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Week of Special Recognition for Ration Boards

The first week of January, which happens to be this week, is the period set aside to give special recognition to the ration boards, serving the public for the past two years, particularly those who have served without pay as a public service. Whatever is said about the OPA, the one important factor and the one which probably justifies the existence of the ration board is the fact that through it we have found the most logical way of distributing many of the scarce articles. Even though the public has not been able to buy all of the sugar, gasoline, etc., wanted, but the method of distribution is much fairer than the meatless, wheatless, sugarless days of the first world war and without doubt the ration board has played its part in keeping the cost of living down.

Most of us are familiar with the early days of rationing now that we are entering the third year. When rationing was first started, sugar was the first item to be limited. The rationing was first done at the Humphrey-Mack store by Sam Mackin, who handled a two-man job without charge, but finally persuaded the higher-ups to grant him the services of a stenographer and secretary. As the task grew, it was eventually placed on the shoulders of Major Harry Metcalf, who had already done considerable community service work in laying ground work for the civilian defense setup and bond selling campaign.

By this time the responsibilities connected with the ration office had grown too great for one man, but after a time quarters were secured in the second story of the city hall and after a few months the present office pattern was inaugurated. The first efforts of the ration board was largely a trial and error method as rationing to this country was novel. There were a good many changes in the office personnel; so many in fact that we don't recall all of them. The present office force has been on the job several months and is regarded as more or less of a permanent fixture. The personnel includes: Mmes. Carolyn M. Hunt, Velma T. Harrell and Grace E. Stowell.

Mrs. L. J. McLaughlin is general chairman of the ration board and has done a very creditable job without pay along with the various panel members. The panels include: Mileage panel: C. K. Haynes, R. E. Short, Lit Lasater, Hugh Trunnell, Ila P. Keibelbeck, Alvis Wicks. Fuel oil and stove panel: W. L. Workman, L. W. Coiner, Vic Chambers, F. W. Bickley, J. F. Finneran. Price panel: The Rev. Geo. Hardy, Mmes. Mabel Helliwell, Angie Carlson and Alice Breedlove. Food panel: E. R. Husted, Miss Della Gallo, Mmes. Corrine Jones and Hilah Crawford. Miscellaneous panel: L. J. McCoy, Fred Bressler and Mrs. Beulah Morgan. The services of Mrs. H. B. Ferrin and Wesley Thompson have also been valued at various times along with a large group of volunteers, who have aided the board on several occasions.

Rites for Lt. Col. Knox Are Monday

Rites for Lt. Col. Roy R. Knox, 65, were held from the Episcopal church in Eugene Monday afternoon. Interment was in the local I.O.O.F.-Masonic cemetery. Mills chapel in charge of arrangements.

Lt. Col. Knox died at the veterans hospital in Sawtelle, California, December 29th from a heart attack. He was born July 16, 1878 at Cottage Grove, the son of the late O. F. and Sarah Knox, a pioneer family of this section. He was on the staff of General John J. Pershing during the first world war. He assumed active duty with the army again in 1939 and in the intervening time was a member of the national guard. He was also on the construction department of the Bonneville dam.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lenora Knox, two sisters, Mrs. Mamie Beidler of Cottage Grove and Mrs. Elizabeth Anthony of Long Beach, California, and a brother, Frank Knox of North Bend.

Clare B. Luce to Speak in Eugene Monday Evening

Dated for an address in Eugene the evening of Monday, Jan. 17, is Clare Boothe Luce, congress member from Connecticut. This is to be her only public appearance in Oregon. She speaks in Eugene under the auspices of the Lane county chapter, Pro America. Mrs. Luce is starting her first nationwide trip since going to congress in November of 1942 with a talk in Los Angeles, Jan. 6, coming north then to San Francisco and Eugene, then on to Washington and east.

Mrs. Luce comes to Eugene as the first national political figure to speak there this year. Her address will be given in McArthur court, University of Oregon campus, and is free of charge, open to all persons interested, irrespective of their party affiliations. There will be no reserved seat section.

Noted for her independence of expression, Mrs. Luce is in demand as a speaker and has established a reputation for her brilliant and frank approach in discussing world, national and political issues. Former editor of Vogue and Vanity Fair magazines, writer of successful plays and books, Mrs. Luce has been the same dynamic personality in her career in congress.

Her appearance in Eugene is bringing people from all sections of the valley and Portland. Various groups in Lane county are cooperating with Pro America in staging the Eugene address. Among those from Cottage Grove assisting is W. A. Woodard, who is a member of the men's advisory committee of the county unit of Pro America.

John Wm. Rice Dies December 30

John William Rice, 64, died at his home here at 337 North G street, December 30th. He was born January 28, 1879 at Rice Hill near Oakland and has been a resident of this section for the past 50 years, coming here when a boy. He was married in 1913 at Albany to Lucy Hoskins.

Surviving are his wife and two sisters: Mrs. Pearl Collier of Myrtle Point and Madge Mote of Cottage Grove. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon from the Mills chapel with the Rev. Hilton T. Park officiating. Interment was in the Masonic-I.O.O.F. cemetery.

Genevieve Gerstner Buried Here Jan. 4th

Mrs. Genevieve Gerstner, 40, who was critically burned at her home in Culp Creek on the morning of December 29th, died in a Eugene hospital Friday. Rites for Mrs. Gerstner were held at the Catholic church Tuesday morning with the Rev. James Maxwell officiating. Interment was in the Masonic-I. O. O. F. cemetery. Rosary services were held at the Smith Funeral chapel Sunday evening and again Monday evening at 8:00 p. m.

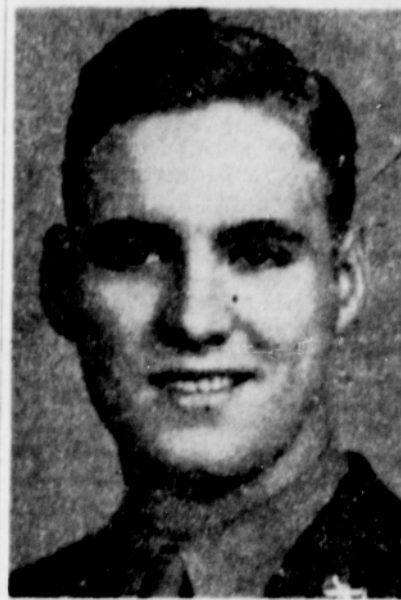
Mrs. Gerstner was born in Kansas October 3, 1916, where she grew to womanhood and received her education. She was married to Peter Gerstner at Garden City, Kansas, January 13, 1921. Mr. and Mrs. Gerstner moved to Colorado in 1926 and to Saginaw in 1941, later moving to Culp Creek, where they have since made their home.

Surviving are her husband and eight children: Julius, with the U. S. army in Texas; Isadore, a German prisoner of war; John with the army stationed at Fort Lewis and Martin, Lorene, Irene, Peter Jr., and Gertrude at home, and the following brothers and sisters: Nick Heile and Celestine Heile, both of Culp Creek; Mrs. Clinton Russ II of Cottage Grove; John Heile of California; Mmes. Nick Lebnertz and Jake Knob of Colorado; Mmes. Joe Benning and Lucy Herman of Kansas and Father John Heile of Garden City, Kansas, and Joe Heile with the U. S. army.

CIRCUIT COURT POSTPONED

The present term of circuit court has been postponed until the March term because of the small number of cases for trial. Jurors have been excused.

Home Boys in the FIGHTING FORCES of Our Nation



Paul Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Anderson, Disston route, attending University of Indiana, Bloomington, taking army specialized training. Graduate of local high school and attended Oregon State College, Corvallis.



Eugene Anderson, Motor Mechanist's Mate 2/C, navy deisel engine instructor at Richmond, Virginia. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Anderson, Disston route. Graduate of local high school and attended Oregon State College, Corvallis.

News of Boys and Girl's in ARMED FORCES

Pvt. Leonard Clearwater, who has been serving in Australia and New Guinea for the past 19 months, is spending a 20-day sick leave with his wife, Margaret Monson Clearwater and baby Cinda Lee, after which he will report to the hospital at Walla Walla and from there will go to Fort Lewis. Pvt. Clearwater has been with the 41st Division.

Derril Sarff with the U. S. navy, stationed for the past month at Seattle, Washington, visited his mother, Mrs. Nell Sarff, over the week end.

Cpl. Albert Payne is spending a 30-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Eleanor Partin. Cpl. Payne has spent over a year as a patient in the La Garde General hospital, at New Orleans, where he underwent 13 operations for a jaw infection. November 6 he was sent to Bushnell General hospital, Brigham City, Utah, where he has been a patient until time of his furlough.

Pfc. Julius L. Paquette left Friday morning for Oregon City to visit his sister, Mrs. Genevieve Van Valin and family before returning to the air base at Kearney, Nebraska.

Announcement was made last week by Major General W. E. Kepner, commanding general of the 8th air force fighter command somewhere in England, that James K. Mendell has been promoted from private first class to corporal. Cpl. Mendell entered the service on August 19, 1942, and has been overseas about six months.

Dean E. Jackson, former resident of Delight Valley, received his commission as second lieutenant in the U. S. army at the tank destroyer officer candidate school at Camp Hood, Texas, December 31st.

Lt. Jackson is home on a short furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Jackson of Eugene, and called on friends here Wednesday.

Oops! Xcuse Us

Due to the fact that the Sentinel is running short on help and will soon be in a worse predicament in this respect, we can not give the usual service to our advertisers in the way of calls. Last week, we ran our sixth annual baby page with prizes for the first and second babies born during 1944. There were not as many merchants represented as usual because we simply lacked the time to make the necessary calls and the same situation applied to New Year's greetings, etc.

After the baby page was printed last week, one of our advertisers, Safeway, asked to be included in the contest and we are running prizes offered the first and second babies by Safeway, the prizes given are to be found near the regular Safeway ad on page 8.

Our apologies to Larry Macklin, local manager, and to the Safeway management.

Geo. Lucky Bayn Funeral at Toledo

George Luckey Bayn, 50 died at the Pass Creek service station last Thursday morning. His death is said to have been the result of a heart attack and was a shock to his family and acquaintances. He had operated the Pass Creek service station and store for the last two and a half years, coming here from Toledo.

He was born August 1, 1894 in New York City. Surviving are his widow, two sons Geo. Luckey Bayn Jr., with the U. S. army and Harry W. Bayn, also with the army and two daughters: Mrs. Betty Miller of Toledo and Marjorie Bayn at home.

Funeral services were held at Toledo Monday at 2:30 p. m. and interment was made in the Newport cemetery. Mills chapel in charge of arrangements.

Firsts of 1944

Among the firsts of 1944 are two babies born here on New Year's day and on the 4th. Parents of these youngsters will be entitled to claim the prizes offered in our sixth annual baby contest appearing in our issue of December 30th.

About four hours after the new year was ushered in a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lackey of Culp Creek, at the Butler maternity home. The new arrival has been named Jean Ann. On January 4th a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Dial at the McFarland maternity home. The little lady has been named Annette.

16th Battalion to Drill Once Monthly

Lt. Col. LaSells Stewart, commander of the 16th battalion, Oregon State Guard announced yesterday that orders had been received from state guard headquarters to hold regular drills once each month only or on the last drill date of each month. The local guard units including companies A and B and headquarters detachment will drill on the last Tuesday of each month and the next drill date falls on January 25th. At this time special instructions will be given on further drilling operations.

NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND POSTS 242 TRAGIC DEATHS

The nation awoke from another gay New Year's weekend Monday to find violent accidents had taken at least 242 lives.

During 54 hours preceding Monday night 150 persons were reported killed in motor vehicle accidents, and 92 died in fires, drownings, gas poisonings and other mishaps.

Highest death toll for any state was that of California, where 39 persons were killed.

Because of increased 1943 fruit costs, the retail price of Concord grape juice will increase approximately three cents a quart and of grape jams and preserves from two to three cents a pound jar under a new pricing formula set up by OPA for processors.

News Briefs of Local Interest Here and There

The Portland livestock market, once glutted with hogs has improved under the order lowering the support price from \$14.75 to \$13.75. The new level will continue indefinitely.

Warns Against Short War

Bolstered by big reserves of slave labor and by secret police cracking, both Germany and Japan can take heavy punishment before collapsing, the Office of War Information warned yesterday.

In a report on war progress which weighed past gains against the job ahead, OWI dashed cold water on any ideas about a quick, easy victory.

About 550,000 square miles of axis-conquered territory have been liberated in recent allied offensives, an area bigger than Germany, France and Belgium combined, but this is only a fraction of the territory overrun by the Nazi panzers and Nippon's hordes, OWI said.

It was disclosed late yesterday that a tremendous emigration has been made from the Portland defense works in the past few weeks and an appeal has been made from a navy representative to halt the exodus. An eighth meeting of a committee created to formulate a program to further maximum production. Start talking of cancellations and workers start moving out in big numbers, going all over the United States.

Navy officials claimed that shipbuilding plants under their jurisdiction have all they can do in 1944.

Winter Bowling Tournament to Start January 10

The winter bowling tournament at the Cottage Grove Recreation is scheduled to get underway January 10 and will run through nine weeks or to March 11. Ten teams will have entries in the winter event. Competing teams are: Gustafson's, Shell Oil Co., Irish Swartz, Capital Lbr. Co., Safeway, Standard Oil, Cottage Grove Cleaners, Quality Market, Daugherty Lumber Co., and Texaco Oil.

Schedule for the first week starting January 10 is as follows: January 10th is as follows: Monday: Gustafson's vs. Shell Oil. Tuesday: Irish Swartz vs. Capital Lumber. Wednesday: Safeway vs. Standard Oil. Thursday: Cottage Grove Cleaners vs. Quality Market. Friday: Daugherty Lumber vs. Texaco Oil Co. Saturdays will be left open for individual players.

FIREMEN RESPOND BUT ENGINE FAILS

Firemen started out in good shape to an early Friday morning fire, but had to stop several blocks short of the fire when the fire truck sputtered, coughed and quit. The reason: someone had snatched the gas from the tank of the truck. Fortunately the fire at the Woodson Auto camp was extinguished without the aid of the truck and pump.

How Castaways Fish for Food



No longer do castaways on a life raft need to fear starvation and thirst. A simple, compact, complete, and fool-proof emergency fishing kit is now standard equipment on all lifeboats, rafts, and planes of the Navy, Army, and Merchant Marine. Hooks, lines, lures, spear, bait, and a net provide the means to catch food. The fish shown has been snaggled in the back by treble-gang hooks from the kit.

Fifty-nine Men Called to Service By Board No. 3

Fifty-nine men have received their call to enter the armed services during December and the early part of January from the county selective service board No. 3 in Eugene. A still larger number from this district, including several married men are scheduled to appear at the Portland induction center at Portland on the 12th for a second physical. Sixteen of the 59 men accepted for service today are from south Lane county. Those who have enlisted in the navy are: Jack L. Bradford, Lester R. Turpin, Chas. E. McAllister, Benjamin R. Cline, Chas. E. Plummer, Lawrence LeRoy Kellogg and Chas. Vern Cummings, all of Cottage Grove.

For the army: Chas. E. Hutchison, Francis P. Davis, Harold W. Plank, Earl E. Wiese and LaVerne Ray Ewing, all of Cottage Grove; Floyd Sidney Jones, Disston, and Theodore M. Scott of Culp Creek.

C. O. Smith Dies Of Heart Attack At Melrose, N. M.

A telegram received here Friday by the Rev. Hilton T. Park conveyed the news of the death of C. O. Smith, about 53, which occurred at Melrose, New Mexico on December 29th. Funeral services were held at Melrose on December 31st. His death was attributed to a heart attack.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith left here about six weeks ago for Melrose, where they expected to make their home near a brother of Mr. Smith.

He was a disabled veteran of the first World war and had lived here about 12 years, coming here from Los Angeles, California.

What's Cooking? Nothing While Gas Was Off

The expression, "What's cooking?" did not apply to gas users over town Monday when a gasket was blown at the Cottage Grove Gas Co. and released the gas pressure. As result cars and householders using gas for cooking had a vacation until the gas came on again Tuesday morning.

The loss of gas was the first major accident suffered by the gas company since the installation of the system, so far as known, which is a good record.

ADDITION TO GILMORE STATION

A new building at this particular time is real news. Chas. Clark, proprietor of the Gilmore Super Service Station, has started construction on a 36x21 frame addition at the rear of the service station on North 9th street. The new addition is really an extension of the building occupied by the O. K. Tire Shop and when completed will be of modern design, large enough to house five automobiles.

The addition will be used as an auto repair department.

Commission to Plant 90,000 Trout in Lake

Kenneth Martin of Grants Pass, member of the state game commission, visited here with friends over the week end and informed members of the Cottage Grove Rod and Gun club that the state game commission had agreed to stock the Cottage Grove lake with 90,000 native cutthroat trout. In granting the request the commission will follow out the recommendation of Phil Schneider, field biologist with the state game commission, who made a survey of the lake and surrounding area several months ago. Mr. Martin warned local sportsmen to keep out the spiny ray fish which includes rough fish such as carp, if a good fishing ground was to be provided. Looking to planting the game fish the commission will first seek to eradicate the chubs and rough fish from the lake.

The commission also plans to plant several thousand fish in local streams, the planting to be done about the same time the lake is stocked. Efforts will be made to secure trout at least five inches in length, so that a good fishing supply can be secured early.

Mr. Martin also disclosed that the commission will start soon to buy up the land in the game refuge to be established in the Camas Swale district north of Creswell and that when placed in operation the game refuge would have a caretaker in charge of the project.

Rigid Culling of Flocks Necessary

Rigid culling of laying flocks this January will be unusually important as a means of reducing flocks in line with feed supplies and in affording more efficient and profitable production, according to County Agent Fletcher. Poultry producers of Lane county, as well as those in the entire nation, are faced with an adjustment problem this spring, he says.

Information on both the national and state January culling campaign has been received by the county agent from Noel Bennion, extension poultry specialist at Oregon State College, who also makes some suggestions on culling procedures.

Oregon has expanded her production of chickens, eggs and turkeys to such an extent in response to national demands that some reduction is suggested in state goals for 1944. These goals call for 4 per cent fewer eggs, 1 per cent fewer chickens raised, 26 per cent less broiler production, and 8 per cent fewer turkeys raised for meat.

From the national standpoint it is hoped through January culling to reduce an estimated 520 million hens and pullets by approximately 50 million. If Oregon poultrymen will reduce flocks to the approximate number on hand in January a year ago, they will obtain more efficient egg production and conserve vital foodstuffs, Bennion suggests. This can be done by eliminating older birds not in laying condition and by removing undersized, slow maturing pullets. A ready market is available for these as soon as culled and with no further feeding.

Bennion also calls attention to present indications that turkey breeders are planning to carry over even more breeding hens this year than the record number a year ago. The same holds true of other Pacific coast states and even other parts of the country.

While there is a strong demand for hatching eggs from Oregon broadbreasted flocks, which insures a good market for early eggs, there is some question about the later season market. Excess breeders can be sold at a profit now, whereas if too many are kept, there may be difficulties with inadequate feed supplies and a possible short season of egg demand.

BEG PARDON

In the notice to veterans in our last issue in stating all army veterans should apply for WW No. 2 discharge buttons to the AGO adjutant general's office) was inadvertently referred to as APO.