

### Prune Industry Faces Problem In Sanitation Lack

Inability of Oregon Growers To Meet All Requirements Blamed on Poor Prices

SALEM, Aug. 19.—Improvement of sanitary conditions existing in the dried prune industry, current prices and the labor situation were stressed at a meeting here Tuesday attended by more than 100 prune growers from various sections of the state.

The meeting was called by J. D. Mickle, state agricultural director, following reports that many prune driers in the Willamette valley failed to comply with the sanitary standards of the federal food and drug administration.

Russell White of the Portland office told of the seizure of two lots of Oregon prunes recently. He said this could be accepted as a warning as to what would happen provided some of the driers are not improved before the 1942 crop reaches the market.

**Poor Prices Blamed**  
A resolution was adopted "recognizing the importance of the opinions expressed by the inspection departments of both the state and federal governments regarding sanitary aspects of the dried prune industry." The resolution continued that because of the poor price prevailing for dried prunes this season, it would be impossible to meet all the requirements for proper sanitation.

Need of materials, labor and a more favorable price to save the prune crop was emphasized.

The resolution also requested county and state war boards to take immediate action to assist the growers with their labor problems and to contact federal agencies in hope of obtaining an adjustment of dried prune prices to meet the present costs of harvesting, drying and handling.

The best current price for dried prunes was reported at 7 cents a pound as against from \$30 to \$40 a ton for fresh prunes.

**Soap, Water Use Urged**  
Many growers at the meeting agreed that the driers should be improved. Professor Wiegand of Oregon State college and W. E. Upham of the Portland office of the state agricultural department said this would be simple. They advised the use of plenty of water, soap and elbow grease.

Outstanding speakers included Attorney George Neimer, Douglas county prune grower.

### Draft Eligibles Warned Against Jobs Stampede

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then divided into categories, with the categories within each of the two classes being identical insofar as classification is concerned. Category No. 1 includes registrants who are eligible for military service and this will be the first group to be called. Category No. 2 includes those registrants with dependents other than wives or children. Category No. 3 is composed of registrants with dependent wives and category No. 4 includes registrants with dependent wives and children.

"Dependency in fact is not considered, but maintenance of the family relationship is the basis for the classification. No registrant, however, can be deferred in Class 3-A or 3-B who acquired such status on or after Dec. 8, 1941, or at a time when his selection for service was imminent.

"There will be no selection of married men with families, for instance," Croft said, "until all those registrants in categories one, two and three are exhausted. All selection of men with dependents will be in an orderly manner consistent with selective service regulations and on a par with other boards throughout the state."

### Crucial Softball Tilt Slated Here

With the City Softball league in a scramble, tonight's game between the Texaco Chiefs and Boucock's Butchers is expected to be one of the most decisive games of the season, as it is planned to close competition in the very near future. Boucock's, now holding a short lead, can either be pulled out of top spot, or can take a fairly safe hold of first place, depending upon the outcome of tonight's contest.

The Butchers are leading with four wins and three losses, while the Texaco Chiefs and Dunham's Transformers are tied with four wins and four losses each. The Roseburg Alleys are in bottom spot with four wins and five losses.

In the game Monday night, the Almyen defeated Dunham's, 15 to 9 in a free hitting contest which saw each team using two hurlers. Laurance and Dunham handled the mound chores for the Transformers, while Baughman and Merritt were the chieftains for the Almyen.

### Yanks Take Lead Over Giants In Pee-Wee Series

The Yankees took the lead in the Little world series of the Pee-Wee softball league by a margin of two games to one over the Giants in winning a bitterly fought contest last night, 15-9.

The Yanks started off strong with four runs in the first inning getting six more in the fourth and sewing up the game with another five run blast in the fifth. The Giants, meanwhile, were held scoreless in the first but came back for three runs in the second inning. No more runs could get across the scoring zone until the first of the sixth, when a belated rally frightened the Yank supporters, as the Giants, still trying for their second win, scored four runs before the frantic efforts of the Yankee players could get the third Giant out.

In the hitting department both teams were even with nine apiece. However, the Giants paid the penalty for committing six errors while the opposition was making but three. For the winning Yankees, Harrison walloped a home run, DeBernardi got a two-bagger and Thiesen and Young each connected for two hits one of Young's being a 3-base clout. For losers, Baker, Bashford and Smith collected two hits each. Baker and Walton each connected for a triple. The line ups included, Yankees: Rogers, DeBernardi, Stumbo, Ashworth, Coen, Young, Gerretsen, Thiesen, Omscheid, Strickling, Nichols, Boid, Harrison, Boyer. Giants: Groves, Stumbo, Hendricks, James, Baker, Strickling, Henninger, Bashford, Smith, Walton, Sanders, McCowan, and Landers.

There will be another game in the current series on Thursday night. In the event the Yankees win this game the series will be over, with the Yanks winning three of four games. If the Giants win, the play-off will occur the following Tuesday.

### Final Ouster of Japs Still Task in Solomons

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Japanese Units Flee  
A report to Auckland from a New Zealand correspondent somewhere in the south Pacific said the United States had won "sufficient successes" at sea to reinforce and supply the assault troops for what may be weeks or months of "extremely bitter" fighting in the islands.

"Japanese units which were in the Solomons at the opening of operations either have been sunk or have fled to the Caroline Islands," said this dispatch to the New Zealand Press association.

Still, however, the fleet of United States Vice Admiral Ghormley and the land-based air forces of General MacArthur scoured thousands of miles of the Pacific on the watch for enemy ships.

American naval forces were reported deployed in anticipation of a showdown battle with the Japanese for the seaways vital to holding, or broadening, the wedge already dug into the enemy's network of advance island bases.

Air patrols ranging far north among the islands above Australia, including one on which an air-drome at Kavieng, New Ireland, was bombed, were reported in the MacArthur headquarters communique today.

But in a continuing operation on such a broad scope as this first all-offensive in the Pacific, officials are keeping a strict cover of secrecy on blow-by-blow developments and Australian authorities are abiding steadfastly by a policy of non-interference with the United States navy's running of its own show.

### Germans Pour Reserves Into Russian Sectors

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Russian resistance had stiffened in the Caucasus, slowing German progress considerably.

The Nazi drive down the Rostov-Baku rail line across the Caucasus had as its next apparent objective the rail junction town of Georgievsk, only a few miles beyond the Nazi spearheads. Grozny, heart of the Grozny oil field, lies 130 miles southeast along the railway, and the Caspian is 100 miles beyond Grozny.

In the northwestern Caucasus the Russians reported repulsing German attacks in the Krasnodar area 60 miles east of the port of Novorossiisk.

BERLIN (from German broadcasts) Aug. 19. (AP)—A DNB broadcast said today that Russian air raiders struck against Germany last night at several places in east and west Prussia.

### Woman Ends Her Life in Human Torch Manner

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Aug. 19.—(AP)—Nellie Riley, about 58, died early today shortly after State Police Sergeant Lyle Harrell said, she apparently poured rubbing alcohol over herself and set it afire.

Harrell said Mrs. Riley and her husband, Charles, came here about three years ago from Klamath Falls, where Mr. Riley was in the lumber business. Their home is about three miles west of here on the lower river road.

### Heart Attack Fatal To Swimming Youth

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death apparently was due to a heart attack rather than drowning and it was believed that he had overtaxed the heart before it had recovered from the weakness induced by his recent illness.

The death of Evans brought to three the year's toll of lives lost in the South Umpqua river this year. James R. Hollingsworth, 30 died July 4, his death also having been attributed to heart failure while swimming at Kiwanis park. Wayne Rutledge, 14, was drowned July 10 when he fell off a ledge of rock into deep water while wading along the river bank opposite Umpqua park.

**Eagles Drum Corps Member**  
Arthur Walter Evans was born at Topeka, Kansas, October 16, 1925, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Evans, who now reside near Campview. He came to Roseburg with his parents from Long Beach, Calif., about seven years ago. For the last six years he has been active in the Eagles junior drum corps. He would have started his senior year in Roseburg high school this fall. During the summer he has been employed at Crescent Heights service station.

Surviving are his parents, a brother, Warren Edgar Evans, Roseburg, and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. W. A. Fuller, Bingham Lake, Minn.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p. m. Thursday at the Douglas Funeral home with concluding services at the Civil Bend cemetery.

### Commandos, Including U. S. Rangers, Smash Nazis' Bases in France

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led by the British navy, which ferried all the forces across to France.

On the left flank the Canadians first were repulsed by strong German opposition, but bounced back to carry the beach by assault while their comrades were pushing tanks ashore in the center for the main thrust, which a noon announcement said still was continuing.

The landings were accomplished at every point selected in advance in a carefully-planned, closely secret operation that American officers of all services helped to arrange.

Eagerness to call this a second front, a real invasion, was cooled by repeated BBC broadcasts stressing the "limited and temporary" character of the action and declaring "it had nothing to do with military decisions which have been taken in Moscow recently."

The Germans, however, made no attempt to belittle the scope of the assault, and claimed they had thrown even their naval forces into the bitter conflict.

For the Canadians, thirsting for a fight for months or years, it was the first real action against the enemy.

For the Fighting French, whose Commando organization was disclosed only on Bastille day last July 14, it was the first time they have set foot on the soil of their native land since the German conquest of 1940.

### For Test Purposes Only

Informed quarters cautioned that for all the broad participation of troops, tanks, naval guns and planes, the raiding forces would be withdrawn when they had achieved their objectives. Their objectives obviously were extensive, since it was the first time landing parties have used tanks.

The objectives appeared to be these: To test the enemy's defense organization and to test the allied plans for landing and the RAF ability to cover a big landing force.

Additionally, it was bound to disclose disposition of German troops and equipment in the cross-channel area that once was a vacation resort but now is a nest of Nazi fortifications.

The British radio urgently warned the French public that the raid was not an invasion.

### Transfer of Washington, Oregon Japanese Slated

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Some 3,500 Washington and Oregon Japanese will be transferred to Wyoming and Idaho within the next three weeks, the wartime civil control administration announced today.

Eleven hundred Japanese who formerly lived in Central Washington, will be transferred from the Portland, Ore., assembly center about August 29 to the Heart Mountain relocation center at Vocation, Park county, Wyoming.

Another 2,400 from Northwestern Oregon will start moving September 6 from Portland to the Minidoka relocation center at Eden, Jerome county, Idaho. This site is 15 miles east of Twin Falls.

### Thurman Montgomery Funeral Is Postponed

Military services for Thurman W. Montgomery, 64, Spanish-American war veteran, died at

the Veterans facility here Monday, have been postponed to 1 p. m. Friday, at the veterans cemetery, it was announced today at the Douglas Funeral home, where arrangements are being conducted.

### Dutch Seamen Tie Up Ships in Security Dispute

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Dutch seamen and officers seeking improved working conditions and post-war social security have tied up Netherlands shipping on both the east and west coasts after four months of fruitless negotiations with their government.

The action was disclosed yesterday when the International Transport Workers federation notified the Netherlands ministry of industry, commerce and shipping at its New York office that 500 Dutch mariners had voted Monday night to refuse to take their ships to sea until an agreement was reached. Union spokesmen said the move

should not be considered a strike, asserting that the affected vessels—the number of which was not announced—would be loaded, worked and serviced as heretofore and that nothing would be done to interfere with shifting them within American harbors.

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