

# What's New?

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## Alfalfa Ceiling Prices

Alfalfa hay has been brought under price control in five more states. Uniform OPA ceilings now cover this important crop—needed for fodder in the wartime drive for more milk—in Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Idaho and New Mexico. The base price is \$20 a ton, in the stack on the farm. This is for ungraded hay. Prices on graded hay certified by Federal or State hay inspectors range between \$17 a ton for No. 3 and \$25.50 for extra leafy No. 1. Transportation charges, a dealer mark-up of \$1.50 per ton, a retailer mark-up of \$5 a ton and baling costs of \$4 a ton may be added where they apply.

## Feed Wheat Program

The rate at which the 50 million bushel allocation of feed wheat is disappearing resulted this week in modification of the Commodity Credit feed wheat program. Discontinued were sales of government wheat stored in Commodity Credit portable bins, and also a program permitting producers to redeem farm stored wheat at the feed wheat prices. Until the 50 million bushels are exhausted, sales will continue of feed wheat shipped into a county, and county AAA committees may continue to sell wheat from lots in storage earmarked for feed. The price, until further notice, will be one cent a bushel higher than the June price, or \$1.06 in Umatilla county.

## 1944 Food Plans

Total planned acreage for the nation for 1944 will be considerably greater than this year, Oregon farm leaders reported on their return from a regional conference in Denver on the 1944 food production program. Big increases over 1943 will probably be needed for dry edible beans and peas, flaxseed, potatoes, soybeans, and will be announced soon, in ample time for Oregon farmers to make fall planting plans. Attending the meeting were R. B. Taylor of Adams, chairman of the State USDA War Board and State AAA Committee; Albert L. Girrod of Salem, War Board Fieldman; N. C. Donaldson of Corvallis, AAA Executive Assistant, and C. W. Smith of the OSC Extension Service.

## Meat Subsidies

Umatilla county slaughterers will be able to obtain forms and information for applying for the RFC subsidy in the meat price rollback program from the county USDA War Board. Application forms are expected soon, and slaughterers will be notified when they are available. Subsidy payments will be tied in closely with the slaughter permit and quota program.

## R A C C Loan Program

Suspension of the RACC loan program has been ordered, pending outcome of legislation before Congress. No new loans will be made, but loans already made to county farmers to finance increased food production will be completed.

## Meat For Home Use

Regulations affecting slaughter of home-produced livestock provide that only resident farm operators may slaughter for home use without a slaughter permit.

## Custom Slaughter Permits

As a further step to control meat supplies, regulations have been issued requiring all custom slaughterers of livestock to obtain permits. Applications for permits should be filed with the County War Meat Committee.

## Surplus Vegetables

A program has been set up to prevent distribution problems from causing any seasonal loss of fresh vegetables. Any evidence of surplus vegetables will be reported by the county USDA War Board to the State War Board. Steps will then be taken to move the surplus to where it can be used.

## Grain Storage

Oregon growers will not have a repetition of the grain storage problems experienced last year. Heavy movement of wheat for feed and other purposes has cleared a lot of space so that terminal and warehouse storage appears adequate for the 1944 crop. Transportation may prove a bottleneck, however, which the large amount of farm storage constructed last year will help solve.

## CONNECTIONS TO SEWER URGED

The Hermiston sewer is now ready for operation and individuals are urged to make their connections as soon as possible, according to Mayor F. C. McKenzie. Several instructions are necessary prior to connection, and residents are urged to obtain their permits at the office of Charles Taylor, city recorder, before starting to dig.

A charge of \$1.00 is being made for these permits.

## SHAARS DISPOSE OF SHOP AND HOME TO HERMISTON BUYERS

### IN BUSINESS HERE FOR MANY YEARS

A major real estate is being announced this week whereby Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Shaar dispose of their interests in the Hermiston Barber Shop to Mr. and Mrs. Vern Daugherty. The deal includes the building in which the barber shop is housed and the adjoining building now occupied by the Beauty Nook. The transaction becomes effective immediately.

Mr. Shaar has been in continuous business in Hermiston for the past 28 years and took an active part in the barber business until about a year ago when he became ill. Since then he has been unable to work steady and decided to sell the business to seek other work more favorable to his health. He has not announced as yet what this will be.

Mr. Daugherty needs no introduction in Hermiston as he has operated a shop here for several years. Until several months he was located in the Hermiston Hotel and since then has been working at the Hermiston Barber Shop.

A. W. Behrman, Hermiston jeweler, has purchased the Shaar home south of Hermiston, including the house and 13 acres of land. The Shaars will remain on the place until they can find other living quarters.

## MYSTERY PLANT IS TALKED HERE

The following article was written by Paul Dunham, Washington correspondent, and appeared in his column last week. The Hermiston Herald takes no responsibility for its authenticity but reprints the item for its apparent news value only. The article reads as follows:

"The south bank of the Columbia river east of Arlington may be selected by the army engineers as the site of another large mystery plant. Somewhere between 150,000 and 200,000 acres will be required for the project which, it is thought, like the Yakima plant, will be erected for the manufacture of powder. The site will be fairly close to the big ammunition dump located just outside Hermiston.

"The Hermiston ammunition igloos can store the entire output from both the Yakima plant and the proposed new one. Huge quantities of water are necessary for such manufacturing and the Columbia river answers that requirement. This particular region has only a few inhabitants and the majority of the land is owned by the government. Wide open spaces are needed for such manufacturing, and both sides of the Columbia river meet such requirement."

## CHRISTMAS MAIL DATES ARE SET

W. E. Logan, Hermiston postmaster, already is telling his patrons to prepare for the Christmas mailing to boys overseas. Although Santa Claus is not slated to appear for several months yet, those wishing to send parcels overseas should plan to do this during the period suggested by the postal department in order to insure good delivery.

Mr. Logan states that parcels to army personnel overseas should be mailed from September 15 to October 15, and naval personnel overseas should be mailed from September 15 to November 15.

## SCHOOL VOTE IS RE-SCHEDULED

A recent school election at Stanfield has been declared void and a new vote will be taken Monday, July 12. Coming up for vote will be one director for a one-year term and one director for a two-year term. Voters are informed that the meeting has been called for 2:00 o'clock at the Stanfield school.

A vote will be held at the meeting whether the election will continue for one hour or six hours.

## Cannery Establishes New High

The Hermiston Cooperative Cannery has apparently no limits to its capacities. A week ago Tuesday this concern set a record of 2,251 cans processed during a single day, but this week Tuesday even this output was exceeded. A total of 2,635 cans were "put up" by private canners, according to Mrs. A. E. Rugg, manager. This work will greatly alleviate the shortage of canned goods this winter.

## FIREMEN PUT OUT FLAMES BUT GO TO WRONG PLACE

Like the baseball player who ran to third base instead of first, the Hermiston fire department did a good job of extinguishing the flames of some small barns on the W. J. Warner property south of town but found out the next morning that the original call for help had come from a trailer house fire in Cabin City. A third fire started just a short distance east of the other two fires.

The barns were completely destroyed, the trailer house seriously damaged and no report was made of the third fire. However, one thing is quite certain, all the fires had some connection. The barn fire was the third similar case in recent months indicating that a firebug might be active here.

Residents with small outbuildings are urged to keep on the lookout for suspicious characters or indications which might lead to another fire.

## HERMISTON U.S.O. IS BUSY PLACE MONTH OF JUNE

The Hermiston U.S.O. club broke all of its previous records of attendance during this past month of June. The total attendance for the month was 7700 and of this number 3750 persons participated in some group activity planned by the local staff. According to statistics given by the director, Miss Mary Lou Johnson, there were 30 sessions of four classes, 10 baseball games, nine dances, 14 presentations of movies, and two social parties for soldiers in this community.

Approximately 900 soldiers, 2100 war production workers and 750 civilians enjoyed these events. One hundred persons received information service from the local club and 300 persons availed themselves of the shower facilities at the U.S.O.

The staff wishes to thank the 81 volunteer workers who participated in the activities during the month and who spent 600 hours, total, in so doing.

## PROJECT FARM BUREAU TO MEET

A regular meeting of the Project Farm Bureau will be held Friday, July 9, according to President A. H. Cable. The group will meet at the Columbia park hall beginning at 7:30 with a pot luck dinner. A program is being arranged for the affair.

All members are urged to attend the meeting.

## New Methodist Pastor



### REV. MAC ARTHUR NEW MINISTER

Rev. and Mrs. Walter A. MacArthur and infant son, Jon, have recently come to Hermiston from Lake Villa, Ill. where Rev. MacArthur was an assistant pastor while attending the Garrett Biblical Institute. He replaces Rev. Malcolm B. Ballinger as pastor of the Methodist church. The latter is now a chaplain with the armed forces.

Prior to going to Lake Villa, Rev. MacArthur served as pastor at Sherwood, Ore., for two years and at North Long Beach, Calif. While at Lake Villa, which is on the campus of Northwestern University, he was active in Boy Scout work and other activities.

Rev. MacArthur, who claims no relation to Gen. Douglas MacArthur, states that he is glad to be assigned to Hermiston. In the short time he has been here he has already assumed duties with the Hermiston Boy Scouts and made many friends.

## CEILING PRICES LISTING CHANGED

The local office of the War Price and Ration board has received the following information from the Portland office: "On and after July 6, 1943, supplemental monthly reports of ceiling prices of Cost-of-Living Commodities priced under the General Price Regulation and Maximum Price Regulations which adopt their provisions with respect to such reports need not be filed with the War Price and Rationing Boards."

The above has to do with merchants who sell cost-of-living commodities and their association with their local board. However, they must continue to keep invoices and other records showing how prices of new cost-of-living were determined.

## INDIANS AND UOD TO PLAY SUNDAY FOR HALF HONORS

The Hermiston Indians went back on the war-path long enough on the Fourth of July to scalp the Echo team 4 to 2, thus throwing the USO-sponsored baseball league into a tie between themselves and the strong Ordinance aggregation.

It was a pitcher's battle all the way Sunday with Henry of the Indians holding the upper hand over the veteran Murl Berry most of the day. The Indians got underway early in the game by taking a 2-0 lead in the first inning and, although Echo threatened throughout the remainder of the contest, the visitors could not bunt their hits enough to get ahead.

Only one game will be on the menu next Sunday—between the Indians and the UOD squad at the Hermiston park to determine the first half championship. Other teams will rest or play practice games during the week in preparation for the opening of the second half of the schedule which will take place on July 18.

Rumors have been heard that the Stanfield team will withdraw from competition but nothing official has been heard. If this does occur they will likely be replaced by an Army team from the Pendleton Field.

## BARNEY OLDFIELD TRUCK IGNITES

Barney Oldfield of Hermiston tried to steal the thunder of Barney Oldfield of racetrack fame Wednesday afternoon. However, instead of burning up the track like the Barney Oldfield of by-gone days, the local character burned up his truck—or rather what was on his truck.

Harold K. Dean saw the contents of the pickup aflame and warned the driver who smelled the fire about the same time. He parked the truck near the Hermiston Hotel and with the aid of the fire department soon had the fire under control. The contents of the truck consisted of garbage.

## WATER SYSTEM IS BEING EXTENDED

J. M. DeBlasio and Son, Yakima contractors who recently completed construction of the Hermiston sewer system, began work this week on the new extensions to the local water system. The contract amounts to about \$20,000.00 and includes only the laying of mains and not the pump installation which will be done by the Sargent construction crew.

A six-inch main will be laid from the Baptist church up to Ridgeway avenue and up Ridgeway to Third street which will greatly facilitate the water service to the schools. Also other extensions are contemplated.

## SOLDIER GIVEN BOND FOR LETTER

Sgt. Wm. J. O'Brien, member of the armed forces somewhere overseas, is richer by a \$25.00 war bond for answering a letter to Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Doty of Hermiston. It came about this way. Mr. Doty, who is employed at the U.O.D., placed his name on a box of ammunition during the lunch hour one day. Sometime later, this box appeared overseas and into the hands of Sgt. O'Brien.

His letter follows: "I guess you are wondering where I got your address. At this outpost we received some supplies from the States. On one of the boxes was your name and address. It is hard for me to write to you as I don't know if you are a man or woman. Being a soldier you know just what I am hoping.

"Now I want to thank you for the supplies for we really do need them out here. It is people like yourself that keep us going. He continues on about his work and in a later letter to Mr. Doty tells him to make out the bond to a party in New York. Several people from the ordnance are writing to him.

## LICENSE MAN IS COMING JULY 14

A traveling examiner of operators and chauffeurs is scheduled to arrive in Hermiston Wednesday, July 14, and will be on duty at the Legion hall between the hours of 10:00 a. m. and 4:00 p. m., according to an announcement received at The Herald from Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell Jr.

All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with the examiner during these hours.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TO OPEN EARLY IN AUGUST

### MEETING SET TO ORGANIZE WORK

The Hermiston Ministerial association, at a special meeting on July 6, voted to conduct a union Daily Vacation Bible School during the first two weeks in August.

The dean, Rev. C. Warner of the Central Church of Christ, wishes to meet all department leaders and teachers, Sunday, July 11, at 3:00 p. m. This meeting will be held at the Methodist church and an invitation is extended to all who are interested to attend. Ministers of the various churches are assisting in the planning for the school.

Following the general meeting Sunday, the departmental heads will call their workers together to receive specific instructions and to discuss problems that may be peculiar to that department. Several new features are being planned this year, including Bible work, music, stories, handwork and recreation.

This project represents a splendid opportunity for the different churches of the community to give the youth of Hermiston a Bible-centered training, presented by an attractive and efficient method. Incidentally, the school will also serve to aid parents to solve the problem of the care of their children while they are engaged in occupations that are essential to the life of our nation.

## WOMEN PLAY BIG PART IN WORK AT ORDNANCE DEPOT

Army Ordnance is learning a lot about women it never knew before. Women are replacing men called to the Armed Forces or shipped overseas. They are helping to relieve the manpower shortage. They are working side by side with soldiers and older, draft-exempt men in Field Service establishments of the Ordnance Department, Army Service Forces.

A realistic survey of female employment has been made available to Colonel A. S. Buyers, commanding Umatilla Ordnance Depot, which employs a large number of women.

Here is what battle-tough Army Ordnance personnel experts discovered: Women have greater finger dexterity than men; greater patience; greater enthusiasm. Women will accept 99 percent responsibility, but they always like to receive a final O.K. on their work from a man. Women want their jobs glamorized for them. Women do not mind getting their hands and faces dirty, but the lack of beauty shops in the community will cause a serious personnel problem. Women take instructions and directions in a far more personal manner than men. Women are patriotic without cynicism.

The 1943 goal is a total of 60 percent women employees in all Army Ordnance Field Service establishments.

## STANFIELD SALE HAS FINE RESULT

The auction sale held by the City of Stanfield July 1 was well attended and the lots sold at fair prices. In all 121 lots were sold, bringing an average price of \$20.60 each. Many of the purchasers were employees of the Umatilla Ordnance Depot who are residents of Stanfield.

Due to lack of time, a limited number of improved lots were retained by the City of Stanfield and will be sold at private sale at less than the cost of improvements in order to get them back on the tax roll, according to Nathan Bard, mayor of Stanfield.

## MISS SOMMERER RECENT BRIDE

Miss Anne Sommerer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sommerer of the Columbia district, was married to Del Thompson, Technical Sergeant, of Pendleton at Great Falls, Mont., Thursday, July 1, according to word received by local friends. The wedding took place in a private home at 8:00 o'clock in the evening.

Mrs. Thompson, who has been employed at the Behrman Jewelry store for the past year, expects to remain in Montana for the time being but will probably return to Hermiston the latter part of August.

**OUR DEMOCRACY** — by Mat

**TWO ARMS**

EVERY SOLDIER AND EVERY CIVILIAN CAN HELP BUILD AMERICAN WAR POWER. OUR NATIONAL V IS STRONG ONLY WHEN EVERY ONE OF US GIVES "THE LAST FULL MEASURE" OF EFFORT.

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