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Mrs. America Meets the War

Oranges by the Pound
Occupational Driving
Fewer Electric Bulbs
Secondhand Ceilings

If you've been wondering why your fruit dealer is beginning to price citrus fruits by the pound when you always bought them by the dozen, here's the reason why. It's much simpler for both the dealer and the customer to price oranges, for example, by the pound rather than set a ceiling price for each size and type to be sold by the dozen. The average price of oranges under price control is about 25 to 30 cents per dozen for the small size and 55 to 60 cents for a dozen of the largest.

From the questions coming into the OPA it would appear that many women volunteering for unpaid war jobs apparently misunderstand that any driving for this type of work would be classified as occupational under the mileage rationing regulation. So any motorist using her car in volunteer work such as Red Cross or civilian defense must use 60 miles from her own "A" book before she would be qualified to apply for a supplemental ration. If, however, the amount of driving for the volunteer job exceeds 60 miles a month, applications may then be made for a supplemental ration to be used together with the occupational allotment of the "A" book.

Uncle Sam urges Mrs. America to go easy on electric light bulbs by limiting Christmas lighting decorations to a tree in the home and foregoing any exterior lighting effects. In this way, the WPB says the supply of light bulbs which is not at top peak these days will spread out better, and electricity consumption also will be conserved.

The book of the coming year may be a little different in appearance but there shouldn't be any scarcity of reading material as long as authors come through with manuscripts. The WPB has indicated that any curtailment of print paper for book publishers in 1944 won't cut down on the number of books. However, the paper to be used will be thinner, and more type on each page and narrower margins will conserve paper. So the books should be lighter in weight.

Concentrated soups still require ration points although the OPA has removed rationing restrictions from ready-to-serve soups. And here's why. Because of government restrictions on the use of tin, only concentrated soups can be packed by manufacturers. So in order to move the canned ready-to-serve soups, which are out for the duration, the OPA made this type point free. Incidentally, canned sauer kraut is another civilian war casualty—no more for the duration except for military uses.

With sales of used household goods increasing now that manufacturers are turning out war materials instead of furnishings for Mrs. America's home, here's a reminder. Secondhand goods are covered by price ceilings to protect shoppers from being overcharged because of a great demand for merchandise. A seller of used household goods cannot ask more than three-fourths of the ceiling price on the brand new item if it is in "good condition"—that is, if it is reasonable, clean and can be used without any further repair at the time of sale. However, if any repair or parts are needed before the article can be used, the secondhand merchandise can be sold for only one-third of the new price.

Here's a tip to Christmas shoppers. You cannot be charged for Pacific Northwest and the move. Here's a tip to Christmas shoppers. You cannot be charged for
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Lumber Concerns Carry on Despite Many Handicaps

Log Deckings Will Provide Material For Winter Sawing

Lumber mills operating on timber within the Heppner district of the Umatilla National forest are carrying on as near normal capacity as is humanly possible during these troublous war days. This is the opinion of Fred Wehmeyer, district ranger, who states that the Kinzua Pine Mills company has 5,000,000 feet of logs decked at its Camp Five. The company recently purchased an additional 6,000,000 feet of government timber which can be readily cut and hauled to the camp where it is loaded on to cars and shunted down to the big mill at Kinzua.

A construction crew is engaged in building five or six miles of hard-surfaced road from the end of the present junction of the Camp Five road with the Heppner-Spray highway east to a rich belt of pine. Upon completion of this stretch of road it will be possible to haul the year around, and with the company's selective cutting system it is expected that timber for the mill from this area will be available for many years.

Heppner Lumber company has not been doing so poorly either. Wehmeyer states. At present there is approximately 1,000,000 feet decked at the mill; 2,000,000 feet decked at the Shaw creek camp, with an additional 500,000 feet at the Johnson creek camp. The company also has purchased 3,000,000 feet of government timber to assure a regular run.

POTLUCK DINNER SLATED

A potluck dinner has been scheduled for Friday evening, Dec. 10, for past worthy matrons and husbands and past patrons and wives. Announces Mrs. Ella Bengel, secretary of the Past Matrons club of the Eastern Star, who urges all lodge people eligible to attend the function to be on hand promptly at 6 o'clock at the Masonic hall.

Grain Products, Inc. Switches Business Center to Heppner

Heppner will be the headquarters of Grain Products, Inc. henceforth, following a decision made by the board of directors in annual meeting at Arlington Monday. Arlington has been the official headquarters since organization of the concern early in 1942, but since Heppner is to be the site of the alcohol plant and all business will center here it was deemed advisable to make it the official headquarters.

Election of officers and discussion of company affairs claimed the attention of the directors and stockholders Monday. All directors were reelected with the exception of C. W. Nish of Mikkaloo who found it necessary to resign due to the press of other duties. Earl Blake of Heppner was elected to Nish's place.

It was revealed at the meeting that the Carver plant is making a successful run on fruit alcohol production. While affairs connected with the Heppner plant were transacted there is nothing for publication at this time, stated C. D. Conrad, secretary.

Fortress Exhibited Here Wednesday

Not a little interest was created here Wednesday morning when the Flying Fortress dismantled at Hardman during the past week was temporarily on exhibition near the Ferguson Motor company garage. The body, one wing and one motor were brought in Tuesday night and were under guard until the crew of mechanics was ready to take the big ship on to Pendleton. Front and rear cages had been removed but the rest of the body was intact.

The Fortress made a forced landing at Hardman early last week, doing little damage, but had to be stripped and hauled out because it is impossible to take off on soft ground. None of the crew was injured and ship and crew will be back in the air soon.

GOES TO SEATTLE

Mrs. O. M. Yeager left the first of the week for Seattle to be with her daughter who is to submit to a serious operation. She expects to be gone two months.

Great Virgil Gives Capacity Audience Round of Thrills

It is a safe assumption that scores of Morrow county people are today trying to figure out how the Great Virgil and his assistant, Julie, made their lightning-like change in the last scene of their big evening's entertainment at the high school gymnasium Wednesday evening. It is likewise safe to assume that no less than 100 percent of us will be wrong and that none of us will consent to be locked and roped in a trunk with the idea that we can get out unassisted. Neither will we venture to be housed in a tightly nailed and roped box—not unless we have run out of ration points and have the prospects of getting no more.

Then there are several small boys who probably can't figure out how the magician extracted money from their ears, hair, mouth, shoes and various and sundry other places, but it was done right before their eyes and the looks of surprise and consternation helped to keep a capacity crowd in high good humor. The lad who unwittingly tried to get away with a clothes line full of clothes and a live duck to boot didn't look more surprised than Kenneth Turner who underwent the agony of having his head chopped off in a guillotine only to find he hadn't lost that important member of his body.

Small fry may attempt to imitate the body-severing stunt but it is doubtful if little girls will be much interested, especially if one of their kind is the victim. The half dozen little girls who witnessed the tying up of Virgil's assistant last night will have no appetite for such exhibitions.

Julie's exhibition of photographic mind reading was an outstanding feature of the evening.

Truckers Get Low Down on Rubber

There is no idle talk regarding the rubber situation, according to J. H. Hedrick, representative of the transportation division of the OPA who met with a group of truckers tire inspectors and others at the high school building Thursday evening. The truck and pick-up tire situation is critical, Hedrick declared, and only the strictest economy will permit continuance of operation needed to carry on industrial enterprises essential to conduct of the war.

Seventy percent of all tires made go to the armed forces it was pointed out, and no operator may get new ones if old tires have not been recapped.

Several dealers of the county were present, including Sinice Moore and O. H. Thompson, Irrigon; E. R. Lundell, Ione; Elmer Hunt, Lexington Oil Coop; Clarence Rosewall and Charles Vaughn, Heppner; F. W. Turner, tire inspector, D. E. Hudson, Orral Wright and several fleet owners and loggers.

CHANGE IN GALLONAGE MADE ON B, C, CARDS

Many car drivers holding B and C cards still are not aware of the change in gallonage under the new cards. All coupons bearing B2 or C2 are eligible for five gallons of gasoline. Holders of B and C cards, without the numeral 2, may buy only three gallons of gasoline per coupon.

Another change not noted by many vehicle operators is the fact that since Dec. 1 no certificate is required for recapping, reports the local office of the rationing board.

LEGION AUXILIARY

Mrs. Harold Cohn and Mrs. Harry Tamblin will be hostesses Monday evening to the American Legion auxiliary at the Cohn home. There will be a gift exchange as this is the annual Christmas party.

War and Postwar Share Spotlight At Wheat Meeting

Continuation of 3A Recommended by League Committee

War-time activities on eastern Oregon farms shared with postwar planning the center of interest at the 16th annual meeting of the Eastern Oregon Wheat league held at The Dalles last week-end. Following the advice given by President Millard Eakin of Grass Valley, the members agreed that nothing is more important than the speedy winning of this war, but that it is none too early to plan for the postwar adjustments which are bound to affect the Columbia basin wheat farmer.

Roy Forman, Antelope, was elected president and Lloyd Smith Condon, vice president. Charles W. Smith, state county agent leader and long-time secretary-treasurer, was continued in that position. The new county executive committee members are Ted Smith, Ione, E. O. Borthwick, Antelope; Jim Beamer, Umatilla county; H. R. Weatherford, Arlington; Herbert Root, Wasco; Thomas Lampkin, North Powder (for Union county); Oscar Maxwell, Wallowa, and Ben Evick, Madras.

Fred Entermille, Baker county farmer now on the AAA staff in Washington, expressed the opinion that, despite the delay in announcing loan rates and price supports for next year, the 1944 farm prices would be satisfactory to the growers. He warned wheat men not to expect indefinite continuation of the present unlimited demand for wheat as the present high consumption is accounted for mostly by the use of large supplies for animal feeding and alcohol production, both of which are subsidized programs.

The three major committees of the league prepared reports on current subjects which will appear in full in the annual proceedings. The committee on federal farm programs and land use favored "the continuation of the AAA as an organization experienced and set up to help with adjustments in agricultural production, whether the adjustments be for greater or lesser production."

It also favored the continuation of the Commodity Credit corporation and reinstatement of federal crop insurance with some changes.

YOUNG FLYER PAYS HOME TOWN ANNIVERSARY VISIT

Numerous townspeople were out Tuesday afternoon watching a P-38 circle the hills and cross back and forth over the town. Used to Flying Fortresses it was rather exciting to watch the swift double-bodied "bird" annihilate distance and respond with such ease to the whim of the pilot.

Wednesday morning it was learned that the pilot was none other than Lt. Norton King, former Heppner boy now stationed at Ellensburg, Wash. Norton was making a routine flight and dropped over to pay the old home town a short visit. It did not occur to him that he entered the service on Dec. 7, 1942, or that it was Pearl Harbor day until well on his way back to the home port, but he had gotten a good look at the old familiar hills and the little town nestled among them.

WOMENS' AUXILIARY

Regular meeting of the Women's auxiliary of All Saints Episcopal church will be held at 2:30 p. m. Friday, Dec. 10 at the parish house.

It's Santa's favorite charity!

WE'VE never asked Santa Claus what his favorite charity is, but we'd bet the old fellow would chuckle: "Why, Christmas Seals, of course!"

You see, these little Seals give the greatest gift of all—health, life itself. As long as Santa can remember, the American people have made this a part of their Christmas giving—in depression and prosperity, in peacetime and war.

This year our needs are doubly great—because a wartime rise in tuberculosis must be prevented. So, make sure that every letter and package carried by Santa is stamped with your Christmas gift to mankind—and please send in your contribution today!

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