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War Housing Fronts

October "Fortune" contains an extensive article on war housing throughout the United States. The magazine uses Mobile, Alabama, and Wichita, Kansas, as outstanding cases, and if the names and numbers were changed, the story would apply to Hermiston. The experiences here in dealing with the problem are the same as in all defense areas in the country except that this area has met the challenge far better than most of the districts.

Mobile had 115,000 population and now has 200,000. Wichita had 127,000 and now has 170,000. We had 800 and now have over 8000. The percentage of increase is not even comparable. According to "Fortune" thousands of workers quit because of lack of housing. Many commuted as far as 85 miles. Tents, trailers, and temporary shacks were numerous there and the sanitary conditions were far worse. Mobile is hot, has wet lands, poor drainage, frequent rains, some of torrential nature, mud and mosquitoes and disease. We have none of these except heat in summer and a few unsanitary places that the state has largely corrected. Whoever selected this area for defense projects acted wisely, or perhaps more wisely than they knew. Hermiston, alone, has responded with 150 per cent increase in housing, and the surrounding towns and country has met the requirements far beyond reasonable expectations.

All the defense areas have been handicapped by priority regulations, lack of materials, labor, and also assurances of reasonable degree of permanency. The general result has been much temporary building, high rentals, opportunity for racketeering, packed school quarters, and worse than all the drifting and shifting of workers. The tire and gas situation is now contributing to the further condensation of workers, and may become worse as commuting becomes next to impossible.

The final conclusion is suggested that families may have to remain at home, barracks built, and men drafted to work who must live away from their families for the duration. Unless Federal Housing authorities can iron out some of the difficulties there is more trouble ahead. Until heads of government are not content with tents, shacks, trailers, men taking three shifts in one bed, loss of workers, loss of morale in workers, and delay in construction (all over the nation) we must do our best to meet local conditions. This will be much less than we would do if given more power to meet the emergency.

THE PRESENT

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WAR CREATES PROBLEMS



Among the many unusual problems created by the war is that of keeping your insurance adjusted to changing conditions.

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STANFIELD NEWS

By Mrs. Rose Hedrick

The Stanfield Woman's Study club held their first meeting at the home of their president, Mrs. C. E. Fisk for a business session, and the guest speaker was Miss Margaret Achterman, the new recreational director at Stanfield.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dennis drove to Spokane Monday night to see Al Becker, youngest brother of Mrs. Dennis and who survived the sinking of the U. S. S. Wakefield recently. He was able to be at his mother's home, Mrs. Katharine Becker.

Mrs. Rosenberg and son Hank are visiting old friends in Lewiston, Idaho, this week.

The Harmony club met at the home of Mrs. Ellen Stillings on September 22 with Mrs. Bessie Stone as hostess presenting a program on Books. Some gave a report on their favorite and some recent ones were given. Mrs. Hada Shelton reviewed Rachel Field's book, "And Now Tomorrow." Great Britain's position in the present war was very well related. Don Blanding's book, "Vagabond House", a book of unusual poetry was recommended by Mrs. Agnes Herrick who wrote an original poem for each club meeting last year.

Jeff See, 74, who passed away at St. Anthony's hospital September 12, was buried in Stanfield cemetery with Rev. Cornelison of Pendleton conducting the services and E. Bombs in charge. He was born in Missouri and came to La Grande in 1910 and lived there many years, coming to Stanfield twenty years ago. One sister, Mrs. Perry Arthur, survives, and lives in the Columbia district.

The Woman's Study club were delightfully entertained at their first meeting this year at the home of their president, Mrs. Fisk. Thirteen attended and all sang their club song and America the Beautiful. Mrs. Sikes played and Mrs. Inez McCormick sang My Own America. The 31st anniversary was featured in the roll call and plans were made to make changes if necessary. Miss Margaret Achterman, area supervisor of the recreation project, addressed the club on the essentials of her work and the value derived in the association of people. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. M. Woodward and Melissa from Kalispell, Montana, are here to visit Mrs. Elinor Schutte, daughter of Mrs. Woodward, for a week.

Mrs. Kathryn Dennis, chairwoman for the Red Cross, announces that two night shirts have been finished and turned in, and workers are needed. Mrs. Schutte announces that Mrs. Hodgson, Mrs. N. A. Smelcer and Mrs. Peterson are knitting, and that yarn is here to supply 15 knitters. Some are making woolen skirts.

The primary room has enrolled 43 thus far, two dropped out, and four more new ones arrived this week. Their teacher, Mrs. Bessie Chapin, was seen cheerfully escorting the ones living at the trailer houses safely across the highway.

The freshmen are eagerly looking forward to Thursday and Friday for their initiation and party. Mrs. Sue Waid is their adviser.

Carolyn Smith, whose bike was stolen a week ago, now rides a fine new one.

Charles Michaels, cousin of Jack Michaels, is here from Colorado to visit the Michaels.

Mrs. Bill Clark and Mrs. Don Clark visited the Orion Warrens here this week en route to their Idaho home to get their daughters Ruth and Bernice and then will return the end of the week to their home in Tacoma where their father works in the shipyards.

The Ladies Aid will feature a dollar session October first, the beginning of the second half of their year's work. Each will report in 26 words or less how they earned their dollar since the last meeting. Mrs. Mike Reilly will be hostess. Everyone is urged to come and have a share in the fun.

The Harmony club met at the Herrick home Tuesday, September 29, with Mrs. Glen Seeley as reader of the late book, Respectfully Yours, Annie.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Duncan were business visitors in Pendleton on Tuesday.

Mrs. Frankie Lane, Mrs. C. C. Rhea, Mrs. Margaret Daughtrey and Miss Lenna Waid honored the latter on her birthday with a dinner at the Starkweather Cafe in Pendleton last Sunday.

Rev. J. M. Cornelison entertained the young people last Friday night with a watermelon feed. Rally day last Sunday brought out several but there's room for more.

PINE CITY NEWS

By Mrs. Bernice Wattenburger

(Too late for last week)

Mrs. A. E. Wattenburger returned home Monday evening from Pasco, Wash., where she spent the past week with her son Earl and family. She was under the doctor's care while in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Abercrombie and family spent Saturday in Pendleton.

Pine City club met Thursday for the first meeting this fall. Election of officers were held. Bernice Wattenburger was elected president; Agnes Abercrombie, vice president; and Faye Finch, secretary and treasurer. The next meeting is October 1. An all day meeting will be held with pot luck dinner at noon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bartholomew went to Celilo Saturday after fish. Her daughters, Lila Myers and Fay Finch canned 92 cans at the Hermiston cannery.

A large crowd from Alpine and Butter Creek surprised Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vogler III Friday evening with the cowbells, tin cans and car horns' noise for the newly weds. The evening was spent in playing cards and dancing.

Mrs. Reid Buseiek and son Johnny and Mrs. Leonard Barr of Long Creek spent Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wattenburger.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Neill of Heppner left Monday for Kemmerer, Wyo. to visit Mr. Neill's daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Elden Kinten and daughter. Mr. Neill was going to see his new granddaughter who is only about a month old.

Mrs. John Harrison and son Johnny of Eugene, Ore., who lived for some time on Butter Creek, are now making their home in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wattenburger and A. E. Wattenburger spent Monday in Pendleton on business.

Mrs. Katty Currin of Pilot Rock is cooking for the harvest men on the Turner place in Sand Hollow.

Frank McVitty, who entered the Heppner high school, quit Tuesday evening and entered Echo high school so that he is closer to home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Myers spent Friday in The Dalles on a business trip.

Miss Dorothy and Jean Wigglesworth of Echo spent the week end with the Wattenburger children while their parents spent the week end in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Ayers and Mr. and Mrs. Burl Wattenburger attended the dance in Lexington Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Marian Finch and daughter Patty were dinner guests at the E. B. Wattenburger home on Sunday evening. Later in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Abercrombie and family joined them.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wattenburger spent Sunday and Monday in Pasco.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Foley and Miss Marie Beebe visited Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wattenburger Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Moore and sons called Thursday evening at the E. B. Wattenburger home.

Pine City club ladies met Thursday for an all-day club meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Marian Finch spent Saturday evening in Heppner.

Bobby Schiller and Frank McVitty are driving from the Vey ranch to the Jarmon corner and meeting the school bus. They attend Echo high school.

Mrs. John Moore of Seattle, Wn., is visiting her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Moore.

Dr. and Mrs. Dale Rothwell of Pendleton and Mrs. John Moore of Seattle visited Sunday at the Russell Moore home.

METHODIST CHURCH

Malcolm B. Ballinger, Minister
Sunday, October 4, 10 a. m., Sunday School at Hermiston and Echo churches. 11 a. m., World-Wide Communion Sunday observance at the Hermiston church. Celebration of the sacrament of Holy Communion, reading of message to the church from Bishop Bruce R. Baxter, dedication of Service Banner and Service Roll of Honor, lifting of offering for the Fellowship of Suffering and Service. At the Echo church, special program sponsored by the Girls' League.



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3 p. m., Motion Pictures for Echo Methodist Youth Fellowship.
7 p. m., Initiation ceremony for

new members of Hermiston Methodist Youth Fellowship.
8 p. m., Motion Pictures for Young Adult Fellowship at Hermiston.

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