

# A Week of the War

(Summary of information on the important developments of the week made available by official sources through 5 p.m. EWT, Monday, May 25.)

President Roosevelt, in a special message to Congress, reduced his WPA request for fiscal 1943 from \$465 million to \$283 million. He said the war effort is drawing workers from every available source, thereby reducing the need for a work relief program. To meet labor shortages, he said, even organized migration of workers may be necessary. The revised WPA program would provide for an average monthly employment of about 400,000 persons "who will not be hired by private employers because of age, lack of skills, or other handicaps."

Chairman McNutt of the War Manpower Commission directed the U. S. Employment Service to maintain lists of skilled occupations essential to war production in which a national shortage exists, and to make preferential referrals of workers to employers in war industries. He directed the WPB to classify war plants and war products in the order of their emergency to the war program. He also instructed Selective Service local boards to confer with local U. S. Employment Service officials before reclassifying any men skilled in war occupations.

Mr. McNutt said if it is possible to insure full utilization of manpower through voluntary means, "it will be unnecessary to put into effect legal controls" to limit freedom of action of workers and employers. He said compulsion "may from time to time be necessary," however, in the administration of the manpower program. He stated four-fifths of all jobs in vital war industries can be handled by women.

## Rubber and Gasoline

The WPB said if Americans do not conserve the transportation miles in their tires it may be necessary eventually to transfer automobiles and tires to communities where they are needed more. The board reported no rubber can be spared in 1942 or 1943 to make new tires for ordinary passenger cars, because the armed forces need all the rubber the nation can muster from its stockpile, synthetic program and greatly curtailed crude sources. The synthetic program might produce 30,000 tons of rubber this year and 350,000 tons in 1943, the board said.

Price Administrator Henderson reported a preliminary count of car

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## Materials on Ground For New Elevators

Materials are now on the ground at Heppner, Lexington and Ione for new grain storage capacity at Morrow County Grain Growers facilities, and construction will be pushed as rapidly as possible, the management announces. Concrete for foundation has already been poured at Lexington.

These additions, all for bulk handling include addition of facilities for 87,000 bushels at Heppner, 220,000 bushels at Lexington and 220,000 bushels at Ione.

## BLANKENSHIP HONORED

A. H. Blankenship was honored at Monday's Lions luncheon at Lucas place when fellow club members tendered him a remembrance thru J. O. Turner, president, who told of the recipient's faithful service to the club and to the community while superintendent of schools. Mr. Blankenship expected to take his family to western Washington in a few days, and after winding up his duties here to leave for New York to start graduate work on a fellowship received from Columbia university.

## WINIFRED WINNARD PASSES

Funeral rites were held in Portland yesterday for Winifred Winnard, former teacher in the local schools, who passed away at the home of a sister in Klamath Falls, according to word received by local friends.

## SELLS PENNEY BUILDING

Mrs. Truman Babb this week consummated sale of the J. C. Penney store building in this city to Hart Isaacson of Los Angeles.

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## First, Second Draft Registrants To Get Job Questionnaires

Six Go to Service; 578 Registered in Fourth Classification

The next big order on the docket of Morrow County Selective Service board is the mailing of occupational questionnaires to all signers under the first and second calls. Registrants in the third draft have already received and returned their job classification forms.

Latest inductees from the local board were Charles Marcel Jones, George Herbert Pointer and Maurice J. Elder, who were accepted for service last week. Also reporting from here at the same time as transfers, and passing muster, were Herbert Richard Davidson of Gilliam county; William Bennett Wheeler of Boise City, Idaho, and Lowell Ellis Clark of Los Angeles, Cal.

Registrants of the fourth registration, numbering 578, received serial numbers May 20. These registrants will not receive order numbers.

Mailing of occupational questionnaires to first and second draft registrants was expected to begin either today or tomorrow, and Bert Johnson, chairman of the local board, asks all registrants to read carefully the questionnaires and follow directions as given thereon. Fill each item out carefully with ink or typewriter; fill the questionnaire in duplicate as instructed. If there should be any question you do not understand the clerk of the local board will be glad to explain but do not expect the clerk to fill out your questionnaire. The work of the local board has increased to such an extent that it is necessary that the registrants do this work themselves. There will be no necessity of going before a notary public with these questionnaires. The registrants can complete them at home and mail them. The length of time for completing them and returning them will be ten days. The local board requests the cooperation of the registrants in this matter.

## 100 VOLUNTEER WORKERS ASKED

One hundred volunteer men are being called for Friday morning to give one or two hours work between 7 and 9 o'clock to clean the Heppner cemetery of all white top weeds before Memorial day, reports C. D. Conrad.

Everyone who can possibly get away for an hour or so on that morning should come and help as it is impossible for any small group to devote enough time to get it done; whereas, if everybody will turn out for an hour or so, the whole thing can be cleaned up.

In addition to making the cemetery more sightly, those who volunteer will be helping to temporarily remove a menace to all town and country property below.

Everyone, men women and children, can help on this and should bring along a hoe, rake, pitchfork or shovel.

## GOOSEBERRY SERVICES

A district mission meeting at Valley Lutheran church in Gooseberry is set for Monday evening, June 1, at 8 p.m., and Tuesday morning at 10 a.m., with basket dinner at 12 m., and service at 1:30 p.m. by Pastor Stanley Sandberg of Seattle, and Pastors J. A. Martin of Warren, Paul J. Randolph and Carl W. Sodergren of Portland. Sermons will be given as follows: Monday, "I believe in the Holy Christian Church," Pastor Carl W. Sodergren; Tuesday morning, "I Believe in the Forgiveness of Sin," Pastor Paul Randolph; Tuesday afternoon, "I Believe in the Life of Everlasting," Pastor J. A. Martin.

## Asks Full Civilian Aid To Keep Forests Green

Civilians of Morrow county were urged today by Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman to aid law enforcement officers and military authorities in the campaign to keep saboteurs from firing Oregon's valuable forests and destroying crops, factories and homes during the dry summer months.

"The 'Battle of Oregon' may be fought in the millions of acres of forest lands in this state," the sheriff stated, in his appeal to the public to lend their aid wherever possible. Sheriff Bauman of this county, state head of sheriffs' association, has suggested to Oregon's county officers that they cooperate with the Keep Oregon Green association in its campaign to enlist adults and youth of Oregon into one great fire prevention group.

"Smoke from enemy started forest fires would serve as an ideal smoke screen for enemy bombers to pierce our aircraft protective forces," the sheriff pointed out. "We on the home front must be on guard. Every

civilian should find where he can best serve. Our forest lands will be the possible target for attack from enemies within our borders. We must be on guard and alert to prevent any sabotage of our resources, for men fighting fires cannot produce lumber and other materials of war which our armed forces need so badly.

"The responsibility rests upon all of us to prevent damage to our fields and forests. I want everyone in this county to know," the sheriff stated, "that as your sheriff, I, and all my deputies are going to enforce the laws of Oregon against unpermitted fires, right up to the hilt. We will regard every fire in this county as an axis fire, set by an enemy of the United States—until it is proven otherwise. I ask every citizen of our county to give its officers and our military forces their fullest cooperation in protecting our forests and farms during this critical summer season."

## Awards Given at High School Graduation

Commencement exercises for the 27 graduating seniors of Heppner high school Friday evening were featured by the address of Dr. Gertrude Boyd Crane, Pacific university; presentation of diplomas by C. W. Barlow, chairman of the board of education, and presentation of awards. John Skuzeski received the Norton Winnard cup, as best exemplifying the high qualities of the honored departed member of the class of 1918. Wanda Howell was given the honor plaque award, and Dorothy Green, was recipient of the Jane Mitchell pioneer trophy, presented by Jane Boyer, granddaughter of the honored pioneer.

At senior assembly closing the school term, citizenship medals were awarded Birdine Vance as outstanding girl, and John Skuzeski as outstanding boy. Scholarship awards for highest grades in each class were made to Peg Tamblin, senior; Rita McIntyre, junior; Marjorie Sims, sophomore, and Jean Turner, freshman. Tennis awards were made to Bob Pinckney, Tom Starkey, Glen Fell, Walter Skuzeski, Jim Barratt, Dorothea Wilson, Wanda Howell, Wilma Beymer and Loma Mae Jones.

## Boys'-Girls' Aid Work Lacking in Support

Livestock and grain men are running neck and neck, but the towns are still laggard in support of the drive for funds for support of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society for Oregon, reports Mrs. Ralph I. Thompson, county chairman.

The drive has but one more week to go, and Mrs. Thompson pleads for maintenance of the county's high record for support of all humanitarian causes. The homeless boys and girls must be taken care of, she adds.

## CHET CHRISTENSON ENGAGED

Mrs. Karsten Thot, residing at 3033 Dumas St., Point Loma, San Diego, California, announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Betty Louise Thot, to Lt. Chester L. Christenson, son of Mrs. Chester A. Brown, Warrenton, Oregon, and the late Chester Christenson of this city. The wedding will take place in mid-July. The bride-elect, daughter of the late Karsten Thot, attended school in Hawaii and Pasadena, Cal. She is a graduate of Point Loma high school in San Diego. Lieutenant Christenson, a graduate of Oregon State college, received his commission in the marine corps in 1941. News of the engagement was first told at a Mother's day luncheon, attended by members of the family and close friends at San Diego.

## UNION MEMORIAL SERVICE

There will be a union Memorial service at the Church of Christ at 8 p.m., Sunday evening.

## Seventeen Morrow 4-H Clubbers Going To Summer School

OSC Sessions Draw Many Young Folk With Scholarships

Seventeen Morrow county 4-H club members and two chaperones will leave Tuesday morning by special train from Heppner Junction for the 1942 4-H club summer school at Oregon State college.

Mrs. Adolph Majeske of Lexington and Mrs. Leonard Carlson of Ione will chaperone the group. C. D. Conrad, county agent, will go to the college with the group and help with the summer school session the first week.

The boys and girls going from Morrow county and the sponsors of their scholarships include: Freddy Rugg, Safeway; Bud Peck, Heppner Branch of the First National Bank of Portland; Dorothy Cutsforth, Braden-Bell; Eldon Lilly, Elks lodge; Marian Miller, Auxiliary Morrow County Wool Growers; Darleen Biddle, Carolyn Bauman, Morrow County; Audrey Majeske, J. C. Penney Co.; Mildred Carlson and Dorothy Bergstrom, Rhea Creek Grange and Morrow County; Roberta Miller, Hilma Lee Tyler, Chloe Barlow, Dorothy Roach, Morrow County; Albert Ball, Boardman Grange H. E. C.; Harold Baker, Boardman P. T. A.; Ernabelle Peck, Boardman Ladies Aid.

The dates of the summer school this year are June 2 to 12 inclusive. Earlier this year there was some doubt as to whether the summer school would be held, but state 4-H club officials met with representatives of the war department and were assured that the school should be continued.

Conrad adds that the members going to Corvallis on the special train June 2 will be the only group this year that will receive excursion rates on the Union Pacific railroad and the 4-H people appreciate the cooperation of the railroad company.

## Big 4-H Meet Comes Tomorrow Afternoon

All 4-H club members of the southern part of Morrow county will meet in the I. O. O. F. hall in Heppner Friday afternoon, May 29, at 2 p.m. to discuss 4-H projects and activities for the summer months, according to C. D. Conrad, county agent.

Four-H club members' part in the Food for Victory program, their part in the national salvage campaign, fairs, and other community activities will be discussed and a summer and fall program planned.

Plans will also be made at this meeting for the number and kind of 4-H club meetings, Conrad adds. He states that the 4-H activities, the same as all others will feel the effects of the gasoline and tire shortage but with some planning the club members can be assured that the 4-H program will continue even on a larger scale because of the need during these times of the contributions which club members can make to the war effort.

Four-H enrollments this year, especially in garden, livestock and poultry, are larger than in past years.

All club members are urged to attend this meeting and their parents and other boys and girls who are not now enrolled are also invited.

## NEW MATERIAL AT LEXINGTON

Lexington unit of the Morrow County Red Cross has received new material to work on and meets every Wednesday afternoon in the Ladies Aid room of the Congregational church. Everyone is welcome and cordially invited to attend these meetings and assist with the Red Cross sewing.

## LEX SCHOOL GETS SERVICE FLAG

One of the noteworthy service flags of the county is the one presented to the Lexington school by Mrs. Lillian Turner at last week's commencement. There are 21 stars, one of which is gold, and new ones are being added at once as word is received of other Lexington boys who are now in the service.

Everyone of these boys has been a pupil under Mrs. Turner, and she has been writing to them all. When anyone is home on furlough, he always visits his old teacher in the seventh and eighth grade room.

Another outstanding event of the Lexington school was the buying of a bond by the seventh and eighth grades and another one by Mrs. Turner. When these bonds mature in 1952 they are to be the nucleus of a student loan fund to enable deserving young people to go on to college.

If this were an obituary, we should mention that Mrs. Turner has done a wonderful service during her long years as principal of the Lexington grade school, and as teacher there. We hope that she will continue for as many more.

## County Behind on May War Bond Sales

Morrow county is considerably behind on its May quota of \$29,400 in sales of war bonds, announces P. W. Mahoney, county chairman, who urges that those who have been intending to buy, but putting it off, do so in the few remaining days of the month.

Mahoney stresses that increasing quotas can be expected in coming months, as the production of war materiel increases, and it is the attempt of the treasury department to have everyone with an income purchase bonds to at least ten per cent of the net. It is realized that in a farming community the income does not come at regular intervals, and it is not possible for producers to estimate what their net income for year may be. He anticipates that a slump in sales may occur here for a few months, but is looking forward to Morrow county being on top of its total monthly quotas for the year when the books are closed in December.

## ENGAGEMENT TOLD

Miss Chris Brassfield of Palco, Kansas, has announced her engagement to Loyd Burkenbine of this city, the marriage to be an event of the near future.

## RAINFALL REPORTED

Gooseberry rainfall for the month to May 22, is reported at 1.65 inches by V. L. Carlson, observer. Friday's fall was measured at .65 inch.

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