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Do Not Forget That It Is A Long, Long War

The War Production Board has urged the conservation of power and the uses of water on the Pacific Coast for war purposes when activities of the war are transferred to this coast. From frequent reports by radio and in newspapers, this western coast will become the center of activities as soon as the European struggle is over and the attention of the allies will be devoted to the defeat of Japan. The greater movements on the Atlantic seaboard will be added to the present activities on the Pacific seaboard and then we will begin to know what real war movements are. All our war plants and bases will be filled to capacity and transportation lines of all kinds will be loaded to the limits—railroads, trucks and planes—and ports will be crowded with ships.

The claim that Japan would soon be defeated after the European struggle was settled is no longer maintained by war leaders. While the war in the northern, central and south Pacific has been successful and we are making great progress, the great mainland of eastern Asia has been strengthened by the Nipponese from Japan to Singapore.

By the enslavement of millions of peoples and the aid of the great resources of those lands and islands, the Japanese have built up great defenses. Particularly in Japan, Northern China, Manchuria and in Korea they have tremendous batteries and anti-aircraft equipment, and have even prepared bomb proof shelters for vast numbers of their own population outside the limits of their industrial centers. For two years they have been shipping in supplies of food and war materials to this northern last stand, which they hope to become impregnable. Their defenses in the island regions are sufficient to prevent us from their main effort and they are avoiding a fatal conflict with our Navy—and fighting to the death of the last man.

These facts are becoming more and more apparent from all information that can be gathered:

We led ourselves to believe that Europe would be finished by last Christmas. Now we are hoping that Germany will be conquered by summer or at least by next fall. We have thirteen million men in arms and have created a great war machine and yet the call is for more and more. We can now scarcely hope for less than two years more to destroy the powerful military power and war machine of Japan. We Americans cannot relax our efforts for a day or season or year or more. We have a big job to do. Here in the west we will know more of war than we ever dreamed of before the final unconditional surrender of both Germany and Japan and the peace is established.

KEEP ON Backing the Attack! WITH WAR BONDS

IRRIGON NEWS ITEMS

By Mrs. Grace Shoun

Mrs. Walter Grider received 500 New Hampshire baby chicks Friday.

Mrs. Lester Sites and Mrs. Henry Miller were Pendleton visitors Friday.

Mrs. Nina Harris of Portland arrived Friday to spend a few weeks with her mother, Mrs. J. C. Farrell.

C. D. Conrad, county agent of Morrow county, was a business visitor at the water office.

Mrs. Maynard Hoagland and baby daughter arrived home from the Ordnance hospital Saturday.

Joe Wilson arrived home from Portland and Woodlawn where he visited his sister, Mrs. Edna Walbridge. Joe passed his army test and will be going when he is called.

The high school had a very interesting play, "The Whole Town's Talking", Friday evening. The high school presented Miss Taylor with a large box of candy and Kathleen Umiker, Fred Acock and Kent Landon each earned $1.00 for selling tickets to the play.

Harry Cooper of Hanford was a week end visitor of the Ernest Stephens family. He left Sunday for Troutdale to visit his family.

Vernon Jones is home from the Pendleton hospital and is improving some. His daughter, Mrs. Earl Leach and husband arrived home Sunday to care of her father's place.

Mr. and Mrs. James Arnberg were Hermiston visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Gerald White has been ill with the flu and Rev. Warner of Hermiston is delivering the mail for her.

Mrs. J. M. Smith is quite ill in the Ordnance hospital.

Leroy Minnick, president of the student body, left Monday morning for Spokane to be inducted into the navy. He has enough credits to graduate from high school. The high school met Monday and elected Delos Knighten for the remainder of the school year.

Donald Houghton, seaman, arrived home from his camp in Colorado Sunday night to visit his parents, the Fred Houghtons.

Mr. and Mrs. Esther Moore of The Dalles spent the week end with the Sinice Moores, leaving Sunday. The men are brothers and the women are sisters. They visited Hermiston Saturday and left for home Sunday.

The Ernest Stephens family have word from their son Curtis that he has been moved to Camp Erwin, Cal., where he is in the maintenance department.

Herman Duus returned from the Ordnance hospital where he spent 6 days with a severe case of the flu.

Gerald Dean Buell, A.M. 3/c seamen, who has been stationed at Watsonville, Cal., since leaving Texas, has gone overseas from California, reported his father Ollie Corriel.

Wm. Gollyhorn and John Volle made a business trip to Touchet Thursday.

Frank French sold his place last week and will give up possession on March 1st.

Mr. Ames of Antelope bought the Wm. M. Wilson place and will take posession October 1st.

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