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STATION IMPORTANT

Tangible evidence of the importance of the Malheur experiment station to this county is developing from the work of Dudley Sitton and his assistants on the experimental area near Cairo junction.

One of the outstanding experiments conducted at the station is the feeding of livestock, which gives farmers of this county an idea of what local-grown feed is the most satisfactory from the standpoint of gains made as compared to feed costs.

The first announcement of the release of a vegetable to Malheur county gardeners from the station was announced last week. A bean, developed by B. F. Dana of the United States department of agriculture at Corvallis, makes an excellent green bean and if left to mature will make a good dried bean.

The station, bringing such agricultural benefits to the county should be supported by taxpayers and other residents of the towns and rural areas.

WHAT IS THE OBJECTIVE?

To give the devil his due, everybody knows the OPA has a tough job, and every fair-minded citizen is willing to make plenty of allowance for unavoidable errors. On the other hand, the public will not calmly accept so-called price regulation, which, in reality, is arbitrary and unjustified profit control.

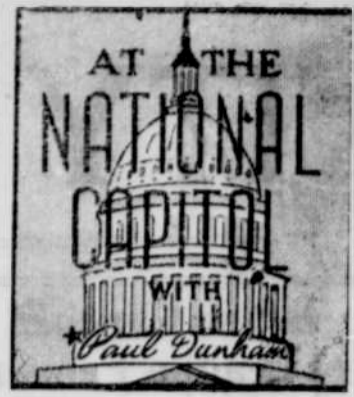
To illustrate how price regulation is twisted to effect profit control, Mr. C. F. Hughes, in the New York Times, says: "Some 40,000 medium trucks were manufactured for a civilian pool at a cost which reflected higher labor and material charges. The OPA agreed to let the producers charge the extra costs, but is insisting that dealers exclude this additional amount from their mark-up. Financing, insurance, overhead and other expenses are therefore ignored. Profit, rather than price control is obviously the objective."

Similar demoralizing regulations have been perpetuated in the "highest price line limitation" order which OPA applied to various lines of women's and children's clothes.

At a session of retailers in Washington, one small town merchant told of a whole village having to go 13 miles to buy apparel which was eliminated from his store because he could not purchase the cheap lines any longer (manufacture had been discontinued) and the OPA regulation forbade him stocking anything at a higher price.

Such regulations shake public confidence in the sincerity of purpose of the regulators.

Payette Independent Enterprise



Washington, D. C. April 27.—Plans for the disposition of excess food stocks after the war are clearly outlined in a bill which has been introduced in the house and will be taken up for consideration in a few days. The purpose of the measure, as stated by Representative Wickersham of Oklahoma, who introduced it, is to assure an orderly disposal of such goods without disruption of markets of loss to producers and processors. Unless a definite program is adopted soon, it was explained, production of foodstuffs might be discouraged by the prospect of large stocks being left on hand when war demand no longer exists, leaving producers and processors to face a heavy loss. This is to be averted by government action through a food administration which would direct and supervise postwar sales of all foodstuffs stockpiled or contracted for by any government agency.

Such surplus foodstuffs would be offered for sale first to the original owner or vendor in such amounts as may be advisable after lend-lease and domestic relief requirements have been met. The sale to other than established business firms would be forbidden in order to keep speculators from entering the field, but sales might be made from one government agency to another. After the first world war, it was related, speculators bought goods from one government agency at ridiculously low prices and sold them to another government agency at exorbitant profit. This would be made impossible by the terms of the Wickersham bill. War food administrator would be aided by advisory committees composed of producers, processors and distributors in determining prices, terms and conditions of sale in established commercial channels.

The intent of congress to retain control over the entire program is made apparent by a provision requiring the food administrator to report to congress each quarter upon his operations. In this respect the Wickersham bill does not differ materially from other measures which have been introduced for the purpose of selling other war materials after the war. In all cases the primary aim seems to be to keep surplus goods out of the hands of speculators and favor established commercial channels in preference to the fly-by-night organizations which entered the field after the first world war.

Relatedly, and after a distressing shortage of livestock feed had resulted from use of wheat in making industrial alcohol, war food administration has suddenly discovered that there is a surplus of potatoes and the tubers, in dehydrated form, may provide alcohol in sufficient quantity to relieve the pressure on diminishing wheat supplies. AAA and commodity credit corporation have been brought into the picture

and purchases of surplus potato stocks are now being made in several states for the manufacture of alcohol. The process is quite simple and the potatoes are said to yield more than one gallon of alcohol per bushel. It is reported that there are between 20,000,000 and 30,000,000 bushels of last year's crop on hand new crop coming on, these represent outright waste unless they are at the present time and, with the used within a comparatively brief time.

Officials of the postoffice department are watching with some uneasiness the quickness with which banks have seized upon the opportunity to increase their earnings as a result of the higher fees for money orders provided in the new tax law. Issuing their own money orders is not a new business with the banks, but in the past their rates have been slightly higher than those charged by the postal department. Now the situation is reversed and all over the country banks are advertising the saving they are able to provide. A considerable increase in bank money orders would mean just so much loss to the postoffice department and it might more than offset the gain which was anticipated from the increase in money order fees.

How quickly the public responds to a publicized suggestion was illustrated by the reaction to Henry Ford's recent prediction that the war would be over within two months. Almost immediately war manpower commission was apprised of job desertions in all parts of the country, the workers deciding to hurry back to their homes because of the imminent prospect of losing their jobs. So far as official information is obtainable Mr. Ford had no ground whatever for his prediction and the result of its wide acceptance may have calamitous effects if the present trend continues. Railroad management was particularly distributed because of the existing 100,000 shortage in railroad workers and the immediate lessening of applications for railway employment.

WEST OREGON TRAIL

Ben and Sam Hartley went to Utah to get seed potatoes.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Zesiger have been visiting at the Walter Benson home. Zesiger went to his induction center Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Benson and E. W. Perry went to Madras, Oregon. In Bend Mr. Perry visited a nephew he had not seen for 56 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis were in Ontario on business recently.

E. W. Perry left Sunday for Yakima to visit a son. He has been visiting the past six weeks with his daughter, Mrs. Walter Benson.

Adrian

At the regular monthly meeting of the Girls' league at the high school Wednesday officers were elected for the coming year. Those chosen were Mildren Higgins, president; Delora Hurst, vice president; Betty Wolfe, secretary; Myra Case, treasurer, and Georgia Hillis, member to the student council.

Plans were also discussed for the mother-daughter tea to be held at the high school April 29.

Mrs. Howard Lovejoy left Wednesday for Rexburg, Idaho, to visit her family and her brother, D. H. Stoddard, who has just received his "wings" and is home on furlough.

John Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lovejoy and Mr. and Mrs. D. Patch were Tuesday evening dinner guests at the Earl Crocker home.

Dorothy Toombs, Dudley Kurtz and Robert Jackson were guest speakers at the Ridgeview open grange meeting Friday evening and presented plans for an Adrian community recreation center.

The Senior Girl Scouts held their monthly meeting at the high school Thursday. Mr. Nevin spoke to the group on "Russia". The meeting of the year that have followed the year. The meetings have followed the study of various nations.

Mr. and Mrs. Frances Deffer and at the De Haven home. family were Sunday dinner guests at the De Haven home.

Miss Gloria Pounds and Irma Points were visitors at the L. C.

Pounds home in Caldwell Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Alva Watts entertained Saturday with a luncheon at her home in Parma. Guests were Mrs. Harvey Otis, Mrs. James Taylor, Mrs. Dennis Patch, Mrs. Ralph Harworth, Mrs. Rodgers and Mrs. J. M. Watts.

On Thursday evening the Senior Girl Scouts held a theatre party at Nyssa. After seeing "The Fighting Seabees", the group went to the Gate City cafe for refreshments. Besides the Scout members those attending were Mrs. Kreeger, Mrs. Judd, Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. Hite, Mrs. Foster and Mrs. Toombs.

Mr. and Mrs. Nevin entertained the Dennis Patch family and Mrs. Taylor at dinner Friday night.

Bill Gibson broke his right arm while working on some machinery. Mrs. Bethel Martin entertained Gloria Pounds, Irma Points, and Rose McGinnis at dinner and a slumber party Thursday.

At the regular meeting of the student body Friday officers for the coming year were elected. Those taking the oath of office were Donnie Brewer, president; Pete Timmerman, vice president; Della Kygar, secretary; Nadine Wilson, treasurer, and Marjory Hite and Forrestine Wilson, yell leaders.

A play, "Herbie and the Mumps" was presented by the public speaking class. Those taking part were Lily Stiner as Herbie, Dorothy Merrill as the mother, Carol Tallman and Billie as Herbie's sisters and James Robb and Dick Ashcraft as friends.

Special guests at the student body meeting were Lt. Harold Kurtz and Lt. Bud Nothels, who had received their wings in April and were home on furlough. Each gave a talk to the students, telling of his experiences in the air corps.

Honor students from this year's Senior class were announced last week. Dorothy Toombs and Robert Jackson tied for first place and Lily Steiner was second.

Owyhee

There were 74 in attendance at the Owyhee Sunday school Sunday. Rev. Kriner of Payette delivered the message after Sunday school.

Mrs. E. H. Strickland was hostess to the Owyhee community club Thursday. Mrs. Mildred Boyce is a new member. Refreshments of salad, cake and cocoa were served by the hostess.

Miss Mary Collins and Cpl. Walter Fitzer of Boise were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Gregg.

Mrs. Margaret Barnett was a week-end guest of her sister in Weiser. Bobby and Ronnie Kriner were dinner guests of Fred Klingback Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Crocker and sons, Louis and Alvin, were dinner guests at the Louis Skinner home Sunday.

Mrs. Esther Cottengin, who had been visiting her mother, Mrs. Anna Larson, left for her home in Portland Sunday.

Seaman Second Class Howard Penn of Farragut training station is visiting his parents in Ontario and was an overnight guest of Dale Glen Thursday.

Mrs. Ellis Walters was a week-end visitor in Boise at the Byrd Walters home.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Walters and daughter, Brenda, who have been visiting in the parental Walters home have moved to Boise.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Kriner and son, Park, and daughter, Sandra, and Mrs. Mary Coulter were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Bigelow Sunday.

Mrs. Werner Peutz, Mrs. Oral Hite and two sons, Dick and Ralph, and Helen Schweizer were business visitors in Caldwell Saturday.

Our Boys

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cadet upon graduation at Pullman, Washington. He was sent to Santa Ana, California, where he was classified as a navigator member of an air crew, and he is now attending navigation school. Upon graduation at Santa Ana, he will be ready for advanced intensive navigation training.

The Parker boys are son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Parker of Newell Heights. They said they enjoyed reading the Gate City Journal, especially the news about the boys in service.

Bob Brown, formerly of Nyssa, is now stationed at the Alameda naval rigging school as an instructor. Mr. Brown, who served for several months in the South Pacific, was returned to the states a year ago on

DR. CLARA VIAL BIRLEW

will be at Graham's Nyssa realty office Saturday, May 6. Send glasses for repairs or duplication to the residence office at Weiser.

sick leave. He is a brother of Mrs. Frances Deffer of Adrian.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Keizer, former Nyssa residents who stopped here recently while en route from Jerome, Idaho to Hanford, Washington, where Mr. Keizer has employment, have three children in the service.

Ensign Sue Keizer, U.S. navy (nurse corps) is chief nurse in the U.S. naval dispensary, armed guard center at Brooklyn, New York.

The boys' addresses are Lester Keizer, SOM 3-c, U.S.S. Rinehart, D.E.196, C. division, 7th fleet P.O., New York City, N.Y., and William Keizer, S.F. 1-c, C.B.M.U. No. 590, Plot No. 2, naval training center, Gulfport, Mississippi.

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