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Early Investment Brings Late Returns

The plan to use the Hermiston artesian well for the new water system has met with approval and tests so far have proven the quality and quantity of the water. This well was drilled some twenty years ago. Many citizens contributed from \$100 to \$200 toward the promotion for oil during the oil booming days throughout the country. These citizens can have, at least, the satisfaction of knowing that the gamble of their investment will come back with fine results to the city of Hermiston.

Horses Help Win War For Freedom

Though we may have to go back to the bicycle and horse and buggy days for a while because of the lack of rubber, we know that the days will come when we will not be found wanting in this important article of our welfare. Now comes the report that the Russians, who had not reached such an advanced state, are now using horses in cavalry and heavy artillery, and will meet the thousands of German light tanks in the mud fields of the Ukraine with great advantage in the coming great battle. The Russians still had horses by the thousands and that useful animal may win the war for freedom, exceeding the highly mechanized instruments of our modern world.

Right on the Spot Again

"I have to leave. I can't get a place to sleep." This was heard on Main street today, coming from a defense worker who had a job. And what are we going to do about it? Some trailers are coming in, and a few have built tent houses. In the main, the new workers want houses or apartments, and some want rooms. If any home has a spare room to rent, or any citizen can build a house, even a good small court apartment, good rents are available. Tenants will be permanent during the duration, or until the years of work planned is completed. Last year's experiences should be beneficial to all the surrounding communities, and every citizen who can will find it profitable to add a housing unit of some kind to meet the emergency, as well as the future needs and requirements of normal conditions.

PINE CITY NEWS

By Mrs. Bernice Wattenburger

Miss Katherine Daley of Pendleton spent Easter vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Daley of Butter Creek.

Walter Wigglesworth of Echo brought a load of lumber from the Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co. of Echo to the Russell Moore wheat ranch. Mr. Moore is to start his grain elevator.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wattenburger and son of Pasco called Saturday evening at the E. B. Wattenburger home. They spent Easter Sunday with Earl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wattenburger.

Russell Moore and Elroy Moore drove to Yakima, Wn., Sunday after Russell's father, John Moore. He is

to help Russell build his new grain elevator.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wattenburger and family spent Sunday in Pendleton with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Van Orsdall of Pendleton. They attended Easter services at the Christian church in the morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Marian Finch and daughters spent Sunday in Heppner. They attended the Easter services in the morning.

Dora Moore and son spent Sunday with Leta Myers.

Miss Shirley Jarmon and Miss Alice Malden of Portland spent Easter week end with Mr. and Mrs. Sloan Thompson. They visited Saturday with Bernice Wattenburger, Leila Myers and C. H. Bartholomew. The girls are school teachers in the Portland schools.

Darlyne Wattenburger is on the sick list this week.

POWER COMPANY CONSERVES METAL

An ingenious device built from parts of an old electric washing machine is valiantly helping Pacific Power & Light company crews salvage copper and thus conserve one of the most critical war materials, according to Art Thrasher local manager.

Function of the device is to strip old insulation from short pieces of weatherproof wire, which are then mechanically spliced and wound in coils ready to go back into service. Sections of wire less than 15 feet long are cut in short lengths for use as insulator tie-wires.

Before the days of priorities, it was more convenient to sell odd lengths of wire as scrap than to reclaim the material, Thrasher explained. Now the challenge is to save copper, at any price, and throughout the length and breadth of the P. P. & L. system the salvage program is in full swing.

Every effort is being made to utilize materials that will lessen demands on factories vital to the war program. Thrasher said. Old street-lighting fixtures have been coated with red lead and reflecting paint and installed at substations and generating plants to provide added flood lights to meet federal anti-sabotage recommendations.

In the company's meter department, hundreds of older-type watt-hour meters, built of aluminum, copper, steel and brass, are being redesigned to 1942 specifications. The rebuilt meters look and perform like

new models.

Heavy switches and other apparatus previously taken out of service are being carefully appraised for emergency use. In some instances two or three pieces of old equipment from different points on the company's system have provided parts for assembly of a new unit. Line hardware and bolts are being reconditioned and rethreaded.

Thrasher said the extensive reclaiming and salvage operations were playing an important part in the company's war-time maintenance program.

Seventeen tons of scrap iron and steel and quantities of copper and other metals not suited for further use on the power system have been turned over for other war-time needs.

TOWNSEND CLUB NEWS

By Mrs. Joe Udey

The Townsend club will meet Tuesday, April 14, at the Townsend pavilion at 8 p. m. A short business session will be conducted and then the meeting will be turned over to the program committee. Games, cards and dancing is in store for those who want to join in the pleasure. This committee is asking for all officers to be on time so not to delay the program already planned.

From a late flash from Washington, D. C.—A big reservoir of congressmen is being enlarged every day so that when the right number is secured to put over the petition in the House, then a vote is certain to be secured on the Townsend bill. Not a day, not an hour is being lost in this heroic fight to insure that every

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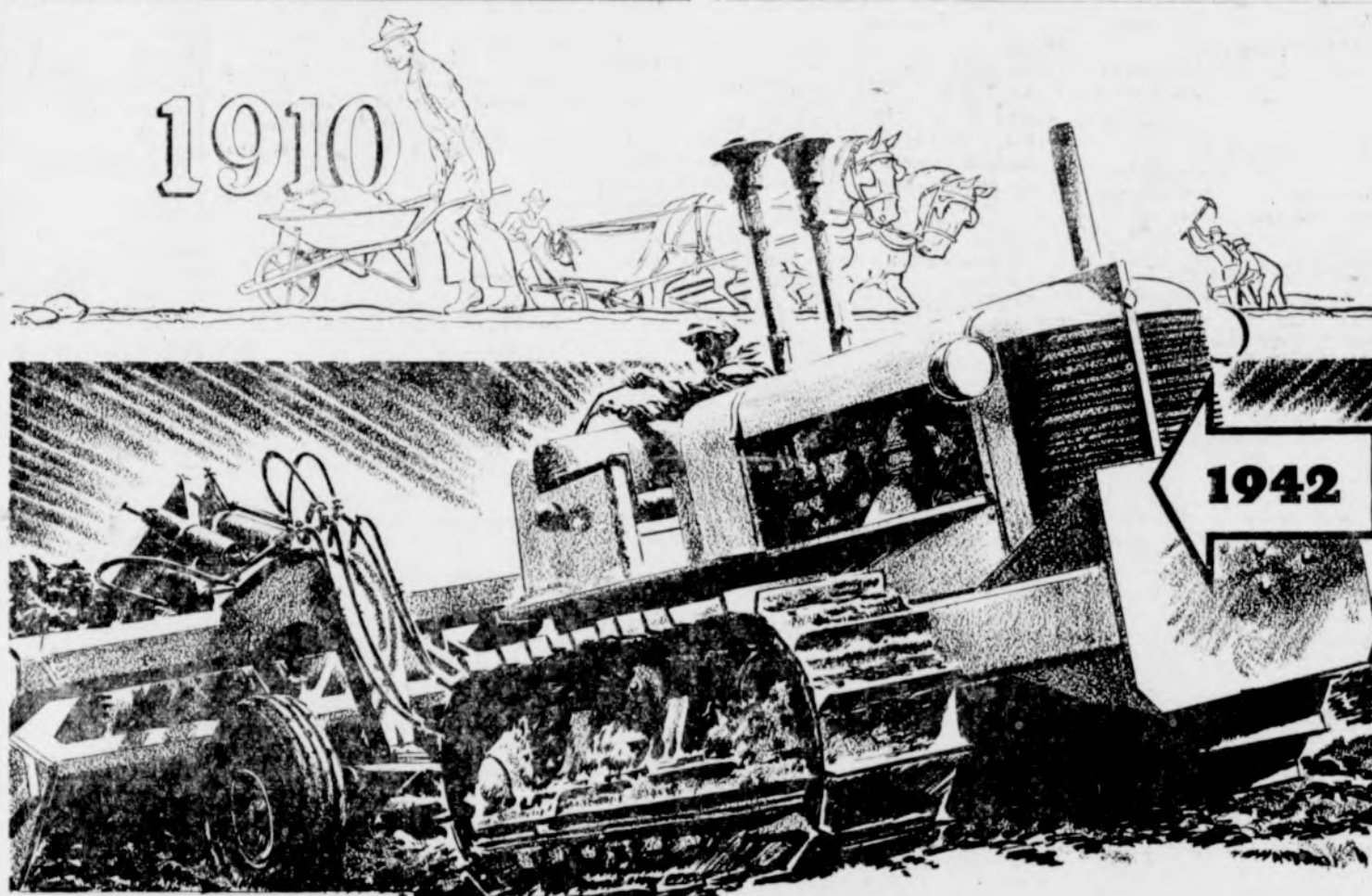
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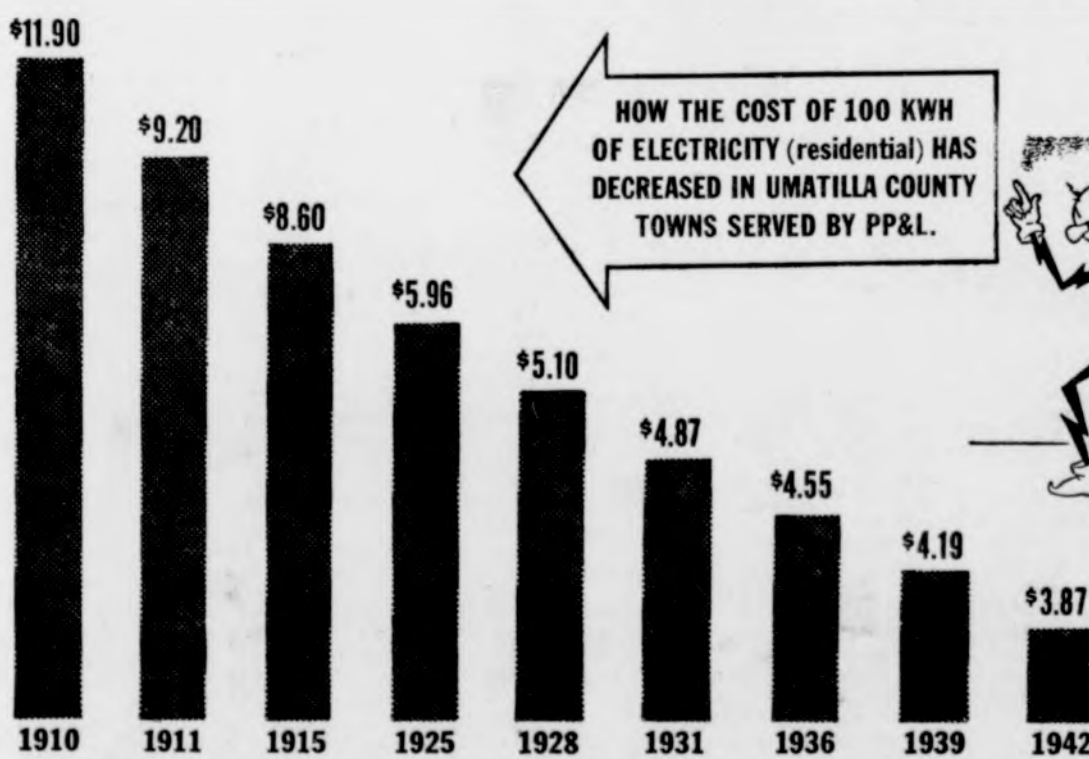
E. M. Ayers, Pastor

Sunday, 3 p. m., worship service with sermon by the pastor. Subject, "Is It Nothing To You?" Jer. 1:12. If you have enjoyed the plain, old-

fashioned preaching during the recent revival, you will also enjoy this service for this pastor does not mince matters either. The time has come for plain gospel preaching, and straight forward Christian living, and we must not shirk or shift responsibility. You will be warmly welcomed Sunday afternoon at our cabin two blocks east of the school.



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