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FARMERS HELPING IN WAR

The farmers and stockmen of Malheur county are doing their part and will continue to perform important services in production of food for war.

These producers are performing their part in the face of difficult handicaps, such as increasing prices and loss of labor to the armed services and defense industries. Some of the stockmen attending their annual meeting in Ontario recently complained that in some sections of Oregon and Idaho selective service boards were not granting deferment to farm laborers.

Certainly farmers are entitled to keep their key men, who would be of more benefit on the farm than learning to tote a rifle or handle a technical mechanical contrivance in the army.

In line with the need of more food production the farmers of this section are going to increase their sugar beet acreage greatly for 1942. Of course, while receiving \$10 a ton for beets the farmers will benefit by the increased production, but at the same time they will be performing an important service for their country.

Dairymen of this section have indicated that they intend to increase production of dairy products because such products are essential in the war effort. The dairymen are urged to boost production through improvement in their herds rather than through an increase in the number of cows. This method will not only increase production and improve the quality, but it will reduce the cost per pound. At the same time it will save unnecessary expansion and excessive use of feeds.

TOO BIG TO HURRY

(Grants Pass Bulletin)

The week's news from Salem indicates that there were several political candidates in too big a hurry to jump on the band-wagon of criticism of the state tax commission.

Forebodings that arose when the commission ruled that all property subject to local taxes should be assessed on a uniform basis, became a sizeable public clamor when some expert figured out that the taxes on city residence properties would be increased by some thirty-five per cent as the result of the ruling.

Now, with figures at hand showing actual decreases on about 85 per cent of residence properties, and with increases falling in only a few places, some of the boys are going to do a lot of verbal scrambling to get out from under their earlier vote-getting moves.

Probably it is too much to expect complete honesty from political candidates (particularly the "outs" trying to get in) but those who misuse an honest effort to improve Oregon's taxation system are deserving of a sharp reprimand from the voters.

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KINGMAN KOLONY

The Kingman Grange held its regular meeting Monday evening. John Johnson, instructor of vocational agriculture in the Adrian high school, and six of his Future Farmers presented the program. Mrs. Wesley Piercy and Mrs. Allen Curtis served refreshments. Conrad Martin was in Nyssa on business Monday afternoon. James Nichols has the mumps this week.

The A. N. K. Garden club met with Mrs. C. C. Cotton Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Eleanor Beier, home economics instructor in the Adrian high school, gave an interesting talk on "vitamins." Mrs. Cotton served refreshments. Mrs. Frank Cummings was an invited guest. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Raymond Holton April 14.

Mrs. Merritt Gueling is canvassing the Kolony for Defense bond and defense stamp sales. The Pollyanna club met with Mrs. Arthur Cartwright Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Bruce Pinkerton of Bend was a visitor. The next meeting will be held with Miss May Beaumont March 25.

Mrs. Charles Wilson and Mrs. Mary Nichols visited Mrs. Hugh McConnell and infant son in Nyssa Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cole and family of Adrian visited in the Lee Thrasher home Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cartwright and Darrel visited in the Earl Parker home in Newell Heights Wednesday evening.

Frank and Charles Newbill sold their farm to Mr. Kneifel of Parma Tuesday. Mr. Kneifel's renter will take possession as soon as Mr. and Mrs. Newbill find a place to live.

Mrs. Arthur Cartwright and her mother, Mrs. Earl Parker of Newell Heights, were in New Plymouth Thursday.

Naomi Shaw spent from Wednesday until Sunday in Nyssa with her sister, Mrs. Hugh McConnell.

Floyd (Mike) Elliott left for the army Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Boren of Boise were Sunday guests in the parental Lee Thrasher home.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gardner of Parma were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dutton and family shopped in Nyssa Saturday.

William Toomb spent Friday in Payette.

The Mary and Martha circle met at the home of Mrs. Everett

Points Thursday afternoon. The program included the song "A Shelter in the Time of Strain", prayer by Mrs. G. G. Lane and devotionals led by Mrs. Elmer Dutton. Mrs. Harvey Otis finished reviewing the book "Christianity in a Democracy."

Roll call was answered by each member describing the most inspiring church service she ever attended. The song "Jesus Saviour, Pilot Me" was used in closing followed by "The Lord's Prayer."

During the business part of the meeting new officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Marion Kurtz; vice-president, Mrs. Raymond Hilton; treasurer, Mrs. K. I. Peterson; secretary, Mrs. Carl Hill; literature secretary, Mrs. Conrad Martin; temperance secretary, Mrs. William Toomb; thank offering secretary, Mrs. Alvin McInnis; junior secretary, Mrs. J. J. Lane; and efficiency secretary, Mrs. Jesse Sugg.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cartwright and Darrel were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wood near Payette.

The Junior Girl Scouts held their regular meeting at the home of Arlene Piercy with their leader, Mrs. Dennis Patch, in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Martin and Dorothy Toomb were in Ontario Saturday.

TEN DAVIS

Mrs. S. G. Tucker entertained at a birthday dinner Sunday honoring her husband and son, Dudley. Guests besides the honor guests were Mr. and Mrs. George Tucker and sons, George, Jr., Gordon and Joe of Boise, Miss Anna Jean Tucker and Richard Tucker.

Afternoon callers were B. E. Kuhn and son, Joe, of Caldwell.

Little Jackie Day, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Day, suffered an arm fracture when she fell last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Easterday of Buhl have rented the Powers farm for the coming year.

Henry Jones, S. A. Dutton of Caldwell, and Everett Pritts and son of California were Friday visitors at the McLaughlin home.

Mr. and Mrs. Schaefer have moved to their new residence in the Black Canyon.

Joe Cleveland has returned home from a Boise hospital, where he received medical treatment.

Mrs. Carrie McLaughlin spent from Sunday evening until Wednesday afternoon in Boise, where she visited her brother, L. V. Stafford, and wife and her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Durnill. She also attended the pi-

ano recital of her granddaughter, Clara Ann Durnill, Wednesday evening in the Crystal ball room in the Hotel Boise.

Members of the Social circle were entertained last Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Mildred Beckley at her home in Black Canyon with Mrs. Eva Bowers and Mrs. Myrtle Henderson assisting. Seventeen members were present. Refreshments of sandwiches, salad and coffee were served.

Alva Watts has contracted 18 acres of land from J. C. Durnill in Black Canyon to be planted to beets.

Beet acreage has been increased in this community.

Farmers are well underway with their spring work in preparing soil for planting of beets, potatoes and grain.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Bowers and children, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Miller and baby, Dixie Lee, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bower were guests of Mrs. Minnie Bower at a dinner served at Lake Lowell last Sunday in observance of Harold Bower's birthday anniversary.

Bob Hertig of Caldwell helped J. C. Durnill build forms for concrete walls for his basement house in Black Canyon last week-end.

Cleaning of the farmers co-operative ditch is well underway.

Big Bend

Cyrus Bishop returned home Wednesday evening from a six-week visit in Enterprise.

Lyle De Oss became ill in school Wednesday with an attack of appendicitis. His mother took him to Caldwell for treatment.

Ralph Robertson of Roswell attended to his ranch interests here Wednesday.

Elmer Parker and Geraldine, who spent the winter in California, are the guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Parker. E. H. Brumbach transacted business in Vale and Ontario Saturday.

Mrs. W. J. Gibson of the Wade P.T.A. took part in the Founder's day program presented by the Kingman P.T.A. at the high school auditorium Thursday evening.

Marie Munbjerwerff of Adrian spent Sunday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Case Munbjerwerff.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Baldrige and baby of Caldwell were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Baldrige.

Mrs. M. E. Rogers, who spent the past two weeks in Parma, returned home Saturday.

Mrs. R. L. Haworth, who is spending the school year in Corvallis, where her daughters are attending school, returned home Saturday.

J. W. Thomas and son, Will of Parma, called on Big Bend friends Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Parker have returned from California and are now living in one of Arthur Holly's houses near Snake river bridge.

Mrs. E. E. Parker and Elmer spent Saturday in Nampa and Fruitland.

H. R. Hatch of the Ontario C. C. camp was honor guest at a birthday dinner served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weir Sunday. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Lora Pillsbury, Mrs. N. S. Pheasant, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Brumbach, Mr. and Mrs. Will Sweet, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Case of Arena Valley, Mr. and Mrs. John Samer, Mr. and Mrs. George Swigert, Mr.

and Mrs. Dale Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Will Robinson of Roswell, Mr. and Mrs. Plin Case of Caldwell and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Johnston of Boise, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stone, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hatch and B. J. Roberts of Nyssa.

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