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A Jig Saw Puzzle

At present writing there is not enough lumber in Hermiston to build a tent frame. A survey found about 50 feet of flooring, 100 feet of 2x4's, six boards of shiplap, no plywood, some scrap lumber and heavy planks. Every day a score or more of defense workers are hunting shelter, and more are leaving because sagebrush, trees, and the canopy of heaven are insufficient protection for hard working men. Every house within 30 miles is fully occupied, and men and families are still coming. Only a few arrive with trailer houses.

The emergency here is the greatest yet. The work at the Ordnance Depot must go on. The war has no silver linings, and days and weeks and months are necessary to prepare our home arsenal of democracy for the great struggle ahead. Local effort has reached its limits without changes of priorities and help from higher up. What to do, where to turn, whom to appeal to to secure greater coordination in this must program, makes a jig saw puzzle no one seems to be able to solve in the near future. Forces are at work and doing all they can to bring system out of chaos, and build strong defense for our Pacific warfare, the end of which we know not. We are inspired by the determination that we will reach the goal, but the present situation requires all the sound thinking, loyalty to purpose, and patriotic zeal we can muster on the home front. Men who work long hours must have comfortable places to live and take necessary rest. Families must be cared for or taken elsewhere, which usually results to the worker going along. Ours may be only one of the thousands of problems growing out of the war, but we feel certain that there is some way to reach the heart of the thing.

After all, crime always follows the assembling of large numbers of men. It was so in the frontier and boom days of the West. Then the vigilantes took care of the followers in the wake of honest pursuits. Now good officers do their best to control in an orderly way, but breakouts occur. In the old mining camps it was not unusual to have a "man for breakfast" every morning. Our usually orderly community is shocked by the few vicious deeds, but these should be taken as natural consequences. The gabfest of those who revel in reading and talking about crime goes on making hotbeds for more crime, but the law takes care of the rest without resort to a rope over a tree limb, or a tripod of poles.

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BOARDMAN NEWS

Mrs. Margaret Thorpe
Mr. and Mrs. Dillon had a car wreck while taking Mr. Dillon back to the hospital Saturday, but no one was hurt. He returned to his home Monday and is greatly improved.

Harold and Elmer Tyler spent the week end at their home.
Nathan Thorpe has rented his house to Mr. Graham who is working at the Umatilla Ordnance depot.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Skoubo are gone this week on a pleasure trip.
Mr. and Mrs. Russell Miller and children have gone on a fishing trip to Lost Lake. Mrs. Shannon and Eldon Lilly are taking care of Miller's place while they are gone.

Elizabeth Kristensen went to Portland Saturday for a visit.
Mrs. Selma LaLonde and two children of Hollywood are here for an extended visit while Mr. LaLonde is in Ireland working.

Mrs. E. T. Messenger fell and broke her shoulder Wednesday.
Paul Smith was a Hermiston visitor Friday.

Glady Wilson went to The Dalles Wednesday to visit her sister before returning to her home in Vale.
Leo Root went to Hermiston Friday.

Art Allen spent Sunday with his family.
Eldon Shannon is confined to his home with the mumps.

Mrs. Ed Barlow and Corma motored to Pendleton Tuesday afternoon.
E. W. Hood went to Hood River Sunday for a three day business trip.
Mr. Edwards is staying at the Skoubo place while drilling at the Oroville Carpenter has artesian water on his farm with a very strong pressure.

Ralph Skoubo has had word that he is expected to be called to the army soon.
A few friends and relatives called on Mrs. McFarland the evening of July 22 to help her celebrate her birthday. Ice cream and cake were served.

Russell DeMauro spent Saturday and Sunday at his home. He is working in the shipyards in Portland.

IRRIGON NEWS ITEMS

By Mrs. C. D. Whitney
George Caldwell, who has been visiting his brother Fred Caldwell and other relatives in Umatilla and Hermiston, returned to his home at Astoria Thursday.

Mrs. C. D. Whitney and Mrs. Jack Caldwell were hostesses at a birthday dinner Sunday honoring three generations, father, son and grandson, Clyde Caldwell, Jack Caldwell and George Delbert Whitney, whose birthdays all came on the same day. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Smith, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Whitney, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Caldwell, Clyde Caldwell and Mrs. Harold Lentz.

The first ripe watermelon of the season was picked Monday at the Fredrickson patch.
Mrs. Harold Lentz and Mrs. C. D. Whitney visited Mrs. Stella Rathke in Umatilla Monday evening.

The Pentecostal Sunday School class held a picnic and swimming party at the parsonage Thursday afternoon.
Several people attended the carnival in Hermiston Saturday night.

STANFIELD NEWS

By Mrs. Rose Hedrick
Mrs. Florence Black, sister of John Heckman, was a houseguest of Mrs. Nathan Bard while visiting here a week and departed last Friday for her home in Pennsylvania. She will stop over to see a sister, Mrs. Emma Plaster, in South Dakota.

A family reunion was held at the Oscar Martin home six miles northeast of Stanfield Sunday. Present were the Bert Challis family of Pendleton, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Martin of Vancouver and Mr. and Mrs. Don Childs and children of Stanfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lawrence and daughter Betty drove up from Portland for the week end here. Mr. Lawrence is a welder at the Oregon shipyards.

Mrs. Fannie Moffett and Mrs. Ralph Barber left Sunday night for their homes in Colorado after a visit with relatives here.

Dale Meyers, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Meyers, left Saturday night for San Diego after a short furlough with his parents. He expects to be called into foreign service.

Several from Stanfield attended the funeral services at Echo Saturday for Mrs. Edgar Lewis who had been ill for some time.
Mrs. Frankie Lane, Mrs. C. C. Rhea, Marie Lane, Mrs. Cecil Curl Jr. and son Jimmy visited relatives in Parkdale over the week end.

The Girls Recreation club with 12 present enjoyed a lawn party Friday afternoon at the home of Betty Jean Rueber. After a Porky quiz, croquet, Chinese checkers, picture puzzles, the secretary Della Kruse, read the minutes of the past four or five meetings. Plans were then made for a full program for August. Jello and devil's food cake and lemonade was served by Mrs. Jack Rueber and Miss Irene Rueber.

Mr. and Mrs. George Grant and son George spent several days last week at Hidayay Springs during the hot wave.
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wells and three sons, after a three months stay here, motored on to Kelso, Wash., where they expect to find work.

Mrs. Viola Loughary and Mrs. Don Childs were hostesses in the church parlors Tuesday evening honoring Mrs. Vernon Waterman (formerly Odolph Hoskins). Music was furnished by Mrs. Max Pigor, Miss Rose Hoosier, Alice Hedrick and Bernice Hughes.

Leo Rueber, welder from the Oregon shipyards, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Rueber. Mrs. Jack Reeves and Penny of Hermiston were also guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Leonard are taking a vacation at their home in Elgin. Miss Nadine Frost is operator at the Beauty Salon during Mrs. Leonard's absence.

Jake Rueber suffered lacerations of the face Saturday while cranking a tractor at his farm and had to have several stitches taken.

Clifford Conley and Donna Hoffnagle were married at Lewiston, Idaho, July 27.

Mrs. Mamie Stoll, mother of Mrs. J. F. Murray, returned to her home at Mojave, Cal., after a two months visit here and in Washington.

Friends here were grieved to read of the tragic death of Ruth Ann Winters in Portland July 24. She and her mother resided here for two years.

Mrs. W. D. Gudgel of Pendleton spent the week end here visiting her husband.

HAMMER GIRLS LEAVE ON TRIP

Misses Viola and Rosalie Hammer left Friday afternoon by bus for The Dalles where they were met by Miss Elma Mullins and Miss Lucy Davidson, public health nurses of The Dalles, who motored with them to Salem Friday evening. In Salem they were guests of Miss Bessie Hammer at the Nurses Home of the state tuberculosis hospital Friday night.

Saturday morning the four girls, accompanied by Miss Bessie Hammer, left for a two weeks vacation journey through California. They plan to go as far south as San Diego and will spend some time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Neill in Oceanside, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Neill are former residents of Hermiston.

DANGER OF FIRE STRESSED AGAIN

Salem, July 30—Two of Oregon's great resources, her timberland and her wheatfields, both of them vitally important to winning the war, today stand in danger of destruction by fire, unless every citizen of Oregon joins wholeheartedly into the campaign to prevent forest fires along roadsides, said Dean Johnson, state chairman of the Keep Oregon Green campaign.

"We have been stressing fire prevention in our forests all spring, with outstanding results so far," Chairman Johnson pointed out, "but now that our great acreages of wheat in eastern Oregon are ripening, they offer a great potential danger zone for fires. Now, more than ever, we must ask that every citizen become a fire warden." Flipping of cigarettes from cars into dry roadside grass could



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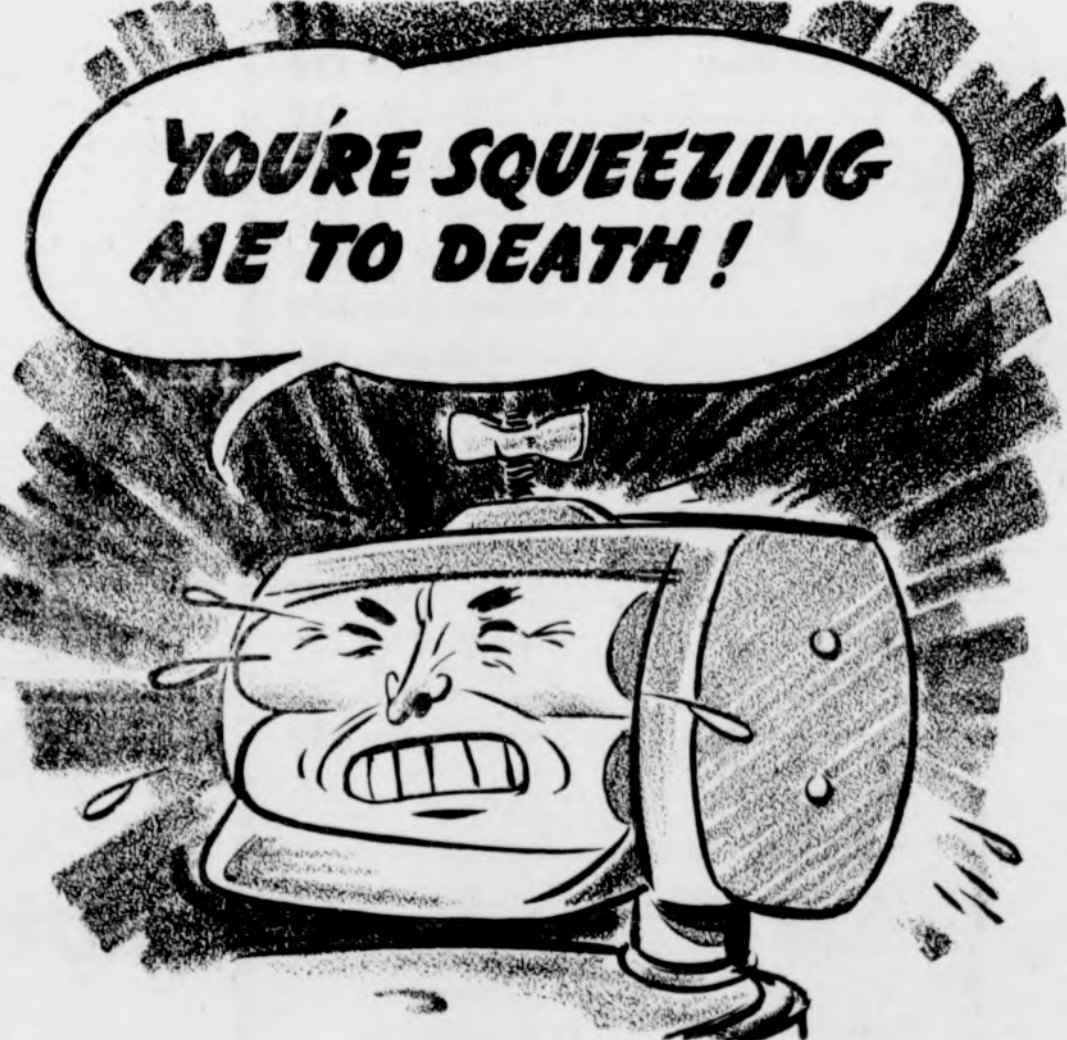
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"State highway officials, and many county officials, are to be commended for the program of cutting tall grass along roadways," Johnson continued. "The boys and girls of Oregon have responded in splendid style by joining in the Green Guard, fire prevention campaign, and it is not too much for us to ask every adult to likewise

do everything within his power to see that he does not cause a fire."



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