

What's New?

A Week of the War

Gen. MacArthur's Australian headquarters reported September 21 that Australian troops have cleaned out the entire Milne Bay area at the southeastern tip of New Guinea, thus consolidating the biggest Japanese defeat of the war in the Australian zone. Despite heavy fighting in the Owen Stanley mountains pass where the Japanese have thrust forward to within 32 air miles of the Allied base at Port Moresby, Gen. MacArthur's bombers and fighters have made heavy raids on Japanese troops and on key enemy bases in the northeast Australian zone in a continuing offensive.

A strong Japanese Naval force, including battleships and cruisers, was attacked by Army bombers northeast of Tulagi, with possible hits on two battleships, the Navy reported September 19. After the attack, the Jap Fleet turned and fled northward, U. S. Marines continued to hold their positions in the Solomons despite constant air attacks from the enemy and successful landings of small numbers of enemy troops and supplies. U. S. planes destroyed 41 more enemy planes in the Solomons fighting. Army planes in several raids on Japanese-held Kiska in the Aleutians destroyed many installations and inflicted the following damage—two minesweepers sunk, six ships damaged, 500 troops killed, seven large and small planes destroyed. Two U. S. planes were lost in a collision.

Army headquarters in London announced a force of American parachute troops have been in Britain some time undergoing intensive training. Commander in Chief of the Pacific Fleet Nimitz said the December 7 damage to Pearl Harbor has been repaired "far beyond expectations." The Navy announced the aircraft carrier Yorktown was sunk June 7 after it climaxed 104 days of continuous battle cruising by locating the last of the four Japanese carriers which attacked Midway. News of the Yorktown's sinking was withheld, the Navy said, because the enemy possibly was not aware of it. The Navy also announced three more United Nations' merchant ships were sunk by enemy subs in August.

Rationing and Rubber Situation
"Three-fourths of the nation faces the prospect of uncomfortably cold homes this winter," Price Administrator Henderson said in announcing coupon rationing of fuel oil which will reduce consumption by 25 per cent. Machinery for the program will be set up by October 15. The area affected includes the 17 eastern states and the District of Columbia, where gasoline rationing is already in effect, as well as Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Kentucky.

The Office of Price Administration said apartment houses and commercial, industrial and institutional establishments able to convert oil burning furnaces to coal, but which refuse to do so, will be denied fuel oil rations. Only hospitals, where such a move would present serious health hazards, will be excepted. Special provisions will be made in the rationing program for sections of the country with "unusual" climate. The OPA said consumers in the rationed area may fill their tanks up to 275 gallons between now and September 30.

Labor Supply

War Manpower Chairman McNutt said he considers adoption of National Service legislation inevitable in order to place talents where they will best serve the war effort. The mere existence of power to force an individual to serve where he is most useful is probably all that will be necessary, he said. Labor shortages are becoming more acute and now exist in 35 centers of war production, he reported. Selective Service Director Hershey said that to keep production going and at the same time furnish men for the armed forces, industry should establish now an orderly replacement program.

The WPA and the U. S. Employment Service set up a system whereby capable, certified persons on WPA rolls will be directed to jobs in industry and agriculture as needed. Approximately 850,000 persons were employed or awaiting assignment to WPA projects July 1—20 per cent of the total active file of the employment service.

Farm Prices

Price Administrator Henderson said if farm prices are allowed to rise under existing price regulations the cost of food to the American people will be increased by two billion dollars in the remainder of this year. Agriculture Secretary Wickard said cash farm income this year will give the farmers a per capita income 33 per cent greater than they received on an average in 1909-14—in large part due to greater per capita production.

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FARM IMPLEMENTS TO BE RATIONED BY WAR BOARD

FARMERS URGED TO COOPERATE

The Umatilla county USDA war board announced yesterday that the new farm machinery rationing program will be in operation in this county within a few days.

Rationing will be handled by a county rationing committee composed of the county AAA chairman and two farmers appointed by the county war board. Two alternates will also be named.

The program was placed into effect by the U. S. Department of Agriculture order of September 17 temporarily freezing all farm machinery in the hands of dealers. Administration of the rationing program was delegated by the War Production Board and the Office of Price Administration to the Department of Agriculture.

A. R. Coppock, chairman of the county war board, described rationing as the only method of insuring fair distribution of available equipment and its placement where it will do the most good in wartime farming production.

"Farmers will not be surprised at machinery rationing," Mr. Coppock said. "The appeals they have received to comb their farms for scrap iron has convinced most of them that critical metals are terribly short, and that every ounce of steel that goes into a new farm tractor must be taken from a new tank or gun."

Farm machinery in one classification (Group 4) which is scarce and especially needed to meet current agricultural needs, may be sold only (Continued on Last Page)

AUTOMOBILE AND BUS COLLIDE

An accident which might have been more serious occurred Wednesday morning when a school bus loaded with students and operated by Ray Shaw, collided with an automobile driven by Ervin Schockman, ordinance worker. Although the two machines met with considerable impact no one was injured.

The mishap occurred when Schockman failed to see the bus in time while traveling north at Rohman's corner. The bus was going east and was about to leave the intersection when the other machine struck it on the right side.

RIVER ACTIVITY PLANNED SOON

Application has been made to the War Department, Office of the District Engineer, by the Chetopa Apartments, Inc., of Seaside, Oregon, for a permit to construct dolphins in the Columbia River, in section 8, township 5 north, range 28 east, Willamette meridian, near Umatilla.

The proposed work will consist of four dolphins spaced 300 feet apart to be constructed from 100 to 200 feet channel-ward of the mean high water shore line with top elevations approximately 21 feet above low water.

ORDNANCE BUS HAS NEW FARE

Roy Duncan, operator of the bus between Stanfield, Hermiston and the U.O.D., this week announced that hereafter a charge of 25c will be made on each trip although no change will be made in the weekly tickets.

Heretofore a 25c fare was good for both ways but due to the many mixups involved the new ruling has been made.

SMITH RESIGNS FROM POLICE

Leland Smith, who for the past four months has been connected with the Hermiston police force as night officer, this week handed in his resignation effective Thursday night, September 24. Mr. Smith has not announced his future plans but expects to go to work for a railroad company immediately.

Ray Parsons, who has been working as extra policeman for the past few weeks, will continue on the force as a regular member.

FOUR-H SHOW TO FEATURE FINEST FAT BEEF STOCK

One of the highlights of the Four-H fair, scheduled for today and Friday at the Hermiston fairgrounds, will be a fine display of fat young beef. According to Gene Lear, assistant county agent, this element will not be found in any other fair in this region this year. Approximately 50 head of dairy cattle and 20 beef animals are listed among the entries.

The garden and produce division is somewhat slim this year although several entries are expected. The Home Economics division will bring out some excellent work of the 4-H girls.

The fair parade will form at the high school at 12:30 under the direction of Guy Shaw. The high school band, under the direction of G. C. Humphreys, will lead, followed by various other features. The Kennewick-Hermiston football game in the afternoon will highlight the entertainment.

There will be no school in the afternoon but the buses will run on regular schedule, according to Supt. W. G. Kersbergen.

TWO AUCTION SALES PLANNED

Two more auction sales are planned for next week, making a total of five sales held in this vicinity in recent weeks. Scheduled for Wednesday, September 30, is an auction sale at the Fred H. Rieks farm one mile east of Irrigon. He is featuring registered Jersey cattle, a 37-A farm and many other items.

Thursday, October 1, W. H. White is selling at auction all his livestock and farm machinery at his place seven miles southwest of Hermiston and one mile south of the Westland school. Included in the sale will be about 900 turkeys, 14 head of milk cows, several head of heifers, and many other stock animals.

Fine crowds are attending these sales with much spirited bidding.

PAUL BRACHER NAMED CHIEF

Due to the fact that B. A. Doyle has moved away, Paul Bracher, assistant chief, has been promoted to the higher post until the first of the year. Mr. Bracher has had many years of experience on the fire department and comes well qualified for the post. Art Beasley has been named assistant fire chief.

Orders have been issued by the fire department that no bon fires will be allowed after dark until further notice. The ruling put quite a damper on a gigantic night rally planned by the high school prior to the Hermiston-Kennewick football game Friday.

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

Barbed wire used by Uncle Sam's fighting forces is vastly different from that used on American farms. Army and Marine barbed wire is much heavier and the barbs, about three inches in length, are more vicious than ordinary barbed wire.



The Marine Corps pays fifty cents for each twelve yards, or 36 feet of this specially manufactured barbed wire. The Army and Marine Corps needs thousands upon thousands of feet for defensive warfare. Your purchase of War Bonds and Stamps will insure sufficient quantity for their needs. Invest at least ten percent of your wages in War Bonds every pay day.

U. S. Treasury Department

HUNTERS MOAN AT CLOSING OF FOREST AREA

The long sad faces of several of the male sex this week is due to the fact that Governor Sprague has closed the forests to hunting until the rains come. Due to the dire need of all forest products, no chances will be taken in starting fires in the woodlands by careless hunters.

Several of the local contingent had already packed "grub" baskets and made other necessary arrangements when the order was issued. Joe Reeves came all the way from Salem to be on hand the opening day only to run into the postponement.

It is expected that the order will be lifted as soon as some moisture falls in the mountains.

RETAIL CLERKS GET CHARTER

A charter for the Hermiston Retail Clerks union, Local 606, was received this week by Roy White, local union leader. Although the official paper is on hand the formal presentation will not be made until some later date when a program will be arranged.

Officers of the local were elected at a recent meeting.

Farm Auxiliary To Elect

The Farm Bureau auxiliary will hold an election of officers at the next meeting Friday, October 2, in the Columbia park hall. All members are urged to be present.

The ladies have been asked to make bandages for the Red Cross.

PASTORS PLAN FOR WEEK DAY BIBLE SCHOOL

The annual meeting of the West End Umatilla County Ministerial association was held Monday at the Hermiston Methodist church. Officers elected for the coming year include: President, Rev. S. E. Graves; secretary-treasurer, Rev. M. B. Ballinger, and publicity chairman, Dr. J. M. Cornelison of Stanfield.

Among the more important business transacted during the day included organization of a week day school of religion. Each town will form its own plan but the general practice to be followed will be the release of a school student for one period per week for Bible study under the auspices of the association.

The training is protestant, inter-church, aimed to provide the essentials of spiritual equipment for successful living. Further information concerning the plan will be printed as soon as final preparations have been made.

KENEWICK TILT PROMISES TO BE REAL THRILLER

All indications point to a red hot football contest Friday afternoon when the Kennewick squad invades the local field to clash with Lee Webber's high school Bulldogs. The Washington lads are reported to have a strong combination with several experienced men back in the lineup.

The Bulldogs are planning a new front of their own accord, not forgetting a 14-0 defeat suffered from Kennewick three years ago. The teams have not met since that time. The Bulldogs have been hard at work during the past few weeks in preparation for the opening game and are running through their plays like veterans.

Coach Webber announced the following starting lineup: Right end, Belt; right tackle, Drake; right guard, Elwood; center, Longhorn; left guard, Allen; left tackle, Attebury; left end, Pierson. Backfield men are at quarter, Davis; left half, Tiller; right half, Rugg; and fullback, Null. Although the squad was somewhat riddled by illness the middle of the week, it is thought all the boys will be on the firing line by Friday.

BOOKS OPEN FOR CITY ELECTION

Announcement has been made by City Recorder Charles Taylor that the recorder's books will be open for registration for the city election from September 28 to October 28. The city election will be held in conjunction with the state election on November 3, 1942.

SURVEY OF HOUSING PROBLEMS REVEALS MUCH NECESSITY

COLDER NIGHTS ISSUE WARNING

"Where do they all live", has been partly answered in this survey of the Hermiston vicinity and school district. Actual count was made of the housing facilities within the city limits and of the main camps adjacent and a reasonable estimate made of the farm districts within a four mile radius.

In addition to the 200 houses, tourist cabins and apartments in Hermiston built prior to September, 1940, there are 353 new housing units of lumber construction. Of these there are about 185 two, three or more room dwellings of permanent construction; 85 one-room cabins and 83 houses comprising Tertil town. In addition to these, there are about 50 apartment and living rooms reconstructed in former homes in town and about 100 housing units added on farms through remodeling of ranch homes and reconstruction and building of other structures. There are also numerous single rooms rented in the larger houses in town and country.

An estimate of the number of trailers and tent houses was made by counting the main camps and inquiry made of the number along the roads leading to Hermiston. These figures reveal about 250 trailers and 250 tent houses and tents.

The above data does not include the 130 trailers in the camp at Stanfield or any of the housing facilities in Stanfield, Echo, Umatilla, Irrigon or Boardman and the camping places between them. To make a complete survey would require 200 miles of driving and an accurate search because one sees small buildings, tents and trailers almost everywhere, near shade, electricity and roads.

The serious matter shown in this survey is lightly constructed board shacks, tents and small and poorly built trailers which can be heated with difficulty for the comfort and health of the occupants, particularly when children must be cared for.

These facts are borne out by the enrollment in the Hermiston schools, larger than last year, and in the increase in all the other schools in the vicinity. Also the sugar rationing report reveals nearly 11,000 people in this defense area.

Private capital is doing its utmost to meet the situation, but with cool nights heralding the approach of colder weather, the situation becomes more serious and difficult.

JAMES D. TODD NOW IN NAVY

James D. Todd, better known in Hermiston as Jim, is leaving Friday to report to the Portland navy office from where he expects to be transferred to Bremerton, Wash., for assignment. Jim has been Route One rural mail carrier here for many years and is an ardent golfer, taking part in a majority of the tournaments in this vicinity.

Mr. Todd has had three years of navy experience, having served in 1917, 1918 and 1919. He will receive the rating of 2nd Class Specialist and serve in the postal department. His family will remain in Hermiston for the time being.

CLASSES GIVEN FOR CATECHISM

Sister Mary Maurina and Sister Mary Rosetta, Catechists from Baker, are organizing catechism classes for Catholic children in Hermiston and its vicinity. Classes will begin Saturday, September 26, at 2:00 o'clock in the Catholic church.

The Sisters will meet all the children from grades one to eight at these classes on Saturday.

Radio Play Scheduled

U. S. O. officials wish to remind everyone that another children's play will be presented over Station KWRC Saturday morning at 11:15. The play is entitled "Aunt Letitia Prescribes" and those taking part are: Janet Sprouls, Lela Del Reeder, Mary Jean Wilson, Donna Moore, Rodney Middlesdorf, Ronny Loftquist, Larry Dyer, Earl Miller and Marvin Loftquist.



Commemorating the hundredth anniversary of the Old Oregon Trail and the historic meeting at Cham-pog in 1843, a windshield sticker showing an oxen-drawn prairie schooner against a background of typical Oregon scenery, will be issued motor-

ists who register their cars in Oregon for 1943. Secretary of State Earl Snell, left above, shows the design for the sticker to Philip H. Parish, chairman of the Old Oregon Trail Centennial commission. The state legislature provided for license

plates designed to advertise the centennial event, but due to war restrictions on steel, it was necessary to substitute windshield stickers for the usual steel license plates. Motorists will retain their 1942 plates for the year 1943.