

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 Saturday, November, 28.

Operations on all fronts against the Axis are progressing favorably, Secretary of War Stimson said. He summarized the situation as follows—(1) The Germans have failed in all of their main objectives for the year in Russia and will have to withdraw from wide areas unless they can stop the Russian counter-offensive. (2) The Allies are building up strong assault forces in Tunisia to oust the Axis, but the enemy there will "offer strong resistance." (3) American and Australian troops have cornered substantial numbers of Japanese troops between Gona and Buna in New Guinea. (4) Although weather conditions make extensive activity difficult in the Aleutians, American fliers are doing everything possible to harass the enemy.

The War Department estimated U. S. Army and Navy casualties from the initial landings in the North African operations, Army—killed, 350, wounded, 900, missing, 350; Navy—killed, 10, wounded, 150, missing 150.

Rationing

President Roosevelt, in letters to rubber Director Jeffers and Price Administrator Henderson, stated "we must do everything within our power to see that the (mileage rationing) program starts December first because victory must not be delayed through failure to support our fighting forces." Expanded passenger car tire and tube quotas for December to meet needs in the first month of mileage rationing—the plan under which virtually all passenger cars become eligible to apply for needed recapping services or replacement tires—were announced by the Office of Price Administration. The total of passenger car tires and recapping services combined is 2,301,342 for December, against 1,285,189 for November.

The Armed Forces

War Secretary Stimson announced Army furloughs will be granted between December 12 and January 12 to no more than 10 per cent of the enlisted strength of any camp or station at any one time. Mr. Stimson said many young officers have been transferred from Washington jobs to combat duty, and they will continue to be transferred until at least two-thirds of the officers on duty in Washington will be men more than 35. The Federal communications commission announced that after December 1 members of the Armed Forces and persons sending money to them will receive a 50 per cent rate reduction on domestic telegraph money orders up to \$25.

Farm Production and Prices

Agriculture Secretary Wickard announced 1943 food-for-freedom goals asking the highest production in the history of American agriculture. The goals will shape next year's farm production to the needs of the United Nations, and are aimed at maintaining or exceeding the record level attained this year. The 1943 corn acreage allotment for the commercial corn area will be 43,423,000 acres, as compared to 41,338,999 acres in 1942, in order to insure feed for 1944 and beyond.

To combat a critical butter shortage, the WPB prohibited dairy producers from distributing whipping cream or other heavy cream. The order does not affect coffee cream and does not apply to any farmer who delivers up to four quarts of heavy cream per day if his deliveries averaged less than one gallon daily in the three months ended November 25.

Labor Supply and Disputes

Selective Service Director Hershey instructed all local draft boards to refuse releases for enlistment of essential aircraft or shipbuilding workers—registrants employed in these industries who are or should be classified in Class 2-B or 3-B. War Manpower Chairman McNutt announced that a comprehensive list of "essential" occupations has been prepared to grade Selective Service Boards in determining occupational deferment and to aid the U. S. Employment Service in deciding activities having a prior claim on a worker available for placement.

Transportation

The Public Roads Administration said its surveys show the average speed of passenger cars on rural highways since the institution of the 25-mile-an-hour speed limit has been reduced to 37 miles per hour. Speed limit has been reduced to 37 miles per hour and trucks to 36 miles per hour. Another survey showed that in war plants in six states the majority of the employees travel to work by automobile. Office of Defense Transportation Director Eastman recommended that buses and street cars space their stopping places in cities at distances from 600 to 1,200 feet. He said any distance less than 500 feet would be wasteful of rubber, gasoline and equipment.

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FARMERS RECEIVE EMERGENCY RATIONS FOR THIS MONTH

APPEAL BLANKS NOT YET HERE

Farmers who own trucks and pickups are being granted emergency gas rations for the month of December, if they have not received their certificates of War Necessity, according to N. R. Mueller, chairman of the local O.P.A. board.

Many farmers who have received their certificates are also being given an additional allotment of gas for December where the amount allowed on the certificate is not enough to take care of necessary use of the truck or pickup. These persons who are receiving additional allotments, and all others who have not been allowed enough gasoline and mileage to take care of necessary use of their vehicles will have to file an appeal with the Office of Defense Transportation in Portland. The necessary blanks for submitting these appeals have not been received by the local board, but are expected in a few days, according to Mr. Mueller.

No appeal should be made unless the applicant is able to indicate clearly that the needs of the war effort or the maintenance of essential civilian economy require a revision of the Certificate.

If the applicant considers that he is entitled to an appeal he may make an appeal only after waiting 30 days from the date a Certificate of War Necessity is received by him. This appeal must be submitted to the District Field Office of the Division of Motor Transport, Office of Defense Transportation, located in Portland, and must contain the information set out below for a period of seven consecutive days within the foregoing 30-day period.

- (1) The origin and destination of each trip.
- (2) The miles operated on each trip.
- (3) The total units of freight carried on each trip.
- (4) The commodity transported and the use to be made of the commodity.
- (5) The maximum capacity of the vehicle for the commodity transported on each trip.

The foregoing material must be submitted in legible form and the name and address and Certificate Number of the applicant given. The entire statement must be submitted under oath.

AMBULANCERS DONATE BLOOD

The Hermiston Platoon of the Oregon Women's Ambulance Corps had a chance Monday night to prove its worth when Platoon Sergeant Irene Van Patten donated a pint of blood to Mrs. Appleton of Tertilown who was gravely ill of pneumonia. Earlier in the year all of the Ambulance Corps were blood typed so that when a call came for blood donors of different blood types would be available for the doctors.

The ambulance corps is now finishing up a course in advanced First Aid. Dr. Belt gave an interesting lecture to the corps on first aid Wednesday night.

White plaques with the ambulance corps emblem on them will be placed in the yards of the corps members. Whenever you see a plaque, donations of old sheets or clothing to make bandages from, will be accepted there.

There is a need for a building for a First Aid station for the corps. If anyone can give assistance for a place for a First Aid Station, please leave your name at the U.S.O. building.

TURKEY POOL IS IN FULL SWING

The second carload of the season was prepared for shipment Wednesday at the local plant of the Eastern Oregon Turkey Growers. According to John Jendrzejewski, president, the cars were both loaded to capacity with another car expected within a few days.

Picking operations are in full swing with the new machine recently installed greatly speeding up operations. C. A. Flanagan, plant foreman, stated Wednesday that several more pickers were needed and anyone wishing work should report at the plant.

MOTORISTS URGED TO SIGN PLEDGE

Charles Hodge, manager of the Hermiston Auto Co., is announcing on Page Five of this issue of The Herald the launching of the Victory Service League. The plan has been inaugurated by the Chevrolet dealers and has for its slogan, "Save the wheels that serve America." The purpose of the Victory Service League is to make the motorist more conscious of the value of his automobile and to urge better care in order to prolong its life.

Motor car production is now at a standstill and Americans will have to use their present automobiles for many years. Readers are urged to read Mr. Hodge's message on Page Five. The article contains many interesting facts which should be heeded by the motorist. Further information will be published next week.

SCOUTS TO MEET ON WEDNESDAYS

Renewed activity in Hermiston scouting work was evidenced Wednesday night when approximately 25 boys met at the Legion hall under the direction of Scout Master Earl Watson and Dick Belt, senior patrol leader. Plans were made for future projects with several under discussion. Any Hermiston youth 11 years, 9 months of age or older is cordially invited to join Troop 56. The group plans to meet every Wednesday night hereafter in the Legion hall.

R. A. MC LAIN NOW RATED CAPTAIN

Ronald A. McLain was recently promoted from the rank of First Lieutenant to that of Captain and will hereafter be known as Capt. R. A. McLain. Arriving in this vicinity in March 1941, Capt. McLain was the original ordnance man connected with the Umatilla Ordnance Depot.

Capt. McLain has seen the U.O.D. grow from mere sagebrush and sand to one of the most modern munitions depots in the west and has been greatly instrumental in planning the various details of the project.

Christmas Decorations Needed

If anyone has any extra Christmas decorations, your local U. S. O. would appreciate using them for the holiday season. Several parties have been planned for the Hermiston club and everyone is urged to assist in making the Christmas activities more festive.

Bulldogs Lose First Tilt

Lee Weber's high school basketballers got off on the wrong foot Tuesday night, losing a 33 to 20 encounter at Boardman. The game was a repetition of the one played last year when the Boardman team also won the first tilt on the Bulldog schedule.



U.S. WAR BONDS

COOKING SCHOOL PLANNED HERE

Win a roasted stuffed turkey! How? Come to the U.S.O. cooking school. Time—Friday, December 18, at 2:00 p. m. Place—U.S.O. building in Hermiston.

Mrs. George F. Sutch, who is writing special articles for the Herald, will demonstrate two Christmas dinners. One, traditionally complete, with "Hizzonner the Turkey" as the piece de resistance. The other, a top stove dinner for those who will be without ovens. The first menu is planned for those who have facilities to handle a turkey, and all the trimmings, or who can join forces in a progressive dinner. She will show how the smaller dinner can be easily managed on two burners, and yet be none the less festive than the usual fare. Table decorations will bring the Christmas spirit up to par.

Two tables—one a large buffet with the turkey in his starring role; and the other a tiny table for two, both in full holiday regalia.

STUART RANKIN NOW IN AFRICA

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rankin received word Monday from their son, Staff Sergeant Stuart Rankin, stating that he is now stationed in Africa and is enjoying summer weather. He states in his letter that he has just heard over the radio that Earl Snell has been elected governor of Oregon. How politics does travel!

"Stu" tells very little of his work except to state that he is enjoying the best of health and hopes that he will be home soon, at least in time for the pheasant season next year.

RUMMAGE SALE TO CLOSE HERE

Members of the Hermiston American Legion auxiliary will hold the last day of its rummage sale Saturday, December 5, in the former location of the M & N bakery, one door east of the Hermiston Food Store.

Many good bargains are still being offered and the public is cordially invited to visit the sale any time Saturday.

Daugherty At Fort Knox

Ready to begin his basic training course which, when completed, will qualify him for duty with the U. S. armored force, Pvt. V. E. Daugherty Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Daugherty of Hermiston, has arrived at the armored force replacement training center at Fort Knox, Ky.

DAIRYMEN FACE CRISIS IN WARTIME

On Page Four of this issue of The Herald, Herman Plaas, manager of the Umatilla Cooperative Creamery, is placing before the farmers and city residents a problem that is facing the dairy industry today. Readers are urged to read the message thoroughly as many interesting details are brought out which will have a great bearing on the future dairy business.

Growing demands plus a declining production of milk has resulted in a serious wartime crisis in the dairy industry. However, in spite of the added demand caused by wartime activities, the supply is declining and labor shortage is greatly handicapping the farmer. The farmer and the consumer are both given helpful hints in the message presented by Mr. Plaas.

SCHOOL ACTORS TO PRESENT PLAY FRIDAY NIGHT

(From The Bulldog)

The curtain will rise Friday night at eight o'clock, December 4, on the first three-act play of the school year, namely, "Here Comes Charlie" which has proved a definite favorite with many high schools throughout the country.

It is a farce-comedy in three acts written by Jay Tobias and is under the direction of Miss Lavina May Lynch.

Young Larry Elliott, engaged to Vivian Smythe, promises an old codger in the Ozarks that for saving his worthless life, he, Larry, will do anything the man ever asks him to. As a result the old man, upon his death bed, begs Larry to care for his little Charlie, who Larry thinks is a little boy.

Charlie and her father's old partner arrive at Larry's house and from then on things really start happening.

While a farce-comedy, the play is tempered with heart interest and touches of pathos. The cast follows:

Mrs. Farnham, Betty Jean Jackson
Larry's Aunt
Nora Malone, Velma McKinley
The Irish Maid
Tim McGill, John McMullen
The Officer
Larry Elliott, Lowell Alford
Charlie's Guardian
Ted Hartley, Jack Rodgers
Larry's Pal
Vivian Smythe, Dorothy Jordan
Larry's Fiancee
Charlie Hoops, Opal Null
Larry's Ward
Alec Twigg, Aaron Stewart
Charlie's Father's Partner
Mrs. Smythe, Janet Hodge
Vivian's and Mortimer's Mother
Mortimer Smythe, Jack Weber
Vivian's Brother

"Here Comes Charlie" Comes Friday



In the upper left hand corner is Miss Lavina May Lynch, director of the play. From left to right in the top row are Jack Weber, Janet Hodge, and Dorothy Jordan who play the parts of the Smythe family. Jack Rodgers, upper right, plays the part of Larry's pal. In the lower left hand corner are Velma McKinley and John McMullen who portray the roles of the Irish maid and policeman. In the center of the bottom row are Opal Null and Lowell Alford who take the leads of Charlie and Larry. Center right is Aaron Stewart who enacts the hill-billy from the Ozarks. In the lower right hand corner is Betty Jean Jackson, who, in the play, is Mrs. Farnham.

GAS RATIONING IS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHT FOR GAS OPERATORS

RULES LISTED FOR MOTORISTS

An extreme high and an extreme low was experienced by Hermiston service station operators early this week. Monday saw hundreds of motorists awaiting their turns at the filling stations, many filling not only their tanks but loading up with 50-gallon barrels and other containers. The picture was entirely different Tuesday, with gasoline sales practically nil. One station attendant stated that he did not sell one drop of gasoline while others reported sales of eight, sixteen and twenty gallons. In another station the attendant waited until 10 o'clock for someone to come in and then gave up in disgust, locked his pumps and went home.

Beginning with Tuesday, when a motorist drives into a service station, besides cash, he will have to dig up ration coupons. These must be indorsed by the holder before they are valid, according to a recently announced OPA ruling in order to protect books from misuse in case of loss or theft.

However, the worries of the motorist and service station attendant are far from over now. Gas rationing was primarily launched to save tires. Periodically each motorist must have his tires carefully inspected by an approved tire inspector. The first inspection must be completed between December 1 and January 31. The inspection includes:

1. Check of ration book and tire inspection record.
2. Listing of serial number of all tires on car.
3. Check for correct air pressure in each tire.
4. Recording of speedometer mileage reading on tire inspection record.
5. Check for bent rims and out-of-true wheels.
6. Check for cuts or breaks in tire sidewalls and treads.
7. Check general condition of tires for cuts, breaks and evidences of wear from badly aligned wheels, faulty brakes, unbalanced wheels, camber malalignment and excessive wear of kingpins, bushings and wheel bearings.
8. Check with driver as to whether any tire has been injured inside and not repaired.

If tires pass this visual check, the inspector signs the inspection record and the car may continue in operation. A fee for this service is 25 cents for each passenger vehicle when it is unnecessary to remove any tires. OPA estimates each inspection will require about 15 minutes.

Where inspection reveals probable serious ailments, inspectors will require removal of the casings for closer scrutiny and will prescribe necessary repairs which must be made before inspection approval is given. The completed inspection report will be required as a basis for renewal of gasoline rations.

All passenger cars will be eligible for recapping services or replacement tires as their present tires wear out, OPA has announced. The type of certificate issued will be determined by the amount of mileage allowed the applicant in his gas ration book and will be subject to the quota allocated to the applicant's rationing board.

RATION BOOK DATA

SUGAR—Stamp No. 9 in Book 1, good for three pounds, expires December 15.

COFFEE—Stamp No. 27 in Book 1, good for one pound, effective November 29 to January 13. For bookholders 15 years of age or over only.)

GASOLINE—Stamps numbered 3, each good for four gallons (total 32 gallons) effective December 1 through January 21, 1943.

Major Alexander To Transfer

Although his plans are not definite as yet, Major W. D. Alexander of the U. O. D. will probably leave the latter part of next week for Mountain Home, Idaho, to continue his work with the army engineers. A more complete story of his transfer will be told next week.