

### Oregon Ups Food Production While Crop Prices Rise

Tangible evidence of adjustments in Oregon's agriculture toward national food-for-defense and nutritional program goals is contained in a review of the current farm situation just issued by the extension service at O.S.C. The report also shows that the farms over the nation as a whole are expected to produce abundantly with increases being registered in many of the defense and nutrition commodities such as meat, milk, eggs, and certain truck crops and fruits.

Outstanding among Oregon's contributions toward the national food program are the expanded output of canned products, particularly green beans and peas. Oregon's production of green beans for processing is expected to reach 20,500 tons this year, compared with 15,000 in 1940. Green pea production is estimated at 35,170 tons of shelled peas. The official figures of the U. S. department of agriculture place Oregon as the first state in the nation in volume of green beans for processing in 1941 and third in green peas. Both of these industries have grown rapidly during a period of years, but the increase this year is particularly noteworthy. The green bean industry is centered on irrigated lands in the Willamette valley, while green pea production has attained prominence on good non-irrigated lands largely in Umatilla county.

Further gains in the general farm price level have been made during the past month, bringing the Oregon index somewhat above 85 per cent of the 1926-1930 average level. Farm prices are now more than 20 per cent higher than the general average a year ago. Among the important factors which have helped to boost farm price levels are the current high rate of industrial employment and income of consumers, higher government loan rates on basic farm commodities, and the food-for-defense buying operations of the government.

The sharp advance in farm prices has occurred despite large stocks on hand of many items and the prospect for increased production this year. Farm costs are advancing also, although not as rapidly thus far as the prices for many kinds of farm products. The index of prices paid by farmers, interest, and taxes at mid-June stood at 130 per cent of the 1910-1914 level, only two points higher than a year before. Farm wage rates have advanced more rapidly and there are indications that other farm costs may be affected by the current trend toward general price inflation.

Relative farm price levels at mid-June in the United States, in percentage of the 1910-1914 levels were: Meat animals 144 up 42 points from a year ago, dairy products 126 up 22 points, chickens and eggs 118 up 37 points, truck crops 146 up 34 points, fruit 97 down 7 points, grains 96 up 13 points, and cotton and cottonseed 107 up 13 points.

### Mosby Creek

Mrs. May Horn of Bay Center, Washington, spent several days last week at the Harry Castle home. Mrs. Horn is a sister of Mrs. Castle.

G. W. Hooker is conducting services every evening at the Blue Mt. church.

Herold Jones left Sunday for Fall Creek to attend the 4-H club summer camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Allen and son Richard of Cottage Grove spent the week end at the Roy Kennedy home.

Charles Teel of Los Angeles visited his daughter, Mrs. Joe Stewart, several days last week.

Don and Leslie Greer of Cottage Grove visited several days last week with Gene Overton.

Monty Wright of Cottage Grove visited last week at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kennedy.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Johnson and children of Culp Creek spent Sunday at the Doc Pitcher home.

### Crater Lake, Fabled Battleground of Indian Gods, Discovered Cool Retreat From Heat of Valleys



Sky-high Crater lake remains one of Oregon's outstanding tourist attractions. Last year its deep blue waters and rugged scenery drew 252,000 tourists, a figure 1941 may exceed.

This is one of a series of motorized made through co-operation of The Oregonian and the Oregon State Motor association describing visits to interesting areas of the Pacific northwest. The complete article will appear in The Oregonian's Sunday magazine July 29.

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Irvin S. Cobb, Bluegrass humorist, visited Crater lake by horse and buggy 20 years ago—and wild horses couldn't drag him back.

He was firm in his objections: "Beauty, certainly there's beauty there—a fantastic sort of beauty. But it isn't restful. I just can't imagine resting in the shadow of that grandeur."

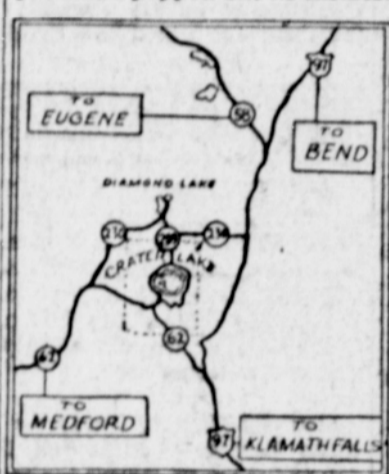
To easy-going Cobb, whom we met in Bend, restfulness pictures a shaded veranda and a mint julep, and, by that definition restfulness is something sky-high Crater lake "just ain't got."

But we were not looking for that kind of restfulness. And neither, if we may judge, were the 252,000 persons who set last year's record attendance figure at the park. Year in, year out, Crater lake has been Oregon's outstanding tourist attraction. Adamant Mr. Cobb votes with the minority.

Driving the well-known white travel car to the Oregon State Motor association we reached Crater lake after a night spent at Diamond lake, 14 miles north. Hrs "ringing" from the rapid ascent to the lake rim, we encountered eight-foot snow banks at the north entrance, pleasant contrast to the July heat of the valleys.

Cobb's criticism had set for us the objective of learning why Crater lake would be the magnet for close to 300,000 tourists this year. At the Rim village, as the cluster of park buildings on the south side of the crater is called, we found

a Sunday crowd of several hundred—and there wasn't a veranda-sitter in the bunch. At Sinnott memorial, rough stone building whose parapet commands a view of the lake, Dr. Wayne Karchner, one of the park's seven ranger-naturalists, held the attention of a throng with an explanation of how the lake came into being. Like a great corn-popper, the peak had popped out its insides.



Fine new highways now lead to Crater lake, as this map shows.

Gases, gathering pressure in the mountain's hellish innards, saturated the liquid magma then expelled it in a great shower of rock "fluff," found today in the form of pumice as far as 100 miles from the lake. After the explosion the mountain "boiled over," sending torrents of smoking froth down the valleys; and then the shell of the peak fell into its own cauldron and was melted.

But then, of course, there is the Klamath Indian legend—and one may believe it if he wishes—that the lake was created in a titanic struggle be-

tween Liao, the god of the underworld, and Skell, the god of living things. The legend is preserved today in the names of Liao rock, a prominence on the south rim of the lake which the Indians believed was the god's throne; and Skell's head, another rocky protrusion.

Crater lake's fantastic blue color (which led its discoverer, John Wesley Hillman, who stumbled upon it in 1853, to call it Deep Blue lake) evokes more questions from tourists than any other feature.

Ranger Herb Armentrout attributed the color to the purity of the water, its great depth (Crater lake, plumed at 2000 feet, is the deepest lake on the North American continent and the fourth deepest lake in the world) and the reflection of the sky.

Sole law officers in the national parks, rangers are guardians not only of the park's natural beauty but also of the tourists who put themselves in their custody during their visit—and the humans can get themselves into plenty of scrapes. Like the three Virginia lads who tried to climb down the steep crater wall and found themselves in a spot where they could neither descend farther nor climb back out... It took rangers from 7:30 one evening until 5:45 the next evening to extricate them, and that at great risk to themselves.

New highways into this high Cascade region have made for swift access. Where Irvin Cobb visited Crater lake by horse and buggy 20 years ago, and where even youngsters like us recall the dirt and gravel roads of ten years back, broad highways—the equal of any in the state—now lead.

### Latham

Miss Jean Yearous left Saturday for Washington where she will make an extended visit with relatives in Vancouver and Chehalis.

The Max Buffington family and the L. A. Yearous family spent Sunday at Bohemia.

Alyce Trunnell returned home Sunday after attending 4-H camp at Fall Creek.

W. T. Garoutte left Sunday for a week's visit at the home of his son Nelson at McKenzie Bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gridley and son of Sisters and Mrs. Rogerson of Bend spent the week end at the W. T. Garoutte home.

Eldon Walker accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Oral McLaughlin to Diamond Lake where they had a successful fishing week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Porter and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Young, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Lebow and Johnny Bennette spent Sunday picnicking on Row river.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Buffington and son left Monday for a week's visit in Hugo with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fry of Newport and Mrs. Katie Ewing were Sunday evening visitors at the A. E. Walker home.

Mrs. Margaret Fry and two

youngest sons formerly of this community are spending the summer in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Mads Overgaard have purchased the Lizzie Green place where they live.

### Lorane

Mrs. Anne Deane and Steve Lewis of Corvallis were recent visitors at the Harry Farrar home.

Doughty brothers are baling hay, for several of the farmers in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Wilson and son and Mrs. Wilson's mother, Mrs. Johnston, from San Diego, California, visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Farrar. The Wilsons and Johnston are moving back to Eugene after an absence of four years.

Logging crews started working the early morning shift this week on account of hot weather and low humidity. Very little rain fell here during the electric storm last week.

Mrs. Fay Gallagher, daughter Winnefred and two sons of Fresno, California, are visiting at the E. W. Howard home.

Harold Foster attended the postmasters' convention at Bend last week.

Charles Gale of Ft. Lewis visited his father here the past week.

Kay Schneider is now employed in a beauty parlor at San Luis Obispo, California.

The knitting guild met recently with Mrs. Dorothy Farrar. Sweaters and scarfs are being made for the Red Cross and Bundles for Britain.

Mrs. Raymond Woods and son Leroy attended the Assembly of God camp meeting last week at Salem.

Mrs. Gladys Perry has returned from a two week's visit with relatives at Newcastle, Wyoming.

Darrol Davis has enlisted in aviation-mechanics and is leaving for training.

A Christian Endeavor party was held Friday night. Those present were Irene Briggs, Joan Cooper, Maxine Gowing, Lois Gibson, Beryl Cordon, Elva and Dalene Mitchell, Cecil Abbey, Kenneth Hayes, Eileen Morris, Ira, Avery, Winnie, Fern, Earl and Archie Lohrey, Mr. and Mrs. John Dunn, Mrs. Lowell Drullinger and Mrs. H. A. Mitchell.

### STALIN HEAD OF RUSSIAN ARMY.

Premier Joseph Stalin was declared in a Moscow radio broadcast Saturday night to have assumed personal supreme command of the Soviet Union's embattled army, becoming Russia's National Defense Commissar in which post he replaced Marshal Semyon Timoshenko.

Timoshenko, now commanding the central Soviet armies defending Moscow against the main German offensive, was named Vice Commissar of National Defense by the Supreme Presidium of the U.S.S.R., according to a Moscow radio broadcast picked up by the Columbia Broadcasting System.



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### Auto Production Is Cut 50 Percent

In the most drastic order yet issued curbing civilian consumption, Price Control Administrator Leon Henderson Saturday at Washington announced output of automobile, refrigerator and laundry equipment industries will be cut 50 per cent because of acute shortages in raw materials needed for defense.

At the same time, Henderson, who also is administrator of civilian supply, said that the curtailment program will be extended to other consumer fields "in the near future."

Sharp cuts, he said, will be made in such industries as air conditioning, heating and cooking equipment, metal furniture, and miscellaneous household appliances.

In the case of automobiles, production will be slashed to a rate of about 200,000 units a month or about 2,400,000 passenger cars a year. This is in contrast to production of more than 5,000,000 a year at the present time, and cuts auto production squarely in half.

Simultaneously he indicated that there is to be a simplification of automobile models or styles. He said that the cuts in all likelihood would force "more economical design."

The curtailment in automotive production will also affect light trucks under a 1-ton capacity, but Henderson said that "no reduction is contemplated in trucks with greater capacities in excess of one ton because of the urgent need for such vehicles at the present time."

Henderson strongly warned that the production cut "should be no occasion for an increase in retail

prices." He has already insisted against further increases in the price of mechanical refrigerators and has urged the auto industry to keep prices at present levels.

Met with some resistance in the latter field, Henderson is now

pressing for legislation from congress to enforce his price-fixing orders.

Peach Macaroon ice cream is in season now. Try it at Gustafson's. 80-116-41

### Arcade Theatre

Admission 10c and 25c

Fri., Sat., July 25-26—"THE PENALTY," Edward Arnold, Lionel Barrymore, Marsha Hunt, Robert Sterling. Preview feature "There's Magic in Music" Allan Jones, Susanna Foster.

Sun., Mon., Tues., July 27-28-29—"MEN OF BOYS TOWN," Spencer Tracy, Mickey Rooney, Bobs Watson, Larry Nunn, Henry O'Neil, Mary Nash.

Wed., Thurs., July 30-31—"TOPPER RETURNS," Joan Blondell, Roland Young, Billie Burke, Rochester. Preview feature "Adventure in Washington," Herbert Marsnal, Virginia Bruce.

### Diane Theatre

Admission 10c and 15c

Bargain Nights 10c .. Saturday Matinee 10c and 15c

Thurs., Fri., July 24-25—"MILLIONAIRES IN PRISON," Lee Tracy, Linda Hayes, Raymond Walburn. BARGAIN NIGHTS, Admission 10c.

Sat., Sun., July 26-27—"TRAILING DOUBLE TROUBLE," The Range Busters, Lita Conway, Nancy King. Preview feature "The Nurse's Secret," Lee Patrick, Regis Toomey, Saturday Matinee 2:30 P. M. Admission 10c and 15c.

Mon., Tues., Wed., July 28-29-30—CLOSED.

Thurs., Fri., July 31-August 1—"MEN OF TIMBERLAND," Richard Arlen, Andy Devine, Linda Hayes. BARGAIN NIGHTS, Admission 10c.

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