

### Point Change Due Sunday, Says OPA

Washington, March 29 (AP)—The office of price administration today raised point values of pork, lard, margarine, canned peas, and canned asparagus for April. The changes are effective next Sunday.

The OPA left unchanged present ration values of beef, veal, lamb, butter, and other red stamp foods. But Price Administrator Chester Bowles hinted that all meat points probably would be raised sharply in May and June. Noting the recent 12 per cent cut in civilian meat supplies for the second quarter of 1945, Bowles said the decrease would be felt "very little" during April.

**Seasonal Decline Due**  
"Later in the quarter—in May and June—there is normally a sharper seasonal decline in the production of meat and the decrease will be felt to a greater extent at that time than in April," Bowles said. Decreased supplies are customarily accompanied by higher ration values.

Bowles said that while there will be less meat during the rest of the year "we still have enough to meet all essential needs." Other changes for the next ration period beginning next Sunday and extending through April 28 were reduction of points on tomato juice, canned sweet cherries, canned plums, and canned prunes.

### Picture of Bend Soldier Is Used

Mrs. J. M. Dallas of Bend thumbed through the March issue of *Colliers* and stared in amazement at a familiar face in the army-released photographs from Germany section.

For attending services in St. Hubert's church at Roetgen was her son, Jack Dallas, who is serving with an engineers combat battalion.

**\$150 FINE IMPOSED**  
A fine of \$150, court costs and three months in jail comprised the penalty levied yesterday against Roy Ward, charged with assault and battery, by Circuit Judge Ralph S. Hamilton. Ward pleaded guilty to an assault and battery charge lodged against him February 4 by Claude H. Brant. Both men are residents of Redmond.

### Churchill Goes Boating on the Rhine



Prime Minister Winston Churchill smiles his satisfaction aboard the invasion craft which carried him across the Rhine for a visit to U. S. 9th army bridgehead. In the craft with Churchill are: Left to right, Maj. Gen. John Anderson, commanding general 14th army corps; Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson, commanding the 9th army and Field Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery. Talking with Churchill is Maj. Gen. Leland S. Hobbs, whose 30th division troops were first over the Rhine. U. S. Signal Corps radio-telephoto.

### Melville Sexton, in Movies, Wears Hat of German Mayor

Mr. and Mrs. Ted D. Sexton went to the movies last night, and saw their son, Pfc. Melville Sexton, Bend high school graduate with the class of 1941, walking down a German street, wearing the black silk, "stovepipe" hat of the mayor of the town.

And, strangely enough, Mr. and Mrs. Sexton heard directly from Melville all about his experiences in the German town about the same time the picture they saw last night reached Central Oregon. The Pathe picture, "Four G. I.'s in a German Town," was first shown at the Capitol theater in Bend, but Mr. and Mrs. Sexton missed the show. From friends they heard that one of the young soldiers in the picture looked like Melville, and these friends described the black silk hat.

Then Mr. and Mrs. Sexton read a letter they had received from Melville dated on March 6. Mel-

ville started his letter by mentioning that the Yanks had experienced some bad luck: Von Runstedt had escaped across the Rhine, then Melville added:

"All things here are not on the bad side, however. For instance, take our surroundings. I am writing on a beautiful big table, and across from me is a gentleman from Pennsylvania, also writing. He is wearing a silk stovepipe top hat. As for myself, I am wearing a beautiful black derby! Nothing but the best. . . . Someone has walked off with most of the furniture. The windows are out, naturally, and there are shrapnel holes in the roof, but we have telephoned for the repairman. . . . You are apt to see a G. I. running around in anything, because when we move into a town we naturally have the run of it, and can help ourselves to the police department,

etc. In a town a little ways back, I think I had the mayor's hat, and boy it was a beaut. It was a stovepipe made of black silk with a white silk lining and folded on the top."

Somewhere along the line, a cameraman obviously caught up with Melville and his top-hatted buddies, for in the picture shown here there were six G. I.'s, three in top hats, three in derbies, parading down a battle shattered street.

The picture was shown last night in Redmond, and Mr. and Mrs. Sexton drove there to see it. That section of the film showing the boys is to be given to the Bend couple.

Sexton is a Bend high school instructor.

**NAZIS LIQUIDATED**  
London, March 29 (AP)—Marshal Stalin tonight announced in an order of the day that the red army has completed the liquidation of the Germans encircled southwest of Koenigsberg, killing more than 80,000 and capturing 50,000 since March 13.

### VFW Here Names Officers, Envoys

Members of Ponderosa Pine post No. 1643, Veterans of Foreign Wars, at a meeting held last night in the courthouse, elected officers for the ensuing year, and also named delegates to two forthcoming state and district conventions. They also took into the organization 11 new members. Officers elected follow:

Commander Earl Birchard, senior vice-commander Patrick Gibson, junior vice-commander Ermal Tiller, quartermaster Francis G. Gates, chaplain Roy Anderson, surgeon Buckley Morgan, trustee Cecil Rhoades and judge advocate George H. Brewster.

**Delegates Chosen**  
Delegates, who were named to attend the department convention in Salem June 27, 28, 29 and 30, and the district meeting in Hood River on April 28, are:

William Fairman, Wayne Entriken, Ermal Tiller, Edward Barr, Louis H. Helphrey, Patrick Gibson, Robert Bluff, Roy Altizer, Roy Anderson, Irving Hardendorf, Henry Aulman, Ray Brown, William Gibson, Kenneth Bennett, William Sanders and Frank Eley. Those who were admitted to the post are:

Raymond Earl Birchard, John E. Galvin, William O. Galvin, Phillip H. Grady, Boyd E. Drake, Roy Anderson, Benjamin C. Garske, Tom Dewhart, Robert M. Bluff, William E. Hall and John G. Yeager.

### Man Shortage Throwing Labs Open to Women

Cleveland (AP)—The nation's chemistry laboratories will be a woman's workshop for the next five years, according to Dr. Marion Cleveland, assistant chemistry professor at Western Reserve university here.

Dr. Cleveland emphasized that the men who normally would be in training for chemistry careers are now in the armed forces and it will be five years before enough men can be trained to replace women who have stepped into their places since the war started.

The field of patent research is the widest now open to women chemistry majors, Dr. Cleveland said and she urged women students to consider this type of work seriously because this field is apt to remain open to women for a longer period of time.

Five of the 29 girls who were graduated this past term from Flora Mather college, Western Reserve's undergraduate school for women, were chemistry majors. The college has five times as many chemistry majors now than it did in 1943-44.

Dr. Cleveland said that fields of interest for women chemists include studies in fermentation such as those which produced penicillin, bacteriology, synthetics and chemistry.

### Fals Reunited



Ten thousand miles can't separate a man from his best friend—so Sgt. Edgar C. Godard, of Huntington, Pa., and "Blackie," nondescript dog he acquired in Abadan, Persia, six months ago, are reunited. Godard was returned to Bowman field, Ky., on a rotation plan, immigration officials frowned on his dog following. Appeal to his congressman, unidentified, resulted in "Blackie" taking a 0,000-mile ride on a Liberty ship. Here they are reunited.

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### Critic of OPA Explains How He Would Run Organization

By Frederick C. Othman (United Press Staff Correspondent)  
Washington, March 29 (AP)—Thomas E. Wilson, a handsome, white-haired gentleman with a twinkle in his eye and a pearl in his tie, identified himself as a manufacturer of acids, boxing gloves, medicines, cheese, gelatin, and tennis rackets.

And a good thing, too. The chairman of the board of Wilson and Co., one of the largest meat packers in the world, said his company was losing money on every beefsteak it produced.

"We are trying to keep our heads above water," he told the senate food investigating committee, "but it's getting close to our breathing apparatus now." Another two years of OPA regulations now in force, he said, and there won't be any Wilson and Co.

"We can't keep on running our business," he told the senators. "We just can't. It isn't fair. It isn't American."

The hearing room was jammed with meat packers, live stock growers, newspaper reporters and senators, all feeling confused over the many conflicting statements about the meat shortage. One woman brought her three-year-old son to see the show. Two uniformed cops stood at the door. The Senators peppered Wilson with questions about the black market (which he said was tremendous) and OPA regulations (which he called amazing).

Finally Senator John H. Bankhead of Alabama harumphed and

said, "Mr. Wilson, tell us just what you would do today, if you were in charge of the OPA."

Wilson thought this over carefully. He fingered the pearl in the cravat. He looked at his fist-full of documents. He glanced at the assistants sitting beside him. Then he announced:

"I believe I would have to go to church first and pray for help." He wasn't making a wisecrack. He meant it. The OPA representatives, who had been squirming on their cane bottom chairs all morning, relaxed momentarily.

Wilson said they'd been running the OPA since the war began and that if they hadn't learned what was wrong with the meat business by now, they were hopeless. He said he thought they did know and that they should be able to figure out the remedy. He said he'd be durned if he'd do their thinking for them. Only he didn't say, durn. He denounced the OPA's operations in courtly language and raised his voice at nobody. I have been attending the meat hearings since they opened and I can report that this is unusual.

I have listened so far to a couple of dozen experts on the subject of meat, lack of. I have looked at their colored charts and I have heard them contradict each other and I think maybe I agree with the echo of Senator Kenneth S. Wherry of Nebraska.

The senator said he'd listened to the oratory, too, and that no matter what anybody said, the fact remains that when a housewife

goes to the butcher shop for meat, she finds the shelves are bare.

From the far corner of the room came the feminine echo: "Right!"

The cops looked the lady's way, but they didn't toss her out. Wilson smiled and about all I know for certain is this: the meat shortage has been caused by a lack of meat. Like the cigaret shortage. Remember when congress was investigating that?

### Bend Sailor Ill, Taken to Hospital

Ill of arthritis since he arrived home on leave Saturday, Dick Myrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Myrick, 25 Louisiana, was taken to the St. Charles hospital last night, where he is reported this morning as somewhat improved.

Dick entered the navy on January 18, for radio technician training, and recently completed his boot training at San Diego.

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