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INTEREST IN WAR CAUSES LIGHT VOTE IN ELECTION

The light vote cast in the general election Tuesday attested the lack of interest noticeable throughout the campaign.

Eligible voters were simply too much interested in the war to take an interest in politics, yet the war, so far as the United States is concerned, is being waged to preserve the rights that give us, among other things, the privilege of casting our ballots for men seeking public office.

Persons anxious about the outcome of the war should be interested in voting because one is interlocked with the other.

RISE IN POWER

Caldwell News-Tribune

There has been a good deal of pessimism expressed, especially in Washington, about the progress of the war. Various men prominent in public life have said, as lately as a week or two ago, that this country was losing it. And indeed it seemed true for a while. After Pearl Harbor the Japs were kicking us around and grabbing our possessions in the Pacific, and we were not strong enough to protect our shipping in the Atlantic or help Britain much in Europe.

But that was merely a preparatory phase of the war. Progress by land, sea and air has been faster and stronger than there was any right to expect. It now seems, from a calm survey of the news, that the tide has turned in the Pacific during the last month or two. It is the Japs who are on the defensive there. Meanwhile a big army has been assembled, probably the best in American history, and large units of it are getting into strategic areas and will soon be in action.

The greatest successes gained so far have been in the air and on the sea. The superiority of the American flyers and planes has been proved overwhelmingly. The Air Force is now giving a very good account of itself in the Pacific, on the European Continent and in North Africa. Surely Uncle Sam is no longer losing. He has started to gain, and every week shows more strength.



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At The National Capital

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Nov. 5. Word has reached the national capital that the fish wildlife service has not heard the last of the much disputed question of ownership of Lake Malheur in Harney county. For nearly 40 years the question of ownership of the lake bed has been in dispute and the matter has been in court several times. The lake is now used by the federal government as one of the largest and most successful wild fowl refuges in the nation. Around it is more than 50 miles of fence.

Attorneys for ranchers owning property adjoining the lake contend that the last court decision in the matter said the lake bed belonged to the adjoining property. Representatives of the wild life service (recently transferred from Washington to Chicago) contend that no court opinion made any attempt to apportion the lands among the individual owners, or to determine the extent of privately owned lands within the bed of the lake, and hence they were not in position to pay for the disputed lake bed since the question of legal ownership had not been settled to the point where legal payment could be made.

Ranchers contend that before the famous wildfowl lake was divided by a dike they were able to cut a large amount of hay adjoining the lake in normal seasons and that, therefore, the land was most valuable to them. The federal government has been interested in the lake as a migratory bird refuge since 1908.

While practically all foodstuffs with the exception of fresh fruits, vegetables, fresh fish and peanuts are now under price regulation, the emergency regulation exempts from price control sales made by farmers direct to consumers where these sales were less than \$75 in the preceding calendar month.

Price were frozen at the highest levels of the five days from September 28 through October 2. Work has now begun to translate into permanent regulations the emergency ceilings. Before the permanent ceilings have been declared growers, processors, wholesalers and retailers of the various food products affected will have a chance to be heard through a series of conferences.

Potatoes, dry onions and citrus fruits are not included among the seasonal crops exempted from the price freeze.

Vacation and pleasure resort owners with heavy mortgages on their real estate and no business, may be able to save their property from foreclosure through the aid of RFC if the bill introduced in July by Senator McNary and just reported favorably by the senate banking and currency committee gets speedy action. This bill will allow RFC to loan up to 75 percent of the appraised value of the property to resort owners to retire existing mortgages where the resorts have lost more than 50 percent of their normal business by virtue of decreased motor travel due to gas rationing, and where this travel is not replaceable by common carrier service. The RFC loans will bear only three percent interest and neither interest or principal will be due until two years after the expiration of the "unlimited national emergency."

Fairly early action may be ex-

pected on the bill in the senate and the legislation should find plenty of champions in the house.

Liquor salesmen in Oregon who have been busy working up a campaign against the proposal of Senator Lee of Oklahoma to prohibit liquor around cantonments have succeeded in securing the cooperation of many citizens, judging from the number of telegrams which have been received from the delegation from that state. The tenor of the messages is that this is something for the armed forces to deal with and that it can be handled by forbidding anyone selling or giving a drink of intoxicating liquor to a soldier or sailor in uniform. Such was the regulation in the first world war. As an alternative, opponents suggest that a dry area be created, but this restricted zone should not be such as to affect towns.

Housewives who have depended for years on old Mason jar with its zinc lid for home canning have been affected by the recent WPB order prohibiting the use of zinc in making lids for glass containers, and this means the old Mason jar will have to wear a new cap. The jars will be usable, however, as a substitute for the zinc tops is available in the form of a porcelain lid with a steel rim.

A previous WPB order had restricted the use of zinc in scores of other articles and the increasing demand for zinc in war plants made necessary the added restrictions on civilian uses.

Mrs. America Meets The War

The "Kraut barrel" once again is expected to return to favor in the grocery store. You see, none of the 1942 production of sauerkraut can be canned for civilian consumption, so the wooden barrels will roll into the grocer's for bulk sales. At the same time, the supply of canned sauerkraut carried over from the 1941 pack has been frozen. So all signs point to the kraut barrel. Incidentally, kraut is a low priced food rich in vitamins A, B and C as well as valuable minerals necessary in building body structure. And here's a suggestion to use for menu planning. Pig's knuckles, often combined with sauerkraut, are expected to be

Put on the skillet and some 11 other items of cast iron kitchenware and that will be all of this type of household equipment for the duration. The different sizes and styles of cast iron kitchenware will be reduced from some 200 to 12, and also the amount of iron for griddles, skillets, muffin pans and pans for cornbread or corn sticks. And the glamour product of the pot and pan corner—enameled kitchenware—also is facing reduction, both as to consumption of iron and steel and as to the variety of articles which may be made. But there will be enough for the kitchen brigade.

Sorry you can't borrow Junior's war ration book for your coffee allotment unless Junior is over 15. No book on which the age of the holder is stated at 14 years or younger will be valid for the allotment of one pound of coffee per person each five weeks. The last stamp of War Ration Book No. 1 will be used for your first coffee allowance when the rationing of this commodity begins on November 28. And you'll continue to get the sugar for your coffee from the book exactly as you have in the past.

For love nor money there isn't a brand new vacuum cleaner available for civilian use in the country today. All types of new domestic vacuum cleaners have been frozen until January 1. As you

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The price will be right when you find nylon stockings in the stores these days, thanks to the OPA. A new OPA regulation bringing down the spiraling charges will save your being asked to pay unreasonably high prices when stocks held for the holiday trade hit the counters. The regulation sets maximum prices for stockings according to their construction, and it also includes quality standards to which the price is pegged. Prices of \$2.50 to \$3.00 were charged formerly for the most commonly sold full-fashioned stockings of first quality construction (48 gauge or lower with nylon leg in all deniers), but the maximum charge now is \$1.65. All "irregular" or "second" quality hosiery must be marked as such and marked at the prices provided for these qualities.

"Soup's on" may spread the same message to your family, but you'll find that something new has been added to canned soups packed after June 30. You get more dry solid ingredients in each can than formerly. For example, one kind of chicken soup has 60 percent more solids and one vegetable soup has 26 percent more. The higher food value commands a slightly higher price so that merchants selling under March ceilings could afford to re-order soups costing more at wholesale. You can identify the new type of canned soup by the words "new and improved style" or "new recipe" on the label.

The extravagance of taking your car from a summer home to a winter home or vice versa on a vacation trip is out for the duration. There is no such provision for motoring from one home to the other under gasoline rationing. However, if you find it necessary to change your residence from one city to another, there is a special allowance to move your car too.

The new Victory line of rubbers and overshoes are devoid of glamour and are made strictly for utility wear. No fancy boots nor fur-trimmed styles for the duration, and of course, there are no zipper closings. Although they will not last as long as the old type, victory overshoes should be satisfactory with proper care. They'll come in black only, and the heels of new rubbers will be no higher than two inches. Uncle Sam is counting on you to make your old rubbers and galoshes last as long as possible so that you'll be using the Victory line only when necessary. The new overshoes are made with scrap rubber. You can recognize them by the use of such tradenames as "Victory", "Duration" and "Conservation".

YOUTH RECEIVE TRADE TRAINING

Young men under 19 years of age who have graduated from high school or who have had algebra and physics are eligible to enlist in the navy as apprentice seamen (radio technician). After enlistment they are placed on inactive duty status for three months provided they attend a civilian radio school such as NYA, ESMDT or other radio trade school.

The NYA training center in Pendleton offers such radio training and is working in conjunction with the navy. The center offers a full 8-hour program, four hours devoted to special training and four to practical application of the training. The students are given their room and board approximately \$10.80 a month while they are in training. After the three months of inactive duty period elapses, a navy radio test is given and students are then given a naval rating depending on their records and the results of this test. These students are then enrolled in a navy radio school and are given training which is equivalent to eight months in college.

Eligible men who are interested in radio are asked to contact Glenn T. Norton personnel officer La Grande or the navy recruiting officer at the post office in La Grande or Pendleton.

Boys who recently have been appointed radio technicians, 3rd class, include John Tullis of Ione and John Seaward of Juntura. Girls assigned to the Umatilla

ordnance depot, Hermiston, last week as electrical technicians include Margery Benedict of Nyssa.

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