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WAR WORK DRIVE IS RECORD ACHIEVEMENT

MALHEUR COUNTY RESPONDED NOBLY TO CALL FOR FUNDS FOR SEVEN GREAT RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS

GOOD RESULTS IN SPITE OF FLU

Actions of Foreign Corporations Surprised—Some of them Are Generous—Others Even Ignore Letters Requesting Assistance.

W. W. Wood, county chairman of the War Work drive, makes the following report of the Campaign in Malheur county, and more particularly in the Ontario district.

The first quota assigned us by the state committee was \$11,400 for the county. We were thereafter requested to increase this by 50 per cent, making a maximum quota of \$17,100. By agreement with Mr. Eastham, the county was divided into two parts. The Ontario District included all of the Snake river valley, and the Vale District included the remainder of the Ontario District. This gave Ontario a minimum quota of \$6,370, and a maximum quota of \$9,405. The minimum quota for Vale District was \$5,130, and the maximum quota \$7,695.

The local committee at Ontario consisted of Messrs. H. B. Cockrum, W. H. Laxon, E. H. Test, W. P. Homan, P. J. Gallagher, D. M. Taggart, and W. W. Wood. G. K. Alken had charge of the publicity department, while Prof. H. R. Douglas and Miss Fay Clark looked after the Treasury Boys and Girls part of the drive.

A club of 100 subscribers was organized, and proved to be a popular part of the campaign. The following are honored members of the 100 Club in this drive, to-wit: A. L. Cockrum, J. R. Blackaby, E. C. VanPetten, C. B. Watson, Tip O'Neil, Tom Brozman, Dalton Burns, L. Adam, John Wood, Frank Rader, H. C. Boyer, David Dunbar, E. W. Howland, S. D. Dorman, Standard Oil Company, Eastern Oregon Land Company, and the Oregon and Western Colonization Company. The Standard Oil Company was requested to contribute \$100, but evidently was not satisfied with this small amount, and gave the local committee a happy surprise by sending in a check for \$400.00 instead.

Local committees were appointed in the various districts surrounding Ontario, and all of them rendered splendid service.

The work at Nyasa was placed in charge of a committee composed of E. M. Dean, Ray Wilson, H. T. Francis, C. C. Hunt, and Peter Tensen. This committee made a splendid start, but the "flu" came along and caught Dean and Wilson, and sent them to bed, so the hardest part of the work was left to the other members of the committee. They were equal to the occasion, however, and secured satisfactory results.

A large proportion of the funds at both Nyasa and Ontario were secured by voluntary subscription, without any solicitation.

The following is a summary of the results of the drive, as the same appears at the date of this report.

District	Total
9	27.50
15	321.25
23	124.15
29	94.50
30	194.25
31	340.50
33	162.75
35	249.40
40	214.00
46 and 47	264.05
55	46.75
61	376.02
64	113.50
73	7.50
Total	\$2,521.12
Ontario	5,026.91
Nyasa	1,178.75
	\$ 6,245.91
Total Ontario District	\$ 7,765.92
Vale	4,509.31
Total	15,985.34

The amount of pledges in the Nyasa district is estimated, as we do not have a full report of them at this

WOMAN BOYS CAUSE DEATH OF B. W. DIVENS ON MONDAY

Mrs. J. W. Divens, daughter of Mrs. F. J. Gordon, who was here visiting her mother, received word Monday of the death of her husband at White Pine, where he was working in the camp of the White Pine Lumber Co. Death was due to pneumonia which struck and killed him instantly. His neck was broken and his chest crushed.

Mrs. Divens went to White Pine Monday evening and brot the body home. Funeral services will be held from the Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

Mr. Divens was 34 years old and leaves beside his wife, his mother, Mrs. Mary C. Divens and a brother C. E. Divens and a sister, Mrs. J. R. Morgan all of Denver. His mother and Mrs. Divens' brother, Hiram Gordon who is at Camp Lewis will arrive here for the funeral service.

Mr. and Mrs. Divens came to Ontario two years ago from Steamboat Springs, Colorado, where they were married ten years ago.

time. Mr. Eastham informs me that there are still two or three precincts in his district that have not reported, and when these reports are in, it will bring the Vale district up to \$6,500, or better. That will place the county well over the \$15,000 mark, and is considered to be a satisfactory showing in view of the adverse conditions under which the drive was made.

The total expenses of the drive so far reported are \$56.79 which is for advertising, stationery, postage and telephone bills.

The quotas for several rural districts would have been larger if all the residents of those districts had placed their subscriptions at home. In several instances, however, they subscribed at Ontario, and that had the effect of cutting down the total, which would be impossible to segregate all of those specific instances without a great deal of work, which we think the results to be obtained do not justify.

George Harper was chairman of District number 9. His district is sparsely settled, but he was able to secure a subscription of \$1.50 per head for every human being in the district.

Mrs. W. Guy Thompson selected her own committee and canvassed District number 15, which is the Owyhee district. Fourteen Victory boys and girls were obtained in this district, with an aggregate subscription of \$85.00. The following persons were solicited to subscribe and refused to do so, to-wit: S. D. Higelow, J. Kyger, and E. L. MacLafferty.

District number 23 is located on Dead Ox Flat. Mr. John H. Howard had charge of the work in this district, and produced satisfactory results.

Number 29 is a district just across from Weiser. Mrs. E. J. Patch handled the work in this district in an able manner, and has no cause to be ashamed of the results produced.

Hans Ott is the chairman who had charge of district number 30. He found but two men in his district who refused to subscribe to the fund, and those men are Mr. Wiley Frakes and Mr. Ed Depree.

District number 31 is the largest district on Dead Ox Flat. The work here was in charge of that "grand old war horse" Frank M. Northrop, and a committee of able assistants. The loyalty of the people in this district is attested by the fact that they subscribed the remarkable total of \$340.50.

To C. H. Brown and Rex Marquis fell the honors of conducting the campaign in the east half of district number 33. The only man that they found who would not respond was Mr. Sheffner, who claimed that he was too poor to make a subscription.

C. T. Lackey was originally appointed chairman in district number 35, but was stricken with the "flu," and could not serve. Ira T. Dall was substituted in his place and together with Nick Smith and E. B. Butler, produced very satisfactory results. The only man encountered in this district who refused to subscribe was Mr. Joe Looper, who claimed that he had no money.

Mr. A. Von Reuden made a thorough canvass of district number 40, and obtained satisfactory results. In this district Mr. J. H. Farley stated that he was unable to contribute, while Mr. A. N. Jacobs and J. F.

GUESTS AT DRAINAGE SCHOOL TO BANQUET

Commercial Club Will be Hosts At Dinner For Lecturers and Those who Attend—Program Interesting.

The Drainage and Irrigation school of the Extension division of O. A. C. opens here Friday and on Saturday evening following the final lecture the Ontario Commercial club will be host for a turkey dinner at the Silver Grill.

An interesting program covering every phase of irrigation farm problems has been outlined and will be carried out. Among other things the Malheur Drainage system will be inspected.

—BUY W.S.S.—
ONTARIO BOY DIES OF FLU AT HOME IN OROVILLE, WASH.

Among the victims of "flu" well known to Ontario boys and girls was John Melvin Babcock who died at Oroville, Wash., on November 29. His body was brot to Ontario last week and funeral services were held here attended by the bereaved family and his former chums. John was only 15 years old, but was a big boy for his age. He was born here on October 8, 1903, and lived here until the family moved to Washington last summer.

—BUY W.S.S.—
Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hinton returned yesterday from Hot Lakes where they were called by the sudden death of Mr. Hinton's brother.

Mrs. R. W. Swagler and daughter, Ione, have recovered from attacks of the influenza.

Miss Emma Wilson has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Gramse for the past few days. She has been here demonstrating the uses of nut butter at E. A. Fraser's store for the Union Meat Co. of Portland.

Morris Conway, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Conway who was here for several days this week left last night for his home in Portland. He came here enroute from Key West, Florida where he was in training at the Naval Air Station.

Miss Joyce Turner who has been ill with the "flu" at the college in Caldwell is reported better now. Her sister, Miss Margorie who went to Caldwell to take care of her has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Payton, formerly of Baker, arrived in Ontario the first of the week and intended to send their small son to school here.

Mrs. J. P. Hill is back at her work at the Purity Bakery after several days illness with tonsillitis.

Sgt. Irving Harris is enjoying a furlough from army life at Camp Lewis and is visiting with his parents here in Ontario.

J. P. Hill is expected to return on Saturday from Vancouver Barracks where he has been a member of the Spruce corps.

Ernest Barcus the Purity Bakery's baker is reported improving after a week's illness.

District Attorney R. W. Swagler is in Portland this week attending the sessions of the Grand Lodge of the K. of P. and incidentally to assist Sen. Julien Hurley win the honor of being elected Vice Chancellor Commander.

C. Littlefield of Skullsprings was an Ontario visitor over Sunday.

Weaver both refused to contribute Mr. Harry Jones also refused to contribute to the fund, stating that he did not believe in work of that kind, and that it was the duty of the government to furnish the soldier boys with the things which they needed.

Districts number 46 and 47 are in the Big Bend territory. They were ably looked after by Mrs. E. L. Tate of that section. She states that the results would have been much larger there, if the hay and other crops had been marketed at the time the drive was made.

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"FLU" AGAIN SHOWS SIGNS OF ABATEMENT

Few New Cases in Past Week—Type of Illness Seems to be Less Virulent Than in Past.

The "flu" epidemic appears to be receding again. After the flare-up of last week there has been no new cases reported this week, and many of those taken ill last week are making rapid recovery.

The doctors assert that there is an apparent change in the character of the attacks which their patients are withstanding as compared with the first cases, the disease now appears to be less virulent.

The only death of the past ten days was that of Ignatius Faulkner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Faulkner. He is the second victim in that family in less than 10 days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Portier and their son Edgar were taken ill last Friday but all had light cases and are much better.

—BUY W.S.S.—
C. M. Beaumont of Kingman Kolony was in town on business Wednesday.

Mrs. Harschel Browne left Sunday evening for Missouri where she will visit her parents pending the return of her husband from the Coast Artillery service.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Douglass entertained at cards last Saturday evening. Their guests were: Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Gallagher, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Broeke and Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Alken.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Platt and children of Parma spent Sunday at the home of C. W. Platt.

LaRue Blackaby who has been a candidate for a commission at the officers' training camp at Camp Taylor Kentucky arrived home last night.

Geo. Howe, O. F. Neece and Rev. C. H. Blom attend the convention of the Baptist laymen at Boise on Tuesday.

C. W. Johnson and A. B. Dayles, business men of Ellensburg, Wn., were registered at the Moore hotel Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. McDaniels and children arrived Monday from San Francisco. They will make their home near here until after Mr. McDaniels has finished his work on the Warnsprings project.

Miss Vivian Weaver of Wabburg, Wn., is visiting with her brother and sister Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Potter at the Moore hotel now. She had been teaching in Washington but her school was closed there a short time ago on account of the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Myers are now able to be out doors again after under going a rather severe attack of tonsillitis. They are going to Drowsy the last of the week.

Roy Smith, deputy County Clerk, came over from Vale on Sunday to visit friends and relatives. He returned home on Monday.

The friends of Miss Lucy Thompson aided her in celebrating her birthday, yesterday evening, by giving a dinner in her honor at the "Teachery." The gifts were brot in late in the evening, in a huge clothes basket and occasioned great merriment among the guests on their presentation. The guests were: Mrs. Edna Griffin, Misses Leona Rader, Carrie H. Joy, Eva Boydell, and Helen Smith.

—BUY W.S.S.—
SO NEAR—AND YET SO FAR IS MALHEUR BOYS' LUCK

Clarence Vandiver of Brown, returned home yesterday from Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, after having been discharged from the army. He was in the engineering corps.

Young Vandiver had sailed from New York on November 2, two days before the armistice was signed, and there in mid ocean wireless orders were received which turned the ship back. "There was a mad bunch of soldiers on that boat, believe me," said Vandiver as he walked up Oregon street yesterday afternoon looking for a barber shop.

FORMER ONTARIO WOMAN IS MARRIED AT LEBANON, ORE.

The following information taken from the Lebanon, Oregon, Express will no doubt prove of interest to a large number of Ontarians who are among the friends of one of the principals:

"Mrs. Corda Marquis, daughter of Mr. and Mr. W. H. Cecil, recently became the bride of Benjamin Huntington, Jr., of Drain, Oregon, which will be their future home. Mrs. Huntington is a woman of personal charm who has made friends with all who have met her during brief visits in Lebanon. She is a trained nurse, who has been very successful in her calling. Mr. Huntington is a member of a well known pioneer family of Southern Oregon. He is a successful business man, and as served as chairman of the various liberty loan drives in his community. He has served two terms in the Oregon legislature and is now mayor of his home town. Mr. and Mrs. Huntington are now making a brief visit at the home of her parents."

—BUY W.S.S.—
HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

A student body meeting was held yesterday morning at which a heated discussion of an annual for this year took place. It was finally decided against having one, the chief reason being that owing to the amount of work to be made up there would not be sufficient time for making up a god annual. A committee was appointed to see whether a paper or some other substitute would take the place of the former "Owaches."

At this same meeting on account of the long absence of Jack Peterson, the student body treasurer, it was decided that another was needed at once and nominations were placed open for new candidates. John Odell was elected unanimously to fill the vacancy. A committee was also appointed to arrange the basket ball schedule.

The Senior girls have undertaken to conduct the Red Cross campaign in the high school during the Red Cross Roll Call week for membership. The Seniors have also declared that they "guess it is up to them to put pep into the high school this year." We haven't heard what the other classes have to say about this yet.

The benefit obtained by the high school boys thru military drill is clearly shown by the rapid promotions they have made after entering the service. In the last issue of the O. A. C. Barometer is given the following names of Ontario R. A. T. C. boys who gained their promotions after two months' training: First Sergeant Arthur B. Cockrum and Corporals Donald Conklin, Dorr Dearborn, Stephen L. Cox, Fred M. Gramse and J. Bryan Neel.

In the last issue of the O. A. C. Barometer we noticed the name of Erma Von Reuden as being among the 17 girls chosen out of three hundred candidates for the O. A. C. Glee Club. Miss Von Reuden was selected as an alto.

Martin Moore returned the first of the week after being absent for some time on account of illness.

Catherine Nebb returned Monday after an absence due to influenza at her home. Other pupils who have recovered from attacks of influenza and are now back at school are Lois and Harry Neece and Eldon Madden, James McCright and Eldon Porter are now absent on account of the influenza.

Miss Tressa Cox has been made an Honor member of the University of Oregon.

—BUY W.S.S.—
Ontario Boys in Casualty List Recently Reported

Among the Oregon names in recently published casualty lists were those of Robert J. Rowwell and Peter Berkman. Both were reported wounded, but were not killed.

—BUY W.S.S.—
NIGHT MARSHAL MARRIED

Without taking their many friends into their confidence Ray Franklin, Ontario's night marshal, and Miss Vesta Powell were married at the Baptist parsonage last Saturday evening by Rev. C. H. Blom. The young couple are now receiving the congratulations of their surprised friends, and baby Ivan, a father, seven brothers and three sisters. The body was buried at Malheur, Oregon.

"JOIN" IS SLOGAN OF CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN

RED CROSS COMMITTEES COMPLETING PLANS FOR KEEPING LOCAL CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP UP TO WAR BASIS

MEMBERSHIP UP TO WAR BASIS

Will Not Solicit Children Under 16. They May Join, of Course, But Can be Members of Junior Organization.

"Join." That is the slogan chosen for the Red Cross Christmas drive which takes place next week. And the committees under the direction of Mrs. W. J. Pinney are anxious that Ontario Chapter will standard. This can only be done by a great effort, which should be largely voluntary on the part of the people.

Headquarters for the drive will be established in the Emulson & Adam office, opposite the post office, where memberships can be secured all week. On Wednesday a regular drive will be made in the city and in the country where possible, but many homes can not be visited on account of the "flu". These will be listed and visited later.

No effort will be made to solicit memberships from children under 16 for the regular chapter but they will be asked to enroll in the Junior organization. Of course parents who desire whole family membership may have them.

The local committee has appointed C. C. Deffen, treasurer of the Membership Drive and N. Alexander is vice chairman.

H. P. Davidson, chairman of the Red Cross War Work Council has issued the following statement concerning the need for membership in the organization:

"As we shall conduct no further campaign for war funds, the Roll Call will constitute the very foundation of Red Cross effort in the future and I firmly believe that the future of the Red Cross will be devoted to service which can not receive less than the whole hearted and active support of the whole American people and its ability to realize that the future will be dependent upon that support alone. I urge you and your assistants to exert redoubled effort to make this Roll Call in the period of transition from War to Peace such a tremendous success that our Red Cross organization, which has been built to such huge proportions out of love, sympathy and effort during the war, may continue to be an agency of human service worthy of the whole American Nation."

—BUY W.S.S.—
Obituary.

Merle L. Dorr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dorr, died December 5, 1918, at Lake, Oregon. The deceased was 31 years, 5 months and 2 days old and leaves a wife, Mrs. Beulah Dorr, and three children, a father, seven brothers and three sisters. The body was buried at Malheur, Oregon.

Mrs. J. Hinz and children accompanied by her mother Mrs. Bourke returned Sunday evening from Tacoma. On examining their premises they found that the burglars who ransacked their home recently had come a thore job, taking quantities of linen and silver ware as well as some clothing and rugs from the house. The total loss is estimated at several hundred dollars. They also report that Dr. Prinzling has been placed in charge of convalescents at Camp Lewis.

William David, the 7 1/2 month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bender of the Boulevard, died Monday evening, death coming as the result of influenza. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Chas. H. Blom officiating. Interment was made in the Ontario cemetery.

William David, the 7 1/2 month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Moore, died December 4, 1918, of influenza. Burial was made Friday afternoon in the Ontario cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Moore had only been in this city for a brief time and the sympathy of the entire community is extended to them and to Mr. and Mrs. Bender in their bereavement.