

Wool Growers Seek Change Lamb Ration

DENVER, Jan. 26 (AP)—The adjustment of ration point values on lamb and mutton in accordance with the price structure of various grades was recommended today in a resolution adopted by the National Wool Growers' association.

Ration point values now are the same on all grades of lamb and this, the growers said, handicaps sale of less desirable grades.

They recommended that whenever an excessive supply of lamb or mutton exists in a locality that it be deemed a critical area and that ration points be removed until the situation is alleviated.

The association resolved that the meat problems could be ironed out by the adoption of the wartime meat management plan as proposed by livestock producers and allied industries. The rationing program, they charged, "has utterly failed in its purpose, has failed in proper distribution, has forced the producer and feeder to operate at a loss, and has drastically reduced and will further reduce production."

The association also urged the transfer of the 330,000,000-pound stockpile of foreign wool from the defense supplies corporation to the commodity credit corporation for disposal along with domestic wool.

Stating that "We seriously doubt the necessity of governmental agencies and bureaus administering the industrial and business affairs of our state and nation," the wool growers advocated that the government adopt a "hands off" post-war program.

They asked that no licenses be issued for importation of foreign wool of types or grades available in domestic markets, and endorsed the continuance of tariffs on imports.

The growers reelected President G. N. Winder of Craig, Colo., and all other present officers.

The American Wool council, meeting in conjunction with the National Wool Growers, also reelected all present officers. They included R. C. Rich, Burley, Idaho, president.

No Coercion Over Pensions

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 26 (AP)—"No coercion is practiced by the army in regard to pension claims for soldiers who are being discharged for disability," an officer of the Ninth service command asserted.

Questioned concerning a charge by an American Legion official in Boston that hundreds of service men are compelled to sign waiver claims to compensation under threat of being dishonorably discharged, Lt. Col. C. B. Pedersen, executive officer of the office of the service command surgeon, Ninth service command, said in a prepared statement:

"It is possible some soldiers may have misunderstood the purpose of signing a statement to the effect that they did not elect to claim pension at time of discharge. . . . A soldier signing such a statement does not relinquish his rights for a future claim."

Bakersfield for Suds

SEATTLE, Jan. 25 (AP)—The Seattle Rainiers will do their 1944 spring baseball training at Bakersfield, Calif.

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Service Men

Where They Are—What They Are Doing



Edwin Perry Mything, son of Mrs. Nellie Found Mything of 1720 East Dennyway, Seattle, Wash., was graduated this month from the naval air training center, Corpus Christi, Texas, and was commissioned a lieutenant in the US marine corps reserve. He is a former student of Willamette university.

Pvt. Donald E. McCall of the marines has been wounded in action, the navy department announced in a casualty list released today. He is the son of Fred S. McCall of Salem.

Mrs. Wilson Siegmund received word from her husband Wednesday that he had been promoted from ensign to lieutenant, junior grade, United States navy reserve. He is stationed at a navy base in Australia and left for overseas in July. He took his training at Harvard and was stationed in Seattle for two months. His wife, the former Margaret Savage, and son, James Wilson, reside in Salem. Lt. Siegmund is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Siegmund.

Recently promoted to the rank of sergeant, Robert J. Gallagher of 1516 North Commercial street is serving at an advanced airbase in the Mediterranean theatre of operations. He is a member of a night fighter squadron of Mediterranean allied coastal air force which combines both British and American forces. The squadron supervises fighter planes in protecting convoys and intercepting enemy aircraft.

JEFFERSON—Mrs. Gilbert Hal Reeves will leave for Camp Parks, Calif., near Oakland, for several days' visit with her husband, a chief petty officer in the Seabees stationed there.

JEFFERSON—Mrs. Helen H. Rice of Jefferson received a letter from the parachute school at Fort Benning, Ga., stating that her son, Pfc. Hurlburt Hunter, has won the right to wear the world famous wings and boots of the United States army volunteer paratrooper jump by a night tactical leap identical to actual combat in Sicily, which completed his four weeks of jump training. The letter stated that jumping at the parachute school has been steadily developed to a recognized war science. There is but a one per cent chance of suffering injuries while jumping at the school. In addition to producing jumpers for combat, parachute specialist training is given to qualified men in communications, demolition and riggers, vital skills for the new and better infantry coming in by air today.

Hurlburt has been in the service since March, 1943. He was an MP at the Boeing Aircraft plant in Seattle until Thanksgiving, when he went to Fort Benning, Ga., for training, where he received his wings. He has been transferred to parachute infantry, Camp Mackall, NC.

JEFFERSON—Pfc. Donald Lake writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Lake of Jefferson, that he expects to be sent overseas. He joined the marine corps August 19, 1943, and has been stationed at Camp Elliott, near San Diego, Calif., where he received his training.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Cochran of Jefferson have received word from their son, Fourth Class Technician Wray Cochran, that he now is stationed in England with the signal corps.

Opl. Eugene W. Hough, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hough of Aumsville, was graduated recently from the gunnery department of the armored school, Fort Knox, Ky., this month. He was trained to become an armorer and gun mechanic, for lightning - fast, accurate shooting divisions of the armored command.

Tech. Sgt. Hal W. Lehman, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Lehman, 1099 Mill street, Salem, has been awarded the good conduct medal for one year of exemplary and efficient behavior, the commanding officer of the AAF training center no. 10, of Greensboro, NC, announced this week.

Lehman arrived at the center April 25, 1943, following his induction into the service at Fort Lewis, Wash., September 1, 1942, and basic training received at Atlantic City, NJ.

A graduate of Salem high school in 1928, he was employed by the state highway commission prior to induction.

Aviation Cadet Robert E. Gentzkow of Salem, has completed his basic training at Coffeyville, Kan., army air field, and has gone to an advanced field where he will finish his basic training and win his wings in the army air corps. His wife, the former Jean Bartlett, lives at 845 North Cottage street. They have two children, Robert and Douglas.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Gentzkow live at 1888 South 13th street, and they have two other sons in service, Sgt. Bernard Gentzkow, now in Australia after more than a year in New Guinea, and Richard Gentzkow in the naval air corps with the rating of a gunner second class and a radio operator.

Sgt. John Nekuda, son of Raymond G. Nekuda, route 7, has been wounded in action while serving in the Mediterranean war theatre, the war department announced Wednesday.

Eliott F. McKinley, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McKinley, 539 North Winter street, having finished his basic training at Amarillo, Texas, as an aviation specialist, has been sent to Drake university at Des Moines, Iowa, to take further training to become a navigator in the army air forces.

CHEMAMWA—Mrs. E. H. Hansen has received a telegram from her son, Peter Hansen, USMC, at Camp Elliott, Calif. He has been in the south Pacific for several months and saw action at Bougainville. His brother, Emil Wauseka also in the marines, is stationed in the Hawaiian islands.

Private Gordon C. Weller, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Weller, will arrive today for a short furlough with his parents. He has completed his basic training as a gunner in the tank division at Fort Knox, Ky.

SILVERTON—Staff Sgt. Harold D. Streeter arrived at Silverton Tuesday from Nashville, Tenn., and will spend his furlough with his wife, Mrs. Streeter, and their small daughter, Janice Joy, and Mrs. Streeter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer C. Olsen. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Carpenter, have learned that their daughter, Miss Vera Carpenter, WAVE, is being transferred from New York to Stillwater, Okla.

Bill Mathis is here from Farrington to visit his mother, Mrs. Loren Mathis, 954 Norway. After a 15 day leave he will return to the northern Idaho naval base where he has been a swimming instructor.

Sgt. Philip M. Hall, son of Mrs. Mabel E. Hall of Corvallis, has been wounded in action while serving in the European war area, the war department announced Friday. On the same casualty list appears the name of First Lt. Henry A. Kortemeyer, son of Herman D. Kortemeyer, route 4, Salem. The Statesman previously published word that Lt. Kortemeyer had been wounded while serving in the southwest Pacific.

Staff Sgt. James Hall and his wife and baby have spent the past week in Salem visiting with friends and relatives, coming here from Camp Ellis, Ill., where Sgt. Hall is stationed with the army engineers. Mrs. Hall and child will remain with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Beach of 2315 South Cottage street, when her husband returns to duty next week.

Kenneth Bunker, seaman third class, USN, has cabled his father that he is well although he cannot reveal his present location. Bunker is the son of George Bunker, 296 North Cottage street, Salem.

Pvt. and Mrs. George Tandy are spending a brief furlough with Mrs. Lura Tandy and other relatives in Salem, coming here from Camp Callan, Calif. Guests also in the Tandy home are Pvt. and Mrs. Pete Austin, brother-in-law and sister of Pvt. Tandy.

Andrew Haggins, USN, who has seen service in the Aleutians and the Gilbert Islands, is spending a leave in Salem with his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Vanover.

Gasoline Ration Card Weeding Due Before Next Cut

SEATTLE, Jan. 26 (AP)—Plugging of all existing gasoline loopholes will be completed before consideration is given to lowering the value of gasoline coupons or of banning pleasure driving, the new district mileage rationing representative said here.

Ralph L. Hosmer, who came to the district from the national OPA office said his first official interest would be in weeding out undeserved "B" and "C" cards and a close examination of off-highway users - boat operations, tractor owners, etc.

"I've worked in OPA mileage rationing programs throughout the country," Hosmer said in an interview, "and I believe I know where the leaks are. We are going to plug them."

Black Market Hijacks Gas Coupons

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 (AP)—OPA officials are seeking to fix responsibility for what they termed the theft of ration coupons worth 20,000,000 gallons of gasoline and fuel oil in the largest single black market operation yet uncovered.

Price Administrator Chester Bowles, disclosing that four men already have been arrested as a result of diversion of the coupons from paper salvage companies, said he had ordered a thorough investigation of the "regrettable happening," as well as "immediate steps to see that it cannot happen again."

An OPA announcement said the coupons—worth roughly five million gallons of gasoline and 15 million gallons of fuel oil—were shipped from the national and District of Columbia offices of the OPA to Penn Paper and Stock company, a Washington paper salvage firm, for shredding and conversion to paper products. The firm has a contract to buy all federal agency waste paper.

Most of the coupons were obsolete for issuance by local rationing boards but were still valid in the hands of ultimate consumers. Some had expired for consumer use as well "but were nevertheless accepted by sellers of rationed commodities," the OPA said.

The paper company put the coupons through a shredding machine while OPA enforcement officers looked on, but a large number of the tickets apparently were not destroyed and found their way into illegal circulation, OPA stated.

First evidence that the illegal coupons were in circulation was uncovered and reported by the Harrisburg (Pa.) district office of OPA.

The agency termed "greatly exaggerated" reports that circulation of the coupons had caused serious shortages of fuel oil and gasoline on the east coast. It pointed out that the area's daily quota of gasoline, for example, is 15,624,000 gallons, more than three times the value of the stolen motor-fuel coupons.

Hobson Herds Club From Bed

EUGENE, Jan. 26 (AP)—Howard Hobson coached his University of Oregon cage squad by remote control today for their Saturday tilt against Oregon State college. Hobson, down with the flu, told his hoopsters to work out tactics by themselves. The coach is nursing his cold, hoping his physician will let him out of bed in time to take the trip to Corvallis.

Willkie Pledged, George M. Roberts Files for Delegate

Declaring that he will support Wendell Willkie for the presidential nomination, George M. Roberts of Medford filed in the secretary of state's office Wednesday as a candidate for delegate to the republican national convention.

L. Nicholas Granoff of Portland became the state's first congressional candidate, filing his declaration for the democratic nomination for representative from the third congressional district, Multnomah county.

Swedes Unhappy Over Neutrality

NEW YORK, Jan. 26 (AP)—Sweden's neutrality is not a condition of which her citizens are pleased or proud, Rolf de Heidenstam, head of a Swedish trade delegation to the United States, declared this week.

"Our complete lack of gasoline, rubber, coal and our lack of a sufficient number of modern airplanes may explain the attitude taken by Sweden on different occasions," Heidenstam said, adding:

"Measures have lately been taken by the government to follow the decided opinion expressed by the majority even at considerable risks for the country's neutrality."

Pneumonia Still Striking Oregon

PORTLAND, Jan. 26 (AP)—Despite the ebb of the winter's influenza wave, pneumonia still is striking hard throughout the state, Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, state health officer, said today.

Influenza declined 26 per cent last week, but pneumonia—termed by Stricker "a more reliable index of the seriousness of the flu wave"—fell off only 8 per cent.

New influenza cases last week totaled 396, compared with 33 for the corresponding period a year ago. New pneumonia cases reached 48; as against 41 in the same period last year.

Aurora Church Painted

AURORA—The Aurora Presbyterian church is receiving a new coat of paint, redecorating of the interior floors, pews and walls.



AT PEARL HARBOR—Marines, Coast Guardsmen, and Bluejackets stand at attention as a U. S. Naval Hospital at Alen, Pearl Harbor, as Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, USN, prepares to present 632 Purple Heart medals to Pacific area veterans.

Rennie to Fill Speaker Dates

Wesley Rennie, general secretary of the Seattle YMCA with a first hand knowledge of international conditions and aspects through extensive travel during the past decade, will address the United Nations forum at the YMCA on Monday night at 7:45. His subject will concern postwar problems, international in tone.

In great demand as a speaker, Rennie will speak to numerous other groups in the brief period of his Salem visit. On Monday at 5 p.m., he will talk to the United Nations committee; Tuesday at 8:45 a.m. he will address a high school assembly; and at 10 a.m. will appear before the YMCA board of directors; Tuesday at the noon hour Rennie will be the speaker at the Kiwanis luncheon.

2 Shipyard Workers Killed

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 26 (AP)—Two fatal tumbles within 24 hours were recorded near the Kaiser shipyard here today.

Theodore D. Kammerdiener, 22, shipyard rigger of Vancouver, plunged 85 feet from a shelter house at the yard last night. This morning Knute Lundgren, about 57, a Portland construction worker employed on a warehouse being built near the yard, was crushed to death when lumber slid from a crane and knocked down the scaffolding on which he was working.

Nixon Transferred To Portland Office Of Telephone Company

Robert N. Nixon, Salem manager for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company for the last several years, is being transferred to the Portland office where he will be employed in the commercial department, it was learned Wednesday. He has been active in the First Baptist church, the Rotary club and the Toastmasters club and in other civic affairs. No information as to his successor here could be obtained Wednesday.

Mrs. Ring Entertains For Lyons Card Club

LYONS—The afternoon card club met with Mrs. Albert Ring Tuesday. Several tables of 500 were in play. Mrs. Orville Downing held the high score, Mrs. Gail Berringer low, and Mrs. Percy Hiatt drew the traveling prize.

Mrs. Ring served refreshments to Mrs. Arthur Anderson, Mrs. Oscar Naue, Mrs. Earl Allen, Mrs. Percy Hitt, Mrs. Albert Bass, Mrs. Orville Downing, Mrs. Fred Dallas, Mrs. Gail Berringer and Mrs. Kenneth Morris.

Family Reunion Held At Portland Home

SILVERTON—Mr. and Mrs. Elmer C. Olsen and daughter, Mrs. Harold D. Streeter and small daughter, Janice Joy of Silverton, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Robert Olsen and family of Salem attended a reunion in Portland Sunday at the home of Mrs. Elmer Olsen's mother, Mrs. J. M. Rosenberry, in honor of the birthday anniversary of another daughter of Mrs. Rosenberry, Mrs. Audrey L. White of Santa Ana, California.

Black Asks Name On Both Party Ballots

PIERRE, SD, Jan. 26 (AP)—Henry Black, Portland, who is running for president as candidate of the Equal Rights party which he founded, asked to have his name on both republican and democratic primary ballots today.

Mrs. L. M. Larsen, secretary of state, said Black's party would be recognized in South Dakota—providing 10 per cent of the voters petitioned for it.

Sideshow

Odd Angles On Day's News

LONG BRANCH, N.J. (AP)—A youthful transgressor who used the molting principle to confuse police while leading a gang in a series of petty robberies was described today by Detective Sgt. Peter Hyland.

The youngster wore three suits, Hyland related, and, when the going got tough, would duck into an alley to slip out of his outer garments and reappear later in different garb.

The ruse was discovered when he was arrested in a hit-run auto accident case.

KANSAS CITY (AP)—Miss Louise Goodpaster was pretty excited, having just fled from the burning apartment building in which she lived. Another night - gowned survivor asked her for a nickel to make a phone call. Miss Goodpaster rushed back into the smok-filled apartment, grasped her purse, removed a nickel and took it outside, leaving the purse, which contained \$200. A fireman recovered it.

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Deputy US Marshal Roy Hopper, starting for his office, found both doors of his automobile frozen shut.

He borrowed his wife's teakettle, thawed them out and proceeded.

Hopper reached his destination and tried to get out. But the cold drive had repeated the trouble. He was frozen in.

A garageman finally released him—with more hot water.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP)—After the 18 - man county grand jury had been sworn in, instructed and had retired to work today, Deputy Court Clerk Miss Thadde Plant discovered it had 19 members.

Circuit Judge Joseph S. White called the jury back and discharged the extra man.

"Somebody put a chair in front of the jury box," he explained, smilingly. "I filled all the seats without counting jurors."

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Detective James I. Neel and W. A. Erickson parked their car and entered a building to investigate. When they came back they found someone had forced the police car's doors and had stolen their overcoats, flashlights and handcuffs.

FORT SNELLING, Minn. (AP)—Sixteen-year-old John McFalconer of North Dakota, registered with a Fargo draft board last April, and was inducted. His sister, Mrs. James Hurstad, caught up with him and he was discharged.

John registered again and once more headed for induction. His sister, acting on a "hunch" called Fort Snelling and found John was a soldier again. He will get a complete series of inoculations, a uniform—and another discharge.

Men's Clothing Store Opens

A new men's clothing store has been opened at 387 State street under the name "J. J. Clothes Shop" by Joseph Josephson, who has been a Salem clothier for ten years. This business will be conducted in addition to the one which Mr. Josephson has operated previously.

The new store has been established in the former location of Rice's shoe store, and will carry a complete line of men's and young men's suits, topcoats, raincoats, sport coats, slacks, trousers and hats in well known brands.

Spuds Have Space

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 (AP)—Reports that shipping space for Idaho potatoes has been curtailed recently, are without foundation, the office of defense transportation declared today.



BOMB FOR HITLER—Aided by lovely Irena Baranowa, ballet star, Foreign Minister Jan Hanuszyk of the Czechoslovakian provisional government autographs a parachute bomb at the textiles-at-war exhibit in New York.



THEATRICAL DOLL—Loretta Verna, Romanian actress featured in a Broadway musical show, exhibits a gift from a friend—a doll dressed in a miniature copy of one of the costumes she wears on the stage.



YEAR-OLD PRINCESS—E. E. H. Princess Margriet Francien, third and youngest daughter of Princess Juliana and Prince Bernhard of The Netherlands, posed for this portrait to celebrate her first birthday anniversary.