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### Fighting the Home Battle.

Our local arsenal of democracy is calling for men, and they are coming in group after group. Trucks are rolling in loaded with household goods but with no place to get under a roof. Now and then a trailer house arrives, but otherwise no shelter appears in the making. In Portland and Vancouver the same situation is likened to "another Hermiston", and in Seattle the order has gone out to list up 100,000 local women to work in shipyards and airplane plants because there is no place to house men imported from other places.

General Stilwell in China says that we are taking a "hell of a beating", and his cryptic phrase might be applied to our home war efforts. We know that we have "not begun to fight", but we see on every hand that it is high time that we do begin to fight, with an all out program. Buying bonds will not win the war without higher degree of organization, not only in government and on battle fronts, but right at home where the bases of war must be built and sustained. Fortune magazine lists many phases where we have failed. With Coral Sea and Midway only to our high credit, we are striking only in a few places and are yet on the defense. Our own home part is only a sample. We see that with our own eyes and know that if things are going elsewhere as here we are still taking a bad beating.

There are rumors of more houses, but we need them this minute. We knew that we would need them months ago. It will take weeks and months to reach any sort of requirement. Our only recourse is to go tenting on the old camp grounds. Car loads of shiplap and 2x4's and nails and tents should be shipped in, and we suggest that every citizen who has the money or credit, set up a tent frame and buy a tent, and arrange sanitary conditions for defense workers. Such help can be arranged to help the new arrivals into temporary quarters in order that the work can proceed as rapidly as possible. Those in authority should go to the higher ups with a cry of our immediate needs for temporary housing and permanent houses. Priorities should be eliminated in this defense area, and every personal or selfish interest should be overwhelmed with patriotic devotion. Passing the buck up or down the line, and red tape and lackadaisical authority should be sunk in the bottom of the Pacific, or we will find ourselves beneath the cold waves of defeat.

### BINOCULARS IN NEED BY NAVY

The navy has received only about half the number of binoculars needed, it was announced today by the Thirteenth Naval District with regard to the present campaign to obtain used binoculars. But these binoculars must be one of two makes, Zeiss or Bausch and Lomb, and they must be in only two sizes, 6x30 or 7

x50. No other makes or sizes are acceptable, the announcement said, due to the fact that parts must be interchangeable.

The binoculars should be tagged with the name and address of the owner, then carefully wrapped and mailed to the Naval Observatory, Washington, D. C. The donor will receive a check for \$1.00 and the binoculars, if still in use at the end of the war, will be returned.

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### TO THE EDITOR

Hermiston, Oregon  
August 1, 1942

Dear citizens,  
Something extraordinary, something delightful to see, and something Hermiston should be very proud of occurred Friday evening. True, there was no band, no queen or mayor to bring the people out or to arouse their enthusiasm. But there was the American flag, Co. E 22nd Battalion and the Women's Ambulance Corp on parade.

This alone should be enough to arouse our people into shouts and cheers, and the men to at least take their hats off in the presence of our flag.

My what a stirring sight to see—especially when its our home boys and girls, drilling, training, and learning so they can be at our service in case the Japs come.

Are the citizens of Hermiston and vicinity worthy of such service? Absolutely not if we don't get war minded and get behind all our boys and girls, and organizations that are working to win this war.

Come on, Hermiston, let's show them we are proud of our active war workers.

Signed, DORIS SPENCER.

### COLUMBIA NEWS

By Mrs. Bob Woodward

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, August 19 at 1:30 p. m. at Columbia club house to begin work on the Red Cross Community Loan Closet Supplies. The purpose of this project is to collect home nursing supplies such as bedpans, ice caps, sheets, blankets, thermometers, wheel chairs, etc., so that when sudden sickness comes to the homes of any members of our community these supplies are available to be loaned. A closet has been constructed by A. H. Cable and H. G. McCulley and it is now up to the ladies of Hermiston and surrounding districts to fill it with supplies. For further information concerning this project see Mrs. John Jendrzewski, Columbia district, or Mrs. Sam Moore, Hermiston. Mrs. Jendrzewski has received a donation of ten dollars toward the financing of the closet from the Home Economics club of the Columbia Grange.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Parsons were surprised last Wednesday to receive a call from The Dalles from his brother, Don Parsons, who was there on a short furlough from his ship, the destroyer Parrot, which saw active duty in the Macassar Straits battle. On Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Parsons and daughter Glenda accompanied by Ray Parsons and his father Bert Parsons and Miss Goldie O'Brien drove to The Dalles to spend the week end with Don, who returned to duty Monday morning. The party returned home Sunday night.

Mrs. Amanda Shaver is spending two weeks at the home of her son, Lester Shaver, at Kamela.

Mrs. John Jendrzewski reports that her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jud Welter, who formerly made their home at La Grande, have gone to Clarkston, Wn., where he has been assigned to the army air corps to be trained as an instructor.

Saturday dinner guests at the Lester Hammer home were Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hale and family of Stanfield. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Harr have been spending a ten day vacation here from Portland where he is engaged in electrical work. They are former residents of this district.

Myrnie Caldwell made a trip to Ukiah last Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Garberding combined business and pleasure on a week end trip to Ellensburg where they were guests at the E. L. Church home and attended the wedding of Mrs. Church's niece. They returned home Monday evening.

Gloria Hammer visited Wednesday at the Ward Hale home in Stanfield. Beverly Jo Woodward is spending a vacation of several weeks at the ranch home of her aunt, Mrs. W. H. Instone at Lena. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Woodward and Carolyn visited at the ranch Sunday and son Dale, who has been vacationing there the past month returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Myrnie Caldwell made a business trip to Pendleton Tuesday and Mrs. Caldwell visited Mrs. Elton Grant and infant son at St. Anthony's hospital.

Mrs. A. H. Cable and daughter Doreen and Mrs. W. A. Mikessell were in Walla Walla Monday.

Miss Ethel Bruce, public health nurse, and Mrs. Hughes, chairman of the Pendleton Home Loan Closet were in this district Tuesday on business concerning the establishing of the closet here.

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### Half of Population Live in 140 Cities

#### Suburbs Show Big Gains in Census Figures.

WASHINGTON. — More than 47 per cent of all the people in the United States live in its 140 metropolitan districts, in the outlying parts of which the population increase is more marked than in the central cities, according to final returns of the census.

On April 1 there were in the metropolitan districts 62,965,773 persons. This was a growth in ten years of 5,462,908, or 9.3 per cent. There was an increase of 2,432,728, or 6.1 per cent in the central cities, and of 2,910,180, or 16.9 per cent, for the outside cities of these districts.

The population within the central cities was 42,796,170 and outside, 20,169,603. The latter number, which represents residents of adjacent smaller incorporated places and unincorporated areas, comprising 32 per cent of the total number of persons living in metropolitan districts.

The 133 metropolitan districts showed an increase of 4,740,887, or 8.2 per cent, during the last ten years, as compared with a total population increase of 7.2 per cent for the whole country.

During the ten-year period there was a 7.2 per cent increase in the population of the metropolitan district, which includes New York and northeastern New Jersey, where the number of residents rose from 10,901,494 in 1930 to a 1940 total of 11,690,520, with a 6.2 per cent increase for the central, as against 10 per cent for the outside central cities.

Between 1930 and 1940 the population of the central cities for the 133 districts increased 2,007,554, or 5 per cent, and that of the outer district areas 2,733,333, or 15.5 per cent.

### Typical Sailor Has Blue Eyes and Is 23 Years Old

NORFOLK, VA.—Officials of the fifth naval district reveal that the typical American sailor has a high school education, is unmarried and is 23 years old.

He prefers playing baseball to any other sport and is one of the first to be found enrolling in the various specialist schools.

He has blue eyes, brown hair and is of medium build. He weighs 163 pounds, stands five feet ten in his stocking feet, is particular to wear his uniform according to regulations, and drinks coffee by the pot.

And, when he has done his hitch, usually goes back to his home town, applies the trade he has learned, settles down, marries and forgets about the sea—except on occasions.

He also loves a fight. Since the war has broken out, the typical American sailor has shown more impatience to "get at them guys" than his brothers from other sections, which doesn't mean that he is any more loyal but has a harder time controlling his hot blood.

They are the pride of the navy, these typical American sailors, say officials.

### Canadian Foresters Find Dead Scottish Chieftain

SOMEWHERE IN SCOTLAND.—A company of the Canadian forestry corps, building a road into a wood, uncovered a large box, made of thick stone ingeniously dovetailed at the joints. A lieutenant opened the box and found a skeleton, knees drawn up to the chest and arms folded.

Police were notified and the Scottish equivalent to an inquest was held. Anthropologists and paleontologists hurried from Edinburgh. A small vase and several other souvenirs were eagerly seized upon by the scientists.

At the inquest the scientists testified the man had been dead since about 1500 B. C. The skeleton, reported to be that of a chief in the war council of his day, was turned over to the University of Edinburgh.

### Nightmare Job in Puerto Rico Completed by Navy

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO.—Completion of the air and naval base on Isla Grande, an engineers' dream which often was a nightmare, was announced by the navy.

The base was built on mangrove swamps, some portions of which were 28 feet under water. The tract now has been converted into solid land with an area of about 300 acres, making it "probably the most complete and modern naval air base under the American flag," the navy said.

Designed originally to cost \$9,000,000, the base was expanded during construction until it finally cost \$30,000,000.

### Paths of Two Marines Cross for Second Time

MACON, GA.—It was on December 17, 1933, that James C. McRae of Atlanta and Ferrell L. Dunn of Canton, Ga., enlisted in the marines here.

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### RUGG ENTERS CADET TRAINING

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He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie E. Rugg. The prospective naval flyer was graduated from high school with the class of '41. He earned four letters in basketball, three in football, one in tennis, and one in baseball while he was in high school.

He will join hundreds of other young men from the west to take his flight training. His first assignment will be to St. Mary's College in Moraga, Cal., where he will be instructed

in subjects vital to aviation and where he will take part in the physical development program. From there he will go to naval aviation bases for his flight and ground training. Upon completion of the course which is open to all qualified high school graduates between the ages of eighteen and twenty-six, he will receive a commission as an Ensign in the Navy or a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps.

### 100 FAT LADIES LOSE 14 to 20 LBS.

In a clinical test just completed under the direction of Dr. C. E. Von Hoover, 100 over-weight persons lost an average of 20 pounds each in the thirty days between January 2nd and February 2nd 1942. One registered Nurse lost 29 pounds, and a Dietitian 30 pounds in the thirty days. All of these people used the new Aids vitamin candy reducing plan, which costs only \$1.25 for a thirty-day supply, or \$1.25 for a trial box, and is guaranteed to be absolutely pure and to contain no laxatives or drugs and to require no exercise. Tear this ad out or just phone

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Therefore, we all are confronted with the necessity of getting the most out of what we have. In following the above suggestions, you can save yourself time and expense and you will help us keep the way clear for War Messages That Must Go Through.

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