

U. S. PAYS OUT 46 BILLION; DEBT CLIMBS

By GEORGE CULLEN
WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (AP)—One year of total war has cost the United States over \$46,000,000,000—more than the entire cost of participation in the last world conflict 25 years ago.

Staggering as this sum appears, it is dwarfed by latest budget estimates of war expenditures for the 1943 fiscal year. Budget officials expect these expenditures to amount to \$78,000,000,000.

Since last December 8, when Congress declared a state of war with Japan, the treasury has reported \$46,393,890,525 spent on war activities alone up to December 5. Officials say this is a conservative figure which will be increased considerably by expenditures for some war purposes that are not included in the compilation.

Huge Public Debt
The net cost of American participation in the first World War, treasury statistics show, was \$40,583,082,000.

The nation entered the second year of its war against the axis with the greatest public debt in its history and war costs mounting to unprecedented heights. The latest treasury statements show that current war expenditures are running at the rate of about \$6,000,000,000 a month, which is just about four times what they were under the national defense program before Pearl Harbor.

The public debt, too, is nearly what it was a year ago. At that time—on December 8, 1941—it was \$35,231,154,812. It has since mounted to more than \$100,000,000,000, the latest treasury figure on December 5 placing the gross debt at \$103,577,860,314.

35 TONS OF SCRAP METAL SHIPPED OUT

DORRIS — A gondola containing approximately 35 tons of scrap metal left, bound for California steel mills. It was loaded last week by Butte Valley high school students with assistance of equipment and men from the M and S Bag company of Klamath Falls.

Twelve tons of cast iron will be purchased by the M and S Bag company for use in Klamath Falls foundries working on war orders. Another 10 or 12 tons of usable scrap remains on the high school grounds. It will be removed some time next spring.

All money derived from the sale of the scrap metal, except for six tons credited to the Macdoel school, will be used by the high school to purchase needed equipment and to further Butte Valley high school activities.

Length of Sheet Metal Training Class Reduced

Notification has been received here to reduce the length of the general sheet metal class from 360 hours to 100 hours, it was announced today.

Men or women between the ages of 18 and 45 may train for employment at the Kaiser shipyard in Vancouver, Wash.

Placement can be had after receiving about three weeks' training in the War Production Training school at Klamath Union high school.

Anyone interested in this course may call A. H. Fitch at the War Production Training center, 7595, or the U. S. Employment office, 3193.

The feat of American soldiers in fighting across the jungles of New Guinea is one of the outstanding performances of the war. —Secretary of War Henry L. Hinson.

Heat therapy has moved out of the hospitals and into the aircraft industry. It is used to smooth wrinkles in the aluminum skins of the wings.

This is only December—and already winter has worn out its welcome.

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OUR MEN IN SERVICE

AERIAL ENGINEER—Kenneth E. Pierce, shown in the accompanying picture, is now an aerial engineer and is located at Will Rogers field, Oklahoma City.

Kenneth, formerly an employee of the Big Lakes Box company, visited here over the Thanksgiving holidays with his brother, Floyd Pierce, and family. Kenneth left here last March, took six months' training at Sheppard field, Tex., and finished at Santa Monica Junior college.

U. S. MARINE—Pvt. Raymond R. Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Howard of 3531 South Sixth street, is now with the U. S. marines, air corps mechanics, Camp Kearney, Calif.

Raymond is a former Herald and News carrier, serving the Hillside district. He was graduated from Klamath Union high school in 1941 and enlisted in the marines on August 17, 1942. A brother, "Bud," is James E. Howard, 25, glider pilot located at Stuttgart field, Ark., U. S. army.

IN SOUTH DAKOTA—Ernesta Zamboni, 34, is another Klamath man in the armed forces. Pvt. Zamboni is now stationed at the Rapid City army air base, Rapid City, S. D.

He is a former Big Lakes Box company employee, and was inducted six months ago. Ernesta is a cousin of Dominic Frantzer, South Sixth street meat market operator, and also has other relatives in this area. His parents are in Italy.

PROMOTED—Word has just been received telling of the promotion of Robert H. Trelease from the rank of corporal to sergeant. He is now stationed at Camp Hood, Tex., as inspector instructor in the tank destroyer command. Sgt. Trelease is the son of Mrs. Walter Grant, 240 East Main street, and enlisted December 9, 1941.

Ralph Egger, formerly of Klamath Falls, is now stationed at Camp Bradford, Norfolk, Va., with the SEABEES, naval construction battalion. Egger writes that he has the rating of chief petty officer and is now in officers' training school where he remains for another three weeks before going on duty.

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HIGH SCHOOL News Notes and Comment

By ANITA GWYN

By taking a very informal poll of the students, we see that a great number are going to be absent next week and the week before the holidays.

Almost every other student will have some sort of job in the numerous places which have been offered. Charles Stanfield stated that there would be fewer musical performances this year as so many of the singers will be absent. Besides the music department, many of the others will be affected insofar as progress in studies goes.

Remember, exams come the week after we return to classes. Need more be said?

Every day we see how the world situation affects us more and more, although as yet it is not serious. For some good reason the class rings will not be available until sometime after the first of the year, which will probably relieve some of the strain on the purse. Those who ordered rings with black onyx must now change it to another design.

The Pelican basketball squad is preparing for a non-conference game this Friday at 8 p. m. Under the leadership of Wayne Scott, the boys, with the town populace behind them, plan to make a try for the state championship. You can do your part by coming to the games and showing the boys that you know they are ok.

Pelicans is on again Thursday evening at 7:15 p. m.

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More Workers Needed to Prepare Klamath to Meet War, Asserts ARP Chief

By COLMAN O'LOUGHLIN

Chief of Air Raid Precautions

Monday marked the end of one year from the time the self-styled children of the Son of Heaven struck Pearl Harbor. It also marked the end of one year's time we have had to organize and train ourselves for our own protection here at home.

We are not yet organized! We are not yet prepared! Will these enemies wait until we are?

They never have. A year ago nearly 5000 American boys lost their lives or were wounded or are missing, at Pearl Harbor despite preparation.

Think what could happen here with the little we have. Think of the fact that over eight million civilians have been killed since the beginning of the present war.

Think of the many more millions who have suffered wounds or who are left maimed or disfigured for life.

Think of the fact that the number of civilian dead is far greater than that of all the military forces.

Think that we are in a war of extermination with enemies to whom the use of poison gases, the starvation of whole nations, the spreading of disease and the use of narcotics, mass murder and the torture of the helpless are all weapons of war to be used coldly, calculatedly and with utter ruthlessness.

Then you may begin to visualize what might happen here. Truly, this is a civilian's war and I say to you again—we are not prepared.

Yes, we have a civilian defense organization in Klamath county, to which many have given much in time, study and effort, and in which many are thoroughly trained and are capable of and willing to train others, but we need much, much more help in that defense organization if it is to function with the desirable degree of efficiency—if it is to function so that it will protect your life, your family's lives, your home, belongings, business or property and your neighbors.

Let me take just one division of civilian defense—the air raid wardens. As most of you know, all of Klamath Falls and the surrounding suburban area has been divided into 67 sectors.

In each of these there is a sector warden, who is in complete charge of that sector insofar as air raid precautions are concerned. He appoints as many wardens as are necessary to protect the people and property in that sector—or he tries to, for too often he has had to appoint only the ones he could get—but each warden is in charge of a certain defined area.

This warden is the first man to see and report anything that occurs. His report is made to the control room, which is the nerve center of the whole organization, for the head of each division is there and from the warden's report he judges what services are needed and dispatches them immediately to the scene.

The warden has been taught

what to look for, how to recognize it and how to report it so that the officers in the control room know what services are needed. It may be a first aid squad or several, a nurse, an ambulance, a doctor or possibly a field hospital; it may be fire, people trapped in wreckage, danger of falling walls, poison gas, broken water or gas mains or power lines, roads blocked by wreckage or bomb craters. Many may be homeless and in need of shelter or food.

All these services and many more can be sent out immediately, but the warden must know what and how to report and do it quickly.

So you see the importance of wardens. He is the key man in the organization. There cannot be too many. The ideal is a warden for each block or for each 20 to 25 dwellings. That warden can get acquainted with every individual in his area, so he can protect them individually. He will know the arrangement of rooms in every house, know where the outside electric switch is, where water and gas mains and fireplugs are, the conditions of streets and any hazards that might interfere with the movement of emergency vehicles. He will be able to find his way all over that area in the blackest of blackouts and if anything happens he will know what to do and the people in his area, knowing he knows what to do, will trust him and not give way to panic.

The duties are not arduous. The training can be had in a few evenings. Women can act as well as men—frequently to better advantage because of the man's working hours or because it may be his duty to report at a mill or railroad.

Girls and boys can act as messengers—an extremely important job, for in case telephonic communication should be destroyed, we would have to rely upon messengers.

The warden service is only one division of civilian defense but one in which help is urgently needed. Enroll now at the chamber of commerce in person or by phone. Later may be too late.

You will be assigned to a post in or near your home and taught to protect it and yourself.

No longer is it we who ask ourselves anxiously what Hitler is going to do. Hitler's problem now is to parry our strokes. Already the German high command is conforming to our will.

—Sir Archibald Sinclair, British air minister.

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PORTLAND CENSUS UP 3.2 PER CENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (AP)—King county, including Seattle, tops the list of Pacific Northwest metropolitan centers with 9.1 per cent increase in its civilian population since the 1940 census was taken, the bureau of census reported Tuesday.

Its list of selected metropolitan centers included:

Portland (Clackamas and Multnomah counties)—estimated civilian population last May 1: 425,000; total population April 1, 1940: 412,229; estimated civilian population April 1, 1940: 412,000; estimated civilian increase 13,000 or 3.2 per cent.

The largest movement of civilian populations to centers of war activity, numerically, was Detroit's gain of 336,000. The largest percentage increases were the 25 per cent gains recorded by the areas centering on San Diego, Calif.; Norfolk, Portsmouth and Newport News, Va.; Mobile and Montgomery, Ala.; Corpus Christi, Texas, and Washington, D. C.

The largest loss—365,000—occurred in the New York-Northeastern New Jersey metropolitan counties.

Dedication of Lutheran Church Set for Sunday

Formal dedication of the Klamath Lutheran church will be observed Sunday, December 13, in three services which have been outlined by the pastor, the Rev. L. K. Johnson. The church is located at Cross and Crescent streets and all members of the congregation and interested persons are invited to attend.

Services will be held at 11 a. m., 3 p. m. and 8 p. m. At the 8 o'clock service there will be dedication of the newly installed organ.

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