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**With Grim Determination**

What we can do in our local danger spot is only what every American citizen is expected to do. To begin with, we must keep a steady head and a stout heart, and not allow ourselves to indulge wild thinking and fractious nerves. Though the war is at our shores we must meet it as we meet other difficulties of life to win the final battle.

And win we will and win we must. Ever since the days of Patrick Henry our slogan has been "Give me liberty or give me death." We won our liberties at the cost of great sacrifice, death and suffering and we will hold these precious elements of our American ways of living or give our lives and all we have in the attempt to keep conquerors from our land. With a high spirit of pride in our great nation, and with the grim determination of the blood of our forefathers

we will fight again at Valley Forge, if necessary. The enemies are large and great, but we are large and great, and we are united to the last citizen.

Wherever else the nation may be unprepared the Umatilla Ordnance Depot is fortunately ready and powder for units stationed from the Aleutian Islands to San Francisco will be available. With a hard driving force and favorable circumstances 1000 igloos are in completed condition for storage. And while these are difficult to reach from ocean aircraft carriers they must be defended to the limit of our national strength.

The farmer will be a great factor in winning this war. Let there be no let down in agricultural production. The men at the fighting front will have to be fed and fed well, and a larger army in the fields of war materials and equipment will be taken from ranch and factory to supply the needs of battling legions.

**COLUMBIA NEWS**

By Mrs. Bob Woodward

J. H. Reid reported Wednesday that up to that time he had received no message since the Sunday air attacks on Honolulu, from his son, James H. Reid, Jr., who is stationed there with the U. S. Engineering Department at Hickock Field. He and Mrs. Reid reside at the Hickock Housing Courts, but it is not known whether or not it is near the field where some of the heavy bombing occurred.

The Home Extension Unit meeting Tuesday was attended by twelve members. Miss Frances Clinton came

from Pendleton to lead the meeting and talked on "Financial Planning." Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wilcox left Saturday morning of last week to visit with her folks in Salem and from there will go to Roseburg to spend several days visiting relatives of Mr. Wilcox. They planned to be gone about a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Myrnie Caldwell spent Monday shopping in Pendleton. They were accompanied by Mrs. Jack Reuber of Stanfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Hutchison spent Sunday afternoon at the W. A. Mikesell home.

Visitors at the Bob Woodward home Friday evening of last week were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hummel, Jr., and two small children of near Winnemucca, Nevada, who were overnight guests at the home of her aunt, Mrs. J. S. Wells, in Hermiston. Mrs. Hummel is the niece of Mr. Woodward.

Miss Opal Wilson spent the last week-end in Portland on a shopping trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hammer moved this week into their own home from the Lester Hammer place where they have resided the past several months.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Neil and small daughter left this week for Ocean-side, California, to make their home. Mr. Neil, who has been associated with Shaar's Barber Shop in Hermiston, has a new position at Oceanside.

Along the Diagonal: A gay gathering at the Carl Hammer home Saturday evening... turkey picking... war talk... and more frequent thoughts of the boys we know who are in the service.

**COLUMBIA SCHOOL NOTES**

On Friday evening, December 19th, a Christmas program will be presented by the boys and girls of Columbia school. Admission free.

Columbia school teachers and pupils are happy to announce that the Red Cross Roll Call has been answered 100% for the second consecutive year.

One healthful hot dish a day is being served Columbia boys and girls without cost to pupils. A number of families represented in the school have volunteered to furnish potatoes, carrots and milk. Surplus foods will be furnished beginning in December. The school board allows a fund for purchase of staples needed in the cooking. A fine variety of hot lunch dishes is planned.

The winter activity schedule went into effect last Monday and will continue throughout the cold winter months. Recesses are periods of directed group room games under direction of one teacher. The morning and noon periods are divided between project work of a pupil's own choice and room games. For room games there is ping pong, bean bag throw, ten pins, ring throw, indoor hockey and puzzles. Mrs. Elris Waid is teaching necklace making. Boys and girls having signed up for a two-week period in that class are modeling beautiful neckware of candle drops and others of painted peanut shells. Mrs. Alice Smith is teaching loom weaving. A number of interesting pieces are in frames and interested boys and girls work diligently. Mrs. Fern Zivney has the woodwork classes. A number of interesting articles suitable for Christmas gifts are being made such as spice cabinets, neck tie racks, bookends, brooches, toys, condiment racks, and bread boards.

The Citizenship club, whose active

membership is limited to pupils of grades 6, 7 and 8, decided to purchase two strings of American made Christmas tree lights, a gift to the school for use in future years, too.

The intermediate room earned the attendance pennant for a second time this school year, having the highest percentage of attendance and fewest tardinesses.

Miss Ethel Bruce called at the school Tuesday. She announced that Dr. Wilcox will be at the school Monday, December 15 to give the second shot to pre-school children.

**COLUMBIA GRANGE NEWS**

Twelve members attended the regular grange meeting Tuesday evening, December 2, with Master P. H. Corman presiding.

Executive committee members to serve for the ensuing year were elected as follows: P. H. Corman, Emil Zivney and Childs Barum.

Columbia grange has a number of candidates seeking membership. Mr. Corman suggested that an invitation be issued to the county Y.G.A. team to initiate this class for our grange in January.

Invitations have been issued to Westland and Stanfield granges respectively to be guests of Columbia grange Wednesday evening, December 17, at the Farm Bureau Auxiliary club house for joint installation of officers. Pomona Master Claud Hanscom with his staff of assistants will install the officers.

A delightful evening was enjoyed by Columbia grange families and candidates for new membership, Saturday evening, November 29, when the annual anniversary banquet was served. Mrs. Mary Harra was special honor guest, having a birthday anniversary near that date and is Columbia grange's oldest member.

The banquet table was attractively decorated for the festive season. Thirty-eight covers were laid for the guests. Mr. and Mrs. Claud Hanscom, Pomona Master and Cold Springs grange master, respectively, were especially invited guests.

**CROP INSURANCE HEADED FOR BIG YEAR IN OREGON**

Expanding each year since its introduction in Oregon in 1939, federal all-risk wheat crop insurance is headed for its greatest volume in 1942, from the standpoint of number of farms covered by policies, according to Clyde Kiddle, crop insurance assistant with the state AAA office.

Applications for insurance on winter wheat have been received from 5563 farms. Spring wheat policies are yet to be written, the closing date being February 28. For the 1941 crop year, 4691 policies were in force for both winter and spring wheat.

The loss record for 1941 presents a sharply contrasting picture between eastern and western Oregon. Kiddle reports. Of the 1228 loss claims paid up to November 15, only 122 came from the nine Columbia basin wheat counties. Most of the losses were reported in the Willamette valley, where insects and plant diseases hit many farms. Hail and excessive moisture led as the causes of eastern

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**Oregon losses.**

Nearly every kind of crop hazard is represented in the losses paid so far. Percentages of the total indemnities paid for each cause of loss were given as follows:

Plant diseases, 29.2 per cent; excessive moisture, 18.2 per cent; insects, 16.9 per cent; hail, 9.9 per cent; drought, 8.4 per cent; frost, 5.6 per cent; weeds, 2.5 per cent; volunteer vegetation, 2.5 per cent; migratory birds, 1.4 per cent; rodents, 1.2 per cent; winter kill, 1.1 per cent;

fire, 1 per cent; crusting, .7 per cent; wind, .5 per cent; flood, .4 per cent; lack of irrigation water, .3 per cent; stray stock, .1 per cent; poor farming practices, .1 per cent; dust storms .05 per cent.

**COUNTY AAA GROUP TO ATTEND MEET**

Reporting on another outstanding year for the Umatilla County Agricultural Conservation Association, members of the county AAA committee are leaving this week-end for Corvallis, where they will attend the annual state AAA conference December 15-17 at Oregon State college.

Representing the county association at the conference will be A. R. Coppock (Chairman of the County Committee, John W. Crow, county committeeman, Guy Rockwell, county committeeman, Layton L. Mann, assistant secretary, Walter A. Holt, secretary, James Beamer, crop insurance supervisor, and D. R. Cook, farm loan supervisor.

Problem and achievements of the 1941 AAA program in this county will be reported on by the local delegates, as well as suggested application of next year's program and recommendations for 1943.

Crop insurance is a very outstanding feature of the farm program especially in Umatilla county.

Although entirely new to the farmer, when first introduced in 1938, 278 applications were written, which covered 33% of the wheat allotments in this county. The table below shows the substantial increase in policies written each year.

1939	278	1941	761
1940	451	1942	1035

From the number of policies written on the 1942 crop it can be seen that the farmer now realizes the benefits and protection offered by this all-risk insurance.

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