

GOING SLOW ON BOND QUOTA

CLATSKANIE — The total of \$56,689 had been sold in war bonds and tax notes in Clatskanie up to Tuesday noon of last week in the Fourth War Loan drive.

Of this amount \$54,869 was sold at the First National Bank in Clatskanie and \$2,000 at the Clatskanie post office.

Of the bonds sold at the bank, \$29,775 were E bonds; \$8094 F bonds and \$600 in G bonds; \$7000 of I; \$200, tax notes.

The J. C. Penney Co. store of Clatskanie purchased \$2000 in bonds in this drive.

KLEPP MARINE WAYS LAUNCHES SECOND BARGE

RAINIER — The second and possibly final wooden sea-going barge built by the Klepp Marine Ways was successfully launched Monday morning of last week.

WAUNA AND WESTPORT MILLS TO GET AWARDS

CLATSKANIE — The Army-Navy Production award will be given to the Wauna Lumber company and the Westport Lumber company, on recommendation of the war production board, for their fine records in production of war materials.

The award consists of a flag to be flown above the plants and a lapel pin which every man and woman in the plants will wear as a symbol of high contribution to American freedom.

CAR IN RIVER FIVE YEARS RAISED BY DREDGE

ST. HELENS — A 1936 Oldsmobile, reported stolen in Portland by the owner, Roy Urie, in 1939, was recovered Tuesday of last week from the Columbia river by operators of the Perry Burcham dredge opposite the mill dock.

The car was totally wrecked, with the pounding it received from the dredge and possibly from a number of vessels which have paraded past the spot in the past five years. The tires were still partly inflated and appeared to be in fair shape but it is reported the fabric has deteriorated to a great extent rendering them worthless also.

The car was stored in the St. Helens Motor Co. garage to await disposition by the insurance company which paid the claim of Mr. Urie at the time of loss.

\$1 BUYS ENTIRE KINDERGARTEN, FOUND

ST. HELENS — An American soldier in India with a few extra dimes—and a drag with the mess sergeant—might very well come home after the war with the makings of a good-sized orphan asylum, for the Indian people don't put an inflationary price on their children, judging by a letter received this week from Pvt. Frank Trtek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Trtek Sr. of Scappoose.

The price per child in overpopulated, under-fed India is four cents, American money.

4th War Loan Drive

Goal*	\$1,198,800
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	\$900,000
	\$800,000
	\$700,000
	\$600,000
	\$500,000
	\$400,000
	\$300,000
	\$200,000
	\$100,000

Memorial For H. Michener Slated for Sun.

Captain Writes of Accident at Sea Resulting in Death

In a letter received by Mr. and Mrs. Homer Michener from Captain W. D. Anderson explaining the sudden death of their son, Homer Michener, on January 29, he writes: "On Saturday forenoon, Homer and the other members of his flight were engaged in a routine practice flight. They were flying at an altitude of from 18,000 to 20,000 feet and were engaged in gunnery practice over the ocean between Vero Beach and Melbourne, Florida. Homer was last seen at 9:45 a.m. At that time he was about seven and one-half miles at sea, about mid-way between the two places. As soon as he was missed, a search was started for him. Planes from this station and from naval stations near us searched the ocean all day Saturday and coast guard boats also engaged in the search. The search was resumed at daylight Sunday morning and continued all day. It is indeed with deep regret that we are forced to the conclusion that Homer crashed at sea and went down with his plane."

Memorial services were held for Homer at 10:45 on February 2 in the station chapel. The services were attended by his brother officers.

Homer was inducted into the navy a week after Pearl Harbor and was stationed at Bremerton, Washington for a year. He then joined the air corps and was stationed at Marysville, California; Livermore, California; and Corpus Christi, Texas. He received his wings on December 24, 1943. The accident which resulted in his death occurred just six days before his training would have been over and he would have been sent to a carrier on the Great Lakes.

Memorial services will be held for Homer at the Christian church at 3 p.m. Sunday, February 13. Wallace McCrae will represent the schools in a short talk. The address will be given by Rev. W. O. Livingstone. The star on the service flag will be changed during the morning Bible school.



Those Who Are in It



AWARDED AIR MEDAL

Lt. James L. Smith, former Vernonia resident who attended high school here and also worked as a clerk in the post office for some time, has been awarded the air medal and also the oak leaf cluster and has been recommended for advancement to first lieutenant, according to word received by Emil Messing in a letter from Lt. Smith's mother, Mrs. S. J. Smith of Willamina.

FURLOUGH HERE ENDS

Lt. Dan D. Olin, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Olin, returned to his camp at Robin's Field, Georgia Monday of this week. Dan had been home on furlough but as he became ill with the flu when he arrived home, he was granted an extension of time. He has finished his training in the signal corps and expects to be assigned to active duty in the near future. His wife, the former Miss Beth Billings of Salem, did not come west with him but will return home as soon as he leaves for overseas.

Robert Olin, another son, is at Quonset Point, Rhode Island as a Lieutenant (jg) in the navy training school at that point.

Jack Olin, the grandson, is at UCLA Los Angeles in the naval officers training school there.

Dance Bond Sale Good

The stamp and bond dance which was sponsored by the American Legion was reported to have had very good returns and helped to boost the Columbia county goal. There were \$350 in bonds sold at the dance and \$177.65 in war savings stamps. There was a good sized crowd and everyone reported an enjoyable time.

Institutions Get Reserve Rations

On February 15, 1944, local ration boards will issue to all group two and three institutional users a reserve allotment amounting to 25 per cent of their January-February allotment.

It is very important that these users note that this is not a bonus but is known as a reserve allotment which is necessary due to a changeover in the allotment periods. The board also stresses that this 25 per cent will only be granted once and the prudent operator will build it back during the March-April period to tide him over from April 15 to May 1 when he can apply for his May-June allotment. This 25 per cent is also intended to take care of any increase in business the institutional user may experience, which will save him and the board the extra work of coming in to the board and applying for supplemental allotments because of increased business.

Beginning March 1, 1944, institutional users will apply for and receive this allotment during the first fifteen days of the period. For example, the March-April allotments cannot be issued prior to March 1, since it is necessary that the operators bring in records covering the period of January and February in their entirety.

Examiner Due Here

A traveling examiner of operators and chauffeurs is scheduled to be in Vernonia Thursday, February 17 and will be on duty at the city hall between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., according to a recent announcement released by the secretary of state. All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with the examiner during these hours.

GETS ADVANCEMENT

Melvin Leon Lousignont of Birkenfeld, now on duty at a naval operating base in the British Isles, has been advanced in rating, through competitive examination, to Machinist's Mate (Engineering) third class, it was announced by the 13th Naval district.

Lousignont was called to active duty in January, 1941, and was advanced to fireman second class in January, 1943. His brother, G. G. Lousignont, is serving in the U. S. army.

TAKES SCHOOLING

Pvt. Eddie Elmo Smith, 24, Houlton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Smith of Vernonia, recently arrived at the State Teachers college at Eau Claire, Wisconsin, for a course of army air force instruction lasting approximately five months prior to his appointment as an aviation cadet in the army air forces. During this period he will take numerous academic courses, as well as elementary flying training. Upon completion of the course he will be classified as a pilot, navigator, or bombardier and go on to schools of the flying training command for training in these specialties.

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Auction to Aid Bond Sale Here

The auction that is slated for Friday evening, February 11 at the Joy Theater is expected to boost the sale of bonds and war stamps for Vernonia. Free merchandise is being contributed by Vernonia merchants.

The purchase of a bond admits you free to the show or for one dollar any person may be admitted to the show and receive 75c in war stamps.

The amount received at the

New Ration Quota Announced

The quota of tires for the month of February has been announced by the local ration board. There will be 23 grade one passenger type tires available for this month and 19 grade three tires and 26 tubes. For the busses and trucks there will be 26 tires available and 11 tubes. The amount of gasoline available will be 157 gallons for issuance to hardship cases. There were five coal and wood heating stoves allowed for this month and two oil heating stoves and three coal and wood cooking stoves.

The monthly ration report for the month of January is as follows: There were nine pair of boots issued. The number of A gasoline coupons issued were 430; B, 319; and issued as specials were 171 coupons; C, 481; E, 288; R, 434; T, 3195; purchase permits (R-571), 346; and inventory coupons, 28.

There were eight ration books three and four issued to late registrants and two books issued as replacements. Eight books were surrendered to the local board. Ten shoe coupons were issued for the month of January. There were six coal and wood heating stoves issued and one oil heating stove, also four coal and wood cooking stoves.

Dog Catcher Needed for Co.

The Columbia County Dog Control board needs a man to serve as dog enforcement officer. This post has been vacant for the past two years due to the drop in the license fee income. This will be filled if the board can find a man who will handle the job for a dollar an hour.

The dog catcher will have to pay his own expenses, including travel. Anyone interested in securing the job may get the details by attending a meeting of the dog control board at the courthouse at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 1.

According to the supervisors of the county dog control board it is now time to pay the license fees. The law requires that every owner, or person keeping a dog over the age of eight months within the State of Oregon shall, not later than March 1 of each year, or within 30 days after he becomes keeper or owner of such dog, procure from the county clerk a license for such dog by paying to the county clerk a license fee of \$1 for a male or spayed female dog and \$1.50 for a female dog.

Any persons who shall fail to procure such license within the time as herein provided shall be required upon procuring such license, to pay as a penalty an additional sum of \$1 for each dog.

Play Performance Reported Good

The junior class play entitled Blithe Spirit was presented Friday evening at the Washington grade school auditorium to a moderate crowd. The play cast was reported to have given an excellent performance and afforded many laughs and a very enjoyable time to those who attended.

After the play a dance was held by the junior class at the Odd Fellows hall.

local post office during the month of January, 1944, through the sale of bonds amounted to \$41,906.25 and the war savings stamps amounted to \$438.50 for the same time. For the first eight days in February, or up until 3 p.m. on Tuesday afternoon the post office had sold \$11,100 in bonds.

AAA Meeting Set For Valley Points

Meetings have been scheduled by the county AAA committee to take applications for January dairy subsidy payments. These meetings will be held in the following places: Rainier city hall on Monday, February 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Clatskanie Odd Fellows hall on Wednesday, February 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Mist grade school Thursday February 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and in Vernonia at the Washington grade school on February 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Persons planning on attending these meetings are asked to bring their milk and cream statements. The 1944 farm program can be signed up at the same time if the signing has not already been done.

Hardship Gasoline To Be Issued

The local ration board has been given discretionary authority by the office of price administration to issue, subject to quota restrictions, limited "personal necessity" gasoline rations in situations not provided for in the regulations where lack of gasoline would cause undue hardship, administrator Chester Bowles has announced.

Beginning February 1, boards will be given small monthly quotas to handle these exceptional cases, while the board will have full authority to act at their own discretion in passing on the applications for "hardship" rationing they will be required to stay within the quota. The quotas are to be assigned by the national office on a county basis.

The amount of gasoline available for the first month is only 3,600,000 gallons, an average of about 20 gallons a day for each board of 5500 local war price and rationing boards.

26 County Men Called Recently

There were 26 Columbia county men recently inducted into the armed forces. Those going into the army are: Edwin Emile Jurvakainen, J. Paul Burch, George Merton Meeker, Thomas Vernon Dews, Dale Payton Prichard, Otto Alfred Tetz, Herman Lothar Schuetze, Melvin Joseph Setvin, and Frank Howard Lines Jr., of Vernonia.

Two entered the army air corps, they are: Glenn Raymond Murry and Robert Joseph McNeil.

Those entering the navy are: Vieno Edwin Hanhi, Carl Ernest Dahlman, Forrest Theron Wysock, Edmund William Sackhoff, George Franklin Smith, Howard Gale Jones of Mist, Donald Hamilton Holliday, Clarence Van-Orron McTaggart, LeRoy Junior Morby, Wilmore Auston Hodgson of Keasey, Wesley Rae Crank and Wayne Harold Rohl.

The following men transferred to this county and were also inducted: Franklin Edward DeRossitt joined the army and Kenneth Lorenzo Kyle and Richard Tingle, navy.

Jeep Nearly Purchased

According to Paul Gordon, principal of the elementary schools, the schools have nearly reached their quota of the purchase of the "Grasshopper" jeep which is priced at \$3,000. The schools have already purchased \$2,500 in bonds and stamps and have received over \$6,000 for the three jeeps combined.