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ECHO NEWS ITEMS

A large number of employees of the Umatilla Ordnance Depot are soon to receive refunds of money withheld from their wages two years ago for the purchase of defense bonds, according to a letter from Congressman Stockman. During the period from May to September 1942, amounts varying from \$17.50 to \$30.00 were withheld from salaries of these employees at the depot under the payroll savings plan. No bonds were delivered for these amounts and inquiries brought the information that the accounts had been transferred to Vancouver Barracks and later to the fis-

cal director in Chicago. The matter was taken up with Congressman Stockman last month and he has received assurances from the war department that the bonds will be issued and balances refunded within the next 30 days. The communication from the war department states: "The War Bond Division, Chicago, have carefully examined the situation and advise me that the accounts are in the course of decentralization for processing in the field and that this work was started in August, 1943. Word has now been received from the Umatilla Ordnance Depot that the compilation of the individual subscribers' accounts is nearing completion and it is expected that bonds will be issued and

balances refunded within the next 30 days. This protracted delay is greatly regretted by this office, but you are assured that the War Bond Division is closely following up these accounts and will do everything possible to assist the local Ordnance Depot to expedite completion of these accounts and will do everything possible to assist the local Ordnance Depot to expedite completion of these accounts."

March weather was notable for extremes, varying from 12 above zero, the coldest of the winter, on March 14, to a high of 76 on the 29th. On the 27th the temperature dropped to 16 above and two days later apricot trees in the town were in full bloom. Precipitation for the month was only .54 of an inch.

Mr. and Mrs. Sloan Thomson went to Pullman Thursday and will remain until Sunday when Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gorrell will accompany them home. Mr. Gorrell has completed his training at Pullman and will now go to California.

Elsie Rauch was taken to the Pendleton hospital Thursday forenoon after being ill for a short time from what was believed to be an attack of appendicitis.

Mrs. William Helmick, chairman of the local Red Cross war fund drive, is happy to report that Echo's quota of \$750.00 has been subscribed.

A large and appreciative audience enjoyed the three one-act plays put on by the student bodies of Echo, Stanfield and Umatilla schools in the city hall Wednesday evening. The performance will be repeated in Stanfield and Umatilla.

Troop officers for the local senior Girl Scouts for the first four meetings are: Shirley Coleman, chairman; Dorothy Farrans, secretary; Helen Young treasurer; Mary Lois Cotton, musi-

cian. One of the first projects to be taken up by the troop will be a municipal playground.

Joe Andrews, who is in St. Anthony hospital recovering from an operation for appendicitis, expects to return home Sunday.

Mrs. Joseph Cunha Sr., who has been suffering from ear trouble, is in the Pendleton hospital for treatment.

Jean Johnston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnston, who is ill at St. Anthony hospital, is reported to be recovering satisfactorily. Mr. Johnston, who is employed at Portland, spent last week end here and returned to Portland Sunday.

Mrs. Troy Walker, who visited several days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Andrews, returned to her home in Portland Friday.

Mrs. E. J. Nieland has been on the sick list for several days.

N. D. Bard's artichoke crop in the east part of town is being harvested this week, about 15 tons being taken from two city blocks planted to the tubers. The crop has all been sold for seed, mostly to Stanfield growers who are increasing their acreage considerably this year. The artichokes, which were left in the ground all winter, were harvested with a digger the same as potatoes.

Mrs. Lena Mathers left Tuesday for an extended visit in Salem with relatives.

Mildred Penney was taken to the Pendleton hospital Wednesday evening believed to be suffering from appendicitis. According to late reports it was not believed an operation would be necessary.

Harold Laird, who has been stationed at Pasco several months, received his call for overseas duty last week. Mr. and Mrs. Laird and little daughter are now visiting relatives in the

NOTICE!

Having recently resigned my position as an attorney for the U. S. Government, I have re-opened my law office in suite No. 203 Johns Building, Pendleton, Oregon. Practice in State and Federal Courts.

George R. Lewis

Willamette valley. They will return to Echo in a few days to pack and Mrs. Laird will move to Salem to live with her mother during Mr. Laird's absence. She has occupied an apartment in the George building for the past five years.

M. E. Meyers is preparing to go into the chicken business on a large scale. He has about completed construction of a 24x53 foot chicken house east of the highway on a half block tract recently purchased from N. D. Bard. He will start with 600 chicks April 15.

William Battick is here this week on furlough for a visit with his sister, Mrs. George Williams. He is now a staff sergeant at the air corps camp at Tonapah, Nevada, and is working as a ground mechanic. He entered the service in September, 1942.

Echo Farm Bureau will have its regular monthly meeting at Odd Fellows hall Friday evening, starting at 7:00 o'clock.

A letter from Zoe McFaul says that there is another former Echo boy in his camp in Iceland. Miles Everett, son of F. E. Everett who lived in this city years ago. Mr. Everett built the house on Bonanza street now owned by Mrs. Carrie Willis.

IRRIGON NEWS ITEMS

By Mrs. Grace Shown

Mrs. Lee N. Smith arrived home after spending two weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Rollins of Wapato, Wash.

The small daughter, Viola Roy Hill, was bitten by a dog Saturday evening. They hurried her to the Ordnance hospital where the wound on her face was dressed.

Mrs. Floyd Sparks returned from Redmond where she spent six weeks with her son and family.

Mrs. H. W. Grim arrived home from Redmond Friday where she had been visiting her father George Hux and two sisters that live there.

Adren Allen and Lloyd Aldrich spent the week end in Irrigon with their families. They are working as carpenters in The Dalles.

The Pentecostal church is having revival meetings at the church. Mr. and Mrs. Blich are the preachers from Kelso, Wash.

Don Kenny and sons Jimmie and Robert spent the week end in Portland. The boys spent the time with their mother and Mr. Kenny went on to Troutdale to move the Harry Coopers up to Irrigon. Bill Cooper spent the time while the Coopers were gone with his grandparents, the Ernest Stephens family.

Mrs. Earl Connell and two sons returned Friday from Boardman visiting her mother and family there.

Ralph and Charles Acock Jr. visited Betty Acock at Hot Lake Thursday.

Carl Knighten, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Allen and Allie Haberlein were Pendleton visitors Saturday.

Several farmers around Irrigon are preparing for new seeding of alfalfa. There seems to be more alfalfa and more watermelons to be planted with also quite a few potatoes.

Mrs. Emmet McCoy and Clarence Fredrickson left Sunday night for Portland. Mrs. McCoy is going to visit in Portland and Clarence is going on to California to join Mrs. Fredrickson. She is employed down there.

Mrs. Edward Houghton and small son Bruce left Monday evening for Kelso to visit her parents there before returning to her New Jersey home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Queener moved into Gravbell house east of Irrigon.

Mrs. Edith Pucket of Portland left for Hood River Friday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Woods. She has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Athol Haddox and family and her brother Bert Benefield while here.

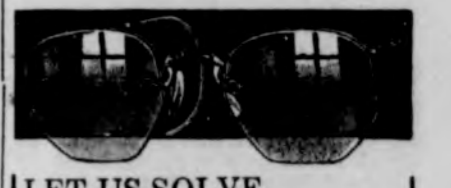
Mr. and Mrs. Harness of Metaline Falls spent Friday night with the Marshall Markhams.

Fred Markham of Sunnyside, Wn., is staying at the G. E. Aldrichs.

Charles and Ralph Acock and Grace O'Brien were in Pendleton Friday.

Ralph Acock, seaman second class, arrived Wednesday to visit with his parents, the C. W. Acocks, and other relatives.

Among Irrigon people in Hermiston Friday were Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Sweringer. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Haddox, Mrs. Leona Suddarth, Mrs. W. C. Isom, George Linn and the J. A. Shouns.



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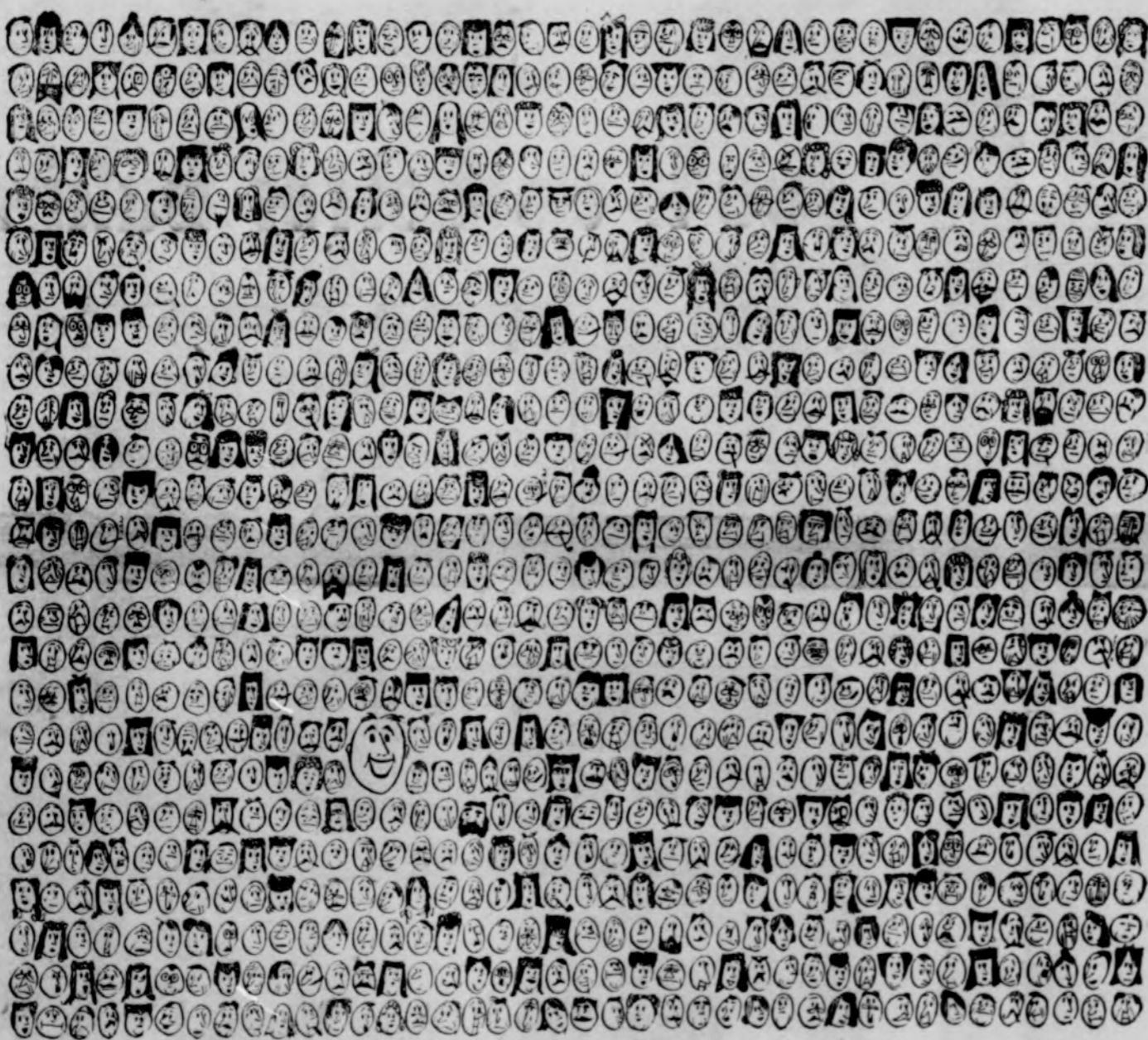
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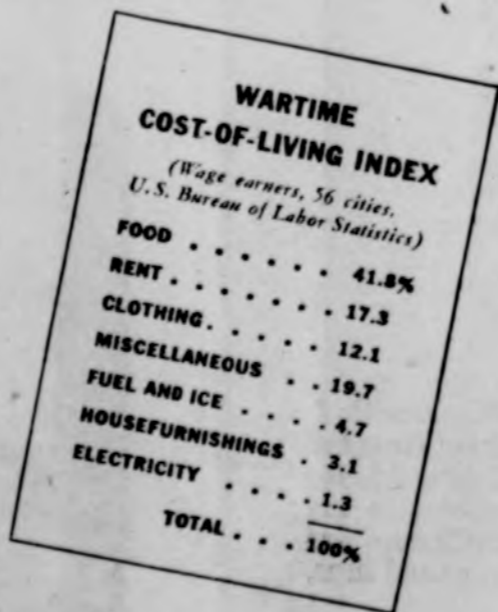
And here's the answer in one word: "Electricity".

Look at the last item in these recent cost-of-living figures from

the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (reprinted at right). Considering how *many* household jobs electricity does daily, that's a rather startling statistic.

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