

What's New?

A WEEK OF THE WAR

"A Week of the War" summarizes information on the important developments of the week made available by official sources through noon EWT, Monday, October 19.

Acting at the suggestion of the President and the request of the War Department, the House passed and sent to the Senate legislation to reduce the minimum draft age from 20 to 18. The Bill provides that those who are in high school or college may finish the present school year, but after next July educational deferments would be forbidden. The Bill would also make mandatory the policy of calling all single men in a state before calling married men, and then calling all childless married men before men with children.

Secretary of War Stimson announced there are approximately 4,250,000 men in the army at present and this total will be increased to 7,500,000 by the end of 1943—distributed as follows: 3,300,000 in the ground forces, 2,200,000 in the air force, 1,000,000 in training and 1,000,000 in supply services. Mr. Stimson said 18 and 19-year-olds are more responsive to leadership, are not as easily fatigued and make better soldiers than older men. He said there is danger at present that the army might get too old. In March of this year the average age of divisions being activated was 26 years and 2 months, but in August the figure had risen to 28 years and 2 months.

If the draft age is lowered to 18, a 7,500,000-man army can be built up in 1943 without calling married men with children. Selective Service Director Hershey reported. Induction of married men with wives only will begin immediately to fill the army's call for 1,100,000 by January 1, he said.

Farm Prices and Production

President Roosevelt, in a radio address, said "we are learning to ration materials; and we must not learn to ration manpower. . . . Perhaps the most difficult phase of the manpower problem is the scarcity of farm labor. . . . Every farmer in the land must realize fully that his production is part of war production, and that he is regarded by the nation as essential to victory." Agriculture Secretary Wickard, as chairman of the WPB Food Requirements Committee, reduced production goals for such crops as cantaloupes, cucumbers, watermelons, and celery, and said "first consideration" would be given to winter vegetables which require the least labor in relation to their nutritional value. Mr. Wickard also called for a 10 per cent increase in 1943 spring hog production over the 1942 record crop, asking for about 68 million head as compared to the 1942 crop of 62 million head. He estimated 1943 requirements of dressed pork for the U. S. Armed forces and Lend-Lease will exceed 1942 requirements by more than one billion pounds.

Rationing

The Office of Price Administration ruled that after next January 31, all motorists holding A mileage rationing books must have their tires inspected every four months and those receiving books allowing them supplemental mileage must have their tires inspected every two months. Original inspections of tires on all passenger cars must be made between December 1 and January 31, while commercial vehicle tires—which must be inspected every two months or every 5,000 miles, whichever comes first—may be checked any time after November 15.

Price Administrator Henderson sets November 9 as registration day for gasoline rationing in the states where rationing is not already in effect, while motorists in the present rationing area must file a tire inspection certificate with their local rationing boards by November 22. Car owners in the latter area must list the serial numbers of all their tires, and if there are more than five per car, the owner will be denied gasoline ration books until he has disposed of the extra tires. Mr. Henderson said the government already has started to purchase from car owners all new or used tires in excess of five per automobile. The Defense Supplies Corporation, which has advanced \$150,000,000 for the program, has designated 160 warehouses throughout the country as delivery points, and the 23,000 offices of the Railway Express Agency will collect the tires and bring them to the warehouses.

The OPA said war ration sugar stamp No. 9 will be good for the purchase of three pounds of sugar between November 1 and December 15. The sugar allotments for institutional and industrial users for November and December were set at 60 and 70 per cent, respectively, of the sugar base established by them.

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DRAFT PROSPECTS FOR NEXT YEAR ARE CLEARED BY ARMY

YOUTHS REPLACE MARRIED MEN

For the first time since Pearl Harbor the average American today had a relatively clear picture of his draft prospects until the end of 1943. Testimony by high army officials before congressional committees on the bill to lower the draft age to 18 made this possible.

As the bill to draft 18 and 19-year-olds moved quickly toward the White House, the selective service situation until the end of 1943 shaped up like this:

Those who have finished high school, are not attending college and have not already started to enlist in the army or navy or marine corps or the aviation cadet corps of those services can expect to be called starting late in November. By the middle of February all such youths who are physically fit will be in the army. At the end of the present school year and no later than next July 1, 18-19-year-olds who have been attending high school and college will be called. Exceptions to an extent not yet determined will be made for medical and pre-medical students, engineers and other prospective scientists.

They, and single men without collateral dependents, will start receiving calls immediately. In November, 400,000 of them will be inducted. During December, January and part of February, the induction of married men and single men with dependents will be suspended while the 'teen-age youths are taken up. In February, this draft will be resumed until the army's requirements for a 7,500,000 man force are met.

They will not be called before late in 1943 and probably not until 1944. The only move that can change the status of married men with children would be a revision of the selective service law by congress to remove dependency as the principal grounds for deferment and substitute essentially of occupation.

They can expect to be called in increasing numbers until virtually all have been replaced. The same men on farms who are already deferred will not be called in general because of the farm labor shortage.

The house committee amended its 18 and 19-year-old bill so that all men within a state of the same category must be called before any board in that state starts working on a new category. That amendment was designed to meet the objection that some draft boards already are drafting married men, while other boards in the same city have not yet exhausted their supply of single men.

HUNTER KILLED IN CAR WRECK

Jake J. Fees, 58, of Portland, was killed and William J. Smith, also of Portland, suffered minor injuries Sunday afternoon when their car smashed into a concrete standpipe at the east city limits of Stanfield, overturning. Mr. Smith, driver of the fateful machine, reported to state police that a tire blowout caused him to lose control, the automobile running on the shoulder of the highway about 250 feet before smashing into the concrete.

The two men had been deer hunting and were en route home when the accident occurred about 2:30. Passing motorists gave what aid was possible. Mr. Fee's body was brought to Prann's Funeral Parlors here while Smith was taken to Pendleton for treatment.

This was the eleventh traffic fatality in Umatilla county this year.

CLINIC ARRANGED FOR CHILDREN

All parents, whose pre-school children have not yet received protection against diphtheria or smallpox, are urged to bring them to the Hermiston U.S.O. building on October 28th from 9 to 11 in the morning. Any child from 9 months to 6 years will be given this protection free of charge. School children will be offered the same opportunities in a school clinic at a later date.

These clinics are sponsored by the Umatilla County Public Health Unit under direction of local physicians.

ELECTION FAILS TO STIR ACTION IN HERMISTON

Although the fall election is only 12 days away, little interest is shown to date by either the candidates or the general public. Only in the case of a representative to Congress, 2nd Congressional District, has there been any concern manifested here. Both Lowell Stockman, republican, and Walter Pierce, democratic incumbent, have appeared on the scene. However, more action is anticipated during the next 10 days.

Locally "everything is quiet on the western front" and except for a change in the council and for city treasurer, no new developments have transpired. N. R. Mueller has declined to run again for his council post which he has held for some years. W. W. Felthouse has placed his name on the ballot in Mr. Mueller's place. For the position of city treasurer, Mrs. Florine Brace Langenwelter will run for the position held by Mrs. Gertrude Sanders who has held that post for the past two terms. According to city statute, no person shall occupy the position of treasurer for more than two terms.

A familiar name will appear on the ballot for mayor, when F. C. McKenzie will again aspire to that office. Councilmen who are running for another term are Dr. W. L. Morgan, Al Quiring, B. Hameline, George Harkenrider and Dan Gray. Although there has been some talk of adding several names to this list, no definite action has been taken and probably won't.

A complete story of district, state, county and city offices will appear in next week's issue of the Herald.

STONE MARKET HAS NEW FACES

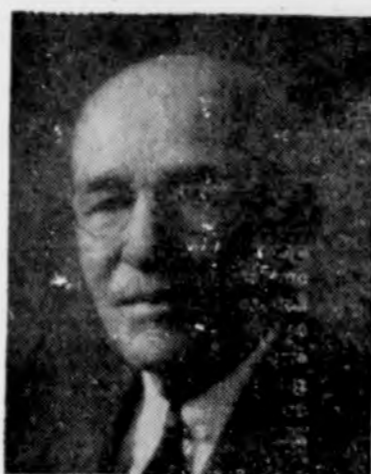
Mike Hunt, recently of Klamath Falls, has been named the new manager of the Hermiston Stone's food store. He replaces Kenneth McKee who has been transferred to Spokane where he will manage another Stone market. The meat department also has a new manager, V. B. Isaak, recently of Spokane. He replaces Myron Dale who will soon enter the armed forces.

Mr. Hunt's family consists of a wife and small daughter who will come to Hermiston as soon as suitable arrangements can be made.

Reeves At Camp Murphy

Camp Murphy, Fla.—Pvt. Fred M. Reeves, son of J. A. Reeves of Hermiston, has been enrolled in a special course of instruction at the Signal Corps' school at Camp Murphy. Pvt. Reeves was selected for this specialized training on the basis of his aptitude.

Speaks Here



Dr. Charles E. Barker

Those who heard Dr. Charles E. Barker speak to the students of the high school, the Rotarians at noon and to a general meeting in the evening all agreed that what he said was simple but fundamentally sound. Dr. Barker, who has probably talked to more high school students than any other man in North America, had the complete confidence of the students at the very beginning and at the end of his address. He didn't say anything that all of us don't already know but he placed a new and fuller meaning on simple ideas.

ECHO RESIDENT DIES WEDNESDAY

James McCarty, for many years a Butter Creek farmer, passed away Wednesday afternoon from an extended illness which began with a heart attack December 5. He never fully recovered from the stroke. Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at the Echo Methodist church with burial in the Echo cemetery.

Mr. McCarty, who was 73 years old, came to this district when eight years old and had resided in the Echo district since that time. Mr. McCarty, who never married, is survived by two brothers, Will and Otis, in addition to a number of other relatives.

He was well known in this area by the old timers.

PAUL MARBLE IS ON INJURED LIST

Paul Marble, son of Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Marble, was severely injured one day this week at the U.O.D. when his foot was caught in a machine chain. He suffered a badly cut heel, torn muscles and other bruises. He was rushed to the Pendleton hospital immediately following the accident.

Latest reports are that Paul is getting along nicely although the injury is quite painful.

PHEASANTS ARE ELUSIVE BIRDS THIS SEASON

For some unknown reason, pheasant hunters in these parts are having a difficult time reaching their limits this year due in the most part to extreme wildness of the birds. Although there are more birds than in former years, very few hunters are having any amount of luck and many report that they cannot get the limit of four roosters.

Due to some misunderstanding, a story appeared in last week's Herald stating that hunters could pursue game until one-half hour after sunset. The correct ruling is that you may hunt one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Many arrests are being made by state police this year for failure to comply with the law. Most prevalent is hunting from the high-way but some are being nabbed for hunting without plugged guns. Several local hunters have been fined quite heavy.

Sunrise and sunset hours for the next week are as follows:

| | Sunrise | Sunset |
|------------|---------|--------|
| October 23 | 7:18 | 5:53 |
| October 24 | 7:19 | 5:52 |
| October 25 | 7:20 | 5:50 |
| October 26 | 7:22 | 5:48 |
| October 27 | 7:23 | 5:47 |
| October 28 | 7:24 | 5:45 |
| October 29 | 7:26 | 5:44 |
| October 30 | 7:27 | 5:42 |



By Mrs. Wm. Logan

Mrs. Harold Barnett, area chairman of eleven counties of S. E. Washington and five counties of N. E. Oregon is in charge of furnishing seven recreational rooms at Pendleton base of which seven are yet to be furnished. Mrs. Frank Duff of Pendleton held a meeting Tuesday afternoon at the local U.S.O. building to tell of the dire need of this work being done and which must be accomplished at once. Although your boys may not be at Pendleton base, remember he is at some other camp where the Red Cross is doing this same thing.

Mrs. F. B. Belt, chairman of the local Red Cross, says she wants each organization to assist, which includes all lodges, clubs, churches, auxiliaries and granges. She says her district consists of seven precincts which include Umatilla, Columbia, Echo, Stanfield and Hermiston. This district has been allotted one room to be furnished throughout. She says the boys haven't a place to go to entertain their parents and friends, or even to write letters. So come on, citizens! Let's put this over in record time.

Articles of furniture must be re- (Continued on Last Page)

U. S. O. Workers Are Busy Lot Here



32,700 SIGN AT HERMISTON U. S. O. CENTER

The Hermiston U. S. O. welcomed its 32,700 visitor since January 1 when Mrs. Gerald White signed the guest book at the popular center. Shown looking on as she registers are left to right) A. M. Thrasher, local Pacific Power & Light company manager and USO chairman; Mary Lou Johnson, Jean Wilson and Mrs. Walter Pearson, USO hostesses. Mrs. White has taken over the duties of her soldier husband's civilian job at the Hermiston post office for the duration. He is in an officer training camp at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

MCKENZIE TELLS OF LENGTHY EASTERN JAUNT AND VISIT

HISTORIC SPOTS ARE IMPRESSIVE

At 1:00 A. M. Sunday, September 6th, we left Hermiston to catch the Portland-Spokane train at Umatilla, which train was supposed to leave Umatilla at 2:10 A. M. and arrive in Spokane at 7:30 A. M. But unfortunately on this particular morning the Spokane train was held up for three hours waiting for the Portland Rose from the East, on which there were five cars of soldiers. We arrived in Spokane at 10:15 A. M. only to find that the train on which we had reservations had left at 8:00 A. M. We were therefore held up in Spokane until 8 A. M. Monday.

We were fortunate in getting reservations on the Monday train straight through to Chicago via St. Paul. The trip over the Great Northern through Northern Idaho, the Rocky Mountains in Northern Montana, the prairies of North Dakota and the rich farming lands of Minnesota and Iowa were all very interesting.

We left Chicago on the C. & O. E. R. for Columbus, Ohio, arriving there at 6:30 Wednesday evening, and then on to my old home at Circleville, Ohio, where we visited for two weeks with my mother who is now past 86 years of age. This was my first visit to Ohio in 21 years, and my second in 38 years, and I found many changes, and saw very few of my boyhood friends. At Circleville we had the use of the family's new Dodge car, and plenty of gasoline, so we saw (Continued on Last Page)

SCRAP DRIVE IN FULL SWING HERE

The past week has seen considerable activity in the Hermiston scrap drive, with old and young "chipping in" to make the venture another community enterprise which has turned out successful. Citizens of Hermiston and surrounding farmers have dug up scrap steel and iron while both boys and girls from the high school have been picking it up through the week. The material is being left at the Hermiston Auto Wrecking House lot and at the Hermiston Blacksmith Shop.

An exact figure as to the amount of material gathered has not been determined but this will be compiled by next week. Supt. W. G. Kersbergen stated Wednesday that his students had a total of over 20 tons and both receiving stations report considerable other material. When the present drive is completed and this figure added to that of the Inland Cooperative which was sent out a short time ago, the total amount should be quite high.

WORK BEGINS ON HOUSING UNITS

Pouring of cement began Thursday morning on the 10 houses being constructed in Hermiston under the sponsorship of the Hermiston Housing Corp. The work is being done by the Tri-State Construction Co. of Portland who estimate that it will probably take about two months to complete the buildings. The structures will be modern five-room houses with full basements, hardwood floors, and furnished with shades and hot water heaters.

The units will be sold to defense workers under the F.H.A. plan. Anyone wishing to purchase one of these homes should contact Lee Quiring at his home any night after 6:00 o'clock. It is probable that another group of houses may be constructed as soon as these are completed. Anyone having a vacant lot to sell with a clear title should also contact Mr. Quiring.

CLINIC SET FOR CRIPPLED TOTS

The semi-annual meeting of the Crippled Children's Clinic, sponsored by the University of Oregon Medical School, will be held on October 27th at the Vert Memorial building in Pendleton. Any child under 21 years of age may be seen by the attending orthopedic physicians.

Application for attendance may be obtained through local physicians or through Miss Ethel Bruce, Public Health Nurse.