

What's New?

Admiral William D. Leahy, the President's Chief of Staff, in a radio broadcast August 9 marking the first anniversary of the Atlantic Charter, said "this war will probably be long. It will be the toughest, hardest, most merciless war we have ever fought. It calls for the united power of every American, in uniform and out of uniform, on the firing line and on the production line—I have no doubt of America's decision."

President Roosevelt, in a message read on the broadcast, said "great progress" has been made in the battle of production, but "in terms of what will be required to defeat our enemies we have only just begun to get into our stride." Elmer Davis, Director of the Office of War Information, said America's conversion job has largely been completed; the emphasis now must be transferred from finished goods to raw materials from which they are made. "We will get them—by full use of existing facilities, and by tapping new, or marginal, or abandoned sources of supply. We will develop new processes, eliminate waste, and work for full salvage by every citizen," Mr. Davis said.

Vice Chairman Batt of the War Production Board, on the same radio program, said the public must see to it that all waste and scrap metal is collected and "sent to the mills—quickly. There is plenty of iron and steel scrap—that must get back to the furnaces if the steel needed for the war is to be produced. You and I can help by keeping our eyes open."

In a general review of the war situation, the Office of War Information said June production of military planes fell slightly behind schedule, despite the fact that the U. S. made more planes than any other country in the world. The same was true of tanks, of most types of artillery, and of naval vessels, the OWI said. Because of enemy submarine activity, the office said, it probably will be well into 1943 before we equal merchant shipping as of December 7, 1941.

The WPB announced inauguration of a nationwide inventory of used construction machinery to be made through WPB field offices in an effort to place an estimated 500,000 pieces of vitally needed construction equipment into use. A complete inventory of available equipment will be kept up to date at the regional offices for the information of war agencies and private contractors engaged in war work.

Transportation
The Office of Defense Transportation said approximately 4,000,000 school children who ride daily in 93,000 school buses will be affected by ODT's order to reorganize all school bus services. The plan calls for staggered bus schedules and denies special bus service for students who have less than two miles to walk to and from school (with certain exceptions) and where areas are served by public carrier routes.

Rationing
President Roosevelt set up a three-man committee, headed by Bernard M. Baruch, to study the entire synthetic rubber program. The President said the committee's finding will "form a basis for future action not only with respect to synthetic rubber but also such matters as nationwide gas rationing and motor transportation." The OPA said it is planning a universal ration book to be put into the hands of every American, as part of its machinery to handle rationing of many commodities which do not require rationing at present. The office said traveling salesmen will not be permitted more than a B ration book in addition to their A books.

Farm Labor Supply
Agriculture Secretary Wickard announced the Farm Security Administration and the U. S. Employment Service will recruit additional workers for farmers in areas where there are seasonal shortages of labor. The workers will be recruited only after the farmers and the Employment Service have been unable to obtain workers locally. The workers must be paid the prevailing wage, to be determined by the Farm Security Administration, but in no case less than 59 cents an hour. If the workers come from a distance, farmers must pay transportation costs up to 200 miles and the FSA will pay for additional mileage. The workers must be properly housed and work guaranteed for at least three-fourths of the time they are in the area.

The OWI reported an arrangement has been concluded between the U. S. and Mexico making possible temporary migration of Mexican farm workers into this country to help combat the seasonal farm labor shortage, especially in the Southwest.

The Army announced formation of two completely airborne divisions, consisting of about 8,000 men each, to be stationed initially at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana.

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SCHOOL OPENING SET FOR SEPT. 8 BY SUPERINTENDENT

WHOLE BUILDING IS REVAMPED

"Heezy" has gone fishing. That is just another way of saying that M. L. Watson has put the local high school building in shape for the opening of school, September 8.

This summer the building received a complete renovation. Floors were sanded and revarnished. Concrete floors received a couple of coats of deck paint and are bright and shining again. All wood work throughout the building has been repainted. The gymnasium received special attention, which included a face lifting for the floor, new disappearing foot light units for the stage, new metal basket ball back boards and new window curtains. The commercial and typing rooms received new tables and chairs, while the home economics department added an electric range and sewing machines. All lockers in the building were repainted and furniture is revarnished.

School will open September 8th, with registration taking up most of that day. In order that students and parents may have some previous time to consider the curriculum, the offerings are listed here.

Grade 9—English I, General Mathematics, World History, General Science, Home Economics I, and Shop I.

Grade 10—English II, Algebra, Biology, Elementary Business, Home Economics II, Shop II, and Spanish.

Grade 11—English III, United States History and Civics, Bookkeeping, Typing I, Geometry and Spanish.

Grade 12—English IV, Public Speaking, Journalism, Social and Economic Problems, Typing II, Short-hand, and Chemistry.

In addition three years of Physical Education is required. Students with physical disabilities that would make such training undesirable, are excused, by presenting a physicians (Continued on Page Five)

MOTOR MISHAP DISRUPTS TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Laas are back at work this week at the P & G Cafe suffering with something stronger than just a sunburn. They were en route home from Wallowa lake Sunday, after an outing, when they were forced from the road by a passing truck. Their motorcycle failed to function properly in the loose gravel, causing Mrs. Laas to lose her seat while he brought the motor to rest without serious damage.

Although both Mr. and Mrs. Laas are considerably bruised and scratched, they seem none the worse for the incident.

HOT WEATHER POPULAR HERE

Five consecutive days of 100 degree or better weather the past week somewhat sapped the strength of many of the workers in this territory but a cooling wind Tuesday evening revived the spirits. From last Thursday till Monday the thermometer rose to the 100 or better mark. This, however, is far below the records of the past few years when the thermometer went as high as 112 on several occasions.

The report for the past week, according to Weatherman Chas. Taylor, follows:

August 5	98	62
August 6	102	60
August 7	102	63
August 8	100	64
August 9	102	59
August 10	100	71
August 11	96	64
And still no rain!		

HODGE RETURNS BUSINESS TRIP

Chas. Hodge, local Chevrolet dealer, returned this week from a business trip which took him as far as Omaha, Neb., where he attended a dealers' used car auction. Mr. Hodge was in the market for used cars but found to his dismay that cars were sold at the auction for a higher price than what they are being sold for locally.

Wages are high and help scarce in the middle west where defense work is in full swing.

OUR DUTY



U. S. Treasury Dept.

URGENT REQUEST FOR WORKERS AT ORDNANCE DEPOT

Civil Service jobs paying a minimum of \$200 a month for a seven day week and \$160 a month for a six day week are now available at the Umatilla Ordnance Depot, Hermiston.

Barracks and mess halls are available for single workers. Rooms cost twenty-five cents a day and meals average fifty cents each.

Despite the flow of men to the depot from throughout Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, the need for workers is still urgent.

The work is steady with no shut-downs or layoffs. All qualified workers will be given appointments for the duration of the war and six months thereafter. To be eligible for such appointments, applicants must be American citizens, over 18 years of age, weighing over 130 pounds and free from serious physical disabilities.

The Civil Service Commission and the United States Employment Service are cooperating in an intensive drive to secure many more workers for the depot. All who are interested should inquire at the nearest Employment Office where full information about the job and how to go to work there will be available.

Bilderback Undergoes Observation

Frank Bilderback, popular employee at Hale's confectionery, is in Portland this week undergoing observation at the Coffey Clinic. Frank has been suffering from a back injury for several years.

HERMISTON BOY BASEBALL STAR AT GREENSBORO

Lee Mohr, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Mohr of Hermiston, is going "great guns" in the Piedmont league playing for the Greensboro, North Carolina, baseball club. Lee plays second base and apparently is burning up the league from newspaper reports. Mr. Mohr senior is fire chief at the Umatilla Ordnance Depot here.

Quoting from the Greensboro Daily News: "One big reason the Greensboro Red Sox are leading the Piedmont league pennant chase is young Lee Mohr, fast-fielding second sacker and one of the most dangerous lead-off batters in the loop. Afoot, Mohr probably has no equal in this Class B circuit. Rival managers and players admit he is the fastest thing on two legs they have seen around the league this year. His always reliable fielding has silenced many an enemy threat."

Mohr got his start at The Dalles high school, later receiving instruction from Carl Mays in Portland.

Crompton Visits Here

Willis Crompton, a graduate of Hermiston high school where he was a popular athlete, came Friday for a three-day visit with relatives and friends here. Crompton is in aviation cadet training at Hamilton Field and is making a fine showing. He was to take a test the first of the week for glider service. He made the trip here by plane.

CO-OP LEADS IN SECOND HALF OF SOFTBALL SLATE

Columbia Softball League Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Co-op	2	0	1.000
Engineers	2	1	.667
Odegards	1	1	.500
Townies	1	1	.500
Echo	1	1	.500
P. & H.	0	1	.000
Ordnance	0	2	.000

Apparently the Co-op team is planning to annex the second half honors in the Columbia softball league to prevent any sort of a playoff for the championship cup—having already won the first half. To date they are still undefeated since the opening of the second half play but several teams are gunning for the leaders and some good games are in prospect.

The Engineers are a greatly improved team and will make things interesting for the remainder of the schedule. Odegards, Echo and the Townies have broken even in their last two games and all still have a chance for the top position.

RELATIVES HERE FROM CHICAGO

Considerable portion of the linotype work of this week's Herald has been done by J. J. Quiring of Chicago, brother of Al and Leander Quiring, publishers. Mr. Quiring came with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Neufeldt who visited at the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Al Quiring. The Neufeldts and Mrs. Al Quiring and Shirley left Tuesday to visit relatives in Dallas.

True to family tradition, J. J. Quiring is also a printer, being owner of the St. Clair Press, about four blocks from the loop in Chicago. Another brother, Elvin, owns a printing plant in West Salem. J. J. and Al plan to leave Thursday night to visit their parents in Dallas.

YOUTHS AGAIN ON CRIME TRAIL

Harold Louis Brinkham and David William Jubb, both 15, were arrested here last Friday by Deputy Leland Smith and Don McConnell of the state police on information received from Lexington police. The boys had the following story to tell:

They stole a Ford sedan at Oregon City and drove to Redmond. There they stole personal items from a bunkhouse and then went on to Arlington. At Lexington they stopped long enough to steal a set of license plates and some gasoline. They continued on their journey into Hermiston where they were met by officers near the hospital.

The Sheriff of Clackamas county came after the boys Saturday and returned them to their home in Oregon City where their cases will come up for disposal. The boys were arrested here last May when they ran away from home. At that time their fathers came for the boys.

ASSESSOR DAVIS RELEASES DATA ON TAX ASSESSMENTS

HERMISTON HAS HIGHER VALUE

The county millage for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1942, and ending June 30, 1943, which is called the 1942-43 tax roll, will be one and one-half mill lower than the 1941 millage. The six months roll which covered the first six months of 1942 is not considered in making these comparisons since so many different factors enter the picture that a comparison is not possible.

The millage for county purposes for 1941 was 8.2 and for the 1942-43 fiscal year the millage is 6.7 mills. This reduction was brought about by an increase in assessed value of the county and the elimination of the elementary school tax which is paid this year by the state from state revenues.

The assessed value for the county has been increased \$1,021,834.54 over the 1941 assessment, being a total of \$47,145,037.90. Of this increase \$629,145.00 is on personal property and \$394,500.00 on real property. Public utilities had practically no change, being reduced \$1,810.46. The assessor's office did not use field men this year to assess personal property but required each owner of personal property to submit his own assessment.

The city of Hermiston has an increase in assessed value of \$71,754.71, making a total of \$528,320.25. The millage, divided as follows, county 6.7 mills, city of Hermiston 12.8, school district 14, 7.2 mills, Union High district 9, 10.7 mills, and port of Umatilla 5 mill, for a total of 37.9 mill, is a decrease of .4 of one mill over the 1941 millage. The assessed value of school district 14 is now \$1,414,838.00, being a gain of \$185,334.77 over the 1941 value.

Umatilla county has 12 incorporated towns, 8 union high school districts, 82 elementary school districts and 5 high school districts.

These figures were received from the office of D. W. Davis, Umatilla county assessor at Pendleton.

DEPOT WORKERS ENJOY OUTING

Approximately 400 employees at the Umatilla Ordnance Depot gathered Wednesday evening at the McCoy ranch near Irrigon to enjoy a wiener roast, swimming, picnic lunch and other entertainment. The group was made up of employees from the shops, office personnel, guards and farmers. Some of the crowd enjoyed swimming in the Columbia, a few remaining in the water as long as four hours.

A feature of the evening was a softball marathon, the Garagemen taking a 20-19 decision over the Office crew. Other parties and picnics are being arranged for later dates.

RADIO PLAY TO BE BROADCAST

"In Search of the 4-H", a radio play written by Creston Buzzard of Hermiston, will be broadcast over KWRC Friday, August 14, at 8:30 p. m. The performance was broadcast over the Corvallis station this summer and was awarded third place in the state playwriting contest.

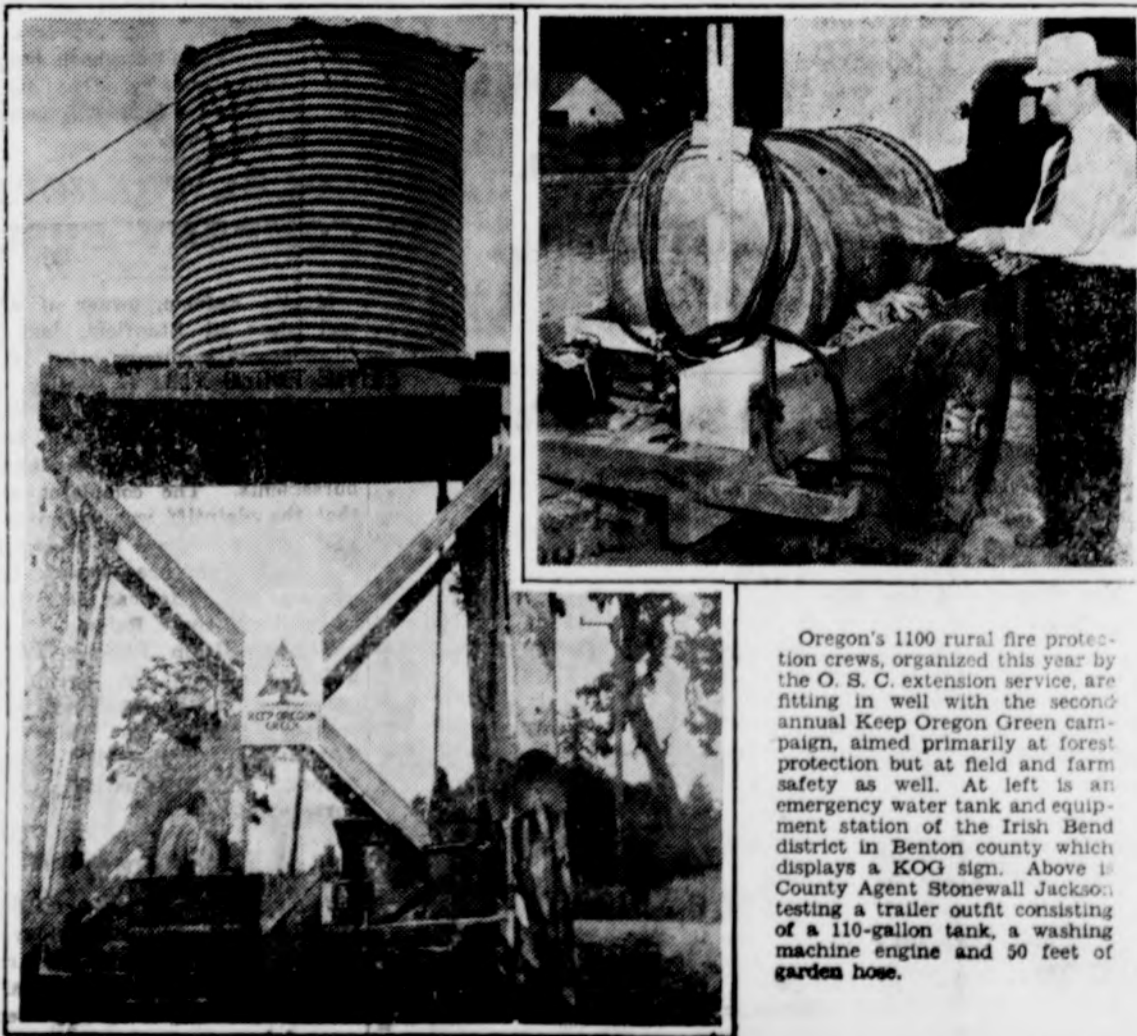
Members of the cast are Francis Capman, Peggy Sommerer, Creston Buzzard and Wilbur Hunt, all of Hermiston, and Jean Aichile of Free-water.

DELIVERIES TO BE CURTAILED

All deliveries must be reduced in the very near future is the warning received Tuesday night by those attending a meeting of the office of defense transportation in Pendleton. Herman Sites of the Portland office was the principal speaker and he stressed time and again that deliveries must be reduced. Quite a delegation was present from Hermiston.

Only one delivery per day is now allowed. Other concerns must cut down deliveries as much as 25 per cent. More announcements will follow in next week's issue as to how local merchants and business concerns will cooperate with the new order.

Rural Areas Ready With "Fire Departments"



Oregon's 1100 rural fire protection crews, organized this year by the O. S. C. extension service, are fitting in well with the second annual Keep Oregon Green campaign, aimed primarily at forest protection but at field and farm safety as well. At left is an emergency water tank and equipment station of the Irish Bend district in Benton county which displays a KOG sign. Above is County Agent Stonewall Jackson testing a trailer outfit consisting of a 110-gallon tank, a washing machine engine and 90 feet of garden hose.