

### Income Taxpayers Likely Have Seen Their Last Relief

#### No Discount Can Be Expected For Many Years

By ERIC W. ALLEN, JR. SALEM, Aug. 2 (UP)—Chances are 1944-45 year the last fiscal year in a long time during which income taxpayers in Oregon will not have to pay the full amount of the income tax levy.

Two years ago there was a 75 percent discount on the amount to be paid, last year it was 30 percent, and the state tax commission announced this week there will be no forgiveness on income taxes for the current year.

**Made Cut**  
The commission, following a conservative policy, estimated total income tax revenues, as of June 30, 1944, will amount to \$23,491,548. Most of this will go to offset property taxes.

Requirement of the state government has been adjusted to \$24,372,235. The commission, in compiling the list of requirements, found that something would have to be cut, or requirements might exceed income, if income estimates were high.

So two cuts were made—one the \$3,000,000 state and county school fund, and the other the rebate payment to taxpayers, both of which were at the bottom of the preferred list of requirements payable.

**Must be Paid**  
This total represents what must be paid for out of income taxes. The tax commission estimated this amount, and no more, can be taken care of safely by receipts, leaving a probable carry-over surplus of about \$4,119,213 at the end of the year. This carry-over, however, cannot be counted upon without question.

Because, with income taxes due to drop, and the additional burden of the \$7,000,000 building fund, the \$3,000,000 additional to the school support fund for this year only, and the new veterans benefits, the commission figured that it was impossible to have a 1945-46 rebate, or the state and county school fund.

### P-59 Loafs 130 Miles in Only 19 Minutes

By TED MORELLO  
McCHORD FIELD, Wash., Aug. 2 (UP)—Major James H. Thorne, who "loafed" the 130 air miles from Portland to McChord Field in 19 minutes, swooped his P-59 aircraft through a series of smoking variations yesterday in the northwest's first public demonstration of a jet-propelled plane.

Some 5,000 visitors watched the aerial demonstration, top feature on McChord's program marking the 38th anniversary of the army air forces.

"I can't reveal how fast the P-59 goes," the pilot said, "but I loafed from Portland to McChord in 19 minutes."

A veteran of the eighth air force in England, Thorne said he had been on the receiving end of jet-propelled German fighters.

"The German jet jobs were far superior to our conventional combat ships," he said, "but I'd like to try it over again from the cockpit of our jet-propelled planes."

The single-seated P-59 is the propellerless counterpart of the P-39 Aircobra, although somewhat larger. Air drawn into two vents at the leading edge of the wing near the fuselage is expelled at approximately 1,000 miles an hour from two 10-inch tubes at the wing's trailing edge.

**PILOT BREAKS LEG**  
ASTORIA, Aug. 2 (UP)—Capt. George F. Erbe, Columbia river bar pilot at Astoria, was convalescing today from a freak accident which broke both his legs.

Captain Erbe was boarding a ship outside the Columbia river and the pilot's boarding boat crushed him against the other vessel.

There are two persons named Smith for every one named Brown in England.

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### Coal Miners Need Extra Meat Rations to Fill Dinner Pails

By S. BURTON HEATH  
NEA Staff Correspondent  
ST. CLAIRSVILLE, O., — The only way a coal miner can fill his dinner bucket is by taking the meat away from his wife and two children. Even that provides only the miner's noon meal. It leaves nothing for breakfast, supper or the week-end.

The OPA has belatedly recognized the need to provide extra meat and other foods for coal miners by announcing that extra ration points will be granted them. But the OPA program is not yet under way, and in the meantime, miners engaged in hard physical labor must get by on short rations.

The miner's breakfast, when he could get the food, used to include plenty of bacon, ham or frequently beefsteak. The scale of such breakfasts can be judged by the experience of Stanley Senek, now manager of the Hanna coal company's Willow Grove store, when he was a delivery boy. He used to sell as much as a ton of bacon to his 300 customers in one order-taking round, when there was a special to be pushed.

**Husky Meals**  
For dinner the miner carries a tin bucket the size of a small water pail. In it, before the war, he used to have up to eight or nine sandwiches, each with about two ounces of meat. Sometimes there would be also a couple of pork chops or a hunk of ham, in addition to a few nickel pies or some other pastry.

That may seem, to an executive or office-worker or machine operator, like a lot of lunch. It is. The miner is a husky man and he does heavy work, which is why he has that magnificent torso combined with a waist so small that often he can't wear ready-made clothing.

No sooner does the miner climb into the coal car that is to carry him from pit mouth to mining face than he is liable to open up the bucket and start munching. Occasionally a bucket will be emptied before the day's work is even commenced. More often the miner eats a snack every now and then, whenever there is a dull work moment, from the time he enters the portal until his bucket is emptied. By the time he finishes a day's work he is hungry enough to eat a side of beef, so in pre-war days he used to go home and dine on a beef or pork or ham roast.

Senek says that before meat was rationed the mining family of four or five persons would average three pounds of meat a day; and, in addition, a chicken, a couple of pounds of fish, three or four dozen eggs and two pounds of butter each week.

Now the miner, his wife and each child are entitled to 50 red points worth of meat, or six pounds, a month. If a family of four ate no butter or margarine, used no cooking fat, served no meat at all on the home table, its points would just suffice to give "the old man" his daily pound of meat in the dinner bucket.

Experts say that the minimum of meat a miner requires, to provide strength for his type of work, would be half a pound, which would make four miner-proportioned sandwiches in each dinner bucket. That alone would take all the points provided for a miner and his wife.

That is the background against which OPA has agreed with the miner and his employers that he is entitled—at least as much as lumbermen and fishermen—to supplementary red points for meat.

When meat shortage arrived the Hanna company had a herd of nice fat Hereford steers, procured for the express purpose of providing meat to company stores for benefit of their employees. In 1944 the company had

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Oversized dinner pails are carried by miners as they get ready for their day's work. Their diet has been hit by meat shortage.

two steers butchered each week. This added 180 steaks, 82 roasts, 44 stew cuts, 10 soup bones and 716 hamburgers to the supply procurable from packing houses.

Then the licensed slaughterer who did the butchering, in return for the hides, was shut down temporarily by OPA. The company found another, who did the job for almost two months and then failed to get a new license when the government required re-registration of such businesses.

**Butcher Wanted**  
Now there is nobody around who will butcher the Hanna steers on a basis that complies with OPA regulations. The company cannot obtain a license because it did not slaughter in 1941, Aud in a pasture at the foot of the hill below Cadiz, whence Clark Gable started his climb to fame by way of a traveling carnival, 61 sleek, chunky steers—5400 steaks on the hoof, plus 2501 soups, 1342 stews, 305 bowls of roast and 21,838 hamburgers—live their well-fed lives. Miners protested: "We can't do work like this on peanut butter and apple jelly," and their wives wailed: "We don't get any meat, because we give it all to the old man."

The companies expressed concern because, with inadequate manpower, they do not expect to be able to produce the minimum of industrial coal that is needed for the war effort. If their remaining men are not better fed, they fear that production will fall off even further.

**No ONE INJURED**  
LONDON, Aug. 2 (UP)—A U.S. army transport plane, carrying a group of American correspondents who are accompanying President Truman, made an emergency landing today at an American airfield in Dorsetshire. No one was injured in the landing.

**Girl Recovers \$90 She Left on Bus**

SALEM, Aug. 2 (UP)—The girl—a hopyard worker—climbed off the bus and watched it leave. Suddenly she remembered her purse, containing \$90, was still on the bus.

Frantically she phoned police. The police radioed a patrol car. The car gave chase to the bus and stopped it. The purse lay on the seat, untouched. A few moments later the girl had the purse back again—the \$90.

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### Railroad Men In Army Will Help Relieve Jam

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 (UP)—A two point program aimed at breaking the nation's railroad jam was announced today by the war department.

It called for:  
1. Discharge of several thousand experienced railroad workers from the army to relieve the manpower shortage, particularly on western roads.

2. Use of army planes and pilots in redeploying troops across the country. This phase, which will take care of 25,000 soldiers a month, will be handled by commercial airlines although army aircraft and personnel will be used.

The department's decision to release experienced railroad men marked a reversal of its former stand and followed demands of congress and the office of defense transportation.

Undersecretary of war Robert P. Patterson said 1,362 high point men with railroad experience will have been released by Aug. 10 and 2,983 others will be returned from Europe as soon as possible.

In addition, three railway operating battalions, 3,400 men, will sail for this country from Europe next month and 2,600 more will return during October, November and December. Those with enough points will be separated promptly.

**Prisoners to Help In Oregon Harvest**

CORVALLIS, Aug. 2 (UP)—Additional prisoners of war will solve some of the crop harvest labor shortages from stopping of recruiting of Mexican nationals, Oregon State college extension service announced today.

It is expected there will be a shortage of 1,300 Mexican farm workers in Oregon late in August. Offsetting this number will be prospects for 500 more prisoners of war than previously planned and the possibility of "borrowing" 600 Mexicans from Washington and California.

J. R. Beck, state farm labor supervisor in the extension service, said he had been promised the 500 additional prisoners of war to work in the Marion and Polk county hop yards. Another 500 prisoners will be used in the Medford pear harvest from Aug. 15 to Sept. 15. There are about 750 now at work in Malheur county, who will be retained.

The Sept. 1 allocation of Mexicans in Oregon was about 5,000, Beck said, with about 3,750 now working in the state.

### City News In Brief

**TWO ARRESTED:** Glen Graham was arrested by city police last night on charge of being drunk. Jewel E. Harmon, transient, was arrested early this morning on a similar charge. Both men are being held for appearance in city court today.

**PLAN PICNIC:** Blue Mountain grange will hold its annual August picnic Sunday at Pioneer park on Catherine creek. The picnic will start around noon.

**TO PORTLAND:** Jack W. Hale, field operations officer for the OPA, left for Portland this morning on business. He will return Sunday.

**COURT MEETING:** County court is now auditing and allowing bills at its regular monthly meeting in the courthouse. The court is composed of County Judge C. K. McCormick, and Commissioners Chris Johnson and Herbert Speckhart.

**SON BORN:** Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Houston of La Grande have announced the birth of a son, Howard W., to their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Houston of Portland, on July 25. Both parents are known here and the mother is the former Marjorie Mattoon of this city.

**rites Set:** Funeral services for Charles Nordeen, Pendleton, retired section boss, will be held at 2 p. m. Friday, in Pendleton at Paulson Undertaking Parlors. Nordeen is an old timer in the vicinity and owned considerable land and property, including the store, around Kamela.

**TWO HELD HERE:** Two unidentified persons, one a man of about 35 years of age, and the other a 17-year-old girl, were lodged in the city jail and a local hotel, respectively, Tuesday night, officially in the custody of William L. Roehler, sheriff of Martin county, Minnesota. They had been arrested in Washington.

**VISIT IN EAST:** Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Pierson left today in their Piper coupe plane for a visit with relatives in York, Neb.

### Lynn Citizens Will 'Ignore' Freighter

LYNN, Mass., Aug. 2 (UP)—Citizens of Lynn were up in arms today because a freighter instead of a cruiser is to be named for their city.

Myce Linn C. Frawley said he intended to "ignore completely" the naming of the SS Lynn Victory, a freighter named for the north shore city, Aug. 13 at Baltimore. He also said he had rejected a maritime commission request for \$400 to provide a library for the vessel.

**14 Members of Sub Crew Held Prisoners**

BELLE GLADE, Fla., Aug. 2 (UP)—Fourteen crew members of the German submarine U-530, which was surrendered to Argentine officials early in July, were in custody of prisoners of war camp authorities here today.

A navy plane brought the Germans, still in Nazi uniform, to this country yesterday, only a few weeks after they sailed into Mar Del Plata in Argentina. The remainder of the U-530 crew will be flown here to become prisoners of war, according to an army announcement.

### Shanghai Prices Still Climbing

CHUNGKING, Aug. 2 (UP)—Prices in Shanghai have skyrocketed to the point where a glass of brandy costs 200,000 puppet Chinese dollars, Central news agency reported today.

A preserved California orange brings 500,000 dollars and the first bowl of rice in a restaurant sells for approximately 1,600 dollars. By the time the customer is ready to eat the second bowl of rice, the price has climbed to 1,800 dollars.

Enemy troops pawn their possessions—even pistols—to obtain money for "wine and feasting," while Japanese army truck drivers hire out their trucks to Chinese smugglers.

**WOOD WORKERS MEET**  
PORTLAND, Aug. 2 (UP)—About 12 members of the executive board of the international wood workers of America, CIO, today began a three-day session to discuss administrative problems of the union.

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