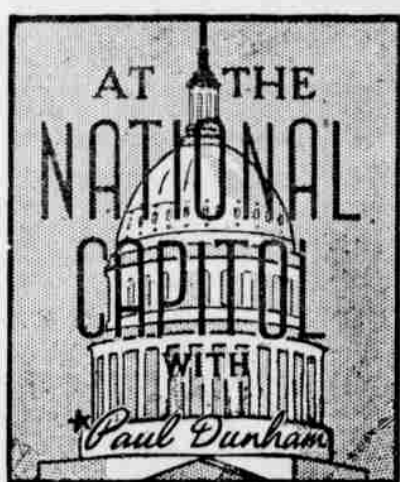




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NOT all sections of the country are as prosperous and busy as the Pacific northwest, where the highest wages ever recorded in that region are being paid in the war industries. Despite the complaint that there is a shortage of manpower and that jobs are going begging at good wages, an attempt has been made to revive the old food stamp program for a large segment of the national population.

The way to hold down the cost of living (food) is to issue food stamps as a subsidy, it was argued in the senate. Cost of food has soared to the point where the men and women on a stationary, fixed, income are unable to buy foods with sufficient nutriment values. The committee on banking and currency listed the number of people on fixed income by type as follows: Old-age assistance 2,170,000 aid to dependent children 310,000; aid to blind 80,000; receiving general relief 380,000. Other fixed incomes are 1,340,000 in the federal service, excluding the military; in state and local governments 1,920,000; in the public educational group 1,320,000. There are 860,000 receiving veteran pensions and 4,750,000 receiving military allotments; another 10,000 receiving lump-sum old-age and survivors pensions and 630,000 in that category receiving monthly payments. Under the railroad retirement act there are 160,000 on fixed income, with 70,000 drawing civil service pensions. All these aggregate 14,000,000 receiving fixed income. It is this group which suffers most with the increased cost of living, for they cannot stretch their income, and it is this group for which it was proposed to issue food stamps.

According to the bureau of human nutrition and home economics, the basic low cost for an adequate diet for a family of four is \$646 a year. Senator LaFollette says there are 18,000,000 families in the United States whose incomes will not permit that expenditure without robbing other needs. There are 3,488,000 families and single consumers whose income is less than \$500 a year; and 6,652,000 families and single consumers whose cash income is between \$1,000 and \$5,000. In all these categories—various types of pensions, old-age assistance, low incomes, etc.—the states of Washington, Idaho and Oregon are represented.

While it is true that everyone has a ration book, the cash income of millions of people is too low to permit them to make purchases at current prices, and many of their coupons are given away.

MORTGAGE loan companies are still fighting to liquidate Home Owners Loan Corp., and they have a high paid lobbyist camping in Washington, D. C. Now, however, HOLC is receiving support as the plan to liquidate becomes stronger. HOLC was created in the early days of the new deal to take over distressed mortgages and make new loans on the property in peril. Hundreds of thousands of citizens would have lost their homes had HOLC not come to their rescue. HOLC also bailed out many private mortgage companies by enabling these concerns to shove the sour loans off on Uncle Sam's agency. Since 1936 no loans have been made and HOLC has been a servicing agency, seeing that interest was collected, taxes paid and property kept up. The record for the northwest in repayment of loans has been unsurpassed.

Private lending companies are determined to wipe out HOLC and

force it to dispose of the good loans and be "stuck" with the unprofitable ones. They say that HOLC is no longer needed and that government should not compete with private business. These companies sang another song in the early '30's when they did everything they could to have HOLC take their bad loans. If HOLC is not liquidated it will show a profit in June, 1952, when it expires by law, but if the private companies have their way, taxpayers will have to pocket a loss on this agency which may run to a billion dollars. Before 1952, HOLC may be needed as much to save the home owner as it was in 1933.

WOOL growers of the Pacific northwest are beginning to worry over the 1,200,000,000-pound stockpile of wool accumulated by the state department and the defense supplies corporation during the past year. This is equivalent to a two years' supply for domestic needs, and there is already a considerable tapering off of military requirements. The state department purchase was from Uruguay as part of the good neighbor policy and there is reason to believe it may be repeated this year. It is feared that with return to anything like normal conditions the wool market will be flooded and prices will be driven down to the low level they reached after world war No. 1 and which forced many woolgrowers into bankruptcy. So far prices have been sustained by commodity credit corporation purchases, but these cannot be continued if subsidies are definitely outlawed by congress.

Irrigon News Notes

High School Play Well Presented' Draws Good House

By MRS. J. A. SHOUN

The high school had a very successful play "The Whole Town is Talking" Friday evening. The school presented Miss Taylor with a large box of chocolates for assisting them while Kent Landon, Fred Acock and Kathleen Umiker each received \$1.00 for selling the most tickets.

Leroy Minnick left for Spokane Monday morning to be inducted in to the navy. He has just completed high school and was student body president. They presented him with a metal covered Bible and a gold identification bracelet.

Vernon Jones is home from the Pendleton hospital and is improving some.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Leach arrived home Sunday to care for her father's place while he is ill.

Mrs. Gerald White is ill with the flu so Rev. Warner of Hermiston is delivering the mail for her.

Mrs. Maynard Hoagland and daughter arrived home Sunday from the Ordnance hospital. The Hoaglands now have five daughters.

C. D. Conrad, county agent, was a business visitor at the water office Saturday.

Dorald Houghton of the navy who is preparing to be a Seabee, arrived home Sunday evening to visit his parents the Fred Houghtons.

John Volle and Wm. Gollyhorn were Touchet Wash. visitors Thursday.

Frank French sold his place and will give possession March 1. Mrs. French has not been too well so they are moving in hopes she will feel better.

Mrs. Elmer Ruched who is ill was in Hermiston for medical advice Friday.

Mrs. Walter Grider received 500 baby chicks Friday. They are the first in Irrigon.

Mrs. Lester Sites and Mrs. Henry Miller were Pendleton visitors last Friday.

Mrs. Nina Harris of Portland is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. C. Farrel and other relatives.

Mr. Ames of Antelope has bought the Wm. M. Wilson place and will take possession October 1.

Herman Duus arrived home Monday after spending nearly a week in the Ordnance hospital with a severe case of the flu.

BOARDMAN NEWS

H. H. 'Dad' Weston, Boardman Pioneer, Dies at Hermiston

By MARGARET THORPE

Harold Hamlin "Dad" Weston was born at Anet, Mich. May 8, 1860. He spent his early life in the woods of northern Michigan. He layed out the early trail in the Yellowstone park. He came to Oregon in 1891 and settled at Cascade Locks, coming to Morrow county in 1901, locating at Castle Rock. He was one of the first school director of district No. 25. At one time he operated a ferry at Castle Rock. In 1918 he came to Boardman being one of the earliest settlers. It was through his suggestion that Greenfield grange received its name having received the idea from the vast fields of green alfalfa that were so prominent in the early days. He passed away Saturday morning at the age of 84 at the Hermiston hospital after a five day illness with bronchial pneumonia. He has no known relatives but has three stepdaughters, Mrs. Addie Broyles of Sandy, Mrs. Breta Morgan of Boardman and Mrs. Awilda Bleakney of Mabton. Services were held Tuesday afternoon at Boardman with Robert Berger of The Dalles officiating. Palbearers were: A. B. Chaffee, I. L. Stout, Andy Anderegg, T. E. Hendrick, Robert Wilson and Dan Ransier. Music was furnished by Flossie Coates, Laverne Partlow and Margaret Thorpe.

Wednesday night was the final party of the Pollyanna club which has been going on in the HEC for the past three months. Cards and dancing were enjoyed and cake and ice cream were served.

An error was made last week in regards to the turnout of the basket ball games. The game at Lone Thursday night which was won by Boardman gave the boys a chance to play off a three way tie. They played Echo Friday night but lost the game.

Mrs. Frank Marlow spent Friday in The Dalles.

Lawrence Tyler returned to his home Saturday after having recently had an operation at the Pendleton hospital.

Mrs. Boyle returned from Portland Saturday where she spent several days visiting.

Grange met Saturday night in regular session. The juvenile officers were installed and about eight new juvenile members were initiated. The program consisted of a valentine pantomime and several stunts by different members.

Mrs. I. Skoubo spent the weekend in Pendleton with Frances.

Miss Ellen Etbauer, Miss Helen

Brown and Mrs. Floy Washburn moved Saturday over the postoffice. Mrs. Root is expecting her mother to come and live where the girls moved out.

Mrs. Gilbert Pettys spent the week-end in Fort Lewis visiting her husband who is stationed there.

Monday night the show was followed by a shower for Mr. and Mrs. Therman Martin who were recently burned out.

Buster Rands went to Portland this week where he took his army physical.

Sgt and Mrs. Stanley Partlow are spending his furlough at the Paul Partlow home. Stanley is stationed in California.

Mrs. Ruth Pettit and son are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Fisher.

Miss Josephine McEntyre of Portland is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McEntyre.

Robert Smith underwent an appendectomy Tuesday morning at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton.

FARM GASOLINE APPEALS

Farmers of Morrow county are advised by Henry Baker, AAA committee chairman, that certificates of war necessity must be brought to the county office when making an appeal. The reason for this is that the present certificates must be sent in to the office of Defense Transportation before new certificates can be issued. Supplemental certificates are no longer issued. Instead, a new certificate is issued in place of the old one.

COLLEGE QUALIFYING TESTS SCHEDULED

The third army-navy college tests for the army specialized training program and the navy college program V-12 which will be given throughout the country at 9:00 a. m., Wednesday, March 15, will be administered at the Heppner high school, Supt. George A. Corwin announced this week. A leaflet of general information which contains an identification-admission form may be obtained at the high school. This form properly filled out will admit to the test students between the ages of 17 and 21 inclusive who are high school graduates or who will be graduated by July 1, 1944. Intent to take the test should be made known immediately to the superintendent or the principal in order that the necessary test supplies may be ordered.

The same examination will be taken by both army and navy candidates. The examination is designed to test the aptitude and general knowledge required for the program of college training and all qualified students are urged to take the test. At the time of the test each candidate will be given a choice of serving preference, but taking the test does not obligate the candidate to enlist in the service.

VISITING PARENTS

Mrs. Eldon Kenton and baby daughter Sharon of Salem are visiting Mrs. Kenton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Neill for a few weeks.

A G-T want ad will do wonders if you have anything to sell, trade or exchange. Results every time.



From where I sit...

by Joe Marsh

Bob Newcomb was reading me a letter the other day—from his son in the Marines. Dick Newcomb's somewhere in the South Pacific, thousands of miles from home, yet he writes to ask:

"Tell me, Dad, do they still pitch horseshoes back of Ray's? Is Johnny keeping my tools in shape? Are the trout still biting in Seward's Creek?"

Makes you realize what the men over there are thinking about. Sure, they're fighting for Democracy and Freedom and a Better World Tomorrow.

But the things they dream of coming back to are the little simple pleasures that mean home to all of us—like a home-cooked meal, a glass of beer with friends, a game of horseshoes in the backyard.

From where I sit, one of our most sacred obligations here at home is to keep those little things exactly as they remember them—to keep intact the world they're fighting for.

Joe Marsh

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