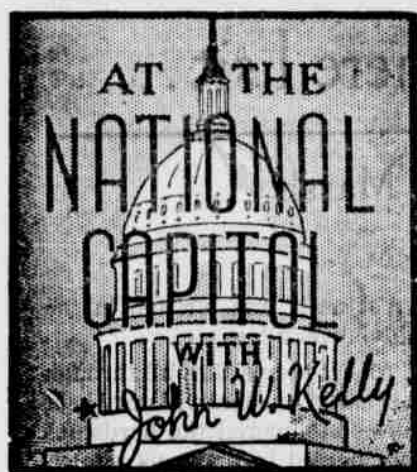




WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22—Probably one of the most surprising propositions that the war department has ever received was the suggestion that work on the "mystery" plant between Richland and Priest Rapids, on the Columbia river, be postponed until after the harvest. Reason for the suggestion was that there will be an estimated 20,000 men in the plant and most of this crowd will be drawn from the surrounding territory where there is already need for 40,000 men and women to take care of the crop. The suggestion was passed to General Marshall, chief of staff, by Sen. Rufus Holman. The idea originated with C. C. Yates of Umatilla county.

In the area affected the crops are estimated at \$150,000,000, of which Umatilla county will produce \$30,000,000, but unless workers are available a large percentage of the crops (fruits and vegetables) will go to waste. In Umatilla county alone there are 38,000 acres of canning peas, with a value of \$6,400,000; about 22,000 acres of prunes valued at \$2,000,000; 21,000 acres of dried peas, estimated at \$2,100,000. There are 18 crops in this one county where formerly wheat growing was the backbone of agriculture, and in the current year canning peas will bring in more money than the wheat fields. Where the canneries and farmers will find the 8,500 men and women to harvest and process the crops is a leading question, which is why Mr. Yates asks the war department (if it does not interfere with war plans) to hold back construction of the powder plant until after crop time.

The 130 conscientious objectors at Wickiup, on the Deschutes project, will be continued there until further orders. These conscripts are working on the reservoir site, clearing the area of trees. Announcement is made that these objectors will be maintained on the project at the authorized strength. They are working for the bureau of reclamation and are carrying on the work formerly performed by CCC boys until that organization was liquidated.

Reedsport wants something, wants several things. It asks for an air base for army or navy planes, and it wants a turning basin in Winchester bay for ships. Sen. Rufus C. Holman is placing these requests before the proper departments.

Myrtus Evans will be the new superintendent at the Indian school at Chemawa. Mr. Evans has been principal of the high school for Navaho Indians in the southwest, reports the bureau of Indian affairs. Harold L. Ickes, secretary of the Interior department, came to Washington when President Roosevelt was preparing to throw out the Republican appointees of President Hoover and wanted the job as Indian commissioner. After talking with Mr. Roosevelt, Ickes was offered the top place in interior and now the Indian bureau is one of his many agencies.

Despite the sale of many dairy herds in Oregon as dairymen, unable to retain help, have auctioned off their cows, the department of agriculture states that there is an increase of cows in Oregon of 4 percent over the cow population in 1942. The department has an idea that while small and large dairies have folded up, other dairymen have bought the milkers and there as much milk now in that area as there ever was.

House appropriations committee has been requested to include an item of \$500,000 for the newly located electro-development labora-

Heppner Sprinter Stars at Mac-Hi "Carnival of Speed"

By JIM BARRATT

The four members of the Heppner track team, accompanied by their coach, Lyle Swenson, motored to Mac High, at Milton-Freewater, last Friday to enter the well-known "Carnival of Speed".

Top star and only double winner of the meet was versatile Wade Bothwell, Mustang sprinter and half-back on the championship football team last fall. Bothwell won the 100-yard dash in 11 seconds flat and the 220-yard dash in 25 seconds flat. For his efforts Bothwell received two large medals. The other members of the team gave a good account of themselves despite the fact that they won no first places. The relay team, composed of R. D. Alstott, Bill Ulrich, Jim Barratt and Bothwell came in fifth place in the 880 yard relay, running against seven other teams. Barratt came in fourth in the 100 yard dash while Alstott failed to place in the 220.

Coach Swenson felt the squad made a very good showing at the meet, considering that only a week's practice was behind the quartet while the other schools have been preparing for several weeks. This track meet is one of the largest of its kind in the state. Teams were entered from Pendleton, La Grande, Cove, Milton-Freewater, Union, Hermiston, Athena and Walla Walla, Pomeroy and Dayton, Wash.

La Grande will be host to the Eastern Oregon track meet next week. If Bothwell wins again in the sprints at that meet, he will be eligible to compete in the state meet at Salem at a later date.

LEXINGTON NEWS

Clayton Davis Held Prisoner by Japs

By MRS. MAXINE GRAY

Mrs. Nettie Davis, his grandmother, and other relatives living at Lexington have been apprised of the whereabouts of Clayton Theodore Davis, reported missing after the battle of the Coral Sea in which his ship, the U. S. S. Pope was beached and fell into the hands of the Japs. Clayton is reported as being held a prisoner by the enemy. News of him was picked up by radio listeners in several western states listening in on official Japanese broadcasts. The Nip announcer purportedly read Clayton's message which stated he was a prisoner, was being treated well and hoped to be seeing the folks at home soon. Listeners were asked to notify his grandmother and she received several letters from distant points. He was fireman first class on the Pope.

Mrs. Wilbur Steagall and family and Mrs. La Verne Steagall visited at the home of Mrs. Wilbur Steagall's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gibson of Hermiston.

Leonard Munkers, Albert Edwards and Joe Way spent the weekend at the home of their respec-

tory which has acquired the Albany college campus. The original appropriation was partly used in purchase of the college plant and additional funds are required by the bureau of mines for installation of equipment and maintenance. Nothing has been approved yet by the bureau of budget in any of the current appropriation measures. The staff is now being engaged on experiments. There was a struggle among half a dozen cities for the laboratory, but all the western congressional delegations are now backing Albany. As the president wrote to Sen. Charles L. McNary, Albany was the best place. Washington wanted it, but so many towns were contesting in that state that the delegation was split whereas Oregon's delegation was united.

War department is arranging to send a contingent of WAACS for the cantonment at Camp Adair. There will be 144 dormitory units built for the girls in uniform at Corvallis. The WAACS are to replace soldiers and permit the latter to join combat troops. They will attend to the paper work.

tive parents, from their studies at the NYA school in Pendleton.

Miss Alice Marshall spent several days at the E. C. Dougherty place while Mr. Dougherty took his wife to The Dalles for medical treatment. While there she will visit at the homes of friends and relatives.

Louis Allyn is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Allyn.

Miss Rena June Messenger spent Wednesday evening at the home of Wanda Breeding.

Ralph Jackson made a business trip to Spray Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Breeding and family spent Friday evening at the Roy Campbell home.

BOARDMAN NEWS

Real Estate on Move In Boardman District

By MARGARET THORPE

Several local farms have been sold in the past two weeks. Mrs. Florence Meyers of Portland made the transactions which saw the old Clarence Berger farm pass to the possession of Webster Smith; Nick Faler's farm go to George Daniels; Walter Lay's farm to Harry Thorpe, and 20 acres on the West End to Mr. Shane of Willow creek.

Hazel Miller spent Sunday in Heppner where she was with her father who recently had a stroke. He is much improved and she expects to bring him home this week.

George Yeager, brother of Terry Yeager, who has been here on several days furlough left Wednesday for his post. He is third class petty officer.

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. I. Skoubo that their son Ed is back in Australia recuperating from his appendicitis operation. He lost 32 pounds during his stay in New Guinea. Skoubo also had several letters from Alfred "Porky" Turner who also is in a hospital somewhere on a South Pacific island.

Russell DeMauro was home from Camp Farragut Sunday.

Donald Ford and Andy Jones were home for the week-end. They are working at Blalock.

Paul Smith went to Hermiston for a load of grain and seed Tuesday.

Mrs. Buster Rands, Mrs. Mike Healy and Geraldine went to Pendleton to shop Wednesday.

HEC met Wednesday with Mrs. Hazel Miller. A very brief meeting was held as the ladies all went to the schoolhouse to see a program put on by the first four grades.

Glen Carpenter is building a house on his farm south of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Veeley took a load of stock to Portland Wednesday.

Dale Russell and Bill Harter took Albert Partlow to Portland Tues-

day of last week. They returned the last of the week.

The school bus was taken to Hermiston by Mr. Hamilton Saturday to be greased. Mrs. Colter and Barbara, Beverly and Sharon Harter went along.

Lloyd Pearson spent the weekend with his brother Lee and family. All went to Stanfield Saturday afternoon to visit Mr. and Mrs. Charles Massey. Lloyd is employed in the shipyards in Portland.

Mrs. Hazel Stulte of Portland is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Faler, helping them move.

Clayton Allen spent Saturday at Bingham Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. David Sheets and baby are spending a few days at Hermiston and Stanfield.

"Doc" Ragan is painting the interior and exterior of Walpoles' trailer house and he and his wife will move in the near future.

Hazel Putnam left Tuesday after spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus McLouth.

Mrs. Effie Miller returned to her home in Portland Sunday after spending several days here.

"Sun Valley Serenade" starring Sonja Henie and John Payne was shown at the grange hall Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Walpole attended Ladies Aid in Irrigon Thursday.

Several Boardman people attend-

Blackburn Mill Opens Season Run

After being down several months due to difficulty in getting logs, the Blackburn mill steamed up Monday in preparation for the season run. This information was brought to town Monday by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bishop who comprise one of the mill families.

Four new families have moved in at the mill, the Bishops state.

Deer are plentiful in that part of the county, Bishop reported that he saw no less than 50 head in one band a few days ago. There also was a mantle of new snow in the foothills Monday morning, four-five inches of it.

ed the Elmore McKenzie funeral in Umatilla Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. E. Ely and Mrs. Charles Anderegg went to Hermiston Saturday.

Mrs. George Gertsen of Heppner came with Mrs. Thomas to the home nursing class Tuesday. Mrs. Gladys Bouey will conduct the class next Tuesday on nutrition.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cramer have installed a bathroom and hot water tank in their home.

W. McDonald is suffering from a bad boil on his wrist.

Greenfield grange met Saturday night at the grange hall.

It Isn't Harvest Time
Not for several months
But NOW is the time to
make a start to get ready
for harvest.

Things being what they are we suggest that you get your

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