

# Comments of The Week

## A Worthy Cause

Probably every community in the United States has contributed a good deal of time and effort to causes which bring no financial gain to those who do the work but at the same time these causes are invaluable to the carrying on of the war and in bringing the war to a successful conclusion.

The residents of this valley are no exception in the amount of effort they have put forth in a number of different ways to help the war effort.

Among those very worthy causes is that one known as blood donating. Although no mobile Red Cross unit comes here, local people have made trips to other towns where these units are regularly scheduled. These blood donating visits are important in that they make available to the armed forces a supply of blood plasma which has sav-

ed the lives of a great many men who have been injured in battle and who otherwise would have died.

At the present time blood donors from Vernonia are going to Hillsboro and the next visit there is to be made on February 18, next week. Due to the great need of an ever larger supply of the plasma as the United Nations push forward and engage in more costly battles with the enemy it is to be hoped that more and more people will be willing to make arrangements so that they may donate some of their blood. Transportation is provided without cost to the donors and those arrangements can be made by contacting Mrs. Frank Hartwick. Remember that the next trip is to be made on February 18 and your help is needed!

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## Events in Oregon

### FOUR DIE IN FIRE AT HOME

SEASIDE — A mother and four children died early last Tuesday morning in the flames that consumed their home on the Astoria-Seaside highway. The husband and father, Frank Rummell, was in an Astoria hospital suffering from severe burns and shock.

### THREE MEN BUY BANKS BANK

BANKS — Sale of the Washington county bank at Banks to George Laver, present cashier of the institution, and to William C. Christensen and J. L. Searcy of the Commercial National bank of Hillsboro and their associates was announced last week by William L. Moore, veteran county banker and president of the Banks bank.

That there will be no change in the policy of the bank was Laver's declaration in assuming active management of the institution. The bank will continue to operate as an independent concern and every effort will be made to take care of the credit needs of the farmers and business men in the area.

### CHEST FUND TO PROVIDE BUNKS

PRINEVILLE — About a dozen fully equipped bunks now in the Prineville barracks formerly used by aviation cadets in training here will be purchased with funds from the Crook county war chest to provide sleeping facilities for service men. It was announced recently at a meeting of the Prineville-Crook county chamber of commerce. The bunks owned by the Portland Flying Service, were offered for sale after the CAA training program here was cancelled.

### FOREST GROVE DISTRICT GIVES \$700 TO POLIO DRIVE

FOREST GROVE — This district added over \$700 to the fund to be used for the study of causes, prevention and the cure of infantile paralysis during the campaign which closed last week. Collections by the Boy Scouts taken four nights at the Grove theatre following the showing of the special polio film brought in \$271.92. A school program at the high school netted \$411.92.

### The Vernonia Eagle

Marvin Kamholz  
Editor and Publisher

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### 4TH WAR LOAN SALES GET STRONG BACKING HERE

WILLAMINA — If Yamhill county citizens will dig down and buy their share of E bonds this area will make its battle of the fourth war loan quota, it was announced last week. Sales of the series E issue had climbed to approximately 62 percent of the county quota.

### JUNIOR RED CROSS SENDS HIGH TYPE OF WORK

TILLAMOOK — Dr. Caryl Croissant, assistant chairman of the Junior Red Cross, announces that, in addition to the articles shipped at Christmas, two more shipments have been sent to Camp Adair. Included in the shipments were crossword puzzles, joke books, stories, gift boxes, pad and pencil sets, cribbage boards, games, puzzles and wash cloths. The work sent in from all over the county is of uniformly high quality.

## Washington Snapshots

It may not be generally realized that congress is about to pass a life-or-death sentence on the system of free private enterprise in the post-war world.

In legislation for the termination of war contracts and for the disposal of government plants and surplus war supplies, congress is shaping instruments which may either set industry free or wreck it.

In enacting a policy for the peace-time termination of some \$50,000,000,000 of current war contracts, congress may leave a private contractor indefinitely paralyzed, or may enable him to get funds due to reconvert his business to peacetime employment immediately.

Congress also has before it various proposals to dispose of some \$50,000,000,000 of surplus war supplies which the government will probably hold currently when the last shot is fired. Unless these supplies are disposed of in an orderly fashion, they will paralyze the postwar markets and employment indefinitely. **Would Disrupt Economy**

Finally, it would effectively disrupt the postwar economy if the \$15,000,000,000 of government plants are operated by government in competition with private enterprise.

These war commitments may be liquidated by the government either inadvertently or deliberately, so that they may usher us into a free or into a controlled economy.

Government has not enough present control to run enterprise. But it has enough to ruin it.

Despite the achievements of private enterprise, it is seriously proposed to turn the economy of this country over to political government bureaus with no practical experience. That would mean another costly series of business lessons for the education of government, going further even than the NRA and the convulsions of the present shifting wartime controls—multiplied manifold.

That is the momentous hazard which underlies the war liquidation measures now before congress.

## THE POCKETBOOK OF KNOWLEDGE BY TOPPS

**BIOTIN** A NEWLY DISCOVERED VITAMIN OF THE B GROUP IS BEING MANUFACTURED SYNTHETICALLY BY INDUSTRY

**A RETURN TO HEALTHY, INTELLIGENT COMPETITION**

THE PRESIDENT OF ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S LARGEST PETROLEUM FIRMS HIMSELF HAS CALLED FOR A RETURN TO THE "HEALTHY INTELLIGENT COMPETITION" THAT MADE THE INDUSTRY THE GREAT SUPPLIER OF OUR AIR ARMADE THAT IT IS TODAY

WORKERS PACKING METAL WIRE INSTRUMENTS WEAR GLOVES TO AVOID RUST THAT MAY BE CAUSED BY BARE, SWEATY FINGERS

MIRRORS, ATTACHED TO LONG HANDLES BY MEANS OF HINGES, ARE USED TO INSPECT "HARD TO GET AT" PLACES IN MACHINERY AND OTHER EQUIPMENT

THERE IS ENOUGH WATER IN THE WORLD TO COVER THE EARTH TWO MILES DEEP IF ALL THE SURFACE WERE LEVEL

## OUT OF THE WOODS BY Jim Stevens

### Christmas Tree Ashes . . .

"Sometimes knowledge is an evil thing," said Thoughtful Bill Haggerty, the fire warden, in dismal tone. "It has been so in me since this mornin', when I used the chopped up remains of the Christmas tree in the Haggerty home to kindle a blaze in the fireplace. Seein' the little limbs and leaves flare up, then blacken and turn to ashes, I thought of how it was the same with ten million, more or less, Christmas trees all over the land. Ashes now, or dead things on garbage dumps. And in growin' forests all over the land, little dead stumps, and debris from the cuttin' for a fire hazard next summer.

"I'm makin' due exception of the places where Christmas trees are a harvest done by rule of good forest practice. But this exception still leaves a problem of trespass and thievery that foresters are stumped by in all timber growin' regions. They are stumped by the contempt that the public generally has for forest protection laws of all kinds. And by the general ignorance on the paganism of the Christmas tree and the mockery of its use in a Christian festival."

### America's First Christmas Trees . . .

"It was the Hessians who brought the Christmas tree custom to this country, as every schoolboy should know," the fire warden went on. "Hired killers of the breed that produced the Nazis of our time. The Huns had taken the custom out of the paganism of their old time killer gods with horns. In the Colonial times, before the Hessians, any family that would have put up a lighted and decorated tree at Christmas time would have been run into the woods as heretics, and in some places might have been hung as witches. The Christmas tree was no more a part of early America than it was or is a part of Christianity. It is Hun paganism only."

"Such are the facts, the facts of history no one can dispute," stated Thoughtful Bill. "Yet I feel like a tramp for speakin' the simple truth of the matter, even just between ourselves. And I don't let myself think of the facts before Christmas time. The kids get too much joy out of the Christmas tree for me to raise a whisper against the custom. "But now—the trees are ashes, or on the garbage dumps. And now is the time, if any, to face the facts on Christmas trees. Now is the time for foresters, anyhow, to knock in the head all the nonsense about Christmas trees bein' something sacred and that this somehow makes tree thievery in December justifiable."

### Crime on the Land . . .

"Trespass is a crime, wherever it happens," the fire warden affirmed. "The citizen who claims exception and demands free use of another man's property which he would fight off with firearms on his own property is a pretty poor American. But foresters and forest protection men are always and forever up against the claims for free public use of forest lands and the trees on them. And commonly the only support the claims have are such phoney prejudices as the ones used to justify Christmas tree piracy. "Ah, well, humanity is humanity," sighed Thoughtful Bill. "I'm sorry you caught me in a pessimistic mood. But me and my men will have to be cleanin' up fire hazards after Christmas tree takers all over my district. Then will come the February and March fern fires, and then the regular fire season, and after that the slash burnin'—and Christmas again. And in all of that fire fightin' I'll be at grips with the fact that nine-tenths of the fires that destroy growin' trees are due to the general contempt for property rights in the forests—exactly the same property rights which are the heart, soul and body of all this 'American system of free enterprise' we're hearin' so much about."

## Getting the Enemy's Range



## At the Churches

### Evangelical Church

—Rev. Allen H. Backer, Minister  
9:45 — Sunday school.  
11:00 — Morning worship service.  
6:30 — Junior and Y. P. Christian Endeavor.  
7:30—Evangelistic service.  
7:30 p.m. Thursday — Bible study and prayer meeting.

### Assembly of God Church

Rev. Clayton E. Beish—Minister  
9:45—Sunday school with classes for all ages.  
11:00—Morning worship.  
6:30—Young people's Christ Ambassadors service.  
7:30—Evangelistic service.  
7:30 Wednesday evening—Mid-week service.  
4:00 p.m. Friday — Children's church.  
7:30 Friday evening—People's meeting.

### St. Mary's Catholic Church

Rev. Anthony V. Gerace  
Rev. J. H. Goodrich  
Mass: 9:30 a.m. except first Sunday in month—Mass at 8:30 a.m.  
Confessions from 7:45 a.m. on.

### Seventh Day Adventist Church

Services on Saturday:  
10:00 a.m.—Sabbath school.  
11:00 a.m.—Gospel service.  
8:00 p.m. Wednesday—Devotional service.  
Sermon by district leader—third Saturday of each month  
A cordial invitation is extended to visitors.

### Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Sunday school convenes at 10 a.m. at the I.O.O.F. hall under the direction of G. W. Bell, branch president and Van Bailey, superintendent.

### First Christian Church

—The Livingstones, Ministers  
9:45—Bible school. M. L. Herin, superintendent.  
11:00—Junior church.  
11:00—Morning communion and preaching. Subject of sermon: "Two A Company."  
3:00 p.m.—Memorial service for Homer Michener.  
7:00—"Everybody Sing."  
7:30—Evening song, communion and preaching. Sermon subject: "What Have You?"

### MARCH OF DIMES HITS TOTAL OF \$617.00

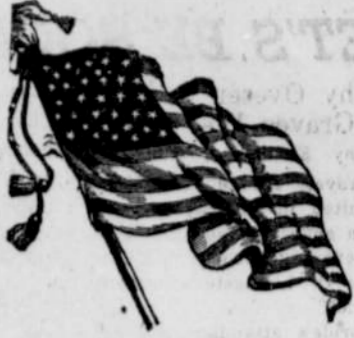
CLATSKANIE — This community can well be proud of the amount of money taken in for the March of Dimes for the Infantile Paralysis fund in the drive completed last week. Dom Aldecoa, chairman, in making his report told that \$617 had been received this year and that possibly a few dollars would yet be turned in. Last year's total amount in the entire county totaled a little under \$750.

### FIGHT PAPER WASTE

Paper is used in the production of many weapons of war: bomb bands, wing tips, parachute flares, fuse tank linings, practice bombs, airplane signals and shell containers.

### To the People of this Community

**YOU ARE IMPORTANT**  
There is no such thing as a "little" investment in the Fourth War Loan. Your \$25 or \$50 or \$100 Extra War Bond may not have great importance in your mind in making up a 5 1/2 billion dollar total for individuals. But multiply yourself by 130,000,000 and then you see in real perspective how truly great each citizen becomes in making up national strength against the Nazis and the Japs. Capt. Maurice Witherspoon, Navy chaplain aboard the Carrier Wasp when she sank, tells of a rescued wounded sailor, who, as he regained consciousness, asked: "Did I do my best?" That's the only question you, too, have to ask yourself when you decide the extent of your personal participation in the Fourth War Loan. There undoubtedly will be large single purchases of War Bonds in this community, but yours—if it is "your best" will deserve equally the red, white and blue shield you are privileged to display in the window of your home. So "Let's All Back the Attack."



## Keeping Up With Rationing

Vernonia war price and rationing board (No. 85.6.2) located in bank bldg. Hours 9:30-12:00 and 1:00-4:30 daily. Saturday 9:30-12:30. Open Tuesday nights at city hall 6-10 p.m.

### RATION BOOK THREE

February 26, 1944—Expiration date of brown stamps V, W and X. V series valid January 23, W on January 30, and X on February 6.

March 20—Expiration date of brown stamps Y and Z. Y series valid on February 13, Z on February 20. Each weekly series good for 16 points.

### RATION BOOK 4

February 20—Expiration date of green stamps G, H, J, which became valid January 1.

March 20—Expiration date of green stamps K, L and M.

### RATION TOKENS

February 27—Starting date for use of red and blue ration tokens.

### SHOES

Expiration date of stamp No. 18 for one pair of shoes extended indefinitely beyond October 31. "Airplane" stamp No. 1 in book 3 good for one pair of shoes on November 1, expiration indefinite.

### SUGAR

March 31, 1944—Expiration date of stamp 30, in book four, good for 5 pounds.

### STOVES

Purchasers must get certificates at ration boards for most new stoves.

### WOOD, SAWDUST, COAL

Fuel dealers deliver by priorities based on needs.

### GASOLINE

March 21—Expiration date of No. 10 coupons in A book, 3 gallons each. Value of gasoline coupons: A, B1, C1, 3 gals; B2, C2, R and T, 5 gals; D, 1.5 gals; E, 1 gal.

### TIRE INSPECTION

A—every 6 months (by March 31, 1944)  
B—every 4 months (by February 28, 1944)  
C—every 3 months (by February 28, 1944)  
T—every 6 months or 5,000 miles of driving, whichever occurs first.

### FUEL OIL

February 8, 1944—Expiration date of period 2 coupons. March 14—Expiration date of period 3 coupons.

### PRICE CONTROL

Refer price inquiries and complaints to the price clerk of your local war price and rationing board.

### A DEAD CHRIST

Is your Christ still in the tomb? Is He a dead Christ to you?

Just a bit ago a service man asked Dr. Geo. Truett of Dallas, Texas, "Is Christ real to you?" "As real and here present to me as you are."

At this, the fellow threw himself into Dr. Truett's arms. He hungered to meet a man who knew the living Christ. He longed for the Christ who would go with him all the way.

ONE—You saw Christ dying on the cross under your sins. "Christ died for our sins."

BIBLE. By that you count your sins blotted out. TWO—You see Christ come forth from the tomb—the victory over death. THREE—He lives to give you new life.

In the hour of trial He will not let you down.

Olson, converted saloon keeper, always closed with—CHRIST LIVETH IN ME! Turn to Christ Shout your joy.

Don Taylor.

Clatskanie, Ore. (This space paid for by an Oregon business man.)