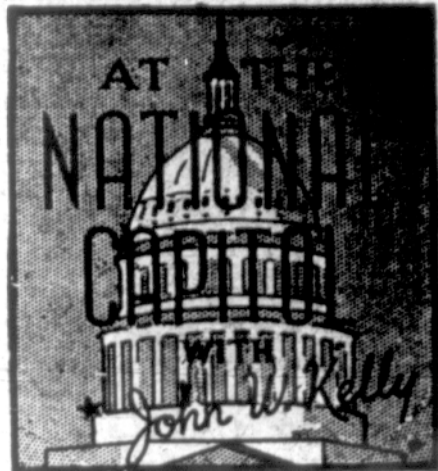


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Dates Announced For Registration For Food Books

Registration To Be Done By Traveling Board, Haufelt Says

Washington, D.C.—War production board has relented sufficiently to permit a non-electrified farm to receive power under certain circumstances. A certificate must be obtained from the local county war board and armed with this, a public utility company can construct a line to the farm and use up to 30 pounds of copper wire in the transmission—about 5000 feet. This material, however, must come from such stock as the company has on hand; no priority will be given to purchase new material.

The farmer is circumscribed. He must have a milking machine, water pump for livestock, brooder, incubator or food grinder which he has no other means of operating. If he has one or more of these facilities he must have at least "10 animal units" on the farm and the company can install 100 feet of wire for each unit. One animal unit is 75 hens, or 40 turkeys, or 10 beef cattle, or three cows.

After the Truman committee blasted away at WPB for refusing farm equipment for 1943 Donald Nelson, of WPB, agreed that farmers could receive 30 per cent of the amount of machinery and parts for repairs that were manufactured in 1940-41. A New York lawyer, who had charge of the office of civilian supply, had fixed 20 per cent as the amount that would be available. There was increased protest when farmers learned that tractors, which they were denied, have been shipped to England while the food administrator is asking the American farmer to increase his production far beyond anything that has ever been attempted in this country.

Attention of congress has been called to the great harvest of last year, but because of insufficient help and equipment many tons of food have been lost. This is particularly true of soybeans, still in the fields, rotting. In the north-west such crops as strawberries were wasted for want of pickers, and growers of cover crops for seed have been handicapped. WPB planned to concentrate farm machinery production, not realizing that it is not one industry but 16 separate industries involving 1600 companies. Even on the 30 per cent allowance the Truman committee says that many of the 1600 companies, being in the small business category, will be forced to fold up as they will not receive any orders. It is also not to be expected that manufacturers with no quotas for new machinery will produce repair parts for machinery not made by them.

There was nothing said about it, but 186 refrigerator cars filled with butter, destined for Russia, arrived "somewhere in the north-west." The cars are estimated to have contained approximately six million pounds of butter which according to department of agriculture estimates published four months ago, would have been sufficient to have kept the entire state of Oregon in butter for half a year. The butter was not well packed and hundreds of firkins arrived in a sad state of repair. The Russians refused to accept the butter in that condition, it is reported, although it was a free gift to them, and a co-ownership had to be given the job of repacking the butter at a cost of \$7500, which has not yet been paid by the lend-lease people. Housewives in the east are limited to one quarter pound of butter and most of the stores have none.

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Registration dates for "point system" rationing were announced this week by Dr. Viggo Haufelt, chairman of the Sherman county war price and rationing board, as follows:

At Kent, Monday, Feb. 22.
At Grass Valley, Tuesday, Feb. 23, and Wednesday, Feb. 24.
At Moro, Thursday, Feb. 25, and Friday, Feb. 26.
At Rufus and Wasco, Saturday, Feb. 27.

Registration will be done by a traveling board, Dr. Haufelt said, and the board will be at the various towns only on the dates listed. He emphasized the importance of everyone registering on those dates if they want to avoid delay in obtaining their war book No. 2. He also stated that it will be necessary to present the war ration books No. 1 for each member of the family to the registrars.

The date for point rationing to become effective has been set at March 1, he said.

Further details of distribution of war book No. 2, and the "point system" of rationing it will govern, have been announced by OPA officials.

Highlights were:

1. The books, coupons of which first will be used in purchasing most processed canned and bottled foods and juices, will be distributed during February at school sites.

2. Retail sale of all foods to be rationed under this program will be halted for a period of one week, during which books will be distributed.

3. Actual rationing will begin immediately upon completion of the week's "freeze."

4. Every person, including infants, will be eligible, and the baby's book can be used to purchase the same amount as an adult's.

5. Consumers will have to declare their supply of rationed foods as of the "freezing date," and coupons will be removed from the book for all excess supplies on hand.

6. The exact amount of rationed food to be considered "normal" will be announced later.

7. War book No. 2 will be used for rationing meats soon after its distribution. Likewise, it will be used for other commodities when shortages become acute.

To get book No. 2, Mrs. Housewife must first fill out a consumer's declaration form, on which she will record the total number of cans of rationed food she has on hand on the "freezing date." She will not be required to specify the various kinds of foods on hand—merely the total number of cans.

She will use only one blank, listing the names of all members of her family. After signing this form, she will present it to the registrar at her neighborhood schoolhouse, together with the war ration books No. 1 issued to all members of her family.

Declaration forms will be available in advance at war price and rationing boards, and at most grocery stores. Consumers will be urged to complete these declaration forms at home to save time at registration sites.

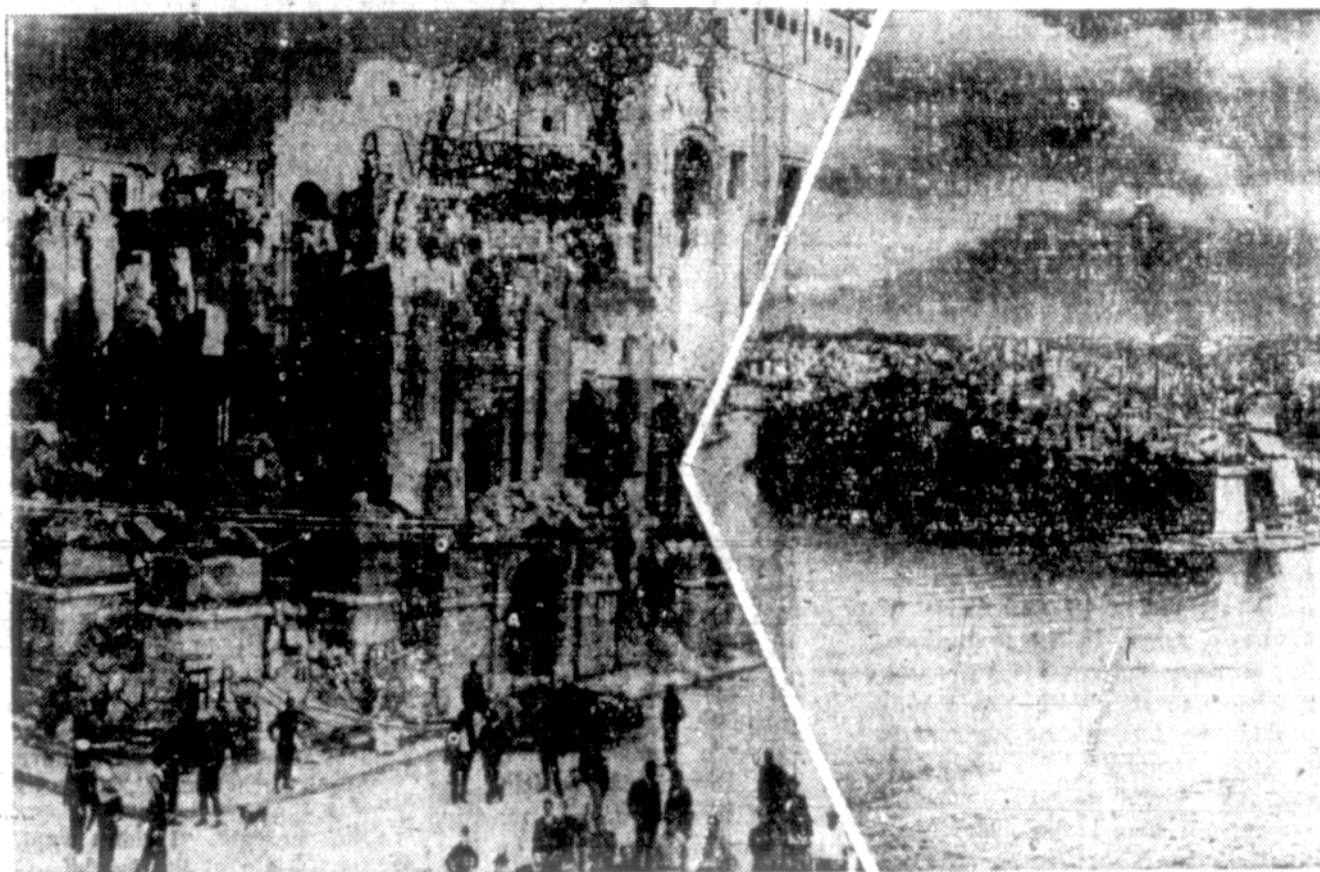
Coffee also must be declared, and stamps for all coffee over the allowed amount will be removed from war book No. 1, which will continue to serve as coffee-sugar book.

If any coffee stamps are missing from books held in the name of children under 15, the same number of missing stamps will be taken from books held by adult members of the family.

Housewives should remember that all home-preserved foods including vegetables, and fruits are

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Battered Malta Still Stands—Stronger Than Ever



Battered Malta, the stout little British stronghold in the Mediterranean, took everything the Axis had to offer, and can still go about its daily business. The enemy paid dearly for its almost daily attacks, however. At left is shown the shattered opera house in Malta. The people in the streets are British and American navy and merchantmen, soldiers and residents of the island. Shown at right is a recent picture of Malta, the most bombed place in the world.



Local Legislator Discusses Tax Program

The tax program moves on. It is still the most important matter before the session as Senator Steiwer said at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon Monday; nothing has arisen to remove it from the place at the top of legislative musts.

No one could tell from reading the papers, except this one, that much had been done to achieve an opinion on which a majority could agree. Nevertheless there has. For the first time a series of meetings were held at which committee members listened to and talked with those who are supposed to be informed about taxation matters. These meetings have given the committee members some information about the problems of taxation that usually comes much slower, much later in the session. The result should be that the taxation program will be out in a shorter time than usual.

The ways and means committee is getting along with its work and will probably have the job done in the statutory 50 days under Carl Engdahl, who is a bit more of a driver than any who have headed that committee in recent sessions.

The house has been introducing bills, getting them through committee and passing them more quickly than usual this session. There is always a great supply of unanimous consent bills that require some work and time but are not controversial. Among these are county salary bills and other such matters affecting but a small part of the state, usually, and bills that are generally conceded to be desirable.

In almost any legislative session about 75 per cent of all bills are unanimous consent bills. It is true in all states. These have been disposed of this session in fast order and a large part of them are now over in the senate, having passed the house.

County salary bills are numerous. There are usually many of them, but the conditions are such that this session seems to have more than previous ones. Gilliam, Morrow, Sherman and Wheeler counties all have some suggested changes in the rate of pay of county officers. Most of these will be passed if they are within a general limit of proper salaries and are approved by the county courts of the counties affected.

The big truck bill is getting its usual attention. Only this time the truck people have asked for a bigger truck than usual, having gone up from 68,000 pounds

Ex-Congressman Walter Pierce and his Mrs. arrived in Salem last

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Wasco Resident Buried This Week

Arthur Franklin Watkins was born in Joplin, Mo., March 31, 1858, and died at Vancouver, Wn., Jan. 31, 1943, at the age of 84.

He came to Oregon with his wife and three children 58 years ago; five other children were born in Oregon. His wife and two children preceded him in death. He remarried in 1905, and to this union three children were born. In 1910 they moved to Wasco, where he resided up to the time of his passing. He was a member of the Methodist church.

Surviving are his wife, Iva L. Watkins; five sons and four daughters as follows: Bert Watkins of Wasco; Roy of The Dalles; Everett of Wasco; Harold of Shelton, Wash.; and Earl of Seattle, Wash., in U. S. service; Mrs. Nellie Matteson of Modesto, Cal.; Mrs. Metta Kaseberg of Wasco; Mrs. Hazel Bargfield of Seattle; Mrs. Wanda Sweeney of Seattle; also 15 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held from the Wasco Methodist church on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 3, at 1:00 p.m., with Rev. F. L. Cannell officiating. Interment was at Sunrise cemetery.

CHANGES ANNOUNCED IN U.P. TRAIN SCHEDULES

In order to more efficiently meet the ever-increasing production of essential war materials and supplies, the Union Pacific is reducing the speed of its regular passenger trains and lengthening schedules.

Effective Feb. 15, the "Portland Rose" for the east will leave The Dalles at 8:50 p.m. instead of 12:01 a.m., with eastern arrivals remaining approximately the same as at present. Westbound, the "Rose" will leave The Dalles at 4:50 a.m., instead of 4:30 a.m., and arrive in Portland at 7:30 a.m. instead of 7:00 a.m.

The "Pacific Limited" also for the east, will leave The Dalles at 11:40 a.m., instead of 1:00 p.m., with little change in arrivals at eastern terminals. Westbound the "Limited" will leave The Dalles at 3:25 a.m., instead of 7:38 p.m., and arrive at Portland at 6:30 a.m. instead of 10:30 p.m.

Other trains will travel on approximately the same schedules as at present.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY WILL MEET AT CHURCH

The February meeting of the Women's Missionary society will be held at the Moro Community Presbyterian church Wednesday, February 10, at 2:00 p.m. Mrs. L. V. Moore is in charge of the program. Annual election of officers will be held.

County Court Holds Regular February Session

The County court met at the courthouse in Moro in regular monthly session, Wednesday, Feb. 3, with all members present. The general claims and road department claims were duly presented and allowed. The treasurer's monthly report and the treasurer's semi-annual report were read and accepted, as was the clerk's semi-annual report.

An increase of ten cents per hour in the hourly wage of road employees on the monthly payroll basis was voted.

One piece of tax-foreclosed property in Wasco was sold.

One application for road improvement and one request for bridge construction were made, but action on both requests was deferred.

Four transfers of funds were made from the emergency fund to exhausted funds.

The circuit court jury list, consisting of 200 names, was selected for the year 1943.

Farmers Assured Gas And Rubber

The restrictions in non-essential uses of gasoline and rubber, including pleasure driving in the east, imposed by OPA rationing regulations give farmers greater assurance that they will get the gasoline and rubber they need to produce and market their crops, says state OPA director Richard G. Montgomery in a release from the office of war information.

This statement was made in reply to fears expressed by some farmers that they might be forced to curtail food production because of inability to obtain sufficient fuel and tires for tractors, trucks, gasoline engines and other equipment necessary to farm production. Poultrymen, particularly, have been anxious about a steady supply of gasoline for heating brooders.

"Our hope is to distribute available supplies of rubber and gasoline so that essential war activities may proceed at full speed," Montgomery said. "Farming—our food production—ranks at the top of our basically necessary war activities. The less essential uses of gasoline and tires must never be permitted to slow down our essential food production."

"Farmers are allowed under rationing the gasoline they need for their tractors, gasoline engines, brooders and other non-highway over to their dealers coupons equivalent to the number of gallons delivered into their tanks after February 1. Coupons will be distributed to fuel oil users after they have registered, filled out the OPA forms, and received their "quota" from their local ration boards.

"The ration will be based in part on the heating efficiency of each home. The inefficient oil user will take a larger cut in the oil allotted to him than the efficient householder, it is announced. Each ration board in the two states will employ a prepared formula to determine the ration of each fuel oil user. The formula is based on the floor area to be heated and the amount of oil used last year. Each person filing an application for a fuel oil ration will be required to measure every room in his home."

Armed Forces Ask For Books

Look over the bookshelves, Mrs. America, and see if you can't share its contents with the men and women in the armed forces. Until March 5 there is a concentrated drive to bring out a show of millions of books for men and women in the country's service. The national victory book campaign was launched in Washington by Elmer Davis, director of the office of war information, and it has been taken up by the American Red Cross, the United Service organizations, the American Library association, and all relief groups. So if you have books—good fiction, mysteries, and biography particularly—share them with the services.

Fuel Oil To Be Rationed Starting February First

Oregon Users Will Be Forced To Cut Consumption Approximately 25 Per Cent

Steps for obtaining fuel oil rations have been outlined by Geo. L. Curry, Oregon OPA state fuel rationing representative. Consumers will register at the schools on February 15, 16, and 17. The dates have been put back a week to allow suppliers more time to make their certifications and to insure complete distribution of all OPA material, Curry explained. Formerly it had been announced that the registration dates would be February 8, 9, and 10.

Dealers will register at the local rationing boards on February 12 and 13 as previously announced.

Rationing is now in effect, becoming effective February 1, with an approximate reduction in consumption of 25 per cent ordered by the petroleum administrator for war Harold L. Ickes.

Why Oregon was ordered to ration fuel oil was explained in Washington, D.C., by deputy petroleum administrator for war Ralph K. Davies, who said:

"Not only is it impossible to meet the current demand with transportation facilities now available on the Pacific coast, but the prospect of some of these facilities being required for war service in other areas likewise dictates as a prudent course at least a mild restriction upon the consumption of heating oil."

"The petroleum administration recognizes fully that the imposition of these restrictions will result in some discomfort to those who heat with oil in Oregon and Washington, but it has no alternative but to act to conserve supplies when it is satisfied that to do otherwise might easily jeopardize military operations of the future."

Rationing of fuel oil in Oregon will follow the plan now in effect in 30 eastern states and the District of Columbia, it was stated. Rationing in the east is on the basis of a 33 1-3 reduction in consumption, while Oregon-Washington fuel oil rationing will approximate 25 per cent.

Although fuel oil rationing began on February 1, there will be no interruption of fuel oil deliveries, it has been announced. Consumers will be delivered fuel oil on "IOUs" agreeing to turn over to their dealers coupons equivalent to the number of gallons delivered into their tanks after February 1. Coupons will be distributed to fuel oil users after they have registered, filled out the OPA forms, and received their "quota" from their local ration boards.

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Twelve forms to be filled out by users of various types of fuel oil and kerosene in Washington and Oregon will be distributed as part of the rationing plan. There are different forms according to the use to which the fuel oil is to be put.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Jan. 28	39	24	.10
Jan. 29	34	16	T
Jan. 30	34	9	.09
Jan. 31	26	8	
Feb. 1	22	11	
Feb. 2	40	17	
Feb. 3	40	25	