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While Idaho Plans

There is a "threat and a promise" for war-worried merchants, utilities, restaurants and other servants of the public in a statement just issued by the Idaho State Chamber of Commerce.

It points out that the inadequacies of service rendered to the Idaho public under the stress of war time regulations, manpower shortages and burdensome taxation should not justify present customers in rushing to support those who may attempt to capitalize on present shortcomings in service.

"Loyalty to those who have patriotically borne the brunt of war-time handicaps" should not permit this, it is pointed out. On the other hand, those serving with dispatch and alacrity will find the public quick to punish with very effective weapons.

The State Chamber of Commerce points out that it is meeting with splendid cooperation in its work with various agencies engaged in making plans for the readjustment that will come at war's end.

It should be evident that the prompt restoration of service standards, with consequent re-employment of returning veterans, will in itself provide one of the permanent answers to post-war problems through providing jobs in private enterprise.

"Let's be loyal to the battle-scarred veterans of the home front" suggests the State Chamber of Commerce. "While we look forward to welcoming many newcomers to Idaho with the expansion of trade and agriculture that will follow the war, we also say a word for those who have been compelled to let their standards of service drop during these trying war times."

The Ninth Commandment

"Thou shalt not bear false witness against Thy Neighbor" is still one of the Ten Commandments.

No doubt nine out of ten people questioned would say that that is one sin they never commit. But, try listening to any conversation, even your own—and see how carelessly, how habitually the Ninth Commandment is broken.

You bear false witness against your neighbor when you judge him not as an individual upon his own merits, but as a part of a group—whether that judgment be praise or censure.

You bear false witness against your neighbor when you impute to him motives for action about which you can know nothing.

You bear false witness against your neighbor when you accuse him of acting only in his own self-interest.

You bear false witness against your neighbor when you pass on unconfirmed rumors about him or the group from which he comes, or when you shade the truth or supply details from your own imagination to make a good story.

You bear false witness against your neighbor when you pre-judge him, when you assume the worst and determine what he will do before he has done it.

You bear false witness against your neighbor when you attribute to him lower aims than your aims, lower ideals than your ideals.

You bear false witness against your neighbor when you think of him as un-American just because his background is different than yours, his family has come from a different nation or because he goes to a different church.

You bear false witness against your neighbor when you refuse to grant him the same privileges you reserve to yourself.

You bear false witness against your neighbor when you bar the gates to understanding, for by so doing you deny the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of all men.

Do you keep the Ninth Commandment?—Ex.

Consumers Can Help

The National Consumer-Retailer Council recently issued a bulletin setting forth rules for consumers to follow in helping the nation's food merchants meet food shortages. It says: (1) Remember that your grocer is not responsible for food shortages. They hit him harder than they do you. His business depends on meeting his customers' needs. (2) Don't be impatient when your grocer is out of some commodity. Use your ingenuity. Substitute some other product for the scarce item. (3) Shun all black market practices. This is by far the most important rule. It is within the power of the consumer to wipe out the black market overnight. All she has to do is to recognize black market practices and refuse to pay more. Refuse to buy rationed foods unless you give ration stamps in return. (4) Finally, don't harass your grocer by asking why he is out of some particular food when the grocer around the corner has an ample supply.

The nation is fortunate indeed to have had a distribution system capable of withstanding the test of war without serious disruption in prices and operating efficiency. Out of pure self-interest, consumers should do everything in their power to help keep such a system intact.

No Tax Rabbits Left In Hat

After reading scholarly talks on our tax problems, and after listening to arguments for and against different methods of taxation, one fact stands out clearly—everybody and his dog must now pay sacrificial taxes, and government extravagance must be cut as drastically as taxes are increased.

If we fail to do this, we admit that we prefer to pass on to the boys at the front not only the risk of life and limb, but the obligation of an unnecessarily high public debt. We make no sacrifice in buying interest-bearing bonds which create debt and in perpetuating every boondoggling political project, while our fighting men sacrifice their lives and opportunities and families to preserve us safe from hardship at home.

Unless those enjoying war profits and war wages pay heavy taxes now to hold down the national debt and prevent the devaluation of the dollar, and unless government expenses are

cut to the bone, there will be no chance of lowering the tax rate after the war so that industry and the people can have the tax relief necessary to encourage the accumulation of earnings and savings which are essential to industrial expansion on a peacetime basis that will provide permanent jobs for all. No amount of rhetoric can change these facts.

ACROSS the EXECUTIVE DESK

By C. A. BOTTOLESEN

As a result of passage in Congress last week of the Federal soldiers' vote bill, a compromise measure, this office received an inquiry from the President as to whether such ballots were authorized for use in Idaho, and if they are not, could such use be provided by July 15. My reply was as follows:

"The Twenty-seventh Idaho Legislature was convened by me in extra-ordinary session February 23 to consider soldier voting. The session unanimously adopted a complete soldier voting program without including any provision for use of any supplementary or other federal ballot.

"Proposed legislation which would have authorized use of federal ballots was rejected.

"Your specific questions are answered as follows:

(1) In my judgment the use of supplementary federal ballots provided by recent congressional action is not now authorized by the laws of Idaho.

(2) In my judgment, if the bill becomes law, steps will not be taken to enable certification prior to July 15. The use of such ballots is not authorized by the laws of Idaho. The unanimity of action in the recent special session appears to me to foreclose that possibility."

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As a member of the agriculture committee for the Republican National committee to which I was appointed following the Mackinac conference, I have been invited to attend a committee meeting at Chicago April 3 and 4. At this time it is impossible to say whether or not the duties of my office here will permit me to attend, but I do feel that Idaho should have a part in shaping any forthcoming agricultural program of any and all parties.

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Disappointment was felt here in the announcement at Washington that Idaho's share in the three-year post-war highway program was reduced from ten and a half millions to seven millions inasmuch as so great a part of Idaho is owned by the federal government and our distances are so great. However, the lesser amount will still make a very worthwhile road program for Idaho in the coming day of peace, and contribute to the stability of employment. These plans are under consideration in a House committee and Idaho is being kept in touch with the situation. Plans for distribution call for 80 per cent of the money for secondary and feeder roads, the remainder for state highways. Co-operating agencies would supply 20 per cent of the total costs.

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After an almost perfect winter from the standpoint of highway maintenance, severe snows early last week blocked off large sections of our state, and the sudden call disrupted snow removal programs. However, arterial roads were opened first and feeder routes later. Comparative lack of moisture up until this time has been a lessening factor in winter damages to highways and shouldering by frost action as compared to a year ago.

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Satisfactory plans for solving the teacher salary raise problem seem to have been worked out, but it must be emphasized that local school and county boards must co-operate in every way—and soon—to benefit the solution to any great extent.

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Federal income tax statement filings by Idahoans, something with which almost every citizen is now familiar, accentuate and emphasize in a very touching way the need for simplification of federal procedures. Where the average person faces such an ordeal once a year, some industries are confronted with similarly confusing situations one day after another.

Divorce Action Filed Tuesday

Mary Motley is seeking a divorce from Bartley T. Motley in an action filed in the district court on Tuesday of this week. The complaint alleges non-support as the basis of the action. The couple were married July 2, 1928 at Baker, Oregon. There are no minor children nor community property at issue.

FLOYD CASSITY UNDERGOES OPERATION

Mrs. Floyd Cassity and her father, Lawrence Bergmann accompanied Floyd Cassity to Portland Wednesday morning where he will undergo a brain operation for the removal of tumors. It was after an examination of Mr. Cassity in Boise Tuesday that the trip was decided upon. Mrs. Cassity will remain with her husband until he is able to return to Payette.

Read the classified ads.

Payette High School News

Mrs. Elsie Cole and Miss Pauline Howerton were Saturday Boise visitors.

Lt. Harry Sabin and Lt. Vernon Millbrook were Friday visitors of the Payette high school.

Ed Hopper, Bill Tefertiller, Lois and Joe McBride of the high school and Louise Hayes, eighth grade, have dropped school the last week. Ed Hopper has moved to New Plymouth to attend school, Lois and Joe McBride have moved to Beaverton, Oregon, and Louise Hayes is going to Ontario, Oregon.

The athletic boys are having their first track meeting Monday after school.

The students of Payette high school got a good laugh Friday when they got word that when Ed Colpin came to the high school to take pictures he got the band fixed for a perfect picture and forgot to put films in the kodak. Consequently all band members had to wear their band uniforms again Monday to get their pictures taken again. The individual pictures will be taken this week. These pictures are for the high school year book.

Fine and Coarse Spun Cotton

Cotton can be spun into soft and downy products as well as those tough enough to wear down metal surfaces.

Fiji Jungle Fighter



IN THE SOLOMONS, Fijian troops commanded by New Zealanders made the Japs look like amateurs at jungle fighting. These men ghost through the brush with the secrecy of lizards, and have been known to begin a two-week patrol with rations for only four days.

AUCTIONEERS MUST REPORT MACHINERY SALES

Auctioneers selling used farm machinery are required to submit to the nearest OPA district office a copy of the list of articles to be sold at each auction. The report

must be filed at least six days in advance of the sale.

This requirement is part of a regulation to protect farmers against undue price increases on new and used farm machinery.

Nine principal classes of used implement items comprise 60 per-

cent of all farm machinery auction sales. They are: combines, corn binders, corn pickers, farm tractors (except tractors), mowers, hay rakes, hay balers, side delivery loaders, stump pullers, side delivery mowers, and combinations of these items with other items of farm equipment when the combination is sold as a unit. Auction prices on these items must not exceed 85 percent of the manufacturer's latest published list price (f.o.b. factory) if less than a year old, and not exceed 75 percent if more than a year old. When several bidders offer the ceiling price, the OPA urges auctioneers to sell the implement to a farmer or service dealer, and not to a speculator.

MORE DAIRY FARM EQUIPMENT

More milk cans, coolers and other equipment will be available for dairy farmers this year than last, and if dairy farmers generally use what equipment they have with care to make it go as far as possible, U. S. Department of Agriculture economists figure we will have enough equipment to produce and handle the 1944 milk supply.

The Government has authorized the manufacture of new milk cans and the retinning of worn cans to supplement the big number of new cans. This is expected to meet the changeover from marketing farm-separated cream to marketing whole milk as well as take care of necessary replacements.

FEED ALLOCATIONS

The state advisory committee met last week and outlined the policy on the distribution of the state allocation of protein foods. 360 tons of soybean meal and 60 tons of linseed meal have been allocated already.

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