

Captain Dale Finley, Lt. Leonard Vodak and Jack Miller from the Seattle Army Service Forces Depot were here on business the first of the week.

For the fine work that Lt. F. J. Munch has been doing in the West Area the past six weeks he was awarded with a promotion from 2nd Lt. to 1st Lt. Congratulations. Lt. Munch!

Congratulations go to Captain Harry E. Avery who was promoted from 1st Lt. the 29th of February.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Frosh announce the engagement of their daughter, Alice Jane, to Marcel Nusser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kasper R. Nusser.

Both Alice Jane and Marcel have worked here on the Depot for a long time. Marcel had been called to the Navy but was given a medical discharge so is now back to work.

The wedding plans are for June, and we wish them the best of everything.

The Employees Suggestion and Cash Awards Program presented awards to the following people on the radio program February 19th:

C. E. Armstrong, Frank Ayers, J. C. Hall, Daniel Hill, R. W. Hindman, Dorsey Johnson, Russell McCoy, Otto Meyers, Norman Pennock, C. O. Peterson, Mabel Rand, Earl B. Swanson, Harvey C. Warner and Arnold F. Weber.

SENIOR CLASS TO PRESENT PLAY

The senior class, under the direction of Miss Lavina May Lynch, will present for its spring production the current Broadway hit, "Best Foot Forward", by John Cecil Holm. The presentation is scheduled for next Thursday, March 9.

The entire action takes place in a room in the boys' dormitory at Winslow prep school. It is the afternoon of the annual senior prom and all the boys are making frenzied preparations to receive the girls who are coming up for the big annual dance. In the midst of the crackling lines and humorous discussion of dates comes Bud Hooper (Jack Rodgers), who is plenty gloomy. His roommates finally find out the trouble. A month ago when they went to see a movie starring Gale Joy (Maurine Sutton) the whom girl—the trouble started. Bud got carried away and he wrote the movie star, asking her to come to the prom. And she accepts. Bud has hastily written his regular date, Helen (Opal Null), that he has had an attack of the gripe and he expects to have it until after the dance. But, so that the faculty won't get angry, Bud tries to take Gale Joy to the dance as his girl, Helen—and then Helen arrives! For further details, see the senior play Thursday night, March 9.

The cast follows: Bud, Jack Rodgers; Dutch, Dick Belt; Hunk, Dean Scott; Gale Joy, Maurine Sutton; Blid Date, L. V. McGraw; Helen, Opal Null; Ethel, Dorothy Jordan; Minerva, La Desca Pieper; Green, Gale Davis; Satchel, Bob Greer; Professor Lloyd, Jack Jackson; Doctor Reeber, Bob Alford; Chester, Bob Attebury; Jack, Dick Kingsley; Old Grad, John McMullin; Miss Delaware Water Gap, Alta Mae Guerrant; and Miss Smith, Martha Jones.

Here's what the New York critics say of the play:

"Best Foot Forward" carries off Blue Ribbons. Youth and pleasure meet in 'Best Foot Forward' to provide one of those rejuvenating evenings at which George Abbot is a master."—John Mason Brown, World Telegram.

"Captivating - varied charms."—Richard Lockridge, Sun.

"Best Foot Forward" turned out to be a youth movement by itself—bright, breezy, brash."—John Anderson, Journal-American.

POSTOFFICE TALK IS REVIVED HERE

The construction of a new postoffice in Hermiston is still a possibility, according to Roy White, business agent of Carpenters Local 933. Mr. White received further information from the office of chief inspector, Spokane, Wash., Thursday stating various plans and the procedure to follow.

Mr. White asks that anyone interested in the construction of the new building contact him as soon as possible.

KEEP ON
Barking the Attack
WITH WAR BONDS

WAR FUND RED CROSS CAMPAIGN BEGINS WITH LARGE QUOTA

MRS. TILLER HAS BIG COMMITTEE

The annual Red Cross campaign, to be known this year as the War Fund Red Cross drive, will get underway this week in this area, according to Mrs. Roy Tiller, chairman. A committee has been named and groups organized for an active solicitation. Although no quota has been set, it has been announced that the Umatilla county quota will be approximately three times that of last year or around \$31,000. For this reason, everyone will have to give more than in former years, according to Mrs. Tiller.

The campaign at the high school is already underway under the chairmanship of Mrs. Ethel Clark. A booth will appear on Hermiston Main street Friday and Saturday of this week and workers will canvass every home in Hermiston.

Mrs. Tiller has named the following committee to take charge of the house-to-house canvass: Mrs. Anita Moore, Mrs. Helen Belt, Mrs. George Harkenrider, Mrs. A. H. Norton, Mrs. Jeanette Saboe, Mrs. Frank Bilderback, Mrs. Florence Olmstead, Mrs. Frank Brace, Mrs. W. L. Morgan, Mrs. Marie Todd, Mrs. Howard Graham and Mrs. Waller.

The following information has been contributed:

When Red Cross workers come to your door, don't be surprised when they tell you that the campaign is not for dollar memberships. This is the Red Cross war fund drive, to meet wartime needs, and dollar memberships are not enough, if the quota of \$200,000,000 for the nation is to be reached.

In Umatilla county, the quota has been stepped up from \$11,000, last year's quota, to \$31,000, almost three times that of 1943.

And why is the Red Cross asking for so much more money this year? First of all, 90 per cent of the Red Cross funds are spent on the men in the armed forces—at home and abroad. In 1942-1943, we had 4,500,000 in the army and navy; now we have 10,000,000. Last year there were 1,600,000 men serving overseas; now there are 3,000,000. At the side of the men in 56 theaters of war there are now 12,954 workers—as compared to 5,362 last year. There are 350 overseas rest and recreation clubs in operation, as compared to 150 last year.

Prisoners of war parcels now total 3,390,000, as compared to 1,004,000 last year; surgical dressings for the military are 925,000,000 as compared to 520,000,000 last year; the military is asking for six million pints of blood for the coming year, as compared to one fourth that amount shipped last year, and help to be given service men and their families must be four times that given last year. War discharged men, big responsibility of the Red Cross, are coming in at the rate of 70,000 a month.

On the home front, services of the Red Cross have almost doubled, especially in camps and hospitals, training of nurse's aides, while chapter home service has increased 71 per cent.

With such statistics (and these are not exaggerated) the Red Cross need offer no apologies in asking that you give—and give generously. The increased quota is made necessary for the simple reason of increased demand, a demand that must be met.

ARMY-NAVY TEST IS SCHEDULED

The Army-Navy College Qualifying Test (C-3) will be given at the local high school Wednesday, March 15, at 9:00 a. m., according to W. G. Kersbergen, superintendent. This test is given by most of the high schools and colleges throughout the country. Its purpose is to provide a register of young men for Officers Training.

The general program is known as the Army-Navy V-12 training program. Students who graduate from this course are given commissions as 2nd Lieutenants or Ensigns, depending on the branch of service. The training also provides about a year of student college credits. The examination is open to all young men between the ages of 17 and 21, who are high school graduates or will become such in the present term of school.

INLAND CO-OP HAS FINE YEAR

About 100 members of the Inland Cooperative gathered Saturday for the fifth annual meeting of the organization. The meeting, which began at 10:00 a. m., was a lively one throughout, spiced with a lunch at noon and moving pictures. During the business session, it was brought out that the concern did a total of around \$60,000 in business during the past year. Also dividends have been paid up to 1941 inclusive.

Three new directors were named at the meeting: F. L. Hunting, Irrigon, re-elected; Henry Kopacz, Stanfield; and A. H. Cable, Columbia. Other members of the board are W. A. Baker, Boardman; W. C. Kik, Umatilla; A. E. Benschel, Minnehaha, and Roy Attebury, Echo-Butter Creek.

Guy Shaw is manager of the concern. He was authorized by the board to attend the meeting of managers of the Pacific Supply Co. at Walla Walla Saturday and Sunday of this week and also the annual meeting of the same concern Monday and Tuesday.

PFC. DON BEHNE ON MARSHALLS

Mrs. Lester Carson has received word from her son, Pfc. Don Behne, that he recently has been with troops on the Marshall Islands and has seen considerable action. He writes, "Don't worry, Mom. And tell everyone to keep the ammunition rolling and we will do the fighting."

Pfc. Behne now has two bronze stars in his campaign bar. He formerly attended Hermiston schools and later worked for L. A. Moore.

Lowell Tiller Here on Furlough

Lowell Tiller, Seaman Second Class, U. S. Navy, came this week to spend a short furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tiller, and friends. He has been stationed lately at Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind., attending regular college courses. He has been in uniform for eight months and will report now to the Naval Air Station at Hutchinson, Kansas.

Sewing Short-Cuts To Be Featured

During March, Home Extension units through the county will be presented an all-day demonstration on short-cuts in sewing and mending, announcements Myrtle Carter, home demonstration agent. The morning demonstration will feature sewing short-cuts and in the afternoon, short-cuts in mending will be emphasized.

Four-Legged Chicken Lives

N. J. VanSike of the "Vigorbilt" Hatchery called The Herald Thursday morning stating that his new hatcher, recently constructed by himself and Curtis Walls, is really proving successful. This week the new machine hatched out a healthy four-legged New Hampshire Red chick. More of this type of bird should aid the chicken shortage.

In Limelight



Pictured above is Earl Snell, governor of Oregon, upon whose shoulders falls the responsibility of naming a successor to Senator Charles L. McNary, deceased. Friends are urging Governor Snell to fill the vacancy himself.

VICTORY GARDEN WILL BE TALKED HERE NEXT WEEK

There will be a meeting next Wednesday night, March 8, beginning at 8:00 o'clock at the U.S.O., at which time the topic, "Food Fights for Freedom," will be discussed. According to Miss Mary Lou Johnson, the entire evening will be devoted to talks on victory gardens—need for these gardens, insect and pest control and other features.

Present will be a speaker from the Army Personnel who will tell of the need of food and its part in this emergency, state Miss Johnson, supervisor of the West Umatilla recreation activities. Also present will be Robert Reeder, specialist in plant pathology and entomology of Oregon State college. He will talk on pest and insect control in victory gardens.

Also planned for the evening is a period of community singing, games and different contests. Miss Johnson states that the nation had 18 million victory gardens last year but that this year this will be increased to 22 million.

Everyone is invited to attend, particularly the residents of Hermiston.

NEW BARBER SHOP OPENS BUSINESS

Loren Carver and I. L. Scott, recently of Pendleton and the Air Base, Thursday morning opened a new four-chair barber shop in the location formerly occupied by the late W. J. Warner, attorney. Equipment was installed earlier in the week.

Mr. Scott has recently been released from the armed forces following 11 months of service.

RESPONSE FINE FOR CLOTHES

Mrs. Walter Hamm and Frank Hackler, co-chairmen of the salvage committee here, were greatly surprised this week by the response shown for a request of used clothing to be sent to the war stricken countries. Although only a few days were allotted for the drive, the response was excellent and a large number of articles were turned in.

Mrs. Hamm and Mr. Hackler want to thank everyone for their cooperation. Anyone who was unable to turn in articles for the present drive will have an opportunity at a later date when another campaign will be announced.

WILD RIDE SENDS DRIVER TO JAIL

Ralph S. Wyn, 27, formerly employed at the Umatilla Ordnance Depot, caused considerable excitement last Thursday evening when he escaped from the guards and fled towards Boardman in his automobile. According to state police, the guards first arrested Wyn on a charge of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. Deciding to turn him over to the state, they took him outside the depot gates, stepped from his car, and he started the machine, attempting to run over one of the guards as he escaped. Attempts to stop him proved futile.

State police later captured him near Boardman following a footrace. Although he resisted arrest he did not resort to weapons, according to Sgt. Louis Johnson of the state police. Wyn appeared before Justice of the Peace E. P. Dodd Tuesday where he was fined \$100 and costs and given a 60-day jail sentence. The jail term was suspended, however, for six months during good behavior. The fine was paid.

STUART RANKIN NOW IN EGYPT

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rankin were relieved this week to receive word from their son, Sgt. Stuart Rankin, following some time without any news. His new address is now "somewhere in Egypt" and states that he is feeling fine but homesick for the United States. Although he saw some winter in Europe, where he is now the climate is otherwise.

The Nile valley is rather beautiful, "but so flat." Sgt. Rankin has traveled much while in the service and when he comes home will have many stories to tell.

TOWNSEND CLUB DIRECTORS MEET

The board of directors of the Hermiston Townsend club met at the U.S.O. building Tuesday, February 29, and outlined the program for Thursday evening (tonight) when A. O. Soholm addressed a gathering at the U.S.O. Mr. Soholm is a national representative of the Townsend movement.

Mrs. Joe Udey reports that a total of \$575 has been paid into the national Townsend headquarters during the past year to aid in furthering the Townsend plan. The money has been raised from rent of the pavilion located east of Hermiston. Membership cards of over 60 members have been turned in, according to Mrs. Udey.

PROJECT FARM TO BE HOSTS

The Umatilla Project Farm Bureau will be hosts to the directors of the county American Farm Bureau Federation at a dinner meeting on Tuesday evening, March 7. The Pilot Rock local entertained the county organization at its February meeting. The county directors number some fifty members.

The ladies of the Farm Bureau Auxiliary will serve the dinner in the Columbia park hall. Members of the Farm Bureau are invited to attend the meeting March 7. The dinner will be served promptly at 7:00 p. m.

Westland Dairy Club Meets

The Westland 4-H Dairy club met at the home of the club leader, Mrs. Marian Rice, Sunday, February 20, and the following officers were elected: President, George Steward; vice president, Richard Liles; secretary, Duke Bellinger; treasurer, Robert Rice; yell leader, Vera Steward. The next meeting will be held March 5 at 1:00 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Ed Bellinger.

CREAMERY MEETING PROVES INTERESTING AND INSTRUCTIVE

CONCERN DOES FINE BUSINESS

"Farmers should take a greater interest in government affairs, and be more concerned as to whom they select for their representatives and senators," stated Will Henry at the annual meeting of the Umatilla Cooperative Creamery Tuesday. Mr. Henry, who is manager of the Portland Dairy Cooperative association, one of the largest in the group of Interstate units, further stated that the farmers were reluctant to receive subsidies during the past year and that as a whole they were the last group to receive this financial aid from the government.

Although there has been some reduction of butter output in recent years, the outlook for the future is nevertheless quite encouraging. The reduction of butter production is caused mostly by a curtailment of herds and by a greater business in fluid milk distribution. The local concern is also considering branching out into the fluid milk field. Mr. Henry was introduced by G. A. Brown of Interstate, who in turn was introduced by E. L. Jackson, president of the board of directors.

Herman Plass, manager of the concern, presented a resume of the past year's business, which again was quite encouraging. He stated that the creamery did a total of \$223,399.70 business in butter sales and a grand total business of around \$260,000 for the 12 months period. The latter figure also includes sales of ice cream, ice and supplies. About \$11,000 in dividends was paid to members during 1943, according to Mr. Plass.

Following the dinner, served in the banquet room of the Methodist church, another interesting speaker was C. L. Wallmark of the Spokane Bank of Cooperatives. He quoted statistics on the growth of various cooperatives in the west, particularly the growth in the last ten years.

During the election period, new members named to the board of directors were: F. L. Hunting, Irrigon; N. G. Robertson, Echo; P. J. Quinn, Stanfield, and E. L. Jackson, Minnehaha. The latter is also president of the board. Other board members are A. E. McFarland, Boardman; H. J. Ott, Hermiston, and Wm. Kik, Umatilla.

WEATHER STILL EXCELLENT HERE

Although snow has been reported all around this area, to date Hermiston and near vicinity has escaped all clutches of Old Man Winter. Four inches of snowfall was reported in Pendleton early in the week but this had disappeared by Wednesday. If the winter weather holds up for a few more weeks, this territory should begin asking for recognition similar to that of "sunny California".

The report for the week, according to Charles Taylor, follows:

February 22	48	23
February 23	50	18
February 24	50	41
February 25	50	27
February 26	46	35
February 27	51	21
February 28	51	39
February 29	48	25

STANFIELD BOY HOME FROM WAR

Corp. Bud McCourt, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. McCourt of Stanfield, is home on furlough following 17 months of service with the U. S. Marines. Bud, who has spent the past year overseas, was with the paratroopers and has many interesting experiences to his credit.

Corp. McCourt visited with Pfc. D. E. Hamm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hamm, and the Clark boys of Stanfield while in combat zone. He brought several interesting souvenirs from Dave Hamm for his parents.

New Gas Coupons Coming

After March 1, every motorist who receives a renewal of his "B" and "C" supplemental gasoline rations and every farmer or other off-highway user who gets new "E" and "R" coupons for his gasoline-powered equipment will receive, instead of the ration book he is accustomed to, a strip of serially numbered coupons in a cardboard folder. Frederic F. Janney, district OPA rationing executive, has announced.

Your RED CROSS is at his side

1944 WAR FUND

This year, with service flags in windows of nearly every home, Red Cross will mean so much more to Americans. As depicted in this reproduction of a 1944 Red Cross War Fund poster, many windows also will display the symbol of participation in the cause of Mercy and Humanity—the Red Cross.