

How many times have you said, "If I were running this, I'd do it a better way"? Don't just talk—put the idea on a suggestion blank. It may be good enough to win a cash award. Those employees who will receive cash awards for the month of February are: Julia Kretzschmar, N. L. Pennock, D. E. Johnson, C. H. Johnson, H. C. Warner and G. C. Thomas.

March 9 is the date of the dance sponsored by the U.O.D. Employees' Association at the Hermiston gymnasium. Pasco Naval Band will furnish the music and your U.O.D. membership card will admit you. Don your best bib and tucker and get set to have a good time.

Don't forget to buy your U.O.D. Employees' Association membership card. These cards will admit holders and their families to association sponsored events. Dates have been definitely set for three dances with music furnished by the Pasco Naval Band as follows: March 9, May 25 and June 29. A variety of entertaining events have been scheduled which include picnics and amateur shows as well as the dances. The Association will always endeavor to contribute to the comfort and entertainment of all its members and their families.

Headquarters— Captain Randolph, who recently attended a conference at the Pueblo Ordnance Depot, Pueblo, Colorado, is now visiting his home in Mantiwoc, Wisc.

Lt. McAllister's wife and two children arrived March 1st from St. Louis, Mo. They are making their home in Ordnance.

Misses Pauline Jensen and Catharine Kennedy left Thursday for a short vacation. They spent the week end in Corvallis and then went on to Portland.

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Magazine Area— Miss Betty Robison who is visiting in San Francisco is confined with the mumps. Too bad, Betty! Gertrude Meade is ill at her home in Stanfield with scarlet fever.

Frances Troesch and Evelyn Duna were on the sick list this week.

Miss Linda Neary entertained at a dinner at her home Wednesday evening for the following guests: Lucille Keenan, Clara Correa, Alice and Connie Frosh, Idona Collinsworth, Georgia Cummings and Lois and Doris Brown. The evening was spent in playing games.

West Area— Pfc. Kenny Coppinger of Camp Roberts is visiting Miss Mary Jane Laurie and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Laurie near Hermiston.

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Plant Property— Plant Property enjoyed a pot luck dinner at noon Saturday. This was in honor of Mr. Jackson who is leaving. He will be located in Stanfield.

Elris Wade spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gordon in Weston, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Matthews were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Leale of Echo.

Mrs. Lee Smith was called to Portland Thursday by the illness of her son "Corky". She returned Monday as he is improving nicely.

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Motor Transportation— Royal Stanton returned Sunday from a business trip to Seattle.

"Hank" Miller spent two days in Vancouver, Wash., last week.

Neal Armstrong returned to work Monday after being quarantined due to scarlet fever in his family.

Evelyn Schmidt was honored at a birthday party at her home Saturday evening. Ten guests were present.

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Personnel— Monday was Theda Stahl's birthday. Personnel celebrated, as usual, with a party through the noon hour. She was presented with a "nifty" sweater.

Nadyne McKenzie spent several days in Portland this week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert motored to Pendleton Thursday to meet Mr. Gilbert's niece, Lt. Gertrude Casteel of the A.N.C. who has been stationed in Iran for twenty-six months. She is on leave awaiting reassignment. She is visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. E. B. Casteel in Pendleton.

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Fiscal— Ruth DeBoie and Jessie Wilson were off work this week due to illness in their families.

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Payroll— Mr. and Mrs. Flavel Chastain returned Thursday from a three weeks trip in Texas.

Mary Springer spent three days in Portland this week visiting her husband.

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Utilities— Post Engineer's Office report the temperature was the coldest of the season Monday morning when the thermometer dropped to 10½ degrees above zero.

Bertram Steele, of the machine

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OPA LEADERS TALK ON PROBLEMS AND GOAL OF WAR EFFORT

RATION PLAN TO BE CONTINUED

Hermiston war price and rationing board members came in for considerable praise from McDannell Brown of the Portland OPA office Tuesday evening at a Chamber of Commerce dinner at the high school cafeteria room. Members of the Hermiston Rebekah lodge served an excellent turkey dinner to the large crowd present. President George Harkerider was in charge of the Chamber of Commerce meeting but turned the chair over to Harold G. Rankin, local war price and rationing board chairman, who in turn introduced the various members of the visiting OPA delegation.

Included in the group from the Portland office were: Mr. Brown, district director; Louis Bronaugh, district board executive; Fredrick Janney, district rationing executive; Hosea Evans, district price executive; Miss Mary Johns, district information specialist, and Mrs. Frances Dobyns, board supervisor for this area.

In discussing OPA, Mr. McDannell explained how its functions fit into the overall picture of the war's home front. Not only have citizens had more food and goods than in the first world war, inflationary forces have been kept at a minimum. All this in view of the fact that armed forces have received supplies in much greater quantities. Since May of 1943, living costs have only gone up about 1.6 per cent.

Mr. Brown stated again and again, that much of the authority of OPA regulations is being vested in local boards, seeking to decentralize the program whenever possible. He stated that local boards have a great responsibility and

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LT. TED RIPLEY IS TEXAS BOUND

Lt. Ted Ripley and Mrs. Ripley, who have been visiting here for the past two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn W. Ripley, left for Amirillo, Texas, Wednesday via automobile to report for training as an engineer on a B-29. Lt. Ripley returned from overseas service with the air force some months ago.

While overseas Lt. Ripley piloted a fighter bomber, coming through all his missions without a scratch. His venture into becoming an engineer is quite interesting, according to Lt. Ripley.

LOCAL RESIDENT PASSES AWAY

B. Cellers, for eight years a resident of this area, passed away last Thursday, March 1, in St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton following a year's illness. Funeral services were held March 5 at Drain with burial in the Cottage Grove cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Cellers and family moved to Hermiston about eight years ago and farmed several tracts. In recent years Mr. Cellers was employed on the Col. L. W. Jordan ranch west of Hermiston.

He is survived by his widow; one son, Don Cellers, with the Coast Guard in the South Pacific; his parents who reside in Drain, and six brothers and three sisters. One sister, Mrs. Beryl Watson, resides in Hermiston.

NOTED SPEAKER SCHEDULED HERE

Dr. James Millar, a representative of the National Educational association, will be in Hermiston Thursday, March 15, to speak at the high school at 11:00 a. m. and during the luncheon hour to the Hermiston Rotary club.

Dr. Millar was born in Ireland and received his early education there. He received his Master's degree from Colorado State college, with a Master's degree, in Denver. Later he did graduate work at Chicago university, Cambridge and Oxford university in England. He has visited 10 countries in Europe and the Orient prior to the war and since returning to this country served in various educational capacities.

His visit to Hermiston was arranged through the office of Frank Hackler, assistant county agent.

SIX CIVILIANS TO GET AWARDS AT U.O.D. CEREMONY

Six civilian employees of the Umatilla Ordnance Depot have earned awards for Meritorious Civilian Service by making outstanding contributions to the war effort.

These awards will be presented at appropriate ceremonies on the Depot before the assembled employees next Tuesday at 4 p. m. The program, which will include music by the Hermiston high school band, will be broadcast by Pendleton's radio station KWRC, from 4:00 to 4:30.

The awards are in the form of certificates containing citations which state briefly the basis for the award. In addition to the certificate, each person receiving an award is also presented with an emblem or bar to be worn on the left lapel or left breast of any outer garment.

Col. A. S. Buyers, Commanding Officer of Umatilla Ordnance Depot, will present the awards in the name of Lt. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell, Commanding General, Army Service Forces. Five of the awards are for suggestions submitted or devices made which increase the productive efficiency of the Depot or promote safety of workers. The sixth is for exceptional service during a time of great potential danger.

RED CROSS DRIVE IS PROGRESSING

The Hermiston campaign for Red Cross funds is getting along nicely, states Mrs. Roy Tiller, chairman. With a substantial amount turned in by Mrs. Helen Belt, who canvassed Main street, Mrs. Tiller states that approximately \$1300.00 has been collected to date. Other workers are also meeting fine cooperation in the residence section although the amounts subscribed are in smaller proportions.

The campaign will continue during the next few weeks, with the hope that every resident of the city will be contacted and the quota surpassed by a substantial amount.

Legion Auxiliary Meets

The Hermiston American Legion Auxiliary met Thursday night to prepare plans for the visit of Mrs. Helen Gilbert, national auxiliary president, to District 6 at Pendleton on April 12. Mrs. Helen Belt, district president, will be toastmistress at the event. While in this area Mrs. Gilbert will visit McCaw hospital and Veterans' hospital, both in Walla Walla.

Townsend Club To Meet

A social meeting of the local Townsend club will be held Tuesday, March 13, at the U.S.O. club beginning at 8:30 p. m. Members are urged to come to the little room with the meeting adjoining to the main room after 10:00 o'clock. Full attendance is requested.

Umatilla Cooperative Creamery Has Successful Year's Operation

Another successful year's business was reported at the annual meeting of the Umatilla Cooperative Creamery Wednesday, February 28, at an evening meeting in the banquet room of the Methodist church. The dinner was served to a large crowd by the Ladies Aid of that church.

Prof. P. M. Brandt of Oregon State college was the principal speaker of the evening, discussing the 1945 legislative program and its affects on maintaining healthy dairy herds. He stated that everything possible was being done to not only preserve the dairy industry but also to stimulate better grades and standards. He was introduced by Walter Holt, county agent of Pendleton.

H. K. Dean, manager of the Umatilla Field Station, spoke on the efforts that are being made to assist returning veterans of the present war.

The financial condition of the cooperative was declared to be in "healthy shape," by Albert Jentzsch, public accountant and auditor for the concern. He stated that current assets are \$40,616.13 as compared to total current liabilities of \$7,043.21 and total liabilities, both current and non-current, of \$21,655.69. He stated further, "In my opinion your financing program is sound."

Herman H. Plass, manager of the creamery, discussed the business for the year, stating that the concern had an increase of 50,000

FOUR-H PROGRAM CALLS FOR MORE FOOD GARDENS

Last year Four-H club members in West Umatilla county produced 24,835 pounds of food. This year this figure will be exceeded by many pounds, according to Frank E. Hackler, assistant county agent.

This week is National 4-H club week, which provides 4-H members an opportunity to check upon their efforts in helping to win the war, in keeping with 1945 4-H goals already set up, an opportunity to re-dedicate and to re-affirm his intention to carry his 1945 goals to completion.

Those goals affecting food production, conservation and health are of paramount importance. No doubt, every 4-H club member will want to do more in light of the present serious situation on all war fronts and increased demand for farm labor, said Frank E. Hackler, assistant county agent.

MEN NEEDED FOR CONSTRUCTION

W. L. Van Horn of the Mid State Construction Co. and the Henry George & Son Co. of Spokane was in Hermiston Tuesday conferring with Roy White, executive secretary of the State Council of Carpenters, in regards to carpenters and laborers needed at Condon where an elevator is being rebuilt following a fire last year.

Mr. Van Horn stated that men may work 10 hours a day and seven days a week. Board can be obtained for \$1.80 a day. Further information is available at the local Carpenters Union office.

STOLEN AUTO REVEALS LOOT

State police literally hit the jack pot Tuesday when they apprehended three youths from Grand Island, Neb., with a stolen automobile near Boardman. The boys brought about their own downfall when they suddenly stopped their machine near the intersection just east of Boardman and were struck by an auto driven by Fayette Stout of Boardman. Both Mr. Stout and Mrs. Stout, also an occupant, were seriously injured and brought to the Hermiston General hospital by ambulance. It is expected that the injuries will require several weeks of hospitalization.

Following the accident the three boys attempted to escape by foot, lugging two suitcases, into the sage brush country southeast of Boardman. Pursuing officers were forced to fire at them before they could be stopped about one mile from the scene of the accident. Following their arrest, their loot revealed much stolen property, including clothing, liquor, money, a 2-pound size cocoa can full of gasoline rationing stamps and other articles.

The boys were taken to Arlington by the state police.

President Roosevelt Signs Bill Authorizing Umatilla Rapids Dam

Talks on OPA



Pictured above is McDannell Brown, Portland district OPA director, who was the main speaker of an OPA delegation which visited Hermiston Tuesday evening. Prior to entering service for the OPA, Mr. Brown was in private law practice in Portland since 1925. He is a veteran of World War I and is well equipped for the position he fills, having experienced the inflation period following the first war.

LEAVE DAMPENED BY AUTO WRECK

When Robert Ross, Gunners Mate 3rd Class, returns to his ship following a two weeks leave spent here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ross, no doubt the highlight of his account to his buddies will be an auto wreck. He was the driver of a car which left the road on entering Hermiston from the north last Friday evening. With him were Miss Marilyn Hudson and Arthur Pennington, who suffered bruises and other body injuries. Arthur also received a broken arm. An approaching car and a slippery pavement accounted for the wreck.

Robert, who has been in the service about three years, is eligible for a Purple Heart as the result of injuries received when his ship was sunk in the Philippines December 27. He was injured in the right eye.

PAPER DRIVE NETS 20 TONS

A carload of 20 tons of salvage paper was loaded here Saturday by Hermiston Boy Scouts. A large truck load of paper from Heppner greatly augmented the amount, as did smaller quantities from Echo, Stanfield and Umatilla. The collection in Hermiston was lower than was anticipated, according to Mrs. Walter Hamm, local chairman.

Either local residents have failed to save paper or did not contribute their savings Saturday. It is hoped that during the next few months more cooperation in this essential war effort will be observed.

STATE SENATE PASSES BILL

The armory construction program, which includes an armory for Hermiston, involving a total cost estimated at 24,650,000, was approved by the state senate Wednesday with only three dissenting votes. Money required for the program would be raised by a .45 mill property tax covering a period of 10 years.

The measure, to be referred to the voters for confirmation or rejection, now goes back to the house where it originated for concurrence in a senate amendment.

HODGE OBTAINS HOOD RIVER HERD

Olyn Hodge, owner of the Hermiston Dairy, this week purchased a high grade herd of 40 Guernseys from a Hood River dairy farm. Mr. Hodge is greatly pleased with the cows and plans to add them to his present herd, now aggregating one of the largest herds of dairy cattle assembled in this area.

The Hermiston Dairy is now furnishing milk to many parts of the county, making two trips each day to Pendleton.

CONSTRUCTION TO FOLLOW WAR

A dream of many years' standing was realized last Friday when President Roosevelt signed the rivers and harbors bill which includes authorization for the Umatilla Rapids (McNary) dam a short distance up the river from Umatilla and the Snake river dams and open channel improvement for purposes of providing slack water navigation and irrigation. Old timers in this area in particular were cheered by the news as many of them have been pulling for the dam for many years.

The Umatilla dam authorization is for the expenditure of \$49,000,000 while the estimated costs of the Snake river program is \$58,625,000. It should be understood the legislation only authorizes these projects among nearly 300 others and that appropriation measures will have to be enacted at some later date, presumably shortly after the war.

Agitation for the proposed dam has been going on for many years, having started probably as early as 1912. In the authorization bill it is provided that when the Umatilla dam is completed it "shall... be named the McNary dam in honor of the late Senator Charles L. McNary of Oregon and shall be dedicated to his memory as a monument to his distinguished public service."

Views of local interests concerning the construction of the dam with a pool elevation of 340 feet above sea level will be aired at a public hearing in the Franklin county courthouse at Pasco March 21, starting at 2:00 p. m., according to a recent announcement from Col. Ralph A. Tudor, Portland district engineer, U. S. army engineers. The meeting is prompted by the following extract from the act:

"Provided, further, that said dam shall be so constructed as to provide a pool elevation of 340 feet above sea level if a dam of that height is found to be feasible."

All interested persons are invited to be present at the hearing. It is expected that a group will attend from this district.

FOUR-H CLUBS TO BE STRESSED

In observing National 4-H Club week March 3 to 11, Oregon is helping build the club program in this country in 1945 to what is expected to be the largest enrollment in history, reports H. C. Seymour, state club leader in the O. S. C. Extension service. Last year's total of 1,700,000 4-H club members is expected to be increased to more than two million this year.

In Oregon, where the proportion of club members to the total number of boys and girls of club age has consistently led the nation, special observances were arranged in each county, with recognition and encouragement of club work given at meetings of granges, Farmers Unions, Farm Bureaus, parent-teachers' groups, service clubs and local churches. Every club leader is receiving a copy of messages issued by President Roosevelt and Governor Earl Snell in support of the work.

PURPLE HEART IS RECEIVED HERE

Dr. and Mrs. F. B. Belt recently were recipients of the Purple Heart awarded to their son, Pfc. Bill Belt, for wounds received in his knee October 29, 1944, while with the armed forces in Holland. Bill recovered quickly, however, and is now back in action.

Dr. and Mrs. Belt received word Thursday morning that he is now with Terry Allen's 104th division which is spearheading the attack on the Cologne advance. He is still feeling fine and getting along nicely.

STATE GUARD HAS SOCIAL MEET

Members of Co. E., 22nd Bn., Oregon State Guard, met Monday night at the local park hall for a social meeting with wives and lady friends of officers and enlisted men present. Moving pictures, dancing and a late lunch, prepared by the mess officer, were enjoyed.

Capt. Vern Daugherty, commanding officer, states that members of the guard are showing a great deal of enthusiasm in recent weeks.