



Portland, Ore. — It's just about three weeks until Mr. and Mrs. Votter trek to the polls, which will decide who is to be who on both party tickets. These closing weeks of the campaign will see the candidates turning on the heat for all it is worth in order to capture every vote possible. Governor Sprague, who started slow, is now campaigning in high gear, and so is his opponent, Earl Snell. With the voting public still apathetic but showing a little more interest in the coming primary, the candidates will bring out their war drums and tom-toms in order to keep political interest alive. However, the politically wise men still say less than 50 per cent of the registered voters will go to the polls election day.

It may be just a coincidence but we hear via the grapevine route that Donald Nelson, big boss of WPB, has been requested to make a personal investigation of why so many industries proposed and even announced for the northwest are shoo-flied away from this region. Chemical plants, aluminum plants and stainless steel plants have been, for one reason or another, throttled. There is a suspicion among some congressmen of the northwest that someone in the war production board is responsible for blocking one thing after another that is planned for this area, and is undertaking to sabotage any industry that might become paramount after the duration. By special messenger a letter inviting Nelson to look into the matter was sent from "the hill" which cited stainless steel as a case industry, suggesting other inquiries.

There is ample hydroelectric power in Oregon and Washington from government dams at Bonneville and Grand Coulee to either build new aluminum plants or expand the ones already built. Instead of increasing capacity in this area, WPB proposed move aluminum production at TVA, but TVA has every kilowatt under contract; and then it was announced aluminum plants would be placed in Boston, New York and Chicago where private power would be available. That New York and Boston are on the ocean front and in a target area was ignored, despite army policy on the west coast. Well, these developments were apparently dropped and now WPB is asking for aluminum from Canada. In response, Canada says it can use its hydro power for either aluminum or newsprint, and suggests WPB make the decision. Most newsprint in the U. S. comes from Canada and diversion of power to aluminum would have an effect on American newspapers. Half a year has been lost in arranging for more aluminum.

Four chemical companies wished to locate in the Bonneville-Grand Coulee area. There was talk of their being placed at Pasco, Wenatchee or Spokane. For a time it looked as though one plant would be established in the Puget Sound city. Then WPB ordered one of the plants to be made phosphates for cotton farmers. This boost for TVA was frustrated because TVA has no surplus power, but neither this nor any of the other chemical plants was ordered to the Columbia river. As the companies interested expected the government to put up the money, they naturally would go where WPB proposed. Thus far no chemical industry has been launched within reach of transmission lines from Bonneville or Grand Coulee.

Agents of the stainless steel company browsed the northwest carefully. Having inspected Washington, they looked at Baker, La Grande, Pendleton and The Dalles.

**HOME NURSING
CLASSES COMBINE**

There will be a combined meeting of the Columbia and Hermiston districts Red Cross Home Nursing class Monday, April 27, at 7:30 at the Methodist church basement. Discussion of communicable diseases, their causes, means of transmission and means of control will be the topic for the evening. There will also be a movie showing diseases. Miss Bruce county health nurse, urges that all be present promptly at 7:30 so that the meeting can get underway. This meeting takes the place of the usual meeting in the Columbia park hall so there will be no regular meeting on Wednesday.

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**DAD TO REGISTER
NEXT MONDAY FOR
SELECTIVE SERVICE**

**COMMITTEE NAMED
TO ASSIST IN WORK**

By proclamation of the President Monday, April 27, has been designated as the day on which men who have attained their 45th birthday on or before February 16, 1942, and have not attained their 65th birthday on April 27, 1942, are required to register for Selective Service.

Registrars for the county were announced early in the week by the Umatilla county selective service board. Named in the west end were James Todd, Hermiston, and G. L. Dunning of Stanfield. Sheriff Bob Goad has been designated to register all men in this age group who are confined to hospitals or homes, but these persons should notify the selective service offices and give their addresses.

Mr. Todd has announced that registration in Hermiston will be held Monday from 7:00 a. m. to 9:00 p. m. in the American Legion hall. He will be assisted during the day by L. P. Pratt and the following ladies who will be on hand to aid those wishing to register: Mrs. George Harkenrider, Mrs. Dan Gray, Mrs. Roy Hale, Mrs. R. C. McReynolds and Mrs. James Todd.

Registration in Stanfield will be in the irrigation district office. Mr. Dunning will appoint a committee to assist him in the registration there.

**TRASH BURNERS TO
BE OUTLAWED HERE**

Hermiston merchants and business men who have been in the habit in the past of disposing of excess paper, cartons and other rubbish by burning it in outside trash burners are doomed for disappointment. B. A. Doyle, local fire chief, this week has issued a special notice forbidding this practice within the fire zone which is composed of the territory from Stone's Market to the Legion hall and from the Methodist church block to Hanby's Auto Park.

Any violation hereafter will be punished by a \$50 fine states Mr. Doyle. Accumulation of rubbish is also included in the above law. All firemen have been instructed to check on the matter and report violations to the chief.

**FORMER RESIDENT
PASSES AWAY**

News has been received locally of the death April 14 of Mrs. Josephine Zweifel of Portland, a former resident of Hermiston. Mrs. Zweifel moved to Portland from LaGrande following the death of her husband a number of years ago. She was a daughter of the late Mrs. T. W. Botkins.

She is survived by a son, William Wescott, a soldier at Fort Lewis. She was well known in Hermiston among the old timers.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 20, from the Bruno Mission funeral home in Portland. She received a mausoleum entombment at Lincoln Memorial park.

**HIGH SCHOOL BOYS
AID IN CLEANUP**

A group of high school boys were instrumental in the cleaning up of several alleys uptown last Friday. Three trucks were in operation as the boys gathered broken bottles, tin cans and other rubbish from streets and alleys.

Although some residents of Hermiston made no effort to cooperate with the mayor's cleanup plan, a good majority of the citizens cleaned up their vacant lots.

**FREAK WEATHER
PLAYS HAVOC IN
THIS TERRITORY**

The past week has been somewhat outstanding from the standpoint of the weather. Last Thursday a terrific wind storm hit this region, centering its velocity apparently just west of Hermiston. At the J. R. Harding ranch the miniature hurricane picked up a 20-100 foot chicken barn and carried it approximately 15 feet, completely damaging it. At the former Cora Tobin ranch a small chicken barn was sitting in the middle of the road following the storm. Pictures of the razed buildings can be seen at the Herald office.

Monday the temperature resembled Fourth of July readings and residents were beginning to wonder if summer was really at hand. The week was concluded with a hail storm Wednesday evening which left the ground white. It has not been ascertained whether the storm damaged peach and apricot orchards on the Columbia.

**NEGRO ARRESTED
ON THEFT CHARGE**

J. D. Dobbins, colored, was arrested early this week on a charge of taking articles from a parked automobile. He pleaded not guilty before Justice of the Peace E. P. Dodd Wednesday and was bound over to the grand jury.

Dobbins was arrested by local officers and state police for stealing various items from an automobile belonging to Chas. B. Keeton and Glen C. Hansen. A queer angle to the case was the fact that both the latter two men were asleep in the car during the theft.

Several other articles have been recovered and have been placed in the city jail building. Owners of these may claim them by identifying the articles at the city jail.

Thrift Shop Sale Planned

Ladies of the Central Church of Christ are planning a thrift shop sale at the home of Mrs. A. M. Smith Friday and Saturday, May 1 and 2. Her home is located one block north of the Texaco station. It has been announced that there will be hundreds of garments on sale with a few at \$1.00, some for 50c and many others for less. The public is invited to participate.

Dr. Morgan Named Vice President

Members of the Eastern Oregon Dental society met at La Grande Saturday for an annual convention. Pendleton was chosen as the meeting place next year. Officers elected include: Dr. H. A. Newton, Pendleton, president; Dr. W. L. Morgan, Hermiston, vice president; and Dr. R. B. Robbins of Pendleton, secretary-treasurer.

**A CAPELLA CHOIR
TO SING HERE ON
SCHEDULED TOUR**

The a capella choir of the Eastern Oregon College of Education of La Grande, under the direction of Kenneth E. Schilling, will present a concert at the Hermiston Union high school auditorium Thursday evening, April 30, at 8:15 o'clock under the sponsorship of the associated students of the high school.

Fifty-six college students, 34 women and 22 men, make up the personnel of the choir, representing 21 different towns of eastern and central Oregon. Choir members wear burghundy robes with gold dickies and stoles. Director Schilling received his B. M. degree from Lawrence College, Wisconsin; his M. A. degree from the University of Minnesota and has completed most of the work toward a doctorate in music at Northwestern University, where he did special work in a capella choir under Nobel Cain.

Under the direction of Director Schilling, the music department of the college presented more than 100 programs at various civic and club meetings last year, and to date this year has presented 48 programs. The choir is coming to be recognized as one of the outstanding musical organizations of eastern Oregon.

**FLAMES DAMAGE
ALSTOTT HOME**

Complete destruction by flames of the R. E. Alstott Jr. home was narrowly averted by prompt work of neighbors and the fire department Monday noon when fire of undetermined origin damaged the interior of the house. Flames spread rapidly inside the kitchen and broke into the attic but failed to break through the roof.

Helpful neighbors kept the flames from spreading until the fire department arrived on the scene. The loss was covered by insurance, according to Mr. Alstott.

**SHORTAGE OF SACKS
EXPERIENCED HERE**

Some concern is being felt locally in regards to a shortage of sacks for feed, grain and other material. In order to relieve the situation the Farm Bureau mill is inaugurating a plan whereby patrons upon purchasing a sack of feed must replace the sack taken with another in usable condition.

There has been some talk that a similar plan will have to be adopted in grocery stores and other concerns using either cloth or paper bags.

**TIRE RATIONING
HOURS ARRANGED**

The west end Umatilla county tire rationing board is making new plans for its activities as work begins to speed up. It is expected that within a few weeks requests for new tires will become quite numerous. An office will be maintained at the office of Gene Lear, assistant county agent, in Hermiston.

The board meets on the 7th, 14th, 21st and last day of the month to pass on applications. Assistants who have been selected by the board will be on duty every afternoon from 2:00 to 5:00 o'clock to take applications.

**HERMISTON MEN TO
ATTEND CLINIC**

W. J. Warner and W. W. Felthouse are leaving by train late Friday evening for Rochester, Minn., where they will undergo observation at Mayo Brothers Clinic. Both men have been failing in health in recent weeks and thought it best to undergo a thorough physical checkup.

It is expected that they will be gone from three weeks to a month or possibly longer.

**SUGAR RATIONING
REGISTRATION FOR
FIRMS SCHEDULED**

By W. G. Kersbergen

Stores, business houses, boarding houses, hospitals, other users or sellers of sugar, other than individual families, will register at the high school Tuesday and Wednesday, April 28 and 29, for their sugar rationing booklets. The school has no discretion or authorization in the matter whatsoever. It simply acts as a place of registration and forwards the results to the county administrator.

However, there is now a supply of registration blanks on hand and people may get them, take them home, and make out their report at their leisure, always providing the reports are registered on April 28 or 29.

School officials especially want to emphasize the fact that this registration is not the family consumer registration. There will be such a registration later. In fact, present indications are that the consumer registration will be one week after the institution registration, but positively no consumer registration will be taken on either April 28 or 29. A complete explanation of consumer rationing will appear in a later issue of the Herald. Probably next week.

**SEWER CONTRACTOR
EXPECTED FRIDAY**

J. M. deBlasio of Yakima, Wash., low bidder for the construction of the Hermiston sewer and water improvement projects, is expected here this week end to sign the needed papers for the proposed construction. As far as is known here, no obstacles remain for the work to begin immediately.

Mayor F. C. McKenzie stated this week that the work would probably be completed early in the summer.

**BICYCLE ACCIDENT
CAUSES BROKEN ARM**

Craig Percey, manager of the local Safeway store, is carrying a broken arm in a sling this week due to a tangle with a bicycle being operated by James Boylen. Percey was coming out of the post office when struck by Boylen riding on the sidewalk.

Steps will be taken immediately to curb riding of bicycles on city sidewalks before more serious accidents occur.

Local Group Attends Convention

Mr. and Mrs. C. Warner and Patsey, Muriel Kingsley, Anne Lindsay and Emsley Rodgers left Thursday morning for Eugene to attend the annual convention of Christian Endeavorers. They expect to return Monday.

**VOLUNTEER RURAL
FIRE DEPARTMENT
GOAL IN COUNTY**

**FARMERS TO AID IN
STATEWIDE PLAN**

A volunteer rural "fire department" for every community in Umatilla county is the objective of a county-wide fire prevention program outlined at a meeting of representatives of the county defense council, the U. S. Forest Service, Indian Service, the Highway Department and the Extension Service held here April 18. Participating in the planning meeting were representatives of all the above agencies.

The movement to organize emergency rural fire fighting units in this county is a statewide and even nationwide campaign to reduce rural fire hazards to a minimum this year and to prepare to fight such fires as may be caused by enemies and saboteurs, says Walter Holt, county agent. The O. S. C. Extension Service has been assigned the job of organizing the campaign with the assistance of six cooperating agencies including state and federal forest services, the grazing and Indian services, the state fire marshal and state defense council.

The plan provides for organizing in each critical rural area a volunteer fire fighting unit designed to protect from 50 to 100 farms, depending on local conditions. For each district a captain and an assistant will be appointed. These men will later attend at least two training meetings, at which cooperating agencies will instruct in latest methods of fire prevention and fire fighting in rural areas.

One of the main purposes of thorough organization in advance is to eliminate fire hazards and to construct fire breaks around and in fields and around buildings. Crops, equipment, farm homes and buildings are especially valuable and difficult to replace during wartime, and they are essential to attainment of production so badly needed by the nation.

**BOARDMAN MAN
PASSES AWAY**

Michael Kenney Flickinger, Boardman farmer, passed away last Thursday following an extended illness of almost one year. Funeral services were held in Boardman with Rev. J. K. Walpole in charge. Burial was in the Riverview cemetery in Boardman.

Mr. Flickinger was born near Jefferson, Pa., being a member of a family of four children. One brother, Samuel, of Davenport, Iowa, survives. As a young man he was a school teacher but later took up telegraphy. For a number of years he was an operator in Philadelphia, Pa., and later in Colorado and Oregon. He served for several years as operator at Coyote and Messner, Oregon. His later life was spent in ranching near Boardman, excelling in alfalfa raising.

In 1918 he was married to Ellen S. Schisler of Astoria, Ill. She preceded him in death June 15, 1941. Mr. Flickinger was a member of the Lutheran church.

E. O. C. E. A Cappella Choir to Sing Here Next Thursday

