

A Week of the War

(Summary of information on important developments of the week made available by official sources through 5 p. m., Monday, March 30.)

President Roosevelt announced creation of a Pacific War Council which will sit in Washington, representing Australia, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Canada, China, Britain and the United States. The first meeting was scheduled for April 1 at the White House. Mr. Roosevelt said "it is imperative that all of the United Nations now actively engaged in the Pacific conflict consider together matters of policy relating to our joint war effort." He said the Council "will be in intimate contact with a similar body in London."

Production and Conversion

The President authorized the War and Navy Departments and the Maritime Commission to guarantee or make direct loans to small businesses seeking to engage in war production. Any Federal Reserve Bank may serve as agent for the Departments concerned. Loans, discounts, advances and commitments may be arranged with private banks. The War Production Board reported organization of a Bureau of Finance with 35 representatives located in WPB field offices to help contractors and subcontractors in solving financial problems arising in connection with war orders.

The Federal Reserve Board said steel production was a 98 percent of capacity in the third week of March. War Production Chairman Nelson said more than 100 war plants have already organized management-labor production drives. The President approved a plan by Attorney General Biddle to defer Federal anti-trust action which would "interfere" with the output of guns, tanks, planes and ships.

Rationing

The OPA said county clerks throughout the country now have 180 million sugar rationing books which will be transferred to schools for registration of commercial sugar users April 28 and 29, and of individual consumers May 4 through May 7. The office released for rationing beginning April 13 more than 100,000 new typewriters now in the hands of distributors, wholesalers and dealers. April quotas for tires provide 102,000 new tires and 470,000 recapped tires for essential passenger cars and motorcycles.

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Sunrise Service and Cantata Slated Easter

Heppner churches' observance of Holy week will be climaxed Sunday with a joint sunrise service and a cantata in the evening.

The sunrise service is set for 6:45 at the cross atop Morrow hill, with song service and special music. Ven. Eric O. Robathan, Episcopal archdeacon, will bring the message and other pastors of Heppner will take part in different capacities on the program.

"The Resurrection Song," by Roy E. Nolte, will be sung in the evening, beginning at 7:30, in the Methodist church by joint choirs of the city. Soloists include Miss Rose Hoosier, director, Miss Lucile Barlow, Mrs. Raymond Ferguson, Mrs. Ture Peterson, Rev. Martin B. Clark, Charles Barlow, Frank Turner. Thirty voices will compose the chorus.

River Discussion Set for Pomona Meet

Discussion of Morrow county court's stand in the matter of supporting the Inland Empire Waterways association will be made by George N. Peck, commissioner, before the Pomona grange meeting at Ione next Saturday. President Chas. Baker of the association will also speak during the lecturer's hour beginning at 1:30 in the afternoon. The meeting is open to all, announces Mrs. Vida Heliker, lecturer.

A business session in the morning will begin at 10 o'clock, and luncheon will be served at noon. Other program numbers in the afternoon will be presented by various subordinate granges, and the fifth or Pomona degree will be exemplified in the evening.

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13 Light Tanks Made Available From County Scrap

Response Good So Far But Continued Supply Needed

Enough scrap iron has already been assembled in Morrow county to help make more than thirteen light tanks and more than thirty anti-aircraft guns, according to C. D. Conrad, who was recently appointed by the Morrow County USDA War board to handle the salvage program in the county.

Conrad states that approximately 100 tons of scrap iron has been brought to Heppner by farmers, the Heppner FFA boys and the Lexington Boy Scouts. Most of the material has come from the lower elevations because of bad road conditions in the southern part of the county. Much scrap is still to be brought in and original estimates of the amount of scrap in the county will be greatly exceeded.

All scrap iron is needed immediately in order to keep our smelters operating and to insure the greatest production of war materials and farm machinery repair parts. All farmers who have not turned over their scrap are urged to do so immediately as time is as important as the scrap itself.

Scrap iron is being assembled at the Interior warehouse in Heppner and all farmers who can bring their scrap in are being paid at the rate of \$6.85 a ton, and those farmers who are unable to bring their scrap are asked to turn it over to the FFA boys at Heppner or the Boy Scouts at Lexington. Arrangements have not been completed for an assembling point at Ione but it is expected that such arrangements will be made soon to save hauling the scrap to Heppner.

Salvage committees for each community in the county were recently appointed by the Morrow County Civilian Defense council. These committees are to handle the entire salvage program in each of their communities and this program will include the collection of scrap iron, paper, old tires, rags and various metals. The committees appointed for the communities were: Heppner, FFA boys and Boy Scouts; Lexington, Boy Scouts; Ione, high school boys; Boardman, FFA boys; and Irigoin, high school boys.

Definite instructions on some of the materials to be collected have not been received but it is expected that these instructions will be coming soon from the state salvage committee recently set up with Claude Sersanous as chairman.

DICK EDMONDSON WINS 4-H AWARD

Oregon State College, Corvallis, April 2.—Dick Edmondson of Heppner has been named as Morrow county's recipient of the \$100 Carl Raymond Gray college scholarship granted each year by the Union Pacific system to the most outstanding 4-H club members in counties served by that railroad. The money is payable throughout the first year when the winner is enrolled at Oregon State college.

Dick is a junior in high school this year and plans to use his scholarship in the fall of 1943. Dick will graduate from Heppner high school. He has been in club work six years and has carried two different kinds of projects. They are dairy and sheep.

In approving the selection of this student as recommended by the state club office of the Oregon State college extension service, Joe Jarvis, supervisor of agricultural development for the U. P., commented that Dick has done an excellent job and is to be complimented on his perseverance.

Calls For Registration



Governor Charles A. Sprague presents Mrs. Ralph Rasmussen, president of the League of Women Voters, with a proclamation calling on all members of all parties to register.

"Time out for Democracy" is the watchword of the League of Women Voters' state-wide registration program, April 4th to 11th, for which, at the league's request, Governor Charles A. Sprague has issued a special proclamation, calling on all members of all parties to register, that they may participate in the primary election May 15th.

"While husbands, sons and brothers are fighting to preserve our republican form of government, our number one job is to maintain the right of franchise, first by qualifying through registration, and secondly, by going to the polls and having our say," declared Mrs. Ralph Rasmussen, state president of the League of Women Voters.

The league has designated the special period as registration week, and committees throughout the state will stress the duty of every citizen to register and vote. Governor Sprague's proclamation follows:

"I want to endorse heartily the effort of the League of Women Voters to obtain a full registration of eligible voters by the close of the registration books on April 14th. Special emphasis is needed because the public interest is so absorbed in the war that the political duties of citizens may be neglected. The success of the democracy we are fighting for depends on popular exercise of the right of franchise. It is not enough to do civilian defense duty. We must also discharge our obligation as a citizen and vote on election days.

"Newcomers to the state, youth coming of age must register to vote; also persons who have moved out of their voting precinct or who failed to vote at the last general election.

"I urge party committeemen and civic groups to join with the League of Women Voters in a campaign to get all eligible voters to register in time to participate in the coming primary elections."

Paul Brown Safe; May Be on Bataan

Paul Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris P. Brown of this city, was "well and fine" when he sent the letter received by his parents this week. It was the first word received from him since the outbreak of hostilities in the far eastern Pacific. He was in Manila before war was declared, and the letter stated he was "in the field," which his parents interpreted to mean that he is probably on Bataan peninsula with General Wainwright's forces.

Mrs. Brown believed the letter may have been brought out by General MacArthur when he broke thru the Japanese armada to take command of the forces in Australia.

"I am well and fine. Do not worry. Type of work gives me a good appetite," Paul wrote.

AIKEN, McNAMER FILE FOR OFFICES

Closing time for candidates to file for office in the May 15 primary election, Monday, was marked by Henry Aiken's announcement for state representative in the democratic ranks and that of C. W. McNamer for county commissioner in the republican lists.

Aiken, only Morrow county candidate for the representative post will not be opposed for the nomination, according to latest reports. Giles French, incumbent, is the only republican seeking a state representative post from this district and with two positions to be filled both candidates will receive their party nomination, as matters now stand.

McNamer enters the lists in opposition to E. O. Ferguson, whose candidacy for commissioner was announced last week.

At the end of filing, for local offices, the lists showed Bert Johnson, incumbent and George Peck, opposing each other for the republican nomination for county judge; Ferguson and McNamer for commissioner; L. W. Briggs and W. O. Dix, republicans, for treasurer; T. J. Wells, democratic incumbent, for assessor, and Harry Tamblin, democratic incumbent, for surveyor.

Other late filings brought Arthur M. Geary, republican, seeking nomination for U. S. senator against Charles McNary.

James T. Morgan, 65 Was County Native

James T. Morgan, 65, prominent Hinton creek farmer who began life on Rhea creek in Morrow county October 19, 1876, died at the farm home last Friday following a several weeks' illness. Mr. Morgan's entire life was spent in this county as a farmer and stockraiser, and he held the respect of a wide circle of acquaintances.

Large tribute to the deceased was paid at memorial services at Phelps Funeral home last Sunday afternoon, followed by interment in Masonic cemetery. Rev. Bennie Howe officiated.

Mr. Morgan was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Morgan, pioneer settlers. Surviving are the widow, Effie; two sons, Lester and James, Jr., of Lone Rock; a daughter, Mrs. Leo E. Johnson of Gold Hill, Nevada; two sisters, Mrs. Katie Slocum of The Dalles, Mrs. Clara Slocum of Huntsville, Wash.; and a brother Marcelus Morgan, of Heppner.

ANNOUNCES ENGAGEMENT

Miss Lois Jones announced her engagement at a party given in her honor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin B. Clark last evening. The groom-to-be is Charles Greybeal student at Northwest Christian college, Eugene, whose home is Kimberley, Idaho. A group of young friends of the young lady were invited guests.

Morrow County Gains In Settlement Of Land Claim Cases

Jury Ups U. S. Offer on Bombing Field, Ordnance Sites

Morrow county is ahead several thousand dollars as a result of the juries' decisions in federal court in Pendleton Tuesday and Wednesday when decision of price was made for county owned lands condemned by the U. S. government for use as bombing field and ordnance depot sites.

Three cases were consolidated in Tuesday's trial when the jury returned judgment in favor of the county for \$36,086.46 on land for which the federal government had previously made an offer of \$31,758.25.

This land, taken for use as bombing practice field, did not include closed portion of the Boardman-Ione road, on which the government made no offer but for which the county settled previously for \$14,816, after filing suit. Total received by the county on bombing field site and highway right-of-way was \$50,902. Two other cases involving small parcels of land on which the government offered \$1000 were settled with jury allowance of \$1280.

P. W. Mahoney, district attorney, who represented the county's interests was informed by telephone this morning that the jury verdict on the ordnance depot site, 3760 acres, was above the government offer but the definite price was not learned. C. Z. Randall, Pendleton attorney, assisted Mr. Mahoney, and the case was heard by Judge James A. Fee.

Order Nails Now if Building Grain Storage

An immediate attempt will be made to manufacture a sufficient supply of nails to take care of all nails needed for the construction of bulk grain bins, according to word recently received by the county agent's office from Chas. W. Smith, state county agent leader, following replies received to a telegram sent to Washington, D. C., by F. E. Price, head of the agricultural engineering department at Oregon State college.

The following wires were sent and received from the office of agricultural defense relations in Washington, D. C.: "Oregon farmers unable to purchase nails for construction of grain bins. They are advised to submit PD 1A priority application to war board in order to secure nails. Have checked wholesalers and find extreme shortage of nails this territory. Is above priority form correct or can anything be done to secure an overall supply of nails for grain bins to avoid necessity of each farmer making priority application accompanied by probable delays. What can be done to get nails from other territories into this area to relieve the emergency? Wire." Answer: "Prospects are War Production board will send authorization this week to all producers of nails to operate plants to almost capacity until July 1. This action should relieve general shortage. Do not believe anything would be accomplished by farmers filing PD 1As."

It is very important that all farmers planning on building bulk storage facilities get their orders for nails to their local dealers immediately, according to the Morrow County War board. All possible sources for obtaining nails should be exhausted before filing PD 1As and unless such sources have been exhausted, the war board is unable to give much assistance; however, when it is found that nails or repair parts or other needed materials can not be obtained, the county war board should be notified.

Girl wanted to go to work by Monday. Heppner Bakery.