

The U.O.D. Employees' Association is sponsoring another picnic Sunday, September 12, starting at 2 p. m. The location is the same as for the last picnic—the west, central section of the Hermiston Golf Course.

Sports and plenty of free food are being arranged for by the committee. Your U.O.D. association membership card will admit you and members of your immediate family. Membership cards will be available at the picnic.

Let's all get behind the membership drive. The more members the more the association can do for the employees' benefit and welfare. For the month of August there were 450 paid memberships. Every member should pay his or her dues for September and at the same time, bring in one new member. If this can be accomplished an election will be held in the near future for the purpose of electing a board of directors. Colonel Buyers desires this election be held as soon as possible in order that all employees have a direct voice in the conduct and activities of the association. Your dues and new membership cards are being handled by the following representatives in your area:

Administrative Area—Miss Holmstrom, Fiscal Office, Bldg. 752.

Industrial Area—Mr. Warner, Post Engineer Office.

Magazine Area—Mr. Cook, Magazine Area Field Office.

West Area—Mrs. Prah, West Ordinance Office.

In view of the small number taking advantage of the Wednesday evening Special Bus trips to Hermiston, these trips will be discontinued and the bus trip made on Friday evening, leaving the Time Clock Station at 8:30 p. m. and leaving the USO, Hermiston, at 12:00 midnight.

RATIONING CALENDAR

RATION BOOK NO. 2

October 2—Expiration date of red stamps X, Y and Z, last of red stamps series in War Ration Book 2. X became valid August 22; Y on August 29 and Z on September 5.

September 20—Expiration date of blue stamps R, S and T (processed foods). Blue stamps U, V and W, valid September 1, through October 20.

RATION BOOK NO. 3

(Brown stamps) Replacement book containing coupons to be used for purchase of meats, fats, butter, cheese, oils.

October 2 — Expiration date of brown stamps A and B. A becomes valid September 12; B on September 19. October 30—Expiration date of brown stamps C, D, E and F. C becomes valid September 26; D on October 3; E on October 10; and F on October 17. Each weekly series good for 16 points.

RATION BOOK NO. 1

Sugar. October 31 — Expiration date for stamp No. 14, five pounds, and for canning sugar stamps No. 15 and 16, each good for 5 pounds.

Shoes. October 31—Expiration date of stamp No. 18 for one pair of shoes.

STOVES

August 24—Rationing of cooking and heating stoves began. Includes most new stoves burning coal, wood, oil or gas for domestic use. Purchasers must get certificates from ration boards.

FUEL OIL

September 30—Period 1 coupons in new fuel oil rations valid through January 3, 1944. One unit, period 5 coupons valid through September 30 for 10 gallons. Ten unit, period 5 coupons, valid through September 30 for 100 gallons. Coupons with gallonage printed on the face valid for amount indicated until expiration date shown on coupon sheet.

GASOLINE

September 21—Expiration date of No. 7 stamps in A book, each good for 4 gallons.

TIRES

Cars with C ration books must have tires inspected every 3 months; B books every 4 months; A books every 6 months; September 30 next inspection deadline for A book holders. Commercial motor vehicles—tire inspections every 6 months or every 5,000 miles, whichever occurs first.

THOMAS NOW IS THOUGHT ALIVE

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Thomas of Hermiston have received welcome news from the war department that their son, Pvt. Wilfred J. Thomas, is now thought to be alive and well. Several weeks ago Mr. and Mrs. Thomas received a telegram that their son was missing in action but a short time later received a V-mail letter from him dated later than the war communique. The war department has now, however, instructed the Associated Press to delete the name of Thomas from a list of "missing in action." Although no definite word has been received as to the welfare of Pvt. Thomas, the belief is that he is alive.

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SCHOOLS OPEN HERE; TUESDAY MORNING'S ENROLLMENT FINE

ORDNANCE ALSO STARTS CLASSES

Registration in both the elementary and high school is down slightly over the opening day of a year ago. However, registration has continued since the opening day and probably a few registrations will continue to come in for the next week. It may be that final registration will be as high as last year, but at the present moment the best estimate is that it will be slightly lower, according to Supt. W. G. Kersbergen.

All elementary school classes are satisfactorily housed, with the exception of one class, which is housed in a room that is too small for satisfactory results.

In the elementary school, unless enrollment increases considerably, the staff of teachers is quite adequate to handle the registration.

The primary school located in the Shopping Center building at the Ordinance is small, but will probably increase somewhat if additional units of the housing project are occupied. The primary school at Ordinance is also short school furniture and supplies. Such furniture and supplies as it does have are loaned from the Hermiston school. Application to the government for funds to take care of this enrollment was made in June, but no decision has yet been reached. As soon as possible more and better equipment will be supplied.

High school opened with the faculty short one member; however, the Rev. W. A. MacArthur kindly consented to substitute for one-half day sessions and by rearrangement of classes it has been possible to take care of the entire registration to date.

Mathematics classes and language classes show a considerable increase with other classes about normal or slightly reduced.

HERMISTON BOY AMONG MISSING IS WORD HERE

Flight Officer Bob Follett, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Follett of Hermiston, is listed "among the missing" according to word received by the Folletts last Thursday evening. According to the telegram, young Follett was missing as of August 11. It is thought that he was in Italy or the Mediterranean area when struck by misfortune.

Some ray of hope was received later in the week when word was received from a former bomber mate of Bob that he had been shot down and three of the crew rescued. Also that other members of the crew were probably prisoners. However, it is thought by Mr. and Mrs. Follett that Bob had changed crews in recent weeks.

Flight Officer Follett, who was a pilot of an army bomber, is a graduate of Hermiston schools. Due to the nature of conditions and a somewhat conflicting report, it is hoped that he will turn up somewhere and reported well and safe.

LOCAL CANNERY SETS HIGH MARK

Surpassing anything in its history, the Hermiston cooperative cannery reports that 112,486 cans of various types of produce were processed during the first eight months of 1943. Previous high year was 1942 with a total of 67,000 cans for the entire 12 months. High days during the past months were 2,900 cans one day in July and 2,700 cans the closing day of August. A total of 40,000 cans were processed during the month of July, August coming right up behind with 39,000.

The cannery employs quite a force at the present time and working tables are busy from morning till night, according to Mrs. A. E. Rugg, manager.

NO IRRIGATION THIS WEEK END

There will be no irrigation in Hermiston Friday and Saturday. It is thought that due to cool weather and little wind, no water is needed at the present time. However, should conditions change by the first of the week, water will be released for irrigation on Monday or Tuesday.

The regular irrigation season will probably end about the first of October or shortly thereafter.

BASEBALL TEAM TO PLAY WITHIN PRISON WALLS

A squad of players from the various teams which participated in the recent USO-sponsored baseball league will go to Walla Walla Sunday to play the strong prison team of that city. The inmates have played numerous ball games this summer, mostly against teams from Walla Walla and surrounding towns. They have won a good majority of their contests behind the pitching of a negro moundsman.

Although the local team is not particularly an all-star aggregation, a squad was chosen from available players. George McCourt of the U. S. O. is handling the arrangements with Orv. Kensler to be in charge of the players.

Those who will make the trip are: A. Henry, F. Henry, G. Keller, F. Rankin, O. Kensler, L. Sollars, D. Harris, K. Gibbs, B. Woodward, H. Liesegang, D. Ellenwood, L. Quiring, B. Schoonover, B. Evans and M. Smallwood.

PROSPECTS FAIR FOR FOOTBALL

Coach Frank Davison was greeted by a fair-sized turnout of grid hopefuls Tuesday afternoon, freely sprinkled with returning lettermen. Although the team promises to be rather light in comparison with former years, increased enthusiasm and speed may offset the disadvantage. Suits were issued to 30 players Tuesday with several more turning out during the week.

With the first contest only two weeks away, strenuous workouts are in order every afternoon. Most players seem to be in good condition, having spent much of the summer vacation at manual labor. The first tilt finds Waitsburg coming to Hermiston Friday, September 24.

LT. BOB PIERSON RECEIVES HONOR

Flight Officer Robert Pierson, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Pierson, was recently honored in the New Guinea area when he, with other members of his crew, was awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross. No details of the award have been received but it is thought that the bomber crew has performed some special task.

Lt. Pierson writes that he recently met members of the company which recently established a "Little Hermiston" in that area. This group, which for some time was stationed at Stanfield, is located only ten miles from where Pierson is stationed.

ECHO WINS FLAG IN BALL LEAGUE

Echo, strengthened in the strategic points by three Hermiston players, defeated the U.O.D. team 7-5 Sunday for the championship of the U.S.O.-sponsored baseball league on the local diamond. Helping out, as it were, were Bob Woodward as catcher, Fred Rankin as pitcher and Gerald Keller at shortstop. The contest was well played throughout and several exciting moments spiced the contest.

Lanky Fred Rankin held the strong U.O.D. batters in check until the latter frames when several hits, coupled with an error and a wild pitch, accounted for most of the U.O.D. runs. Smallwood, on mound for Ordinance, pitched a good game but weakened towards the end, being replaced by Wildcat Henry. It was the last game of the regular schedule.

There You Are, Sir!



Pictured above, left, is W. W. Felt-house, and right, W. G. Kersbergen, president and secretary respectively of the Hermiston Rotary club. The above ceremony was prompted when the Rotary club recently was instrumental in raising a total of \$87.50 through public donations for the purchase of army chests for boys in the service. The chests contained all sorts of knick-knacks to entertain soldiers. The original impetus for the campaign came from the Victory Service League of which Chas. Hodge is a director.

UNION PROGRAM IS CALLED OFF

Due to conflicting events, the previously announced Labor day program which was to have been held this Sunday has now been postponed indefinitely, according to Roy White, business agent of Carpenters Local 933. Mr. White wishes to apologize for the mixup in dates but promises a program in the near future.

As soon as definite plans can be formed, a new date will be announced.

MARRIAGE VOWS ANNOUNCED NOW

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hunt are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Miss Irene Hunt, to Clarence Crampton, son of J. H. Crampton of Hermiston. The ceremony was performed early in January of this year with the news kept secret until this week.

Mrs. Crampton attended Hermiston schools last year and Mr. Crampton is employed in Hermiston.

DATA NEEDED FOR MORE GAS

F. C. McKenzie, chief clerk of the local War Price and Rationing board, stated this week that many motorists were sending in their B and C gas rationing books without a request for a renewal or any other type of information. Office clerks do not know whether the owner is leaving the district and is returning his book or whether he wants a renewal—or what.

A short statement should be attached with each returned book.

Not Twins—But Related

Two babies were born an hour apart last Friday at the Hermiston General hospital. Although the tiny tots were not twins their mothers were sisters, making the babies cousins. Proud mothers were Mr. and Mrs. George Meyers and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Park.

FOUR-H FAIR IS HIGHLIGHT FOR CLUB WORKERS

The annual Umatilla county 4-H fair, to be held in Hermiston Saturday, September 25, is the subject of much discussion and planning among members of club workers these days. The announcement that premiums will be higher than in years past is good news for the many youngsters and they are already grooming their exhibits for the show.

Frank Hackler, assistant county agent, and Mrs. Myrtle Carter, home demonstration agent, are busy making plans for the forthcoming event. Judges appointed to date include Clifford Conrad of Heppner for the Livestock and Crops division, Mrs. Mac Hoke of Pendleton for Home Economics with the dairy division judge still to be named.

Mr. Hackler stated this week that Mrs. George Graves and Mrs. David Dufur will sponsor a food booth at the fair. Other features are also being planned.

GUARD OFFICERS PAY VISIT HERE

A meeting of officers of the 22nd Bn., Oregon State Guard, was held in Hermiston Friday night with Capt. V. E. Daugherty and Lt. Walter B. Carlson as host officers. Plans for forthcoming maneuvers of state guardsmen was discussed during evening with preparation to get underway very soon. Although no announcement will be made of the coming event it is thought that they will be mostly at night.

Officers present were: Pendleton, Capt. Edward H. Unruh, 1st Lt. Floyd Willingham and 2nd Lt. Ray Meyersick; Echo, Capt. Clifford H. Esselstyn; Hermiston, Capt. Daugherty and Lt. Carlson.

GERKING TO QUIT STORE POSITION

Ben Gerking, manager of the Hermiston Mercantile Cooperative for the past several years, has resigned his position effective September 18. Mr. and Mrs. Gerking plan to leave in the near future for Eugene where they will attend Northwest Christian College this winter. Mr. Gerking plans to go into the ministry and Mrs. Gerking will study music and take other special work.

Jack McKay, formerly employed at the Hermiston Mercantile but more recently of the Oregon Hardware, will assume the management when Mr. Gerking leaves. Mr. McKay has had many years experience in the grocery business.

The Gerking's plan to sell their home here.

LT. WHITE HOME ON SHORT LEAVE

Second Lt. Gerald White came Saturday to spend an emergency furlough in Hermiston with Mrs. White and in Lexington with his mother who is seriously ill. The furlough was granted in order that Mr. White might be at the bedside of his mother. Mr. White stated Wednesday that his mother was critically ill.

Lt. White, who is connected with the engineer corps, U. S. Army, is stationed at Bushnell, Fla. He has been in the service about 14 months, having served as rural mail carrier here prior to that time.

FUEL OIL TO BE RELEASED SOON

The local War Price and Ration Board has announced that coupons for stove oil will be mailed out shortly but that coupons should not be used until October 1. It is thought that the allotment will be approximately the same quantities as last year.

F. C. McKenzie, chief clerk, stated Wednesday that some volunteer labor would be necessary at the office if the coupons need be released on schedule. The office is working shorthanded and mailing out of these coupons curtails much detail work. Anyone willing to help out at the office a few hours is asked to call Mr. McKenzie at the War Price and Rationing board.

Mrs. Ripley Breaks Wrist

Mrs. Glenn Ripley suffered a broken left wrist and other painful bruises Tuesday night when she tripped over scaffolding on Hermiston Main street. Mrs. Ripley was blinded by the bright sun and was not aware of the obstruction. The injuries were considered more serious at first.

3RD WAR LOAN DRIVE LAUNCHED HERE AT MEETING WEDNESDAY

HODGE APPOINTS COMMITTEES

The Third War Loan Drive officially got underway this morning, September 9, throughout the nation. The need of a tremendous amount of money to carry on the present war recently stressed by leaders in the nation's capital—with an estimate of \$150.00 per capita needed immediately. This quota has been set for the nation for the third war loan drive which ends September 30.

The quota for Umatilla county is \$2,262,700, according to Guy Johnson of Pendleton, county war finance chairman. Although this is a huge figure, hundreds of workers began activities today. The campaign will be entirely by personal solicitation. This task will be made easier if potential bond buyers will talk matters over at home prior to the visit of a campaign worker. Due to the gigantic task of covering every home in the county, the job will be made faster if solicitors can transact business in the shortest time possible. Cash money cannot be accepted by solicitors so checks or money orders of some descriptions should be obtained.

Oregon farmers will be called upon to raise \$25 million in war bond purchases during the present war loan drive, according to Burt K. Snyder, agricultural director, Oregon war finance committee, who just recently has completed a statewide tour. Morton Tompkins, master of the Oregon State Grange, has announced that his organization will actively solicit all members in an attempt to divert over 10 per cent of Oregon's agricultural income into war bonds. In Umatilla county, more than 2312 farmers will be called on personally by teams of solicitors recruited from the various farm organizations.

Charles Hodge has been named general chairman of the local drive. At a meeting held Wednesday night at the U.S.O., various committee chairmen and members were named. The Hermiston soliciting squad has been divided into three teams, headed by Chas. Hodge, Sam Moore and Pete Berg. Members of Team 1 are Walt Pearson, Rowland Yeend, Ralph Lieber, George Harknerider; Team 2, Sam Nye, Al Shaw, Lee Elwood, Roy Hale; Team 3, Lloyd Moore, R. A. Brownson, F. B. Swayze and R. C. Peters. Superintendent W. G. Kersbergen will be in charge of the campaign in the schools.

The farm area will be under general supervision of Frank Hackler, assistant county agent. Various plans were discussed Wednesday night with various thoughts expressed as to best methods of handling rural solicitation. Taking active part will be community leaders, Farm Bureau and the various granges. Some leader will be in charge of each district with various teams contacting every farm home in the area. A daily report will be made as to progress being made. A fine group of farm representatives was present at the meeting Wednesday night.

All workers will be given minute instructions as to the various types of bonds that they can explain them to prospective buyers.

The campaign slogan for the third war loan drive, "Back the Attack" was changed with the announcement of the fall of Italy to "Close in for the Kill."

FALL OF ITALY WELCOME NEWS

"Italy has surrendered—and unconditionally," was the big news on local streets Wednesday morning. Although the war is far from being won it can best be expressed in baseball lingo, "one out, two to go, with still some ducks on the pond."

Many local mothers, who have sons in Italy, breathed a little easier for the time being when news of the surrender came over the radio.

KOWITZ SETS AUCTION SALE

H. M. Kowitz, who recently disposed of his property here, this week is announcing an auction sale for Wednesday, September 15, on the farm one mile south of Hermiston. Action will get underway at 1:00 o'clock.

R. C. Peters will be the auctioneer and B. I. Whitney, clerk. Details of the sale are found on Page 3 of this issue.

BONDS OVER AMERICA

"Eternal vigilance is the price of Liberty."

Thomas Jefferson, author of these words, left a monument to freedom, the University of Virginia at Charlottesville.

University of Virginia



**Be Vigilant
Buy War Bonds**

In Europe one of the oldest seats of learning is the University of Prague in Bohemia founded in 1348. It was seized by the Nazis and now only Nazi theories of a super-race are taught.