

Labor Shortage Cited As Worst Food Drive Foe

Shortage of farm labor is the only serious obstacle in the way of Oregon meeting its goals in the food-for-defense program, in the opinion of county USDA agricultural defense boards, which have held meetings in all of Oregon's 36 counties.

Members of the state board who participated in the 36 county meetings report that, almost without exception, the county boards believed the desired increases in certain strategic crops can be met if enough labor is available to do the work. In numerous instances the county groups were willing to set their goals at a higher figure than suggested for that particular region. Compilation of the county goals is now being made and will, when totaled, constitute the final and official state goals for 1942.

Those who attended the county meetings were practically unanimous in expressing belief in the importance of this agricultural defense effort. As soon as the county meetings were completed a series of training meetings were started for those who will contact individual farmers to get them to underwrite the increased production sought.

Meanwhile community educational meetings will be held to acquaint more of the people with the program, and county defense board members will also discuss the campaign before Grange, Farmers Union, and other established rural groups. The farm to farm canvass for the signing up of each grower will start in some counties the last week in October and in others late in November.

The state committee has been in contact with the representatives of the state employment service in laying preliminary plans to handle the expected labor shortage in the best possible manner for next year. Closely related to this is the effort to have farmers put all machinery in repair this winter so that existing equipment can handle the maximum amount of work in next year's harvest. Maximum use of existing machinery will make less acute the prospective shortage in new machinery.

U. S. PRODUCTION HOLDS FAST PACE.

NEW YORK.—Indications that America's industrial machine is operating at practical capacity on a "guns and butter" basis strengthened during the past week when productive activity held narrowly around the levels of the past several months.

For the past three months industrial output has held within relatively narrow limits. However, production of armaments has risen during the period, indicating that the gain has been made at the expense of civilian requirements.

Financial authorities believe this trend will be intensified the balance of the year. In other words, they anticipate a steady rise in output of war material accompanied by a relative decrease in the production of so-called peacetime articles.

Thus, for the balance of this year at least, the outlook is for the displacement of "butter," or civilian needs, by "guns" because the industrial machine already has reached its peak on the basis of present facilities.

MOTT SUPPORTS FREIGHTER BILL.

Representative James Mott, a member of the naval affairs committee, is supporting the neutrality act amendment, it was revealed in press dispatches from Washington, D. C., Monday.

CIVILIAN DEFENSE COURSE FOR OFFICERS.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation will inaugurate a Civilian Defense Course for Chiefs of Police and executive aides on November 3 and 4, 1941 at Portland, it was announced yesterday by J. D. Swenson, special agent in charge.

The Civilian Defense Courses for Police are being held by the FBI in cooperation with the Office of Civilian Defense in view of the designation of the FBI as the official police training agency by Mayor Fiorello R. La Guardia, U. S. Director of Civilian Defense.

The first course for police chiefs will be held for two days and will be followed at a later date by a more extended course of six days' duration, to be attended by subordinate officers.

PLANES IN PEACE.

The airplane is destined to become an even more powerful force for shaping the peace of the future than it is in winning the present war, according to C. V. Whitney, board chairman of Pan American Airways. He predicts that the nations of the world will

continue to use their enlarged aircraft production lines and vast material supplies for building airplanes for peaceful missions after the war. In addition, Whitney says, the end of the defense program will turn loose possibly 100,000 fully-trained pilots and co-pilots and several hundred thousand skilled mechanics. The domestic airline industry now employs only about 2,000 pilots. The aviation pioneer said he "wouldn't be surprised if, within a year, there will be planes that will take 50 people non-stop from New York to London in seven hours."

DAVIS OFFICIATES IN SOPH WHISKERINO.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON.—(Special to the Sentinel.)—Harley Davis, Cottage Grove, will act as sheriff's representative in the Canard Club during the Sophomore Whiskerino, annual dance of the sophomore class at the University of Oregon. It will be his job to see that all sophomore men in the Canard club, men's living organization, grow beards for the whisker contest.

Beard-growing began Sunday, October 19, and lasts through the Whiskerino dance on November 1.

BIGGEST BLACKTAIL BUCK.

The honor for shooting the biggest blacktail buck so far this season goes to Miss Opal Wagner, who brought in a 179-pound buck Sunday, killed about thirty miles up the McKenzie.

Eight bucks have been brought in to the Quality Market since the report last week, seven of these were brought in Friday. The season will end Saturday.

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