

What's New?

A Week of the War

Following passage by Congress of the second price control act, President Roosevelt ordered ceilings placed over wages, salaries, profits, farm prices and rents, and appointed Supreme Court Justice James F. Byrnes as director of economic stabilization with the job of developing a national economic policy.

Justice Byrnes resigned from the court to accept the new position. He will have authority over all government agencies in the economic field and will be assisted by a fourteen-man economic stabilization board composed of eight agency heads and six private citizens.

Maximum Prices and Rents

Immediately following the President's executive order, Price Administrator Henderson imposed emergency 60-day price ceilings on virtually all exempt food items, bringing 90 per cent of the family food budget under rigid control. Previously only 60 per cent was controlled. Under control for the first time are butter, cheese, evaporated and condensed milk, eggs, poultry, flour, dry onions, potatoes, fresh and canned fruits and juices, dry edible beans, cornmeal and mutton. Food retailers, wholesalers, manufacturers and processors are affected. Each dealer's price is frozen at the highest level he charged in the five days September 28 to October 2, inclusive. The permanent ceilings later may entail some price reductions, Mr. Henderson said.

Administrator Henderson also completed new orders freezing all uncontrolled urban and rural rents at levels of last March 1. He announced the Office of Price Administration would demand existing regulations to prevent eviction of tenants resulting from sales of rental property, a practice which he said in many cases has become a device to avoid the effect of rent control. Previously rent control was limited to approximately 400 designated defense rental areas.

Stabilization of Wages

The President's order had the effect of freezing all wage rates for the time being until the National War Labor Board has a chance to act in individual cases. Wage rates may not be changed—up or down—without the approval of the NWLB. The Board may adjust wages "to correct maladjustments or inequalities, to eliminate standards of living, to correct gross inequities, or to aid in the effective prosecution of the war."

Salaries in excess of \$5,000 a year may not be increased without the approval of stabilization Director Byrnes unless an individual has been assigned to more difficult or more responsible work. Director Byrnes was given power to place a \$25,000 limit on salaries after taxes but with due allowance for life insurance premiums and fixed obligations previously incurred.

Farm Prices and Production

Mr. Roosevelt ordered prices of raw and processed agricultural commodities "stabilized, so far as practicable," at September 15 levels and in conformity with the standards laid down in the new law. The new price control law provides farm price ceilings cannot be set below parity or below the highest market level between January 1 and September 15, 1942, whichever is higher. If such ceilings are too low to reflect increases in farm labor and other costs since January 1, 1841, the President is directed to raise them.

War Production and Small Businesses

Following an 8,754-mile two-weeks tour of the nation—kept secret as a special wartime safeguard—President Roosevelt said the war production program is going, on the whole, extremely well, allowing for a normal small percentage of lag in a program made a bit higher than human ingenuity could carry out. He said he thought the production program would be achieved to the extent of 94 or 95 per cent of the goals outlined by him last January. The President said the war spirit he found in all parts of the country was in excess of the war spirit in Washington, and the people of the country are ready to sacrifice for the war effort to a greater extent than any steps yet proposed in Washington.

Army and Selective Service

The War Department opened an intensified campaign to recruit 18 and 19-year-old volunteers for the army. They may now volunteer for the Quartermaster Corps, Ordnance Department, Chemical Warfare Service, Medical Department and the Corps of Military Police.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF R.E.A. SET FOR SATURDAY, OCT. 10

PROGRESS SEEN IN ACTIVITIES

The annual meeting of the Umatilla Electric Cooperative association will be held at the Hermiston high school auditorium at 2:00 p. m. Saturday, October 10. Election of a board of directors, discussing of the past year's business and plans for future cooperation in the war effort will be on the program, according to R. L. Woolley, manager.

Reviewing the cooperative's progress since the last annual meeting, Mr. Woolley said that 759 consumers are receiving service today as compared with 719 last year. The cooperative operates 265 miles of line in this vicinity. He expressed the hope that the great majority of the members will attend the meeting. Neighbors can "double up" and drive in together in order to conserve tires and gasoline.

Scores of farmers in the territory served by the cooperative are able to produce more and better food with less labor because they have the aid of electrical devices. Dairy and poultry farmers particularly have taken advantage of power and many have improved their farms with electrical equipment while it was still available.

Materials shortages have made it difficult for some farmers to obtain needed equipment, according to Mr. Woolley. Many have improvised, however, building their own devices with scrap parts or with material on hand or still purchasable in local stores.

A representative of the Bonneville power administration will be present at the meeting Saturday to show a film, "Hydro."

VETERANS PLAN SPECIAL MEET

Sam Moore, Legion commander, is informing veterans of World War No. 1 of an all out, open house meeting for Thursday evening, October 15, at 8:00 o'clock. A special committee of Post No. 37 is busy working out details of the meeting.

All world war veterans are invited an urged to attend whether or not they are Legonnaires. Refreshments will be served during the evening. Commander Moore promises a good time for everyone.

LOCAL PLATOON PART OF PARADE

The Hermiston platoon of the Oregon Women's ambulance corps paraded in Pendleton Friday night, October 2. The parade was the preliminary ceremony before Umatilla county was presented with a free ambulance which both platoons of Hermiston and Pendleton helped to buy. The parade also consisted of the Pendleton high school band, the ambulance, the Pendleton state guards and the Pendleton platoon of ambulance corps.

Thursday evening, October 1, at the Pendleton hotel, Col. Schmeer, head of the Oregon Women's ambulance corps, was the guest speaker at a banquet given by the Pendleton and Hermiston ambulance corps. Other guests included the heads of civilian defense of Hermiston and Pendleton.

The Hermiston platoon is finishing a course in standard first aid and a class in war gases. The next course to be taken is advanced first aid.

WEATHER IDEAL AS WINTER NEARS

The past few weeks has seen almost ideal weather with the nights comparatively cool but the sun shining brightly during the day. Leaves are beginning to fall with regularity, indicating that the winter months are approaching. Due to many previous warnings, citizens are "laying in" a supply of fuel in order to prevent congestion this winter.

The report for the past week, according to Charles Taylor, weather man, follows:

Date	Max.	Min.
October 1	74	52
October 2	72	43
October 3	75	49
October 4	77	44
October 5	82	43
October 6	82	43



MAIL SOLDIERS' XMAS GIFTS BEFORE NOVEMBER 1.

READ THE RULES—The following rules, issued by the Postoffice Department in cooperation with the Army Postal Service of the War Department, apply to the mailing of Christmas parcels for members of our Armed Forces serving outside the continental limits of the United States.

TIME OF MAILING—Christmas parcels and greeting cards should be mailed during the period beginning October 1 and ending November 1, 1942, the earlier the better. Each package should be endorsed "Christmas Parcel." Special effort will be made for delivery in time for Christmas.

SIZE AND WEIGHT—Christmas parcels shall not exceed 11 pounds in weight, or 18 inches in length or 42 inches in length and girth combined. However, the public has been urged to cooperate by voluntarily restricting parcels to the size of an ordinary shoe box and the weight to six pounds.

USE CARE IN PREPARATION—Remembering the great distance this mail will be transported and the necessary storage and frequent handling, it is absolutely necessary that articles be packed in substantial boxes or containers and be covered with wrappings of sufficient strength to resist pressure of other mail. Each parcel is subject to censorship and delay may be minimized by securing covering to permit ready inspection of contents.

PROHIBITED MATTER—Intoxicants, inflammable materials, poisons or compositions likely to damage mails are unmailable. No perishable matter should be included in parcels.

HOW TO ADDRESS PARCELS—Addresses must be legible. Parcels addressed to overseas Army personnel should show in addition to the full name and address of the sender, the name rank, Army serial number, branch of service, organization, A.P.O. number of the addressee and the postoffice through which parcels are to be routed. Units located within the continental United States may be addressed direct using name, rank, organization and location.

POSTAGE MUST BE FULLY PREPAID—The rate on parcels of fourth-class matter (exceeding eight ounces) being the zone rate applicable from the postoffice where mailed to the postoffice in the care of which parcels are addressed.

GREETING MESSAGES PERMISSIBLE—Inscriptions such as "Merry Christmas", "Don't open until Christmas" and the like may be placed on the covering of the parcel if it does not interfere with the address. Cards may be enclosed and books may bear a simple dedicatory inscription.

INSURANCE AND REGISTRY—Gifts of value should be insured. Articles of small size and considerable value should be sealed and sent as first-class registered mail.

MONEY ORDERS—The Army Postal Service recommends use of postal money orders to transmit gifts of money to members of Armed Forces outside the United States. These are cashed at A.P.O. in local foreign currency at rate of exchange on date of presentation.

CHURCH PARTY OFFERS MUSIC

A group of singers from the Seventh Day Adventist church presented a religious program on main street Wednesday evening. The group was raising money for the needy and sick. A majority of the singers were from College Place in Walla Walla. The group was made up of mostly young people.

Meeting Date Changed

Mrs. A. R. Blinston, H.E.C. chairman of the Columbia grange, wishes to announce that the next meeting of the H.E.C. will be held at the home of Mrs. Henry Ott on October 16 instead of on the 9th as previously announced. All members are urged to be there and all those having Red Cross sewing out are urged to return it.

FARM AUXILIARY ELECTS OFFICERS

At the last meeting of the Farm Bureau Auxiliary, an election of officers was held with the following named: President, Mrs. Minnie Ott; vice president, Mrs. Mary Harr, and secretary, Mrs. Emma Upham. Members of the executive committee are Mrs. Margaret Blahn and Mrs. Emma Hutchison.

The next meeting will be held October 16 at the Columbia park hall.

Bakery Building Sold

Sam Moore and John Henry Nye, owners of the M & N Bakery, this week sold their building between the Morgan building and Hermiston Food store to Mrs. Wm. Clark. Mrs. Clark has not announced her plans for the location. The ground belongs to F. B. Swayze of the First National Bank.

BULLDOGS TAKE ON UNION HIGH HERE FRIDAY

Coach Lee Weber and his undefeated Bulldogs will tangle with a fast Union high school team on the local field Friday afternoon. The visitors are reported as having another "giant killer" aggregation, much resembling the squad that defeated La Grande last year. The Bulldogs are in for a real afternoon's work.

The probable starting lineup Friday will be: Right end, Belt; right tackle, Drake; right guard, Elwood; center, Longhirm; left guard, Allen; left tackle, Kennison, and left end, Pierson. Davis will start at quarter, Williams and Rugg at the half posts, and Null at fullback. Al Buell will see certain action at the latter spot.

Others who will get into the fray as the occasion demands are Alford at end, Matott, Mullin, Johnson and Todd at guard. Out for the contest are Lowell Tiller with an injured arm. Attebury and Rodgers who are attending the Pacific International in Portland.

HIGH RATING ON SEWER RECEIVED

A wire was received here this week from Mayor F. C. McKenzie that the city of Hermiston has been granted an A-1 rating for critical materials needed for the completion of the sewer system now under construction. Some fear had been felt by city officials that it would be impossible to obtain sufficient materials for the construction of a disposal plant and pumping stations.

Mayor and Mrs. McKenzie, who are making an extended visit in the east, are now in Washington where Mr. McKenzie is working in interests of the city construction program.

CITY STREET GETS COATING

A state highway crew this week paved Hurlburt avenue from First to Third street, giving pleasant relief from the extremely rough conditions which have existed there for some time. The street is used quite extensively by heavy trucks and trailers which load and unload at the office of the Hermiston Transfer Co.

As soon as proper arrangements can be made, it is hoped that more streets may be paved.

RETAIL CLERKS GIVEN CHARTER

Members of the Hermiston Retail Clerks Union, Local 606, received their charter Tuesday evening at a ceremony held in the Labor Temple. Officers were installed and other oaths administered during the evening.

Official guests present for the ceremony were Jack Powell, Pendleton business agent; Mrs. Esther Kimball, culinary department, and Roy White, Hermiston business agent.

CONTROL MEASURE OF MARCH RENTS NOW EFFECTIVE

RALEY PETERSON RENT DIRECTOR

Uncle Sam's rent control measure, "freezing" rents as of March 1, 1942, in the Pendleton Defense Rental Area, went into effect this week. The area is composed of all of Umatilla county. The law provides that, except in certain cases, it will be illegal for landlords from now on to charge more rent than that which prevailed for the same quarters on March 1, 1942.

The exceptions include instances where a "major capital improvement" was made on the property after the "freezing" date and where unfurnished quarters were fully furnished during that period. In these exceptions the first rent charged after the change is the maximum legal rent, until the Rent Director orders such rent reduced if he finds it to be higher than the rent for comparable housing accommodations on March 1, 1942. Raley Peterson, Area Rent Director, said the legal rent for any single month is the rate that was in effect on March 1, 1942, the "freezing" date. The rent director urged the many tenants whose rents will be slashed back to pre-war levels to "put these extra savings into war bonds".

Registration of landlords in this defense-rental area started October 1, and will continue for 45 days.

All landlords of houses, rooming houses, apartments, hotels, tourist camps, and in fact all rented dwelling property in this county are required to register in that period of time under penalty of the law. Rooms rented in private homes, whether rented by the owner, or a tenant to a sub-tenant come under the act.

Forms for registration may be obtained at the Hermiston Herald office or from E. P. Dodd.

WOMEN URGED TO SIGN AS DRIVERS

The United States Employment Service is now recruiting women to be trained as truck drivers for the Umatilla Ordnance Depot. Applicants must be experienced automobile drivers with operators license, between the ages of 21 and 35 inclusive, at least 5 feet 2 inches in height, and weight not less than 110 pounds.

The women selected will be given sufficient training to operate the equipment before they are assigned to the job. Anyone interested in these positions should immediately contact the local United States Employment office.

CANNING SUGAR TO BE STOPPED ON OCTOBER 15

Mrs. R. G. Penney, chief clerk of the Hermiston rationing board, stated Wednesday that no more canning sugar will be granted after October 15. Housewives may obtain added canning sugar until October 15 if they have used sugar already given them for canning. Those who have used the canning sugar for jams, jellies, pickles or mincemeat will not be allowed additional sugar for fruit canning.

Since the rationing of sugar began the first of June, Mrs. Penney stated that 94,157 pounds of sugar have been rationed here. Counting four quarts of fruit for each pound of sugar, there have been canned in this district a total of 376,628 quarts of Food for Victory.

Anyone planning to can more fruit should contact the rationing board prior to October 15.

BRITE SPOT IS NOW IN BLACKOUT

Tiney's Brite Spot, located on the Heppner highway just west of Tertel Town, has been closed for the past week and has also exchanged ownership during that time. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence "Tiney" Keys have sold their interests to R. L. Ekleberry. Mr. Keys stated last week end that he might seek employment in the shipyards in Portland.

Mr. Ekleberry has not announced his future plans but at present is attempting to sell, rent or lease the property.

"NOT A SLACKER IN THE LOT..."



THIS cartoon was first published by the Omaha World-Herald, originator of the "Nebraska Scrap Plan." In three weeks the people of Nebraska collected 136,171,912 pounds of scrap metals for war industries. That was 103.4 pounds per capita for every man, woman and child in the state. (NAME PAPER) believes that the Citizens of (NAME STATE) are equal to Nebraska's challenge. Let's get out the scrap to bury the Axis!