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Reflections on the War

We read what the boys have to take in the South Sea islands, and we complain about taxes. We see pictures of fox holes covered with a piece of canvas and we feel neglected because the government does not provide better housing. The marines fight in the tangled underbrush of the jungles in the rain on scant handouts for several days — our good will is overtaken by the rationing boards at home. Every hour our fliers are scouting the seas in the face of danger and death and we quibble over long hours of work and "time and a half".

Our boys on all fronts are expected to work long hours, sunshine, rain or cold, and scores of our workers lay off on bad days and do WPA work on good days. On the African front our boys are fighting fiercely, and ambulances and trains are carrying back the wounded to field hospitals. Those who gave their last measure of devotion to our freedom are buried in African sands with a small white cross to mark their resting places.

And yet, we at home, scarcely know through self denial, burdens of war and discomforts of life, that we are in a great war. On the Russian front thousands of men are dying for this same freedom we are fighting for on other fronts. We praise Russia for all this and pass that nation some tanks, guns, planes and ammunition. All of which is more serious business than we are giving to the job we have to do.

It will also prove more serious when the war is over and the boys come home. We, who have fared well and laid by bonds and other resources that will tide us over the difficult period to follow, will have to answer well to the boys who have sacrificed in many ways and do not find fat jobs awaiting them when mustered out.

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ECHO NEWS ITEMS

By Mrs. W. H. Cravy

Echo Garden club has been asked to assist in raising funds here for furnishing a day room at Pendleton Field. The club will sponsor a food sale for this purpose to be held at the Methodist church basement Saturday, February 6. A noon lunch will be served by the committee in charge. Mrs. Carl Weltzin, Mrs. C. H. Esselstyn, Mrs. H. G. Cooper and Mrs. Stephen Spike. As this is a community affair donations of food or funds are being solicited for this worthy project.

A meeting of officers of the County Farm Bureau was held at the Methodist church basement Tuesday evening. A dinner was served by a committee consisting of Mrs. Gladys Madison, Mrs. Ann Coppinger, Mrs. Francis Meyers and Mrs. Mary Weltzin. The regular monthly meeting of the Farm Bureau will be held at the Odd Fellows hall Friday evening. Mrs. Fred Andrews and Mrs. Stephen Spike are on the dinner committee.

January was a wintry month according to local weather bureau records, there being 27 days when the temperature was below freezing. The lowest was on the 18th when it was 6 below zero. Maximum was 61 on the 14th. Precipitation for the month was 1.28 inches. Nine inches of snowfall was measured of which three inches was still on the ground January 31. Only five clear days were recorded in the month.

Charles Hale, former Echo school boy, was in Echo this week on a furlough from the navy in which he enlisted eight months ago. He has just been transferred from the east coast to San Francisco and expects to be assigned to active duty immediately as a member of a torpedo crew on a destroyer. He says he likes the service and has gained 25 pounds since induction into the service.

Echo school contributed \$22.00 to the infantile paralysis march of dimes fund, and expects to have more before the close of the drive.

School Supt. M. E. Larive was called to Pendleton Saturday for coaching on the fuel oil registration which will be under his supervision locally on February 15, 16 and 17 at the school house. Blanks for the registration are to be secured from fuel dealers and should be filled in before being presented to the registration board. Data required is area of room to be heated, amount of oil on hand and amount used in past year.

Mark Teel, formerly of Echo, writes that he is an engineer with the highway department stationed at Harrisburg where he has supervision of construction of a new highway bridge. His son Roger will graduate this year from the University of Oregon.

Echo high school Cougars now have only two games more to win to give them a perfect score in the Little Wheat League. They won their tenth straight conference game from Lexington Friday 45 to 13. Luciani and Brommell were high with ten baskets each. Both preliminary games were won by Echo, the B squad by 22 to 7 and the grade team 27 to 13. Umatilla plays here Friday this week and the final conference game will be lone here next Tuesday.

Mrs. William H. Jordan is here for a two weeks visit with her husband's parents. Mr. and Mrs. John R. Jordan, William, a sergeant in the army, is now stationed in San Francisco.

James Russell Jordan writes his parents from Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, that he is about to leave for overseas and expects his assignment daily. He is a master sergeant in a bombing squadron of the army air corps.

It is reported that Janice Lyon, former Echo high school girl, is now employed as a riveter in the Boeing airplane factory at Seattle.

Willard R. Weltzin writes his mother, Mrs. Christina Weltzin, that he is about to start basic training with the armored forces at the replacement training center at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Thousands of ducks are literally eating up the hay stacks of dairy farmers west of Echo, their regular feeding places having been covered by snow and ice during the recent cold spell. Jake Bowman reports that he opened a stack of grain hay recently and as soon as he leaves the birds cover the entire stack. He insists the ducks pull the straw from the stack, eat the grain and kick the straw aside so rapidly that they make serious inroads on his hay pile. No effort has been made by game commission authorities to provide feed for the hungry ducks this winter.

Fifteen members of Echo Garden club attended a business meeting and pot luck dinner Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. H. G. Cooper.

Mrs. Cooper, who has been writing a history of the club activities since it was organized, submitted a copy of her research which was unanimously approved. A collection of dimes for the infantile paralysis fund was taken.

Mrs. W. M. Helmick, president of the club, arranged for a food sale in the near future, proceeds of which will go to the fund for furnishing a USO room at Pendleton field.

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TOWNSEND CLUB NEWS

By Mrs. Joe Udey

(The following letter was written by Dr. Francis E. Townsend to President Roosevelt and was submitted by Mrs. Joe Udey to be published in The Herald.)

Washington, D. C.,
January 7, 1943.

Franklin D. Roosevelt,
President of the United States
Dear Mr. President:

Some years back you officially forgave me for what a committee of Congress and a local court declared to be an act of presumption on my part that merited punishment of a jail sentence and a fine.

I am emboldened by your former kindness to again presume upon your time (and kindness) by writing to say that I have just listened to the best speech you have ever delivered. I sat with five officials of the Townsend Organization and two of our stenographers in our office here and thrilled with them to your splendid account of the present state of the nation and the glorious achievements of our armed forces and those of our Allies.

But I want you to know, Mr. President, that the thrill of thrills to us came when we heard what we so avidly hoped we might hear, namely, that you refused definitely and firmly to set aside, even for the duration, consideration of ways to promote the general welfare of our home people.

I know of the pressure that was put upon you by influential members of Congress not to complicate the war effort by injecting into your speech any mention of social progress for Americans. But your declaration came, Mr. President. It was clear-cut and without equivocation. You gave us to understand that insofar as you could assure it, all Americans would live in a better world when this war ends.

Those were the words we wanted to hear! Americans know that you meant them. And now, Mr. President, may I ask you to consider a way to give all Americans insurance of a better life rather than just assurance? A new bill providing security insurance throughout life will be presented to the Congress in a few days—an entirely new bill with broad coverage and based on sound financial principles.

We are convinced by our accomplishments in this war that we can do even better for our people in peace time by insuring them a steadily increasing prosperity. We have given millions prosperity by creating destructive goods. What could we not do for them if we turned our vast energies into the production of the things that make for human happiness instead of despair?

We feel that the members of Congress—Democrats and Republicans alike—should carry out your nobly expressed desires for security legislation as soon in 1943 as possible. You, Mr. President, have told us where you stand! Because we believe in you, thousands of Townsend Clubs from coast to coast are preparing to back your effort for social betterment by placing full-page advertisements in leading daily newspapers, explaining why our bill would bring about the "Freedom from Want" you so earnestly advocate.

We think Congress must recognize as every citizen should that an income of 20 or 30 or even 40 dollars per month does not constitute "freedom from want" for any American. Mr. President, millions of your fellow

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Gratefully yours,
Dr. Francis E. Townsend.

PINE CITY NEWS

By Mrs. Bernice Wattenburger

A card party was held Saturday evening at the Russell Moore home with Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Abercrombie as hostesses. Two tables were in play. High score went to Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Ayers and low to Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wattenburger.

Marian Finch shipped a car load of cattle to Portland Saturday night. This will be ready for the Monday morning market. Ebb Hughes of Lena also shipped some fat hogs.

Mr. and Mrs. Marian Finch and daughter Patty were Sunday dinner guests at the Ebb Hughes home in Lena.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Ayers were callers Sunday at the Jasper Myers home.

Callers Sunday at the E. B. Wattenburger home were Mr. and Mrs. Charley Morehead and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wattenburger, Mrs. McVitty and daughter Mancy and Bert Barnes and Joe Balltriness.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wattenburger spent Tuesday in Pendleton on business.

Mrs. Anna O. Thompson, teacher of Pine City school, spent the week end in Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Duke Schiller and daughter of Hermiston have moved back to the Toney Vey ranch to work.

The ground hog saw his shadow at 10:30 Tuesday, February 2, saying we will have six weeks longer winter on Butter Creek.

STANFIELD NEWS

By Mrs. Rose Hedrick

Mrs. Margaret Daughtrey, local postmistress, who sponsored the Infantile Paralysis fund, reports that the campaign was very satisfactory. Total cash turned in from Mrs. Marion Switzer's third graders was \$32.95, with one dollar in defense stamps awarded to Irene Gaymon as having turned in the most cash. Kenneth Muir was second and three others also were given a 25 cent defense stamp.

The bond sales in January amounted to \$2000, however, on February 1st \$200 was sold.

Mrs. Paris Eakles and Beverly left Saturday for a month's visit in California where they will visit first her mother, Mrs. Leal at Hanford, and then go to Fresno and other points south.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shelton returned last week from a visit with Mrs.

Shelton's relatives in Wyoming. Mr. Shelton had visited specialists at Mayo Brothers in Minnesota but his condition is still about the same.

Lucian Jouannault is confined to his home, having had an attack of pneumonia. His granddaughter, Helen Holman, returned to Seattle Sunday after caring for him here for several days.

Mrs. George Tompkins, nee Zelma Sale of Boise, Idaho, returned home Sunday. Due to severe repeated colds she was unable to complete her aircraft course. Her sister, Mabel Sale Ditzler of Portland, who fell and suffered a broken ankle a few weeks ago is expected home soon until she is recovered.

Several small children are out of school with the chicken pox.

Mrs. J. F. Rueber and Mrs. Gordon Hoffnagle will attend the Pomona Grange session in Pendleton Thursday.

Mrs. Era Green entertained the members of the Harmony club Tuesday at her home. She chose Equador for her subject. She also demonstrated some experiments.

A social time is planned for the Thursday Aid meeting at the home of Mrs. Revem with Miss Berry and Mrs. C. C. Rhea as hostesses.

Stanfield library still has twelve new children's books loaned us on November 15 and have not been circulated. The total books loaned to children in January was 183 while in December it was 221. However the adults reading showed a gain, 396 in January as compared to 255 in December.

Ensign Earl Attebury returned Monday to Corpus Christi, Texas, to the Air Naval Base.

Raymond Beebe of Portland is visiting his mother here.



It Takes Both, War Bonds and Taxes, to Win—Victory Tax Special Direct Levy Asked to Help Meet Heavy War Costs

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Approximately 50,000,000 American workers began to make an added contribution to the War cost this month in the form of a 5% Victory tax.

For many millions of Americans the Victory tax and the 1943 income tax are the first direct levies to be made by the Government to meet the staggering War costs. And it will take both taxes and War bonds . . . to provide the supplies and materials to win the War and the peace afterwards.

The Treasury Department estimates that the Victory tax will raise approximately \$2,000,000,000. Every person receiving more than \$12 per week must pay the Victory tax upon that part of his income over and above the \$12. For example, a married man with a salary of \$50 per week, with two dependents, would make only a net payment of \$1.06 per week after allowance for post-war credit.

The Government has made every effort to make the impact of the new tax as light as possible. The law, in effect, provides that in the case of married persons whose sole income is from wages or salary, 40 percent of the Victory tax paid (up to a maximum of \$1,000) plus 2 percent for each dependent (up to a maximum of \$100) may be used as a credit against whatever Federal income taxes the individual may owe at the end of the year—provided he

leaving 73.5 billion dollars of disposable income. During 1943 total income payments are expected to rise to 125 billion dollars and total personal taxes under existing revenue legislation will be 15 billion dollars—leaving 110 billion dollars of income at our disposal as against only 73.5 billion dollars in 1940.

In 1943 Mr. Average American will still be carrying a much lighter tax load than his Canadian or English brothers-in-arms. In Great Britain total national and local taxes paid by individuals at present amount to 31 percent of the national income. In Canada, total individual taxes amount to 25 percent of the national income. In the United States, total personal taxes, Federal, state and local, will amount in 1943 to 18 percent of national income. Our English allies invest an additional 10 percent of national income in War savings. Our Canadian allies invest an additional 11 percent of national income in War savings. We Americans, to match the record of our Canadian neighbors, would have to invest this year 20 percent of our national income in War savings. To match the English record we would have to invest 23 percent of national income in War savings.

U. S. Treasury Department