

RATIONING CALENDAR

GASOLINE: "A" book coupons No. 5 good for four gallons each until May 21 outside the eastern gasoline shortage area.

SUGAR: Coupon No. 12 good for 5 lbs. Must last through May 31.

COFFEE: Stamp No. 23 (1 lb.) good from April 26 through May 30.

FUEL OIL: Period 5 coupons valid in all zones.

SHOES: No. 17 stamp in war ration book one good for one pair through June 15.

RED STAMPS: Red stamps lettered E became valid April 25 through May 30. Unused A, B, C or D stamps good through April 30.

BLUE STAMPS: D, E, F expire on April 30; G, H, J became valid April 24 and are good until May 31.

War Ration Book No. 3

War ration book No. 3 will be distributed through the mails to more than 120,000,000 individuals beginning late in June and ending July 21, the OPA has announced. Mailmen will leave postcard application forms at every home between May 20 and June 5. The postcard, properly filled out by the head of the house and mailed to OPA, will bring ration book No. 3. Prentiss M. Brown, price administrator, emphasized that book No. 3 is a replacement book only, containing a new supply of stamps to take the place of those now being used up. He said if any more rationing programs were necessary there would be official notice by the government.

No Limit On Recapping

After May 1 there will be no restrictions on the number of certificates that may be issued for recapping truck tires. Because recapping takes only one-sixth as much crude rubber as a new tire, the OPA has removed quota restrictions so that the tires will not be driven beyond the recapping point.

Play Shoes To Be Rationed

"Play" shoes not ordinarily used for street wear that are manufactured, packaged or shipped after April 15, 1943, go back on the rationed list. Such shoes, if they leave a factory before April 15, remain non-rationed, even though they may reach consumers months later.

Rationing Program Changes

Farm fencing is no longer rationed. Quota controls on milking machines, grain and forage choppers, portable and stationary elevators have been removed, and pressure cookers have been placed under rationing, the U. S. department of agriculture has announced. The 150,000 pressure cookers which will be produced in 1943 will be rationed by county farm rationing committees, to users showing greatest need for them. Community organizations composed of several families who agree to use a pressure cooker jointly will get first consideration.

Loans for Conserving Fuel

Home owners who want to convert their oil heating equipment to use other fuels, or to install inside insulation, weather-stripping, storm doors, or storm windows may get FHA loans on a delayed payment plan. Initial payments on loans made between April 20 and September 1 may be deferred until November 1, 1943, if the entire loan is used for such work.

Coal Situation

Coal users are reminded again that stocks will be low and transportation inadequate during the winter of 1943. Coal producing capacity is definitely limited and the user who has inadequate stocks on hand may be caught short next winter by a tight market and delays in shipments.

"Hold the Line"

Farmers and others now employed in an essential industry cannot change to a job at higher wages unless the change is in the interest of the war program, according to recent rulings of War Manpower Commission. Men now in unessential work are encouraged to get into jobs contributing directly to the war effort, even if an increase in wages is involved.

Bob Smith Visits In Hermiston

Bob Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Smith who formerly resided here, visited in Hermiston the forepart of the week. Bob has recently returned from Sitka, Alaska, where he was employed with a construction firm for 13 months. He graduated from Hermiston high school in 1942, and visited at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Smith. Bob stated that his father has recovered somewhat from his recent accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Rust and infant daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moore and also a daughter and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Moore were Easter Sunday visitors at the O. H. Thompson home at Irrigon. Mr. and Mrs. Rust and daughter returned to their home in Vancouver Monday where he is employed in the shipyards.

MEETING SCHEDULED MONDAY EVENING TO EXPLAIN RATIONING

ESSENTIAL THAT DEALERS ATTEND

A general meeting for all merchants, retailers of any kind, service organizations and any others who sell any commodity or service, will be held Monday evening, May 3, at the high school auditorium, according to information received here by the War Price and Rationing board. The meeting will be in the form of a clinic, beginning at 7:30 as a general meeting and then dividing into three groups.

Present for the evening will be: J. N. Chambers, general commodities; Ernest Cline, service organizations; and Clark Van Fleece, rationing. At these gatherings various details of the war price and rationing setup will be explained so that every merchant and dealer will understand the problems now confronting him.

It is essential that all merchants, retailers of any kind, service organizations be present from this board area, which includes Echo, Stanfield, Hermiston, Umatilla and the U.O.D. For example operators of grocery stores, banks, service stations, shoe repair shops, restaurants, funeral parlors, beauty parlors and many others should be present at this meeting.

The meeting has been called to clarify the many questions and problems that have arisen since the rationing and ceiling price restrictions have been in effect.

DOGS KILL CHICKS AT BENSEL FARM

John Bensel, farmer residing about four miles north of Hermiston, suffered a severe loss Tuesday morning when stray dogs killed approximately 425 young fryers and chicks. Mr. Bensel estimates the loss at about \$300.00 as he was selling many of the fryers at \$1.00 each. This is the second such loss in this area in recent months with Harry Kelley losing a number of turkey breeder hens recently.

Mr. Bensel sighted the dogs but was unable to catch up with them when they ran across rough country. The matter of dogs is becoming quite serious and farmers are threatening to kill on sight.

CHAMBER GROUP MEETS MAY 10

The next meeting of the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce will be held Monday night, May 10, at the U.S.O. building, according to A. M. Thrasher, president. H. D. Dean of the Umatilla Field Station will report on the farm labor situation in this area. Mr. Dean was appointed chairman of a committee to check on this matter.

Members are urged to be present as several other items of interest will be discussed. The meeting was originally scheduled for May 3 but was postponed one week due to a War Price and Rationing meeting to be held Monday, May 3.

ENSIGN GRAY IS VISITOR HERE

Ensign and Mrs. Dan Gray came Tuesday for a short visit with friends in Hermiston. Ensign Gray recently graduated with high honors at the U. S. Navy school at Chicago and is being transferred to San Francisco for another two months of training. Mrs. Gray, who has been with her husband for the past two months, will accompany him to San Francisco.

The Grays expected to spend Wednesday in Seattle with his parents and continue from there to the bay city. Mrs. Gray's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Crawford, reside in Walla Walla. Ensign Gray was employed with the Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co. here prior to his enlistment and was Hermiston's youngest councilman.

MEAT MARKETS WILL INVENTORY

Information from the local War Price and Rationing board states that all meat markets in this board area must inventory their stock at the close of business on May 1 instead of Friday night, April 30, as some had thought.

This data must be in the hands of the local rationing board prior to May 14.

Second War Loan Drive Ends Friday



"They Give Their Lives—You Lend Your Money"

U. S. Treasury Department

Dear Reader:

Friday is the last day of the Second War Loan Drive. The time is at hand when everyone must help to make this war effort a success. It is not yet too late to dig down, Dear Reader, and help to answer the challenge of buying War Loan Securities this month with every idle dollar you have except what you need for the bare necessities of life. The time to do that is NOW. Now while there is yet time to aid the boys who are doing our fighting for us.

Hermiston doctors are sponsoring the war bond message for this week on page four.

WATER PROJECT LOSES RATING

An Associated Press article from Washington with a dateline of April 27 read as follows: "Preference ratings for a water works improvement at Hermiston, Ore., were revoked today by the war production board. The project, part of the federal works agency program, called for a deep-well pump, a small pumping station and water distribution mains."

No official word has been received by Mayor F. C. McKenzie concerning the matter.

COOKING SCHOOL TO STRESS SALADS

Crisp cool salads add a spring furbelow to family and party menus. Hearty cottage cheese for a main dish meal; lima beans, Italian style in a big salad bowl; salmon in aspic in a ring mold; and a party plate of assorted salads and finger sandwiches for your next bridge. For that old fashioned homey touch, so very fashionable nowadays, hot potato salad—the old favorite.

On this Friday afternoon at 2:00 p. m., Mrs. Georgea Sutch will make these salads at the U.S.O. Cooking school. Make a date to meet your friends there, and stay for a sociable cup of coffee afterwards.

Miss Wilcox Is Graduated

The following note was received from Miss Eva Wilcox, Auxiliary First Class, who recently graduated from WAAC branch No. 5 at Commerce, Texas: "Well, we are all graduated, all packed and ready to go, and will be moving under sealed orders, when we get them; where we are going we do not know as yet, but we are all guessing. We had very nice exercises and shook hands with the Colonel when he gave us our certificates, saying, we had completed the course. As far as Texas is concerned I have had a right nice time here, and I have learned a lot about the country and the people. If I do as well in the other places where I am sent I should have a fair knowledge of geography when I am through."

TRACKSTERS TO GO TO LA GRANDE

A quartet of Hermiston high school track artists are planning to go to La Grande Saturday to participate in a regional meet which will qualify men for the state track meet later in the month. Going from here will be Lowell Tiller, Dan Follett, Erwin Null and Frank Harkenrider.

Tiller is given a good chance to place in the high jump event. He recently placed second in the Carnival of Speed at Mac Hi and hopes to do better at La Grande.

TROUT SEASON AROUND CORNER

The angling season for trout not less than six inches in length opens May 1 in Baker, Grant, Harney, Klamath, Umatilla, Union, Walla, Wheeler and Malheur counties.

The trout bag limit is 15 fish or 15 pounds and 1 fish in any one day but not to exceed 30 fish or 30 pounds and 2 fish in any seven consecutive days or in possession at any one time.

Exceptions to the general season and limit are to be found listed in the 1943 synopsis of angling regulations published by the Oregon state game commission and available now at all license agencies.

The game commission again urges anglers to cooperate by reporting the results of each fishing trip on the special orange colored "Catch Report Cards" that are being distributed by license agencies, sporting goods stores, fishing lodges and boat concessions. For each fishing trip made a card should be filled out and mailed to the game commission even if no fish are caught. Information gathered from these cards will help determine the results of past fish planting programs as well as the future policy.

Fire Damages Harris Home

The Hermiston fire department was called to the Dayton Harris home last Thursday where some rags had ignited in the attic. Prompt action by those first on the scene prevented a serious fire, most of the damage done being caused by water.

BOND QUOTA IS NOT YET GAINED IN THIS REGION

Word was received at the Hermiston office just before press time that the Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co. had purchased \$20,000.00 in war bonds at the First National Bank in Hermiston as that company's allotment for Umatilla county. The Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co. has always been very cooperative in various undertakings sponsored by local communities and again in this bond purchase is giving Umatilla county credit towards its quota.

A total of \$76,661.25 in bonds has been purchased at the First National Bank and the Hermiston postoffice during the Second War Bond Drive which was launched April 12. Although this is quite a sum of money it is still short of the quota set for this community, according to Mayor F. C. McKenzie who headed the local campaign. He stated Wednesday that he was depending on local citizens to buy a lot of bonds before Friday evening when the drive ends.

Faithful workers have been canvassing the town and countryside during the past few weeks. In many instances the response was most hearty, but in some cases the money had been spent for other things.

It is hoped, however, that many will buy bonds before Friday evening in order that this part of the county will do its share toward filling the county and state quotas.

RAINFALL COMES AT OPPORTUNE TIME FOR CROPS

"A million dollar rain" in deluxe form came this week with a total of .77 in, recorded by Charles Taylor, weather man. A total of .75 of that total came from midnight Tuesday night until mid-afternoon Wednesday during which time it rained or misted almost continuously. Gardens and farm crops will benefit immensely from the precipitation, especially those which are just coming up.

Old timers in this area had a hard time this week convincing new residents that the rainfall was unusual at this time of year. One man stated, "When I came here they told me I was in for a long dry spell but it rains here just like it does in the valley." A reply from a hardened old timer came quickly, "Stick around awhile."

The report for the week follows:

Date	Max.	Min.
April 22	63	44
April 23	68	45
April 24	63	36
April 25	63	45
April 26	67	46
April 27	67	49
April 28	65	49

MORE DEALS ARE ANNOUNCED HERE

This story begins where last week's item left off. New property transactions announced this week include the sale of the Leonard Nation property to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Warner. Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Willcutt and family will continue to reside in the residence.

L. W. Dixon is also dealing with a Portland firm for the sale of his hop ranch and needs only the settlement of small details before the actual transfer of title is made. Mr. Dixon also announces that in event the sale is finally completed, he has made arrangements with Mr. and Mrs. George Strohm for the Strohm ranch southeast of Hermiston. Should everything go as scheduled, Mr. and Mrs. Strohm are planning an extended visit before settling down again.

Several other deals are in the offing but not far enough along to be put into print.

BONNEVILLE MAN TO BE SPEAKER

Dr. Carl D. Thompson of Bonneville will be the special speaker at a meeting at the Columbia park hall Monday, May 3, at 8:00 o'clock. A pot luck supper beginning at 7:00 will precede the business meeting. Dr. Thompson, who is an authority on public power, will speak on "Public Power in the War and Post-War Period", according to A. H. Cable, president of the project farm bureau.

Anyone interested in hearing Dr. Thompson is cordially invited to attend the meeting.

STUDENTS RECEIVE AWARDS AT ANNUAL ACTIVITIES BANQUET

DANCE TO FOLLOW IN GYMNASIUM

The annual Activities Banquet, sponsored by the H. U. H. S. student council, will be held Thursday, April 29, in the gym from 7:00 to 9:00.

The Activities Banquet was originated in Hermiston high school by Superintendent W. G. Kersbergen, in his second year here and since that time it has grown to be a tradition and each year the students look forward with great pleasure to this memorable event.

Approximately 97 guests will be in attendance, including members of the school board and their wives, the faculty, and students who have made outstanding contributions to the school.

The program will consist of presentation of letters by Coach Lee Weber and Superintendent Kersbergen will make honorable mentions of other students. Two musical numbers will be sung by "The Tones", Janet Hodge, La Desca Pieper, Peggy Todd and Alta Mae Guerrant, and there will be a violin solo by Hope Reynolds, accompanied by Jack Jackson at the piano.

After the banquet, a Victory Prom will be held. Student body tickets are good for this dance and all high school students are invited to attend. Guests are admitted by card only.

Red, white and blue streamers are draped around the lights with blue streamers criss-crossed between them. A thirty-foot American flag is being placed on the cyclorama of the stage and large red, white and blue "V's" for Victory will add to the decorative scheme.

Sometime ago Miss Lavina May Lynch contacted 150 leading business firms in the United States to secure posters on the war effort and victory campaign ideas and most of them responded very generously.

Decorations for the Victory Prom (Continued on Last Page)

EATING PLACES MUST FILE PRICES

Owners of restaurants and other eating and drinking establishments in Hermiston were reminded this week by the local Price and Rationing board to file immediately copies of every menu or price list in use during the period of April 4 to April 10.

If you own or operate a restaurant, hotel, cafe, dining car, bar, delicatessen, soda fountain, catering business or any other eating or drinking place, it is your direct responsibility to file these lists with your local board.

According to the board the filing requirements are very simple. A menu, bill of fare, or price list for all meals served during the period of April 4 to April 10, must be signed and filed with the War Price and Rationing board not later than May 1. A copy of each menu or price list is to be retained by the establishment. If the menu does not show all the food items, meals or beverages offered during the specified period a supplementary price list must be prepared and submitted.

In the event that eating and drinking establishments do not use menus, price list containing every food item, meal and beverage offered during the seven day period must be prepared and submitted to the War Price and Rationing board before May 1.

A filing of menus or prices of foods served during the seven day period from April 4 to April 10 is the first step of an OPA order designed to bring under price control the costs of "eating out".

RANKIN PITCHES NO-HIT CONTEST

Fred Rankin, well known hereabouts for his prowess on the baseball diamond, Monday almost made the hall of fame when he pitched a no-hit game for the Walla Walla Jaycees against the Walla Walla airbase Bomb and Gunmen aggregation. The only flaw in the setup was a run scored by the airbase team on an error, the Jaycees winning 5 to 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Rankin recently moved to Walla Walla where he is employed with the Union Oil Co. Fred came to Hermiston Wednesday to take a physical examination following a notice from the draft board.