

During the past week the West Area has made a new record. The capacity of cars handled in this area is 90 cars per week. This week we handled 150 cars.

Delbert F. Fitzpatrick transferred from the Dormitories to the West Area.

Bill Leasy transferred from the West Area to Motor Transportation.

Since the first of March eight new employees have been added to the West Area personnel.

The West Area wishes to thank the Firemen and Guards who have been working an extra four hours in the West Area to help relieve the car situation.

Miss Frances Culver has returned to work at the depot after an absence of two months.

Volley ball and table tennis have taken a back seat during the lunch hour and more and more of the West Area employees have been playing soft ball after lunch.

Lt. Simpson has received a promotion to 1st Lieutenant. Congratulations!

1st Lt. Joseph E. Callis has arrived at the depot from Philadelphia Ordnance District, Philadelphia, Penn., for permanent duty.

We are glad to have Fredrick Lightle back with us after being off work for a week with the flu.

Carl F. King and Elmer Moyer both have taken their physical examinations for the Navy and expect to be called shortly.

Worth Hindman has been absent for the past week due to a bad case of the flu. Mr. Johnson has also been ill for the past week.

Mary Gelette was called to Montana to her home Saturday evening due to her mother being quite ill.

Accident Record

The Safety Division of the Umatilla Ordnance Depot announces that the Depot has established another all-time low accident frequency rate. The last time accident frequency rate for the month of February dropped to 12.70 per million man hours of exposure, a rate more than 30 per cent lower than the previous low rate attained in the month of October 1943, when it dropped to 19.84.

The employees of the Depot can justly feel proud of this new record when they consider the fact that this is lower than the rate established from January through October 1943, by installations performing duties similar to theirs.

Mrs. Edith Seyler of the Box Factory Crew underwent an operation on March 7th at the post hospital. Her husband, Lloyd Seyler, A.M.M. 1st Class, from Pasco, Wn., is here on leave.

Effie McFall is enjoying a visit from her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Finner, of Fort Worth, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Snively are visiting their son Willard, who will soon be inducted into the armed forces.

The Electric Shop reports that they have moved shop No. 2 from the north area into one corner of the shop here, which makes the electric shops an efficient centralized unit. New testing panels and work benches are some of the new improvements. Mr. Stratton believes that their working efficiency has increased 50 per cent.

New employees for the shop are Lora Harritt and John Berkey. Welcome, "newcomers", we hope you will like it. All employees of this shop will soon be sporting new uniforms which are to be white with red lettering "U.O.D. Electric Dept."

Mrs. Elizabeth Gwinn was called to Walla Walla by the death of her mother. Our deepest sympathy—and we hope you will soon come back.

Pfc. Harlow H. Cossitt of Abilene Field, California, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Cossitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Gatlin, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lewis and W. H. Switzer visited friends and relatives in Caldwell, Idaho, last week.

Mildred Jennings of Benicia, Calif., formerly of Inspection Division, came back to the 'old stomping grounds' for a brief visit last week.

Barbara Graham is leaving Saturday for California to be with her husband. Bernard Graham is to be stationed at Camp Roberts.

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RED CROSS WAR FUND GOAL IN SIGHT AS CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

RURAL AREA TO BE CANVASSED

The Red Cross 1944 War Fund campaign is progressing nicely in this area, according to Mrs. Roy Tiller, chairman of the committee which is hard at work attempting to reach a quota twice as large as in former years. To date around \$1000.00 has been donated but this figure is still far short of the quota, according to Mrs. Tiller.

The house-to-house campaign in the city is almost completed but many as yet have not been contacted. Anyone who has not had the opportunity to give towards the present drive can do so by mailing contributions to Mrs. Tiller, or leaving them at the First National Bank or The Herald office.

The campaign in the rural area is expected to get in full swing the latter part of this week under the chairmanship of H. J. Ott and Mrs. A. H. Cable. It is planned to contact every farm resident in this area.

Although the contributions to date have been quite generous, particular stress must be placed on more generous giving due to the heavy demands of Red Cross facilities during war time.

To give some indication of the value of the Red Cross, excerpts from a letter from Eddie Benschel, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Benschel, are printed below:

"Now for my tour of this United Kingdom. I flew to England by commercial plane and took a train to London where I stayed at a Red Cross club. I then proceeded to see the town..."

"I saw some swell plays and musicals and a lot of movies and had a wonderful time. The Red Cross sure has been a wonderful thing over here for us. It really comes as close to being American and home as anything can be. They sure deserve all the support they get."

The above paragraphs are typical of others received where soldier boys are experiencing the value of the Red Cross organization.

The committee in charge urges, "Let's all do more than our part."

GEORGE WILLIAM SCARLETT

George William Scarlett, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Scarlett, passed away in the local hospital Sunday, March 5, following a very brief illness. He was born January 8, 1944. Funeral services were held at the Prann Funeral Parlor at 2:00 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon with C. Warner officiating. Burial was in the Umatilla cemetery.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Scarlett and one sister, Clara Louise; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Mulkins and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Scarlett, all of Hermiston; Great Grandparents, Mrs. Belle Scarlett, Indianapolis, Ind., Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Nodel, Toledo, Ore., Mrs. Addie Arbogast of Irrigon; three uncles, a/c F. L. Mulkins, Mustang Field, Okla., William L. Scarlett now in the Aleutians and Pvt. Miller Scarlett of Camp Abbot, Ore.

HIGH SCHOOL HAS NEW INSTRUCTOR

Mrs. O. M. Kerr of Walla Walla and a graduate of Whitman College has taken over the classes which Rev. W. A. MacArthur handled for the first semester and which Mrs. George Sutch has taught for the past six weeks. Mr. MacArthur was forced to give up the classes due to a stretch of poor health and press of other work. Mrs. Sutch volunteered to help until a successor could be found.

For a time it looked like the volunteer setup would be permanent but Mrs. Kerr's appearance on the scene saved the status of "temporary" appointment.

HENRY SHAFER TO SELL AT AUCTION

The first farm auction sale in several weeks has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, at the Henry Shafer ranch 2 1/2 miles southwest of Hermiston on the Butter Creek highway. R. C. Peters will be the auctioneer, and Pete Berg, clerk.

Mr. Shafer is listing the items in an advertisement on Page 3 of this issue.

Ralph Marble Wins Awards



Pictured above is a group picture of the crew of the bomber, Geranimo, headed by First Lieutenant Ralph W. Marble, son of Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Marble of Hermiston. Lt. Marble was recently honored by being awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and only last week was further honored by being the recipient of the oak leaf cluster award. The above crew some weeks ago completed their 25th bombing mission and have been extremely busy in the past several weeks. Local friends are anxiously awaiting more news of the Geranimo and are vouching for the fact that it will do its part in the present conflict. Lt. Marble is in the center of the back row.

PVT. BILL BELT PAPER EDITOR

You just can't keep a good man down. Pvt. Bill Belt, son of Dr. and Mrs. F. B. Belt who made news headlines a few years ago when he announced his candidacy for United States president in 1964, now heads the list of the staff which publishes the Torch and Sword, a mimeographed sheet printed at Fordham University where Bill is stationed with the U. S. army. An excellent editorial, "The Fate of ASTP", is printed in the latest issue.

The little paper is very newsy and typical of Bill Belt's work (he was editor of the Hermiston high school Bulldog while attending school here). Local friends are glad to see him in similar work with the armed forces.

LEGION GROUPS TO CELEBRATE

The American Legion and Auxiliary will hold their annual pot luck birthday party on Thursday, March 16, beginning at 7:00 o'clock. Refreshments of birthday cake and ice cream will be furnished by the committee. All members and friends are cordially invited to attend and help the Legion celebrate their 25th birthday.

Pulley Acquitted By Jury

A verdict of "not guilty" was returned in the case of State Police vs. E. E. Pulley last Friday. Mr. Pulley was tried on a charge of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. In a similar case, the same jury disagreed on the trial of Jim Shearer. The case will be tried again at a later date.

HERMISTON MAN SAVES FORTRESS

ENGLAND—The Flying Fortress "Hard Luck" almost had to bring back three bombs from the Berlin district raid Saturday when they stuck in their shackles, but Sgt. Austin Roberts kicked them loose, one by one, right over the target.

Roberts, a waist gunner from Hermiston, Ore., and Sgt. Delbert Burns of Eureka, Kas., the other waist gunner, noticed just before their ship reached the target that the ball turret was revolving continuously in one direction.

Investigating, they discovered Turret Gunner Sgt. George Benedict of Bedford, Mich., had passed out after his oxygen mask froze. Roberts and Burns revived him and then saw the three bombs still hanging in their shackles.

Roberts made his way along the catwalk to the bomb bay and kicked them loose while "Hard Luck" was still high over Berlin.

Carvers Buy Homesite Here

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Carver this week purchased several lots just east of the Hermiston hospital on which they plan to build a new home in the near future. Mr. and Mrs. Carver are the parents of Loren Carver who last week opened a barber shop here.

Sgt. Bill Harris Home

Sgt. Bill Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Harris of Hermiston, arrived home Sunday morning on furlough following 26 months overseas service. He has seen many parts of the world and experienced much during his army life. An attempt will be made to tell of some of his travels next week.

Many Red Cross Workers Overseas...



Red Cross men and women are with troops on fifty-three continental and insular battlefronts, and have gone into the theatres in many instances right along with the invasion forces, or else have followed soon after. Above is Miss Barbara Sweetland, American Red Cross worker, chatting with a small native boy, "somewhere in India." American Red Cross for the Office of War Information.

TEACHERS ARE NAMED FOR NEXT YEAR BY BOARDS

The principal business of the March meeting of the board of directors of school district No. 14 was the election of teachers. This district is in a peculiar situation as was the case in the two preceding years. The Umatilla Ordnance Depot indirectly exerts considerable effect upon the number of teachers. If the amount of employment decreases or increases the number of children of school age changes in proportion. A goodly number of these children live on federal reservations and are the responsibility of the national government in so far as school is concerned.

At this time it is difficult to estimate how many such children there will be and whether the Federal Works Agency will make satisfactory arrangements or not. After discussing the question at length, all regular elementary teachers were offered contracts for next year, but teachers who were employed for extra rooms, not normally maintained by the school, were not at this time re-elected.

The high school board had previously notified all high school instructors of re-election. The elementary board incorporated a sizeable raise in the notices of re-election. High school trustees have not as yet set a definite salary schedule.

POSTAL RATES TO BE HIGHER

W. J. Logan, Hermiston postmaster, has been notified by the postal authorities that after March 26 a new schedule of rates will be in effect. In many instances the rates have taken a jump in price. The following is a list of those stamps which will be effected:

Rural routes will be 3c each ounce. Local drop letter rate will remain at 1c each ounce. Post card rate remains at 1c. Parcel post will increase 3 per cent. Money order, 1c to \$2.50, 10c; \$2.51 to \$5.00, 14c; \$5.01 to \$10, 19c; \$10.01 to \$20.00, 22c; \$20.01 to \$40.00, 25c; \$40.01 to \$60.00, 30c; \$60.01 to \$80, 34c; \$80.01 to \$100, 37c. All registered, insured and C.O.D. mail will be increased. Air mail inside continental U. S. and Alaska will be 8c per ounce; overseas air mail to armed forces will remain at 6c per 1/4 ounce.

MAJOR MARBUT TO GO ACROSS

News has been received from Major and Mrs. W. M. Marbut of Barnes General hospital in Vancouver, Wn., that Major Marbut has received an overseas assignment and will leave soon for some unknown destination. Major Marbut has been stationed at Vancouver for the past three years.

Major Marbut was a physician in Echo and later in Hermiston for a time prior to entering the service. The Marbuts still own a home in Hermiston.

U. S. NAVY MAN CLAIMS BRIDE

Miss Jewel A. Townsend, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Townsend, and Clarence E. Faulstich, cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Faulstich, were married March 1st. Mrs. Faulstich was a member of the class of 1943 of Hermiston high school and is a stenographer for Federal Housing. She will remain here for the duration.

Cox. Faulstich has been on duty in the South Pacific and his ship, the U. S. S. Curtis has been in three major battles. He has gone to join his ship, a new one, for an unnamed destination.

Although the young couple have known each other for three years, the wedding was a complete surprise to relatives and friends, who wish them much happiness.

Corp. Felthouse Leaves For Duty

Corp. Gale Felthouse left Thursday for Salt Lake City where he will report for duty with gunnery troops following a 10-day visit in Hermiston with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Felthouse. Corp. Felthouse told the Hermiston Rotary club of some of his experiences at the regular luncheon Thursday noon.

Classifieds Make Headlines

It isn't often that the classifieds rate front page notoriety but in this week's issue can be found four refrigerators in the For Sale columns on the Classified page. This in itself is real news.

PROJECT FARM PLAYS HOST COUNTY GROUP AT DINNER MEETING

SPEAKERS TALK ON MANY TOPICS

One of the largest and most interesting farm bureau meetings in some years was held Tuesday night at the Columbia park hall when the Project Farm Bureau was host to a regular monthly meeting of the directors of the County Farm Bureau. The ladies auxiliary served a bountiful dinner to a gathering of about 100 members and guests. The program arrangement was handled by A. H. Cable, president of the Project Farm Bureau.

Following the dinner, the meeting was turned over to Lowell Steen of the county organization who acted as program chairman. Among those introduced as speakers was Mac Hoke of Pendleton, state farm bureau president. He told of the necessity of retaining key men on the farms—men who can operate tractors, manage activities and otherwise are responsible for keeping the farms going. He stated that there is a national law that farm laborers cannot be paid more than \$200.00 a month or more than \$2400.00 for a year's service.

Another interesting speaker was Bob Burlingame of Milton, a member of the county selective service board. He told of the many difficulties facing the draft board and trouble arising from their attempts to keep their quotas filled. He explained the procedure to be followed in drafting farm labor and the necessity of same.

Cecil Yates, also of Milton and former county farm bureau president, explained the new Farm Bureau Accident Insurance policy. He stated that many farmers are taking and planning to take advantage of this low-cost insurance.

Mayor F. C. McKenzie of Hermiston was called on for a short talk, stating that close harmony should exist between farmers and townspeople in order to receive maximum benefits for all concerned. Gas rationing also came up for some discussion while Mr. McKenzie, chief clerk of the local War Price and Rationing board, had the floor.

F. B. Swayze of Hermiston also stressed the necessity of cooperation of the rural residents and those residing in cities. He stated that business life in town greatly depends on rural support and also that farmers receive benefits from services of the town. R. L. Woolley, manager of the Umatilla Electric Cooperative, also gave a short talk.

Gaylord Madison of Echo and Clint Jackson of the local farm bureau represented their districts at the meeting. It was announced that the county farm bureau is planning to publish a farm paper to be released monthly, with the first issue to appear about the first of April.

VOTERS SHOULD REGISTER SOON

Voters for the coming primaries and election may register at the Oregon Hardware & Implement Co. on Hermiston Main street. Anyone who has lived in the state six months and 30 days in the precinct and who is an American citizen may register. Anyone who has previously registered and has changed his residence to another precinct must also register to be eligible to vote.

The primaries will be May 19 and the registration closes for the primaries 30 days before that date.

Fraser Graduates March 12

Mrs. Margaret Fraser has received a graduation announcement telling of exercises March 12 at the Douglas Field, Arizona, flying school. Listed among the graduates is her son, Lt. Thomas G. Fraser, Army Air Corps. Lt. Fraser has completed the various stages of flight training in rapid order and now awaits assignment for flying duty.

Canning Candy Proves Valuable

Claude VanArsdale, manager of the Operative Cannery and Laundry, stated this week that many are taking advantage of the canning facilities of his concern to send candy overseas to boys in the service. Mrs. Walter Hamm has become quite expert in this art and anyone wishing information is requested to contact her. Canning arrangements may be made by contacting Mr. VanArsdale at the cannery.