

# A Week of the War

(Summary of information on important developments of the week made available by official sources through noon, EWT, Monday, July 13.)

War Production Chairman Nelson, speaking in Detroit, said the U. S. will hit the real "peak" of its war production program by next March. Mr. Nelson said "our ability to produce is much greater than anyone dreamed. The armament objectives as announced by President Roosevelt last winter—and which seemed too vast at the time—will be readily realized...our productive capacity is apparently limited only by the raw materials available.

"The engineering genius of American production, when turned from peace to war, has proved a reservoir no one could gauge," Mr. Nelson said. "When American men and machines stopped competing with each other and turned all their competitive energy and abilities against Hitler and Hirohito, it knocked all previous calculation of our productive powers into a cocked hat...the real problem now is not one of production. It is the problem of a better distribution of the materials from which war production springs."

Chairman Nelson said "at all cost—we must not get into the frame of mind that this is either an easy or a short job. If people build on false hopes of an easy victory or a short war, then they are certain to feel let down when the bad days come, as come they will..."

## Production and Subcontracting

WPB Chairman Nelson announced a "realignment" of the Board to permit him to devote his time to essential allocation policies between the needs of the armed forces and the civilian economy. He said essential civilian needs, such as those for the communications and transportation systems, must be met. The civilian economy, though "thin," must

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## Rose Leibbrand Quits Civic Post for Army

Rose Leibbrand resigned as county chairman of the Morrow County chapter of the American Red Cross, Monday, following her induction into the Women's Army Auxiliary corps in Portland, July 11. She leaves for Des Moines, Iowa, for eight weeks' intensive training before being assigned to active, non-combatant duty.

Candidates for the WAAC must pass a mental test with a minimum rating of 110; a personnel interview and a thorough physical examination. Miss Leibbrand was sent to Salt Lake City by the U. S. army authorities for an interview before officials of the Ninth Corps Area headquarters, June 20.

Commisary administrators were chosen from that group for immediate assignment. Miss Leibbrand along with 30 other Oregon women will seek officer's training in technical classes.

Miss Leibbrand said she especially wished to express her appreciation to everyone in Morrow county who has assisted so willingly with time, talents and contributions towards the work of the American Red Cross.

## FATHER DIES AT McMinnville

I. N. Hughes, 76, father of Mrs. Laura Driskell of Eight Mile, and uncle of Hanson Hughes of this city, who resided here for a number of years before moving to Milton in 1900, died Tuesday at his home in McMinnville, according to word received by Mr. Hughes. Mrs. Driskell left Monday for McMinnville in response to word of her father's last illness. Mr. Hughes lived at Bellingham, Wash., for many years before going to McMinnville the first of the year. Nine children, George, Bertha, Laura, Maude, Bernard, Argus, Clarence, Ralph and Eva, survive.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Clarence H. Schoenberger, an 8-pound daughter, July 8, at the Corda Saling home in Heppner. She has been named Carol Ann.

Born—An 8-pound son to Mr. and Mrs. Alton Lee Osmin, July 10, at their country home near Heppner.

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## Business Life Will Return To Hardman, Correspondent Says

### Growth of Cereal Industry Noted; Store, Gas Station Slated

A few weeks ago these columns noted with regret that Hardman was without store, service station, or any business except for the postoffice.

Good news is conveyed this week by Elsa M. Leathers, who has accepted the position of postmistress in the little neighboring city by the mountains, and who corresponds for this family publication, that construction of a store and service station are in progress, and "that by the time school bells ring, Hardman will be back on the map 100 percent."

Noting the return of better times for the pioneer town of "Yellow Dog and Dog Town"—the dual name Hardman carried in more halcyon days—Mrs. Leathers reports:

"Mr. and Mrs. Neal Knighten returned Saturday from Portland with a new Dodge panel for a delivery truck for their Satisfaction Cereal manufactured here in Hardman. The demand for the cereal has grown to the extent that a larger truck was necessary.

"The Knightens service stores as far as northeastern Washington, and all of eastern Oregon. The territory is widening each month as they open new routes.

"Hardman is very much on the map, especially with the recognition it receives from this Satisfaction cereal. A new grocery store, gas and oil station are in progress. By the time the school bells ring again, Hardman will be back 100 percent." (Additional Hardman news on page 2.)

## IRRIGON 4-H GIRLS GIVE ARMY KITS

The Room Improvement Club, Irrigon 4-H club girls organization, took the lead in giving comfort kits for boys in the service.

Miss Rose Leibbrand, retiring chairman of the county Red Cross has just received the Irrigon girls' contribution of \$15 for purchase of kits, with the following letter, signed by Mrs. Ladd Sherman, club leader:

"We are sending a money order for fifteen dollars to be used for comfort kits for our soldiers.

"My 4-H club girls in Room Improvement planned and gave a program to raise funds for this purpose. We cleared fifteen dollars so we are sending the entire amount."

## Rubber Salvage Drive Yields 154,664 Lbs.

With Irrigon, Boardman, Cecil unheard from since the first of the month, the total yield of scrap rubber from the salvage campaign in Morrow county was 154,664 pounds, reports C. D. Conrad, county salvage chairman.

This makes a per capita yield of 36 pounds, and should the unreported places show much additional collection, this figure will be still larger, Conrad pointed out.

## LESTER MEADOWS PASSES

Word has been received here of the death of Lester Meadows, for many years a resident of this city, at Oakland, Cal. Mr. Meadows spent most of his boyhood days in Heppner when his father, Sam Meadows, ran a livery stable here in the early days.

## SHELLAR PROCK INJURED

Shellar Prock was brought to Heppner by ambulance last night, suffering from severe injuries sustained a few hours before in an automobile accident near Arlington.

## Kinzua, Heppner Lbr. Forest Areas Closed

The slash and logging forest areas of both Heppner Lumber company and Kinzua Pine Mills operations have been closed to all entry except by those who have business in the sections, and only these may enter through special permission from the forest service, according to announcement this week by F. F. Wehmeyer, ranger in charge of the local district.

This closing regulation is more stringent than that affecting other portions of the forest, closure of which was announced last week, and no fires or smoking whatever are permitted in the lumbering districts. Wehmeyer stressed that in the other closed portions of the forest only small cooking fires may be built on the permits required by everyone.

Fire protection units are now completely organized in the local dis-

trict, and Supervisor Carl Ewing and Assistant Overby are this week making an inspection tour over the entire Heppner district. John Clouston, range inspector from the Pendleton office spent last week in this district and found excellent cover.

Louis Gilliam, emergency foreman will report to the army engineers to work until called for service in the navy.

At the various forest posts are Clarence Wise, Potamus; Hugh J. Deeny, Wheeler; Ernest Kirkpatrick, principal of Asotin, Wn., chools, at Tamarack; Norbert Peavy, Arbuckle; Roland Farrans, Ellis; Elmer Hinton, Opal; Ellis Carlson, Tupper; Bert Bleakman, Ditch Creek; Max Buschke, Bull Prairie; Robert Buckholtz, Matteson.

A forest road crew under Ray Huddleston is now working in the Ellis district.

## Feeding Wheat Still Available at Loan Rate

Government stored wheat for livestock feeding will continue to be available in Oregon through the month of July, the state USDA war board has announced. Under the feed wheat program nearly 1½ million bushels of Oregon wheat has been sold for feeding livestock and poultry since last February.

Prices during the period will continue to be based on 1941 loan values. Orders may be placed through any county AAA committee.

The state war board heard from its technical committee at the latest meeting that continuation of the feed wheat program is a vital factor in whether Oregon farmers meet the goals set up under the food for freedom campaign.

The technical committee submitted a preliminary report on this and other related matters after completing an intensive statewide survey of 1942 farm production and prospects for 1943.

Output of meat, milk and eggs are closely related to the availability of government owned wheat under some such plan as that now in operation, the committee pointed out. Large increases in these commodities have been encouraged to meet war-time needs.

## Game Commission Takes Elk Applications

Applications are now being received at the office of the game commission in Portland for the limited number of special tags to be issued for the taking of cow elk, doe deer and antelope in certain areas of the state.

There will be 2000 cow elk tags issued at \$5 each for the open territory, exclusive of Wallowa county, in northeastern Oregon. Doe deer tags will be limited to 3000 and will be good for a specified area in Grant and adjoining counties. Fee for the doe deer tags is \$3.50. Practically the same portion of Lake, Malheur and Harney counties will be open again for antelope hunting and 1500 tags at \$3.50 each will be issued.

Individuals wishing to apply for any of these tags should forward to the game commission office the proper fee together with information as to the number and kind of hunting license held. If by August 1 the applications exceed the quota of tags, a drawing will be held on that date to determine to whom tags shall be issued. Otherwise, applications will then be taken care of in the order they are received.

## EDITH WEHMEYER WEDS

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Wehmeyer announce the wedding today at Los Angeles of their daughter, Miss Edith Wehmeyer, to Mr. Claude Sult. They will be at home at 205 S. Catalina St., Rodondo Beach, Cal.

## War Emergency Information Plan Organized Here

### Community Leaders to Take Messages to All Parts County

War emergency program affecting agriculture and the part agricultural and rural people can take in helping the war program will be taken to every rural family and explained by local neighborhood leaders in Morrow county as a result of an organization meeting of community leaders at the county agent's office last Saturday evening.

To assure that every rural family fully understands the national war emergency programs that affect them and to assure the fullest support of every farm family, the U. S. department of agriculture has called upon the extension service to develop a plan for more efficiently contacting every rural family.

The plan as developed in Oregon attempts to do this with the least amount of effort and travel on the part of anyone and will employ the cooperation and services of some 100 men and women as neighborhood leaders in Morrow county. The leaders will be called upon to carry information to the other five to ten families in their neighborhood only when the information is considered of sufficient importance to every family's living to warrant. County Agent C. D. Conrad states it is not expected that the leaders will be called upon more than about once every two months, but will be determined entirely by future developments.

The prime purpose of the organization, adds Conrad, is to insure an efficient means of disseminating facts to all our people about those things that so definitely affect their every day life, as does the nation's program to control the cost of living and prevent inflation. Explaining the seven-point inflation control program will be the first job of the new organization because it does so definitely affect every rural family.

With 16.2 per cent larger national income in 1942 over 1941 and with 12.2 per cent less consumer goods because of the diversion of production into materials for war, the inflation control program has been set up to prevent increased living costs and divert the extra national income into channels where it will further the war effort.

Community leaders from Ione, Lexington, Heppner farming area, city of Heppner, Butter creek, and Eightmile and Hardman attended the Saturday meeting and divided their communities into neighborhoods. The name of the neighborhood leaders are expected by the end of July. A similar meeting was held at Irrigon Saturday afternoon for the Irrigon and Boardman communities.

The organization plan as developed for Oregon was first submitted to the state agricultural planning committee and state USDA war board and received the approval of those two groups. It was then submitted to chairmen of the county agricultural planning committees in each county and received their approval.

Plans are to get the organization completed as soon as possible, but activities will be held to a minimum until after harvest because of the demands already being made on everyone right now.

## RATIONING HOURS SET

The local rationing board has announced office hours from 10 to 12 and 1 to 4 on week days, and 1 to 4 on Saturdays.

Cooked Food Sale Sat., July 18, 10:30 a.m., at Case Furniture store, sponsored by ladies of the Methodist church.

## MORROW BOYS SAID CAPTIVES

Paul Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris P. Brown of Heppner, and Norman Griffin, son of Phil Griffin of Ione, are captives of the Japanese army, according to a radio report heard yesterday by several local people, although no official word has been received from the war department.

Both Morrow county boys had formerly been reported as missing following the fall of Bataan where they were serving in the army.

The radio report, from a station in a neighboring city, was said to have given a list of names released by Japan through the Red Cross at Geneva of persons held captive in Japan, among which were the names of the two Morrow county boys.

Knowledge that the boys are still alive has been happily received by their relatives and friends.

## Insurance Users May Get Big Premium Cut

Oregon farmers who have participated in the federal all-risk crop insurance program since its introduction in 1939 may be eligible for a 50 per cent reduction in premium rates on their 1943 wheat crops, the state AAA office has announced.

A premium reduction plan has been put into effect that will benefit the grower whose accumulated paid-in premiums equal or exceed his insured production for any crop year. Growers who qualify will receive a 50 per cent cut in premium rates.

If a farmer is not eligible for a reduced premium rate in 1943, he may become eligible in any subsequent year when premiums accumulated, minus indemnities, exceed the insured production for the year.

A son was born yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hayes at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton, where Mrs. Hayes is seriously ill. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hanlon are with her. Mr. Hayes is in Australia with the armed forces.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McCarty and son Paul drove up from The Dalles Tuesday to spend the day with friends and Paul remained over Wednesday. He is still awaiting call for service in the army, being an officer in the reserves.

Jack Merrill left Tuesday evening for Salt Lake City where he will work at an ordnance depot. His mother, Mrs. Mark Merrill and Miss Norma Prock accompanied him as far as Pendleton.

Miss Pat Cason started work this week as clerk at the Soil Conservation Service office at the CCC camp.

Mrs. Harold Stiles of Portland is a guest this week of her mother, Mrs. Josie Jones.