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## Wildcatting Land Values In War Times

Effort has been made throughout the years to maintain reasonable land prices in this irrigated area. Values fluctuated from time to time with the national economic conditions, but not to the wild extent we hear of nowadays. In the beginning of these projects, prices rose during the fruit boom to \$250.00 to \$400.00 an acre for raw land, and the result was that nearly every settler lost his investments, and prices flattened to \$10.00 and \$75.00 an acre. After the World War land boom Iowa corn lands were sold for \$400.00 an acre, and thousands of people went broke. A report is current that a tract of land nearby that was sold a few years ago for about \$3000.00 is now being offered at over ten thousand by outside parties to possible suckers.

We have great respect for the values of land here for homes and a good living, and a reasonable profit on fair investment. But the boom here does not justify the prices asked and accepted in a number of cases, and the purchasers, if they go in debt for such ranches, will become a liability to the community, and many of them did 20 years ago. We, of course, recognize a reasonable advance in prices is justifiable, but to sell land far in advance of current inflationary conditions or great speculation of the prospects of the Umatilla Rapids dam, is little less than Al Capone and Pendergast practices after World War I. The men who do this have done nothing to advance the development of this section, nor do anything to contribute to its stable values for legitimate investment, but are leeches on the conditions created by war. All good citizens should put the stamp of disapproval on such practices.

## STANFIELD NEWS

By Mrs. Rose Hedrick

Mrs. G. W. Sturdivant of Parkdale is the house guest of her daughter, Mrs. C. C. Rhea, for a few weeks.

Virgil Crane, who has spent two years in the navy, is on leave and visiting in Stanfield.

John Quimby, a bus driver from Seattle, accompanied a friend, Ed Arnold of the navy, to Stanfield over the week end, en route to the latter's home at Buhl, Idaho.

Mrs. Wiley Hewitt was taken to



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spent a few days in Portland visiting her daughter and family, Mrs. Ralph Isackson.

Stanfield won the game with Echo January 26 with a score of 33 to 23.

Mrs. Leo Clark has returned home from Baker where she was for two weeks at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Cliff Conrad. The latter is convalescing from an operation.

Mrs. J. G. Clark left Pendleton the first of the week to join her husband, Cpl. Clark, at Bremer-ton.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Caplinger and sons called at the Hedrick home Thursday.

Thirteen members attended the meeting of the Study club January 25, and donated \$12.00 Thursday to the Educational fund in the recent Polio drive. A very interesting session was held.

## Notice To Personal Property Owners

Every person in Umatilla County owning or having in their possession on the first day of January, 1945, any assessable personal property such as machinery, livestock, merchandise, store fixtures, shop equipment, etc., is required by law to report same to the County Assessor not later than March 1, 1945. New people in the County and those having no personal assessments last year may either call at the office or write for a blank. All mailed blanks should be returned as soon as the values can be determined.

We earnestly ask your cooperation in this matter.

D. W. DAVIS,  
County Assessor.

(Feb. 1-22)

## UMATILLA NEWS

By Mrs. Glenn Ostrom

Mr. and Mrs. John Mustard have announced the engagement of their daughter, Betty, to Charles Hale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hale of Hermiston. Miss Mustard is a nurse cadet in St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton and expects to finish her training. Mr. Hale is in the navy. No date has been set for the wedding.

Mrs. Phyllis Newgard was hostess to the pinocle club at her home Wednesday evening. Prizes were won by Mrs. Al Vieg and Mrs. Ken Arnold.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kester of Medford spent Friday and Saturday here visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Del Gordon of Pendleton visited friends here Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. F. S. Baker and Mrs. Phyllis Newgard spent Friday in The Dalles.

There is to be a meeting at the church Sunday evening at 7:00 o'clock to talk over the interest of the new church, and are urging everyone to be there.

O. R. McNabb of Portland spent a few days visiting at the home of his brother, Pete and family.

Mrs. Glenn O'Neal and infant daughter Glenna Sue returned home Sunday from the Hermiston hospital.

Mrs. Oliver McNabb and son Jon and Mrs. Vane Hiatt spent Friday morning in Pendleton.

Many people attended the March of Dimes dance given at the school gym. The Jive Bomber Negro orchestra from Pasco furnished the music and was enjoyed by all. About \$225 was cleared from the door and the "dime march" to contribute to the fund. The dime wishing wells have not been collected yet.

Mrs. Bill Nugent is in the Emanuel hospital in Portland after a major operation.

## ECHO NEWS ITEMS

Following is the program for the Community Institute to be held at Echo Saturday and Sunday, February 3 and 4:

Saturday session will start at 11 a. m. in the city hall, the opening speaker being Lowell Steen of Milton, a state officer of the Farm Bureau.

At noon a pot luck dinner will be served in Odd Fellows hall.

The afternoon session in the city hall will include talks by Lyle Johnson, registrar of the Eastern Oregon College of La Grande, whose subject will be "G. I. Bill of Rights"; Rev. Earl P. Cochran, pastor of the Presbyterian church, Pendleton, speaking on "Better Homes"; and Dean Dubach of the Oregon State College, Corvallis, on "Better Communities".

There will be music by the Echo high school band and girls' chorus at both sessions of the institute.

The final address will be made by Dr. Silas E. Fairham, a veteran of World War I, who will speak on "A Better World." His address will be Sunday forenoon at 11:00 o'clock in the Echo Methodist church. Everyone is invited to all of these sessions.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Correa received a telegram Monday announcing that their son, William Correa, 20, is missing in action in Belgium. Correa graduated from Echo high school in 1943 and entered the service soon afterwards. His last vis-

it home was in May, 1944. At that time he was stationed at Ft. Benning, Ga., where he was taking advanced paratrooper training. He has two brothers, John, who is with the army in Luxemburg, and Joseph of Echo.

T/s Zoe McFaul, who is now supposed to be stationed somewhere in the British Isles, completed three years of service December 8 and is receiving extra compensation for long service. He enlisted the day after Pearl Harbor and was stationed for a long time in Iceland.

T/s Stephen Spike writes from Paris where he is in the army postal service that Paris is a very beautiful city with wide avenues, boulevards, palaces and monuments everywhere, but he will be happy to get back to Umatilla county. He says a gift of cigarettes was very acceptable as he has been under a ration of two packs a week since early November.

Mess Sgt. Eddie Liesegang has informed his parents that he will be home on a furlough, leaving Fort Jackson, South Carolina, about February 7.

Miss Helen Brommel has re-enrolled in Echo high school after an absence of several months.

Echo high school girls volleyball team defeated the Stanfield girls team for the second time this week, in a game at Stanfield gym.

The first measurable snow of the winter fell here Monday night, measuring about half an inch. For the preceding two weeks the temperature has varied only slightly from the freezing point.

Echo high school band is becoming popular in the community and has been called upon to furnish music for several events of the spring. This week the band will play at a public installation of Po-cahontas lodge and on Saturday will provide music for the community institute at the city hall.

Storekeeper Harold Liesegang left Wednesday for the naval station at Oakland, Calif., after spending a week's furlough here with his family. He expects to be assigned to overseas duty soon after his return to camp.

S. A. Westfall received word Monday that his brother, T5 Frederick E. Westfall, with the infantry in France, has been wounded in action. No details were given. Westfall recently received a citation for bravery in the push across France.

Pvt. Clifford E. Dewey writes his wife that he is now in Italy and is getting along nicely. He has been overseas about two months.

Members of the Echo high school chorus are working on a

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song festival which will be presented early in the spring. This will be a complete concert, including nothing but vocal music. Mrs. Gladys Alberding is director of the chorus.

Miss Maxine Nofsinger, formerly a student at Echo high school, is here from North Powder for a visit with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Meyers are now visiting their son, Seaman 1-c Rene Meyers at Port Chicago, Cal.

Mrs. Fannie Vaughn of Pendleton spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gaskill in West-lawn. The occasion was the birth-day of Mrs. Gaskill.

Marshall Meyers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Meyers, and Dean Robertson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neill Robertson, were among the young men from this neighborhood who went to Ft. Lewis Wednesday for induction. They are now awaiting assignment to a training camp.

The Stanfield-Echo home economics unit met at the church in Echo Friday. The subject was "A Professional Look in Sewing," with Mrs. G. H. Frederick as leader. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. W. J. Helmick, February 23, at 1:30 p. m. The

subject will be "Color and Arrangement of Furniture" with Jane Marie Warren as leader.

Five hundred bedside arrangements of the dish garden type are being planned for the McCaw general hospital at Walla Walla. Mrs. William J. Helmick of Echo, vice president of the Blue Mountain district Garden clubs has been named to have charge of the project. As garden clubs of this part of the state have found it hard to secure material of the right kind at this time of year, the state chairman of dish gardens, Mrs. Hugh O'Connor, furnishes materials to Mrs. Helmick for the project.

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