

A WEEK OF THE WAR

"A Week of the War" summarizes information made available by official sources through Saturday, December 12.

An estimated 600,000 essential war workers in the Detroit area have been held at their jobs by an agreement announced by Montague A. Clark, Michigan Director of the War Manpower Commission. The agreement—intended to prevent labor piling and dislocations caused by shifting of workers to higher-paying jobs—lists 34 categories in which employees may not leave their jobs without specific governmental authorization. President Roosevelt's executive order setting up the new War Manpower Commission under the chairmanship of Paul V. McNutt had provided that, when the effective prosecution of the war required it, all war workers be hired, rehired and recruited through the U. S. Employment Service, and had prohibited employers from retaining workers more urgently needed in a more essential occupation. Mr. McNutt said the new program embraces the allocation of manpower to the Armed forces, war industries, agriculture, and other essential civilian activities, the efficient use of labor for war industries, the mobilization of the country's labor reserves, the transfer of workers from less essential activities to more essential activities, and the providing of labor needed for essential agriculture. He announced the establishment of a Bureau of Selective Service—to include the Selective Service system and to be headed by Selective Service Director Hershey—within the new WMC, and said that by the end of 1943 one out of every five men in the civilian labor force, instead of one out of every nine, as now, would be in the armed services.

The WMC and the Selective Service system are helping the country's plants draw up manning table forms to enable the employer to plan for his future labor needs and give the government information upon which to base the orderly withdrawal of workers who must be released to the armed services. Secretary of Labor Perkins reported 3,200,000 women employed as factory wage earners in mid-October, as compared with 2,700,000 in October 1941, and said that in the same period total factory wage workers increased from 11,400,000 to 12,700,000. Under-Secretary of War Patterson said the average work week should be raised in all wage and non-war industries from the present average of 42.8 hours to an overall average of 48 hours.

Agriculture

An executive order of December 7 gave full control over the nation's food program to Secretary of Agriculture Wickard. Mr. Wickard is to control all phases of the food program—requirements, production, distribution, priorities and allocations, purchase and procurement. To permit effective use of these controls, the order provided for the procurement from WPB of farm machinery, supplies and equipment necessary to carry out the program, the power to order civilian rationing of foods through OPA, the determination of policies and procedures for the feeding of people in foreign countries, the issuance of directives relating to the importation of food, and the issuance of priority schedules for domestic transportation of food.

The functions, personnel, and property of certain agricultural bureaus and divisions concerned primarily with the production of food will be consolidated into a food distribution administration, with Roy Hendrickson, present AMA Administration as director.

Secretary Wickard said prospects are good for meeting 1943 food requirements, but in order to meet those requirements the U. S. must use fully and economically its production facilities and distribution system and exert economy in the consumption of foods. Some foods may be scarce, he said, but "no one will need to go hungry". The executive order will enable the Agriculture Department to set up a national "assembly line" in the production and distribution of food vitally needed to win the war and the peace.

Lend-Lease deliveries of American foodstuffs for shipment to other United Nations, as reported by the Department, increased 93,000,000 pounds during October, bringing the month's deliveries to 645,000,000 pounds and the total since the program was started to nearly 8,000,000,000 pounds. The AMA delivery report showed increased deliveries of eggs, dairy products, meats, grains, and other products.

Lend-Lease

In the three months ended December 11, Lend-Lease assistance to the nations Allies totaled \$2,367,000,000. The President told congress this represents an increase of more than one-third over the previous quarter and more than four times the Lend-Lease total for the quarter preceding Pearl Harbor.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY EVENING

BAND AND GLEE CLUBS TAKE PART

Much interest is being displayed in the annual Christmas program to be presented Friday evening, December 18, at 8:00 o'clock at the high school auditorium by the band and glee clubs. The Christmas message will be portrayed by instrument and voice and will come in the form of various Yuletide pantomimes. G. C. Humphreys, school music director, will be in charge of the entire program.

The program, which will be presented in two sections, follows:

SECTION A—BAND

1. America.
2. Overture, Silent Night, Gruber.
3. Santique De Noel, Adam (Cornet Solo by Lucy Hollomon).
4. (a) Theme from Andante Cantabile, Tchaikowsky; (b) Chanson Due Morceau, Shumann; (c) Liebestraum, Liszt.
5. Christmas Song Medley, Arranged.
6. Romanza, Sicilietta, Von Blon.
7. March, Boy State Commandery, Burrell.

SECTION B—CHORUS

1. Pledge of Allegiance, Special.
2. Star Spangled Banner, Keys.
3. Silent Night, Gruber.
4. 1st Pantomime, Christmas In Bethlehem; Chorus, Christmas Lullaby, Anonymous.
5. 2nd Pantomime, The Three Wise Men; Chorus, The Three Kings, L'Arlesienne Suite, Bizet.
6. 3d Pantomime, Medieval Christmas; Chorus, Crusaders' Hymn, Traditional.
7. 4th Pantomime, A Soldier's Christmas; Chorus (Girls' Voices) White Christmas, Berlin.
8. 5th Pantomime, Negro Christmas; Chorus, Po' Little Jesus, Negro Spiritual.
9. Finale, Adeste Fideles, Ancient Air, sung in Latin by Full Chorus.

Band Personnel

Bob Alford, Lowell Alford, Marian Andrews, Bob Attebury, Dick Belt, Jack Belt, Lillian Canfield, Jerry Coxenn, Patricia DeLaney, Lois Elwood, Kenneth Elwood, Merle Elwood. (Continued on Last Page)

TRUCK APPEALS TO BE HEARD

Forms and instructions for making appeals for more gasoline and mileage for farm trucks and pickups have been promised the county farm transportation committee by the Office of Defense Transportation, Portland, in the near future.

Jens Terjeson, chairman of the county farm transportation committee, has announced that a meeting of the committee will be held some time soon. At this meeting the policy and procedure to be followed for making appeals will be decided.

The local rationing boards have been authorized to issue coupons for emergency gasoline until January 31, 1943, according to the Office of Defense Transportation. Farmers who must make appeals should wait until definite plans have been made by the county transportation committee. The forms will then be available and assistance given at the office of Gene Lear, assistant county agent in Hermiston.

AMBULANCERS GIVE DANCE

Company K of the Oregon Women's Ambulance Corps were hostesses to girls employed at the Ordnance Depot at a Christmas party and dance Wednesday night, December 16. The girls enjoyed the party and exchange of gifts after which invited men guests arrived to participate in a Christmas dance.

Thursday evening the Ambulance Corps members were guests at Boardman's community Christmas party and dance.

Monday evening sixteen members of the corps successfully completed an advanced aid course given by Mr. Lowe from the Ordnance Depot and assisted by Miss Constance Luehrs, member of the corps.

After the new year a new program has been made for the corps which will include guest speakers, advanced military drill, squad competition and the establishment of a first aid station in town.

RENT AVERAGE LOWER HERE

Rent average in Hermiston is considerable lower than in other parts of the county a recent survey, completed by Raley Peterson area rent director-attorney, revealed. The rental business in Umatilla county, excluding the trailer camps and federal housing projects, is more than \$1,250,000. Mr. Peterson states that there are 3796 living units in the county receiving \$1,276,292 annually in rentals.

In Pendleton there are 2321 units for which \$901,200 is the annual charge—or an average of \$32.00 a month. The county average is about \$28.50, and Hermiston's average is \$21.00.

CLASSIFICATIONS OF REGISTRANTS ARE LISTED HERE

The following is a list of the different classifications given out by the Office of War Information:

- 1-C, Registrants who have been inducted into, enlisted in, or appointed to the armed forces.
- 2-A, Registrants who are necessary or essential in their civilian activity.
- 2-B, Registrants who are necessary or essential to the war production program, excluding agriculture.
- 2-C, Necessary or essential men in agriculture.
- 3-A, Registrants with dependents, engaged in less essential industry or less essential agriculture.
- 3-B, Registrants with dependents, engaged in an activity necessary to the war production program.
- 3-C, Registrants with dependents engaged in essential agriculture.
- 4-A, Registrants who before induction have become 45 years of age, since they registered.
- 4-B, Registrants who are deferred specifically by the law itself.
- 4-C, Registrants who are aliens not acceptable to the armed forces or who waived their rights to become citizens to avoid military service.
- 4-D, Registrants who are ministers of religion or divinity students.
- 4-E, Registrants who are conscientious objectors available only for service in civilian work of national importance.
- 4-F, Registrants who are mentally, morally, or physically unacceptable to the armed forces.
- 4-H, Registrants who are 38 to 45 years of age. (New class.)

WAR DECLARED ON RAT ARMY

A campaign to clean up the rats at the city dump and other places infested by the varmints will be launched in the near future. There has been considerable interest displayed in the movement to rid vacant buildings and swampy places so city officials have taken up the project. Anyone having trouble with rats or have information which would aid in the job are asked to contact Mayor F. C. McKenzie.

Charles Daley of Pendleton and Harold Dobyns, assistant district agent of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service will lend their assistance.

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FREE TURKEY TO BE HAD FRIDAY AT LOCAL U.S.O.

Friday, the 18th, is the day to win a turkey at the U.S.O. cooking school. The time is at 2:00 p. m. and place at U. S. O. building in Hermiston.

An entire Christmas buffet dinner—turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce, and fluffy pumpkin chiffon pie—will be prepared by Mrs. Georgea Sutch. For the twosomes, she will do a delectable Christmas feast from savory veal chops cooked in sour cream to frozen Christmas pudding, on a two burner electric plate.

The roasted, stuffed turkey will be given to the holder of the lucky number, and admission is free.

A gumdrop tree and gingerbread house centerpiece for the buffet table has been made by the girls' handcraft class of the U. S. O. Two hand made and decorated candle holders will add a gay touch to the table for two.

Make a date for Friday afternoon at 2:00 to meet your friends at the U. S. O. Cooking School. Maybe it will be your lucky day, and you'll win the turkey!

GIRL SCOUTS TO CAROL SUNDAY

The Senior Girl Scout troop of Hermiston under their leader, Miss Constance Luehrs, accompanied by the older members of the Intermediate troop will sing Christmas carols between 6 and 8 o'clock, Sunday, December 20.

During the week the girls will sell Christmas candles to the housewives in town. There is no set price on the candles and purchasers may pay anything they desire for the candles. If the lighted candle is placed in the front window on Sunday night the girl scouts will stop in front of the window and sing Christmas carols.

After the carolling, the girls will entertain their mothers and other guests at a Christmas party at the U. S. O.

MILLER LEASES GAS STATION

C. A. Miller, who is also employed at the Umatilla Ordnance depot and came recently from Nebraska, this week made arrangements with George Stangier of Pendleton for a lease of the Associated Oil service station across the street from the Legion hall.

Harry Jeppe has operated the station for the past several months.

POSTOFFICE TO REMAIN OPEN

Postmaster W. E. Logan stated Wednesday that the windows of the postoffice will be open Saturday afternoon for the mailing of packages and stamp sales but not for money orders and other official business. The change of hours will help to speed up the heavy Christmas rush.

The busy season for the postoffice clerks apparently has arrived much earlier this year than usual. Apparently many citizens have heeded the warning to mail all packages earlier than in former years in order to assure delivery before Christmas day. Monday was one of the biggest days in the local office in some years with huge stacks of mail and packages piled about the room.

SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE PRESENTED SOON BY GRANGES

At a meeting of the West Umatilla County 4-H Leaders' association this week, plans were made by the leaders for holding achievement meetings and club members were selected to receive summer school awards, if summer school is held in 1943.

The leaders decided to contact the three West Umatilla county granges to see if they would want to sponsor the achievement meetings for all club members in their districts. The granges have been actively supporting club work for many years and it is partly through their efforts that club work has attained its present achievements.

The leaders selected the following club members for summer school scholarships: John McMullen, Jo Ann Graves, Jim Hogg, Dick Kingsley, Virginia Borthwick, Peggy McCourt, Andrew Lamont, Ruth McCulley, Lila Scaff, Doris Jones, Agnes Kennedy, Alida Picanso. Alternates: Iva Sutton, Iva Van Arsdale, Velma Knapp, Mary McCourt and Frances Stevens.

The leaders selected club members who have been doing good club work and members who have not attended summer school recently. Several club members were given consideration and records were good enough to entitle them to recognition but they were not old enough to be selected. This is not a complete list since others may be selected later. Many of the older members were not selected because they had gone to summer school last year or years previous.

FARM SLAUGHTER OF STOCK SET

From information from OPA meat restriction order No. 1, farmers are considered non-quota slaughterers. All non-quota slaughterers may not deliver during a quota (3 months) period more controlled meat, which includes beef, mutton, veal and pork, than was delivered in the same period of 1941.

A quota slaughter is defined as: (1) Persons who slaughtered during the first nine months of 1942, cattle, calves, sheep, lambs or swine with an aggregate liveweight in excess of 1,500,000 pounds, or (2) Any person who slaughters in any quota (3 mos.) period such animals in excess of 500,000 pounds. Quotas for these slaughterers for civilian use for the last quarter of 1942 are as follows: Pork, 75%; sheep and lambs, 95%; veal, 100%; and beef, 70%.

These restrictions are the only ones that are known to apply relative to marketing and production of meat at present. There are no restrictions on a producer relative to marketing livestock unless it is slaughtered.

SCHOOL BOYS AID AT TURKEY PLANT

Anyone who doubts the fact that the school boys of today are able to work and are willing to help when the chips are down, should visit the local plant of the Eastern Oregon Turkey Growers. A decided shortage of pickers was experienced early in the week, but by urgent request of E. L. Jackson, board member, and Miss Lavina May Lynch of the high school faculty, approximately 15 boys are making the feathers fly at the plant.

The picking activities are now in full swing. Operations will cease, however, next Tuesday for the Christmas holidays but will resume again on Monday, December 28, according to C. A. Flanagan, plant manager.

DIVIDEND CHECKS COME AT OPPORTUNE TIME FOR MEMBERS

CREAMERY SHOWS LOSS IN VOLUME

Approximately 385 members of the Umatilla Cooperative Creamery will be made happy just prior to Christmas when a gift in the form of a dividend check will be mailed to them. Manager Herman Plaas and his office personnel are now preparing the checks for mailing with a total of \$2,661.98 to be distributed to the various members for the business of the first six months of 1942. The creamery received a total of 213,195 pounds of butterfat during this same period.

The payment, however, also has its serious side. Due to war time activities and other war work, numerous farmers have curtailed their dairy activities, many going so far as to sell their entire herds. The first six months of 1941 saw a total of 254,900 pounds of butterfat with dividends amounting to \$3,186.25. This makes a decrease over last year of 41,704 pounds of butterfat and \$524.27 less in dividend checks. Dividends are paid at the rate of 1 1/4 c per pound of butterfat.

The three largest producers for the first six months of this year and who are hereby placed on the honor roll are: E. L. Borthwick with 3,977 lbs. of butterfat and receiving a dividend check of \$49.71; George Gettmann with 3,940 lbs. of fat and a dividend check for \$49.25; and W. H. Quick, with 3,287 lbs. of fat and a check for \$41.09.

Mr. Plaas stated Wednesday that it had been suggested that dairy producers trade their dividend checks for defense bonds and stamps. The creamery force and office personnel are now under the 10% payment allotment plan and producers would do well to cooperate with the creamery workers.

Mr. Plaas, who assumed management of the creamery November 1, does not seem too discouraged by the fact that November of this year hit the low spot in butterfat for many years. He stated Wednesday that the former manager, Monte Hedwall, board members, creamery force and the many individual members should be congratulated on the fine business the cooperative has enjoyed in recent years. Future endeavors will strive to regain the lost ground of the past few months and to build up the dairy herds to the former capacity.

RUGG CHOSEN ON ALL-OPPONENT 11

Bud Rugg, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Rugg, was honored last week when he was chosen on the Pendleton high school all-opponent eleven. The selection is rated quite high because Pendleton is a member of the Blue Mountain league and the Bucks generally meet first class football teams in this section of the country.

Bud was a star halfback on Coach Lee Weber's high school football aggregation.

WEDDING BELLS TO RING SUNDAY

Of much interest among the Hermiston younger set is the marriage Sunday of Miss Virginia Wells and Elbert Moore at the Methodist church at 2:00 p. m. Miss Wells is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Wells and Mr. Moore is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Moore. Rev. M. B. Ballinger will perform the wedding ceremony.

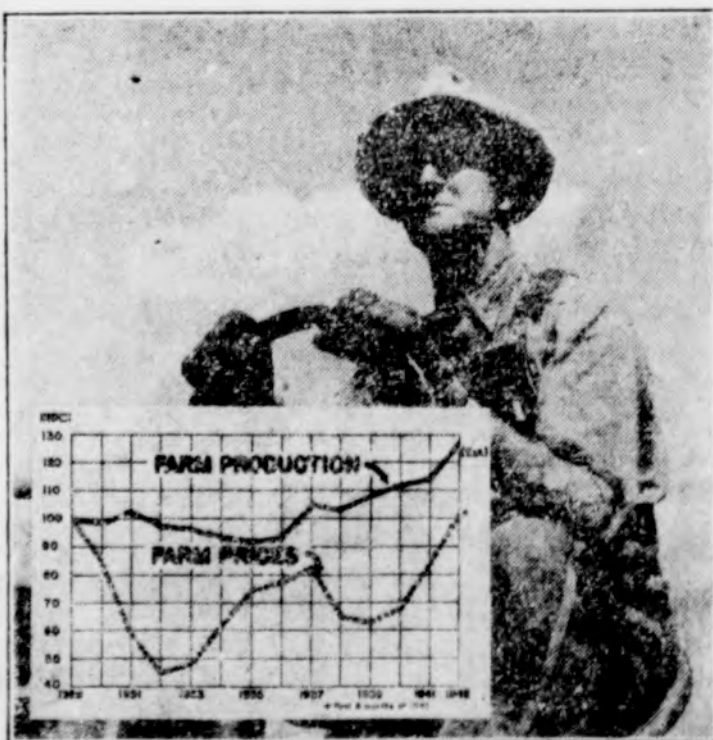
Mrs. Connie Hatfield, cousin of the bride, will be the maid of honor, and bridesmaids are Miss Barbara Moore, Miss Claudine Hale, Mrs. Bill Gorrell, Miss Betty Jean Esselstyn, and Bill Gorrell will act as best man. Mrs. Mary Helene Coxen will play the wedding march with Miss Vivian Hindman singing appropriate music.

Mr. Moore is associated with his father as Standard Oil distributor here and Miss Wells is employed at the U.O.D. The couple will reside in Hermiston.

Christmas Formal Is Monday

The annual Christmas formal will be held in the high school gymnasium Monday, December 21. The dance is given each year for students, parents, alumni and friends. Miss Lavina May Lynch stated Thursday that Christmas trees used as decorations would be sold following the dance.

He's A Production Patriot



In hard times and good, in peace and war, American farmers are real production patriots, declares the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Prices haven't always been good during the past 12 years, but farmers have kept the nation's pantries full. Today farm prices are 2 percent above those of 1929—but farmers are producing more than 25 percent more than in 1929, an all-time record harvest.