

With the announcement of the fall of Germany, a V-E Day War Bond sales campaign was announced supplementing the 7th War Bond drive. To each purchaser of a War Bond a Gratitude Certificate signed by Colonel A. S. Buyers, Commanding Officer, is being given. All employees are asked to buy a bond now to commemorate the valiant victory of our fighting and service forces.

Headquarters—
Norma Gray of Pendleton is employed in the Adjutant's office during the absence of Florence Powe.

Alta Mae Guerrant is on vacation this week.

Doris Stuber is spending a few days in Boise with friends and relatives.

Lillian Rutledge was on leave last week, enjoying a visit from her son who is on furlough from the Army. He has been stationed at Savanna Ordnance Depot, Illinois.

Colonel Halsted, Captain McCoy and Lt. Warren were fishing up Butter Creek Sunday. Better luck next time, Colonel Halsted—perhaps a change of tackle might help!

Motor Transportation—
Henry Miller made a business trip to Vancouver, Wash., last week.

Charlotte Corneille is leaving Friday for Long Beach, Calif., where she will make her home.

Jim Matheson is spending a few days fishing near La Grande.

Inspection—
Marie Cooper is leaving Friday for Flagstaff, Arizona, where she has transferred to Navajo Ordnance Depot.

Lois Williams spent Friday afternoon shopping in Pendleton.

Plant Property—
Mable Rand spent one day last week visiting in The Dalles.

William Finch is enjoying a visit from his son who is on furlough from the Navy.

Charlene Rutter left Saturday to join her husband in Seattle.

Guard Headquarters—
William Linder of Hermiston is a new member of the Guards.

William Graybeal spent Sunday fishing.

Chester Foss and wife were on a fishing trip last week.

Sybil Pettesy returned to work Tuesday after an absence due to illness.

William Graybeal is enjoying a visit from his nephew Max Graybeal who is home on furlough from the Navy. Max is gunner on his ship.

Stock Control—
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson and family of Wallowa spent the week end with Mrs. Johnson's sister, Marie Loveland.

Marjorie Tobin returned to work Monday from Enterprise, Oregon, where she was called by the death of her mother.

Box Factory—
Mrs. Anna Wilson of Baker is visiting her son, C. H. Johnson of Hermiston. We are happy to know Jerry Rogers is rapidly recovering from injuries sustained in a car accident several weeks ago.

Byron Boyles returned to work Monday after a month's absence due to a hand injury.

Velma Ewing is a new employee at the Box Factory.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Phelps are enjoying a visit from the latter's mother and sister, Mrs. Hardwick and Mrs. Pedigo of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ragsdale were visitors in Walla Walla Friday.

The employees of the Box Factory presented Laura Watkins, who is leaving the depot, with a nice gift.

Rail Transportation—
Dollie Duckett, Janet McNabb, Idona Collingsworth and LaVelle Hunt spent Sunday afternoon in Boardman.

West Area—
Jean Wise spent the week end with her friend, Grace Henderson, of Alice.

Wilma Watson returned to work Monday after a week's absence due to an eye injury.

Hospital—
Mrs. Harold Johns spent the week end in Prosser with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Moore.

PLANS COMPLETED FOR DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WORK

CLASSES BEGIN MONDAY, MAY 21

The time for Daily Vacation Bible School, May 21 to June 1, is drawing near. A special planning council met in the Methodist church Sunday afternoon, April 29, for final arrangements. Director H. V. McGee presided over the meeting, and there were representatives from three of the co-operating churches.

Mrs. Al Quiring, head of the Beginner's Department, met with members of her department Monday afternoon, May 7, to prepare materials which are already on hand.

Other departments are also busy with preparations, and it is hoped that well over two hundred pupils will attend the classes from 9 to 11:30 each morning in the Baptist and Methodist churches.

All interested parents are urged to take note of times, places, and ages (4 years through high school) in preparation for sending children to the school.

PORTLAND FIRM BUYS CITY BONDS

Daugherty, Cole & Co., Portland, were successful bidders on the sewer revenue bonds of the city of Hermiston in the amount of \$29,500. Bids were opened at a regular meeting of the city council last week, with the winning bid going to the Portland firm for 2½ per cent, considered quite low for the size of the city.

Quite a number of bids were received for the bonds purchased.

HERMISTON DOES WELL AT MEET

Coach Frank Davison's high school cinder artists lived up to their reputation of being dark horse contenders when they won fourth place at the recent district track meet in La Grande. Frank Myrick pulled the surprise of the afternoon when he placed first in the javelin. Frank Harkenrider placed second in the 880, even though he suffered spike wounds on two occasions during the race.

Others who won points during the afternoon were: Rugg, 5th in the shot put; Rugg, 4th in the discus; Rowell, 4th in the low hurdles; Schoonover, 6th in the 100; Schoonover, 3rd in the javelin; Follett, 5th in the 440.

UMATILLA HAS NEW CITY CLUB

Interested Umatilla business met this week to organize a commercial club in order to use combined efforts to further interests for the good of the city. The first groups of officers will be: W. R. Nugent, president; Ussel Hiatt, vice president; John Blair, secretary, and Harry Hull, treasurer.

Membership committees are composed of: Main street, Ussel Hiatt and Harry Rodenbough; west side, Jeff Stephens and Harry Hull; highway, Paul Casey, Mrs. Sy Ronen and W. E. Kennedy; oil companies, Frank Magnusson and Mr. Stevens.

Several important projects were discussed during the evening with action slated for the immediate future.

P. O. BUILDING WORK STARTED

Preliminary work was started this week by Frank Sargent on the new post office building for Hermiston, located just east of the Oasis theatre. Some difficulty is being encountered in obtaining sufficient building material but this is expected to be corrected immediately.

The new structure will be a welcome addition to the official Main street family.

Rodgers Is Now Paratrooper

Pvt. John F. Rodgers, son of Mrs. H. G. Harder of Richland, Wash., but formerly of Hermiston, has won the right to wear the "Boots and Wings" of the United States Army Paratroopers. He has completed four weeks of jump training during which time he made five jumps, the last a tactical jump at night involving a combat problem on landing. "Jack" is a graduate of Hermiston high school where he was a star athlete and a good student.

SCHOOL TO CLOSE FRIDAY, MAY 18

Classes will close in Hermiston schools Friday, May 18, according to Supt. W. G. Kersbergen. No school will be held Thursday, May 17, in order to give teachers opportunity to prepare final papers and report cards. Students will report at the usual time Friday morning to receive their cards.

High school baccalaureate services will be held Sunday night at 8:00 o'clock in the high school auditorium, with graduation exercises slated for Tuesday night at the same hour.

Mary Arnold is valedictorian of the senior class and Mary Elizabeth Ferguson is salutatorian.

Grade school graduation exercises will be held Wednesday, May 16, at 2:00 p. m. in the high school gymnasium, with County School Superintendent W. E. King giving the address.

THREE FRANKS GO WITH GEORGE

Hermiston will be represented at the state track meet in Corvallis this week end by three Franks from Hermiston high school, namely Davison, coach; Harkenrider, 880, and Myrick, javelin. But, as usually is the case, they are letting George do it—Harkenrider responsible for transportation facilities.

Harkenrider and Myrick are both expected to make fine showings in their respective events. They won the right to compete in the state meet by their showings at La Grande. Eldon Lilly, winner of three firsts at LaGrande, will represent Boardman at Corvallis.

TESTING AREA PETITION FILED

Petition have been closed in the plan to establish a bovine infectious free area in a large designated district in the west end of Umatilla county, with more than 2,100 head of dairy and beef stock signed up by owners in the area. To create such a testing area, 60 per cent of dairy cattle in a given district must sign these petitions and in event of its formation, testing for Bangs disease would be compulsory with all owners of dairy cows.

The petition has been sent to E. L. Peterson, director of agriculture, at Salem.

Examiner Coming To Ordnance

Examiners for drivers and chauffeur licenses will be at the Umatilla Ordnance Depot Thursday, May 17th, from 10:00 to 4:00. Persons desiring licenses to drive should contact the examiners at this time. The above information was issued by C. M. Bentley, state examiner stationed at Pendleton.

FIRST BASEBALL GAME IS SUNDAY

The first baseball game of the season on the local diamond of the recently organized American Legion junior league will be played Sunday afternoon, beginning at 2:00 o'clock. Ussel Hiatt will bring his Umatilla team to Hermiston to meet a local squad of inexperienced but enthusiastic group of youngsters.

Any boy who did not reach his 17th birthday prior to January 1, 1945, is eligible to compete and should be on hand Sunday afternoon. The Hermiston team has not been formed and anyone having any talent in that line will be given opportunity to play.

CHAMBER MEET HELD MONDAY

A fine crowd was in attendance at the regular monthly meeting of the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce Monday evening at the USO club. President George Harkenrider presided at the dinner which was served by the Rebekah lodge members.

Several items of importance were discussed, including housing, roads, Umatilla Rapids dam and other items of vital importance to this locality.

COFFEE CAFE CLOSURES FOR WEEK

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Coffee, who have operated the Coffee Cafe for the past several months, Wednesday closed their business. The cafe will remain closed for one week when it will reopen under new management.

Mr. and Mrs. Coffee have not announced their future plans but expect to remain in Hermiston. Further details as to the reopening will be announced next week.

GILBERT DYER HERE ON VISIT

Marine Sergeant Gilbert W. Dyer of Hermiston is home on furlough. He recently returned from the Pacific where he served in New Zealand, Hawaii, on Eniwetok and Saipan.

Dyer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo G. Dyer of Route One. He is a graduate of Hermiston high school where he was a football and baseball letterman. A brother, Platoon Sergeant Waldo C. Dyer, is also in the marine corps.

Junior Prom Is Friday Night

The annual Junior Prom at the local high school is scheduled for Friday night in the high school gymnasium, with dancing from 9:00 till 12:00. Invitations have been mailed out this week. Branstetter's orchestra of Pendleton will furnish the music. The event usually proves very popular among the younger set and friends of the school.

Hermiston Residents Overjoyed On V-E Day But Remain On Job

DAUGHERTYS GET WELCOME NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Daugherty probably were the happiest couple in Hermiston on V-E day Tuesday. In addition to receiving word that hostilities had ceased in Germany, they were in receipt of a letter from their son who has been a prisoner in Germany for many months. The letter follows: "Well I am a little closer to home now. Rode in a plane from Germany to France. Am now waiting for transportation to get to the States. It won't be long now. Should be home on furlough in about a month. I hope! It sure is nice to be a free man again. Am getting plenty to eat now. That also is swell. Had my first bath and new clean clothes in two and a half months last night. What a relief. No more lice now. Well, I will write again in a few days. There isn't any use of answering back because I probably wouldn't get any return mail. Hope you are well and happy. See you soon. Love, your son, Vern."

CLOTHING DRIVE IS SUCCESSFUL

The recent clothing drive which was concluded here this week was quite satisfactory, states Dr. F. B. Belt, commander of the local American Legion post and drive chairman. A total of 5,472 pounds of good wearable clothing was contributed by residents of Echo, Stanfield, U.O.D., Ordnance and Hermiston. The clothing, which was repacked by the members of the Hermiston American Legion Auxiliary, has been shipped to central headquarters in Portland.

F. A. Baker was chairman of the collection in Stanfield. Mrs. G. H. Frederick and the members of Oregon Eastern Star, and Mrs. W. J. Helmick were in charge of activities in Echo. Harry Gailey contributed much time collecting the clothing from the various receiving stations in Hermiston, aided by Sam Moore and George Harkenrider. Herman Plass delivered the clothing received at the creamery.

Dr. Belt wishes to thank all those who aided in the clothing drive.

Mrs. Henderson Is Improving

Mrs. Georgia Henderson, who underwent a major operation in the Oregon City hospital several weeks ago, is getting along quite nicely, but is still very weak. She expects to leave the hospital this week to go to Eugene to be with her daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Pettit, Mrs. Henderson is head bookkeeper at the Farm Bureau Mill in Hermiston and her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

V-E day came to Hermiston Tuesday in a quiet and subdued manner. Very little hilarity was shown—so many families still having sons, husbands, or brothers in the service who either now are fighting the Japanese in the Pacific or perhaps may be transferred to the Pacific with their fighting in Germany at an end. As was general in most communities located near war industries, Hermiston business houses remained open, with only the beer parlors and other unessential business houses closing their doors.

Hermiston schools continued classes with appropriate program touching on the significance of the day were held. G. C. Humphreys, band director, brought his high school band to the west end of Main street, and played appropriate numbers. A large V-E banner was displayed during the march.

Activities at the Umatilla Ordnance Depot maintained their steady pace, taking to heart President Truman's wishes, "Work, work, work." The following telegram was received by officers and men of the Army Service Forces and the services of supply from General Brehon B. Somervell, this week:

"My congratulations to you for your vital part in this day of final victory in Europe. You toiled in support of troops on the line and were yourselves committed as combat troops. You worked and fought and died upon the continents of Asia, Africa and Europe and in the islands of the Pacific. Because you worked when you could have rested, because you sometimes did the job of three times your number; because you were well trained and well equipped, you share in this great achievement. You smashed a despot's dream of empire by making a dream of service a reality.

"Some of you have won the Medal of Honor and the Distinguished Service Cross, and the Distinguished Service Medal, thousands of you wear the Legion of Merit, the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, and the Purple Heart, but many of you have toiled obscurely and known little of recognition. You fought your way ashore on many D-days and thousands of your number died to secure the beaches in Europe and Africa. You carried with you into the heart of Germany the munitions of War, the industrial might and ingenuity of America. Now you must match—even exceed—your great achievements with Japan as your target and world peace as the reward. The American people rely on you to carry out this vital mission, no matter how long it takes, no matter how arduous the task may be. I know you will not fail them."

TURKEY PICKING IS CONCLUDED

The turkey breeder pool at the local plant of the Eastern Oregon Turkey Growers was concluded this week with final packing finished the middle of the week, according to John Jendrzewski, president and plant manager. The army will receive all the A and B grades this year, with both hens and toms of C grade going to the War Food Administration. One truck, loaded with 31,000 pounds of birds, left for Salem this week. This concludes the processing operations until this fall.

VACCINATION OF HORSES TO BEGIN

The vaccinating of horses for sleeping sickness in this vicinity will start May 16th. The route and assembling places will be the same as last year. Arrangements have been made with Dr. R. R. Fast to do this work and the fee will be \$1.50 per head.

Anyone who wishes to have this done should leave their request at the assistant county agent's office immediately.

MOTHERS' DAY TEA HELD MAY 12

The annual Mothers' Day Tea, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, will be held at the USO club Saturday, May 12, from 2:30 to 3:30 o'clock. All mothers of service men of Wars I and II are cordially invited.

A special program has been arranged. The regular monthly meeting of the Auxiliary will be held Thursday, May 10 (tonight).

The Country's First "War Loan" Advertisement

ADVERTISEMENT

Lancaster, May 6th, 1755.

NOTICE is hereby given to all who have contracted for single horses from York County to the Army at Wills Creek, that David M. Conaugby and Michael Schwoppe of said county, Gentlemen, will attend on my behalf at York Town on Friday next, and at Philip Forneys on Saturday, to value or appraise all such wagons, teams and horses, as shall appear at those places on the said days for that purpose; and such as do not appear must be valued at Wills Creek. The wagons that are valued at York and Forneys are to set out immediately after valuation from thence to Wills Creek, under the Conduct and Direction of Persons I shall appoint for the purpose. The owner or owners of each wagon or set of horses should bring with them a description of their several horses in writing, with their several marks natural and artificial; which paper is to be annexed to the contract. Each wagon should be furnished with a cover, that the goods laden therein may be kept from damage by the rain, and the health of the drivers preserved, who are to lodge in large wagons. And each cover should be marked with the contractor's name in large characters. And every horse driver, should also be furnished with a hook or sickle, fit to cut long grass that grows in the country beyond the mountains. As all the wagons are obliged to carry a load of oats, or Indian corn, persons who have such grain to dispose of are desired to be cautious how they hinder the King's Service, by demanding an extravagant price on this occasion.

B. FRANKLIN.

BEN FRANKLIN, at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on May 6, 1755, caused to be written what is termed the country's first war loan advertisement. Franklin warned his readers against inflationary prices lest they "hinder the King's Service," a lesson still good in the Mighty Seventh War Loan. The document was written in German as well as English. Superimposed on the original are the words used by Franklin. This was a loan of materials and not of dollars.