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### JUST A FEW OBSERVATIONS

When the evening shades begin to fall, we know that Autumn is just around the bend. When the afternoon suns continue to broil, we know that summer is still with us. As the days grow shorter and shorter, we are awakened to the realization that the great orbit of life is about midway in its journey to Capricorn. The routine of seasons takes its course and all life gradually adapts itself to its changes. Even in this greatest turmoil of all ages the seasons wield their power. The heat of the desert, the monsoons of the Indies, the fogs of the north, the snows of the steppes, play largely with man's destiny. In the swiftly passing days the crops will be stored, and the leaves will begin to turn. Problems of another season will be facing a struggling nation, and the battling legions will be contending, not only with the enemy, but with the forces of changing seasons.

It's trees again. Trees and shade. Witness again the hundreds of tents, trailers and shacks beneath the spreading branches of the friendly locusts, which are doing service for the workers in a defense area, where man has not been able to provide better housing. These trees provide comforts that would require many shingles and boards, and expensive labor. Many a wife, many day sleepers, many babies who have felt the cooling effects of shade and breeze in desert surroundings, should be thankful to this community and the pioneers who planted thousands of seedlings here many years ago.

Dogs, dogs, and more dogs. There are enough dogs in this territory roundabout, mongrels of all degree, not a real dog in a hundred, not less than four regiments of them within 20 miles, eating enough to feed many soldiers every day. Already they are preying on turkeys, calves, pigs and sheep, with dog food going higher and dogs getting hungrier. While we admit that the dog is man's greatest friend, and all of us love a good dog for his faithfulness and general uses, like every other good thing, this can be overdone, and curs and vicious dogs, and packs of rambling breeds can become a public nuisance that cannot be condoned. There is a law, and owners are responsible. Unless something is done by the owners of these pets, smart pups, barking hounds, so-called watch dogs and whatnots, the law will have to be invoked.

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### UMATILLA NEWS

By Mrs. Glenn Ostrom

Sandra Montgomery, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loran Montgomery, was bitten Wednesday night by a large rat. She was rushed to a doctor and treated.

Mrs. Leland Smith is in Portland visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Powell for a few days. Her children are staying with their aunt, Mrs. Jack Geer in Hermiston.

Emil Peterson, who has been visiting his sister and friends here, returned to his work in The Dalles.

Mrs. Lloyd Harryman and daughter Audrey left Saturday for Oregon City where she will visit her family. She will meet her oldest daughter Fern there who will return with her.

Gary Dean Ostrom, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ostrom, had his tonsils removed in St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton Thursday. Mrs. Ostrom stayed in Pendleton with him.

Rex Moses is confined to his home with a broken ankle.

Mrs. Lyle Cardyeth is visiting here for a few days while her husband is stationed at Pendleton field.

The Sunday School gave a farewell party on the school house lawn for the Chapmans Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. L. King and children Norma and June left Saturday for The Dalles where they will make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim McDermott spent Saturday in Milton-Freewater and Pendleton.

Rev. J. K. Walpole is working in the harvest near Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. George McIntosh and a friend stopped at the home of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hull, Monday en route to their home in Portland after visiting a couple of days with the former's sons George who is stationed at Ontario.

Mrs. Roscoe Williams is now employed at the Ordnance Depot in the office of the engineer's department.

Mrs. Deed Switzer and Mrs. John Lennox spent one day last week in Plymouth as overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Doyle.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ober and children of Pendleton spent Sunday visiting her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gene McFarland and son. Mrs. John Wurster returned the first of the week from San Diego, Cal. where she had spent several weeks visiting her daughter Mae and other friends.

Ollie Coryell, Peter D. Farley, Glenn Ostrom and Art Bousquet spent Monday in Pendleton on business.

Bill Bousquet who is employed in Portland spent this Tuesday here visiting his family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Byrnes and daughter Joan spent the week end in La Grande with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Bramer and family. While there they made a trip to Wal-lawa Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Springer returned the last of the week from Seattle where they spent a week with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Mahoney.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Moran and son Jackie spent Saturday and Sunday in Prosser visiting his parents. Their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Montgomery and small son Billy of Sawyer also visited there Sunday.

### ECHO NEWS ITEMS

September 8 has been set by the local board for opening of school here this year, a week later than usual. Of last year's teachers, only two will be on the staff this year, Mrs. Nancy Spike in high school and Mrs. Arlene Laird in the grades. M. E. Larive, from Haines, succeeds M. A. Parker as superintendent. The latter is now working for the aluminum corporation at Portland.

Vacancies to be filled in the schools include a primary teacher, seventh and eighth grade teacher, and two in the high school. So far no coach has been secured. Ross Graham, who was under contract for that position, has been inducted into the army.

Mrs. John Jordan received a present of a fine wrist watch this week from her son Bud who is in army service somewhere in the Pacific. Another son, Russell, writes from

### What You Buy With WAR BONDS

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camp at Augusta, Georgia, that he is expecting a transfer soon to some point overseas.

M. E. Larive, new superintendent of Echo schools, arrived Friday from Haines where he has been employed in the forest service during vacation. He has rented the house formerly occupied by M. A. Parker. Mrs. Larive will remain in Haines until about September 1. School is scheduled to start here the 8th of September and Mr. Larive will devote the next two weeks to getting organized for the four vacancies now existing in the faculty list.

Misses Betty Jean Esselstyn and Marian Luciani, who have been attending business college in LaGrande have been employed as junior typists at the Umatilla Ordnance Depot and will start work there Monday.

Vernon Cook, who was athletic coach at Echo high school two years ago, has been elected as principal of the school at Florence for the ensuing year.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jones (Maxine Stanfield), who taught school at Huntington last year, have been employed as teachers at Enterprise for the coming year.

Mrs. Frankie Johnston of Walla Walla is a guest at the Joseph Cunha Sr. home this week. Mrs. Johnston has been employed as a matron at the Walla Walla penitentiary for some time, but has now accepted a position as high school teacher at Huntington.

Harry Stamper has sold his farm property near Hermiston to C. E. Wolford and plans to leave soon with Earl Middleton for Alaska where they will be employed on defense work at Dutch Harbor. Both men have been serving as guards at the Ordnance Depot for several weeks.

Mrs. W. J. Helmick is completing a registration of accommodations available locally for refugees in case war conditions necessitates evacuating civilians from coast towns. Mrs. Helmick was appointed by the Red Cross to secure this information which will be filed for use in case of emergency.

### VEGETABLE STORAGE TIPS GIVEN BY PROF.

At least 15 vegetables commonly grown in Oregon are suitable for storage in the fresh state, thereby prolonging the supply of fresh produce through the fall and winter months, points out A. G. B. Bouquet, vegetable crops specialist at Oregon State college.

In one of the series of food-for-victory leaflets issued by the extension service Professor Bouquet describes methods of storing beets, carrots, parsnips, salsify, turnips, rutabagas, cabbage, celery, onions, pep-

pers, potatoes, pumpkins, squash, tomatoes, and dried beans and peas.

With probably more produce produced in victory gardens this year than has been grown by the ordinary farmer or city dweller in decades, a considerable surplus of some of these vegetables is sure to remain at the end of the growing season in many gardens. Here on the west coast especially, market gardening has been seriously disrupted by the removal of Jap gardeners, hence the family that stores its own vegetables will be far more certain of having a fresh supply through the winter than those who depend on the market.

One of the first essentials in successful storage is to choose only sound vegetables that are free from serious blemishes or injuries and then to handle them carefully while they are being placed in storage, says Professor Bouquet. The leaflet, which may be had free at any extension office, de-

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