

Farm Materials Rationing to End

Meat Rationing to End Oct 1; Shoe Restrictions End Shortly

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10 (UP)—Meat rationing will end Oct. 1 and shoe rationing will end soon after, it was learned today.

Secretary of Agriculture Clinton Anderson favored lifting meat rationing Sept. 1, it was learned, but price administrator Chester Bowles requested no action be taken until OPA had cut down its paid personnel.

Having laid off most of its paid field employees, OPA has agreed that meat rationing will go Oct. 1 and the two agencies have drawn up blueprints heralding the end. There is a good supply of beef, lamb, mutton and poultry on the market, although there is still a pork shortage.

Fats, Oil Sugar
Fats and oils will continue to be rationed, as will sugar.

Shoe rationing, it was learned, will probably end between Oct. 15 and Nov. 1.

OPA believes most rationing will end this year—including automobiles and tires.

Other controls which will continue for some time are those over rents and prices. The OPA wants to keep prices down. Rent control has been the most successful of all OPA price control programs. According to the bureau of labor statistics, rents went up only 4 percent between August, 1939, and August, 1943, whereas food went up almost 50 percent, and clothing 45 percent.

New Priority
At the same time OPA points out that landlords had an increased income of around 40 percent during the same period because of fewer vacancies, decreased maintenance costs and slightly increased rental rates.

Next important control to go is the one over home construction, to be removed within the next month.

On Oct. 1 veterans will receive a new priority to buy building materials.

Needs of Wounded Veterans at McCaw Hospital Told

At an all-day session of the Blue Mountain council of camp and hospital Friday in Baker, the needs of the wounded veterans at McCaw hospital and the veterans hospital at Walla Walla were made known.

Mrs. Harold Barnett of Pendleton, president of the council presided at the meeting.

The Veterans' hospital needs sturdy card tables.

McCaw hospital needs prizes for bingo games and subscriptions for magazine. At least \$40 is needed for the magazine fund. The subscriptions now pledged are for the locked wards, or mental patients.

It was reported that a bicycle shed has been erected at McCaw at the cost of the material, all the labor being done by the patients under occupational therapy.

Donations have been given for the telephone fund, which supplies the first long distance call home for the wounded when they arrive. The Veterans club at Baker gives \$5 each month to this fund.

The Navy Mothers club pledged 600 yards of cotton yarn for rug making.

New phonograph records, particularly popular music, are always welcome at the hospital.

Attending from La Grande were Mrs. R. R. Ragsdale, Mrs. John M. Miller, Mrs. Charles Reynolds, Mrs. Charles Murchison, rs. R. J. Kitchen, Mrs. Isaac Shafer, Mrs. Ned Jones, Mrs. J. D. Larison, Mrs. W. H. Gooderham, Mrs. Wesley Bond and Mrs. Walter Green.

The local unit will meet tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the Red Cross headquarters.

Turkey Growers to Meet Soon at Salem

SALEM, Sept. 10 (UP)—Oregon turkey improvement association will meet here Thursday to discuss postwar problems in connection with the turkey raising industry, it was announced today.

Gov. Earl Snell will be guest of honor at a dinner to be held in the evening.



JACK HORSTMAN: From 19 to 23 an inmate of Japanese prison camps.

Jack Horstman, Prisoner Nearly 4 Years, Freed

Jack Horstman, 23, seaman first class, has been released from a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp, after having been held a prisoner since Dec. 23, 1941.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Horstman, 708 Spring street, were advised of their son's release late Saturday afternoon by a communication from Washington, D. C.

They were allowed to send a reply message to be forwarded to his son and the fact that the reply was to be sent immediately to reach him before embarking for home indicates that he is now enroute here.

Young Horstman was taken when Wake island capitulated, and at that time he was only 19, having enlisted in the navy in March, 1940, when he completed his high school work.

During his internment, the parents had only three communications from him, two letters and a recording of a broadcast, the last word being year ago Easter.

He was held first at Shanghai and later at Kawasaki.

Grand Jury Hands Down 6 True Bills

Union county's grand jury, in session for one day handed down six true bills, two of which were made public, Colon R. Eberhard, district attorney, announced today.

Claude N. Ogilvie, Cove farmer, was charged with first degree murder in the death by gunshot wounds of Jack Stareo. Ogilvie has not yet obtained counsel, Eberhard announced.

Carroll Jesse O'Brien was indicted for jail breaking and for obtaining money under false pretenses through issuance of spurious checks, for which charge he was being held when he escaped from the county jail two months ago.

30 Attend District Meeting of Veterans of Foreign Wars

Approximately 30 members were present at the Union Legion hall yesterday afternoon for the meeting of district 15 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Representatives from posts at Huntington, Pendleton, Baker, La Grande, Union, and Enterprise attended, and department officers present included G. O. Pike, department service officer; Department Quartermaster Corn; and District Commander J. Hartwell York, of Baker, who presided.

Growth Shown

An idea of the organization's growth may be obtained from the fact that prior to the war, department service officers were appearing before the veteran's administration on an average of 17 times a month, compared to the 623 average now maintained. Members in the organization now total 15,000, it was announced.

Biggest Wheat Crop in History Predicted Now

Corn Crop Also to Be Large, Three Billion Bushels

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10 (UP)—Agriculture department today forecast a 1945 crop corn of 3,069,055,000 bushels compared with 2,844,478,000 bushels estimated a month ago and a 1944 production of 3,228,361,000.

The estimate was based on Sept. 1 conditions. A crop of this size has been exceeded only in 1920, 1942 and 1944. The yield per acre is now estimated at 33.3 bushels compared with 33.2 bushels a year ago.

Net Gain
More seasonable temperatures and generally favorable moisture reserves brought a net gain for prospects during August.

It is estimated the volume of all crops harvested in 1945 will equal the production of the two banner war years — 1942 and 1944 — and would be 24 percent above the 1923-32 average.

Many crops, especially corn, are still in danger of an early killing frost.

The biggest wheat crop in history still was predicted Sept. 1 — a production of 1,152,270,000 bushels. This compared with the Aug. 1 forecast of 1,146,283,000 bushels and a 1944 yield of 1,078,647,000 bushels. Winter wheat production, placed at 836,969,000, remained unchanged.

Other Estimates
Spring wheat production was placed at 315,301,000 bushels compared with 314,574,000 bushels in 1944. The estimate last month was 309,314,000 bushels.

The board made these estimates on other crops compared with 1944 production:

Oats, 1,575,356,000 bushels and 1,168,392,000.
Barley, 277,697,000 and 284,426,000.
Buckwheat, 7,862,000 and 9,166,000.
Hops, 55,751,000 pounds and 47,695,000.
All time hay, 90,639,000 tons and 83,845,000.
Beans, 15,370,000, 100 pound bags and 16,128,000.
Peas, 5,793,000 100 pound bags and 83,845,000.
Apples, 68,260,000 bushels and 124,754,000.
Peaches, 82,420,000 bushels and 75,963,000.

Heart Attack Fatal To Lewis Bernier

Lewis A. Bernier, 40-year-old manager of the Home Lumber company, died about 7:45 a.m. today in his office following a heart attack.

He was born Sept. 27, 1904 in Noble, Okla., and had resided in La Grande only four months.

Survivors include his wife, Inez, and one daughter. Other relatives are in the east. Funeral arrangements will be made later.

Blame Demos For Keeping Men in Army

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10 (UP)—A republican accused the administration today of deliberately keeping men in uniform so war workers could get first crack at peacetime jobs. Meanwhile the navy granted sufficient point credits for overseas service to release an additional 423,000 naval personnel immediately.

The republican charge, similar to that levelled in the 1944 election campaign, was made by Sen. E. V. Robertson of Wyoming.

Blames Army

He said the country is blaming the army "but when you bring it right home it is the administration's responsibility."

Other senators concentrated their fire on the army.

One suggested the best way to bring about demobilization would be to pass a resolution terminating temporary army ranks.

"Perhaps if some of our generals were reduced to majors and colonels," he said, "there might be less need to hang onto these huge organizations."

The navy's grant of one-quarter point for each month of overseas and sea duty followed by only a day and a half an appeal by Chairman David I. Walsh of the senate naval affairs committee for more combat credit for navy men.

Overseas credit will be given for all time served aboard ship, or at: Any ship in commission, any ship in service, fleet activity or shore establishment outside the continental United States, and any armed guard crews, communications groups, convoy groups, amphibious forces, fleet marine forces, mobile hospital units or other units stationed outside the U. S.

Credits

Overseas credit also will be given to personnel of the naval air transport service on regular flights outside the country and to aircraft units on fleet, sea frontier or local defensive service.

Also effective Sept. 15 the navy announced a critical point score for the discharge of doctors, hospital corpsmen and navy nurses.

Male doctors will need 60 points, female doctors 35, nurses 35. Hospital corps male and female officers will be governed by the same score as other male and female officers.

Pharmacists mates and hospital corpsmen, male and female, will need the points required by enlisted personnel.

Mavericks Again Busy Cleaning for Annual Show

The Mavericks spent Sunday at the fair grounds building, new bleachers which will accommodate approximately 700 more persons.

The women prepared a delicious potluck dinner which was enjoyed by the 50 persons present.

The chamber of commerce donated \$100 to the show fund, and through Mr. Langfett, the rip track men of Union Pacific furnished three carpenters who are working on the bleachers.

President Harley Smith of the Mavericks and Water Superintendent Orval Wright, of the city staff, spent the day working on the track which is now in good condition.

Lt. Carl Moulton Of Union Sends Message Home

UNION, Sept. 10 (Special)—Lt. Carl Moulton of Union who had been missing since March 2 after a flight in the B-29 of which he was pilot, is "well and happy" according to a cablegram which Mrs. Moulton received today from a friend in Calcutta.

The cable came from Mrs. Kathryn E. Skillings, from whom Mrs. Moulton has received messages about her husband before and to whom she has addressed messages for Lieutenant Moulton. He sent "love ad best wishes" to his wife and his mother and step-father. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Haskell.



ACRES OF WASTELAND WHERE TOKYO STOOD—Devastation wrought in Tokyo by U. S. fire bombs is shown in photo above, taken by Stanley Troutman, NEA Service-Acme Newsphoto photographer for the war picture pool.

MacArthur Ends Jap Command

TOKYO, Sept. 10 (UP)—Allied supreme commander Gen. Douglas MacArthur today ordered abolition of the Japanese Imperial general headquarters, clamped tight censorship of Tokyo news channels, and suspended Japanese short-wave broadcasts.

Issuing a series of commands to Nippon's emperor and its government MacArthur dissolved the central head of Japanese militarism effective Sept. 13 and extended allied control over Domei news agency.

To back up this order, personnel of the U. S. counter intelligence office moved into Tokyo newspaper and radio offices.

No Bloodshed

(Almost four hours after this order was issued, the United Press listening post at San Francisco recorded a regular Domei short wave broadcast from Tokyo radio. The broadcast, sent in Morse, said in part the Tokyo police chief, Chiaki Saka, had reported 37 cases of "food-snatching" by American occupation forces during one week, but there had been no cases of bloodshed or assaults.

There had been considerable criticism among the press corps here and in the United States Domei and radio Tokyo were permitted to continue their functions unchecked.

Two More Cities

American forces, now 100,000 strong, took control of three more cities and two naval bases. Tokyo radio broadcasts, prior to the censorship directive, said 3,000 troops of the 27th division occupied Odawara, 45 miles southwest of Tokyo, along with Sagami-shira and Zama.

Three hundred other troops entered Hiratsuka, 35 miles south of Tokyo, to arrange for its occupation probably Wednesday by another 3,000 men from the 27th, the broadcasts said. Both Hiratsuka and Odawara are on the Mai Tokyoanagoya coastal trunk railway.

Effect of the abolition of the Imperial headquarters was to deprive the Japanese army of a central head.

Separated

It was exactly as though the United States army forces in the Pacific had been abolished and Americans in all Pacific areas were divided into separate local commands. The result probably will be to facilitate disarmament.

As late as last night, allied headquarters had announced demobilization and disarmament of Japanese troops was proceeding smoothly and will be complete about Oct. 10. It was not known what impelled Gen. MacArthur to dissolve Imperial headquarters, but it was assumed the occupation forces believed they could successfully establish contact with area commanders.

The first newspaper article censored by the allied was one prepared by the Nippon Times. It said that "Americans had committed amazingly few rapes."

Tokyo radio and editions of Domei "news" prepared for Japanese and even allied consumption copiously reported alleged cases of rape, looting, assaults, robbery and other violence.

Oregon Dirt Sent to Philippines to Make 'Homesick Hill'

SALEM, Sept. 10 (UP)—A lot of earth from the Oregon state capitol grounds forms part of a small mound in the Philippine islands fondly called "homesick hill" by navy and coast guardsmen stationed nearby.

The Oregon dirt was sent to the Philippines by Gov. Earl Snell at the request of the servicemen. It is combined with soil from the other 47 states the governor said.

Wire for Housing Available

Discontinuance or curtailment of programs through which AAA committees assisted farmers in obtaining materials and equipment needed for production was announced today by E. H. DeLong, chairman of the Union county AAA committee.

DeLong said the action follows WPB policy of discontinuing controls and priorities assistance as reduced military procurement results in generally improved supplies of materials for civilian use.

End Programs

The copper wire program was ended today, and the county committee no longer is issuing copper wire allotment certificates for farmstead wiring. Certificates issued before that date must be used within 10 days of the date of issuance.

The farm lumber program is now on a curtailed basis and will be discontinued entirely on Oct. 1. Until that date, county committees will issue farmers' lumber certificates for only maintenance, repair and operating purposes, or in emergency cases.

Not Needed

Also discontinued is the issuance of preference rating certificates for farm engines. Production controls have been dropped, and ratings are no longer necessary to obtain engines.

WPB's construction limitation order L-41 remains in effect, and farm applications for construction costing more than \$1,000 for a farm house and \$1000 for farm service buildings will continue to be filed with the county committee, DeLong said. Approved applications will provide only authority to begin construction, and will carry no preference rating for purchase of lumber or other materials.

La Grande Lions Resume Meetings

La Grande Lions club resumed regular weekly luncheon meetings at the Stein cafe banquet room this noon, after the club's annual summer vacation, with a record attendance in honor of the organization's new president, A. B. Olson.

Wilmer Baer and Alvin Kaiser were in charge of the program for the day. Kaiser, master of ceremonies, conducted a "Can You Top This" program, with various club members responding.

Miss Phyllis McLaughlin was introduced as the club's pianist for the 1945-46 season. Ott Weigel, member of the club, is in charge of the music.

Guests for the day were K. W. McKenzie, of Wallowa; Vernon Hoyt, Claude Berry, and Bob Mann of La Grande. Ben L. Eales and E. A. Woodman were introduced as new club members.

Letter of commendation and congratulation from Melvin Jones, international general secretary, was read complimenting Horace J. Nelson on the award of a master key, reward for outstanding service to the local organization.

Charles Hylton In Philippines

Pvt. Charles R. Hylton, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Landers of La Grande can boast of seeing his part of the Pacific war, having spent a total of 15 months overseas.

Hylton joined the army early in 1943 and soon after his tough, exacting field artillery basic training at Camp Roberts, Calif., departed for overseas and Bougainville, where he joined the veteran American infantry division of jungle-fighting fame and claimants to the honors of taking Guadalcanal and the desperately defended Bougainville island.

Artilleryman Hylton saw action in the Bougainville campaign and the desperately contested battle of Cebu as a cannoneer in a 105 mm howitzer section whose mission was to place fire where needed and when needed in support of the infantry.

He is now with the American infantry division in the Philippines as is a brother, James W. Hylton, artilleryman with the 25th infantry division.