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## Gas Rationing Not Slowing Up Business as Yet

### Effects of Monday Night Fill-up Seen In Regular Driving

Gas rationing has made no apparent change in business up to the third day after it went into effect, based on the number of cars in operation on the streets and continued activity of business houses. The lack of slow-down may be attributed to the last-minute fill-up Monday night, but whatever the cause, the fact remains that car owners are reluctant to test shanks ponies just yet.

A near as the humble reporter could check, stocks of gasoline at the service stations were exhausted ere the hour of midnight arrived and weary station operators heaved a sigh of relief when the last drop had been wrung from the pumps, over the west. Radio announcements state that no slowdown was noticed Tuesday and Wednesday and that people everywhere are accepting the rationing in a patriotic spirit. It has been the subject for radio programs, some of which have delivered forceful lessons even if put over in a spirit of comedy.

The local rationing board has been besieged for days by people seeking bigger gallonage than the "A" card permits. The board is not at liberty to divulge what action it takes on specific cases but attention is called to the fact that rationing was not prompted by the necessity of conserving the gasoline supply but was made necessary to save on rubber. Wherever it is essential that a car owner have more gasoline it will be provided, but it is likely that the majority of the "A" drivers will remain in that class for the duration.

Expressions by many people are to the effect that very few individuals will suffer as a result of being able to buy only four gallons of gasoline a week. Comparing it to the sugar rationing, some stated that it would not be surprising if most gas tanks contained more of the motor fuel from now on than in the past.

## Scrap Cans to Be Gathered Up Soon

A tin can pickup will be launched in the near future when supplies collected in local centers will be gathered up by trucks operating out of designated points. This information was received this week by Mrs. Lucy Rodgers from the office of Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction.

Twenty-seven key towns have been designated as collection centers. Arrangements are being made to have trucks operating out of these towns pick up the local accumulations. Mr. Putnam's office is negotiating with beverage concerns to have their trucks do this work and definite announcement will be forthcoming soon. In the meantime, pamphlets bearing information on the drive and having illustrations of the proper methods of preparing tin cans for shipment will be distributed in the schools. It is expected that a large part of the material will be assembled at school buildings.

Because of the narrow margin upon which the truck drivers will have to operate in handling the scrap it will be impossible to allow pay to those turning it in. This should not deter people from turning in every ounce of the material in their possession, in the opinion of Mr. Putnam, who states it is nothing more than patriotic duty to assist in every way possible.

## Who Has a Piano to Loan to the Soldier Recreation Hall at Boardman?

Have you a piano you would loan to the recreation hall at Boardman, or do you know of someone who has an instrument and who would be willing to place it at the disposal of the bombing and gunnery range detachment? If you come under either of the foregoing queries, will you be so kind as to notify Mrs. B. C. Pinckney at Heppner? Thank you. We knew you would.

From the above paragraph you may arrive at the conclusion that a piano is wanted for the recreation hall at Boardman—and you will be correct. A piano is wanted—and needed. If you must know why, this is the reason: In practically every unit of our armed forces is someone who can play the piano. It is the one instrument around which more home life is built than any other. It is the accompanying instrument for community singing soloing—either vocal or instrumental—and in itself is an inspiring, soul-warming solo instrument in the hands of one who can play it.

If you have an unused piano in your home, one that is aging beyond its years through lack of use, do the patriotic thing by loaning it to the boys who are not loaning but giving their all that you may have a house in which to keep a piano.

Please notify Mrs. Pinckney. An army truck will come for the instrument. The boys will take good care of it and you will feel like a bigger, better citizen.

## Interest Lacking in Nurse Instruction

Little interest has been displayed in the proposed home nursing class according to Mrs. Tress McClintock, chairman of the movement. Whether this apathy is due to indifference or to lack of publicity, Mrs. McClintock was unable to state, but she urged that those interested should leave their names at the Humphreys drug store with out delay.

The class is open to anyone and would be especially helpful to mothers of small children, expectant mothers, teachers, first aid instructors and students whose mothers cannot take advantage of the course. Men of the community are urged to enroll, if enough of them are interested, and a class will be conducted for them later on.

Since few nurses for home care in sickness are available, the Red Cross is stressing the home nursing course to help face the shortage. The course includes 12 two-hour classes, in which one learns not only how to keep well but what to do in case of illness. Two classes a week will be held, except during the holidays when only one will be held. The new textbook "Red Cross Home Nursing," is more complete than those formerly used, Mrs. McClintock states.

Mrs. Dorothy Shroeder, graduate nurse, has consented to instruct the home nursing classes. While her plans are indefinite due to her husband's presence in Africa with the armed forces, she is quite confident that she will be able to instruct at least one class if it is organized at once.

It is the hope of the Red Cross to make the class available to other communities of the county. Also if there are graduate nurses in the county who would be willing to instruct classes they will be aiding the cause by getting in touch with Mrs. McClintock.

## LEGISLATOR IN TOWN

Representative-elect Henry Peterson was transacting business in Heppner Wednesday, coming from his wheat ranch in Eight Mile.

## UP FROM MORGAN

Franklin Ely, Morgan farmer was a courthouse visitor Wednesday, coming up to interview the tax collector.

## Morrow Delegation Goes to La Grande

Headed by C. D. Conrad, county agent, a delegation of county and district committeemen left Tuesday for La Grande to attend the annual convention of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League in session this week-end in the Union county capital. Others left Wednesday afternoon. Committeemen were called early to prepare topics for discussion at the regular sessions which opened today.

Frank Saling, Henry Baker and Oscar Peterson, comprising the county AAA committee; Earl Blake of the community committee, and Clyde Denny of county labor and transportation committee and vice chairman of the taxation and legislation committee of the league were among those going over Tuesday afternoon to sit in on the pre-convention discussion.

Conrad was accompanied by his family and they will visit relatives in the Grande Ronde valley. Mrs. Blake and Mrs. Denny accompanied their husbands.

## Army Truck Takes Furniture for Hall

A convoy truck with several soldiers, under command of Major Thomas J. Fryer, came to Heppner Tuesday and picked up various articles of furniture stored in the Masonic building for the new recreation hall at Boardman. Chairs, reading tables, radios, stand lamps, and numerous other articles designed to make the hall comfortable were included in the lot picked up here. The truck also called at Lexington and Ione to receive items held at those points.

According to Major Fryer, commander of the bombing and gunnery range detachment located at Boardman, the hall will soon be ready for use. Most items needed are now in place and with the acquisition of a piano the boys will be ready to set up "housekeeping." He expressed his appreciation and that of the boys for the interest displayed and extended an invitation for civilians to visit the hall and see how soldiers make the best out of life in camp.

## VISITS IN THE DALLES

Mrs. William H. Ellis spent Tuesday and Wednesday in The Dalles visiting with Mr. Ellis who has been in the hospital there for several weeks.

## Sheep Lost on Trail From Range

If the deer or elk hunting season were still open there might be an answer to the problem agitating Hynd Brothers, Sand Hollow sheepmen, but since the hunters' guns have been hung up for another year there must be some other reason.

The problem is this: While railing a band of sheep from summer range to the home place, 500 head got lost. This happened between the Arbuckle corral and the head of Butter creek. A search of the terrain resulted in recovery of 137 of the strays but up to latest reporting time the balance of the flock was still out of pocket, even though several experienced mountaineers were covering the ground.

The sheep were being returned from summer range in the Granite section. Heavy weather set in before the band emerged from the timber. A count was made at the Arbuckle corral showing the flock intact at that time. Before reaching camp at the head of Butter creek it was discovered that no less than 500 were missing. Since a considerable number were found it is hoped that others will be recovered before stormy weather and predatory animals make further inroads.

## Soldiers Eager for Mix With Enemy

"I am thinking of transferring to a combat unit and get into action," Sgt. Don Turner told the Lions club in the course of a talk on army life at the luncheon hour, Monday. On a brief furlough to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Turner, and other relatives and friends, Don was pressed into service to fill in the program.

Fort Riley, where Don's unit is located, is very near the geographical center of the United States. It is near Manhattan, seat of Kansas State college, and has a population of 64,000. Several branches of the armed service are located there, as in most camps, and the medical unit to which Don belongs is an important section. This unit is largely comprised of Oregon men, as it was formed in Portland, transferred to Fort Lewis and from there to Fort Riley. Don says he enjoys the work with the unit very much but believes he would like the combat service better and contemplates seeking a transfer upon his return to camp. "Lots of the young fellows are getting restless now that our forces have really gone into action and they want to get a whack at the forces of the Axis," he stated.

Weather in Kansas is far from what Oregonians are use to and Don thinks Kansas mud is the toughest he has ever dealt with. But Kansas people are grand folks, he stated.

Don arrived late Sunday evening being met at Pendleton by his father. He went to Portland Tuesday for a short visit and will return here for a day or two. He is due in Fort Riley on Dec. 8.

## VISITED IN VALLEY

Mrs. Vawter Parker and daughter Cecelia and mother, Mrs. Julia Barry spent the Thanksgiving holiday in Portland returning to Heppner Sunday evening. Mrs. Parker has received word from her husband that his outfit was being transferred, the letter she received having been written on ship board. Vawter stated the journey would be nights.

## RETURNING HOME SOON

Mrs. Mabel Hughes writes friends in Heppner that she is making a rapid recovery at the home of her sister Mrs. Bertrand Warren, in Walla Walla, and expects to return to her Lena home soon. She underwent a serious surgical operation in Portland several weeks ago.

## Teacher Shortage Proving Handicap To School Work

### Serious Condition Faced if Draft and Enlistment Prevail

Continued inroads on teaching staffs due to draft and enlistment has created a perplexing problem for school authorities here and elsewhere. Loss of one teacher may not seem like a problem, but when that teacher cannot be replaced the burden of carrying on his classes falls upon other members of the staff.

The Heppner school has been operating under somewhat of a handicap for the past month, when Floyd Perry, eighth grade teacher, was compelled to resign on account of ill health. Substitutes have been employed and it was the hope of Superintendent George F. Corwin and the school board that Mrs. Margaret Cason might be signed up, but she feels that she has an obligation to meet at home in operating the ranch and probably will not accept.

Supt. Corwin breathed easier when Coach Lyle Swenson returned to his classes Wednesday. Swenson spent the past few days in Seattle where he passed his physical and returned hearing a lot of papers to fill out. He has applied for a commission as physical instructor in the navy. It is not known if he will be called up as soon as accepted or will be deferred until school is out.

Over at Irrigon Supt. Ladd Sherman has been having his difficulties. Shortage of teachers has imposed heavy duties on him and members of his staff. Seeing no way out of the dilemma, Sherman handed in his resignation effective Jan. 1, 1943. Seriousness of the situation appealed to Mrs. Lucy Rodgers and she visited the school Tuesday. Since having to take over other classes Sherman has been unable to meet with his physical education classes and the youngsters have been left to their own devices. This has not been profitable, Mrs. Rodgers states, and she met with representatives of each high school class and discussed their problems with them. She will return to Irrigon at an early date and make an effort to straighten out the difficulties. Arrangements are underway to strengthen the faculty and it is believed that Mr. Sherman will reconsider his resignation.

Some agitation has been prevalent in Hardman of late due to the possibility that the high school principal, Carol V. Robe, may be called by the draft at an early date. The matter has been referred to the state draft board which has offered the recommendation to Robe's local board that he be deferred until the close of the school year. It has been reported that in event Mr. Robe was called immediately, Mrs. Robe would resign, thus leaving the school without teachers. Mrs. Rodgers stated that she expected the school to continue without interruption.

Boardman, Ione and Lexington were reported operating with complete staffs, for how long nobody knows, Mrs. Rodgers stated.

## PLAN DANCE

Heppner's Volunteer Fire department has scheduled its annual Christmas dance to be held Saturday evening, Dec 12 at the Elk's temple. Tickets will be on sale shortly.

## VISIT IN VALLEY

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Burkenbine took advantage of the closing days before GR to drive to the Willamette valley for a short visit with friends at McMinnville. They left Thursday morning and returned Sunday evening.