

PARITY BATTLE LOOMS; PRICE BOOST URGED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AP)—Increasing demands for upward revision of the agricultural parity formula beset the new congress today as members of the farm bloc joined four national farm organizations in requesting legislation giving farmers better prices and more manpower.

Senator Thomas (D-Okla.) told reporters that failure of President Roosevelt and administration leaders to accept such a program would provoke a fight in congress that would best be avoided in the interest of war unity.

Shortage Predicted

Other congressional farm state spokesmen are insisting on a parity formula that includes labor costs with no ceiling below this parity, priorities on farm machinery and the release of farm labor drafted into the armed forces.

Meantime, leaders of the four farm organizations issued a joint statement of policy informing congress that the nation faces acute food and fiber shortages unless labor supplies are increased and farmers are provided with higher prices to meet what they termed increasing food costs.

Work Week Eyed

The statement was issued by Edward A. O'Neill, president of the American farm bureau federation; Albert S. Goss, master of the National Grange; Charles C. Teague, president of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives; and John Brandt, president of the National Cooperative Milk Producers federation.

The leaders also requested legislation increasing the present industrial work week to at least 54 hours, eliminating any requirements for overtime payments, and insisted that parity be revised to include all farm labor costs.

HIGH SCHOOL

News Notes and Comment

By ANITA GWYN

This has been one of the busiest weeks of the school year. The students returned after 10 days of do-as-they-please and plunged into five days of one exam after the other. In the system that was adopted last year, the teachers can give as many tests as they please during exam week. Besides that, many pupils had to have schedules changed, which added to the confusion. We know that the instructors haven't exactly relished this week, but of course we students feel sorrier for ourselves.

Sports, in the form of basketball, are back in the picture after a victory last night over Redmond. The score was 48-17. There is another game with the same team tonight in Pelican court at 8 o'clock.

Old time dances are coming back into style. Fridays are dance days for the girls' gym classes and yesterday they hit on a record that just wouldn't go with modern dancing, so they called in the boys' gym classes and learned to square dance. A good time was had by all.

After all of the reports that have been made in this column as to when school will be dismissed, we would think that it would be accepted as the truth. Rumors, and we mean wild ones, persist that school will be adjourned in April or very early in May. Again we went to Mr. Gralapp and he repeated what he had said before. If there is a spring vacation graduation will be May 21; otherwise it will be one week earlier. If there seems to be a great demand for student labor, it is possible that classes will be dismissed very early in May, but that will be the only thing that will affect it unless there is an order from Washington D. C.

OUTSWAPPED

DENVER, (AP)—C. B. Roth told police someone removed a fine bay horse from his corral during the night.

His feelings weren't soothed, either by the bicycle the thief left leaning against the corral. It was about to fall apart.

In Zurich, Switzerland, the coming of spring is celebrated by the burning of a legendary snow man.

OUR MEN IN SERVICE

SERVING—Mr. and Mrs. James F. Ferguson, 3440 Cannon avenue, are proud of the fact that they have a son and



daughter in the service, one in the United States navy, the other with WAAC. Lillian Ferguson is attending administrative school for a period of two months following the completion of her basic training at the Des Moines WAAC camp. She was employed at Bowerman pharmacy in San Francisco prior to her enlistment October 28. She attended State Teachers college, Greeley, Colo., and received her degree from Kansas university, Lawrence, Kan.

Lillian's brother, James H. Ferguson, 31, is on duty with the navy somewhere in the Pacific. He has a rating of radioman second class, and served for four years some time ago. He reenlisted in February following the outbreak of war, took another ship at training at San Diego and went into active duty.

IN AFRICA—Staff Sgt. Leonard H. Leitzke, 22-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Leitzke of Fairhaven, is another Klamath Union high school graduate now serving with Uncle Sam's army in North Africa. Leonard serves as an airplane mechanic with the army air corps and enlisted October 7, 1940. He took his early training at March field, Calif., spent one and one-half years at Paine field, Everett, Wash., and was shipped overseas from the east coast.

"Things are a lot different in Africa than they are at home," writes young Leitzke. "The boys can buy three quarts of beer for 10 cents but the country's awfully dirty."

SEES ACTION—Another name was added to the list of Klamath's men in service who are now in North Africa when Corp. William "Bill" Hardin, 23, wrote his mother, Mrs. Ethel Hardin of 311 Division street, of his safe arrival overseas. "Bill" is an aerial photographer, U. S. army, and has seen plenty of action since going over. A graduate of Mills grade school here, "Bill" enlisted March 9 and took his early training at Sheppard field, Tex., later going to March field, Calif., and completing his training at Colorado Springs air base, Colo. He sailed for overseas duty after being stationed at Fort Dix, N. J. Mrs. Hardin received a Christmas and New Year greeting from Africa on Tuesday.

PROMOTED—Lawrence M. Bryan, son of Mrs. Agnes Bryan of 1120 Pine street has been promoted to sergeant instructor in the U. S. army air corps, according to word just received by his mother. He has been stationed for three years in Honolulu, and was at Hickam field when the Japs attacked on December 7. Injuries received in the bombing kept him in the hospital for two months. Following his discharge from the hospital, he went through the chemical warfare, armament, bombardier and armor school and his promotion followed.

HE ASKED FOR IT

OMAHA, Neb., (AP)—Ordered out of jail after he was given a night's lodging, the man argued in police court that it wasn't cricket to deny him breakfast.

So the judge provided him with breakfast in jail—for ten days.

First bridge of any kind to span the Connecticut river was the toll bridge built at Fellows Falls, Vt., in 1784.

RECENT VISITOR—A recent visitor here was PFC Clifford T. Hayes, who is with the 9835d M.P. Co., Lockbourne air base, Columbus, O. He spent a four-day Christmas furlough with his mother, Mrs. Martha Hayes, and sister, Dolly Hayes, of 2220 Oregon avenue. He also visited friends at Sprague River.



VETERAN OF SEA SERVICE—Harry Seitsinger, former Klamath boy who worked for Shell stations here for four years, is in Bremerton, Wash., in navy service. Seitsinger joined the service in December, 1941, and now has the rank of first class seaman. He took his preliminary training at San Diego. He has been at sea, in November, he visited his parents in Corvallis. His sister, Mrs. Meryl Loy, lives at 704 Fulton street, Klamath Falls.

QUARTERMASTER—Private Orval J. Smith is doing his bit for Uncle Sam in the U. S. army quartermaster division stationed at San Antonio, Tex. He was employed by Zoll's refrigeration service before his induction, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith of Macdoel, Calif.

BEST NOTEBOOK—Private Joe Derrah recently graduated from communications school at Ventura, Calif., receiving the five dollar reward for the best notebook out of the class of 72. Seven out of the class pulled down a perfect score in their final examinations, and Joe was one of the seven. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Derrah, 1121 Lincoln street, and worked with Weyerhaeuser before going into the army last February. At present, he is on the switchboard at Ventura.

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Battleship's Exploits Open New Chapter in Naval War

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AP)—A navy report on the effectiveness with which one American battleship destroyed Japanese airplanes and men-of-war in two great battles last fall has opened a new chapter in the grim story of naval warfare in the Pacific.

The results of the two engagements were regarded by adherents of the big battlewagons as proof that they could withstand severe attacks by air and deliver telling blows by night despite the handicaps which darkness imposes on long range battling at sea.

One highly placed officer, who could not be quoted by name, predicted that future engagements in the Pacific would see much greater use of battleships, especially at night when they are relatively free of interference from enemy planes and able to devote themselves

entirely to offensive purposes. The battleship accomplishments on which the navy reported Sunday were credited to an unidentified vessel under command of Capt. Thomas Leigh Gatch, 51, of Annapolis, Md.

In the air-sea battle of Santa Cruz last October 26, the official account showed, Gatch's ship shot down 32 planes with its anti-aircraft guns, including all 20 of the enemy dive-bombers which made the initial attack on it.

The second battle was the night action off Guadalcanal island November 14, in which this battleship in company with others, deliberately entered a Japanese naval trap. Due primarily to the fire power of the battleships—the only other American vessels were destroyed—a Jap battleship or heavy cruiser, three cruisers and one destroyer were sunk and another battleship, a cruiser and a destroyer were damaged.

cal food shortages, were at work on the west coast as well as in other areas which have had food shortages.

January Quotas of Meat Expected Soon, Report

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AP)—January quotas of meats soon should reach west coast points which have been confronted by shortages during recent weeks, food administration officials said Friday.

Midwestern packers were said to have started this week shipments of meat under January processing and marketing allotments setup by the office of price administration in an effort to distribute short supplies among all areas pending the inauguration of consumer rationing.

Officials said food industry committees, authorized early this week to help alleviate lo-

NEWS from HOME

(Editor's Note: Hereafter, in each Saturday's paper, a brief roundup of the week's local news will be printed under the above heading, to be clipped out by those who wish to send it to one from the Klamath basin who are in the armed services and are not getting the daily paper. The roundup is addressed to service men and it is our hope its weekly appearance will encourage local people to write their boys in the service at least once a week, enclosing the clipping.)

Well, fellas, the folks at home began paying a new kind of tax this week... It's a victory tax, deductible from 1943 income... They're also getting ready to pay heavier income taxes in March... But they're still buying bonds, so, financially, they're doing their part in supporting the war effort from the home front.

You know about gasoline rationing... 240 miles a month for everybody except those with special privileges... but it doesn't seem to have made any difference in downtown traffic... Where it shows is on the outlying roads... They're almost deserted.

Thieves seem to be busy again... Six motorists reported to police the loss or theft of their gasoline rationing books the other day.

The program for training fliers at the local airport, sponsored by the University of Oregon and the government, got a boost this week when arrangements were made to convert the Summers school, near the airport, into a flight training center... It will be used for classrooms, dormitory and a dining place for the students.

Colonel Paul Murray of the 363rd Infantry at Camp White, Medford, wrote the Klamath chamber of commerce expressing warm appreciation for the hospitality extended 200 men from Camp White who were here at Christmas time.

The rumput at the courthouse continues... County Clerk Mae K. Short, who was indicted by the grand jury on a charge of receiving unauthorized payments of \$95, has filed a motion to set aside the indictments... She claims not all names of witnesses who appeared before the grand jury were endorsed on the indictments, and that names of two alleged witnesses, Circuit Judge Dave Vandenberg and County Commissioner John Reber, were rubbed out.

The Pelican basketball team was marooned for a while at Eugene by floods in the Willamette valley... The team lost to Albany on the valley junket... But it swamped Redmond in a game here Friday night.

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Point Rationing of Foods Will Avert Runs, Asserts OWI

By OWI

The office of price administration has released the following questions and answers—the second of a series explaining point rationing for canned, bottled and frozen fruits and vegetables, fruit and vegetable juices, dried fruits and soups:

Q. Why does the government ration all of the listed canned foods together?

A. If only the canned foods that are most scarce were rationed, consumers would rush to buy the unrationed foods which could be used instead. This would create shortages of the alternate foods which would then have to be rationed after the supply had been seriously depleted.

Q. What foods are included in the new rationing program?

A. Canned, bottled and frozen fruits and vegetables, fruit and vegetable juices, dried fruits, and all canned soups. These are known as "processed" foods.

Q. Just what is a processed food?

A. A processed food is one that has been preserved so that it will keep as long as it stays in its processed condition. Canned foods for example, keep as long as they remain sealed, frozen foods as long as they remain frozen.

Q. Are jams, jellies and marmalades included?

A. No. These are not generally used interchangeably with canned fruits.

Q. Why are foods that are not used extensively included in the rationing program?

A. To preserve for consumers as wide a choice of foods as possible in spending their ration points.

Q. Is evaporated milk included in the new rationing program?

A. No, canned milk is not being rationed in this program.

Q. What do the numbers on the ration stamps mean?

A. The numbers on the stamps (8, 5, 2 and 1) show how much the stamp is worth in "points."

Q. What is a point?

A. A point is a ration value much as dollars and cents are money values. Rationed foods have both point and money values.

Q. Why are the stamps of different colors?

A. The blue stamps will be used for rationing processed foods, the red stamps will be used later for meat rationing.

Q. What do the letters on the stamps mean?

A. The letters on the stamps will be used by the office of price administration to designate the time during which a stamp is valid. For example, stamps lettered A, B, and C could be designated for use during the first ration period.

Q. Why is it necessary to give different values to different kinds of processed foods? Why can't they all have the same point value?

A. Low point values will be given to foods that are relatively plentiful; high point values to those that are most scarce. The buyer can get more for his "points" by buying the foods with low point values. Since most housewives will no doubt do this, it will relieve the demand for very scarce foods.

Stand Back, Kids—Centenarian Will Celebrate on Skates

SPOKANE, Jan. 9 (AP)—The youngsters (anybody under 70) will please stand back.

For John Jerome White, a centenarian who backs up reminiscence of past feats with actual performance, will celebrate his 100th birthday the night of January 12—on a pair of ice skates.

He will be the feature attraction that night in the figure skating carnival at the ice arena, doing a few figure eights, a bit of backward skating and some fancy cross-steps.

And it won't be a short display of his talent. White thinks nothing of a two-hour session just practicing for the event.

News of the Commandos

The first six months' term of office for the four ranking officers—captain, first and two second lieutenants—of the Commando service unit Number 1, has elapsed. A new election

held and by-laws revised and amended at a meeting on January 4, in the pine-paneled room of the Elks temple.

Citing the inspiration that the Commando mother, Mrs. Louis Serruys, has been to the girls in the Commando unit, the Phyllis Aubrey wish was expressed that she remain with the group indefinitely, or as long as she desires.

It was decided by the group before the election, that the retiring officers would keep their bars, and receive a service stripe; however, they will not officiate actively with the authority of an officer.

Captain Bernie Heldemann was unanimously elected commanding officer of the group, which proves the point that she has been the main stem of the organization and largely responsible for its progress. First Lieutenant Bonnell Aubrey will continue in her position as immediate assistant to the captain. Mabel Soderstrom, who was appointed to the position of second lieutenant by the captain last term on the resignation of an officer, having done her duty well, was reelected to second lieutenant, serving as treasurer. Mary Trulove, previously a technical sergeant, was elected to the position of second lieutenant, secretary to the unit, relieving Marcel Newman, retiring secretary.

With these four girls as officers, the Klamath Commando unit is ready for an active 1948.

I don't think it's fair that you are well paid for what you do and yet claim a lot of extra privileges. It's not fair to our boys who are fighting overseas—getting far less than you—and are dependent upon what you are doing.—Buffalo judge, to drunken aircraft worker.

BANNING OF MARRIED MEN DRAFT TALKED

By WILLIAM F. ABROGAST

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AP)—The whole subject of selective service may be reopened shortly by the house military affairs committee in a move to give draft supervision to the war department and prevent drafting of married men while eligible single men are available.

Chairman May (D-Ky.) said today he had received no proposals either from the war department or from selective service headquarters for draft law revisions, but added the committee might promote some changes of its own volition.

Change Favored

May said he believed administration of the draft law should be placed directly in the war department instead of under the war manpower commission headed by Paul V. McNutt. While he does not plan to draft legislation to this effect, he added, he would support such a measure if it came before the committee.

The military committee went on record last year as favoring a change in draft regulations to assure deferment of married men regardless of their dependence, status, as long as single men were available.

To accomplish this the committee wrote into the "teen-age draft bill an amendment, approved by the house, to put selective service on a statewide basis instead of on a local board footing. The senate, however, balked and the amendment came out in conference.

Whether or not you were born with a gold spoon in your mouth, the plate comes later.

Thunder can seldom be heard more than 15 miles away.

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During the month of December 1942 this bank bought for its own and its customers' accounts, U.S. War Bonds totaling \$41,968,990.54

Condensed Statement of Head Office and 41 Branches

Resources	DEC. 31, 1941	DEC. 31, 1942
Cash on Hand and Due from Banks	\$45,606,821.10	\$72,555,015.02
United States Bonds	51,988,045.17	133,966,311.07
Bonds of U. S. Gov't Agencies and Instrumentalities	2,427,193.87	877,624.47
Municipal Bonds and Warrants	7,303,950.01	\$207,398,950.16
Other Bonds	470,387.49	5,041,024.69
Loans and Discounts—MONEY AT WORK IN OREGON	62,714,982.16	396,658.80
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	240,000.00	54,030,792.70
Bank Premises, Furniture and Fixtures	2,754,805.77	300,000.00
Other Real Estate	1.00	2,710,360.87
Customers' Liability on Acceptances	21,067.35	1.00
Interest Earned	370,286.32	16,214.24
Other Resources	79,159.69	666,921.99
Total Resources	\$173,976,699.93	\$270,717,286.48
Liabilities	DEC. 31, 1941	DEC. 31, 1942
Capital	\$3,000,000.00	\$4,500,000.00
Surplus	5,000,000.00	5,500,000.00
Undivided Profits	1,840,447.58	1,604,730.28
Reserves for Contingencies	1,920,840.28	1,223,102.94
Reserves Allocated for Taxes, Interest, Etc.	\$11,761,287.86	\$12,827,833.22
Acceptances	431,742.18	487,947.76
Interest Collected in Advance	22,122.15	16,214.24
Other Liabilities	522,053.49	166,802.09
Deposits (exclusive of all reciprocal bank deposits)	68,746.49	119,437.94
Total Liabilities	\$173,976,699.93	\$270,717,286.48

There are eight independent banks in Oregon directly affiliated with this bank, with a total deposit volume on December 31, 1942, of \$12,621,909.55

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