

RATIONING CALENDAR

MARCH 29—Rationing of meat, cheese, butter, canned fish and edible oils in effect. Red A stamps, good for 16 points, are valid between March 29 and April 4.

MARCH 29—Housewives, institutions, and industrial users begin surrendering red point stamps for the meats, butter, fats, and other rationed products in this program which they buy. Red "A" stamps, (16 points) good during first week.

MARCH 29 TO APRIL 10—Institutional users got point allotments from local war price and rationing boards. Industrial users register with local boards during same period and receive point allotments.

APRIL 11—Retailers, wholesalers, and primary distributors, including processors, begin surrendering points in their purchases of the rationed items.

APRIL 25 TO MAY 1—Allowable inventories of wholesalers and retailers based on sales, in points, during this week.

MAY 1—Retailers and wholesalers take point inventory at close of business on May 1.

MAY 3 TO MAY 14—Retailers and wholesalers register with local boards and get allowable point inventories. BEGINNING APRIL 30—Primary distributors, including processors, make compliance report for first reporting period ending on or after April 30, and covering operations from March 29 to that date. Filing of extra copy of the report serves as registration.

SUGAR—May 31. Stamp No. 12, good for five pounds, expires.

COFFEE—March 21, Stamp No. 25, war ration book No. 1 of book good for 1 pound of coffee, expires at midnight.

GASOLINE—March 21, No. 4 stamps, each good for four gallons, expire at midnight.

TIRES—March 31, Cars with "A" books must have tires inspected before this date.

COLUMBIA NEWS

By Mrs. Bob Woodward

Mr. and Mrs. John Swearingen and baby daughter, Connie, were here from Gresham during the week end to visit her mother, Mrs. Grace Foster. On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shultz of Umatilla also visited at the Foster home.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Garberding made a trip to Boyd, near The Dalles, on Monday to bring three young registered Durham bulls which had been purchased from the J. H. Godknecht herd by John Conrad of Columbia district, Adolph Heyden of Stanfield and Charles A. Shown, North Hill district.

Mrs. R. B. Wilcox was called to Salem last Thursday evening by the fatal illness of her father, Joseph Eckelson, who passed away on Friday. R. B. Wilcox accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilcox to Salem Sunday for the funeral services.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wilcox visited in Portland Monday with their son Claude Wilcox and family, returning home that night.

Pfc. Harry Reuber, who spent last week in Stanfield on a short furlough from army training, visited here with his sister, Mrs. Myrnie Caldwell. He is serving with a camouflage division in Colorado.

Carole Hammer, Rita Graves and Glenda Parsons were guests at a birthday dinner on Monday evening at the Woodward home in honor of the ninth birthday anniversary of Beverly Jo Woodward.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hammer and niece Gloria made a business trip to Pendleton Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Woodward and daughter Carolyn spent Tuesday in Pendleton.

Mrs. Emma McElroy and daughter Lois have recently arrived from Lacomba, Alberta, Canada, and are staying at the O. L. Hodge home. Lois enrolled at Columbia school Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Haynes and children of Clarkston, Wn., spent several days here last week visiting with the O. L. Hodge.

RAIN RELIEVES LONG DRY SPELL

A total of .18 inch of precipitation was recorded during the past week, giving considerable relief from the drowns which has prevailed during the past several months. Grain crops and pasture grass were greatly aided by the slight rain and immediately took a new lease on life.

The report for the week, according to Chas. Taylor, weather man, follows:

Date	Max.	Min.
March 24	63	41
March 25	68	36
March 26	68	47
March 27	75	47
March 28	71	40
March 29	63	45
March 30	56	31

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"LETTERS TO LUCERNE" TO BE PRESENTED BY SENIOR CLASS FRIDAY

MISS LUEHRS IS PLAY DIRECTOR

The senior class hopes to leave a lasting impression on the annals of dramatics of this high school when on Friday, April 2, the class will present "Letters to Lucerne", a light drama of this war that started in Europe.

The action takes place in a fashionable girls' school in Lucerne, Switzerland. Here are gathered girls of many nationalities—American, German, English, French and Polish. They live a pleasant sheltered life, away from the harshness of the world.

Every night before retiring it is their custom to read aloud the letters they receive from home. Through the reading of these letters we see the black clouds of Europe gathering in each country and their effects on the families of the girls who live there. Yes, their life is pleasant until Olga Kirinski, a Polish girl portrayed by Frances Culver, receives a letter that her country has been invaded by Germany. To make matters worse, Olga is very much in love with Hans Schmidt (Lowell Tiller), a young German boy whom she met on a walking trip when Germany and Poland were still at peace with one another.

Her best friend at school, Erna Schmidt, and Hans' sister (played by Audrey Roberts) receives letters from her family in Germany saying how well things are going for Germany. Erna is an innocent bystander of this rule of evil in Germany but girls being girls make her extremely miserable when her letters are read.

Miss Linder (Dorothy Hiatt) and Mrs. Hunter (Mary Sommerer) run the girls' school and are very understanding of the situation.

A lighter vein is introduced into the play when Gustave (Jim Belt), the janitor of the school, and Marguerite (Betty Miller), the cook, carry on a conversation in French and German, not to mention Gustave's jealousy over anyone even looking at Marguerite.

Other parts ably portrayed are those of two American girls—Bingo Hill (Noreen Townsend) and Sally Jackson (Wanda Dunning), who are constantly bickering back and forth. Felice Renoir (Doris Follett), a hot tempered French girl, and Marion Curwood (Dola Mae Daugherty), a cool English girl, get into some pretty hot arguments over loyalty to one's own country.

Francois (Kenny Elwood), the old Swiss mailman, brings letters to the girls at the school and only makes a few speeches but some are in French—"Voice la Poste". And last but not least the port of Koppler, the German Gestapo agent, is played by Jack Drake.

RESERVOIR FULL FOR IRRIGATION

Cold Springs reservoir is full to the brim and irrigation has already begun in the A line, Maxwell ditch and all laterals except the I line where some cleanup work is still necessary, according to J. M. Spencer, manager. No date has been set for city irrigation, depending largely upon the weather and the condition of irrigation ditches, several of which are under repair.

The feed canal is still running and it is planned to keep the water at the present level until such time as this ceases. However, the comforting thought is that an ample supply of water is available for another year at least.

SERVICE WINDOW IS DISCONTINUED

Several thousand "window shoppers" have taken occasion to view the numerous pictures of boys in the service in the windows of the local office of the Pacific Power & Light Co. Many people have scanned the lineup many times and have taken occasion to inform their friends and neighbors of the window.

A. M. Thrasher, manager, indicated Wednesday that the window would be discontinued this week and friends and relatives who have been kind enough to bring the pictures to the office to please call for them as soon as possible.

RED CROSS QUOTA OVERSUBSCRIBED IN HERMISTON

Typical of the spirit usually manifested in Hermiston, loyal citizens and visitors have contributed wholeheartedly to the recent Red Cross War Fund, raising a total of \$1085.61, with some campaigners still to be heard from. When it appeared that the \$1000.00 quota might not be reached by this week, the Columbia district, under the chairmanship of Mrs. John Jendrzewski, came to the rescue and materially aided the fund.

It is hoped that anyone who has been working for the fund and who has not turned in their receipts do so immediately in order that the total amount can be turned into the county headquarters where proper disbursements will be made.

The campaign locally was headed by Lee Quiring, with Mrs. Belt in charge of the residential district. Sincere thanks is expressed to all those who have so cheerfully contributed their efforts to make the campaign a success.

U.S.O. OPEN HOUSE IS GALA EVENT

On Sunday, March 28, open house was held in all of the 1215 clubs throughout the country. The local U.S.O. club started off its day's activities with a softball game between the Junior Hostesses and the Army at 2:00 p. m. at the city ball park. It was a tougher game than the score indicates, but the boys won 29 to 16.

At 4:00 p. m., over two hundred people enjoyed a show presented at the U.S.O. club. Miss Joyce Hendrickson and Miss Gladys Brown rendered beautiful vocal solos and Miss Phyllis Sires presented two piano numbers. Mrs. Collins Weston presented the following students in tap dancing numbers: Patsy Brown, Maxine Hinkle and Marilyn Miller. The U.S.O. Pre-School groups gave a very entertaining program consisting of drills, recitations and musical numbers. Twenty-eight youngsters took part in this program.

Tuesday evening the U.S.O. Junior Hostesses entertained the soldiers with an old fashioned box supper and old time dance. Bert Mitchell's orchestra donated their time and music to make this a festive occasion. The girls dressed in old clothes and the boys in fatigues and a happy-go-lucky evening was enjoyed by all. Mr. Olson and Mr. Guiwits were the callers.

Calf Club Organized Saturday
A calf club was organized under the leadership of Lois Hunt Saturday evening, March 27. Wilbur Hunt was elected president, Vern Hunt, vice president, and Irene Hunt, secretary. The club was named the Victory Dairy club. Anyone wishing to join this club may come to the next meeting, Saturday, April 3, at 7:30 p. m. The meeting will be held at Harold Hunt's home.

New Provisions Announced By State For Driving Permits

Three laws changing driver's license provisions in Oregon and two affecting motor vehicle regulations requested by the state department are now in effect, having been signed by the governor, Robert S. Farrell, Jr., secretary of state, disclosed today.

- The new laws:
1. Provide that persons 16 to 18 years of age may obtain restricted chauffeur's licenses.
 2. Extend current driver's license period from June 30, 1943, to June 30, 1945.
 3. Repeal outright the law requiring examination of applicants for renewal of driver's licenses.
 4. Eliminate the need for an affidavit of use in registration of farm trucks.
 5. Provide a flat fee of \$1 for a continuous trip permit to move an unlicensed vehicle.

The chauffeur's license act and the farm affidavit act carried the emergency clause and are now in effect.

Under the amended law, persons 16 to 18 years of age, who obtain the written endorsement of the sheriff and county judge of their county of residence, may apply for permits to operate commercial vehicles. Formerly such permits were not available to anyone under 18 years of age. Persons who are granted these permits, however, are not permitted to operate school buses, motor buses, emergency vehicles or taxicabs.

All persons who hold the 1941-43

To Be Chaplain



REV. BALLINGER TO BE CHAPLAIN

Rev. M. B. Ballinger, who has served as pastor of the Hermiston Methodist church for the past two years, wired the Herald office Wednesday from San Francisco as follows: "Just had examination and since no objections voiced by anyone, assume have been accepted."

Rev. Ballinger left here Monday to appear before a Methodist committee on Army and Navy Chaplains. It is not known exactly when he will leave Hermiston but it is assumed that he will remain until after Easter.

ROD & GUN CLUB VOTES CONTEST

At a recent meeting of the Hermiston Rod & Gun club, it was voted to continue the annual predatory animal contest sponsored among the youths of the project. Many predators are destroyed each year by boys who participate in the contest for awards given by the Rod & Gun club. Harold Thompson, club secretary, states that a total of 2982 predators were turned in this year by 14 contestants with Gilbert Smith Jr. and Clarence Crampton leading the list.

Among those participating this year were Donald Harper, Bob Hutchins, Bill Hibbard, Jimmy Allen, Dan Follett, Gordon Shown, Dick Kingsley, Dan Kennedy, Chas. Seeliger, Leroy Mathews, Wilbur Hunt, Gilbert Smith Jr., Ralph Richards Jr. and Clarence Crampton.

Frank Bilderback was elected president of the club at the meeting, replacing Dan Hutchison who has served during the past year.

Ayers Leaves For Idaho
Elder E. M. Ayers of the Hermiston Missionary Baptist church is leaving this week for Deary, Idaho, where he will conduct two weeks of evangelistic services. Elder Ayers expects to be back in Hermiston by April 12.

PURPLE HEART RECEIVED HERE BY MRS. GRIM

Mrs. H. W. Grim of Route Two, Hermiston, was greatly honored recently when she received a Purple Heart, signifying that her son, Eldon L. Allen, was killed while performing an heroic feat with the armed forces. Eldon, who was killed on Christmas day, was fighting with U. S. troops in New Guinea.

Eldon joined the army January 7, 1942, and was sent overseas April 20, 1942. He saw considerable action from that date until Christmas of the same year when he was listed among those killed. He was well known in this community.

It is believed that this is the first token of honor of this nature received locally during the present conflict.

FOOD RATIONING MONTH ENDS

Wednesday ended the first month of rationing of processed foods and indications are that it had very little effect on the volume for the month as a whole, although it did slow up sales of various items the forepart of the month because customers were somewhat leary of spending their points.

However, the last several days of March saw a great influx of points as purchasers wished to spend them before they expired March 31. All in all, the situation is causing considerable extra work but in most part all are taking the matter with a smile. In fact, the somewhat drab life of a grocery clerk has been spiced during the past four weeks by many amusing incidents brought on by misunderstanding buyers.

GRANGE MEETS AT WESTLAND

At a meeting of the Westland Grange last Friday, it was voted to contribute \$5.00 to the Red Cross. During the evening four candidates received the first and second degrees. The next meeting has been scheduled for April 9 when the third and fourth degrees will be exemplified.

The Lecturer requests that all members be present for the Easter Bonnet preview. An outside speaker has been arranged for the evening.

The next H.E.C. meeting will be held at the Harry Newton home on April 7. Any lady who wants to learn more about the Grange is cordially invited.

MEAT BUSINESS GOOD SATURDAY

With twice the normal trade, Hermiston meat markets had a big day Saturday as customers stood in line, hoping to fill their larders before meat rationing got underway Monday. Although there was no confusion during the day, meat cutters worked double time and at the end of the day remarked, "Whew."

Beef and pork were popular items and many asked for bacon and hams, but these, of course, were very scarce. Butchers were relaxing the first of the week and made good use of their time replenishing their show cases.

DAVID DAVIS IS HERE ON VISIT

David Davis, Second Class Aviation Ordnance, came last Thursday to spend a short furlough with his mother, Mrs. Florence Davis, and with friends. Davis is stationed at the present time in Chicago where he is teaching in an ordnance school. He will leave Saturday to return to his work.

Davis has been with the navy since he enlisted September 7, 1940. Davis is a fine example of what physical training will do for a young man, as he appears in fine fettle.

VICTORY DAIRY CLUB ORGANIZED

A Victory Dairy club, under the leadership of Glen Wilcox, was organized March 17 at the home of David Dufur with 13 members enrolled. The members were submitted by David Dufur with the following officers elected: David Dufur, president; Lewis Wilson, vice president; Dulcinea Panages, secretary, and Lucille Homan and Dulcinea Panages, reporters.

RATIONING OF MEAT AND PROCESSED FOOD QUESTIONS EXPLAINED

MEAT CHART IS ON PAGE FOUR

Editor's Note: An official table of consumer point values for meat, cheese, fats and oils will be found on page four of this issue of The Herald. Clip and save it for ready reference.

War-time belt-tightening really hit home this week as rationing of meats, butter and allied products began. New coupon costs on processed fruits and vegetables also went into effect.

The average American, who has been one of the world's biggest per capita consumers of meat could buy pork, beef, lamb or mutton only on the 16 points of the red A stamps in his No. 2 ration book.

Sixteen points will buy two pounds of steak this week—if it is available—but most people will want to use some of those points to buy other cuts of meat and also butter, lard, cheese, vegetable shortening, canned fish and salad oils.

Meal-planning problems of the housewife were doubly tough because many of the coupon values of processed foods that she tried so hard to learn during the last four weeks were changed, some up and some down.

On the bright side, she could buy prunes, raisins and other dry fruits and apple juice without coupons. She could also buy other fruit and vegetable juices and dehydrated soups at reduced coupon costs.

But the old standby of canned baked beans was higher in point value and other increases made it more difficult to buy canned fresh lima beans, catsup, and canned applesauce, fruit salad and cocktail, peaches and pineapple.

In the processed-foods field, point values of uices were cut in half or deeper in most cases, with the biggest benefits on the formerly popular 46 ounce cans, whose sale had come to a virtual standstill under rationing. This size can of pineapple or tomato juice was cut from 32 to 22 points, and all other canned fruit juices were trimmed, in this size, from 23 to 9 points. Grape juice came down from 8 to 4 points per pint.

Prunes, raisins and other dried fruits were taken off the ration lists temporarily (actually left on the official chart at zero point value) because of the danger of spoilage on grocery shelves in the warm months. Apple juice was made unrestricted because of a surplus apple crop which is expected to be turned largely into juice.

The popular No. 2 size can of dry beans, including baked beans, pork and beans, and kidney beans, which had been selling faster than stores could replenish for very long was upped from 6 to 8 points per can. The same size of canned fresh lima beans was raised from 16 to 19 points, and tomato catsup and chile sauce were boosted from 8 to 10 points for the 14-ounce size.

Dehydrated soups got a 50 per cent reduction with the usual 2½ ounce package dropping from 4 to 2 points. Frozen foods were left unchanged in popular size packages, but some of the larger size containers are raised a point or two. Canned soups also were left unchanged, but tomato soup was set up in a separate classification in preparation for a possible differential between its value and other canned soup points.

Summarizing the kitchen rations in effect now, the coupon situation was as follows:

Meat, cheese, canned fish, butter, lard and other edible fats and oil—this week use only red A stamps in ration book No. 2. This provides 16 points per person to be spent interchangeable for meat and the other items in this group.

The A stamps may be saved, if desired, and used any time through April 30 along with other red stamps becoming valid each week in that period. Expiration date of fifth week stamps has not been fixed yet.

PFC Nation Visits Here

Bill Nation, Private First Class, spent from Saturday until Monday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Nation. Nation is stationed at Spokane, Wash., where he is serving at the induction center, doing clerical work. Although the work is quite strenuous, he seems to be enjoying his duties.