not susceptible to political favor.

LICENSE EXAMINER TO BE HERE JAN. 29

A traveling examiner of operators and chauffeurs is scheduled to arrive in Hermiston Thursday, January 29, and will be on duty at the city library between the hours of 10:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m., according to a recent announcement released from the Secretary of State's office.

All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with the examiner during these hours.

COMPLETION DATE AT ORDNANCE SITE FINDS WORK DONE

"It can't be done," was a general remark about a year ago when it was announced that the government would construct 1000 igloos just west of Hermiston. The negative statement had to do with contract which called for the completion date as January 21, 1942. This date came this week and found the gigantic job essentially completed.

The major portion of the work was completed about a month ago but since then the loose ends have been picked and the job, which seemed impossible a year ago, is history. Due to good leadership, high morale among the workers, good weather, co-operation of adjacent towns and a general spirit of "get it done", the Umatilla ordnance depot was finished in record time.

Although a small office force will remain for several weeks to clear up the bookkeeping, the constructing personnel will soon move elsewhere to take up other work.

All in all, it has been a great year for this section of the country and again it is proven that anything can be done with the proper cooperation of leaders, workers and those supporting the project.

STANFIELD PLANS PUBLIC MEETING

A special mass meeting will be held at Stanfield Monday night, January 26, at the high school auditorium beginning at 7:30. All residents within the city limits of Stanfield are asked to attend. Lloyd Russell will act as chairman for the meeting.

At this gathering, pledges for defense bonds and stamps will be signed.

CITIZENS TO VOTE ON BOND MEASURE SATURDAY, JAN. 24

PUBLIC MEETING SET FOR FRIDAY

A public mass meeting for eligible city voters has been scheduled for Friday night, January 23, at the high school gymnasium. City officials will be present to answer questions and discuss all phases of the bond election which comes the following day, January 24. All voters are cordially invited and urged to attend this meeting in order that an intelligent vote might be cast for or against the bond issue.

Saturday, January 24, is the day when Hermiston voters will make a gigantic decision as to the future welfare of this city. On that day they will either accept or reject a proposal by the United States government to aid the city of Hermiston in constructing a sewer system which will cost not to exceed \$73,000 and improving the city water system to the extent of \$53,000.

The regional office of the Federal Works Agency has recommended that the government grant \$60,000 toward the sewer system which would leave only about \$13,000 to be paid by the city in bonds. In this project would be included the cost of the construction of a disposal plant, sewer mains, necessary equipment and other incidentals. A map as to the location of the sewer pipes has been placed in the window at the Oregon Hardware & Implement Co. The general drainage would be in an easterly direction.

The water improvement project calls for the construction or purchase of a well, pumps, chlorinating plant, water mains, equipment and accessories. A legal notice presenting specific details is found on Page 4 of this issue.

Only voters who are registered with the city recorder will be eligible to vote. Anyone who voted at the (Continued on last page)

DEFENSE WORKERS HAVE PREFERRED NEW CAR RATING

A telegram was received from A. F. Rohrman Wednesday stating that because of the fact that Hermiston is in a defense area, workers will have a preferred rating in purchase of new cars. Mr. and Mrs. Rohrman are attending the National Automobile Dealers association convention in Chicago.

Leon Henderson, price administrator, gave out the above information, stating that defense workers living in rural communities where the use of a car is necessary in getting to and from work receive a preferred rating in obtaining new cars.

Just how authentic this information is cannot be determined until the Rohrmans return to Hermiston with complete details. However, on the surface, it appears that Hermiston will be one of the very few cities in the state where new cars will be sold.

KERN IN FAVOR OF BOND ISSUE

In a letter addressed to The Herald, M. S. Kern of Pendleton heartily endorses the issuance of bonds for a sewer and water improvement project in Hermiston. Mr. Kern is a heavy taxpayer in Hermiston and is greatly interested in the future of Hermiston. "If we want Hermiston to grow, we will have to have an adequate sewage and water system," writes Mr. Kern.

PAPER DRIVE IS LAUNCHED HERE

Hermiston Scouts this week began a project to collect all waste paper in the city to be used for national defense. The Scouts ask that any persons having paper on hand leave it at either of the following concerns: Farm Bureau mill, Hermiston Trading Co., Dr. F. B. Belt home, Co-op Cold Storage and Safeway. Anyone living in the city with a large amount of paper should call either 3832 or 3571 to contact the Scouts who will pick up the paper.

