

# What's New?

## Tough on Politicians.

While all of us regret the necessity of the elimination of state and county fairs for the duration, the loss will be especially felt by one class of citizens—political candidates. Gone will be the opportunity of mixing with large crowds, passing out bum cigars and dishing out all sorts of plain and fancy promises. All this comes under the heading of "just too bad".

## And Speaking of Fairs

County courts had better look out. Attorney-General Van Winkle has given an opinion that the money just given to each fair as their share from the dog race "takes" may be donated to a worthy cause. A lot of people will have a lot of ideas of just where this money should go. Of course if fairs would be held "as usual" this money would go to help finance premium lists or other fair expenses.

## Same Jury Lists

This fall attention will be centered on a common evil throughout the state. And this is the matter of jury lists. Did you ever check up these lists from one court term to another and notice that the "same old names" are "drawn" from time to time. Almost everyone knows that something isn't just "skookum."

## Three Cheers for 300

Did you notice all those July magazines having American flag covers? It just wasn't happenstance, but was a well thought out plan of the Association of Magazine Publishers. Over 300 members joined in the movement which was a tremendous success. A trophy will be awarded the magazine having the most attractive cover. We will tell you the name of the winner as soon as announced.

## Seven Measures on Ballot

This November you will find two referendums, four proposed constitutional amendments and an initiative measure on the fall ballot. The referendums include the bill to prohibit or restrict net fishing in Coastal streams and bays and the cigarette tax bill. The initiative measure provides that tax revenues in excess of \$7,750,000—that's over 7 million bucks—be used for school purposes. We shall discuss all of these measures from time to time. The biggest fight looms on the cigarette tax bill. The bill outlawing secondary boycotts didn't get enough signatures to appear on the ballot.

## Governor Sprague Says, No

Governor Sprague says no to a proposal that he serve as Prexy of Willamette University. But he hasn't said a thing about the suggestion that he might be a good man to beat Rufe Holman for United States Senator in just two years. Holman is said to be "in Dutch" with a lot of newspapers throughout the State and will face a barrage of "thundering silence" when time comes to talk of that election. But here's "one for the book"—watch that man Lowell Stockman of the "wide open spaces" of Eastern Oregon. If Stockman dumps Walter Pierce this fall—well, you finish the rest of the story to suit yourself.

## The War Front

Recent Far Eastern events indicate "the turning point in air operations has been reached and the Japanese are now more on the defensive whereas the American air forces are on the offensive." U. S. Army Air Forces headquarters in China reported, U. S. submarines within two days sank or destroyed five Japanese destroyers in the Aleutians, the Navy said. The War Department said American troops are now stationed at Port Moresby, allied base in New Guinea. The Department also announced that U. S. crews, manning American-made medium tanks, knocked out a number of German tanks in the battle of Libya in mid-June without any losses of their own personnel. Gen. Mac Arthur reported more allied raids on numerous enemy bases in the southwest Pacific. The Navy announced the torpedoing by Axis submarines of 16 additional United Nations merchant vessels.

## Rationing

The OPA said about 8 million eastern motorists have received basic permanent gasoline rationing coupon books. Congressmen, members of state and local legislatures and other government officials will be eligible for "special rations" for use in legislative or official business, and bona fide political candidates may have extra rations for travel necessary to the prosecution of their candidacies, the office said. Special rations will also be issued for travel to obtain medical service, to demonstrate cars or boats for sale, to transport equipment and personnel of scientific expeditions and to operate a vehicle in tests essential to the war effort.

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## UMATILLA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE SHOWS GAIN IN CONSUMERS

### SYSTEM BEGINS FIFTH YEAR

The Umatilla Electric Cooperative association now has twice as many consumers as when it was started four years ago, Manager Ray L. Woolley reported this week at the beginning of the system's fifth year of operation. Lines of the cooperative were first energized on July 16, 1938. Mr. Woolley pointed out that the system had only 381 consumers at the end of the first month. Today the 265 miles of distribution lines of the cooperative are furnishing service to a total of 762 consumers in Umatilla and Morrow counties. Construction of power facilities of the Umatilla cooperative was financed by loans from the Rural Electrification Administration amounting to \$251,812.

Mr. Woolley says that the per consumer use of electricity has increased in spite of the diluting effect of the constant addition of new consumers. Consumers on the Umatilla system's lines now use an average of 113 kilowatt hours each per month, excluding war loads, as against an average of 43 during the first year of operation. Each month has seen a wider use of electric equipment and home appliances on the farms served by the cooperative.

Consumers of the cooperative are using their electricity. Mr. Woolley said, in a way thoroughly consistent with the purposes lauded by President Roosevelt in a telegram to REA Administrator Slattery on the occasion of the REA's seventh birthday celebration in St. Louis recently. The President expressed gratification that "nearly 950,000 farms and other rural consumers on REA-financed lines are better able to make their maximum contribution to the war because they have electric power."

The Umatilla Electric Cooperative's program got underway on June 7, 1937 when the REA allocated \$129,000 of its first loan to the system. Construction started within the year after a contract had been let on December 27 for the building of 126 miles of line at a cost of \$107,638.

The demands of war for critical materials necessarily have curtailed expansion of the system's service until peace is restored, Mr. Woolley declared. The Umatilla Electric Cooperative association, as a result will focus its efforts for the duration on furnishing electricity to produce and conserve foods needed to win the war, within the limits of the restrictions imposed by the WPB on line extensions and the manufacture of electric equipment and appliances.

## FRED REEVES AT CAMP CROWDER

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Reeves that the former's brother, Fred, is now stationed at Camp Crowder but may be moved soon to another station. Fred is getting along nicely and apparently is enjoying army life.

Fred's letter told of his trip to Missouri. He stated that they just missed a storm and cloudburst in Wichita, Kansas, where several people were killed and their train held up several hours. Acres of corn were flattened and much of that area was flooded by high water. A great quantity of other grain was also destroyed by the high wind and rain. The climate in Missouri is very damp and heavy and Fred states it is hard to breathe.

He has been appointed to the radio technician school and will take further training in that line.

## HUNT ATTENDS ARMY SCHOOL

Mrs. Maxine Hunt, who went to Port Clinton, Ohio, the first of the month to visit her husband, Lawrence Hunt who was stationed at Camp Perry, reports a wonderful trip. The day after her arrival, Mr. Hunt was sent to Springfield, Mass., for a course in an officers training school. Mrs. Hunt accompanied him. They will return to Camp Perry when his course is completed.

In a recent letter received by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Blinston of the Columbia district, she stated that they were going to New York for the week end. Mrs. Hunt's stay in the east is quite indefinite.

## HERMISTON UNIT OF STATE GUARD NOW LISTS 100

A 100-strong state guard unit in Hermiston is the new record now sported by the Hermiston contingent. New enlistments this week brought the total to 100, which entitles the local unit to another Lieutenant's commission. Recent official commissions have been received by Capt. Vern Daugherty, First Lt. O. M. Beard and 2nd Lt. A. R. Blinston.

Practically all the men are now bedecked in uniforms and the enthusiasm is running quite high. The turnouts have been well attended during the past several weeks. Hereafter, only one weekly drill will be scheduled, coming on Tuesday. It is necessary that all the guardsmen report on this night.

The boys in the local unit are planning another benefit dance in the near future. Details will be announced soon.

## DOUGLAS SHOW CARNIVAL HERE ALL NEXT WEEK

The only large carnival slated for Hermiston this year will appear here all next week when the Douglas Greater Shows make a six-day stand under the sponsorship of the local American Legion. Shows, rides and concessions will be featured.

The show will headline 101 midway attractions in addition to hundreds of other entertainment numbers. The troupe comes here from The Dalles. Free admission and free parking will be arranged, according to the local committee. The carnival will be located at the fair grounds and the public is generally invited to participate.

## SLOT MACHINES AND CARD GAMES NOW OUTLAWED

Slot machines and other gambling has ceased in Umatilla county beginning at midnight Sunday in conformance with a request made by Governor Charles A. Sprague. Notice was served here last week by Sheriff R. E. Goad and as far as is known all gambling has closed here.

Governor Sprague, at the request of Lt. Gen. J. L. DeWitt, commanding general of the western defense command, recently asked the officers to make raids on gambling devices on July 1, but definite action was not taken until Sunday night.

Governor Sprague's letter to Chas. P. Pray, superintendent of state police, read as follows: "I request that you instruct the officers of the state police to take immediate action to confiscate all such slot machines observed to be operating in the state of Oregon and further request that you ask the cooperation of local police authorities in continuing to suppress this form of gambling."



**ARE YOU putting Ten Per Cent of your Income into U.S. War Bonds & Stamps?**

## SOFTBALL TILTS PROVE EXCITING IN PAST WEEK

### LEAGUE STANDINGS

Columbia Softball League			
	W	L	Pct.
Engineers	2	0	1.000
Co-op. Service	2	0	1.000
P. & H.	1	1	.500
Townies	1	2	.333
Echo	0	1	.000
Ordinance	0	2	.000
Odegard	0	0	.000

Bigger crowds, better games and more excitement have been the rule on the softball diamond this week. Several close contests have been staged and prospects are that league play will keep the customers interested from here on.

Organization of the Columbia Softball League was completed this week under the general sponsorship of Captain Alexander of the Ordnance Depot. General regulations were drawn up and rules and schedules have been distributed to the players. Officers chosen to head the group are Leander Quiring, president; Paul Bracher, vice president; Rowland Yeend, financial secretary, and Otto Pierce, league judge and umpire.

The schedule for the remainder of this week and next follows: Friday, Co-op. vs. Echo; Monday, Ordinance vs. Co-op.; Tuesday, Echo vs. Odegard; Wednesday, P. & H. vs. Engineers; Thursday, Odegard vs. Co-op.; Friday, P. & H. vs. Echo.

More details of the league will be printed in future issues of the Herald.

### Red Cross Sewing Needed

Mrs. F. B. Belt, local Red Cross sewing chairman, announces that she has about two dozen children's garments to be completed. Anyone interested in helping with this work is asked to contact Mrs. Belt.

## WEATHER REPORT IS INTERESTING FIRST OF MONTH

The weather in this locality for the first 15 days of July has showed the newcomers everything in the books. The records show some comfortable, cool weather, some rather warm temperature, strong wind, heavy rain and then again just plain weather. In any case, each day keeps the customers guessing and everyone seems fairly well satisfied.

When it rains, it makes it nice for the town people who are carefully nursing lawns, but it plays havoc with the hay that is down; when it is warm, the wheat men are happy but the ordinance workers sweat; when it is cool, rheumatism bobs up and when it blows, housewives work overtime cleaning up. What's the use?

The report for the first 15 days of July, according to Weather Man Chas. Taylor, follows:

Date	Max.	Min.
July 1	103	58
July 2	107	61
July 3	106	67
July 4	106	67
July 5	95	61
July 6	97	61
July 7	95	62
July 8	92	62
July 9	96	60
July 10	90	55
July 11	85	57
July 12	83	49
July 13	87	60
July 14	86	59

## IGLOO INN LUNCH COUNTER OPENS

The Igloo Inn restaurant, which has been closed for repairs for the past few weeks, Thursday opened for business with many new improvements. Added additions are new electric equipment, grinder, dishwasher, mixer, slicer and a coffee urn featuring Boyd's products.

The entire interior has been redecorated, including fresh calcimine, new linoleum and new paint. New lavatories are also being installed. According to J. Macey Arnold, the Igloo will now specialize in a full line of meals.

## MRS. MITCHELL OPERATES CAFE

Another change recently made in the Hermiston business district is at the Pheasant Cafe where Mrs. Bert Mitchell has taken over the management from Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Brown who have been operating the cafe for the past six months.

Mrs. Mitchell comes well qualified for the position having been employed there for several years and having many years of restaurant experience.

## LAST CALL FOR STEEL GIVEN

A last minute appeal for scrap steel and iron is being made this week to be used in the war effort. Farmers who have this material on hand should make every effort to deliver it before Saturday to the Inland Cooperative where one more shipment will be made, according to Guy Shaw, manager.

Due to the fact that the insurance company has refused further loading of steel in the vacant lot now being used, no more shipments will be made.

## LOCAL PARTY ENJOYS PICNIC

A picnic and swimming party was enjoyed Sunday by the following group of Hermiston residents: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Earnheart and son Bob, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Blinston and Rita, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Hirst, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Large and son Larry, Mr. and Mrs. Evert Larkin, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Draggio and Jerry, Genevieve Blinston, Don Cellers and David White.

The group reports an enjoyable day.

## LOCAL GOLFERS AID TO ATHENA

A Hermiston trio, Dan Gray, J. D. Todd and "Eg" Moore, made a trip to Dayton Sunday to play against the Washington team with the Athena contingent. Although the Hermistonites won their share of the points, Athena was on the short end of the score at the end of play.

## RURAL GROUP TO COOPERATE WITH WAR PROGRAM

### LEADERS CHOSEN IN THIS DISTRICT

Forty men and women, who were recently chosen by the County Agricultural Planning committee as community leaders for this project in Umatilla county, met at Pendleton Monday evening. Present were E. R. Jackman, agronomist at Oregon State college, and Mrs. Kathryn Ball, home economist, O. S. C., who explained the program to those present.

The community leaders will appoint a man and a woman leader for each neighborhood of five to 20 farms in the next few days. It will then be the function of these neighborhood leaders to see that rural families are stimulated to carry out the war time extension program since larger meetings are no longer practical.

Mr. Jackman reported that surveys, conducted in counties where this program is now in effect, revealed results greater than the fondest expectations. As many as 98 per cent of the rural people of some counties have been reached and are now complying with the requests of the neighborhood leaders.

Leaders chosen from West Umatilla county are as follows: H. J. Ott and Mrs. A. H. Cable, Hermiston; Irvin Chapman and Mrs. W. E. Kennedy, Umatilla; Harry Andrews and Mrs. Chas. Seeliger, Westland; Gilbert Smith and Mrs. Chas. Tillery, Stanfield; Gaylord Madison and Mrs. Jess Arnold, Echo.

Mr. Jackman further stated, "We do not know all of the things that the neighborhood leaders will be asked to do because the needs of war change constantly. We do know that they will help in such things as salvage campaigns, food preservation, labor surveys, and transportation matters. Truck transportation will probably be a very acute problem by another year, because no new trucks are being made for civilian use and it will take united effort to make our present truck supply last for the war's duration."

"Work of the neighborhood leaders on such things, together with educational work on the necessity for the programs will be an important contribution toward winning the war."

Mrs. Ball detailed the things that rural women and family groups can do to help in the war effort. "Some of the things that families can do are: pay off or reduce debts, buy war bonds to the limit of ability, accumulate reserves in the way of insurance or savings, but only what is badly needed, guard the family health in every way, obey rationing regulations, save needed war materials, take the best possible care of clothing and household equipment, and raise and save as much food as possible."

## LOCAL BASTILE MECCA FOR SOTS

Although a certain reward is a night in the Hermiston jail and a fine, some local residents continue their drinking habits to excess. Chief of Police Nation and Deputy Leland Smith have been working overtime the past week and are wearing a path to the door of the caboose. Whenever the cells get too full, the officers call on either City Judge Charles Taylor or Justice of the Peace E. P. Dodd and a housecleaning is made.

Listed on this week's calendar were: Wilfred Mires, drunk, \$5 fine; Jas. Flynn, drunk and begging, \$5 fine; Glen Harrington, drunk on highway, \$10 fine; Chas. Glenn Lyon, drunk on highway, \$12.50 fine; Lawrence Roden, drunk on highway, \$7.50 fine; Charley Talbert, drunk, \$2 fine; Marlin Lawery, vagrant; Arthur Tefft, drunk; Edward Pair, drunk, \$5; Abe Curry, held for investigation; George Rowe, vagrant; H. A. Hedges, drunk; Edward Melse, drunk, \$10 fine; Mike Jackson, drunk; Norman Sutton, drunk, \$5; Frank Foster, drunk, \$5.

### Telford Called For Duty

First Lt. Thomas D. Telford, who was chief of operations of U. S. Army Engineers now in the Boise, Idaho, area, has been called to active duty. Lt. Telford was formerly high-way engineer for the Umatilla Ordnance Depot during construction. His wife and three children expect to remain in Boise for the duration.

## A Story of War—And War Bonds



**Will you give at least 10% of your pay in War Bonds?**

This new color poster, which soon will be used in all parts of the country to promote the sale of War Bonds and Stamps, is one of four recently created to emphasize new themes in the War Bond sales campaign.

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