

Oregon Industry Booms Under Spur Of Defense Work

PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Oregon industry, expanding under national defense and war contracts, had its biggest boom in years in 1941.

Private and public capital slated for expenditure in the Portland area totals at least \$250,000,000, the Portland chamber of commerce estimates.

Portland bank clearings for the first 11 months of the year mounted from \$1,723,309,957 in 1940 to \$2,324,268,389 this year. Building permits were \$9,696,115 in 1940 and \$13,559,055 this year.

Customs collections increased from \$893,067 to \$1,161,163, because of a jump in imports. Exports slumped, however, and total cargo tonnage was 4,930,000 short tons, a decrease of 5 per cent.

Army engineers estimated that traffic through the Columbia river locks at Bonneville dam would show a 46 per cent increase to 918,000 short tons for the whole year. The Willamette river locks at Oregon City, they said, would have a 60 per cent increase, mostly in lumber, which would be in the neighborhood of 420,000,000 board feet.

Around the County

Yoncalla

YONCALLA, Dec. 30.—The Stearns building on the hill just south of the postoffice has been secured for the new Red Cross rooms. The rooms will be thoroughly cleaned and a stove installed. Work will start after the first of the year, and every lady in the community is urged to help the Red Cross make articles for our boys who are serving their country. A Red Cross benefit dance was held at the Elk-head community hall Saturday evening, the proceeds, \$10.85, were given to the Red Cross. A Red Cross benefit dance was held at the Hayhurst community hall Saturday evening.

Members of the Christian church, Sunday school held their annual Christmas program Saturday evening. A fine program, consisting of a violin solo by following taking part: Vernon Raper, Rose Brant, Jimmie Brant and Norma Raper; vocal duet, Mary Fian and Jennie Lunney; readings, Maxine Potter, Shirley Wright, Oriva Meston, Jimmie Lloyd, Jeanie Lunney and Barbara Raper. Group singing and Bible questions closed the program. Gifts and treats were given out.

Mrs. Dorothy King of Oakland, Calif., arrived here Monday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lambdin.

Miss Betty Ruth Kruse, who has been visiting in Oakland, Calif., for the last two months, returned to her home here Saturday.

Robert Blue of Anchorage, Alaska, arrived here Saturday, to be with his family for the holidays. Mrs. Blue will be remembered as Miss Lucille Long prior to her marriage a year ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Johnston and family of Seattle, Wash., are visiting at the Calvin Johnston home in Scotts valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Campbell are being congratulated on the arrival of a daughter born at the Sacred Heart hospital, Eugene, Dec. 20th. Mr. Campbell is manual training teacher in Yoncalla high school.

Bob Campbell, who has charge of a department of army ordnance in Hermiston, spent Christmas here with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bolin, late of Capay, Calif., visited at the Joel Jackson home in Scotts valley Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Upshaw and son, Mike, of Portland visited at the Luther Daugherty home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Stonacker spent Christmas day with relatives in Grants Pass.

Mrs. Lauren Forbes returned to her home in Fort Lewis, Wash., Tuesday after spending a week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nemo Perini.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hunter and two daughters left Wednesday for McMinnville where they will spend Christmas with Mrs. Hunter's brothers. Friday they will motor to Gresham to spend several days with Mr. Hunter's parents.

Howard Parks left Wednesday for Pleasant Hill to spend Christmas with his parents.

Azalea

AZALEA, Dec. 30. Miss Bernice Gaedecke from Florence spent the holiday week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gaedecke. She also visited her sister, Mrs. Inez Smith and her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gaedecke.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Burch and Fred Burch spent the week end in Eugene with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williams and daughter Jean from Coquille visited briefly here Thursday evening.

OUR BOARDING HOUSE



With Major Hoople

One-Man Town of Millican Blacks Out in 2 Seconds

MILICAN, Ore., Dec. 29.—(AP)—In case anyone is getting chummy about the speed with which this town can black out, lend an ear to Mayor Billy Rahn of Millican. Mayor Billy modestly admits

that Millican can—and has—blacked out in two seconds and might possibly shave a little time off that if conditions were right. "I can do it ever faster than that if I am closer to the switch," Mayor Billy said. The blackouts are so thorough that even the central Oregon jackrabbits can't find the town. If evacuation ever became necessary, Mayor Billy thinks that might be done speedily, too, depending upon whether the battery of the Millican Transit company

was charged and the tires pumped up. The 69-year-old mayor said the reason for the town's state of preparedness was the cooperation of Postmaster Billy Rahn, Airport Manager Billy Rahn, City Councilman Billy Rahn, Storekeeper Billy Rahn and Service Station Operator Billy Rahn, not to mention the chamber of commerce secretary and motor association secretary, also named Billy Rahn. For Millican, you see, is a one-

man town composed of an emergency airport, a store, postoffice, service station, and Mayor Billy's quarters. And he's an old black-out expert—he's been turning off every light in the town nightly for 22 years now.

How It Was Named

Ammonia also is known as "hartshorn." At one time it was made by beating the horns of stags, or harts, in closed vessels to draw out the gases.

The Rubber Situation

And How it Affects Tires For Your Car

With the declaration of war between the United States and the axis powers, the long-threatened danger of our principal sources of rubber supply has become an unpleasant reality. From Malaya and The Netherlands East Indies comes 75 per cent of the world's rubber and these two countries are now under attack by our enemies. Today, Japanese troops are attempting to penetrate southward through the jungles of Malaya and to land by parachute on the island of Sumatra in a desperate effort to occupy these vital rubber-producing areas and thereby slow the wheels of American industry.

Rubber in Modern Warfare

Rubber is indispensable in modern warfare. Airplanes and scout cars, tanks and trucks, barrage balloons and gas masks are only a few of the many essential war materials that require rubber.

The Reserve Supply of Rubber

Keenly aware of this strategic importance of rubber and anticipating the day when the United States might be cut off from the Far East, our government, in co-operation with the rubber industry, began more than two years ago to build up a reserve supply. After Pearl Harbor, it became necessary to take drastic steps to protect this precious store of rubber and on December 11 our government issued an order prohibiting the sale of tires and tubes to anyone not having a priority rating of A-3 or better. These temporary restrictions will end on January 5, and they will be superseded by new regulations which are now being formulated.

How long such restrictions will remain in force will depend upon the course of future events. Naturally, when our allied forces are victorious in the Far East, shipments of rubber to the United States will be resumed. But in the meantime, steps are being taken to relieve the present situation.

Facts About Synthetic Rubber

The first of these is the expansion of facilities for the manufacture of synthetic rubber. There are a number of large plants now under construction, and the one for which we are responsible will be ready for production in the first part of 1942. Nearly ten years ago, our organization began experimenting with various types of synthetic rubber, and in May 1933, we produced the first synthetic rubber tires ever manufactured for Uncle Sam's armed forces. As more synthetic rubber became available, we consistently increased our production of synthetic rubber tires. The most important elements needed for the manufacture of synthetic rubber are butadiene and styrene, both by-products of petroleum, which commodity the United States is fortunate in having available within its borders in unlimited quantities.

Brazilian Rubber Available

Another possible emergency source of rubber is the valley of the Amazon river in South America. From that area, 45,000 tons were shipped in 1912 and it has been estimated that perhaps as many as 300,000,000 wild rubber trees exist in this region. These are not being tapped at the present time because the price of rubber is lower than the price which would provide the incentive for the natives to blaze the jungle trails, tap the trees and bring the rubber to market. In addition there is a possibility that some rubber can be obtained from Guayule shrubs, which can be raised in this country and Mexico.

Americans Should Produce Their Own Rubber

In this critical hour, when rubber assumes a position of prime importance to our national welfare and to our ultimate victory, I cannot help thinking of the statement made by my father more than 20 years ago when he declared that "Americans should produce their own rubber." To him the dependence of this country upon a single, concentrated area for any basic raw material was economically unsound and it was his premonition of difficulties in the future that led to the establishment of the Firestone rubber plantations in Liberia, which are now being worked to the very limit to produce every possible pound of rubber for our country.

How to Make Your Present Tires Last Longer

Naturally, it is going to take time to develop these additional sources of rubber. In the meantime, it is the patriotic duty of every loyal American to help conserve the present supply by making the tires that are now on his car last longer. You can add as much as 50% to the life of your tires by observing such simple precautions as keeping them inflated to recommended pressure, driving slowly and avoiding quick starts and sudden stops.

Nation-Wide System of Factory-Controlled Retread Plants

For a number of years, the Firestone organization has recognized the merit and economy of retreading tires, and as a result, we have built up a nation-wide system of 132 retread plants, strategically located, to provide retreading service for our dealers and stores and their customers. To meet the present emergency, these plants are operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. By the process of retreading which we have developed, as much as 80 per cent of the mileage built into the original tread is added to the life of the tire and the quality of workmanship and material is such that we are able to extend our life-time guarantee to every Firestone retread.

New Victory Tire

Still another step which we took some years ago and which will serve our country well today, was the establishment of extensive facilities for reclaiming scrap rubber. Today the Firestone organization has the largest rubber reclaiming capacity in the world and we have the advantage of long experience in developing products made from this material. One of these is a new type of tire made from reclaimed rubber, which will give reasonably satisfactory service when driven at moderate speeds. We have named this product the "Victory Tire" and it is now in production in our factories. We also have in work a new type of tractor tire made from reclaimed rubber to help agriculture continue to play its vitally important part in the war effort.

The Patriotic Duty of Every Car Owner

In the laboratories of the Firestone factories, our scientists and engineers are working night and day to find ways of using to best advantage the present rubber supply.

Equally important to the successful conservation of rubber is the co-operation of American car owners. Whose patriotic duty it is to get the maximum amount of service out of their tires.*

Ever mindful of our responsibilities to our country and to the car owners of America, the Firestone organization is making full use of all of its experience, all of its resources and all of its technical skill to meet the needs of both.

"HARVEY S. FIRESTONE, JR.
President

The Firestone Tire and Rubber Company

*Firestone has just published a new booklet entitled "How to Get More Mileage From Your Tires." You can secure a free copy from your nearby Firestone dealer or store, or write to the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio.

For Centuries, a College; Japs Bomb It



Santo Tomas University in Manila has been the oldest university under the American flag, standing for centuries. Waves of Japanese bombers attacking undefended Manila hit the ancient school, set it afire.

ening with Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Johns and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Johns.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cooke over the week end were Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Gardner, and Mrs. Pearl Harvey from Drain.

Mrs. Ida Kirk, who is employed at the Azalea hotel, visited over the week end at Riddle.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hill enjoyed a pleasure trip to various coast points over the week end.

Howard Salvage spent Christmas day in Roseburg.

Mrs. Jim Robinson from Bremerton, Wash., spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pickett.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Neuman returned to their home in Los Angeles, Calif., Friday morning after spending the past two weeks here visiting the former's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Salvage spent Christmas with Mrs. Salvage's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Christoph Hagen and family at Drain.

Percy Rushmore visited last week at Rogue river with Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Stevenson.

Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Paulson spent Christmas with relatives at Tenmile.

Mrs. Charlie Johnson and children left Friday evening for Portland where they will spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. Johnson. Mrs. Johnson teaches school on upper Cow Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kelley from Prospect visited briefly here with

Wilcox family lives in Seattle and are going on to California on a visit.

Miss Lillian Bair, who teaches in the intermediate room, is spending her Christmas vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bair, in Ashland. Miss Bair left Tuesday evening after the school program.

Merill Norton of Albany attended the Christmas program at the Community hall Tuesday evening and took his wife home with him for the Christmas holidays. Mrs. Norton teaches in the high school here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bartley, son, Ronald, and daughter, Lillian, spent Christmas day at North Bend with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards.

Elnor Ramberg has received first prize in a coloring contest sponsored by the Douglas Flour mill at Myrtle Creek. The prize was \$5.

Mrs. Adele Shaffer and granddaughter, Helen Hoskin, left for Los Angeles, California, Tuesday morning to spend the Christmas holidays with Helen's mother.

Mrs. Barbara Hopkins is spending several days with her daughter, Mrs. Susie Burnett, in Oakland, Oregon.

The American Legion is having a meeting at the community hall Saturday, December 27th, to make plans for a post here.

Saturday Mrs. Emmett Meyer, er's niece, Miss Wilma Sawyer, Norene and James and Mrs. Moy of Seattle, were in Roseburg shopping.

The Masons are holding an open meeting Saturday evening. Refreshments will be served.

Word has been received from Ronald Loffer from Portland that he is better. He went to Portland last Tuesday for medical advice.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hagen and son were Christmas day guests of the Paul Petersen family.

Don DeVore and his sister, Mrs. Mabel Carter, and her son, Donald, were here for Christmas. Pete Ulan and Guy McGee visited with Mrs. Ruth McGee Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Ray Bartley, Mrs. Glen Dodge and daughter, Jeanette, were shopping in Roseburg Friday.

Mrs. Larry Womack and Miss Sally DeVore were in Roseburg Tuesday.

Miss Anna May Marley of Tillamook was in Canyonville Tuesday.

Mrs. Don Carter and daughter, Donna, of Healdsburg, California, were visiting at the home of Mrs. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack DeVore Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hughes have moved to Marshfield. They took with them, Mrs. Charles Cooper and daughter, Dorothy May, who have been visiting here at the Fred Cooper home.

The neighbors gave Mrs. E. M. Morgan a surprise party at her home the 19th of December.

The Methodist Sunday school held its Christmas program Sunday morning. The children were all given treats.

Canyonville

CANYONVILLE, Dec. 30.—Miss Dortha May Elliott is home for the Christmas holidays. She has been teaching high school in Richland the past winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilcox spent Christmas and several days at the J. M. Raser home. Mr. Wilcox is a brother of Mrs. Raser and a son of Mrs. Jones. The

YES, SIR, FOLKS, THERE'S GOIN' TO BE

A New Year's Eve Jamboree

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