

Survey of Farm Labor Needs Made In Local District

The farm security administration is working on extensive plans to eliminate possible farm labor shortages in Oregon during the peak production season, Eugene Hampton, acting state specialist on year-around farm labor, reported here today.

Farm labor, he reports, is categorized in three groups: first, the labor available in the farm communities; second, the urban labor; and third, transient labor.

The U. S. employment service, he states, is the focal point for labor clearance. Farmers are requested to file all applications for labor at the employment office. If local labor can be found, placement will be made by that department. In the event the employment office cannot supply the needed labor, the case will be referred to the FSA, which will import workers. Arrangements have been made with the state vocational education department to train imported workers for specialized production jobs, Hampton reports.

Twenty-three families recently imported from Arkansas are proving of great aid in solving labor shortages in farms in Coos county, he reports. The experiment made in locating these families in Coos county has been so successful that 100 farm families are now being recruited in Arkansas and Missouri for transfer by the FSA to Oregon. They will be assigned to Oregon farms where needed. Local farmers will contract to pay the prevailing farm wages together with living quarters. The arrangements are worked out between the farmer who makes application and an FSA agent, Hampton explains.

Astoria Shipyards Hit By \$100,000 Blaze

ASTORIA, Ore., March 13.—(AP)—The main building of the Astoria-Warrenton shipyards was destroyed by fire of undetermined origin last night. O. R. McNall, company president, estimated loss at \$100,000.

Wings of the building and the ship ways, where built of two navy tugs are under construction, were saved by the Warrenton fire department and coast guardsmen.

State Employees Turn To Victory Gardening

BOISE, Idaho, March 13.—(AP)—Gov. C. A. Bottolfsen has faith in the ability of statehouse employees—as vegetable producers.

The 300 statehouse workers, he said, will add gardening to their duties, farming a victory plot near the Idaho prison.

The governor challenged county commissioners throughout the state to organize similar projects among their staffs and compete against the capitol employees.

State Press Comment

UMPQUA LEGEND BORNE BY ADVENT OF FLOWER

(Portland Oregonian)—The coming of the lamb-tongue prompted Mary Drain Albino to tell the story of an Indian nature myth that lingers in the pleasant valley of the Umpqua. This is a strange story because in it the serpent and the flower are entwined—like beautiful and alike tortoiseshell. It is said that the Indians of the Umpqua, when all the land was theirs, and all the deer and salmon, with never a cabin to mar the prospect, awaited anxiously each year, as the days drew on toward spring, for the lamb-tongues and garter snakes. For if the flower blossomed beside their trails before the serpent crept forth from hiding, there would be peace in the region for another cycle of seasons: peace and plenty. But if the serpent shimmered before the flower opened, then the tribes must resign themselves to the cheerless prospect of war and hunger.

Our teller of legends informs us—and we are glad that she did—that lamb-tongues blossomed as early as February 17 this season, but report of the first garter snake was March 1. And by way of verification we are told that a committee of descendants of Douglas county pioneers observed these omens on their own initiative. So it is that, if the belief of the original proprietors of the Umpqua country was well founded in its strange symbolism—that is, if the nature myth still has potency—peace will come to western Oregon this year and the harvest will be bountiful. But the old gods are dead, aren't they? It seems we have heard they are. Without intent to play havoc with the compelling illogic of aboriginal belief, and its confidence in natural omens, we can but remark that although the advent of the first lamb-tongue may be rather definitely determined, there is far less reason to

"Frosh" Congressmen Write FDR Party Story



Turning reporters for the night, Rep. James W. Fulbright (D-Ark.), former college president (left), and Rep. Harris Ellsworth (R-Ore.), publisher of the Roseburg News-Review, collaborate in writing the story of President Roosevelt's party at the White House for freshmen congressmen. (AP Teletext).

suppose that the first garter snake was observed. For it is a vast region, much of it untamed to this day, and naturalists know that the sun may sometimes rouse the slumbering serpent before it wakes the flowers. If the harmless, necessary garter snake has hibernated, according to the thermometer of its chill blood, on some sheltered southern hillside, it must wake when the sun summons it, though it be in mid-winter. True it may crawl back for another nap, but it will have been out before the lamb-tongues blossom.

Thus our editorial stance is somewhat confused. For we want to believe, as earnestly as ever the Umpqua Indians did, that the lamb-tongue blossomed this time before the garter snake shimmered—and we want to believe in the tribal corollary of this belief. Yet we can but conclude that the garter snake was up betimes, and that there is nothing worth salvaging from a nature myth, anyway. Except, of course much delight. But of this we are sure: Whether it be flower or serpent, it is more innocent than man. And of this also we are certain: Peace and plenty will come again in the fullness of providence.

Eugene High Loses Hoop Battle to St. Helens

SALEM, Ore., March 13.—(AP)—St. Helens won fourth place in the Oregon state high school basketball tournament today, defeating Eugene 35 to 24.

The strong St. Helens defense combined with poor shooting by the losers, held Eugene to only 3 points in each of the two final quarters.

Eugene started strong, building up a 10 to 5 lead by the end of the first period. But from there on, it was all St. Helens.

Around the County

Wilbur

WILBUR, March 13.—Mrs. Ed Russell and daughter, Leola, left Saturday for Newport to visit her mother, Mrs. Bruce, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Wells and family moved Friday on the ranch they recently purchased, near Cleveland.

Veva and Rosella Bridge visited their parents at West Fork over the week end.

Mrs. Virgil Smith and Mrs. Ralph Sands were visiting relatives in Oakland Wednesday.

Jim Hart of Coon Creek spent the week end visiting his family here.

Mrs. Lois Irving, who was quite sick with flu, is improving.

Mrs. A. H. Marsh, who is quite ill at her home, is reported to be improving.

Everett Parrin of Roseburg was visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Granville Nye Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will J. Dear-doff of Oakland were Wilbur visitors Wednesday.

Mrs. Frank Grubbe was calling on friends in Wilbur Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. McKay, Peoria, Mo., and Mrs. Charles Sands, Mrs. Ralph Loomis, Mrs. Mill Miller, were among those shopping and attending to other business in Roseburg Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Palmer and family spent Sunday at Elk-ton visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wells.

Mrs. W. E. Russell, who spent last week visiting friends in Oakland, returned to her home here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thronberg

of Portland arrived here Friday and spent the week end visiting Mrs. Jim Thronberg.

Dedication of a flag honoring the boys from Wilbur and vicinity who are in the service will be held at the Wilbur church Sunday, March 21, at 10 a. m.

An invitation is extended to all friends and relatives to be present at the service.

Riddle

RIDDLE, March 13.—Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Gilmore have returned to their home here after a stay of several months at Long Beach, California.

Mrs. Luther Bates and children, Robert, Walter and Evelyn were guests at the Arthur Bates home over last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Smith have gone to Empire, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Victor and Co. V. Longson were attending to business matters in Roseburg Monday.

G. E. Aikins has returned to his home here after spending several days at Leona, Ore., looking after his farm there.

Mrs. E. L. Pfaff, who is teaching at Green, spent last week end here at her home. She was unable to return to her school Monday on account of illness.

E. W. Riddle, chief observer of the Riddle lookout station, motored to Roseburg Sunday where he attended an interesting meeting of observers from all over the county.

Mrs. G. W. Huffman, who has been quite ill, is reported to be improving. C. M. Ackers is also reported on the sick list.

Mrs. George Sode and Mrs. Ethel Blundell were shopping in Roseburg Tuesday.

Mrs. Ida Burgoine was attending to business matters at Canyonville Wednesday morning.

Jack Cornutt, who is with the U. S. army stationed in southern California, visited relatives here Wednesday.

Mrs. Mildred Bassler, Red Cross nurse of Portland, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Nichols, this week.

Mrs. J. M. Lloyd and daughter, Bobbie, of Eugene are visiting at the C. M. Ackers home.

Mrs. Sarah Phillips returned to Roseburg Tuesday after spending several weeks at her farm home in the south end of the valley.

Mrs. J. Menkinney, who has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Russell, for several months left recently to return to her home at Rock Springs, Wyo.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hiles and daughter, Mrs. Shelley Hayes, drove to Portland Saturday evening to be with Mr. Hayes who underwent a major operation at St. Vincent hospital Saturday.

Mr. Hiles returned here Monday morning. Mrs. Hiles and Mrs. Hayes will remain in Portland until the patient is out of danger.

Mrs. Clara Mosthaf has purchased the cottage on Main street formerly owned by Paul Gary and will move there from her home on Ash Creek which she recently sold.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Nichols and daughter, Mrs. Carl Fisher, were in Roseburg Monday afternoon where Mr. Nichols received treatment for a shoulder and neck ailment.

Mrs. Ethel Blundell was called to Grants Pass last week by the death of her mother's brother, James Stearns. Mrs. Stearns will be remembered by many in southern Douglas county as he lived for many years at what is now known as Deer Park Inn, south of Canyonville. Mrs. Blundell was accompanied home by her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dyer of Grants Pass, who will remain with her for ten days.

Oil Firm Boosts Red Cross Fund

Describing the needs of the American Red Cross as greater than ever before, H. D. Collier, president of the Standard Oil company of California, today announced an \$85,000 contribution to the Red Cross drive in the seven western states, Alaska and the Hawaiian islands.

This contribution will be distributed throughout the west with all of the 330 communities in which there are Red Cross chapters receiving an allocated share. Coincident with this announcement Mr. Collier addressed a letter to the more than 20,000 company employees, suggesting that they individually also give as liberally as possible, explaining that "the impact of the war has forced the Red Cross to expand its facilities and personnel manifold to meet the demands upon it."

Posse Burns Cabin to Capture Slayer

FERDINAND, Idaho, March 13.—(AP)—William Behler, 37-year-old laborer, was charged by Pros. Atty. Wilbur Campbell yesterday with the first degree murder of John P. Gilbert, 49, store proprietor.

Behler was arrested by a posse which set fire to his cabin 11 miles from here yesterday morning after Gilbert was shot to death as he opened his store, Sheriff Bud Taylor reported.

Taylor said Behler confessed to breaking into the store because of hunger and of shooting the proprietor when he came inside.

Setbacks to Precede Victory, Eden Warns

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which he described as merely seeing new governments set up in the defeated countries and "trust us to luck."

Here and in London, the purpose of Eden's visit was seen as two-fold: (1) a general exchange of views with the president and his policy-making advisers, and (2) a thorough explanation of the best means of preparing for meetings between all the united nations governments for consideration of all aspects of the war and the problems arising out of it.

Crippled Children's Clinic Set in Roseburg

The annual crippled children's clinic for Douglas county will be held Tuesday, March 16, at the courthouse in Roseburg. It was announced today. The clinic will be conducted by Dr. Otis Aiken, orthopedic surgeon, and Miss Alice Bloom, orthopedic nurse, both from Portland, with the help of the members of the county health staff.

Between 40 and 50 Douglas county children have been listed for examination at the clinic, it was reported.

Examinations will start at 8:30 a. m. The clinic will continue throughout the day.

Issuance of Ration Books To Be Resumed Monday

PORTLAND, March 13.—(AP)—Ration boards will resume the issuance of coupon books 1 and 2 on Monday, Frederick F. Janney, district OPA operations officer, announced today.

The boards now have completed mailing out several No. 2 books which were not available for distribution during the initial registration period, he said.

Gov. Snell Puts Veto on Two "Unnecessary" Bills

SALEM, Ore., March 13.—(AP)—Governor Snell vetoed his first legislative bills yesterday, rejecting two measures which would have granted appeals from decisions of the department of agriculture and milk control board.

The governor said they were unnecessary, as adequate appeal rights are granted by existing law.

Vichy Sends Force to Crush Guerrilla Band

GENEVA, March 13.—(AP)—Guntire was plainly heard in this Swiss border city today from the French alpine region of Haute Savoie, where the Vichy government has sent 800 mobile guards, armored cars and machine-guns

in an effort to dislodge guerrillas opposing the German occupation. The guerrilla ranks were reported swelled by French youths of 20 to 23 seeking to escape forced labor with the Nazi organization on the Russian front.

Italians tightened border control today and made it difficult to obtain news from France.

Germans Gain Ground In Kharkov Battle

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by storm, killing 9,000 nazis, and also asserted that the enemy ruthlessly destroyed the ancient and historic Vyazma cathedral, once the headquarters of Napoleon.

The Germans yesterday said they evacuated the city without fighting "according to plan" and claimed they had spared the cathedral.

House Downs Proposal For \$25,000 Salary Top

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anese attack on Pearl Harbor; and, Permit salaries below the \$25,000, after taxes, level on that date to rise to that figure before they could be pegged.

The house action leaves unchanged the other general wartime wage controls.

Essen Again Strafed By Block-Busters

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five miles high under the bright sun and soon returned from the direction of Dieppe, indicating that their targets had been only a short distance inland.

An estimated 25 German planes attacked the coastal areas of northeast England during the night and a British communiqué said some damage and casualties resulted. One of the German planes was shot down.

Sousse, Tunis Blasted

Allied bombers blasted military objectives of Sousse and Tunis with fire-setting raids yesterday, attacking both land and sea transport of the axis as ground fighting on the Tunisian front dwindled again to patrolling.

"Our bombers made heavy attacks on the docks and railway yards at Sousse yesterday," the bulletin reported. "Many hits were seen on both targets and large fires were left burning."

"Objectives at Elfidaville were bombed by a formation of medium bombers. Other medium bombers attacked a convoy of motor barges making for Tunis and sank at least three of them. Six enemy aircraft were destroyed during these three operations."

"Last night our bombers attacked the docks at Tunis, starting a large fire."

In addition to these thrusts at enemy bases, fighter-bombers destroyed a number of vehicles on offensive sweeps in the Sedjenane area of north Tunisia and western desert air force bombers again attacked Rommel's positions in the Mareth line.

Altogether, Rommel has lost at least 52 tanks and 21 armored vehicles in two actions around the Mareth line in southern Tunisia, starting with his abortive thrusts in the Medenine sector last Saturday and continuing at Ksar Rhilane 45 miles behind the southern end of the 60-mile-long defense works on Thursday.

Despite these sharp wounds, frontline observers envisioned the ultimate defeat of axis Tunisian forces in terms of "months"—not weeks—and pointed out that so far the allies have established a clear-cut superiority only in the skies.

Moreover, dispatches said, Rom-

mel's forces still display a high state of morale, and Nazi pilots shot down last week cockily told RAF intelligence officers "we will be back in Tripoli soon."

In an order of the day, dated March 9, Gen. Eisenhower declared

that Rommel had been "once frustrated and twice defeated in his attempts to break the allied ring encircling him," and added: "Our armies will inexorably push him back to the sea and to destruction."

Notice to Patrons

Due to OPA regulations, we are forced to observe the following hours for the service of food:
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