

Total Tax in County Off This Year

Japs Will Sign Surrender Terms Aug. 31

MacArthur to Meet Foe on Battle Wagon in Tokyo Bay

MANILA, Aug. 23—(Thursday)—(UP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced early today that the surrender of Japan will be signed aboard the battleship Missouri in Tokyo bay Aug. 31.

MacArthur revealed all Japanese shipping has been ordered to remain at its present location in preparation for surrender to the allies. Japanese submarines are to remain surfaced and fly a black flag.

The announcement said MacArthur will accompany airborne forces which will land at the Atsugi airdrome in the Tokyo area Aug. 28. Simultaneously naval and marine forces will land in the vicinity of the Yokosuka naval base.

Permits Flights

MacArthur ordered all Japanese military, naval and civil aircraft grounded but in response to a special appeal from Tokyo gave his permission for a minimum number of flights on urgent missions.

The outline of the occupation planes was given as huge fleets of C-54 transports and other large aircraft hastily mobilized from army airbases and combat regions all over the world and assembled on Okinawa airstrips ready to carry the occupation troops to Japan.

To Report

"Weather permitting," MacArthur's announcement said, "airborne forces accompanying the supreme commander for the allied powers will land at Atsugi. See MACARTHUR . . . Page 5

Army Reduces Number to Be Sent to East

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22 (UP)—The army is scaling down the number of troops to be sent to the Pacific by 60 to 75 percent. Best estimates are, that not more than one-fourth to one-third of the 16 divisions originally destined for Pacific service will be sent.

Meanwhile, the army will put into effect a policy of redeploying only young men with low point scores. It is up to General MacArthur to make the final decision. His requirements, it was pointed out, will depend in part on conditions he encounters inside Japan.

European veterans of the 86th and 95th divisions have been objecting to Japanese occupation duty. The White House has referred their complaints to the war department.

These divisions, already assembled for transportation to the Pacific, have been screened to remove all men with 75 or more points, the war department said. In addition, all men over 37 have been removed.

The army also plans to apply this formula to the two to four other divisions now expected to be sent to the Pacific. It may lower the age limit even further. The same plan is being applied to air forces and service units.

Meanwhile, Pacific commanders were not looking too favorably on the screening process. They contend removal of high point men lowers the efficiency of their outfits.

Divisions previously earmarked for the Pacific:

97th, 81st, 104th, 4th, 78th, 5th, 2nd, 44th, 13th armored, 28th, 45th, 13th airborne, 30th, and 10th mountain.

Russians Reject Election Proposal Of U. S., British

LONDON, Aug. 22 (UP)—Soviet government organ Izvestia said today Russia flatly rejected proposals by the western allies for allied supervision of elections in liberated countries. Such supervision, Izvestia said, would constitute unwarranted interference with sovereignty.

The Izvestia dispatch was relayed from Moscow as the United States, Britain and France prepared to supervise elections in Greece. Britain and the United States also had protested to Bulgaria against her arrangements for elections next Monday.

The dispatch marked the first authoritative disclosure of Russian policy on the matter and disclosed a serious split between the eastern and western allies.

A British note yesterday said flatly Britain will be "unable to recognize as democratic any Bulgarian government formed as result of the elections" in that country.

U. S. secretary of state James Byrnes said Monday the United States also was not "satisfied" that the Bulgarian election arrangements will permit all elements to participate.

Eugene Realtors Plan To Build Houses For Vets

EUGENE, Ore., Aug. 22 (UP)—A plan of 10 Eugene real estate men to build 10 houses and sell them at cost to returning Lane county servicemen was disclosed here.

Construction of the homes on city-owned lots purchased without commission, will be handled by foremen and building tradesmen with no contractors profits to add to the cost. The houses will be built to sell for less than \$6,000 with sponsoring dealers taking no profits. When sold, the homes will be finished complete to gardens and landscaping. All work will be done by union labor at union scale.

The realty board hopes that 10 or 15 more real estate dealers will sponsor similar projects in the area, Kinne said. Realtors believe that construction in groups of 10 or more houses will save between 10 and 15 percent of the total cost. A recent U. S. employment service survey indicated a need for nearly 550 homes in the Eugene-Springfield area.

Sparks From Smithy Cause False Alarm

Under the cspreading garage roof the modern smith stood, while smoke and sparks from the forge alarmed passers-by—alarmed them to such an extent that they called the fire department.

With sirens wailing, firemen raced to 2103 Cedar street, where Clyde L. Sullivan was calmly going about his blacksmithing. Then, with sirens silent, firemen went back to the station.

One Way to Get 'Last Word'

SEATTLE, Aug. 22 (UP)—Earl Victor Hartley, 47, who confessed to decapitating his 53-year-old wife in a pasture with a head-hunter's knife Aug. 12, lived with the victim in a 200-foot chicken coop although Mrs. Hartley was worth more than \$10,000, authorities said today.

Weird aspects of the Hartley's home life, studied with "bola bioges" during which Hartley said "I'ds and I fight with knives" and sometimes pistols,

Fires Halt Logging in 2 States

PORTLAND, Aug. 22 (UP)—Bad fire weather closed down logging operations in western Oregon and Washington today as the northwest faced a new outbreak of forest fires.

A thousand soldiers and several hundred loggers rushed new defense lines at the west and south of the revived Wilson river fire on the Tillamook burn. Low humidity and high temperatures brought two major outbreaks.

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A new fire broke out in southern Washington county near the Yamhill line up Chehalis mountain, and is reported to have spread from 500 to 700 acres south of Hillsboro.

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Speaker Indicts Flabby, Fearful, Misguided, Useless American Foreign Policy Since Close of World War One

Mere membership in a world organization will not keep the peace for America, Robert Nicholson, professor of history at Bucknell university junior college, Wilkes Barre, Pa, told teachers at Eastern Oregon college of education Tuesday.

As a matter of fact, he said, unless Americans of the generation which will come into power about 1960 or '65 are taught properly, there will be a tendency to slip back into the old methods of isolationism and treaties, all of which have failed and will fail.

Nicholson described as flabby and fearful of facing facts the American official and public at-

titude toward foreign affairs during the '20s and '30s. American failure to help the league of nations led to French treaty policy, which in turn led to Germany's forming its own organization, the axis, and ringing France on three sides with hostile powers, Italy, Spain and Germany.

Wouldn't Use Power

Americans refused not only to join the league but also to use its balance of power. Our policies in disarmament, he said, were unrealistic and actually gave the Japanese equality with us and the British. They were based on the idea Japan would work with the rest of the world

—which was proved false.

We were afraid, he asserted, when Japan invaded Manchuria in 1931, we should lose trade if we protested; this gave Hitler and Mussolini the cue to do as they did, knowing they could actually get away with murder; and while the democratic powers might scream and yell, actually they would do nothing.

Helped Hitler

America contributed to the rape of Spain by refusing to sell munitions to belligerents—France could get all the help he needed from Italy and Germany, said Nicholson.

America contributed to the

rape of Ethiopia by failing to impose oil sanctions against Italy, in still another way encouraging Hitler to do his worst.

Americans were deceived by thinking the Germany of Potsdam and the Junkers was the Germany of Bach, Goethe, Beethoven and Schiller, Nicholson declared.

Americans felt they had been deceived when they went out to make the "world safe for democracy." Actually, the heads of state knew if Germany won in 1917, American safety in the Atlantic would be threatened, according to Nicholson.



TAKE OCCUPATION ORDERS TO HIROHITO—Maj. Gen. Charles A. Willoughby, chief of intelligence on Gen. MacArthur's staff, receives credentials from members of the 16-man Japanese surrender arrangements delegation at headquarters in Manila. Lt. Gen. Torashiro Kawabe, (second from right) is vice chief of imperial staff, leader of the Jap delegation.

Granger Sees Boom for Farms

PORTLAND, Aug. 22 (UP)—Oregon's agricultural industry will boom in the post-war era if problems of freight rates and labor costs can be properly handled.

While making that sobering prediction today, Morton Tompkins of Dayton, state grange master, stated Oregon has a bright future agriculturally, but he caustically added "we are going to have to start thinking in terms of world market and when we do that, we must keep in mind freight rates and labor costs will be generally against us."

Absorb 15,000

He said he is anxious to see whether Oregon's processed fruits and vegetables will be able to stay on the eastern markets.

"If we continue with our present distribution of fruits and vegetables, we'll go away ahead of where we were before the war," Tompkins said.

At the same time, director Ervin L. Peterson of the state department of agriculture said he believed with qualifications the agriculture industry can absorb approximately 15,000 workers—returning service men and discharged workers.

Peterson chimed in with Tompkins in praise of Oregon's advances in the processed fruit and vegetable field.

Both men agreed the variety of crops obtainable in Oregon make it a natural for a greatly expanded frozen-foods industry.

Tompkins said the entire industry is keeping an eye on the

frozen foods field, believing it may prove a rich asset.

He warned many persons interested in buying farms should not do so without first making investigation. He pointed out modern farming is a highly skilled and specialized business.

Peterson said the trend is toward small, "family type" farms.

Chinese Say Japs Attempt to Save Many Heavy Goods

CHUNGKING, Aug. 22 (UP)—Chinese underground sources today reported feverish Japanese efforts to improve the situation inside Japan before the allied landings.

The Japanese were reported buying as much heavy armament as possible.

The Tokyo government was said to be disbanding the largest possible number of regular troops and reservists, to let the allies find only a small army.

All the metals, which up to now were concentrated around Japanese arsenals, have been widely distributed among private homes. Heavy industries were reported being shifted rapidly to lighter work, and shore fortifications have been rapidly dismantled.

Beef Points Will Be Reduced Soon

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22 (UP)—The home front picture today: Meat—Red point values of beef to be substantially reduced Sept. 3; some ration-free meats in 30 days or so, but ham and pork to continue on ration list.

Automobiles—Price ceilings for new cars near 1942 levels to be announced shortly.

Nylon—All restrictions off nylon production; order preventing use of nylon in stockings to be revoked shortly.

Rayon—Controls removed, and shorts still scarce.

Half Lend-Lease Obligations May Be Canceled Out

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22 (UP)—All authoritative evidence indicated today the United States may cancel more than half the obligations incurred by allied nations under lend-lease.

That is supported by statements of the late President Roosevelt and President Truman in their quarterly reports to congress, and by statements of senate and house foreign relations committees.

Air Officers With 36-70 Points Out

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 22 (UP)—The fourth air force today revealed it has received orders from Washington to discharge officers with points ranging from 36 to 70. The new discharge system presumably applies to army air force officers throughout the United States, fourth air force officers said.

Home Ec Judging Contest Planned

County wide home economics judging contest for all girls enrolled in 4-H club work is scheduled for 10 a. m. Sept. 20, the second day of the 4-H club fair, it was announced today.

Request for a county home economics judging contest came from 4-H club girls and their leaders who had attended the state 4-H summer school at Corvallis. During the two-week school they had a state contest, and the girls felt they needed additional instruction in judging.

All projects now being carried in Union county, such as canning, cooking, sewing, nutrition, table setting, "our home," and child

4-H Girls in Cooking, Canning, Sewing

care will be judged.

Awards, as yet undetermined, will be given.

Demonstration teams will have an opportunity of being judged, with the contest started at 1 p. m. Sept. 20. Awards will be given to the county winners of canning, cooking, "our home," child care, and sewing.

County style review is scheduled for 3 p. m. with all girls enrolled in sewing 2, 3, 4, and 5, eligible for competition. Pins will be awarded to the winners in each division, it was announced, and those eligible for state competition will be selected from the county championship winners.

Rotary Hears Discussion of Post War Era

Moral, legal, financial and industrial problems facing this nation and its people were discussed today in panel forum during the regular weekly meeting of the La Grande Rotary club.

Introduced by H. E. Dixon, program chairman, the panel opened with Circuit Court Judge R. J. Green, who limited his points of view to the problems of inflation and, from a jurist's conception, the problems of the divorce courts.

H. A. Zurbrick, banking member, discussed the problems of finance and inflation and declared that much work and effort lies before the people of this nation, but said that with intelligence, we will be able to solve our economic, political and social difficulties.

Rev. Logan Pruitt of the Methodist church believes the horror of war lies in its wastefulness and in its waste of human life. See ROTARIANS . . . Page 5

Brownell Attacks Reconversion of Party In Power

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22 (UP)—Home front political wars started today when the republican party charged the administration with "fumbling" reconversion and predicted republican control of congress in the 1946 elections.

Herbert Brownell, jr., chairman of the republican national committee, returned from a cross-country tour with the assertion the country is tired of the "incompetency, waste and carelessness" of the democrat party.

Brownell's tour was devoted chiefly to the 11 western states where he conferred with more than 10,000 leaders.

Republicans in congress, and some democrats as well, have been clamoring for a "sensible and effective reconversion program." Brownell charged in the state of Washington the democrat administration is discriminating against returning veterans who had been active in republican politics.

Salary Rule Lifted To Permit Increase

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22 (UP)—The bureau of internal revenue today modified its salary stabilization rules to permit limited increases in salaries, bonuses, commissions, fees, incentive pay and other types of compensation.

The modification, in accordance with a presidential order issued last Saturday, applies to all salaries in excess of \$5,000 and to salaries below that figure paid to executives, administrators and professional workers who are not members of labor unions.

Portlander Wants Emperor's White Horse For Tour

PORTLAND, Aug. 22 (UP)—Emperor Hirohito's white horse may tour America for charity if a plan cabled today to Gen. Douglas MacArthur by Joe Fisher, Portland motor car dealer, is oked by the supreme allied command.

But first, Fisher declared, "We've got to give Admiral Halsey his long-awaited ride on the emperor's stallion."

Fisher asked MacArthur for a loan of \$5,000 to buy the horse to take on a tour of the United States.

Preview of the Union county tax picture for 1945-46 reveals the fact the taxes and rates are about the same as usual except for a period of a couple of years ago when many unpaid back taxes came in and cut the current levies.

Taxes levied for all purposes in the county for the fiscal year are \$664,575.03, figures furnished by Lee Reynolds, county assessor, show; last year the total was \$698,444.70.

Lower Now

La Grande taxes are down this year than last year, \$89,540.60 compared to \$102,260 last year. These figures include county, city and school taxes.

Figures for other towns in the county:

	1945-46	1944-45
Union	\$7,378	\$7,689
Elgin	4,352	4,109
North Powder	1,715	2,092
Cove	929	924
Imbler	328	297
Island City	522	437
Summerville	199	200

General county fund taxes this year are slightly lower than last year, \$108,411 compared to \$113,027; road fund taxes for 1945-46 are up slightly, \$17,452 compared to \$17,375. The market road fund is larger, \$43,293 to \$27,349. The total rate is only slightly larger, 12.1 for the current year to 11.4 last year.

Rate Lower

Total rate in the city of La Grande this year is 53 mills, compared to the total rate here last year of 60.9. Others are Union, \$2.9 and 58.6; Elgin, 35.2 and 56.8; North Powder, 34.7 and 33.9; Cove, 34.9 and 35.5; Imbler, 33.9 and 29.6; Island City, 30.8 and 26.9; Summerville, 32.6 and 31.1.

In school district taxes, Elgin fell off in the rate from 31.1 last year to 7.9 this year, which was due to the consolidation of 10 districts with the Elgin district.

Total taxable valuation fell off from \$17,875,663 to \$17,845,540 this year. There was not much change in the values of taxable acres but the number decreased slightly from 169,671 to 169,117.

Farming implements, timber lands, city improvements and lots and merchandise and stocks in trade remained about the same.

Pay Nov. 15

Value of cattle in the county fell off to \$682,905 from \$781,075, although the numbers increased from 23,249 to 24,491. This reflected the decrease in the number of older animals and increase in the number of younger animals.

Taxes are due Nov. 15, but the books are not yet ready for collection of taxes, Reynolds said. The records will be turned over to the sheriff's office for collection of the taxes in October or early November, after which county officers will be ready to receive payments.