

What's New?

President Roosevelt told his press conference he is considering asking Congress for more effective controls to keep down the cost of living, including wage control. The national situation as regards the cost of living must be kept in line, he said. The one criterion that must be kept in mind is what it costs the average family to live.

The War Labor Board announced a formula for a national wage stabilization policy designed to maintain workers purchasing power at January 1941 levels. The Board said "as a general rule workers are entitled to 15 per cent more wages than they had on January 1, 1941, to meet the increases in living costs from that date to May 1, 1942. Workers who have received an increase of 15 per cent or more during that period will not be entitled to raises except in cases where their rates still are substantially below the average and a raise is necessary to wipe out inequalities."

The WLB ordered an increase of 44 cents a day, retroactive to last February, for 157,000 "little steel" workers. The Union had asked \$1 a day increase. The Board ruling also provided maintenance of Union membership and a checkoff of Union dues. President Roosevelt, referring to the Board's "little steel" ruling, said the entire national problem of wages is relative. In production of an article like steel an increase of 5 per cent in the wages would not force up the cost of living nearly as much as a comparable increase, for instance, in a canning factory that produces food, he said.

Labor Supply

War Manpower Chairman McNutt reported approximately 12,500,000 persons were working in direct war employment on July 1, compared with 9,000,000 on April 1. He estimated 5,000,000 more will be added to the industry forces during the last six months of this year. Federal Works Administrator Fleming said total U. S. employment increased between May and June by 1,700,000 persons to 53,300,000.

The House passed and sent to the Senate a bill authorizing the Census Bureau to issue birth certificates based on its vital statistics to persons unable to obtain them through normal channels. The 54,000,000 persons in the country whose births are not recorded could obtain a certificate upon making a sworn application to a postmaster (or his subordinate), which would be forwarded to the Bureau to be checked. After verification of the application a birth certificate would be issued so the persons could work in war production plants and receive old age pension benefits.

Army and Selective Service

The Army Air Forces present accident rate is 68 per cent lower than in 1930 and 10 per cent lower than the average rate for the 10 years between 1930 and 1940, War Secretary Stimson said. Mr. Stimson said every U. S. soldier going into a theater of operations will receive a package of five grams of crystalline sulfanilamide for wounds in addition to 12 sulfanilamide tablets for internal use. Army Air Forces Commander Arnold announced formation of the troop carrier command charged with transporting by air the fighting men and their weapons and supplies in theaters of operations.

Selective Service headquarters authorized local boards to defer married men until all available single men, including those in war jobs, have been called, and to call men with children last. President Roosevelt said it is unlikely a decision will be made any time soon on the drafting of 18 and 19 year old youths for military service. Selective Service Director Hershey said local Boards may fill up to 10 per cent of their quotas from men deferred because of illiteracy but who are otherwise fit for military service.

Foreign Relations

President Roosevelt formally proclaimed a state of war with Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria, making Nationals of those countries residing in the U. S. subject to regulations governing other enemy aliens. The President announced lend-lease war aid extended by the U. S. from March 11, 1941—when the program began—to June 30, 1942, amounted to \$5,205 million of which the June total was \$708 million, highest monthly total in the 16 months of the program. The State Department said the U. S. has signed mutual aid agreements with Czechoslovakia and Norway, bringing to nine the number of such agreements. The Department also announced the Vichy French Government has turned down two offers by President Roosevelt to provide a safe haven for the French Naval units now at Alexandria, Egypt.

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ALL-OUT WAR ON GRASSHOPPERS IS PLANNED HERE

NEW EQUIPMENT NOW ON SCENE

Considerable anxiety has been expressed of late by both the farmers and townspeople because of the increase of grasshoppers in this region. Recent reports from other parts of the county indicate that the pest problem is getting out of control, calling for more drastic action. In Hermiston gardens and flowers have been destroyed during the past week when the hoppers have been driven into town because of the dry condition of the sage area.

Due to the fact that the insects are becoming more widespread, additional machinery has been obtained, according to Gene Lear, assistant county agent, who has been kept busy the past month in cooperating with farmers about the area. A mechanical bait mixer and four more mechanical spreaders are being obtained from The Dalles. The additional spreaders will make a total of eight now being used in the county.

Where farmers have used the poison bait generally very good results have been obtained in controlling the hoppers. The bait is spread at the rate of about 20 pounds per acre. When a mechanical spreader is used a large number of acres can be spread in a short time. The bait is furnished to anyone who cares to use it at no cost.

Anyone interested in securing bait should contact the assistant county agent or go to the Henry Kopacz farm in the Stanfield project area evening. It is urged that every possible effort be made at this time to save as many crops as possible.

FOUR-H FAIR TALKED HERE

The possibilities of a county Four-H show in Hermiston were discussed at a meeting of all livestock and crops 4-H leaders at the office of Gene Lear, assistant county agent, Wednesday evening. No definite plans were adopted but quite some enthusiasm was indicated.

Also discussed was the annual 4-H livestock judging tour. The leaders decided to hold the tour at the experiment station on August 1.

GUARD UNIT IS ACTIVE HERE

The Hermiston unit, Oregon State Guard, is meeting regularly on Tuesday evenings and according to recent performances the boys are taking to their job quite well. An impromptu parade was staged Tuesday evening when Captain Vernon E. Daugherty led his charges across the ball diamond before the crowd gathered for the game.

A greater portion of the members have now obtained their uniforms and they make a pleasant appearance.

HALE INJURES BACK ON FARM

Roy Hale, Hermiston's gentleman farmer, received a setback of his agriculture ambitions this week when he received painful back injuries when he fell off the rear of a tractor he was operating. According to his story, he was attempting to raise the lever of a hay rake when he slipped and fell on parts of the rake.

Although Mr. Hale is forced to remain in bed for a few days, he will soon be behind the plow again. Mr. and Mrs. Hale recently purchased the ranch in the Wallowa region.

LOCAL TEACHER JOINS W.A.A.C.

When 30 women from Oregon were sworn into the women's auxiliary corps in Portland last Friday, among them was Miss Ruth R. Johnson of Milton. Miss Johnson taught school in Hermiston last year, being in charge of the fifth grade. The group left for Fort Des Moines Friday to be inducted into the WAAC.

Miss Johnson is a graduate of Eastern Oregon college at La Grande. She seemed quite enthusiastic about her forthcoming experience in a recent interview in Portland. "We are willing to do anything to help win this war," she stated.



"Junior catches on quick!"

JAIL POPULACE MAINTAINS PACE DURING WEEK

In spite of the fact that jail sentences and fines are the penalty for drunkenness on the city streets, some citizens continue to imbibe too freely in strong drink. Local officers, somewhat discouraged that their efforts are not bringing more drastic results, maintain that they can keep it up as long as the lawlessness abides. They add, however, that they are not playing favorites and drunkenness will be punished.

Listed on the records this week were: Patton H. Stoop, drunk and disorderly; Russell A. Corden, drunk; Walter Murphy, driving while intoxicated; Arthur Beasley, drunk; Edw. Roden, drunk; Lewis Young, drunk on highway; Vernon Sutton, drunk; James Flynn, drunk and begging; Edw. Roden, drunk again; Grant Walker, drunk; Melvin Taaen, drunk and Wilbur Meyers, drunk.

AMBULANCERS TO PICNICK ON COLUMBIA

The Oregon Women's Ambulance Corps of Hermiston will take time out from their more serious duties next Monday night to enjoy a picnic on the Columbia river. Membership is now open for new members. Anyone interested in joining may secure application blanks at the U. S. O. building.

Silver identification bracelets have been ordered by the corps. Names, addresses and blood type will be engraved on the silver plates.

The corps is now gaining experience in driving 4-speed ahead trucks as part of their motor mechanics training.

TWO SQUADS NOW BOAST PERFECT SOFTBALL SLATE

Columbia Softball League Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Co-op Service	4	0	1.000
Engineers	3	0	1.000
Echo	1	2	.333
P. & H.	1	2	.333
Townies	1	2	.333
Odegards	0	1	.000
Ordinance	0	3	.000

The Cooperative Service station of Hermiston and the Engineers are still maintaining their winning ways in the Columbia Softball league, according to Paul Bracher, official scorer. Echo broke into the win column this week at the expense of Odegards who just recently entered the league.

Several good games were played during the past week, although erratic fielding and wild base running still creep into the action. The crucial game of the first half will be played next Thursday when the two leaders meet to decide the league lead.

Games scheduled for next week follow: Monday, Engineers vs. Odegard; Tuesday, Ordinance vs. P. & H.; Wednesday, Townies vs. Odegard; Thursday, Co-op vs. Engineers; Friday, Echo vs. Ordinance. It is probable that one or possible two games will be played Sunday evening.

Inland Cooperative Now 100% All employees of the Inland Cooperative have now signed pledge cards that they are buying war bonds with at least 10% of their wages, according to Guy Shaw, manager. The plan comes under the recent payroll allotment project suggested by the U. S. government.

HELP NEEDED AT UMATILLA ORDNANCE NOW

Civil Service jobs paying over \$200 a month for a seven day week and over \$160 for six day week are now available at the Umatilla Ordnance Depot. Housing is provided for single workers at \$1.75 a week.

Appointments will be for the duration of the war emergency and six months thereafter. Rates of pay have recently been increased and barracks and mess halls have been opened for workers. The need for men is urgent and all who come to work will be playing a vital part in winning the war.

To be eligible for appointment you must be an American citizen over eighteen years of age, in good physical condition, and weigh 130 pounds. If you are now employed by the government or by a war industry, you must secure a release from your present employer.

Everyone is asked to do his part in winning this war and not to put off their responsibility.

WORK ON SEWER SPEEDS UP AS TIME GOES ON

Detour signs were quite popular on miston streets this week as Larry DeBlasio and his crew played havoc with traffic by tearing up pavement here and there with abandon. "The show must go on," states Mr. DeBlasio, who pays very little attention to jibes thrown his way by friendly townspeople. Construction of the Hermiston sewer is now nearing the halfway mark.

To state the digging operations have caused little inconvenience with street travel, but during the middle of the week activities of the digger were centered on First street, beginning just at the rear of the First National Bank and heading north in the middle of the street to the alley at the rear of the Hermiston Hotel.

Through travel has been detoured while the operations are on.

DOUGLAS SHOWS PLAYING HERE

Douglas Greater Shows, the only large carnival slated for Hermiston this year, is now playing at the fair grounds and will continue until Saturday evening. The carnival is being featured under the auspices of the Hermiston American Legion.

Fine crowds have been in attendance the first part of the week but it is expected that they will be increased the latter part of the week.

Sherwood In Veterinary School The many friends of Don H. Sherwood, for many years employed at the Umatilla Field Station here, will be glad to that he is now at the veterinary school in Camp Grant, Ill. He entered the service the first of July. Don was an active Grange worker while here.

SURPRISE IN WAIT FOR STUDENTS IN LOWER GRADES

FACE LIFTING JOB FINISHED

By W. G. Kersbergen, Supt.

When the local schools open in September the elementary school pupils will have a day or two getting acquainted with the building. There have been some changes made. The old building has had its face lifted. It has been renovated from basement to attic and presents a much improved appearance. New paint, kalsomine, and varnish are in evidence on all sides, on the floor and on the ceiling.

In the basement lavatory arrangements have been improved with new porcelain fixtures. An enlarged water connection with the city main should cure the low pressure on drinking fountains, both indoors and outdoors. For the past few years the pressure was so low, due to small pipe to the mains, that it was seldom possible to use more than half the drinking fountains at a time. Now there should be ample pressure. Basement walls have been newly painted, cement floors have received a new coat of grey concrete paint. The three basement class rooms have walls and wood work repainted, and new fir-tex tile ceilings and new lighting fixtures that produce 1800 watts of light per room.

The first floor contains five class rooms and all class rooms and hallways have been repainted in light colors, and entire new floor has been laid, and new shades have been fitted to the windows. On the second floor there are six class rooms, all of which have received new paint jobs. In addition one small room, suitable for a music room, has been added and the old office has been rearranged to provide a first aid room. For many years there has been a first aid room on the first floor, maintained by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the American Legion. With another room on the second floor it will be much more convenient.

The old stage has been removed and the opening walled up. The area formerly taken by the stage has been made into a new class room with new ceiling, light fixtures and window shades. A new bell system has been installed connecting with each room (Continued on Last Page)

COMMERCIAL CLUB TO MEET

The regular meeting of the Hermiston Commercial club will be held next Tuesday, July 28, at which time several matters of importance will be brought before the club. Especially important will be the report of the club secretary, Charles Hodge, and Mrs. Polly on their recent trip to La Grande where they attended sessions of the O.P.M. They will instruct merchants as to methods of displaying ceiling prices and other details.

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

CANIDA BROS. SLATE AUCTION

The Canida Bros., for several years farmers of this area, have made arrangements for an auction of their 60 acres and all equipment and livestock on Friday, July 31. The ranch is located five miles northeast of Hermiston. Bob Runnion of Heppner has been secured as auctioneer with B. I. Whitney as clerk.

On page 3 of this issue will be found an advertisement telling of the particulars of the sale. Included in the auction will be the entire herd of cattle. A free lunch will be served at noon although visitors are asked to bring their own sugar.

GERALD WHITE ENTERS ARMY

Gerald White, for many years rural mail carrier here, Wednesday entered the services of Uncle Sam's armed forces. Mr. White left Wednesday night from Pendleton for Portland from where his destination was unknown. He will enter officers training at some army center. Mrs. White will carry on the family occupation of mail carrying.

Mr. White is one of the first married men to enlist from Hermiston.

4-H Clubs Enlist to "Keep Oregon Green"



Heads of the girls' and boys' councils at the recent 4-H club summer session at Oregon State college are here shown receiving their "Green Guard" shields after the entire group of more than 1500 clubbers had taken the pledge as Green Guards in the 1942 Keep Oregon Green campaign. Shown in the picture from left are N. S. Rogge, state forester; Lorraine Pilliger, Astoria, president of the girls' council; Donald Hagg, Reedville, president of the boys' council; and Dick Kuehner, state director of the KGO program.