

What's New?

A Weew of the War

War Production Chairman Nelson announced the War Production Board is rerating every project in the war program to secure the "maximum impact on the enemy now." Combat planes, particularly bombers, are at the top of the new list, Mr. Nelson said.

Chairman Nelson reported the U. S. is now producing munitions three and a half times the rate in November 1941, the month before Pearl Harbor. July production, he said, was 16 per cent above June production, but 7 per cent short of production forecasts made at the beginning of July.

The War Front

Gen. MacArthur's headquarters in Australia reported Allied fighter pilots using new battle tactics shot down at least 13 Japanese planes, and probably 15 or more out of an enemy fleet of 47 which attacked Darwin. No Allied planes were lost. The Navy reported the Marines held on at least three of the Solomon Islands is now well established. When 700 Japanese counter-attacked on one of the Islands 670 were killed and the other 30 taken prisoners, Pacific Fleet Commander Nimitz reported. The Marine losses were 28 killed and 72 wounded. Admiral Nimitz also announced a force of Marines made a successful landing on Makin Island, killed 80 Japanese, wrecked various installations and then withdrew.

U. S. Army headquarters, European theater, announced arrival in Britain with the largest U. S. convoy of the war, with more men and material for the American air forces which had already begun precision bombing by daylight of Nazi-occupied Europe. U. S. flying fortresses bombed the Nazi transportation system at Amiens and Abbeville. In a battle over the North Sea, four flying fortresses shot down three German fighters and damaged nine others, while all the U. S. planes returned safely. A U. S. Ranger battalion joined with Canadian and British forces in a nine-hour raid on Dieppe, France. The Navy reported U. S. submarines operating in the Aleutians and in the Far East sank a cruiser or destroyer and damaged a destroyer, sank two cargo ships and a transport, and damaged another cargo ship. The torpedoing of seven more United Nations merchantmen by enemy submarines was announced.

Foreign Relations

President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hull sent messages of solidarity to Brazil as that country became the first South American nation to declare war on Germany and Italy. The President said Wendell L. Willkie will tour Europe and the Near East as his special representative in order to correct the impression in those places that U. S. production is not all it should be. Mr. Willkie will carry messages from the President to foreign leaders, including Premier Stalin. The President issued a statement that the perpetrators of "barbaric" acts in occupied countries "will have to stand in the courts of law" in the same countries in which barbarism now rages, and answer in those courts for their crimes.

Army and Navy

The War Department said it will inaugurate this fall a voluntary pre-induction training program utilizing existing facilities of schools and colleges to meet present and future needs for properly trained personnel in the armed forces. Out of every 100 men inducted into the Army, about 63 are assigned to duties requiring specialized training, the Department said. The Army said it is organizing and training port battalions (composed mostly of former stevedores) for duty overseas to insure prompt handling of U. S. military equipment for forces stationed throughout the world. The Department said checks in payment of allowances to dependents of enlisted men of the Army, covering the first application to be approved, will go out shortly after September 1.

Selective Service

Selective Service Director Hershey said draft boards will begin calling men with dependents before Christmas. He said single men with "secondary" dependents, such as aged or crippled relatives, will be called first; married men whose wives work, next; then men with dependent wives; and finally men who have wives and children. He said the reservoir of 1-A men throughout the country is "practically exhausted." Selective Service headquarters said class 1-B (men fit for limited military service only) will be eliminated, and beginning September 1, all registrants who are not totally disqualified will be reclassified in 1-A, while those not suited for any military service will be placed in 4-F.

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SCHOOL OPENING PLANS GIVEN BY SUPERINTENDENT

TEACHERS SIGN ON DOTTED LINE

The Hermiston Public Schools will open Tuesday, September 8. Tuesday will be devoted largely to registration. Buses will arrive at the usual time, but will leave the school building promptly at 1:00 p. m. on the opening day. Due to the large number of registrants it is doubtful whether registration can be completed by noon, therefore it was decided to have buses leave at 1:00 p. m. on the first day. After that buses will leave promptly at 4:00 p. m.

The Hermiston schools have engaged a full staff of teachers, but it may be necessary to add several more to the list if registration is large. If such additions are necessary they will be made as soon as possible, certainly within a week. It is strongly urged that all prospective students register on the eighth, even if it is then necessary to stay out of school for a time. It is almost certain that the school will be crowded. Arrangements will be made to take care of students, but time will be saved by prompt registration.

The elementary school faculty includes: L. S. Burrell, principal and junior high school; Laura C. Morris, junior high school; Rema Fleener, junior high school; Alma Greaves, junior high school; Irma Schilling, intermediate; Mary M. Thompson, intermediate; Blanch Harmon, primary; Mary Petri, primary; Enid De Lany, primary; Mary O'Rourke, primary.

The high school faculty includes: Lavina May Lynch, assistant principal, English and physical education; Lee Weber, shop and physical education; Constance Luehrs, social science; Ethel Clark, English; Audrey Hall, science; Helen Thomas, commerce; Wanda Bracher, study hall; Clara Burrell, cafeteria; and Claudine Hale, secretary.

G. C. Humphreys is music supervisor in charge of instrumental music in both grade and high school. W. G. Kersbergen is superintendent of both the elementary and high schools.

There are certain fees in both grade and high school. In grade school no texts are furnished. The associated students rent text books, and a student body association fee is charged. This last entitles the holder to participate in student activities and attend student games and programs.

CLINIC PROVES POPULAR HERE

The immunization clinic for preschool children, held Thursday at the U. S. O. building, proved popular with many in this territory. The clinic was held under the direction of Dr. R. H. Wilcox, county health officer, who vaccinated two for small pox and gave diphtheria toxoid to 46 children.

Assisting the county health nurses, Misses Lucile Lukens and Ethel Bruce, were Mrs. George Harkenrider and Mrs. A. H. Norton. There will be a similar clinic held six weeks from now at which time the second injection of diphtheria toxoid will be given as well as vaccination against smallpox.

JENDRZEJEWSKI NOW LIEUTENANT

Bernard J. Jendrzejewski, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Jendrzejewski of the Columbia district, received his silver wings at the graduation exercises at the Victorville Army Flying School today, August 27. Bernard is now rated as a Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps.

Lt. Jendrzejewski was in the class of 42-H twin engine pilots and apparently is making progress in his endeavor.

ONE-WAY SIGN AT CITY JAIL

Passersby at the Hermiston city jail have wondered about the one-way highway sign leaning against the front of the building. They have been asking Chief of Police B. J. Nation what he does with his prisoners once he gets them within the jail.

Others are suggesting that Mr. Nation add still another sign—possibly a Dead End warning.

HOME DEFENSE GROUPS TO MEET WEDNESDAY

Sam Moore, Hermiston home defense coordinator, has scheduled next Wednesday, September 2, for a meeting of all air raid and fire wardens, all their assistants, first aid workers, home nurses and others who are taking part in the home defense activities. The meeting will be held at the U.S.O. building beginning at 7:30 p. m.

Details of the organization will be planned and arm bands and other official insignia will be issued, according to Mr. Moore.

Organization of the home defense groups was accomplished some months ago and work of the organization has been underway since that time. Each house in town has been listed with the number of occupants and other vital information.

CITY RECORDER ISSUES REPORT

On Page Two of this week's issue of the Herald will be found a report of City Recorder Chas. Taylor for the period January 1 to June 30, 1942. The major item of importance in the entire report can be found near the bottom where the line, "The city had no indebtedness June 30, 1942" is of considerable interest.

The report shows a balance of \$10,885.70 in the general fund, but according to Mr. Taylor this has been materially reduced since that time. Among major items of importance which have drawn heavily from the fund include almost \$2000 for the city park, and the purchase of a city grader for \$600.00.

CO-OP SQUAD IS LEAGUE WINNER

Due to the absence of Paul Bracher, official league scorer, the final standings of the Columbia softball league are not available. However, one thing is certain. The Co-op team wins the league honors. The Co-ops won the first half and also the second, so no playoff will be held.

It is possible that several post-league tilts may be scheduled but the league officially ended Wednesday night.

ORDNANCE DEPOT ISSUES CALL FOR MORE LABORERS

Workers are urgently needed at the Umatilla Ordnance Depot at Hermiston. Qualified men will be given appointments as classified laborers at \$5.92 per day. Overtime is paid at the rate of time and one-half for all hours in excess of forty in any one week. Earnings average \$200 a month for those working a seven-day week and \$160 a month for those who work six days a week.

Mess halls and barracks are provided for single men. Rooms in the barracks cost twenty-five cents a night, and meals average fifty cents each.

To be qualified, applicants must be American citizens over eighteen years of age, weighing over 130 pounds and free from serious physical disabilities. Appointments are for the duration of the war and six months thereafter. The work is steady, with no layoffs or shutdowns.

Heads Schools Again



Pictured above is Superintendent W. G. Kersbergen who will again head the Hermiston school system. He announces that his teaching personnel is fully signed.

TERTELING SETS NEW HIGH RECORD

Apparently J. A. Terteling & Sons have not forgotten what they learned here as they set a new igloo pouring record at Edgemont, South Dakota, this week when the crews poured 36 igloos in a 24-hour period. The high mark at the Umatilla Ordnance Depot was 24 during the same period.

According to news received here the igloo pouring job in Edgemont should be completed some time in September.

MILK DELIVERY TO STOP HERE

House to house milk delivery will cease in Hermiston after August 31. Both the Hermiston Dairy and Happy Thot Jersey Farm have served notice to their customers that hereafter they will have to get their milk at the stores as house to house delivery will stop due to the tire difficulty. It is understood, however, that milk deliveries to stores and boarding houses will continue as heretofore.

Stores will carry a big supply of milk in order that all customers will be able to obtain it there. Stores will be allowed to make milk deliveries with a grocery order but will not deliver milk only.

CHRISTMAS MAIL RULINGS GIVEN

Postmaster W. E. Logan has received instructions for the mailing of Christmas packages to boys in the armed forces outside the United States. All Christmas parcels and cards should be mailed during the period beginning October 1 and ending November 1, the earlier the better. The early date is necessary in order that packages might reach their destination by Christmas.

Parcels should not exceed the present limits of 11 pounds in weight or 18 inches in length. However, the postal authorities urge that sender limit their packages to an ordinary shoe box size and not go much over six pounds in weight.

More information in regards to the mailing of Christmas packages will be published at an early date.

AMBULANCERS MAKE REQUEST FOR MATERIAL

Members of the Hermiston Ambulance Corps have asked for a donation of material that can be used for bandages. Old sheets and other cloth which can be washed and cleaned makes suitable bandages when torn into strips. Anyone having this type of material on hand should get in touch with the U.S.O. girls or telephone 2402, Claudine Hale.

The ambulance girls are now in the midst of a first aid course studying the art of caring for injured persons. All the members are now bedecked with the official uniforms making quite a pleasant sight.

With the arrival of the new ambulance, the activities of this group will be much in demand.

LABOR DAY TO BE CELEBRATED

Plans are being made for a Labor Day celebration in Hermiston, built around the theme of the sale of bonds and stamps. Work at the ordnance depot will cease for the day, affording laborers a day of rest and relaxation and the opportunity to spend the time on an old time picnic at the Hermiston park.

According to Roy White, committee chairman, the celebration will be open to the public and all citizens are urgently requested to take part. A request is being made for musicians and other entertainers to perform on the program. Anyone knowing of such talent should get in touch with Mr. White. Details of the program will be printed next week.

BILL FELTHOUSE IS NOW ENSIGN

Bill Felthouse, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Felthouse of Hermiston, leaves tonight for Cornell university where he will undergo training with the U. S. Navy. Bill is an Ensign under the D.V.P. classification and must report September 1 at the Cornell training station.

Mr. Felthouse will leave his family in Walla Walla for the time being but they may join him when he is assigned to a definite base. He was in Hermiston visiting at the home of his parents Wednesday.

GERALD WHITE IN TRAINING

Recent word from Gerald White is to the effect that he is now at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and is enrolled in the Engineer Replacement Training Center. He will undergo intensive training in preparation for combat engineer duty. Mr. White has been rural mail carrier here for several years, his route now being taken by his wife, Mrs. Audra White.

Training will include basic subjects like close and extended order drill, manual of arms, rifle marksmanship and combat principles as well as the functions of military engineering. Soldiers go from this point to tactical units or to special training or officer candidate schools.

NEW STOP SIGN AT RAILROAD

Governor Sprague's new law of making a stop street of several railroad crossings in the state took effect in Hermiston Wednesday when state highway workers installed a stop sign at the crossing near the depot, at the intersection of Gladys avenue and highway 30.

Although the sign is new, motorists are doing right well in observing the warning.

GARDEN CLUB TO MEET THURSDAY

The Hermiston Garden club will hold its regular monthly meeting Thursday, September 3, at 2:30 p. m. at the U. S. O. building. Everyone interested in flowers and gardening is cordially invited to please attend these meetings. On interesting topic of the afternoon will be starting shrubs, etc. from cuttings and slips, by Mrs. Lester Carson. Round table discussions will also be in order.

You "Mum" growers! Have you debudded your plants faithfully this summer so you will have beautiful large blooms? The plants should be staked and tied up solidly as these hard winds we are having will snap them off close to the ground.

PROJECT FARMER MISSING AFTER WEEK OF SEARCH

NO TRACE FOUND OF ELDERLY MAN

A. M. Brock, who lived on the Stanfield project 2 1/2 miles south of Cold Springs reservoir, disappeared from his ranch home last Thursday, August 20. He wore his work clothes and gave no warning of his leaving. Mr. Brock was regarded highly and his disappearance is a source of great anxiety to his family and neighbors.

He is 69 years of age and had recently been in more or less failing health. He was tracked to near Hermiston but otherwise no trace was left. He had planned to go to Oklahoma to visit a son some time in September, according to H. J. Stillings, a neighbor.

State and local police have been working on the case but to date have found no definite clue.

STANFIELD ASKS FOR ACCESS ROAD

Stanfield petitions, bearing 241 signatures, have been filed with the Umatilla county court and with the state highway commission, asking for construction of an access road—about a mile in length—to connect the new Stanfield-Boardman cutoff and also hook up with the present U. S. highway 30, it was reported Wednesday by County Judge Carl W. Chambers. A major portion of the petition signers were employees of the ordnance depot.

It was pointed out that Hermiston has an excellent access road, Umatilla has a fair one, and Echo will have a good access road when the Stanfield-Boardman construction is completed. The court has taken the petition under advisement.

FALL WEATHER IN APPEARANCE

The past week has seen a decided change in the weather, beginning with 104 maximum on August 19 and dropping to 79 a week later. The change has proven a decided relief to workers on the farm and at the ordnance depot. The wind was quite cool all day Wednesday.

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

| Date | Max. | Min. |
|-----------|------|------|
| August 19 | 104 | 55 |
| August 20 | 100 | 70 |
| August 21 | 92 | 62 |
| August 22 | 96 | 55 |
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| August 24 | 90 | 59 |
| August 25 | 79 | 55 |

FARM LADIES AID RED CROSS

At the last meeting of the Farm Bureau auxiliary Friday, August 21, the ladies spent the program hour cutting out the night gowns which are being made for the Red Cross emergency chest. The group also voted to donate \$10.00 towards the supplies of the chest. Everyone is welcome to the use of these supplies in case of emergency.

Refreshments of cookies and punch were served by Mrs. Edith Cable and Mrs. Mabel Reid.

The next meeting will be held Friday, September 4. Hereafter the schedule of the first and third Friday of each month will be observed.

DITCH DIGGER HAS BREAKDOWN

Like the One Hoss Shay, the DeBlasio ditch digger fell all apart late last week and it was several days before the machine was back in action. Although these delays are hampering full speed ahead, Mr. DeBlasio and his boys are not losing courage with the construction of the Hermiston sewer and water improvement system.

Townsend Pavilion Closed Now

According to Mrs. Joe Uday, the Townsend pavilion east of town has been closed for the past two weeks due to the inability to obtain an orchestra. However, arrangements will be completed soon and the Saturday night dances will be continued.

Until this announcement is made, however, there will be no dances at the hall.

Community Ambulance Here



Pictured above from left to right is Mrs. Bob Russell and Miss Claudine Hale, officers of the Hermiston Ambulance Corps, and Sam Moore, American Legion. Forming the background is the new community ambulance which was purchased with funds donated by various organizations and individuals here. The machine will be used in west end Umatilla county whenever the occasion arises. —Photo by Gale Felthouse