



Portland, Ore.—The following comment from the east should be of vital interest to Oregon milk producers who are being called upon to join the union under the leadership of the John L. Lewis organization:

A federal labor conciliator is trying to decide whether some of Chicago's milk wagon drivers will continue to make a piddling \$10,000 a year, or get a union pay boost to \$25,623. The Milk Wagon Drivers union (AFL) of Chicago is a closed shop. Ten years ago it signed an agreement with distributors under which drivers were to get the same commission on wholesale deliveries that they received on one-bottle doorstep deliveries. Consequently drivers of some store delivery trucks draw bigger paychecks than a U. S. major general. On the average, wholesale deliverymen earn \$107 per week; home deliverymen get \$53 weekly.

Recently the home deliverymen demanded a raise of \$5 per week. The wholesale route men followed with a call to boost their average to \$190 per week. The distributors said "no", and began to tell their side of the story through a series of big newspaper advertisements. Most startling statement made to date is that by Samuel Dean, president of the Dean Milk Co. A few months ago Dean decided that the home delivery business is on the way out anyway, and began selling exclusively to the stores and big users in wholesale lots. Because of the union's commission scale, he revealed on April 29, the lowest yearly income of any of his drivers is now \$6,172.80 per year. The highest is \$10,276.89. The average income of all his drivers is \$8,443.56.

Under the union proposal, Dean went on to say, his lowest paid driver would get \$11,635.20 per year, and his highest paid \$25,623.80. The average income would be \$19,586.80. This is \$914 less than a justice of the U. S. supreme court. The federal labor conciliator came around to talk things over; suggested that home deliverymen settle for a \$2 per week raise.

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Vancouver is to have about 40 new ships to build in addition to present contracts; around 50 more will be built in the Portland district. Each boat will cost \$700,000, or \$28,000,000 of business for Vancouver and \$35,000,000 for the Portland district. These will be cargo ships; they will be smaller than boats now on the way and faster, much faster. It is said they will have a speed of 17 knots, whereas the boats now building are rated at 10. Contracts are currently being made for engines for these smaller freighters. Maritime commission, to expedite its bridge of ships, proposes a large fleet of the smaller boats which will not carry such a large cargo but will be faster and not require as much steel plate.

On Puget Sound and Columbia river will be a program of wooden ships for coastwise service. The navy, too, is going in heavily for small wooden vessels, but no official announcement has yet been made. Plus these, the war department is going extensively into gliders made of plywood, trainers and planes. These airships are to be built in the midwest, but the plywood is coming from mills in Oregon and Washington. It has required more than two years of plugging for senators and representatives from those states to induce the navy and maritime commission to "see" wooden vessels and airplanes for the war department.

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Open charge has been made by Senator Holman of Oregon that power utilization in the Pacific northwest has been handicapped by the old national defense advisory council, the office of production management, and the present war production board—the allegation being that these agencies have hampered war utilization of the vast federal owned power plants of the Columbia (Bonneville and Grand Coulee) as well as upsetting the future economy of this region. The senator informed the senate appropriations committee that these agencies said they did not need Columbia river power, as all the light metal required (600,000,000 pounds of aluminum) for the war effort could be produced at TVA.

The senator also called attention to the policy of moving new industries behind the Cascades to save them from supposed air attack, and he declared that the Shasta dam now being built and the San Francisco war (Continued on Last Page)

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STATE GUARD TO ORGANIZE UNIT IN HERMISTON

VERN DAUGHERTY NAMED CAPTAIN

The first meeting of the Hermiston state guard unit was held Tuesday evening with approximately 50 prospective soldiers in attendance. The meeting was under the guidance of Vern Daugherty who has been named captain of the local contingent. The spirit of the gathering was high and the enthusiasm shown indicated that the boys will be able to muster a very capable company. Just by way of initiation, the men were marched around the park field and bystanders were loud in their praise of the maneuvers, stating that it was hard to tell that a good percentage of the boys have never attempted the art of "keeping step".

The next meeting will be held Tuesday evening, June 9, when the men will be mustered in. Present plans call for one captain (Vern Daugherty), one first lieutenant, one second lieutenant, seven sergeants and seven corporals in addition to the privates. The men will buy their own uniforms and must furnish their own ammunition and guns. The project is entirely voluntary and no remuneration is received for their services. The plan has proven quite popular in other cities and was started to strengthen home defense.

Permanent appointments are expected by next Tuesday when a simple ceremony will be held. Intensive drills will be started immediately and will be held every Tuesday night.

Those who have completed their enlistment records to date are: Walter M. Pearson, Robert Gordon Beebe, Allan Charles Langenwalter, Frank John Bilderback, Leo Maynard Neal, Vern Everett Daugherty, Jr., Charles Lester Colpitts, David Everett Middlesdorf, Albert Prann Stone, Dewey Mythis Schiller, Paul R. Van Patten, Orville Marion Beard, Cecil Austin Flesham, Billie Jenks Nation, Russell H. Piersol Jr., Kenneth George Elwood, Lowell Elsworth Tiller, Alvin Carol Wolke, Jack Leroy Hodge, Charles Bennett Wilcox, Earl Lionel Stewart, Elmer Wayne Mulkins, Fred A. Rauch, Robert Louis Dobbs, Ernest Raymond Holloman, Arthur Eugene Marble, Rowland, Aerial Yeend, Robert Carl McReynolds, John Wayne Allen, Lloyd Edward Storzbach, Gordon Lewis Prah, Rood L. Ekleberry, Bill Michael Hubble, Roy Charles Hale, Eugene Robert Buzzard, John Edward Anderson, David E. Hamm, Daniel Edward McMillan, Buck Winters, Riley Leeper, John Cecil Sam Nye, Thomas Gale Fraser, Walter Irvin Mead, Frank Harold Stone, Arthur Edward Magill, Horace M. Smith, Ernest Boone Gelette, Lee E. Elwood, Cecil John Jackson, Frank Gale Felthouse, Clarence Alvin Kenison, Sloan Rhea Spencer, Ermol Sater, Ralph Leonard Lieb, Gerald James Coken, Robert Burns Darmmarr, Kelly Roy Tiller, James Frank Davis Jr., William Arthur Thompson, Charles Gordon Metteer, Robert LeRoy Miller, Pat Neff Hatch, Daniel Jean Hutchison, Herbert V. Metteer, Joseph Edmond Taylor and Donald Wesley Baehne.

W. W. FELTHOUSE RETURNS HOME

A welcome figure on the streets this week is W. W. Felthouse, who returned home over the week end from an extended visit to Mayo's clinic in Rochester, Minn. While in the clinic Mr. Felthouse underwent a serious operation but has made remarkable recovery.

Although still somewhat pale from his ordeal, Willard will soon be ready to resume his favorite sport of fishing. However, he has been instructed to inform the editor should he hook a big one, so that the latter can come to his rescue.

TOWNSEND CLUB TO MEET JUNE 9

The regular monthly business meeting of the Hermiston Townsend club will meet at the pavilion Tuesday, June 9, according to Mrs. Joe Udey. Regular business will be transacted in addition to other features.

Members are urged to be present and to bring some friends.

GRASSHOPPERS DO DAMAGE ON BUTTER CREEK

Approximately 50 acres of green crops have been destroyed and several hundred more acres are being menaced and damaged by a serious concentration of grasshoppers in the Butter Creek section of Umatilla county. About 20 acres of the infested area the damage is so severe that practically all green vegetation on the desert has already been defoliated. Since the feed is running short on the desert, the hoppers, even though they are small as yet, are moving to green crops for feed.

According to Gene Lear, assistant county agent here, serious concentrations of the grasshoppers are also reported east of Cold Springs reservoir, south of Hermiston and south of the Umatilla ordnance depot.

The seriousness of this infestation cannot be determined at this time except in the Butter Creek area. However, numbers of the hoppers would indicate that serious crop damage is probable in other districts as soon as the grasshoppers reach maturity.

Farmers in the Butter Creek district are making an effort to control the pests. Since Monday they have been operating four mechanical spreaders over as much of the area as possible. The control consists of spreading poison bait which is mixed just before spreading.

Although this area has had considerable trouble in recent years with the grasshopper problem, it appears that the damage will be much greater this year unless drastic action is taken.

SEWER WORK IS NOW UNDERWAY

Construction of the Hermiston sewer and improving the water system is gaining momentum every day and full steam ahead is the order for the next few months, according to Larry DeBlasio, contractor. A small crew of men is at work at present but probably will be increased as material arrives.

Anxious residents who are concerned about their lawns because irrigation has been hindered are asked to be patient and all possible speed will be made to resume operations.

COUNTY FAIRS RECEIVE FUNDS

Interest in the 1942 county fair was revived somewhat this week with the announcement from the state department at Salem that Umatilla county's portion of this year's "cut" will amount to \$2019. The money is raised by a tax of 1/20 of a mill on taxable property.

A meeting of the county board will be held in the near future.

MEMORIAL DAY IS QUIET HERE

Hermiston experienced one of the quietest days Saturday in many months when tired store clerks, service station operators and business men locked up their stores in honor of the men who have lost their lives fighting for our country.

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

The 155-millimeter gun is the modern version of the old "GPF" of World War I days. It has a range fifty percent greater than the old gun, heaving a 95-pound projectile approximately 15 miles. It is capable of high road speed and each one costs \$50,000.



Arsenals of America are working at terrific speed turning out this long range, effective weapon for our armed forces. You and your neighbor working hand-in-hand in unity can make possible the purchase of an adequate number of these guns by buying War Bonds. Put 10 percent of your income in War Bonds to help reach your county quota, every pay day.

BIBLE SCHOOL TO HAVE SPECIAL SERVICE SOON

Enrollment at the Hermiston daily vacation Bible school is picking up each day, reaching a total of over 150 Thursday of this week. Graduation exercises will be held next Thursday, June 11, beginning at 7:30 in the Baptist church. A program demonstrating the work done in the school will be presented and certificates will be awarded those who have fulfilled the requirements of the school.

Any children who are interested may still enter the classes but should do so immediately in order that they may derive as much benefit from the classes as possible. There is no fee for attendance, the school being under the sponsorship of the following churches: Baptist, Church of Christ, Pentecostal Tabernacle and Methodist of Hermiston. Transportation will be furnished for those children living in the country.

Rev. C. Warner of the Central Church of Christ is dean of the school. There are four departments each with superintendents and leaders. The teachers are as follows:

Beginners (basement Methodist church): Mrs. Jessie Hinele, supt., assisted by Eleanor Skovbo, Mrs. Al Quiring, Mrs. Ayers and Thelma Holmquist.

Primary (shop building): Mrs. Grayden Loree, supt., assisted by Mrs. Myrtle Withnell, Mrs. Ruth Kludskofski and Mrs. Study.

Junior (Baptist church): Rev. Grayden Loree, supt., assisted by Mrs. Alice Stockard, Mrs. Floyd Snider and Patsy Warner.

Intermediate (Methodist church): Rev. S. E. Graves, supt., assisted by Mrs. C. Warner and Mrs. Leslie.

Rev. Ballinger will supervise the hand work and shop work of the primary, junior and intermediate departments.

CANNING SUGAR AVAILABLE NOW FOR RATIONING

Anxious housewives who have been worried because of the sugar shortage for canning purposes can now obtain limited quantities by reporting to the rationing board at the office of the assistant county agent in Hermiston. The board is under the direction of Mrs. R. G. Penney who has as assistants Mrs. H. T. Fraser, Mrs. Fisk, Miss Clara Bryant, Mrs. Gilbert Smith, Mrs. H. E. Rodenbaugh, Mrs. Bertha Cherry and Mrs. Troy Coleman. Residents of the west end may report here for their rationing quotas.

A total of 17 questions will be asked each consumer who applies for a card, according to Mrs. Penney. The questions will determine the amount of sugar the consumer will be allowed. In making application it is advisable to estimate the amount of sugar necessary for the various fruits to be canned this summer, so that a portion of each allotment will be on hand for fall canning.

The questions are listed as follows:

1. Names of family.
2. Address of family.
3. Name of individual making application.
4. Address.
5. Amount of sugar applied for (one pound for every four quarts of finished canned fruit is the maximum allowed).
6. Have you registered for (Continued on Last Page)

ECHO PUBLISHER ON RETIRED LIST

For the first time in many years, the city of Echo will be without an official newspaper. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Crary, who have published the paper since November, 1915, this week announced that they were voluntarily going on the retired list as far as publishing the paper is concerned. Mr. Crary states, however, that he will continue to do job work and carry on the other duties with which he is now connected.

The News was established in 1913 by Al Carden and was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Crary in 1915. Rising costs, war restrictions and inability to secure help in the mechanical department and wishing to get away from the "regular grind" were given as reasons for the step.

MILL FIRE DOES \$450 DAMAGE

A fire of undetermined origin destroyed several bales of straw, a number sacks of grain and a quantity of empty sacks at the Farm Bureau mill last Saturday morning. The fire started between the bales of straw and grain sacks, and flared into flames before they were noticed. Prompt action by the Hermiston fire department prevented more damage. Had the flames gained much more headway and broken through the roof, it is feared that the entire building would have been destroyed.

Extra caution will be necessary during the summer months to prevent extensive damage from fire. Dry weather is in the offing, making the danger much greater.

CIVILIAN DEFENSE ORGANIZATION TO BE LAUNCHED HERE

MANY ATTEND FIRST MEETING

At a large sized gathering held Wednesday evening at the U. S. O. building, plans were discussed for the organization of a thorough civilian defense project for Hermiston. The meeting was under the general direction of Sam Moore, Hermiston coordinator, who introduced Jack Allen and R. G. Bennett of Pendleton, Pendleton and county coordinators respectively.

Mr. Allen pointed out the purposes of civilian defense and told of some of the activities of the organization in Pendleton. The county seat city has been quite active in these matters and have perfected a well-organized group. According to Mr. Allen, the citizens are cooperating very well and seem quite enthusiastic about the plan.

Mr. Bennett dealt in detail with the various functions of the Pendleton organization and told of the various steps which have been taken to prepare that city against damage from an air attack. He continually stressed the fact that the whole matter was very simple provided early precautions were taken. However, the various necessary precautions must be taken seriously and obeyed 100% to make them effective.

Mr. Moore then took the floor and made several appointments by way of getting the local organization underway. Charles Hodge, Dr. W. L. Morgan and F. B. Swayze were appointed chief wardens on the west side and A. F. Rohman and George Harkenrider to hold similar positions on the east side. A junior warden will be appointed by the senior wardens for each inhabited block in the city. This warden will have a fire watcher, an appointee trained in first aid, an auxiliary fireman and a messenger in his protective group.

Dressing stations will be set up by the doctors and nurses. Dr. A. C. Willcutt was named for the west side and Dr. F. B. Belt to hold the same position on the east side. These stations will be equipped with the necessary dressings and will be operated by the nurses and the ladies who recently trained for that purpose. Ambulances will be operated by the Girls' Ambulance Corps.

For the time being, the Hermiston coordinator's home will be used for the central control station. Only the wardens' telephones will be able to call the control station, so if you wish to be on this connection you should get in touch with your chief warden and get appointed an air raid warden for your block.

All persons who have had first aid training should report to the chief warden in their respective districts. Maps will be drawn for each block and will be in possession of the wardens. The police division will be organized by the local police department under the direction of Chief B. J. Nation.

A meeting for all air raid wardens will be held next Wednesday evening, June 10, at which time they will decide on the date for a test of the operations of the system.

MORE SCRAP IRON NEEDED FOR CAR

Farmers and others who have old scrap steel and scrap iron available are asked to cooperate with the war effort in turning it over for use in war production. The scrap steel will bring about \$7.50 per ton delivered to the Inland Cooperative in Hermiston, according to Guy Shaw, manager.

It is particularly urgent that more material be obtained immediately in order that a car load shipment can be made soon. A quantity of scrap iron and steel is on hand now but not sufficient to fill a car.

COMMERCIAL CLUB TO MEET

A regular meeting of the Hermiston Commercial club will be held next Tuesday, June 9, at which time committee reports will be given in regards to housing plans recently discussed. Several matters have been cleared up by active committees.

The group will meet at the U.S.O. building at 12:30 for a luncheon and business meeting.

Old Glory Flies Proudly in Australia



U. S. troops are marching on the wharf (top) at an unidentified port in Australia after landing. They are part of the new contingent. Below: Over hill and dale, somewhere in Australia, Old Glory flies at the head of the U. S. troops. Cities of tents have sprung up everywhere.