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Rationing 'Frozen' Tires In County Begins Tuesday

Board Named, Quota for Month Set; Dealers Instructed

Alva Jones, Mrs. Sara McNamer of Heppner and Henry Baker of Ione are members of Morrow county's tire rationing board named this week by Governor Sprague. They will start receiving applications for purchase certificates next Tuesday to determine who shall have the five passenger car tires, 25 truck tires and 21 truck tubes allotted to Morrow county for the month of January, the allotment to vehicles to be on the basis of priority as outlined in instructions from Washington.

Applications will be received at the board's office upstairs in the First National bank building from 1 to 4 p. m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and from 10 a. m. to 12 noon, and from 1 to 4 p. m. on Saturdays, it was announced at a meeting last evening at the council chambers when Mr. Jones and Mrs. McNamer met with a large number of tire dealers from Heppner, Ione and Lexington.

W. Vawter Parker, county defense commander, who presided gave details of the rationing plan and emphasized that the regulations from Washington and acts of the local rationing board had the full effect of federal law and are backed by heavy penalty for violations. Tire dealers are held strictly accountable to the federal government for strict compliance.

Only those vehicles most essential to the health and welfare of the people will henceforth be entitled to new tire equipment, and then only after the authorized inspector has certified that tires cannot be re-capped or re-treaded.

P. A. Mollahan, Heppner police chief and former service station operator, was named official inspector by the rationing board.

Vehicles given priority were listed in the following order:

(a) A vehicle which is operated by a physician, surgeon, visiting nurse, or a veterinarian, and which is used principally for professional services.

(b) An ambulance.

(c) A vehicle used exclusively for one or more of the following purposes:

1. To maintain fire fighting services;
2. To maintain necessary public police services;
3. To enforce such laws as relate specifically to the protection of public health and safety;
4. To maintain garbage disposal and other sanitary services;
5. To maintain mail services.

(d) A vehicle, with a capacity of ten or more passengers, operated exclusively for one or more of the following purposes:

1. Transportation of passengers as part of the services rendered to the public by a regular transportation system;
2. Transportation of students and teachers to and from school;
3. Transportation of employees to or from any industrial or mining establishment or construction project, except when public transportation facilities are readily available.

(e) A truck operated exclusively for one or more of the purposes stated in preceding sections or for one or more of the following purposes:

1. Transportation of ice, and of fuel.
2. Transportation of material and equipment for the building and maintenance of public roads;
3. Transportation of material and equipment for the construction and maintenance of public utilities;
4. Transportation of material and equipment for the construction and

Chamber Nominates; To Elect Tuesday

Heppner chamber of commerce held its first meeting for the new year at Lucas Place Tuesday evening and nominated members for election as directors. Election will be held next Tuesday evening at a special meeting at the same place. With five directors to be elected, those nominated are R. C. Rosewall, E. Harvey Miller, C. J. D. Bauman, L. E. Dick, B. C. Pinckney, F. W. Turner, Elaine Sigsbee. Directors whose terms expire are Hanson Hughes, R. C. Rosewall, B. C. Pinckney, David Wilson and F. W. Turner. Officers are elected by the directors.

Special guests at the meeting were Donald Robinson, Jerry Rood, Richard ayes and Harlan McCurdy, Jr., all of whom left this week for duty in the army.

J. O. Turner, county co-ordinator, and Dr. L. D. Tibbles addressed the meeting on national defense work. Business included authorization of payment of \$25 to make up the deficit from staging the recent Eastern Oregon Wheat league conference. Harvey Miller gave a financial report of the event. A report was also given by Rodeo officials that the last Rodeo had paid its way financially and had left some money in the treasury.

Save Canning Needs, Advises FSA Office

Save your fruit jars, lids and rubbers with more than usual care this winter, is the new word in wartime frugality that comes from the Farm Security office in Heppner. "You'll want to fill all the jars you have on hand, and maybe more, to insure good nutrition here at home and to release commercially canned goods for our navy and army if necessary," states Genevieve Nettleton, county home management supervisor, who advocates at all times a self-sufficiency program for farm folk on family size farms. Mrs. Nettleton believes that every homemaker is eager to do her part in the present crisis, and she points out the need of saving carefully on glass jars and rubbers as an aid to the year-round canning program in the event of limited production of these essential articles of equipment.

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Heppner Lumber Co. Getting Logs; Plans Extensions

Decking Starts, Dry Kilns, Generator Installations Seen

After a shut down of ten days due to lack of logs, the Heppner Lumber company started operation January 2, although under very difficult conditions caused by the extremely cold weather. Logs are now coming in at the rate of 60 to 70,000 feet per day, and a cold deck of surplus logs is being put up for spring use. The company expects to deck as many surplus logs as possible between now and spring, in order to operate continuously.

The planing mill has been operating steadily and expects to run continually through the whole season.

About 75 percent of the mill's production is going into direct defense orders which are being shipped to the various army, navy and air bases in the United States. Ceiling prices have been put on all pine lumber for the duration of the war by the government.

The company is considering construction of dry kilns, according to Orville Smith, manager, as well as electric generator outfit to supply power for the operation. This work will probably not go forward until the weather conditions are more suitable.

"In the past year it has been very difficult to operate steadily due to the difficulty in working conditions caused by excessive wet weather. The production of the mill has not been up to par in the 1941 season for this reason, but it is the hope of the management that this year will allow more steady operation," said Mr. Smith.

Cold and Snow Mark Winter's Advance

After enjoying a long fall season, with good rains, Morrow county got its first case of the shivers this week with sub-zero temperatures for several days and the low of 6 degrees below reached Monday night. A new fall of snow starting Tuesday night and continuing most of yesterday brought moderated temperatures, along with a total fall of 12 inches of the beautiful to date.

Aside from a general epidemic of frozen water pipes and automobiles, and the increased hazard to highway travel the severe spell has caused little damage. Stockmen welcomed the new snow and less severe temperatures, reporting that feeding conditions were good.

Lions Give Support to President, Governor

Along with more than 4000 other Lions clubs in the country, Heppner Lions Monday wired President Roosevelt their wholehearted support in prosecuting the war effort, and commended their chief for his determined and capable leadership.

At the same time the club passed a resolution to be sent to Governor Sprague upholding his hand in the additional tasks thrown upon him by the war emergency. Both messages stated that the Lions stood ready to do the bidding of those in command to the best of their ability.

RETURNS WITH PRISONER

Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman returned home at 2 o'clock this morning from LaPorte, Ind., with John Alexander Burnham, wanted here on a charge of larceny, and who had been held in the Indiana city for local authorities. Sheriff Bauman reported sub-zero weather prevailing most of the trip, cold trains and everything not conducive to a pleasurable trip.

EDMONDSON PROMOTED

Leland Edmondson has been promoted to the rank of corporal in the R. O. T. C. at Oregon State college. Leland is on the rifle team for two terms.

A WEEK OF THE WAR . . .

(Summary of important developments of the week made available by official sources through and including Friday, January 2.)

Twenty-six nations, including the U. S., Britain, Russia and China, signed an agreement pledging their military and economic resources in a finish fight against the Axis and banning any separate peace. The nations also subscribed to "a common program of purpose and principles" embodied in the Roosevelt-Churchill "Atlantic Charter."

The signatories of the declaration include Australia, Belgium, Canada, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, the Dominican Republic, Salvador, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, South Africa and Jugoslavia. The declaration may, it said, be "adhered to by other nations which are, or which may be, rendering material assistance and contributions to the struggle for victory over Hitlerism."

THE WAR FRONT

The Navy said it had evacuated Cavite and the Army announced Japanese troops entered Manila which earlier in the week had been declared an open city by General MacArthur, commanding the U. S. Forces in the Far East. Before the entry of the Japanese, American and Philippine troops were withdrawn and all defense installations removed or destroyed.

General MacArthur earlier reported the enemy had "mercilessly bombed" churches, hospitals, convents, schools and other civilian installations in Manila after it was declared an open city, whereas they had only attempted bombing military installations previously. The President sent a message to the Philippine Islands pledging that their "freedom shall be redeemed and their independence established and protected." During the week, the Navy reported sinking two addition-

al enemy ships and said three U. S. destroyers were attacked, but only slightly damaged.

PRODUCTION FOR WAR

OPM reported \$78,212,000,000 has been authorized for war purposes. The President told a press conference that although present spending is at the rate of 27 percent of the estimated 1942 national income of \$100,000,000,000 production will be stepped up so that by next July 1 the nation will be spending at the rate of \$50,000,000,000 a year—or half the national income.

Asked about reports that Canadian, British and U. S. production would be pooled, resulting virtually in the end of the Lend-Lease program as such, the President said that military resources have been pooled since the Japanese attack. The matter of repayment would be adjusted, he said, and would largely depend on where the articles sent other nations were used.

SHIPS

The Maritime Commission said the ship-a-day goal in launchings of new ships has been reached and by the second quarter of 1942 delivery should reach two ships a day. The commission took over 16 Finnish ships that have been tied up in U. S. ports. The Navy announced launching of a destroyer, a floating workshop and a minesweeper, and said keels were laid for two more destroyers. The Navy also said it is converting the French liner Normandie into an auxiliary.

LABOR SUPPLY AND TRAINING

President Roosevelt denounced as "stupid" and "unjust" the increasing discharges of loyal, efficient workers in American industries "simply because they were born abroad because they have foreign-sounding names." He said such unfair discharges engender "the very distrusts and disunity on which our enemies are counting."

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Drive For Red Cross War Emergency Gaining Impetus

Weather Delays Solicitation; Voluntary Contributions Made

The holiday season, followed by severe cold weather and snow, delayed canvassing the county for the Red Cross war emergency quota of \$1500, but voluntary contributions are coming in to make the task easier when conditions permit, announces James Driscoll, county chapter chairman.

Driscoll took advantage of the tire dealers meetings at the council chamber last night to make additional headway in putting the drive across as soon as possible.

He told the meeting that voluntary contributions of \$150 were already in his hands, and he had been informed that workers in outlying districts had a considerable sum, a major part of which was one donation of \$250 that one wheat farmer had turned in to Mrs. Juanita Carmichael at Lexington.

At last night's meeting Driscoll obtained the services of Garland Swanson to assist in making a canvass in the Ione district, and appointed Loyal Parker to assist Mrs. Carmichael in making a further canvass of the Lexington district. Organization for the soliciting campaign in Heppner and other points in the county is not yet complete.

Driscoll asks that all who wish to help the work along leave contributions with him in Heppner or with solicitors in their own communities. Voluntary action of this kind will help speed the work of getting this drive out of the way before another comes along, because, Driscoll promises, "this will not be the last."

Driscoll emphasizes that money recently raised in the regular roll call goes into administrative maintenance and that the funds being raised in the present drive are all earmarked for relief work at the front.

Defense First Aid Classes Start Tuesday

An important phase of war emergency work is giving first aid to the wounded, says J. O. Turner, county defense coordinator, in announcing an instruction course in first aid starting next Tuesday.

Those signed up for defense first aid work, as well as all others interested, are asked to meet at the city hall next Tuesday evening, Jan. 13, at 7 p. m. when the class will be launched. Two classes will be conducted with E. L. Hanlon as instructor. Those completing the course will be entitled to Red Cross first aid certificates.

BIRD FEED OBTAINABLE

Are there game birds on your place that are going hungry? If there are, grain to feed them may be had at the office of J. Logie Richardson, president of Morrow County Hunters and Anglers club. Richardson made arrangements to obtain the feed from the state game commission in order to help carry the "Chinks" and "Huns" through the period of heavy snow.

PRESENTED WITH TWINS

J. O. Hager reported for his usual morning chores at the barn Tuesday morning to find that his cow had presented him with twin calves. After getting the nursery in order and taking care of the babies, he said all were doing fine.

CATTLE STRICKEN

E. Harvey Miller received word last evening from his farm north of Lexington that a bunch of his cattle were severely ill. It was believed they had gotten into grain that had been left stacked in the field.