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### An Unforgettable Character

I know an old man near the end of the road who is a healthful example of a sound way of life. Near the end of the year, winter has no fears for him. His wood is all cut in stove lengths and corded in a dry shed. His vegetables are stored in neat bins in an airy cellar, safe from frigid temperatures. His stack of hay is under canvas and his farm implements are covered. Thrift and toil at the end of past seasons are evident at every spot on his small acreage. He lives alone but is never lonesome because he always finds something to do. His premises are tidy, his house clean and modern with electrical appliances and radio.

In summer he finds time to help his neighbors with their crops, and many another day aids them with other work. He believes in giving honest labor for honest dollars, and is far removed from industrial specialism by a handy hand for many jobs.

You may say that he belongs to the old way. Anyway there is no waste of time or materials, no dread of shifting jobs, no fear of what may happen when Hitler cracks up, no fear of debts, no vices of the times, no wants crying for satisfaction beyond his own efforts and his stored supplies. Not ambitious beyond his own resources, he is not jealous or envious of the so called better lot of others. Though not in the service, he is giving yeoman service to his country. Safer in war and peace would we be with millions more like this old man near the end of the road.

Hermiston has many reasons to be proud of the high school band. Whether on parade in uniform of half a hundred students, or before an audience with as many pieces in perfect harmony, they create a thrill in the hearts of local citizens. We want to compliment the students for their interest in music and their diligence in its study under Mr. Humphreys, who is quietly devoting himself daily to their training. The master should be given much credit for his untiring work. The community has supported the band and should give more support when needed as it is a big community asset. Let's give them all a big hand on all occasions.

Many organization republicans are out to stop Willkie, but are finding their chief trouble in selecting a man to stop him. Now comes a group of democrats out to stop Roosevelt, who have picked Senator Bird to do the stopping. But Bird, like a lot of republicans, is not willing to take on herculean tasks.

A newspaper report says that Congress has heard of rumors of something going on around the Pasco-Kennewick-Richland-Handford-Prosser - Sunnyside and Yakima, and all connecting hills, desert plains, rivers, and that it should be investigated. Some down easterners perhaps think there is something smelly out in this great Northwest beside which flows the power of the Columbia, and fear the competition. They have factories on the Atlantic seaboard and inland, and want to make some politics. And, too, there might be some inquisitiveness closer to home with only a range of mountains lying between.

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### FEED WHEAT IS UPPED OATS AND BARLEY FROZEN

Feed grain supplies and prices will be sharply affected by three steps taken by the federal government announced as intended to stabilize prices and bring about a more normal movement of supplies, the state AAA committee reported this week.

Prices of oats and barley have been "frozen" at the highest prices prevailing during the five-day period. November 29 to December 3, 1943. In announcing this action, the OPA said that permanent price regulations on these feeds would be issued within 60 days. Market prices of both grains have been above or at parity.

The War Food administration announced an increase in the price of feed wheat of 20 cents a bushel, which will raise the price to Oregon feeders to about \$43 a ton, compared with the previous \$37 price. Orders not yet delivered may be cancelled, as price at time of delivery prevails. By way of explanation, the WFA said:

"Feed wheat for some time has been priced substantially below other grains. This change will help in conserving transportation since the relatively low prices of feed wheat made it difficult to prevent unnecessary hauling of feed wheat into some areas and other feed grains out of the same areas.

"Heretofore feed wheat has been supplied largely from stocks acquired by CCC under its loan programs in earlier years; henceforth, it will be necessary to meet the demand for this grain for feed from purchases made by WFA in the United States and foreign countries."

The maximum price of corn has been raised nine cents a bushel to \$1.16 at Chicago by the OPA, bringing the ceiling to full parity. The increase is not uniform throughout the country, as adjustments have been made in some markets that OPA believes will result in more normal movement of corn to all areas.

### ECHO NEWS ITEMS

By Mrs. W. H. Cravy

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Vogler III, of upper Butter Creek at Pendleton hospital on December 5. The girl has been named Connie Jean.

Pvt. 1st class Paul Oliver left Saturday for Spokane to return to his camp in Georgia after spending a 15-day furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver. Paul is in the army anti-aircraft division.

Gaylord Madison, president of the local Farm Bureau, reports that County Agent Walter Holt has requested farmers to save the carcasses of any worthless farm animals for use as coyote bait. Anyone having such animals is urged to contact Mr. Madison or Mr. Holt who will arrange for distribution of the carcasses where needed.

Harry Bartholomew, former Echo pastime proprietor, who is now working at San Francisco as a naval guard left the first of the week for California after spending a few days here on business. He has purchased the former restaurant building on Dupont street from Mrs. Marian George and moved his pastime equipment there from the Masonic building. He plans to return to Echo in about two months and open a first class lunch room in the new location.

Raymond Attebury has received notice to report at Spokane December 21 for induction into the navy.

William Battick, sergeant in army airplane mechanics division, who has been stationed at Mountain Home, Idaho, for several months, writes that he expects to be assigned to overseas duty in a short time.

Henry Carlson, former Butter Creek man, is now engaged in the garage business at Seaside. He was in the army for several months but was discharged for physical reasons early this summer.

George Williams writes his wife that he is sending home a Japanese rifle as a souvenir of the war. He is a sergeant in a tank destroyer division and has been stationed in New Guinea for 23 months. He and Bob Able of Echo who have been together since induction, had a 15-day furlough recently and enjoyed a trip to Australia.

Donald Baehne writes relatives that he has been transferred from Alaska to the south seas, much to his satisfaction. Donald is a private first class in cavalry reconnaissance. He has been presented with a silver star for being in five battles at Attu and Kiska.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Madison have received a letter from Corporal Harold Rainwater with the ordnance department in Italy in which he says his present location resembles Butter Creek during irrigation time except that there is no high ground adjoining. His camp is behind the lines and is quite comfortable with tents, electric lights and a radio. Occasionally, however, a strafing plane makes them take to fox holes. Rainwater was at Madisons two years ago prior to enlistment in the army when he was working with government survivors along Butter Creek.

Echo Garden club held its annual Christmas party at the country home of Mrs. Carl Weltzin Wednesday, December 15, at 6:30 p. m. Members exchanged gifts.

Neil I. Arnold of Butter Creek was elected worthy matron of Queen Esther chapter No. 101, Order of Eastern Star, at the annual meeting Wednesday. Jesse S. Arnold was re-elected worthy patron. Other officers for the ensuing year are Rachel S. Jackson, associate matron; Miles Baragar, associate patron; Nettie Sloan, secretary; Hattie H. Hamm, treasurer;

Inez McCormick, conductress; Eleanor Dudley, associate conductress; Mildred Bean, chaplain; Frankie Lane, marshal; Cloe Refvem, organist; Marjorie Liesegang, Adah; Inez Huffman, Ruth; Sue Loyd, Esther; Clara Burrell, Martha; Bess Humphrey, Electa; Dena Tillery, warden; and Princess Thomson, sentinel.

Members of the Oregon Humane society inferred from a recent news item that the Echo farmer who lost eight little pigs to coyotes had been using the piglets as live bait, and protested to the officers of the society. As a result Harry Daniels of Portland, president of the chapter, made an investigation and authorizes publication of his findings that the farmer was blameless in the matter. It appears that the brood sow, as is often the case, had her own idea about where to have her litter and chose the hay stack in preference to her regular pen. Whether the pen would have been safer for the little pigs is doubtful, for it develops that the coyotes also took most of the farmer's ducks and geese from a poultry yard adjoining the house.

Queen Esther chapter No. 101 O. E. S. will celebrate its 33rd anniversary December 27 with a meeting at the Masonic hall in Hermiston. There will be a Christmas party and public installation of officers for 1944. Those planning to attend should take a Christmas gift for exchange, value limited to 25 or 50 cents.

### IRRIGON NEWS ITEMS

By Mrs. Grace Shoun

Mr. and Mrs. John Volle and daughter Juanita were in Hermiston Tuesday. They are firing up the Larson house getting ready to move there. They bought the place last summer.

Veda Mae Hill, taken ill Tuesday, was rushed to the Pendleton hospital where she was operated on immediately for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Dexter and Mrs. Dan Hill went up to see Veda Mae Hill Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hill brought her home Sunday and she seems to be getting along very nicely.

Mrs. F. E. Forbes and small grandson came home from Pendleton Thursday. She reports Mr. Forbes as slowly recovering from recent injuries. He is in the Pendleton hospital.

Mrs. H. W. Grim got a letter from her son, Cpl. Raymond Allen, written on Thanksgiving day. He states that he is getting his Christmas packages. He is stationed in Australia.

Mr. and Mrs. Arneberg were Hermiston visitors Friday evening and Mrs. Harvey Warner and daughters were visitors at the Boulware home in Hermiston Saturday.

Mrs. Elmer Rucher, Mrs. Ernest Stephens and Janet, and the J. A. Shouns were Hermiston visitors Tuesday.

The Irrigon high school students went to Hermiston to roller skate on Monday evening.

Since Moore's brother, Sgt. William Moore, arrived Saturday to visit

**TOUGH LUCK**

With so many home repair items on the critical list, now is no time to run into tough luck. A broken window may not be so bad, but a real fire or a bad windstorm could be very serious indeed. Replacements on many items are practically unobtainable. So be extra careful now about fire. Eliminate every possible hazard. AND be sure your insurance fully covers the present value of your home property. Check fire insurance, windstorm insurance, smoke damage insurance, hail insurance, etc. See that you are fully protected by adequate insurance limits. This agency offers its services to home owners. We will gladly, and without obligation on your part, check over your present insurance and submit recommendations regarding the kinds of protection you should have; and in amounts which will truly protect your investment. Why not see about it today?

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