

By Mrs. Bob Woodward

Mrs. Marjorie DeMoss visited here last Thursday and Friday at the James DeMoss home. She was en route to North Powder from Camp Pendleton in California where she had visited her husband, Harvey DeMoss, before he left for overseas duty.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Mikesell and Mrs. A. H. Cable were in Pendleton last Saturday.

Mrs. A. R. Carpenter of Pendleton visited here Monday with her sister, Mrs. Mabel Weeks. She reports that their brother, J. H. Wheeler, who has been confined for several months because of a broken leg, is now much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Reid and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Cable attended the Umatilla County Farm Bureau meeting in Echo Tuesday evening.

Myrna, small daughter of the Myrnie Caldwells, has been in Stanfield this week at the home of her grandparents, the A. J. Reubers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. DeMoss have recently received word from their son Donald, second class seaman, that he is in New Caledonia.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Eakman who have lived at the Garberding place for several months have moved to Prosser, Wash.

The Fritz Lytle family is moving this week from Stanfield to the farm here recently vacated by the A. R. Blinsons. Mr. Lytle is employed in Hermiston at the Rohman Motor Company.

FOOD HOARDING IS FROWNED ON

Hoarding not only violates the tenets of good citizenship but it can very easily lead to serious consequences for the hoarder, according to an announcement made Wednesday by the Hermiston Board of OPA's War Price Rationing Board.

The group warned that excess stocks of rationed goods would have to be declared and the equivalent number of stamps surrendered at registration time, and stated that severe penalties await those who fail to comply.

"But, such penalties will be meaningless if, through food hoarding, supplies are withheld at this time from our boys in the armed forces," The Department of Agriculture has issued a statement showing the percentages of America's food that must be diverted from civilian use under the rationing to meet military and lend-lease requirements. About 50 per cent of all canned and dried fruits and vegetables must be diverted from civilian use for the military.

When these reasons for rationing are understood by the buying public, the urged to hoard will gradually disappear and good citizenship will prevail.

INSPECTION OF TIRES URGED

The fact that the tire inspection deadlines for motorists holding "A", "B" and "C" gasoline ration books have been postponed does not mean that the vehicle operator should wait until the last minute to have this service performed.

The modification of the tire inspection program, which was announced by the OPA in Washington a few days ago, allows holders of "A" books until March 31 of this year and provides that the tires must be inspected once every six months.

Holders of "B" and "C" books have until February 28 for the tire inspection: "B" book holders must present their car for tire inspection every four months, and "C" operators every three months.

This action was taken by OPA to relieve tire inspectors from a last minute rush which they probably would have been unable to handle. Now there will be no excuse for those who fail to comply. It should be remembered that after these dates, no holder of any of the ration cards will be able to get gasoline unless the tire inspection certificate is produced.

R.E.A. CONNECTS WITH ORDNANCE

On Sunday, January 31, the final connection was made for the initiating of service to the Umatilla Ordnance Depot. The Umatilla Electric Cooperative association, under the direction of R. L. Woolley, has just completed the construction of approximately 5 1/2 miles of 66,000 volt transmission line for this purpose. The facilities which have been used to provide the electric service to the Ordnance plant up to the present time will be retained as standby service.

The new facilities will allow an increase in capacity available for war activities in this area and will relieve the loaded condition of the cooperative's system for the purpose of providing the rural territory with additional electric capacity required in the present "food for victory" program.

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FUEL OIL RATIONING TO BE CONDUCTED BY LOCAL SCHOOLS

TENTATIVE DATE FEBRUARY 15 - 17

Fuel oil rationing dates for Washington and Oregon were announced today. Householders will register in both states on February 15, 16 and 17. Floris Nagelvoort, state rationing officer in Washington, and Clark Van Fleet, state rationing officer in Oregon, announced.

Rationing will go into effect in both states on February 1, with an approximate reduction in consumption of 25 per cent ordered by the petroleum administrator for war Harold L. Ickes.

On February 12 and 13, dealers in fuel oil and kerosene will register at 105 war price and rationing boards in Washington and 77 war ration boards in Oregon.

Why the two northwest states were ordered to ration fuel oil was explained in Washington, D.C., by deputy petroleum administrator for war Ralph K. Davis, who said: "Not only is it impossible to meet the current demand with transportation facilities now available on the Pacific Coast, but the prospect of some of these facilities being required for war service in other areas likewise dictates as a prudent course at least a mild restriction upon the consumption of heating oil."

"The petroleum administration recognizes fully that the imposition of these restrictions will result in some discomfort to those who heat with oil in Oregon and Washington, but it has no alternative but to act to conserve supplies when it is satisfied that to do otherwise might easily jeopardize military operation of the future."

Rationing of fuel oil in Washington and Oregon will follow the plan now in effect in 30 eastern states and the District of Columbia, it was stated by James Scully, regional OPA fuel rationing representative, in messages to Clarence LaFramboise, state fuel rationing representative of Washington, and George L. Curry, Oregon OPA state fuel rationing representative. Scully, whose headquarters are in San Francisco, has been in Seattle for the past two months perfecting plans for fuel oil rationing.

Rationing in the East is on the basis of a 33 and one-third reduction in consumption, while Oregon-Washington fuel oil rationing will approximate 25 per cent.

Named today by the Office of Price Administration to help direct the work of rationing fuel oil for nearly 600,000 persons in Washington and Oregon were six men in Washington and four in Oregon. For the state of

CHARLES HALE HERE ON VISIT

Charles Hale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hale of Hermiston and a graduate of local schools, came Saturday to visit his parents and friends on a brief furlough from the U. S. Navy. Charles enlisted about eight months ago and states that he likes the service and has gained 25 pounds since induction. His appearance speaks the part.

He has just been transferred from the east coast to San Francisco and expects to be assigned to active duty immediately as a member of a torpedo crew on a destroyer.

GROUNDHOG HAS DIFFICULT TIME

Tuesday, February 2, was annual groundhog day, but as usual his decision is being argued pro and con by old timers who know better. The story goes, of course, that if Mr. Groundhog sees his shadow on that day he hits the hay again and stays there for six more weeks, but if he doesn't he decides that it is time to get up and be doing. There were only a few minutes of sunshine Tuesday so unless he made his debut at exactly the right time we will have some more cold weather.

The report for the week follows:

Date	Max.	Min.
January 28	46	14
January 29	41	20
January 30	38	10
January 31	34	6
February 1	27	11
February 2	44	20

4-H MEMBERS TO MOBILIZE FEB. 6-14 THROUGHOUT U.S.

National 4-H Mobilization Week, February 6 to 14, will be observed throughout the nation by club members, leaders, radio stations, newspapers, educators and civic leaders. The objectives, programs and accomplishments of the 4-H members will be reviewed during this week.

National leaders have asked that the club enrollment in every community be doubled if there are that many young people available in the community. In West End Umatilla county there were about 250 club members in 1942. The goal, therefore, for this part of the county for 1943 is 500 active club members.

The 4-H Leaders association, consisting of 18 active leaders, request that anyone wishing to help out with this work at this time contact the Assistant County Agent at Hermiston or the Home Demonstration Agent at Pendleton, according to Roy Attebury, president of the association.

Parents are urged to have their boys and girls join a 4-H club and assist with the food production and conservation program. In 1942 the 1 1/2 million club members in the United States produced thousands of tons of

BUREAU CO-OP TO MAKE PAYMENTS

The board of directors of the Farm Bureau cooperative mill made arrangements at a recent meeting for the payment of some outstanding certificates of equity to members of the association. These payments will be made from the two per cent capital revolving fund and will amount to \$2,864.00. Certificates of equity, Nos. 295 to and including 552 of the issue of 1927 will be paid at this time. Certificates of 1925 and 1926 have previously been paid.

The annual meeting of the Farm Bureau Cooperative has been postponed one week from February 12 to February 19, it has been announced by the directors.

PLUMBING WORK IS CANCELLED

Ray Loosvelt, formerly of this city but now of Walla Walla, was in Hermiston Wednesday and stated that his plumbing contract on the trailer houses located in Stanfield had been stopped. It had been planned to connect inside plumbing in each one of the trailers as well as make other improvements.

Mr. Loosvelt recently completed a large plumbing contract in Walla Walla when he installed plumbing for a large number of houses constructed there by Shook & Associates.

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

It is imperative that the ship lanes be kept free of ice. With American troops occupying Iceland and the Navy using the northern route for transportation of supplies to Russia, ice breakers are essential to Naval operations. The ice breaker is a specially constructed ship with heavily armored bows and powerful engines that crush the ice floes rather than ram through them.



Ice breakers of the Kickapoo class operating in the North Atlantic cost approximately \$10,000,000. You can help our Navy build these ships by investing at least ten percent of your income in War Bonds every payday. Enroll in the payroll savings plan or apply at the nearest bank or postoffice. U. S. Treasury Department

DOGS DESTROY BREEDER HENS

Three dogs raided the turkey breeding flock of Harry W. Kelley two miles south of town Tuesday night and destroyed 100 hens valued at \$10 a head, or a loss of \$1000.00. Mr. Kelley was aroused by the commotion among the birds about daylight in the morning and rushed out with his rifle, succeeding in wounding one of the dogs. Due to the fact that there was no insurance on the birds and no provision under the state law caring for such damage, the birds were a complete loss.

The case has aroused other turkey growers and also owners of small sheep flocks in the district. They are preparing to shoot all dogs on sight which invade their premises and also are considering putting out poison. There are a great many dogs in this part of the county and owners are allowing them to roam at large. Bird dogs and pets are as vicious at times as the common mongrel.

PROJECT FARM BUREAU TO MEET

A. H. Cable, president of the Project Farm Bureau, has announced a meeting of that organization for Friday, February 12, at the Columbia park hall. A pot luck dinner will be enjoyed at 7:30.

Following a regular business meeting, an interesting social evening is being planned.

BOY SCOUTS MEAN BUSINESS

Scouting's Job is to TOUGHEN UP, BUCKLE DOWN, Carry on to Victory

BOY SCOUT WEEK
February 6-12

"Toughen up, Buckle down, and Carry on to Victory," is the Boy Scout major task this year. Their 1,570,000 members are in the vanguard to the front, doing everything boys of Scout age can do to help win the war speedily and a just peace permanently.

CAMP SHOW TO BE PRESENTED AT USO FEB. 8

The "Wing-Dingers," the Second air force traveling show, head for central Washington and Oregon this week and will present their 90 minute variety show at the U. S. O. club in Hermiston on the night of February 8th at 8:00 o'clock.

The seven-man group of soldier-entertainers, all former professionals of the stage, will also appear at the air base at Moses Lake on Thursday, February 4th; Army air base, Redmond, Ore., February 5th; Madras, Ore., air base February 6th; and at Boardman Bombing and Gunnery range, February 7th. Following this trip they will return to Spokane prior to an extended tour which will take them to other parts of the Second Air Force area.

The "Wing-Dingers", established at the request of Major General Robert Olds, commanding general of the Second Air Force, for the entertainment of men stationed at bases remote from populated areas, present a show of song, dance and variety specialties.

Featured in the show are: Master of Ceremonies, Private Buddy Lake, former comedian and entertainer of Chicago and the middle west; Private Buddy Lewis, song and dance artist of New York and Boston; Private Jim Hall and his Hammond Electric Organ; Corporal Max Artis, the Fred Astaire of the Air Corps; with the music of the "Four Off-Beats", composed of Corporal Gordon Munro, drums; Privates William Whipple, trumpet; Norman Edland, sax, and Hall.

Admission will be restricted to military personnel. USO Junior Hostesses, wives and mothers of men in service and the USO Council.

OLD SCHOOL BELL SUFFERS RELAPSE

This week has been the downfall of many local residents as far as "colds" and "flu" were concerned. A goodly number of residents either remained at home and took it easy or attempted to go on with their business bundled up.

Even the school bell suffered a relapse and tolled the hours with a mournful, rasping sound. According to "Heezie" Watson, man-about-school, the bell has been cracked for some time but for some reason or another (we blame it on the weather) this week took a turn for the worse and hardly clanged above a whisper. Spring is just around the corner!

SEELIGER COW ENDS RECORD

Peterborough, N. H. — Another daughter of the registered Guernsey sire, Bonnevillie Tilla Lad owned by Frank Seeliger of Hermiston, has completed an official Advanced Register record. She is Tilla Molly Girl which produced 10637.7 pounds of milk and 512.7 pounds of butter fat on twice daily milking for ten months for Merle Miller, Burlington, Wash.

Bonneville Tilla Lad has one daughter in the Performance Register of the American Guernsey Cattle club.

BOYS LEAVE FOR AIR CORPS DUTY

Elbert "Eg" Moore and Sammy McCracken left Wednesday night for duty with the air corps as Pilot Cadets, U. S. Army Air Corps. Mr. Moore's call came somewhat as a surprise although he had expected a notice in the near future. He was notified at 5:00 o'clock Wednesday and had to be in Portland by 9:30 Thursday morning. He expects to be stationed for the time being at Fresno, Calif.

Mr. McCracken left from Pendleton and from there went to Spokane, Wash. It is very likely, however, that he will also be stationed at Fresno.

SKATING RINK OPENS FRIDAY

Jack House, proprietor of the Hermiston skating rink, has announced that he will open the hall for skaters Friday, February 5, and will be open hereafter every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The skating rink has proved popular in the past and many youngsters are looking forward to evenings of entertainment.

GAMBLING TABLES CLOSED IN HERMISTON BY CITY COUNCIL

CITY REVENUE IS BIG PROBLEM

Bert Haneline turned in his resignation as a member of the city council at a meeting of that body Friday night in the basement of the city library to accept the position of Utility Chief for the city of Hermiston. Mr. Haneline took up his duties this week and takes care of some of the duties of Ray Parsons, formerly with the local police force. Two new members of the city council were appointed, Art Trasher to succeed Mr. Haneline and Jim Pearson to succeed Dan Gray who entered the U. S. Naval Reserve some time ago.

After taking into consideration the many complaints of gambling within the city limits of Hermiston, the council ordered the chief of police to stop the playing of poker in several of the establishments in Hermiston. Chief of Police Nation reported Saturday that notice had been given to these establishments of the decision of the council, and that action would be taken on violators.

The subject of revenue was again brought up. City Recorder Chas. Taylor reported that there remained but \$3,969.40 in the general fund on January 1st after the December bills had been paid. With bills mounting to better than \$1000 per month, the city is going to run short by July 1st when new tax money comes in. Various ways of raising revenue were brought up.

Mayor F. C. McKenzie reported that most cities in Oregon receive a part of their revenue from license fees and occupational taxes. Regulatory license fees may be levied by a city under its police power on any business which because of its nature demands police supervision. The amount of the license fee may be enough to cover the cost of supervision. He reported that the city of Vernonia, population of 1,412, which has a comprehensive occupational tax ordinance in effect, did not levy any property tax for the year 1942-43.

Mayor McKenzie stated that additional expenses such as those imposed by a war-industry boom or a cantonment make license fees and occupational taxes a feasible way to allow a city to obtain the necessary money for its increased expenditures, and at the same time to obtain from the people who are profiting from the boom—namely the business men—some of the increased costs.

The advisability of a special election in order to raise the necessary revenue was also brought up, and it was stated that because of the increased assessed valuation in Hermiston during the past year, a slight mill tax increase would hardly increase the individual taxes.

Mr. McKenzie also brought up this subject at a meeting of the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce Tuesday noon at the U.S.O. building with approximately twenty members present. After considerable discussion President Art Trasher appointed Pete Berg, F. B. Swayze and Sam Moore as a committee of three to investigate the matter and report back at the next meeting in two weeks.

MARCH OF DIMES SUCCESS HERE

A total of \$286.53 was collected in Hermiston for the annual President Roosevelt's March of Dimes, according to Wm. J. Logan, local postmaster who was in charge of the drive. The money has been sent to the county chairman to aid in meeting Umatilla's quota as set by the state committee. The fund is used to help combat the infantile paralysis disease in the United States.

The Hermiston schools established a fine record in the local drive, when they turned in \$113.08. Other figures included: Umatilla Ordnance Depot, \$59.94; Carpenters Union, \$25.00, and \$88.51 taken from dime banks located in the various business houses. The total sum was \$286.53 and compares very favorably with amounts collected in former years.

Myricks Attend Mustangs Meet
Mr. and Mrs. Jess Myrick, who own a cattle ranch east of Hermiston, attended a regular meeting and dinner of the Mustangs in Pendleton one day this week. Mr. and Mrs. Myrick are enthusiastic horse lovers and never fail to attend a gathering where horses are being discussed.