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What Is America Fighting For?

As we walk across the beachheads with the war correspondents and see the dead bodies of sons of America along with all the wreckage of war, our thoughts are saddened with despair as we wonder—why all this? On this bloodiest of all battlefields, we implore a spiritual uplift to sustain the cause for which we are fighting. Why must we give the finest youth of our modern world, and all our resources, and devote all our efforts at home in defense against a demoniacal attack on the noblest ways of life under the most advanced civilization of all ages? The records of all this will constitute the blackest pages in all history.

What are we fighting for? Most of us know. To recite these facts is only to remind ourselves—lest we forget. And if we do forget we may become one with Ninevah and Tyre—buried in the dust of ages.

First, we are fighting for peace and the destruction of the dangers to peace. We are praying and hoping for the wider establishment of principles of government that will make men better. We are tramping out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored. We are rededicating ourselves to the cause for which our boys are giving full measure. While we suffer and die to make men free, we are trusting that every American citizen will learn, through this crucible of flame, to know and feel the fuller values of freedom.

We talk of the four freedoms, but most of us think of this as the oratory of statesmanship. Our church doors swing wide open yet to worshipers of any creed without state or dictatorial restrictions. Our press gives us world wide information and opinions, and publishes advancement of knowledge and human progress, unrestricted except as to strict war secrecy.

There is no want and no fear, as our courage is fortified by our support of the war and our successes. Enterprise is still free, except by some war restrictions, which teach us some lessons of the lack of freedom. Labor draws good wages, half a dozen times as much as the workers of our enemies. Farm and industry is prosperous, though at the high cost of war tax assessments. Post war planning and employment for our soldiers after the struggle, to avoid social and economic cataclysm is a responsibility being assumed by our democratic government. That is a part of a free government. With all the burdens of a great war, we are going about our usual ways, sustained and soothed, by the justice of our cause and the results of our efforts.

If Japan had turned this way instead of into Asia, slavery of our men and women would have been under a pagan and jealous people.

If Hitler had pursued Dunquerque and not turned toward Russia he would not have been turned back in Africa and we would not have taken Sicily and won our victory in Italy, and would not now be entrenched in Normandy. We may say that the Lord had his arms around us, or our victories would not be so many, and the defense of our civilization would have been reduced again to the Dark Ages.

What are we fighting for? God pity America if we don't fight!

STANFIELD NEWS

By Mrs. Rose Hedrick

Mr. Clara Gilbert was honored at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Moore in Hermiston on June 10 with a bridal shower. Going over from here were Mrs. Sherman Chapin, Mrs. Viola Loughery, Mrs. Andy LaMont and Mrs. J. W. Tate, mother of Clara.

Honoring their daughter, Elaine Nilsson, and husband Hans, technician 3rd class, prior to their return to San Francisco, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Green entertained at dinner Sunday Mrs. F. B. Stuart, Mrs. Margaret Daughtrey, and Mr. and Mrs. M. Refvem.

Miss Elva Berry and Tommy Refvem left June 8 to visit Nye Berry and wife at McMinnville until after Miss Berry's birthday, June 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McAlester and Miss Patricia Richards, 1st Lt. Guy McAlester, Kieth McAlester of Portland, all were guests of Mrs. Margaret Daughtrey June 7th, and Arthur celebrated his 25th wedding anniversary as well as visiting his mother.

Clara Ward Cox was married June 8th to Harvey Pendry of Weston but formerly of Echo. They have located near Weston.

Harry Wessell has received news of much interest from his son Bud who has recently returned to Hollywood after 14 months of service around the Mediterranean.

Miss Naomi Norrid from Armona, Calif., and fiance Kayo Hills, is a house guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Hills. Kayo Hills, stationed in eastern England, has recently met Chas. Hedrick for the third time, even if only for a few minutes.

George Somerville of the navy visited Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Meade and returned to his home in Pendleton.

Mary Gossage Arnold has gone to Pendleton to find employment.

Miss Mildred Mollsted began work at the Woolworth store in Pendleton June 13th.

In attendance at State Grange at Grants Pass this week are the Stanfield delegates, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Meyers.

Attending Grand Lodge of the Masons held in Portland this week are Mrs. Harry McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sloan, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jackson and Collit Tillory. The ladies are delegates of the Eastern Star auxiliary.

Loren Hughes Jr. will report for his physical at Spokane this week and will enter the navy.

Sickness prevails at the Oscar Wilson home, their children having the measles.

Mrs. Wiley Hewitt took her son Davy to the Hermiston hospital Monday night, fearing an operation.

Stanfield patients about to be released from Ordnance hospital are Gary Gossage and Miss Evelyn Waterman, the latter undergoing an operation for appendicitis a week ago.

Berniece Hughes suffered a very painful injury to her left hand June 10th while playing volleyball during the intermission. She is still at work but on a lighter job.

Members initiated into the Rebekah lodge last night, June 12th, were Mrs. Kay Evans and Elaine Hogg. The drill team was beautiful, everyone wearing formals and each wearing a corsage.

The Harmony club met at the home of Mrs. Esther Seeley on Tuesday, and her niece had charge of the program.

School election for District 61 will be held at 2 o'clock June 19th at the high school. Two directors are to be elected, one for a two year term and one for a three year term, and a clerk. The position for third grade teacher is still vacant.

Miss Helen Wilson accompanied Laura Dee Peterson and her parents to Portland for the Rose Festival last week.

Roy Duncan, Gilbert Smith and son Spence and parties from La Grande are on a fishing trip this week on the Deschutes river.

Mrs. Loren Miller left June 13 by streamliner from Ordnance to Jackson Mississippi, for a visit with her husband who is stationed in the quartermaster division there.

Roy Duncan has bought the H. R. Wessell home.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Baragar of Hermiston, and Mr. and Mrs. Will Ellenberger of Pilot Rock were dinner guests Sunday at the Ernest Great-house home.

ECHO NEWS ITEMS

Echo city budget group met with the council at the regular monthly meeting June 7 and adopted a budget for the fiscal year 1944-45 amounting to \$7,785.56, and providing for a tax levy of \$2,922.00. Final consideration of the budget will be at the council room Wednesday evening, July 5. Roy Smith was chairman of the budget committee and D. Z. Penney, secretary. The proposed levy is within the 6 per cent limit. Included in the estimates is an item of \$884.56 for street improvement under the new state tax street fund with which it is hoped to have the streets in the business part of town hard surfaced this year and with future funds from this source to extend the improvement over streets in the residence district. Bonded indebtedness of the city is now \$1,200 of reservoir bonds which are retired serially, \$500 a year.

At the annual school meeting to be held Monday, June 19, a director and a clerk for Echo district are to be elected, the term of J. E. Middleton, director, and M. E. Larive, clerk, expiring this year. Voters of the district will also consider the annual budget in which estimates of expenditures for the ensuing year total \$29,315.50, with a proposed tax levy of \$17,052.30. While the proposed tax levy is above the 6 per cent limitation, the cost to the taxpayer will be materially reduced by state contributions. Increased costs in the estimate are due to greater salary expense, increased costs for fuel, supplies, and repairs, the latter item including a new roof for the high school building. Outstanding bonded indebtedness of the district is now \$2000, which is being retired \$1000 annually.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Sommers of Ft. Lewis, Wash., returned home Friday after spending a week here visiting

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Middleton. Mr. Sommers, a brother of Mrs. Middleton, moved from Texas to Washington two years ago and is employed as an electrician at Ft. Lewis.

Mrs. Leone Thompson went to Pendleton Saturday for medical treatment.

Mrs. Cleo Meader is here this week visiting her mother, Mrs. Martha Scrivner. She recently returned from California where she visited her two daughters and her son Jimmie, who was awaiting assignment to overseas duty in the armed forces.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ebert left Wednesday for a weeks visit with relatives in Portland.

M. A. Parker, who is at Pasco for the Aluminum Co., joined Mrs. Parker and son Mike here over the week end, after which Mrs. Parker and Mike went to visit a few days at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Coleman. Denny, youngest son of the Parkers, is visiting relatives in La Grande.

Mrs. Gertrude Porter of Monteano is visiting her sister Mrs. Varner Tacy and her small grandson Freddie Davidson, who lives with the Tacys.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Meyers left Tuesday evening for Portland where Mr. Meyers will attend the grand lodge session of the Masonic organization.

Staff Sergeant Eddie Liesegang, now stationed at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, has been shifted from the glider division to a paratrooper division and reports that he expects soon to be moved to a camp in Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Larive left Sunday for Redmond where Mr. Larive will be superintendent of schools next year. Their household goods were moved to Redmond by the Ray Tolar truck. Mr. Larive will return to Echo for the annual school meeting June 19.

Mrs. John Reiss, Echo teacher, writes from New York that her husband expects to be transferred to Bend within a month. Mr. Reiss has accepted a position as fifth and sixth grade teacher at Weston next year.

There are at present three vacancies in the faculty of Echo school for next year, one high school teacher and two grade teachers. Those under contract are Warren Center, superintendent, Bonnie Wilcox and Earl Cotton in the high school, and Mrs. Case and Miss Casperson in the grades. The latter is from Owatonna, Minn., and was recently elected to the position.

Open house is to be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bowman in Echo Sunday, June 18, when the golden wedding anniversary of this couple will be observed.

Mrs. Charles Hennig arrived Thursday from Portland for a two weeks visit with her mother, Mrs. Nona McPaul. Mrs. Hennig returned recently from a visit with her husband in California. Mr. Hennig, a Seabee, served in Alaska for some time and was then transferred to California where he is now awaiting embarkation to a new station overseas.

Mrs. LaVere Fife (Esther Bowman) and two children are here for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Are You Ready To Invade On The Home Front

5th War Loan Drive Is Now Underway

First National Bank of Hermiston
F. B. SWAYZE, President

Dan Bowman. She will be here for about ten days.

Kenneth Bowman, carpenters mate 2nd class in the navy, is home on a 20-day furlough from Seattle. He has been two and a half years in the service. At the expiration of his furlough he will be reassigned to another ship.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Gray returned this week from a ten days vacation spent in the neighborhood of Bend. They report fair fishing. Mr. Gray catching the largest trout taken from the resort lake during their stay there.

Miss Gretchen Bonser of Portland, who spent two week ends recently with her schoolmate, Miss Blanche Attebury, in Echo, has accepted a position in a Pendleton beauty shop.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Evans of Stanfield will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary by keeping open house at their home on June 12th. Their granddaughter, Miss Blanche Attebury, and Mrs. Raymond Attebury of Echo will assist in serving.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Chastain, who went to Portland Monday, returned home Thursday. Mrs. Chastain, president of Echo Garden club, attended the annual convention of Oregon Federation of Garden clubs in the city and reports an interesting session.

James Bottger, former Echo farmer, observed his 81st birthday at his home in Portland June 8. Present

from Echo were his daughter, Mrs. Edward Liesegang, his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Harold Liesegang, and his granddaughter Jan Liesegang. They returned home Friday.

Mrs. Wm. Helmick, regional vice president of Blue Mountain district Garden club, returned Thursday from Portland where she attended the Garden Club federation convention. Mrs. Harold Liesegang, treasurer of the Echo club, also attended the convention as a delegate from Echo.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in compliance with Sec. 111-908, O. C. L. A., to the legal voters of Union High School District No. 9, of Umatilla County, State of Oregon, that the ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING of said District will be held at the High School building; to begin at the hour of 2:00 p. m. and hold until 7:00 p. m. on the fourth Monday of June, being the 26th day of June, A. D. 1944. This meeting is called for the purpose of electing one director for a five year term, and the transaction of business usual at such meeting. Dated this 3rd day of June, 1944.

H. M. SOMMERER,
Chairman Board of Directors.
ATTEST:
R. A. BROWNSON,
District Clerk.
(June 8-22)



What can you say to a wounded soldier?

Never mind the sympathy — he doesn't want it! In his mind, he did his duty, and part of his duty was stopping an enemy bullet.

You have a duty, too, in this war. Part of your duty is to buy War Bonds with every dime and dollar you can.

So simply say "thanks" to a wounded soldier, by buy-

ing your full share of War Bonds in the Fifth War Loan. Don't expect credit—you can't match his sacrifice by merely lending your money. But don't be ashamed, either—if you've done your duty, you've shown your gratitude — the way he wants you to.

Say "thanks" to every American soldier — double the Bonds you bought before.



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HERMISTON BAPTIST CHURCH Youth Fellowship at 7:00 p. m.
H. V. McGee, pastor Evening worship at 8:00 o'clock.
Sunday School, 10:00 A. M. Miss Ruby Roth, student from the
Morning worship at 11:00 a. m. Baptist Seminary of Portland, will be
Sermon subject, "Power for Victory." the speaker.

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- KEEP oil and grease compartments full of good clean lubricant.
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