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## CIVILIANS OF AMERICA ARE WOEFULLY UNPREPARED

The general American public was not responsible for the American debacle in Hawaii when the Japanese made their now-famous attack on Pearl harbor as one eastern Oregon editor contended recently, but the American people are responsible for the lack of preparedness among the populace.

The Record-Courier of Baker points out that "The board of inquiry has attributed the partial success of the Japanese treachery at Pearl harbor to the dereliction of duty on the part of those responsible for the defense of the base.

"After we patched these weak spots in the armor which we smugly neglected in placid times (luckily the boat didn't sink entirely) we are ready for any eventuality. Lieutenant General Short and Admiral Kimmel were rusty at Pearl harbor. Washington told them they could expect attack from Japan even though it couldn't tell them where and when the attack would come, but they were asleep on the job.

"The officers were derelict in their duty. Mr. Jones or John Doe or Mr. Smith also probably would have been off guard. The dereliction of the whole people is reflected directly in the same miscalculation of judgment on the part of the two officers at Pearl harbor.

"Let's put Short and Kimmel in the doghouse. Let's imagine our isolationist senators in the same category and then let's, to a more or less degree, occupy the same doghouse of derelicts ourselves".

Lieutenant General Short and Admiral Kimmel were placed in positions of great trust by the American government and were thus charged with the performance of specific duties. They were paid and paid well for the performance of those duties and the American public should not be called upon to assume part of the blame for the surprise attack on one of America's outposts.

If an attack is made upon continental United States the people will be to blame if they are as unprepared then as they are now, because we should prepare ourselves or insist that the government do something about protecting its people during air raids.

If an attack were made upon Nyssa, local residents would be absolutely helpless, except for blacking out their homes, providing the attack were made at night. Each bomber has a carrying capacity of 2,000 incendiary bombs and flares for lighting the prospective targets. What chance would Nyssa residents have if even 10 planes dropped 2,000 incendiary bombs each on this city? Assuming that they were not blown to bits by other types of bombs, few persons would know how to attack an incendiary bomb. In the first place none of us have buckets of sand, or stirrup pumps and only a few persons have nozzles capable of throwing a fine spray with which incendiary bombs must be fought.

We also have absolutely no protection against explosive bombs. We do not have our windows protected against breakage and we do not have any bomb shelters.

A gas attack, made by aviators, would leave Nyssa residents helpless. We have no gas masks, which are necessary if a person is to survive a gas attack.

Residents of California, Washington and Idaho are cooperating rather extensively in civilian defense, but persons in the middle west have not been aroused to the dangers of aerial attacks. The office of civilian defense, of which Mayor LaGuardia of New York is the head, has not yet really started to function with any efficiency.

Some relief is expected to be given civilian defense groups in the way of money, gas masks and other equipment, but no help has been forthcoming except in coastal areas, where it is reported, gas

masks either have been or will be distributed.

Every person in this interior country should make every effort to learn what to do in case of an air raid and provide himself with some means of protection.

## THE PRICE WE PAY FOR FOLLY (Idaho Free-Press)

Who does not remember — now that we recall it — the long fight of the intermountain west for a chance to develop the sugar industry. The country was producing less than 30 per cent of its requirements. Much of the enormous import had to come across thousands of miles of water that would in the event of a Pacific war be extremely difficult to traverse. And we were uniformly told by our government leaders, though no convincing reason ever accompanied the telling, that we must continue to import the bulk of our sugar. We were told that until a few short months ago, in the face of growing tension with Japan.

Now, less than two months after the outbreak of hostilities, our Philippine supply is cut off and even movements from Hawaii are none too easy. So the government, and wisely, one concludes, puts this great self-sufficient country that need never import anything from anywhere (so we were told) on a sugar rationing program. How typically American that is. Yesterday, we mustn't grow our own sugar. Today we mustn't eat as much as we would like to have because it just isn't to be had now that part of our imports are cut off by war. If only we had done the simple, easy, natural and logical thing. But we wouldn't need a lot of experts to do that.

## Big Bend

A meeting will be held at the Wade school house this evening. Gallagher of Ontario will explain the various petitions that have been sent into this precinct to be circulated and signed.

The Wade P. T. A. will meet Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Will Gibson. Mrs. De Oss and Mrs. Harvey Bennett will be assistant hostesses.

Ben Taylor of Hammett, Idaho, visited his sister, Mrs. N. S. Phelan, last Wednesday.

Mrs. Harry Russell will be honor guest at a shower, sponsored by the Jolly Janes at the home of Mrs. Joe King Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Bert Robertson of Parma, a former Bend resident, underwent an operation in the Caldwell sanitarium Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Allison of Lake Lowell were business visitors in Bend Thursday. They rented the Phelan ranch and will move at once.

A very large crowd of buyers attended the sale at William Brewer's ranch Friday and everything sold well. Many former Bend residents attended. The Brewer family has lived here for 20 years. The Brock family of East Roswell have rented the place and are moving this week.

H. R. Hatch of the Ontario CCC camp visited home folks over the week-end.

Mrs. H. H. Stark was sick last week.

Bob Naught of Emmett spent several days in Bend, looking after the Little sheep, which will be fed here during lambing season.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Baldrige and children of Boise were Sunday guests in the Lee Baldrige home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weir, Mr. and Mrs. George Swiger, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Brumbach, Mr. and Mrs. Lora Pillsbury, Mrs. N. S. Phelan and B. G. Roberts attended the birthday dinner held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Robinson in Roswell Sunday. The event was given in occasion of the birthdays of Mr. Robinson and Dale Robertson.

Mrs. Case Murbjewerff spent Friday at the home of her son in Adrian.

Mr. and Mrs. Hinklerider, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Douglas and Mr. and Mrs. Burbon Blake of Nampa and Mrs. Clyde Riggs and family were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dyré Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Viri Bishop and Cleo Tucker shopped in Caldwell Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Fretwell entertained at a family dinner Sunday, honoring their son Bob and wife, who are moving to Tison, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Eachus and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harris in Vale, where Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Eskew were guests of honor at their 42nd wedding anniversary.

Claude Eachus started work on a basement house on his ranch near Ridgeview Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mausling moved Tuesday into the house on the Robertson ranch.

Mrs. Clyde Riggs of Parma spent Friday with Mrs. Will Sweet.

## Sunset Valley

C. Fox of Nyssa purchased a horse from Henry Terra last week.

Sunset Valley was represented Thursday at the Conrad Brotzman sale in Apple Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Woolard and Butch of Caldwell visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Query.

Conrad Brotzman and daughters, Dorothy and Kathryn of Apple Valley, and Kenneth Pierce of Nyssa were dinner guests of Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Brotzman Sunday.

Willie Gilbert and Ruby Roberts were visitors Sunday in the Adolph Schneider home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Helton of Nyssa took dinner Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lorenson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gee and children of Pendleton were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Kendall.

Mr. and Mrs. K. "Skeet" Kygar, who were married recently, are living at the L. E. Newgen ranch. Mrs. Kygar was formerly Winnifred Doty of Adrian.

Fannie Kollen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Kallen, sustained a leg fracture last week.

Leslie Ditty and T. H. Brewer hauled chopped hay for Howard Evans last week. Because of much rain the roads off the the gravel are almost impassable.

John Vanderpool purchased a horse last week at the Nyssa sale.

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There were 30 school Sunday. was given by Mr of the adult cl will be held next At 3 p. m. Rev. tario will give one is invited to

June Bogart, v ing at the home Lewis, left last of another unc Enterprise.

Bert Johnson, ing at the home sas since Christr home of John 2 to work.

Otis Bullard jury in Vale thir Mr. and Mrs. day for Carrol Mr. Dall will be

Mr. and Mrs. business visitors last week.

G. F. Don has the Ben Shaw pl lamb this winter

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