

NICKEL COFFEE BACK AGAIN IN CLATSKANIE
CLATSKANIE — The nickel cup of coffee has already appeared in some of the Clatskanie restaurants that have been charging 10c.

The great American 5c cup of coffee was again brought back by the new ruling of the OPA order in which a new ceiling price will take effect July 31, was made.

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE HAS BUSY MONTH

ST. HELENS—The short-handed county clerk's office had one of the largest months in several years in recording of instruments in June, according to the month-end tabulation. The total fees collected by the office was \$944.45. There have been larger months in the office business due mainly to one or two instruments of exceptional length, but June, 1944, was more or less a record breaker in the number of instruments handled.

Distribution of the fees was as follows: Circuit judge, \$33; district attorney, \$20; migratory chattels, \$16.50; reporter, \$125; law library, \$27.50 and county treasurer, \$722.45.

PEA CROP HEAVY; HARVEST NOW ON

ST. HELENS—Harvesting of a bumper pea crop in the Warren district and on the Scappoose diked land district is in progress. The peas are threshed, boxed and rushed to the Maling cannery at Hillsboro soon after they are threshed so that they are fresh when canned or barreled.

An official of the Maling company told H. T. Anderson of Scappoose that the crop this year was the best for the past seven years and due to favorable weather conditions the quality was excellent.

Growing of peas in the south section of the county has become an important industry and there are several hundred acres devoted to this crop in the diked land district.



Those Who Are in It



ELMER MICHENER WOUNDED

Staff Sergeant Elmer Michener was slightly wounded during action in the South Pacific, according to the official message received by his mother, Mrs. Otto Michener. The telegram received Monday morning stated that the mishap occurred June 19; Sergeant Michener had been in action since June 2.

Mrs. Michener received a letter from her son, Elmer, Wednesday, in which he states that he received shrapnel in an ear and was but slightly hurt.

DISLIKES HEAT

Irving N. Armstrong came home on furlough from Camp Barclay, Texas last Friday, July 7, and will be here until the 18th. Armstrong, who is in the mechanized division, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Armstrong and has been in the service for over a year. He states that the heat of 110 degrees to 115 degrees in the shade ("if you can find the shade") is too hot, and for that reason the Texas climate he would gladly trade for the cool Oregon nights.

The Armstrongs have two other boys in the service: Walt, in the tank corps at Camp Bowie, Texas, and George, in the field artillery in New Guinea.

CHURCH GETS NEW ROOF

Rev. Allan H. Backer, Gerald Riggins, L. E. Stiff and Frank Morris are shingling the roof of the Evangelical church and after two weeks' work, have almost completed half of the job. The workmen also will do some alteration on the tower which houses the bell; the structure of the belfry permits water during rainy weather, to fall into the interior of the building.

GRADUATES FROM GUNNERY

Cpl. Robert F. Olinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Olinger, was graduated this week from the AAF training command's flexible gunnery school at Buckingham field near Fort Myers, Fla.

Now qualified as an aerial gunner, he will soon become a member of the army air forces' bomber crews. He will receive his crew training at an operational

Buck Rakes Prove Aid To Farmers in Haying

BUCK RAKES from pass they're One means has been found to at least partially solve the problem of labor shortage on farms, especially during the haying season. That means is the buck rake which is used to shock and haul hay, thereby relieving much of the need for labor.

Many farmers in the Nehalem valley now have the rakes along with farms over the rest of the county, and a good many of them have been built by Harry Culbertson who has completed 15 in the past two years.

The rakes can be made to be powered in several ways, those in use in the county using all methods of motivation: by horses, cars or trucks and tractors. The speed by which the hay can be moved from the field to stack and the doing away with much of the need for hay hands has been of great aid to farmers who have been asked to increase

LOGGER INJURED

Louis Schroeder, faller for Clark-Wilson, suffered severe contusions about the face and on the scalp as a result of something unknown falling on him during logging activity in the mid morning Tuesday. He was unconscious for 10 minutes, he believes, before being sent to the doctor's office. He was able to go to the office without aid.

production yet who have been unable to obtain help to meet increased demands.

Most of the rakes built last year were for farmers in the Nehalem valley, Mr. Culbertson stated, but his orders this year have been coming from more distant points in the county.

Tire Tubes Made Ration Free July 1

According to the office of price administration, after July 1 all tubes for passenger cars, trucks, tractors and implements were removed from rationing.

The district board also states rules concerning the changing of passenger tires from one car to another. Permission may be granted to switch passenger tires from one car to another, providing the cars involved are registered to the same person and that the board feels that the switch will be in the interest of rubber conservation. A person who has a B or C ration book and who has obtained grade I tires cannot switch these tires to another car having an A book and eligible only for grade III tires.

The local board authorizes only the changeovers and tire switches specifically stated above.

Truck tires on trucks owned by the same individual or company can be changed from one truck to another without permission from the board but these tires can be mounted only on trucks.

Report from OPA Office Releasee

Mona Gordon, in charge of the local OPA office issued the following data for rationing for the month of June: for gasoline there were 207 A coupons, 1300 B coupons and 1028 C coupons and 5478 truck coupons released.

Fifty-three grade I passenger tires were granted; 25 recaps, 45 new, 24 for trucks and other vehicles, 24 new tubes, 100 hardship tires were listed.

Only 1 ration book number 3 and 4 was replaced.

Applications for canning sugar numbered 441; 1424 persons were granted the 24,795 pounds.

Other grants were 14 pairs of shoes, 1 oil heating stove, 5 wood cook stoves and 4 wood heaters.

at his home in Banks on furlough. Akers was in on the invasion of Africa and had the opportunity to visit Major "Red" MacDonald with who he attended O. S. C.

IN FRANCE

Jack Heenan writes that taking care of one's correspondence in a fox hole somewhere in France is not too easily accomplished. Jackie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Heenan, was in on the beginning of the invasion of Europe and writes his parents that he had seen quite a lot of action but can't write much. He sends greetings to all his Vernonia friends. Jack is attached to the 146th Engineers combat battalion.

EGGERT IN OAHU

Mrs. Joe Eggert has received word that her husband, Pfc. Joseph Eggert, has arrived safely overseas and is stationed on the island of Oahu in the Hawaiian group. He is a radio operator.

ROBERT KENT HOME

After being on duty for 10 months, Aviation Cadet Robert Kent, was home on leave in June to visit with his family, the Robert Kents of Wilark. Bob is working very hard at the U.S. navy pre-flight school at Athens, Georgia.

\$91,000, Total Of Bonds Sold In Fifth Drive

Series E Purchases For Remainder of Aug. to Help Quota

On Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. R. D. Eby, chairman of the Fifth War drive in this locality, announced that the amount of bonds sold in the drive amounts to \$91,000. This figure includes series E, F, and G. Clark and Wilson employees bought \$23,800, while the O-A employees purchased \$21,125. The women solicitors going from house to house sold \$46,075.

The City of Vernonia purchased \$10,000 in bonds, while the local lodges were accounted with \$1,200, the approximate figures.

All series E bonds purchased before August 1 will be credited toward the Fifth loan drive, according to Mrs. Eby, although the campaign officially ended July 8. Anyone desiring to buy additional series E bonds is asked to inform the solicitor who called on him previously so that the transaction may be completed before August 1.

Game Group Adopts Rules

Hunters in this area may now acquaint themselves with the final hunting regulations for the 1944 season as the Oregon state game commission has adopted the final rules.

Information regarding tags is: "There will be issued 3,000 special tags to take female spike buck or immature deer in a specified portion of Grant and Baker counties; 500 tag to take antlerless elk in a section in the northeastern part of the state; and 200 buck deer and 300 doe deer tags in the Hart Mt. National Antelope Refuge. Application blanks for these tags are now available at the game commission office. No money should be remitted, however, for, if by August 1, more applicants are received than tags to be issued, a drawing will be held and the successful applicants notified to send in their fees. Doe deer tags are \$3.50 for resident, \$5.00 for non-residents.

"Antelope tags will be issued in the order received as soon as the tags are printed so that the fee of \$2.50 should accompany each application."

A summary of the hunting seasons and bag limits is available for study at The Eagle office, Heath's Service Station and Hoffman Hardware.

JOINS WAVES

Miss Mildred Weed departed Monday for Hunter's college, New York, to undergo training as a WAVE. She has been a teacher here in the Washington grade school for several years.

DON PETERSON WRITES

Mrs. Frank McCabe received a letter from T Sgt. Don Peterson recently stating that he is in England and that he doesn't have too much to complain about. He writes of his receiving a letter from Postmaster Messing and how much he enjoyed the news Emil sent. Don attended grade school and some of his high school here; before he went into the service he lived at the Hotel MacDonald while he was employed in the woods.

COLUMBIA RIVER FALLING SLOWLY

ST. HELENS—The Columbia river continues to fall slowly but steadily each day and last Thursday morning the government gauge at the city dock showed seven feet above zero.

However, the tide was in and that made a difference of possibly a foot. At low tide the gauge would register about 6 feet.

Donors Get Diet Order

Warning was given this week by Mrs. Frank Hartwick to those people who intend making a trip to the blood bank at Hillsboro on July 21, the next donating time, not to eat canteloupe on the day of the trip.

The warning is given because those who go and who eat the melon that day will not be accepted as donors. Other diet rules for those who are to donate are: eat no fatty foods such as butter on toast or cream in coffee. The donor may eat dry toast black coffee, fresh or canned fruit or fruit juices.

Any mother having a baby less than nine months old will not be allowed to give blood. Also any girl less than 21 years of age will not be permitted to donate. Boys 18 to 21 years must have a permit from their parents in order to donate. All donors must wait from eight to 10 weeks between donations and will not be permitted to donate more than five times a year.

Peggy Hatfield Honored by Lodge

Genevieve, better known as Peggy, Hatfield was honored at the recent meeting of Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star by being asked to sit at the press table during the sessions. When "Eastern Star of the West," official publication of the lodge, was published, Peggy found her complete report of the Oregon Grand Chapter printed. In addition, the magazine carries a story of the year's activity of the local chapter of which Peggy is secretary.

Council Sells Lot

The city council, meeting Monday night of this week, instead of the usual time last week due to the 4th holidays, approved bills and agreed to sell a lot on Second avenue to Mr. DeHart. No action, but discussion was made of the trouble being caused by so many dogs which are allowed to run at large in the city limits.

OPA Office to Close

The local OPA office will be closed Tuesday of the coming week, it was announced this week, so that the office force may attend a district meeting which will deal with price and rationing. The meeting will be held at Astoria.

PARK GETS WATERING

The city park turf was watered for the second time this summer last Friday evening, the new fire truck pumper being used for that purpose. The pumper was recently installed on the truck which the city has purchased and will have built into a new fire truck.

Veterans Of Foreign Wars Increase Membership

The local Veterans of Foreign Wars moved its meeting place Wednesday of last week from the small building at the back of Paterson's to the upper story of the John Edickson building on Bridge street.

According to Jack Nance, commander, the need of expansion was necessary due to the increase of membership. Plans are on the way to make improvements on the place, the work to be done by the members.

The Vernonia chapter of the organization came into existence in 1935 and since then has increased its membership twice. The national organization was founded in 1899; its objectives, according to the official publication "Foreign Service," are

Cooperative Organization Explained

REA Representative Tells Set-Up to Group Here Tuesday Evening

A thorough explanation of the organization of a rural electrification administration cooperative was given to those who attended the meeting held at the Legion hall Tuesday evening of this week. The explanation of the cooperative was given by A. D. Ellison who is associated with the applications and loans division of the REA in this region. Mr. Ellison is conducting a series of meetings throughout the district in order to explain the set-up so that it may be thoroughly understood.

In starting the meeting, Mr. Ellison gave some of the history of REA, stating that it was organized in order to make electricity available to rural areas that would not or could not otherwise benefit therefrom. He told that there are now 803 operating REA cooperatives in the United States and that the experience has been that the smaller organizations are not as successful as those of larger size, hence the intention to include in this district the Jewell REA, the Mist and Vernonia areas, and areas in Washington and parts of Yamhill and Multnomah counties when the set-up is ready to go.

There are several areas in this proposed organization that are not now served by electricity and the first move after the war when materials are again available will be the construction of lines to serve those areas. One of these is the 11-mile section between Pittsburg and Mist, in this valley. There are others in Washington and Yamhill counties which will also be served.

Mr. Ellison explained further that the membership fee of \$5.00 is the only assessment made to become a member of the cooperative and that, should the organization experience financial difficulty, the property of the members is not liable for assessment. The government, in making the loan to finance the cooperative, takes a mortgage only on the lines and equipment of the REA and not on any property of the members themselves.

Explanatory meetings have already been held at Scroggins valley and at North Plains in addition to here. Buxton residents met Wednesday evening and a meeting is being held in Yamhill county tonight, Thursday.

NELSON TELLS OF MEETING

Dairy farmers interested in making applications for May and June dairy feed payments are informed that the AAA committee has scheduled a meeting to be held at the American Legion hall on Wednesday, July 19, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. So announces George A. Nelson, secretary of the county committee.

briefly embodied in the words of Abraham Lincoln: 'to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan.'

Those objectives are foremost in the minds of the ex-service men here on the home front. Aiding the soldier back from the front looking for work, the drive to create a V.F.W. veteran welfare fund of \$1,500,000 to help in rehabilitation program, the V.F.W. preparation to aid veterans in claiming compensation and insurance, and the financing and later building of a nursery cottage at the V.F.W. national home in Michigan are the aims of the organization in carrying out the words of Lincoln.