

What's New?

Price Administrator Henderson announced that maximum gasoline prices in the rationed area of the 17 eastern states and the District of Columbia will be reduced 2 1/2 cents a gallon beginning August 5. He also announced reduction of .9 cents for kerosene, 1.1 cents on distillates and light heating oils, and 15 cents a barrel on residual fuel oils.

Mr. Henderson said the reductions were made possible under the recent agreement worked out by the Office of Price Administration, the Office of Petroleum Coordinator and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, whereby the Defense Supplies Corporation will absorb the extra transportation costs for moving petroleum into the Atlantic seaboard areas.

Commerce Secretary Jones reported the Defense Plant Corporation will finance a two-point program to convert existing steel dry-cargo barges into tank barges to transport oil, and to improve existing inland waterways. The Bureau of Mines estimated the national gasoline demand for July, August and September will be about 17 per cent less than in the corresponding period last year, eliminating the necessity for a large winter accumulation of stocks.

President Roosevelt issued a statement that every user of fuel and heating oil on the east coast "should face realistically the fact that there can be no guarantee that he will get enough oil even to meet his minimum needs." Petroleum Coordinator Ickes asked all sellers of fuel and heating oils in the East to request their customers to convert oil burners to the use of coal or other available fuels. The Office of Solid Fuels Coordinator reported bituminous coal stocks in storage in the U. S. increased an estimated 5,850,000 tons in June, to a near-all-time record. The office said consumer stockpiles, however, continued insufficient to provide adequate protection against possible shortages during the fall and winter.

The OPA established a wholesale ceiling price on milk and cream, sold in bottles or paper containers, at the distributor's highest March level. The action was taken to prevent a price "squeeze" on milk retailers by some milk distributors. The office set a ceiling price of four cents a pound for waste kitchen fats now being sold by housewives in the salvage program, and a ceiling price of five cents a pound for the sale of the same fats from meat dealers to renderers.

Farm Income

During the first half of 1942 cash income from farm marketings totaled \$5,773 million compared with \$4,012 million in the same period last year, the Agriculture Department reported. Income from crops was up 36 per cent and income from livestock and livestock products was 48 per cent greater. The Department said a record volume of marketings is expected in the latter half of 1942. Total cash income from farm marketings during 1942, including government payments, probably will exceed \$14,500 million, the report said.

Rationing

The outlook for obtaining sugar supplies from the Caribbean has "taken a turn for the worse" because of submarine warfare and the amount of shipping diverted to war purposes, the OPA said. OPA said restrictions will have to be continued if receipts from Cuba and Puerto Rico are below expectations.

Under rationing regulations persons owning more than one type-writer may dispose of their machines only to authorized dealers or to the procurement division of the treasury, OPA said. The office ruled all new adult bicycles are subject to rationing "even though they may have been disassembled or altered or the parts changed."

War Bond Purchases

July sales of War Bonds totaled \$900,000,000, second highest monthly amount on record and \$150 million above June sales, Treasury Secretary Morgenthau said. The highest monthly total was that of January when the amount was \$1,060 million. Mr. Morgenthau said the August quota has been placed at \$815 million. "Because of seasonal variations in income distribution, it would not be practicable to establish monthly quotas at a uniform figure of \$1,000,000,000," he said.

Transportation

The Office of Defense Transportation took over allocation of all new buses and froze all integral-type buses in the hands of manufacturers. Under the new plan, the ODT will grant permission to buy new buses only when the purchasers sign an agreement giving ODT authority to transfer the buses for use elsewhere if transportation difficulties develop. ODT Director Eastman asked public service commissions of the states to make a nation-wide survey of local rail and bus passenger services to eliminate duplications.

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CO-OP TEAM WINS FIRST HALF HONORS IN SOFTBALL RACE

ODEGARDS AND TOWNIES SECOND

Final First Half Standings
Columbia Softball League

| | W | L | Pct. |
|--------------|---|---|------|
| Co-operative | 5 | 1 | .834 |
| Odegards | 4 | 2 | .667 |
| Townies | 4 | 2 | .667 |
| P. & H. | 3 | 3 | .500 |
| Engineers | 3 | 3 | .500 |
| Echo | 1 | 4 | .200 |
| Ordnance | 0 | 5 | .000 |

The Hermiston Co-op team won top honors in the first half of the Columbia Softball League following the final game Wednesday night. The winners clinched the honors last Thursday night by defeating the Engineers in an interesting contest. The only team they failed to conquer during the first half was the Odegard aggregation which is the most improved team in the league.

The Hermiston Townies and Odegards tied for second place, winning four and losing two. Purchase and Hire and the Engineers broke even during the first half, winning three and losing the same number. Echo won only one contest with the Ordnance squad still waiting to break into the win column.

The first half has produced several interesting ball games and the players, as well as the spectators, have derived a great deal of pleasure. The crowds have been keeping up nicely, many enthusiasts turning out every night. The play in general has improved greatly, players getting over their early season stage fright. Paul Bracher, official scorer, has agreed to write up the games in the second half and to list some of the outstanding plays.

The second half activities get underway tonight (Thursday) with the Co-op team meeting the Engineers. The remainder of the schedule for next week follows: Friday, Odegard vs. Ordnance; two games Sunday, starting as soon after 4:00 as possible, Townies vs. Echo and Engineers vs. Odegard; Monday, Ordnance vs. Townies; Tuesday, Echo vs. Engineers; Wednesday, Co-op vs. Odegard; Thursday, Townies vs. Engineers.

Hereafter all week day ball games will start at 6:30 instead of 7:00.

SUMMER STILL PREVAILS HERE

The past week was a continuance of the prior week as far as the weather records go—warm days and some warm nights. Although the temperature has hovered near the 100 mark most of the week, most of the citizens are taking it in stride and have few complaints to make. Apparently the war and war construction are much more important.

The report for the week, according to Chas. Taylor, weather man, follows:

| Date | Max. | Min. |
|----------|------|------|
| July 30 | 87 | 61 |
| July 31 | 89 | 59 |
| August 1 | 90 | 60 |
| August 2 | 95 | 53 |
| August 3 | 100 | 59 |
| August 4 | 100 | 79 |

No rain!

NEW AMBULANCE COMING SOON

Word has been received by Sam Moore that delivery will be made soon of a Ford ambulance recently purchased with funds raised by a subscription drive sponsored by the American Legion. An order for the machine was sent in many months ago but priority rating was received just a few weeks ago.

When the ambulance arrives it will be painted with the proper colors and prepared for use in the West end of Umatilla county. It is considered quite a fortunate coincidence that the delivery can be made at this time.

Church Meetings Planned

An executive meeting of the Women's Council of the Central Church of Christ will be held Friday afternoon at the parsonage. The Women's Council will hold a pot luck dinner at the home of Mrs. A. W. Turnblad Wednesday, August 12, according to Elva Winters, president.



SANTA ANA, Calif.—Aviation Cadet Ralph Leonard Simms of the Santa Ana Army Air Base is very fond of apple pie. But when the obstacle of the mails proved too great a hurdle, his mother in Attleboro, Massachusetts, solved the problem. Mrs. Simms, president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Attleboro American Legion post, wrote the Santa Ana Auxiliary and asked some member to bake a pie for her son. Mrs. George Canfield, president of the Santa Ana unit, today delivered the pie to Cadet Simms in his barracks, as the accompanying picture shows.

RIPLEY GIVEN SILVER WINGS AT CEREMONY

Ted Ripley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn W. Ripley of Hermiston, recently successfully completed the Air Force Advanced Flying School Training at Luke Field, Phoenix, Arizona. He received the coveted silver wings and a rating as Staff Sergeant Pilot in the Army Corps at graduation ceremonies Sunday morning, July 26. Ted spent from Monday night to Friday morning here visiting his parents and friends.

This rating is the goal that every aviation student strives to attain and is a distinct accomplishment. Staff Sergeant Pilot Ripley has made rapid advancement since his enlistment some time ago and apparently is well on the way to becoming a combat pilot, his ultimate goal.

Ripley was an active youngster while in Hermiston and the air force is giving him a natural outlet for his enthusiasm. He was a cracker-jack football player while in high school.

GARDEN CLUB TO MEET FRIDAY

A regular meeting of the Hermiston Garden club will be held Friday, August 7, at 2:30 p. m. in the library basement. Several items of importance and interesting to flower lovers will be discussed. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Warners Home From Langdon Lake

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Warner and their daughter and family, Mrs. E. P. Schofield and two children of Vancouver, returned Wednesday evening following a month's stay at the Warner cabin at Langdon Lake. "Bill" seems greatly improved in health and his appearance verifies this fact.

IRRIGON YOUTH COMES TO GRIEF NEAR LEWISTON

Marion Edward Evans, 16, young Irrigon lad, is in the Nez Perce county jail at Moscow, Idaho, charged with the shooting of William A. Nieman, a friendly salesman who befriended Evans on the highway and gave him a lift. Deputy Sheriff J. F. Jordan of that city states that Evans has confessed shooting Nieman in order to get his car. Latest reports are to the effect that Nieman will recover from the wounds, although five shots have been removed from his chest.

According to the story, as told by Evans, he poked his .22 revolver at Nieman to scare him. The latter lunged at him and Evans fired. Five of the eight shots took effect. The lad then took the car into Moscow where he was arrested by police who had received a radio message.

Nieman was found in a critical condition near the bank of the Clearwater river 20 miles east of Lewiston.

RABBITS CAUSE MUCH DAMAGE

Reports from farmers who have stands of alfalfa are to the effect that the jack rabbits this year are causing considerable damage. Gene Lear, assistant county agent here, stated Wednesday that the rabbits are much more plentiful this year than in recent years and the damage has been to a greater extent.

In addition to alfalfa, many other crops are feeling the abundance of the long-eared animals. According to Mr. Lear, steps are being taken to poison the pests and results have been very good. Strychnine is available at cost at the Hermiston Drug Co. for this purpose.

MORE WORKERS NEEDED NOW AT ORDNANCE DEPOT

Men are urgently needed for vital war work at the Umatilla Ordnance Depot. All who qualify will be given appointments for the duration of the war and six months thereafter. The lowest these jobs pay is \$5.92 a day, with time and a half for overtime. The work will be steady, and the pay totals over \$160 a month for a six day week and \$200 a month for a seven day week. The seven day week is general at the present time.

Barracks and mess halls for single workers have been provided at the depot. The rate of pay was increased approximately twenty per cent on July 16. Workers have migrated from as far away as Minnesota, and large numbers have come from Washington, Idaho, and Montana, but there is still an acute need for men.

To be eligible, applicants must be American citizens, over 18 years of age, weigh at least 130 pounds, and have no serious physical disabilities. All those who are interested in working in this vital war establishment should inquire at the nearest office of the United States Employment Service where full information is available.

FOUR INJURED IN AUTO WRECK

Two cars were badly damaged but six occupants escaped with minor bruises Sunday night in an auto collision just south of Hermiston near the A line irrigation canal. State police state that an automobile, driven by Wilbert Kerr, crashed into another machine driven by Alvin C. Wolke of Hermiston. The latter was attempting to leave the highway onto a side road when struck by Kerr.

Mr. Kerr, formerly of Spokane but now working at the Ordnance Depot, was charged with reckless driving and provided \$100 bond in the Hermiston justice court. He was later released when he took full blame of the accident and promised to pay all damages. With Wolke was Violet Rosecrans, 15, of Tertle Town. Riding with Kerr were Ronald Magee, Betty Robertson and Virginia Sutton.

PEEPING TOM MAKES ROUNDS

Private Ernest W. Johnson of the Pendleton air base was apprehended by local officers Wednesday night on charges of peeping tom activities. State and local officers had been on the alert for the past week following reports of a peeping tom near the O'Grady Cabins south of town. He was seen on several occasions and a fairly good description obtained.

He was arrested on Main street when officers recognized him from the description they had received. He admitted some of the acts. He was taken to the Pendleton jail that same evening by Sheriff R. E. Goad.

MARRIED WORKERS TO BE PLACED IN ESSENTIAL JOBS

NEW PROGRAM NOW VOLUNTARY

In cooperation with the U. S. employment service, the state board of education and critical industries, the Umatilla county selective service board office is now mailing out notices to registrants placed in category 4, Class 3A and who are in less essential industries.

The registrant will be called in to the selective service office for personal interview with the idea of placement in critical industries immediately if trained, and to be given vocational training if not trained.

The present rate of notices being sent out for interviews is 16 men a day. Under present conditions there are hardly any industries that are not essential, but there are industries less essential to the war effort than others, and it is intended that the more essential ones will be furnished their necessary man-power from this group of married men with children.

The program is entirely voluntary, however, and registrants who have the greatest degree of dependency such as a dependent wife and child or children, will be the last group sought for military induction, if in addition they have become necessary men in war production.

There is no compulsion on the part of the registrant to leave his present employment, but it is the desire of selective service headquarters to keep its registrants informed of the present trends and enable them to take advantage of any opportunities existing.

Farming, railroads and sawmills are among the critical industries and men in these industries will not be contacted. Among less essential industries expected to furnish married men with children for the program are: Attorney firms, barbers, retail clerks, the automotive industry, service stations, wholesale oil plants, retail delivery of all kinds, laundries, cleaning and pressing establishments, amusements, beer and soft drinks, salesmen, city, county and state employees.

Married men with children not now in essential industries and men in 4F class may volunteer with the selective service for this program.

HOUSING UNITS SLATED SOON

County Judge Carl W. Chambers stated the first of the week that action will probably be taken shortly to relieve the serious housing shortage in the Hermiston-Stanfield-Echo section of Umatilla county, near the Umatilla Ordnance Depot.

He said information has been received that representations have been made to FHA headquarters for the erection of perhaps 600 housing units in that area, some this fall and winter and perhaps some next spring.

As outlined, the plan would be to erect 200 housing units at Hermiston very soon, and probably 200 more in the spring. The plan also calls for 100 units at Stanfield and perhaps 100 at Echo.

Definite action has not been announced as yet, but the judge expected to receive further word in the near future.

NEW OPERATORS AT IGLOO INN

Beginning this week, the Igloo Cafe has been under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gaskow, recently of Enterprise and Wallawa. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gaskow are well known to many residents of this community and come well recommended to this territory.

Mr. Gaskow states that his motto is "The home of sizzling steaks." Mrs. Gaskow is known for her soups, French chicken and cuisine in general.

TOWNSEND CLUB MEETS TUESDAY

A regular meeting of the Hermiston Townsend club will be held Tuesday, August 11, at the Townsend pavilion one mile east of Hermiston. All members are urged to be present and to bring a friend.

Several matters of interest will be discussed.

Official U. S. Treasury War Bond Quotas for August



Washington, D. C., August 5.—While maintaining a tentative annual level of twelve billion dollars as its goal, the Treasury Department today fixed the August quota for the sale of War Bonds at \$815,000,000 as shown by the accompanying map by states.

In lowering the quota from a billion dollars in July to \$815,000,000 in August, the Treasury has given recognition to certain factors which may be expected to result in variations in sales over the 12-month period, such as the seasonal character of farm income.

These factors have been taken into account in determining each state's share for the national quota for August and will be given consideration in fixing quotas for subsequent months.

In addition to the state quotas as set out in the map there is a federal payroll allotment quota of \$9,750,000 and territorial quotas as follows: Alaska, \$760,000; Canal Zone, \$213,000; Hawaii, \$4,000,000; Puerto Rico, \$460,000 and the Virgin Islands, \$17,000.

U. S. Treasury Department