



Portland, Ore.—The war horses of the Democratic party are after the scalp of their state chairman. When the secretary of state released the list of candidates who had filed for the legislature it was found that 21 seats, over one-third of those to be elected, had gone by default because no Democratic candidate had taken the trouble to seek the nomination. It is supposed to be the job of the state chairman to see that every local elective office has a candidate. The Democrats thought they had an excellent opportunity to capture the lower house this year but they can't do it with a handicap of 21 seats to start with. The Republicans only failed to file for nine seats. So a drive is now to stage a write-in campaign which the "powers that be" hope will result in a candidate for each legislative seat on both tickets next fall.

A bill introduced by Senator McNary authorizing RFC to finance construction and operation of distilleries, specifically in the northwest, is a sort of scattergun. Essentially, the measure proposes these distilleries to produce industrial alcohol, but it goes beyond that. It would permit the production of starch, allow the adulteration of gasoline, assist in the manufacture of synthetic rubber. In the main, however, it would salvage tons of waste material.

Every pulp and paper mill in the northwest is pouring into the rivers and bays a stream of chemicals that the management knows can readily be converted into industrial alcohol. Several executives of these plants have communicated with the senator, recommending that something be done to turn this waste material into something wanted for war purposes. There are thousands of tons of fruit either littering the ground or not of marketable size but excellent material for the making of alcohol. Government owns wheat that can be converted and farmers of Oregon can use their surplus for alcohol. With a rationing of gasoline in Oregon (it will become nation-wide later) the senator says a percentage of alcohol mixed with gasoline will stretch the motor fuel. This has been done, but never on an extensive scale and only in an emergency. Provided the bill becomes law and RFC will advance the finances, the next task would be to obtain necessary equipment. The measure is intended to conserve sugar, now being transformed into industrial alcohol, by substituting pulp waste, grain and fruit.

The additional aluminum capacity planned for the northwest will be produced in eastern Washington and not on the west side of the Cascades as had been considered. It is explained that for various reasons the most suitable place will be on the Columbia river at Grand Coulee dam where there will be ample power to reduce clay to aluminum ingots and these pigs can be sent readily to the fabricating plant now in course of construction near Spokane.

One of the determining influences in deciding on Grand Coulee for new aluminum activities is the scarcity of steel for towers and copper for transmission lines. Despite the need of aluminum for airplanes, the priorities must be observed, and to conserve these metals as much as possible the proposal is to place the plant where the requirements will be reduced to the minimum. In other words, the aluminum plant (or plants) will be located right at the dam, practically at the switchboard, instead of 50, 100 or 200 miles away where the communities would like to have them.

Capacity of the Grand Coulee aluminum enterprise is not announced, but the war program calls for such a tremendous number of airplanes that it is expected to equal or exceed the production of the Aluminum Company of America at Vancouver, Wash., which will be turning out 160,000,000 pounds a year. This is the largest plant in the Pacific northwest. The proposed plant at Grand Coulee dam is to be in addition to the aluminum industry soon to be in operation at Spokane and which will use 185,000 kilowatts, the same amount the Bonneville administration is serving Alcoa at Vancouver. Defense plant corporation will finance the Grand Coulee project, as it has arranged to do for the aluminum plant near Troutdale, which will use 97,500 kilowatts.

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HERMISTON HIGH COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES MAY 21

BACCALAUREATE TO BE MAY 17

Commencement exercises for the graduating class of Hermiston Union high school will be held Thursday night, May 21, in the high school auditorium, according to Superintendent W. G. Kersbergen. Baccalaureate services will be held Sunday evening, May 17, with Rev. C. Warner of the Central Church of Christ delivering the address of the evening. Prof. John Miller of the Eastern Oregon College of Education will be the principal speaker for the graduation exercises. As has been the custom in recent years, Henry M. Sommerer will present the diplomas to the graduating seniors. Musical selections will be presented by the high school glee club.

Members of the graduating class are: John V. Allen, Owen R. Anson, Genevieve Alspach, Florence Ascherl, Chris Dee Brice, William R. Beard, Johanna Casper, Carl Wilbur Bennett, Dorothy Corkrum, Bernard Louis Cullen, Don B. Cellers, Vern E. Daugherty, Fay Lorraine Dodge, Patricia Mary Ellen Emert, Barbara May Pollett, Francis E. Foss, Myra Naomi Getchell, Robert B. Grimps, Thelma Winifred Holmquist, Charles Lee Roy Hale, Raymond E. Holloman, Elvin E. Harig.

Lorene Holling, Albert G. Isensee, William E. Jones, Florence Louise Kowitz, Dorothy Ann Knox, Henry Elvin Loudermilk, Marion Eileen McGirl, Robert L. Miller, James Paul Naughton, Anne Peterson, William Roy Abner Penney, Dorothy J. Pierson, Mary Frances Perry, Richard Marvin Palmer, Charles Frank Pierson, Emsley W. Rodgers, Pauline Evelyn Ryason, Kay Joyce Ritchie, Phyllis Mary Sires, Donna Margaret Saylor, Oleene Mae Strecker, Eleanor Aielgaard Skovbo and Lester Joe Wilcox.

MEN REPORT AT MAYO CLINIC

Word has been received from W. W. Felthouse and W. J. Warner who left last Saturday for Mayo's Clinic in Rochester, Minn. Mrs. Felthouse received a telegram from Willard Tuesday that he would undergo a serious operation Thursday afternoon. Gale Felthouse of Hermiston and Bill Felthouse of Walla Walla left late Tuesday evening for Rochester to be with their father.

Mrs. Warner received word from Mr. Warner Wednesday stating that he had registered for examinations but as yet had undergone no checkups. The many friends of Mr. Felthouse and Mr. Warner are anxiously awaiting news.

CHIEF PRAISES LOCAL FIRMS

Hermiston merchants have been very helpful in cooperating with the fire department following an order last week banishing all trash burning within the fire zone. Fire Chief B. A. Doyle stated Wednesday that the merchants deserved much praise for their efforts.

Only in a few instances have infractions been reported and it is hoped that these can be remedied soon. The general remark by the business men was, "Well, sir, we are rapidly becoming a city when we have to pay to have our trash hauled away. But I guess it's the price you pay for growing up."

Hunt Awarded Certificate
Brattleboro, Vt.—Having proved himself capable of doing satisfactory Holstein calf club work, Wilbur Hunt of Hermiston, has just been awarded a certificate of merit and has been given junior membership in the Holstein-Friesian Association of America, Brattleboro, Vt. He was recommended for these awards by the State 4-H club leader. All privileges of the association except voting have been given to him until he is 21 years of age.

George Ray Back In Jail
George Ray of Hermiston is back in the county jail following a brief furlough during the past week. Apparently he could not stay away from liquor following his release from the county jail recently and appeared on the streets of Hermiston under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

DE BLASIO FIRM TO BEGIN WORK SOON ON SEWER

Equipment for the construction of the Hermiston sewer and water improvement projects arrived Thursday with additional machinery and men expected the first of the week, according to Mayor F. C. McKenzie.

J. M. deBlasio, Yakima, Wn., contractor, has announced that he expects to rush the job through as fast as possible in order to interfere as little as possible with irrigation and other work.

Plans are now completed for the disposal plant which will also be constructed immediately.

ANNUAL P. E. K. TO FEATURE NEW ENTERTAINMENT

Friday evening, May 1, is the date set for the sixth Annual Physical Education Exhibition, generally known as the P. E. X. Each year it proves to be one of the outstanding events of the school year and draws a huge crowd. The program is under the general direction of Miss Lavina May Lynch with Ray Critchfield in charge of the boys' part of the program.

The first group on the program will be Rhythmic Exercises by the girls' P. E. classes and 48 girls are listed to take part.

The Blue Danube will be danced by Barbara Connor, Wanda Dunning, Dorothy Jordan and Genevieve Alspach.

Girls from the 3rd period P. E. classes will give a demonstration of Kick Ball.

Karen Glenisky and Leona Davis will tap dance. The 5th period girls' P. E. classes will then give a demonstration of setting up exercises, tumbling and pyramids.

Next on the program is a Shadow Dance, and following it, is the Sports Parade.

The Firefly Dance will be given by various girls from both the combined girls' P. E. classes.

The finale of the program will be the coronation of the May Queen Donna Saylor, as Queen Donna I. Princesses and their escorts are Patty Emert, John Allen; Johanna Casper, Bob Miller; Phyllis Sires, Charles Hale; Kay Joyce Ritchie, Bernard Cullen; Genevieve Alspach, Ray Holloman; Lorene Holling; Don Cellers; Barbara Pollett, Lester Wilcox; Thelma Holmquist and Bill Beard.

Student body president, Bill Penney, will escort Queen Donna I and will make the coronation speech. Queen Donna I's little four-year-old brother will be the crown bearer; Shirley Quiring, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Quiring, and Sylvia Quiring, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leander Quiring, will be the flower girls, and pages for the occasion will be Helen Albin and Viola Hammer.

As entertainment for the Queen's court, the girls' P. E. classes will give a demonstration of the American Flag, at which time an octette under the direction of G. C. Humphreys will sing a patriotic number.

Ready for Japs



Dressed to kill is Johnny Boyer, 2 1/2-year-old son of Capt. R. D. Boyer, stationed in Honolulu. Johnny put on this war paint in readiness for the Japs in case of another sneak raid.

TERTELING LOW BIDDER ON WORK AT ORDNANCE

Unofficial but rather reliable reports have it that the firm of J. A. Terteling & Sons of Boise, Idaho, constructors of the Umatilla Ordnance Depot, have been granted a new contract "under five million dollars" for additional facilities at the local ordnance depot. Just exactly what the work will consist of has not been learned.

J. A. Terteling & Sons are now completing an airport job at Walla Walla and it is understood that this crew of laborers will be transferred back to Hermiston for the new work.

It is expected that verification of the above contract will be received within a few days.

BUS SCHEDULE TO BE CHANGED

Already in full-scale cooperation with America's war program, Union Pacific Stages further intensified its participation by revising its schedules to meet additional wartime requirements. The new schedules, to be effective May 1, were announced this week by bus company officials.

East bound buses will arrive in Hermiston at 7:00 a. m., 3:59 p. m., and 9:44 p. m. West bound buses will stop in Hermiston at 9:37 a. m., 3:17 p. m., and 11:22 p. m.

The revision of schedules was necessitated by the tremendous amount of military travel, and by the country's fast-changing population-distribution picture.

DRUNKS FILL UP LOCAL CABOOSE

Not only are more houses needed to care for the influx of workers in Hermiston but it now looks like if it will be necessary to build an addition to our city jail. Tuesday night seven inebriates were crowded into Hermiston's newest up-town building. Although accommodations were not all first class, the boarders slept first rate.

City Recorder Charles Taylor makes a daily trek to the jail to dispose of the cases.

ROCKETS WIN IN EXTRA INNINGS

Ray Critchfield's Hermiston high school baseballers lost their final game of the season Tuesday afternoon when the Pilot Rock team nosed out the Bulldogs in the 10th inning, 4 to 2. The affair turned out to be a pitcher's duel with a few bad breaks spelling defeat for the locals. This was the final contest of the season for the Hermiston squad.

BILL LAAS JOINS U. S. MARINES

Bill Laas of Hermiston will report in Walla Walla May 4 for induction into the U. S. Marines. Bill has passed all prior examinations and selected the marines as his field of war endeavor.

His report states that he has volunteered for early foreign service.

TURKEY POOL IN PROGRESS NOW

A car load of breeder hens and toms will be loaded this week at the local plant of the Eastern Oregon Turkey Growers, according to C. A. Flanagan, plant manager. Picking has been in progress all week with a short-handed crew. Additional help is needed in the picking department, according to Mr. Flanagan. The first car load will be shipped to Los Angeles.

The pool will be continued May 7 and 8.

AMBULANCE CORPS PLANNED

Initial steps toward the organization of an ambulance corps will be taken Monday night at 7:30 at the U. S. O. building when members of the Pendleton group will explain the project to those interested locally. The plan is sponsored by the Oregon Women's Ambulance Corps and has proven extremely popular in Pendleton under the direction of Capt. George.

Members must be 18 years of age or over. Anyone interested is cordially invited to attend the meeting Monday evening.

MOTHER'S DAY TEA PLANNED

The Hermiston unit of the American Legion Auxiliary is acting as hostess at a Mother's Day tea to be held on Saturday, May 9, from 2:30 p. m. until 5 p. m., at the U. S. O. building.

All mothers with sons now in the service of our country, and mothers of veterans of World War I are cordially invited. It is hoped that all eligible mothers in Hermiston and surrounding communities will attend.

Stewart At Pearl Harbor

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stewart of the Columbia district that their son Tom, is now stationed at Pearl Harbor, scene of the Japanese attack at the outset of the war. Apparently to date he is enjoying his experience.

Merrily They Sail to Continent 'Down Under'



There's many a happy smile and cheer from these U. S. soldiers (left) as they look on Australian soil from their transport ship. They are now fighting under command of General MacArthur. Right: In the lore of the sea a "pollywog" (one who hasn't crossed the equator) should be hazed by a shell-back as the ship passes the imaginary line. No exception was made on this Australian convoy. Here Neptunus Rex and his court are in costumes, officiating.

SUGAR RATIONING FOR INDIVIDUALS SET NEXT WEEK

TEACHERS TO ACT AS CLERKS

Sugar rationing registration will be carried on in the Hermiston community May 4, 5, 6 and 7. The rationing will be done by the teachers of the Hermiston elementary school and the place of registration will be the Hermiston high school shop building. The hours will be from 9:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m.

Any member of the family 18 years old or older may secure ration cards for the entire family. However, no family may secure a ration card for a member of the family not living at the family home. Such family members should register where they live. People boarding and rooming should also register as their ration cards will be needed to enable their landlady to secure sugar for their use.

All registration will be conducted on the four days mentioned and at the stipulated place. People living nearer the Hermiston elementary school than any other school will register at Hermiston. People living nearer other schools will register at their respective communities.

The following three questions are answered in order to clarify the sugar rationing:

Each person may have in his possession 2 pounds of sugar without having any stamps withdrawn from his war ration book when it is given to him.

You may have in your possession in excess of this an amount up to 4 pounds, but, for each of these 4 pounds, 1 stamp, which represents 1 pound of sugar, will be withdrawn from your book, so that you will be on the same basis to start as your neighbor. One stamp represents 1 pound of sugar, which is at present a two weeks' supply for an individual.

What must I do about the sugar above this amount which I have on hand now?

You must declare it when you register. (Continued on Page Five)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNED

The West End Umatilla County Ministerial association has set the period from May 26 to June 6 for the annual Hermiston daily vacation Bible school. Classes will be held in the Methodist and Baptist churches with Rev. C. Warner as the Dean of the School.

Superintendents of the various departments are: Intermediate, Rev. S. E. Graves; Junior, Rev. Graden Loree; Primary, Rev. M. B. Ballinger; Beginners, not named as yet. Churches represented in the school are Methodist, Baptist, Pentecostal and Central Church of Christ.

MATTRESS WORK GETS UNDERWAY

The 1942 mattress program for Umatilla county opened this week with a two-day leader training school at the Columbia hall in Hermiston with Miss Lucy Lane, clothing specialist of Oregon State college, and Mrs. Myrtle Carter in charge of construction work. Nine leaders attended this school and will assist in the making of 177 mattresses and 170 comforters in the Hermiston center.

Umatilla county has signed for 730 mattresses and 680 comforters to be made by 568 families. The work is a completion of the mattress program of 1941 which was delayed due to part of the cotton not arriving in the county. On hand for the work is 39,200 pounds of cotton, 7,300 yards of ticking and 6,750 yards of percale.

A series of two day training schools will be conducted during May by Myrtle Carter, home demonstration agent, in each of the six centers in the county. Umatilla county centers and chairmen in this area are Mrs. H. G. McCulley, Hermiston, and Mrs. Ed Brown, Stanfield.

Charles Hoggard Passes Away

Charles Hoggard, long time Stanfield resident, passed away in The Dalles Tuesday, April 21, after an extended illness. Mr. Hoggard was a merchant in Stanfield for 18 years. He is survived by his widow and one brother, William, of Athena. Burial was at The Dalles.