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## Electric Service Granted to Farms Under New Order

### Livestock, Poultry Producers Aided in Boosting Output

Revised WPB regulations will make it possible for many Oregon farms to have the use of electricity to assist in livestock, dairy and poultry production, the state USDA war board has announced.

The new regulations provide for electric service connections to farm needing power to operate production equipment and whose 1943 live stock and poultry production will total at least 10 animal units.

Applications to power companies or REA co-ops for new connections must be accompanied by certification from the county USDA war board that the connection will result in an increase in farm production or a saving in farm labor.

The length of new connections may be as 100 feet per animal unit but may not exceed 5000 feet. A milk cow is rated as one animal unit. Equivalents include 10 head of cattle other than milk cows or sows, 75 laying hens, 40 turkeys or feeders; 30 breeding ewes, 3 brood geese, 20 cattle in feed lot, 160 lambs in feed lot, 30 feeder pigs, 600 broiler chickens or 250 chickens raised other than broilers.

The WPB order specifies that the applicant for a connection must have on hand or be able to get without priorities one of the following types of electric equipment: water pump for livestock, milking machine, feed grinder, milk cooler, incubator, brooder, or feed grinder.

Farmers who believe they can qualify for a connection under the revised regulations are advised to consult their local power company, REA co-op, or the county war board.

## Hughes Grocery To Close Doors Soon

After serving the people of Heppner off and on for a period of 45 years, Hanson Hughes, veteran groceryman, will retire from business by the end of February. Already shelves and counters are depleted and Mr. Hughes states he could close the doors early next week, but will remain open so long as there is anything left to sell.

Just two other men on Main street have been in the grocery business in Heppner longer than Hanson Hughes—M. D. Clark and J. G. Thomson. Clark has disposed of his grocery stock and is closing out the dry goods Thomson is still on the job and thinks the other fellows are going to miss some real fun when the point system goes into effect.

Hughes first started counter jumping at the Press Thompson grocery in 1898. After three years years with Thompson he got a job until 1906, at which time he re-in Olympia where he remained turned to Heppner and joined his father in the purchase of the Rhea & Welch store, then located in the First National Bank of Heppner building. Later, when the Masonic building was completed, the Sam Hughes company moved into the corner room and remained there until closing out in 1927. After a few months Hanson and Mrs. Hughes opened up a new store in the Oddfellows building which they have operated continuously the past 16 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes have no intention of leaving Heppner. They will indulge in some loafing for a while, they say, and may try to raise a Victory garden or some thing like that.

## New Mill to Rise at Once on Site of Plant Destroyed in Blaze

A new mill will be built on the site of the plant destroyed by fire early Friday morning. This announcement was made early this week by officials of the Heppner Lumber company who set about almost before the last spark was extinguished on a mission of locating a plant that could be purchased and moved to Heppner. Manager Orville Smith left Wednesday, after insurance adjustments were made on the burned structure, to look over some plants and decide on the one to purchase.

The company has in mind an electrically operated plant for which current will be generated by the mill. This is being planned in order to facilitate operation of the planing mill.

It is not known just what type or size of plant will be put in. There is no justification for enlarging the output to any extent as the old plant was meeting requirements and the operators are viewing the business on a long range scale rather than a war time emergency.

No information has been di-

vulged relative to the origin of the fire. It appears to have been just one of those things that happen to sawmills periodically. Fire in the mill proper was discovered by the night watchman, Austin Devin, shortly before 2 a. m. Friday and the alarm was sounded by the city siren. The department responded as fast as members could get to the fire truck but by the time the truck arrived at the plant site the mill was doomed.

Damage was confined to the saw mill. Lumber piles were untouched, as were the office building and planing mill. Temporarily put out of action due to destruction of wiring, the planer resumed operations Tuesday night. Logs are still rolling in and most of the mill crew is being employed in clearing operations preparatory to erecting the new mill. Most of these men probably will not experience layoffs as their services will be of value in erecting the new plant.

Contracts held by the company are being filled as far as possible by the Pendleton plant.

## Blood Pressures Reach New Highs At Heppner Gym

### Crowd on Edge as Basketball Score Seesaws; But Heppner Downed Condon 38 to 30

Blood pressures ran to new highs last Friday night as first Condon and then Heppner took the lead in one of the hottest basketball games seen on the local court in many a moon. High school students, tired business men, society matrons, teachers, grandpas and grandmas alike took setting up exercises—up and down, up and down, until the final curtain stopped the play after Heppner took the measure of the league-leading Condon quint to the tune of 38-39. Truly, it was a great game.

Heppner scored the first basket and got under way with considerable steam for a few minutes; then Condon, not liking the lay of the land, started connecting with the hoop and ere long had a commanding lead. This didn't feaze the Mustangs—they just kept playing a steady, consistent guarding game, looping in enough baskets to keep in sight of the visitors. Along in the middle of the third quarter, Ulrich, smallest man on the floor, tossed one in from the corner to place the Mustangs one point in.

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## Elks Ready for Big Annual Party

Cards are out announcing the annual Washington's birthday ball, a function looked forward to by all Elks and their ladies from one year to the next. The date for this year's party has been set for Saturday, Feb. 20, and there will be a program starting at 2 p. m. with meeting and initiation to occupy the time of the men folks, while entertainment will be provided for the ladies.

Dancing will be the feature of the evening's entertainment. The ladies are admonished by the secretary not to worry about what they shall wear as he knows one gal who is going to wear saddle oxfords (this refers to shoe rationing, no doubt).

## Hunting Knives Real Lethal Weapons

The campaign for hunting knives to send to our boys in the south Pacific area is beginning to show results. During the past week several contributions were made to the Gazette Times display and formidable looking weapons they really are.

Elbert Cox contributed two—a huge pocket knife variety with a four inch blade and a miniaure axe, and a smaller weapon with a long blade with sawteeth on the end. Either knife would lend comfort to an American soldier in assisting a Jap to find the realm of his ancestors.

Another contributor was Homer Tucker who sent his son Edwin in with three knives, a hunting knife with scabbard, a butcher knife and a hunting knife cut down from a butcher knife.

The Elks have already sent in two bunches of knives, approximately three dozen, and a new collection is coming in. If you have a good strong knife to donate, remember the boys over seas need them in ridding the jungles of rattlesnakes and rats.

## Cemetery Road To Be Improved

Announcement has been made that the cemetery road will be improved. Judge Bert Johnson and Mayor J. O. Turner are the authorities for the statement and it is understood that the county and city will join forces with the Heppner Masonic Cemetery association in seeing that some work is done.

Plans involve widening the roadway to permit of better drainage and more travel surface. A base of uncrushed gravel will be rolled down smooth and covered with a coat of crushed gravel.

It is understood the city and cemetery association will provide funds and that the county will loan some of its road machinery for the work.

Judge Johnson stated that witnessing the sticking of a funeral car enroute to the cemetery was evidence enough that something must be done to remedy the condition on the hill.

## Rationing Dates For Fuel Oil Definitely Set

### Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Days For Signing Up

Well, folks, get ready to go to school again—at least one day next week, for on one of three days, Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, if you are a consumer of fuel oil, you must go to your nearest high school on another rationing mission. Arrangements have been made to have students assist you in checking and processing your application form.

Instructions governing fuel oil rationing were received during the past week, definitely setting the dates as Feb. 15, 16, and 17 and including the procedure to be followed. This includes securing application forms from your fuel oil dealer, filling them out and taking them to the nearest high school for checking and processing. There are four different forms:

Form No. R-1100 for heating private dwellings, boarding and rooming houses having less than four occupants, apartment houses having less than four apartments and buildings used for residential purposes in which 70 percent or more of the space is used for living purposes.

Form No. 1101 for heating all other types of buildings or dwellings not covered by Form 1100, such as office buildings, hotels, apartment houses, warehouses, garages, service stations etc.

Form No. 1103 to be used by farmers who use fuel oil for operation of machinery or trucks, and for users of oil for domestic cooking or lighting, and

Form No. 1103-A for domestic cooking and lighting.

High school authorities will arrange assistance for applicants in filling out application forms, if such assistance is needed.

Hours for filing applications will be from 4 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon and from 7 to 9 o'clock in the evening on the days indicated.

Applicants should secure from their dealers, if possible, statements of the amounts of fuel oil purchased between May 31, 1941 and May 31, 1942. If it isn't possible to secure this information the base rate as figured by the OPA will be used.

After the applications have been checked and ration determined, they are sent to the local rationing board. Ration stamps will be sent to the applicant by mail from the rationing board's office.

## Rationing Board Says to Save Cans

A request has come to the Gazette Times to give information relative to the saving of tin cans. There is nothing more to offer than was told the local board at the bond banquet two weeks ago by Rod Finney of the state salvage committee.

According to Finney's statement it is essential to save all the tin possible. When a can is emptied remove the wrapper, clean the can thoroughly, remove both ends, and flatten the body of the can. This can be done by placing can on the floor and pressing it down with your foot. Then place it in a sack or a container, keeping the collection in a dry place. There will be a collection campaign in the near future, the exact date of which has not been announced.

Regular meeting of Ruth chapter Order of Eastern Star, will be held Friday evening, according to announcement by Mrs. Emma Evas, worthy matron.

## Behind the Scene at Salem

By Rep. Giles French

The governor has sent his second message to the session and it may be presumed that it will have some effect on the length of the session. Speaker McAllister thinks the legislators can leave Salem Sunday, Feb. 28 after concluding a 49-day session and it might be done if nothing happened to complicate the legislative processes between now and then. Since the memory of man runneth not there have been complications, however, and for the same period of time speakers have prophesied a short session. Nearly all of them really try to make a record for brevity—and nearly all of them fail. This being a war legislature there may be a chance to make it before the usual time.

The tax program is getting on very well, and will probably go through somewhat easier now with the boost given it by the governor. It is about the only thing that appears to have a spark of controversy in it so far and now it may be decided by general assent.

The senate is arguing a bit over milk control having a multiplicity of bills on that subject. The governor wanted to put the milk control board in the department of agriculture and Sen. Mahoney wanted to repeal it entirely which gives the senate three choices—a larger number than is usually accorded legislators, even senators.

Unemployment compensation does not appear to be a major cause for argument this time although there is disagreement about it. Labor offered to do nothing if industry would agree to do nothing too. There was a split and some part of the group dropped in some bills and now the fat is in the fire, if one may call bills in the hopper that. Most members seem to think that no one would be very mad if there was no change in the law at this time. Certainly it is no time to be trying to write permanent legislation for these times—we hope—are not ones on which to base permanence.

Tempers are getting shorter as the session gets along into its fifth week. Whereas members in committees used to be polite and easy to get along with, they now bark unpleasantly at one another over

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## Parents Learn Son Is Held Prisoner

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Brown have received word that their son, Paul is being held a prisoner by the Japanese. This information was received during the week in a communication from the office of the secretary of war.

Paul was a member of the United States armed forces during the war was reported missing. His parents Philippine campaign and previously had clung to the hope that he was alive and this news has brought them great comfort.

## COMMUNITY SING AT PARISH HOUSE MONDAY

Heppner Music Study club announces a community sing has been scheduled for Monday evening, Feb. 15, at the Episcopal parish house. Singing will start at 8 o'clock under the direction of Mrs. Edwin Dick.

This is a postponed program formerly scheduled for January and deferred because of unfavorable weather. The public is invited to attend and participate in the sing.