

## GAS RATIONING POSTPONED FOR ANOTHER MONTH

### SERVICE STATION MEN PLEASSED

PORTLAND—From the nation's capital we hear that the tentative date of June 3 has been set for a hearing on the proposed Columbia power authority bill, sponsored by Washington's Senator Bone and Representative Martin Smith. It is said that Senator Bone will be heard and the hearing will then adjourn until some future time, when opponents of the measure will be heard.

No one appears to know much about the action to be taken and senators and representatives have different views. The house committee on rivers and harbors, for instance, has designated a subcommittee to meet with a committee of senators for a joint hearing. In the senate no member will admit that he has heard of such a joint committee. There is also a rumor that the senate committee on flood control will give the CPA bill a hearing. It is now in the senate commerce committee, Senator Bailey, chairman. who has fixed the June 3 date.

Following Bone, the Bonneville administration is prepared to make its statement and representatives of public power districts are said to wish to appear pro and con. This particular measure (one of a dozen drafts) would permit the Bonneville administration to acquire all of the private utilities in the northwest, giving the federal government absolute control over every present and potential kilowatt.

Out of the pockets of northwest farmers comes 10.3 per cent of the money they receive for soil conservation benefits. Senator Byrd produces figures showing that payments in Oregon in 1940 (last available statistics) amounted to \$3,286,811 and from this sum administration costs were deducted amounting to \$338,468 or more than one-third of a million dollars.

The percentages of cost of administration range from 0.2 in Sherman county to 35.6 in Washington county. Umatilla county, which drew the most payments (\$520,221), cost the farmers only 2.0 per cent of that sum, or \$15,311, while Clatsop county, receiving the lowest payments (\$7,956) paid \$960, or 12.4 per cent.

Farmers of Washington county, out of \$114,231, kicked back for administration \$40,635, the largest sum of any county in the state. The local administrators of Marion county took \$32,329 of the \$186,121, or a matter of 17.4 per cent. For the administration of \$118,607 Clackamas county farmers paid \$27,475, or 23.2 per cent. On the other hand Linn county paid \$15,349, or 9.6 per cent of \$160,167, and the adjoining county of Lane paid \$20,169 out of \$115,222, a matter of 17.5 per cent. Wasco county paid 5.7 per cent or \$6,212 of \$109,638. Jackson county had the job done for 8.9 per cent, or \$6,656 of \$75,081, but it cost Josephine county 14 per cent, \$3,536 of \$25,303. For Douglas county the percentage was 16 per cent: \$12,456 of \$77,769. Deschutes farmers contributed 19.8 per cent of their \$39,751, or \$7,878. Multnomah had to pay for administration \$3,824, or 14.9 per cent of \$25,590, which can be compared with Morrow county's 1.9 per cent, \$3,197 of \$165,243. And so it goes throughout the state.

Senator Byrd, still struggling with the mystery of the variations, says farmers do not realize that for the nation as a whole they are paying more than \$40,000,000 from their soil conservation checks to have the law administered. He says it is too much.

Wheat farmers of the Inland Empire who are worried over what to do with their grain—no place to store it and no priorities permitting the building of bins—may yet find a market, and still later may be riding on synthetic rubber made from their left 40 acres. Senate committee on agriculture is to recommend that surplus wheat be converted into ethyl alcohol and this into butadiene, which is actually a plastic but is called synthetic rubber. If the farmers can dispose of their surplus wheat in this manner it is asserted that they can make \$50 an acre and the alcohol can be produced at a nickel a gallon.

Claude Wickard, secretary of agriculture, says there will be a carry-over of 630,000,000 bushels of wheat July 1, and this year's crop will bring a total of 1,500,000,000 bushels. Eight million bushels of wheat will produce 200,000,000 gallons of alcohol which can be reduced to 240,000 tons of rubber.

Motorists who are expecting to make their farewell excursion trip this week end in order to get the wanderlust out of their systems can rest easy for at least another month. Plans calling for the card-rationing of gasoline in Oregon and Washington were cancelled early this week by the office of price administration because of a "marked improvement" in gasoline supplies in the last few days in both states—but there is no assurance this situation would continue for longer than one month.

Upon receipt of official word, all plans for a sign-up, which was to have gotten underway Friday, were suspended. However, it is expected that original plans to start gas rationing July 1 will go ahead as scheduled. The July 1 plan will probably include the entire nation. Instead of the rationing cards which were to be used in the June 1 plan, coupon books will be used for the July sign-up.

Monday's cancellation also relaxed the order for a 50 per cent curtailment in gasoline deliveries by June 1, and continued the present 33 per cent cut. Service station operators were "mighty pleased" when the news of postponement was made official. Rationing boards were also quite pleased as this group just recently completed a difficult sugar rationing project and have not yet quite recovered.

According to the OPA as the reason for cancellation of June card-rationing was defined in this announcement: "Supplies in Oregon and Washington have risen to a level where the restriction contemplated when they were near the danger point do not have to be applied at this time."

But, anyway, it looks now like gasoline will be available for at least another month.

## MISS BENSEL IS SUNDAY BRIDE

Miss Louise Bensel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bensel of North Hill, became the bride of Mr. Grant Harmon, son of Mrs. Millie Harmon of Enterprise, Sunday at the Central Church of Christ in Hermiston at a nine o'clock ceremony.

Rev. C. Warner, pastor, performed the ceremony, and Mrs. Grant Henderson of Portland, sister of the bride, was matron of honor and Darrell Chenoweth of Enterprise, was best man. Barbara, Doris and Frances Follett, sang "At Dawning" and "I Love You Truly". Patsy Warner played the wedding march. Ushers for the occasion were Bob and Frank Bensel, brothers of the bride.

Out of town guests included Mrs. Millie Harmon and Vadna Harmon of Enterprise, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Chenoweth of Enterprise, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stimmell of Helix and Mrs. Grant Henderson of Portland, and Mrs. Louis Barnard of Walla Walla.

The bride wore a lovely white gown of lace and rayon jersey with a fingertip veil. She wore a corsage and carried a white Bible. The matron of honor wore a pink gown of rayon jersey and also wore a corsage.

The couple will make their home in Enterprise where Mr. Harmon has a wheat ranch.

After the wedding a dinner was held at the bride's home.

## WESTLAND HAS GRANGE VISITORS

Members of the Westland Grange were pleasantly surprised at their meeting May 22 by a visit from State Grange Deputy Charles Wicklander and State Grange Juvenile Matron, Lily Wicklander. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wicklander gave interesting talks and their visit was much appreciated.

This Grange has decided to meet only once each month until the tire and gas situation is relieved. Mr. and Mrs. George Brown were welcomed as new members. Defense workers and other newcomers to Hermiston, who are former Grange members or members elsewhere, are always welcome at Westland. Remember the Grange slogan, "You are never a stranger when you are a Granger."

## LELAND SMITH APPOINTED NEW POLICE OFFICER

Leland Smith, former police chief of Umatilla but recently employed with the railroad, has been appointed a police officer here. Under the new setup, B. J. Nation, for many years night officer, will be promoted to Chief of Police but will continue to work the night shift. Mr. Smith will be the day officer and in addition will handle some of the other duties pertaining to street and water maintenance.

Harry Dent, who has been police chief for the past several months, has not announced his future plans. It is expected, however, that he may become connected with the guards at the Umatilla ordnance depot.

The new arrangement will go into effect June 1.

## AGED PIONEER PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Zoie E. Linder was born November 28, 1869, in West Unity, Ohio, and passed away May 23, at the age of 72. She was married to August Linder in 1916 and came to Hermiston in 1919 settling at the present homesite in the Columbia district.

Mrs. Linder joined the Presbyterian church when quite young in life. Survivors are her husband, one daughter, Mrs. Walter Blessing of Portland, three grandchildren, Russell and Wesley Blessing of Portland and Gordon Blessing of San Jose, Calif., and one great grandchild, Nancy Blessing, and two brothers and one sister in the east.

Funeral services were held in the Prann Funeral Parlors Monday at 2:00 o'clock and burial was in the local cemetery.

## LT. GENE PIERCE PAYS VISIT HERE

Lt. Gene Pierce, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Pierce, is spending several days in Hermiston this week en route to Camp Roberts, California, where he expects to be stationed for some time. He recently graduated from an officers' training school at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Lt. Pierce has made rapid advancement since joining the army last July as a private. He reports that to date army life has proven quite strenuous but he has enjoyed every minute of it.

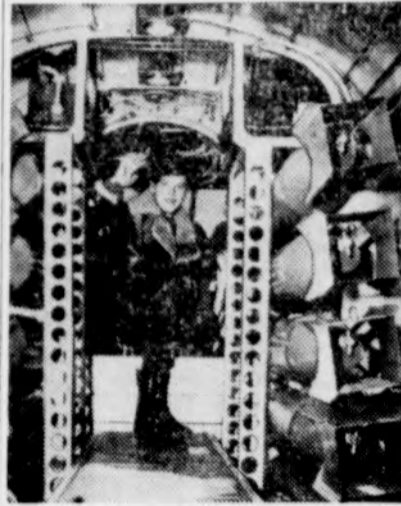
## DEFENSE STAMP SALES INCREASE

The cooperation given by the local merchants in the sale of defense stamps is certainly gratifying to the local chairman, Sam F. Moore. Upon a canvass of the city last Friday, a 100 per cent sign-up was obtained, including all stores, restaurants and pastimes.

The local postoffice reports that stamp sales are picking up every day. Sales have now reached the goal of several hundred dollars daily.

"Take your change in defense stamps."

## Goes 'Upstairs'



A cadet at the bombardier school in Albuquerque, N. M., waves all clear to the ground crew as he makes his way through two racks of bombs to nose of bomber. He has passed all tests.

## HERMISTON TO CLOSE STORES MEMORIAL DAY

All merchants of Hermiston, except for restaurants and confectionaries will close all day Saturday (Memorial day) in honor of those who have lost their lives in battle for the United States. Service station operators met Tuesday and agreed 100 per cent to close their concerns for the day. Regular Saturday hours will prevail Sunday, according to an advertisement appearing on page two of this issue.

No patriotic services have been planned for the day but quiet observance by small gatherings will be held. Activities will continue at full pace at the Umatilla Ordnance Depot due to the war.

It is hoped that those interested should clean up and redecorate graves in the Hermiston cemetery.

## APPOINTMENTS FOR AMBULANCE CORPS NAMED

Lt. Mathilda Russell and Staff Sgt. Claudine Hale received their respective appointments this week from regimental headquarters in Portland to serve with the Hermiston unit of the Oregon Women's Ambulance Corps. Other appointments, which are made from qualifications and recommendations of high authorities, will be made soon.

Seventeen complete uniforms have been ordered with several more girls planning to complete their outfits soon. It is expected that about 25 members will be in full uniform soon.

A class in military drill will be held Monday evening with Lts. Alverson and Avery of the Umatilla Ordnance Depot in charge. Classes in fire fighting and auto mechanics are also planned.

The first project for the group will be next Wednesday when the various members will be typed for blood donations. The county health department will be in charge of completing the cards.

## U. S. O. DRIVE EXPECTED TO REACH QUOTA

It appears now that the \$600 Hermiston quota in the annual drive for United Service Organizations will be reached this week. Approximately \$400 had been raised by the middle of the week with a house to house canvass beginning this week end. James Todd, city chairman, stated that cooperation of Hermiston merchants had been excellent.

A donation of \$12.00 was received for the fund from Tiney's Brite Spot where a "kitty" was started some months ago to be given to the first American to drop a bomb on Tokyo. However, it was later learned that this was against the government policy so the money was donated to the U. S. O. fund.

A portion of the money raised will be used in Hermiston but a good share will be spent wherever there are boys in the service, both in the United States and on foreign shores.

## HEAVY DELUGE DOES DAMAGE

A rain that nearly reached cloud-burst proportions Sunday afternoon in this district caused cessation of haying operations which were getting underway here. Although it "poured" here for several minutes very little precipitation was reported just south of Stanfield.

Considerable damage was reported in the Butter Creek district where ditches overflowed and fields washed quite badly. County road machinery was somewhat damaged when the footing washed out.

## BUDGET GROUP MEETS JUNE 5

Several minor changes in the proposed City of Hermiston budget will come up for discussion Friday, June 5, when a budget committee, recently appointed by the council, will meet to discuss the new setup. Although several raises are figured and expenses will be heavier in several departments, no increase in tax is anticipated.

Members of the budget group are Curtis Simons, J. D. Todd, R. C. Reynolds, J. G. Pearson, Lee Quiring, A. H. Norton and A. F. Rohrman.

## POPPY DAY IS SUCCESS HERE

The annual poppy day sale was 100 per cent successful in Hermiston, according to members of the Legion auxiliary who were in charge of the project. One thousand poppies were ordered for Umatilla and Hermiston and everyone was disposed of, making a total of \$100.00. The committee in charge wishes to thank all those who participated, especially those who aided in making the sales.

Hermiston girls who were "live wires" included Ann Piersol, Myrla Galley and Kay Logan. Allan Hiatt of Umatilla was high point man for that city.

## FOUR-H GROUP LEAVES TUESDAY FOR CORVALLIS

### AWARDS MAKE TRIP POSSIBLE

The annual trek of Four-H students to Corvallis will get underway next Tuesday, June 2, when 16 students from this district will leave for the college city to attend classes and demonstrations for a two-weeks period. The annual excursion is a reward for the efforts put forth by the respective youngsters.

The scholarships, which entitle the members to free board and room while in Corvallis, are awarded by local business firms, civic organizations, granges and individuals. Gene Lear, assistant county agent, will accompany the group to Corvallis.

Those attending and the sponsors of scholarships are as follows:

Frances Chapman, Pocatontas Club; Pauline Roach, Eastern Star; Dorothy Hiatt, Project Farm Bureau; Bill Hibbard, Project Farm Bureau; Wayne Barber, Inland Co-operative; Agnes Riley, Co-operative Creamery; Wilbur Hunt, Commercial Club; Virginia Picanso, Gaylord Madison; Charlotte Cornelle, Farm Bureau Co-operative; Bob Attebury, First National Bank; Elaine Jogg, St. Field Grange; Dorothy Knox, Columbia Grange; Robert Grimps and Zelma Sutton, Westland Grange; David Dufur, Pomona Grange; Gordon Shown, Hermiston Herald and Legion Auxiliary; Creston Buzzard, Cunningham Sheep Co.

Creston Buzzard recently received quite an honor when his play, written in the state radio play contest, was awarded fourth place. The story will be presented over K.O.A.C. (Corvallis) at 7:30 p. m. Monday, June 8. Creston is a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Buzzard of the Columbia district.

## STATE GUARD IS ORGANIZED HERE

Organization of a local Oregon state guard has been completed, according to Acting Captain Vern Daugherty. A total of 84 men have designated their intentions of participating in the project and temporary officers have been named, final appointment resting with state office.

The first meeting of the group will be held Tuesday, June 2, at the fairgrounds beginning at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to be present so that work may get underway.

Matters of clothing, guns and artillery will be discussed at the meeting.

## DEFENSE MEET PLANNED HERE

A meeting for the purpose of perfecting a workable civilian defense organization will be held Wednesday, June 3, at 8:00 p. m. at the U. S. O. building. Everyone interested in defense of their own families and homes and willing to assist in the activities of this organization is urged to attend.

Everyone who has had first aid and nurses training or girls in the ambulance corps are also urged to be present. Carl Chambers and Jack Allen, Pendleton co-ordinators, will be at the meeting to help with the organization.

## DAVID DAVIS IN AIR CORPS

David F. Davis, a graduate of Hermiston high school with the class of 1940, recently wrote his mother, Mrs. Florence Davis, that he is now with the navy air corps stationed at Chicago and is completing a teacher's training course. He will soon have a group of students to train in the air corps.

David was a popular student at Hermiston, being prominent in athletics.

### Catholic School Scheduled

The annual religious vacation school for Catholic children will begin here Monday, June 1, at 9:00 o'clock, according to Alban Cullen, pastor of the Our Lady of Angels church. Sisters Florita and Clarissa of the St. Joseph academy of Pendleton will conduct the two-weeks course. All Catholic children of the Hermiston vicinity are cordially urged to attend.

## Official U. S. Treasury War Bond Quotas for June



The above map of the country shows the War Bond Quota by states for the month of June totalling \$900,000,000. Everybody every pay day is expected to invest at least ten per cent of his income in War Bonds to aid in financing America's offensive against the Axis powers. The ultimate quota for the nation will be on a basis of one billion dollars per month effective in July. This sum is necessary to provide for all-out production of planes, guns, ships and munitions adequate to arm our fighting men with the tools necessary to win the war.