

# What's New?

Lt. Gen. Henry H. Arnold, Chief of the Army Air Forces, said American airplanes generally are superior to those of the enemy. He said that in the Pacific theater since the war started 1,110 Army planes have battled with 1,459 Japanese aircraft and have shot down 190 with loss of only 104. These figures do not include planes destroyed on the ground, those shot down by anti-aircraft fire, Navy and Marine Corps action, or the work of the American volunteer forces in China.

Gen. Arnold said the goal of a 2,000,000-man Air Force with 185,000 fighting planes would be met. He said the recruitment and training of pilots, bombardiers and navigators is progressing perfectly. There is, however, a growing demand for gunners, various enlisted technicians, radio operators and glider pilots. Gen. Arnold said American planes are arriving in Britain every day in preparation for the aerial offensive against Germany in union with the R.A.A.F.

Lt. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Commander of U. S. Army Forces in the European theater, said in London that training of U. S. units there must be intensive in all its phases. "This is true," he said, "first, because the time is short; second, because the problem we have demand the ultimate in trained personnel; and third, because our men must be toughened and hardened physically to stand the most rigorous operations."

### The War Front

In the first offensive action by United Nations' Forces in the Southwest Pacific, U. S. Marines effected landings and then consolidated their positions in the Tulagi area of the Solomon Islands. At the same time, U. S. Army and Allied shore based aircraft from Australia continuously attacked "Japanese air bases and ship concentrations in enemy held harbors," in support of the invasion. Commander in Chief of the U. S. Fleet King reported early in the battle that the U. S. appeared to have at least one cruiser sunk and two destroyers, two destroyers and one transport damaged, while a large number of enemy planes were destroyed and enemy surface units were put out of action. He said the type of operation being undertaken in the Solomons is one of the most difficult in warfare.

The Navy raised the toll of Japanese ships sunk or damaged in the Aleutians to at least 22 by adding a destroyer to those hit in the surprise attacks of August 8-9 on Kiska Harbor. U. S. headquarters in the European theater reported Army Air Force fighters participated with the R.A.F. in 31 sorties off the coast of England in 48 hours ending August 13. Air Forces heavy bombers based in India and China continued destructive raids against the Japanese. The Navy announced the sinking of seven United Nations' merchantmen by enemy submarines, the lowest weekly number of such sinkings announced in the past 16 weeks.

### Rationing

Sugar Ration Stamp Number 8 will be good for five pounds of sugar in the ten-week period beginning August 23 and ending October 31, the Office of Price Administrator announced. While not changing the basic ration of one-half pound per person per week, it will enable consumers to make purchase in larger units and facilitate the disposal of 5, 10 and 25-pound packages.

Price Administrator Henderson and Petroleum Coordinator Ickes announced jointly that fuel oil rationing on the east coast may be unavoidable next winter. All Eastern motorists were told by the OPA to display their gasoline ration stickers immediately, because "it is illegal for any service station attendant to sell gasoline to a vehicle unless the sticker corresponding to the type of book is conspicuously displayed on the car." The rationing regulations for new passenger automobiles were amended to make members of the U. S. Armed Forces eligible to purchase new cars upon proof that a car is needed for transportation between residence and post of duty or on official military business where no military vehicle is available.

### Farm Crop Shortage

Agriculture Secretary Wickard said the corn supply is being used faster than corn is being produced, and next year, "unless we feed more wheat than usual, over 200 million more bushels of corn will be used than is being raised this year. There are still large stocks, however, in the national granary," he said.

### Transportation

Mail deliveries and pick-ups face curtailments in many localities because of lack of men and the need to conserve trucks and tires, the Post Office Department announced. Definite curtailment plans were announced for Washington, D. C., and Detroit.

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## REGISTRATION AT HERMISTON PAST 11,000 FIGURE

### COUNTY BOARD MAKES CHECKUP

Umatilla county's population, growing by leaps and bounds, is now estimated at 37,254, an increase of 11,275 over the 1940 census of 25,979. This figure, computed by the county rationing board, is the result of findings reached through the board's industrial land institutional setup, reports Mrs. Anna Crago, head of the sugar rationing registration.

Such registrations, considered a reasonably accurate method of determining population, include the following totals in the sugar sign-up: Pendleton, 16,825; Hermiston, 8,987; and Milton, 6,107. Registrations were taken at these points and represents both city and rural residents.

In addition several thousand persons eating at public or private establishments did not secure sugar cards, and must be included in determining the county's approximate population.

Estimated by the rationing board in this category are 1,000 at Milton, 2,335 at Hermiston and 2,000 in Pendleton. Included in such eating establishments are restaurants, boarding houses, and farm, lumber, construction and sheep camps.

### WARM WEATHER CONTINUES HERE

The weather man failed to relent during the past week and continued to shove the thermometer up to the 100 mark for a greater portion of the seven days. A strong wind came up Wednesday with the usual dust accompaniment but it failed to give the desired result. To date, however, no casualties have resulted and residents are taking the weather as a matter of course.

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

Date	Max.	Min.
August 12	88	60
August 13	88	47
August 14	93	47
August 15	99	49
August 16	102	52
August 17	101	61
August 18	102	58

### FOOTBALL TALK REVIVED HERE BY LEE WEBER

Although dependent, to a great extent, upon the attitude of the local rationing board regarding the matter of transportation, it is assumed that football will be played in the local high school season. A schedule of eight games was listed prior to the closing of school for the summer recess, but with some of the schools discontinuing football for the duration, that schedule will have to undergo some revamping.

Prospects for the coming season seem bright despite the loss of such backfield performers as Cullen, Miller and Brice, and Linemen Allen, Hollomon, Pierson and Foss. Among the returning lettermen are Tiller, stellar left half-back, Buell and Kenison, who alternated at the blocking post last season. The returning linemen are Jim Allen, last year's center, who will likely be shifted to tackle. Elwood, regular guard, Drake, Atbury and Borthwick, tackles, Longhorn, center, and Belt, Pierson and Peterson, ends.

Known transfers from other schools who will see plenty of action include Jim Rainwater who played fullback on the B squad at Caldwell last year, and Bud Rugg, basketball letterman who played six-man football for a

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### LOCAL YOUTHS ENTER NAVY

Russell Pierson, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Pierson, and Don DeMoss, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. DeMoss of the Columbia district, left Tuesday for Portland for entrance into the U. S. navy under the V-6 arrangement. It is expected that they will be sent to San Diego as soon as the necessary examinations are completed.

Both boys are graduates of Hermiston high school and popular among the younger set.



U. S. Treasury Dept. "Our latest batch of War Bonds is bringing almost immediate action."

### OUTING ENJOYED BY WORKERS

About 600 area workers at the Umatilla Ordnance depot gathered at the McCoy ranch near Irrigon Wednesday night for a regular old-time picnic, including softball, swimming and general all-around visiting. According to reports, these outings are proving extremely popular, coming as a pleasant relief from the work during the hot weather.

Friday, August 21, is the date set for the first costume ball held here for many years. The event will be for administrative and industrial personnel at the ordnance and all guests must come in costume. The hilarious event will be held in the Hermiston park hall.

Another picnic will be held August 26.

### SHAM BATTLE IS STAGED HERE

The first battle of the present war was fought in Hermiston Tuesday evening when members of the local unit of the Oregon State Guard staged a sham battle at the fair grounds. The First Platoon made a surprise attack on the Second Platoon. Although the fighting was terrific at times, no casualties resulted.

The boys will hold their drill at Umatilla next Tuesday, according to Capt. V. E. Daugherty.

### HOP PICKING TO START TUESDAY

Picking operations at the L. W. Dixon hop yards four miles east of Hermiston will get underway next Tuesday, August 25, according to Mr. Dixon who reports a bumper crop. Approximately 250 pickers will be needed to harvest the 1942 crop.

Pickers and other laborers should register for work immediately so that activities can begin with full speed ahead. Mr. Dixon stated that he has obtained a number of new baskets so that there will be plenty to go around. A truck will leave from the Tum-A-Lum corner at 7:00 o'clock sharp each morning and will stop at the Texaco station for free transportation to the hop yard and back.

### ANOTHER BOND DAY AT HALE'S

Next Monday, August 24, every cent that is taken in at Hale's Confectionery & Sporting Goods store from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p. m. will be used for the purchase of war savings bonds, according to Roy Hale, proprietor. Mr. Hale is making this a regular monthly feature as his contribution to the war effort.

Although in Mr. Hale's advertisement on Page 3 he does not mention that next Monday is his birthday, this was learned from another source. The reporter is not certain as to Mr. Hale's age but it is thought he is nearing his 78th birthday.

### ENGINEERS TAKE LEAD AS CO-OP TEAM DEFEATED

Columbia Softball League

	W	L	Pct.
Engineers	4	1	.800
Co-op	3	1	.750
Odegards	2	1	.667
Townies	2	1	.667
Echo	2	2	.500
Ordnance	0	3	.000
P. & H.	0	4	.000

Games Coming Up

Tonight—Echo vs. Odegard; Friday, P. & H. vs. Townies; Sunday, Odegard vs. Co-op and Ordnance vs. Echo; Monday, Engineers vs. Townies; Tuesday, Ordnance vs. P. & H.; Wednesday, Townies vs. Odegard.

The Engineers softball team, under the able guidance of Capt. "Muff 'em" Alexander and R. L. Jones, took the lead this week in the Columbia softball league, thanks to a Co-op defeat at the hands of the Hermiston Townies. Should the Engineers defeat the Townies next Monday they will be assured of at least a tie for second half honors.

Four teams still have a mathematical chance for second half honors, Engineers, Co-op, Odegards and the Townies, each having only one defeat. The winner of the second half will meet the Co-op squad, who annexed the first half cup.

The play in the league has maintained a steady interest in spite of the extremely hot weather.

### FIELD STATION WORK EXPLAINED TO 4-H GROUP

About forty-five 4-H club members, leaders and parents attended the annual livestock judging day at the U. S. Umatilla Field Station on Saturday. About an hour in the morning was spent in observing the experimental work that is being carried on at the station. H. K. Dean, superintendent, explained this work to the group.

The afternoon was spent by the group in judging six classes of livestock, including beef, dairy, sheep and hogs. The hogs and beef calves used for the judging practice belonged to club members and the balance of the stock was owned by the station.

Official judge for the livestock classes was C. D. Conrad, county agent of Morrow county. Mr. Conrad complimented the leaders on the fine work that they were doing during these difficult times and encouraged them to continue with the work. Mr. Conrad also expressed a great deal of satisfaction relative to the beef calves that were used in the judging.

### NAVY ENLISTS MEN 17 TO 50 IN VARIED TRADES

The Navy is accepting enlistments of men between the ages of 17 to 50 in 55 different trades. Those men already skilled in a particular trade are enlisted with a Petty Officer's rating, while those who are not yet qualified are sent to the trade school of their choice, after which they receive their rating. Navy men receive the best training available, have the use of fine, modern equipment, and leave the Navy with a trade skill which will always be useful to them.

Men who are subject to the selective service may enlist in the Navy until the time they are actually inducted into the army. Those interested are urged to contact the Navy Recruiting Officer in Room 250, Post Office Building, Pendleton.

### CYCLIST KILLED IN AUTO CRASH

Lester Solomon passed away Wednesday evening in the Hermiston General hospital from injuries received during the day when his motorcycle collided with an automobile driven by Ludwig Prash on the straightaway just east of Umatilla. Solomon was taken to the Hermiston hospital where he failed to respond to treatment.

Few facts concerning the crash are available at press time.

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. White announce the engagement of their daughter Lois Eileen to Richard Franklin Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Cox. No date has been set for the wedding.

### IMMUNIZATION CLINIC SCHEDULED AT U.S.O. AUG. 27

### PRE-SCHOOL TOTS TO BE PROTECTED

Due to the influx of new families and the crowded housing conditions throughout this area, the control of communicable diseases becomes one of the most acute problems, where the health of the people of Hermiston is concerned. It is through person to person contact that communicable diseases are transmitted. For this reason the Umatilla County Health Unit is holding an immunization clinic on August 27th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Hermiston U. S. O. building for all children from 9 months to six years of age. The purpose of the clinic is to give pre-school children protection against diphtheria and smallpox. These diseases are preventable, and this gives every parent the opportunity to give their child his rightful protection.

Cases of smallpox have been reported in Oregon during the past year, and there have been three cases of diphtheria reported in Umatilla county. Since science has developed certain immunizing agents for protection against these diseases, to have them in this day and age is inexcusable.

A satisfactory vaccination for smallpox produces a scar. Diphtheria inoculations do not leave a scar, and are usually given in two doses at six to eight weeks intervals. Six months after the two doses have been given, the degree of immunity built up by the inoculated person is measured by a simple skin test called the schick test.

Diphtheria and smallpox epidemics can be prevented if everyone will do his part in making himself immune. It will be too late when sickness strikes.

### DELIVERIES TO BE CURTAILED

Several local firms have indicated that strict curtailment of deliveries comply with a recent government order will have to be made soon in order to der. For instance at the Inland Co-operative, no deliveries under one-half ton will be made unless several neighbors in a close vicinity can make up the necessary poundage.

Grocery stores are making only one delivery a day and are not making any special delivery calls. To date milk is still delivered to the house but how long this will continue is not known.

### BLOOD DONORS ANSWER CALL

News received here from Portland indicated that the first call for blood donors was 100 per cent. The information was received from Henry L. Corbett, chairman of the new service, which is being directed by the U. S. army.

"Response of patriotic citizens to the depot, which is the only one on the Pacific coast to provide frozen blood plasma for the armed forces, is very gratifying," Corbett said, "and now that this service is established we are anticipating continued cooperation by people who realize the importance of stocking up a supply of blood plasma and who will give their pint of blood gladly, knowing that contribution may save the life of one of their own dear ones."

The project is sponsored by the Red Cross and will cover all of Oregon. The local unit of Ambulance Drivers will probably act as sponsors here when the opportunity comes for aid from this community.

### COLUMBIA MAN KILLS RABBITS

Anyone who doubts that rabbits can be killed in "wholesale" quantities by the proper use of strychnine bait should get in touch with John Jendrzewski of the Columbia district. He reports a practically 100 per cent kill in his district by the use of this poison bait. Should farmers adopt a similar plan in other localities the damage from this pest would be almost eliminated.

According to Mr. Jendrzewski, he placed the bait just outside the green fields. Rabbits will enter the charmed circle due to the fact that the sage is now very dry and the rabbits seek "greener pastures."

### OUR DEMOCRACY by Mat



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