



Washington, D. C., Dec. 9—Judge Erwin L. Peterson of Coquille predicts that there will be a breakdown of agriculture unless there is a change in the rationing of gasoline. The amount allowed farmers and truck operators is so small that it does not meet their requirements. Instead of the authority being in Detroit, local boards should have power to adjust the rationing as they are familiar with local conditions. Another letter says that the non-ferrous mines, which are producing critical and strategic materials, will be shut down unless more gas is allowed.

These are part of a sheaf of letters received by Sen. Charles A. McNary. He took the matter up with ODT, which rations gas for trucks, and finally John L. Rogers, director of motor transport, decided that operators of trucks and farm vehicles may go to the nearest local board and obtain all the gasoline they need and that this order will hold until Feb. 1, by which time a new study of the situation will be completed.

Klamath basin, Redmond and other potato growing sections of the state will learn the new ceiling prices on spuds Dec. 10. The current ceiling established by OPA is \$2.05 per 100 pounds. In Sept. Klamath potatoes were selling at \$3 per 100. On the present ceiling, after deduction for sacks, the grower receives \$1.85. Who ever fixed the price on potatoes knew nothing of the variety grown in Oregon—the netted gem—and supposed Idaho was the only section where this variety is produced; and he gave Idaho spuds a higher price than the same potatoes grown in Oregon and Washington.

If the war department decides to have young men given a special course of training on the basis of so much per student, Oregon State college and the University of Oregon have asked that their claims be considered. These schools can take care of any number of such special students as the war department may desire.

OPA says it will in the near future establish a ceiling on the price of eggs. There is such a shortage of shortening, grease and oil that the bakers of doughnuts are wondering if they can hold out until January when new supplies may be available. The sugar coated "sinkers" are scarce because the amount of sugar on hand is inadequate. In many drug stores no doughnuts are sold to be "taken out."

Request of the president that he be given power to suspend immigration laws and tariff schedules. These powers were asked before will not be adopted by this conference the new congress comes in January 3. There is so much objection to the bringing in of thousands of refugees from Europe that notwithstanding White House pressure the ways and means committee kicked it out the window. The matter of giving the president power to suspend tariff schedules will be given full hearing in the senate. This will occupy the full time of the present congress. The upshot is that congress cannot get around to voting on the measure and the bill will die. If the president still wants this power he must ask the new congress, which will not be overwhelmingly new deal as those of the past 10 years. Opposing the president's tampering with the tariff are cattlemen, dairy-men and farmers, who fear that removal of the barriers will flood

this country with competitive goods. There is an immense supply, for example, of meat in Argentina ready to be shipped to the United States if the tariff is suspended and refrigerator boats are available.

It is not intended at this time to ration ice cream, but the government is planning to regulate the butterfat content. It will not be as rich but it will be wholesome—Later, if things become tough, rationing may be applied. Leon Henderson says that in 1943 the civilian population will have to learn to do without many more commodities. The new rationing book, which will be distributed next month, will enable the rationing agency to act without any advance warning and thus avert hoarding. Everyone will need one of these books.

Hardman News . . .

By ELSA M. LEATHERS
The play given by the high school last Friday was well attended and a large sum of money was made.

Guy Chapin purchased the property of Marie Clary here this week.

Mrs. Ella Bleakman returned home after spending two weeks with her daughters, Mrs. Earl Redding and Mrs. Raymond Reed.

Miss Rita Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Robinson, went to Fresno Calif. and was united in marriage to Staff Sergeant Clayton right, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orain Wright of Rhea creek. Both are graduates of Heppner High school. The bride is a graduate of the Portland beauty academy. The groom enlisted in the army air corps but is in radio work.

Hardman High school is very proud of the new unabridged dictionary and 50 new books.

Four new students enrolled in school this week.

Mrs. Kenneth Batty of Kimberly visited in Hardman this week.

Recent business visitors at the Roy Robinson place were R. M. Rogers and the Windoph brothers. The latter purchased 12 head of registered Hereford cows and calves.

Harry French has been ill with a cold and rheumatism. He was alone but Foster Collins, a neighbor, spent his time between the two ranches taking care of both. Mr. French is to be taken to a doctor in Heppner by Edwin Craber. Due to the new snow it is necessary that the car be horse drawn to the ranch from the highway.

Floyd Reed is home from Pendleton where he underwent an operation at the St. Anthony hospital.

Mrs. Allen Billings and daughter visited Mrs. C. H. McDaniel over the week end from Arlington.

Mrs. J. B. Adams visited in Heppner last week.

Friends have received letters from Staff Sgt. Lewis McDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McDonald of Heppner. He is stationed in Egypt. He reports a fine trip over, and a good camp with plenty to eat and wear but expresses a desire to be a home, wear his old clothes and have a good saddle pony.

IRRIGON NEWS

By MRS. J. A. SMOUN
Mrs. Truman Poulson and little grandchild returned to Wallowa after visiting since Thanksgiving at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Swerigen.

Miss Marian McGirl left Monday for her home in Portland after visiting for some time at the John Volle home.

Glenna Amis is better after quite a prolonged illness.

Mrs. Knizek and three children of Pe Ell are visiting at the Jack Browning home.

Warren Walker spent some time with his mother and is now back at the Browning home.

Elmer Rucker returned Thursday from Tia Juana, Mexico. He spent some time with his sons, Clarence with the marines at San Diego, and Jack at the ship yards in Long Beach.

The Junior class had a birthday party Thursday at the Glen O'Brien home in honor of Ella May

Grim.
Sidney Walton of Irrigon is improving slowly after a truck ran over his leg, resulting in a compound fracture. It was feared at first that amputation would be necessary.

Miss Velma Farley and Alfred Goodwin of Stanfield were dinner guests of the Russell McCoys last Sunday.

Mrs. Emma Stewart has returned from a two weeks visit with her sons. Wayne and Earl and daughter Mrs. Seaman. Earl is located at Camp Roberts, Calif.

Mrs. Haney takes care of the Ladd Sherman children while Mrs. Sherman is teaching, relieving her husband of some of his duties so that he may have more time to coach athletics.

Mrs. Howard Gollyhorn and small son came home from Pendleton Sunday and Mrs. Earl Terry and baby came home Monday.

Mrs. America Meets the War

Egg beaters and can openers have survived the latest WPB trimming of household gadgets. Among the other kitchen articles which you should still be able to find are wire strainers, food mills and food choppers and grinders. But you'll not be seeing silent butlers and dust pans of metal. The use of metal is completely prohibited by a WPB order in wash boards clothes wringers and crumb sets.

Look out for a rainy day and take good care of your umbrella. It isn't that Uncle Sam expects to issue a priority on showers, but you see there will be a reduction in the number of umbrellas manufactured in the country. A WPB order has reduced the output of parasol frames to 30 percent of the 1941 production. And the order also affects the styles, making umbrellas generally uniform in size, shape and weight.

Mrs. America will be carrying most of her Christmas packages since store delivery service has been cut 25 percent under last year. But the Office of Defense Transportation is urging her to carry Christmas wares on the bus or street-car during off peak hours, that is, between 9 in the morning and 4 in the afternoon—and not during rush hours. The Christmas shopper who barges into a crowded bus or street car laden with packages is only making things difficult for herself and the other passengers.

Mrs. America War Worker can be sure that she will find plenty of war clothes for her daily labor. The WPB has imposed controls over the purchases and use of denims, covers, pin checks, seersuckers, corduroy, suitings, jeans and twills, and other fabrics used for this type of clothing. An A-2 rating has been assigned to manufacturers for purchase of fabrics used only for the manufacturers of the following garments worn by women workers; overalls work slacks, work shirts or blouses, work jackets, work dresses and aprons. None of the fabrics secured through his rating may be used in either play clothes or sports togs.

If you have been accustomed to visiting the home folks at home over the holiday season, you can help the war effort by postponing this travel. The office of defense transportation has opened a nationwide "Don't Travel" campaign to keep Mr. and Mrs. America at home because of the shortage of travel facilities. Available transportation and war business, and if there isn't tation is needed for military forces home. The ODT advises you par-real need for your travel, stay at ticularly to keep off the crowded routes.

Do not use up all the available coffee stamps at once if you have several eligible books in your family. Remember that stamp no. 27 in your book—good for one pound—covers a five-week period, so spread your purchases because fresh coffee tastes better and goes further. Anyone having more than eight pounds of coffee on hand can not buy coffee at all when rationing

begins because there are only nine coffee stamps in War Ration book one—the same book used for sugar. If on November 28 you had more than one pound of coffee on hand per eligible buyer, carefully check the amount, keeping in the

ration book a stamp for each extra pound. And when you register for War Ration book two around the first of the year, sufficient stamps will be removed from book one to cover the excess.

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