



Washington, D. C., Dec. 31.—A rancher in Harney county made a mistake in applying for his certificate of necessity and asked for 40,000 gallons of gasoline. The strangest thing about it is that the bureau in Detroit authorized him to use 36,000 gallons. Others who did not make an error have not fared so well. One cattle outfit asked for 18,000 gallons and was allowed 4980; another asked for 13,000 gallons and was allowed 5360; another asked for 5000 and received 2,000; one settler who applied for only 500 gallons was cut to 150 gallons.

Unless, wrote the association of settlers in Harney county to the department of agriculture, farmers can get enough gas to carry on their operations Harney county will not be able to attain the food goals which have been set for that section by the food administrator.

Harney county is one of the "open spaces." The 400 farmers on the 6,500,000 acres produced this year 16,000,000 pounds of beef, 600,000 pounds of wool and almost 4,000,000 pounds of mutton. If these ranchers follow the suggestions of Wickard these figures must be increased 10 percent in 1943, but this can be done only by providing sufficient gasoline. No dinky little farms are in Harney county—they are robust affairs, 400 acres of cultivated land and 2400 acres of pasture; that is the average ranch. A books, given motorists, would provide only sufficient gas to enable a farmer to drive from the farmhouse to the mailbox three or more miles away.

Administrator Wickard is responsible for something else—reducing the ice cream wanted by the troops. At Camp White in Jackson county, the consumption of ice cream is 27,019 gallons and Wickard has reduced this supply to 5490. At Camp Adair the consumption is 18,812 gallons and the amount that can be sold is only 1334. And they said that ice cream would not be rationed.

Chicken raisers of Oregon state that they will be able to produce the increase of eggs and poultry in 1943—if the government will see that they can buy the proper food. The demand, it appears, is for meat scraps from Argentina. The department of agriculture explains that owing to the scarcity of cargo carriers due to the activity of German submarines, no space is available for scrap meat at this time, although the subject is being studied. Chicken growers are advised to feed soy bean cake meal and cotton cake meal while the Argentine matter is under survey. At present the principal item brought from Argentina are leather and vegetable oils, which have been considered of greater importance in the war effort.

University of Oregon and Oregon State college will be on the program of army and navy to educate part of the 250,000 teen-age boys subject to draft. The intention is to give the lads a thorough military training along special lines and fit them to be officers. The schooling will be paid for by army and navy students will be in uniform and live in barracks under army conditions. There may be 1000 or more of such students at each of these institutions.

Plans of the high command do not start with the teen-agers but with the high school kids. A course of instruction in mechanics such as will fit them for ground crew work greasing tanks and jeeps, and the fundamentals of radio, is being

prepared for the new school year. In this manner military authorities hope to give the school boys a pre-conditioning education which will speed up their fitness when they are old enough to be inducted into the service. Army will be actually taking over boys at the age of about 14—or whenever they enter high school.

Tillamook county creameries are asking for hay for their stock and the matter has been taken up with the department of agriculture. Charles Bowling, chief of transportation for the department, has been told that there are quantities of hay in Nevada but that freight rates are too high to bring it to Tillamook. An investigation is under way to see whether lower freight rates are possible.

Walter M. Pierce has requested the federal power commission to investigate the pooling of power by Bonneville and Grand Coulee with Eugene and the private companies. The former congressman says that by this pool government power is being sent to Idaho, Montana and Utah, where industries have been located, whereas these industries should have been located in Oregon and Washington. Federal power commission has not indicated whether it will make the investigation.

Work Chief Pastime Of Women's Army

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or placed in suitable positions. zation to date not more than 20

Of the 9000 women in the organization have failed to make good. The training is rigorous—drilling, marching, studying, 12 hours a day at the minimum. The food is good, well prepared, plentiful and balanced. The girls live under direct control of U. S. army restrictions, being a branch service of supply, wear the regulation WAAC uniform, enjoy their work and count it a privilege to be numbered among Uncle Sam's fighting forces. However, they are not trained in the manual of arms and will not carry guns.

Lt. Liebbrand was among the earliest recruits. She was inducted at Portland July 11 and arrived in Des Moines July 20. The 375 women who reported there last summer were trained by army officials. Being western girls, full of vim and enthusiasm, they ate up the prescribed training and had the officers burning the midnight oil mapping out new schedules. After four weeks of basic training 300 went to work on post duties and 75 were sent to special training schools, 50 to cooks and bakers and 25 into motor transit divisions. As the small girls find it difficult to handle the jeeps, the rule now demands that they be at least five feet four inches and weigh 130 pounds. Gradually the junior army officers were displaced by women officers trained to carry on, until now only one of the military remains as a tactical officer to each company.

New recruits—3500 of them—are needed for the three schools per week. If you are interested, have a heart checkup by your local physician, then report to the nearest U. S. recruiting station. You will be given the army general classification test—then comes your physical, you are sworn in and put on the reserve list. Your fare is paid to Ft. Des Moines and "you're in the army, now."

Food Rationing Fails To Disturb Dealers

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lishing a limit on certain commodities which customarily were sold in case lots if purchasers wished it that way. Limitations on wholesale purchases have brought this about in a natural way to those who wish to provide all their trade with staple articles. This dealer said he believed the customers will readily accept food rationing when once they understand the requirements.

Generally speaking, dealers stated, there is no tendency on the part of local people to hoard.

BURKENBINE FAMILY ENJOY BRIEF REUNION

With a recent week-end visit of Reese Burkenbine, when all four boys were home at the same time, it was made the occasion for observing the family Christmas dinner on the previous Sunday at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Burkenbine. Reese returned to his post in the Puget Sound area the following day. Since that time Lloyd has been up for his 11th examination in an effort to get into the armed forces and the first of this week, Merle went up for examination, passed and was sent to Camp Farragut Idaho, for naval training.

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

In memory of Dora Armstrong who died in Portland, Dec. 14, 1942. Once again death has summoned

a Sister Rebekah, and the golden gateway to the Eternal City has opened to welcome her to her home.

She has completed her work in ministering to the wants of the afflicted and in bringing joy into the places of misery, and as her reward has received the plaudit "Well Done" from the Supreme Master

And Whereas the merciful master of the universe has called our beloved sister home and she having been a true and faithful member of our beloved order, Therefore, be it resolved that Rebekah lodge No. 33 of Heppner, Oregon, in testimony of her loss, drape its charter in mourning for thirty days, and that we tender our sincere condolence and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the family.

Margaret Phelps, Letha Archer, Alice Gentry, committee.

17 Year Old Youths Have Chance for Naval Training

Seventeen-year-old youths who want to take a fling at the navy may still do so, according to Jack Bedford, Ch. Sp. U. S. navy recruiting officer, who was in Heppner Wednesday. Boys of that age may still enlist in the navy he stated. Youths interested in receiving radio training may enlist (providing they can pass the physical requirements) and then enter radio training in the NYA school in Pendleton.

All 17-year-old boys interested in learning more concerning the navy program may consult with the clerk of the local selective service office who will contact Chief Bedford concerning them. Chief Bedford will be at the office of Morrow county local board of selective service at 1 p. m. Monday, Jan. 4

PUBLIC AUCTION

at Sidney Zinter ranch 26 miles southwest of Heppner and 20 miles east of Condon on Heppner-Condon road

Beginning Promptly at 10 A. M.

Thursday, Jan. 7

when 250 head of livestock will be sold to settle the Zinter-Nickerson account. The lot includes--

64 Cows; 3 Bulls; 88 Steers, two and three year olds; 40 Calves; 21 2-year-old Heifers; 2 Milk Cows, and 11 head mixed cattle.

In addition there will be other livestock--8 head work horses 2 to 6 years old. Few setts harness. About 50 hogs, feeders and weaners. One pinto stallion saddle horse, half hotblood, half Arabian, 4 years old. Other articles too numerous to mention. Anyone having anything to sell is invited to bring it to this sale.

Terms: CASH

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Auctioneer

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Clerk