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Rains and Snow Impede Normal Activities Here

Second Snow and Rain Storm Hits Here on Thursday Night

COLD SNAP SENDS MERCURY DOWN TO 8

More snow and rain Thursday night brought everything to a standstill with all lumber operations shut down. Publication of The Sentinel was delayed 24 hours by lack of power. Additional precipitation last night brought from two to five inches of snow, but failed to bring the expected drop in temperature. Travel is slow and hazardous on all roads. Row river threatened to cut off travel from the east, but travel was still going through this morning.

All rural telephone lines are down, many going out last night. Flood prospects on the Coast Fork are well in hand, according to a report before communications went out. The water in the basin was at a low level at the start of recent rains and snow.

The most severe cold spell in several years terminated into a wet snow that covered the lower valley with from eight to fourteen inches today, but the story has not yet been told, according to barometer readings. Yesterday and today, Wednesday and Thursday, the barometer has stood at its lowest reading, the reading as this is written at 2:00 Thursday is the lowest ever seen here, according to one veteran weather observer and temperatures from 10 to 15 degrees may be expected within the next twelve hours.

The snowfall here, measuring about eight inches, was heavier to the south where in the London community it is said to measure a foot according to official advice. In the higher altitude toward the Bohemia district, all telephone lines are down and no report is available, but from all available information the snowfall there was said to have been three to four feet.

The storm played havoc with all communication and transportation lines; practically all rural lines are down and will be out of service for some time. The Sentinel will be at least 24 hours late, due to failure of power service here.

Eight Above

A cold rain turning into snow yesterday was preceded by two days of the coldest weather seen here yet. The thermometer reading at the Cottage Grove dam reached a low reading of eight above. Two days of cold weather froze pipes, cars and stopped practically all lumber mills. One mill east of town was the only one in that area to keep running. Others were suspended because of frozen ponds, pipes or lack of logs.

From all press reports it appears that the Seattle district got the worst of the storm. There the snow was the deepest seen in several years and was so heavy that it had to be shoveled from the flat roof buildings.

Chicken Thieves Are Reprimanded, Freed

Three boys, all minors, were reprimanded by city officers and officials last Thursday after they confessed to stealing chickens and agreed to pay for the stolen chickens. Part of the chickens stolen happen to be from the premises of L. W. Coiner, city recorder. On the next offense, Coiner said he would permit the case to go before the justice of peace for full prosecution.

The boys are accused of stealing chickens from two different people.

Pictures Wanted

We will start running pictures of service men shortly. The first of a series of twenty-five will appear in The Sentinel at an early date. Unmounted, glossy prints are preferred as they make the best reproduction. If you have not sent a picture of your husband or son, do so now.

We also want the address of every serviceman in this district. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

State Guard Kept Alive by New Bill

The house passed the state guard bill Wednesday and sent it to Governor Snell, less than 24 hours before expiration of the 1941 state guard act.

The vote was unanimous, there being no debate. The house originally had passed the measure, but it had to be sent back from the senate for concurrence in the upper house's amendments.

The major senate amendment provides that the state guard shall remain in active service until the governor proclaims it is no longer needed. Presumably, it would be disbanded when the national guard, now fighting in the regular army, comes back to Oregon. The original house bill provided it be disbanded six months after the war.

Governor Snell said he would sign the bill today. If the bill had not been passed tomorrow, enlistments of the 9,000 states guardsmen would have expired, and the men would have had to be signed up again. With the bill's passage, enlistments are automatically continued.

Officers Probe the Death Lorane Man

Officers are investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of C. E. Hughes, 88, who was burned to death in his home a half mile west of Lorane Saturday night shortly after 9:00 o'clock. Fire which consumed his home was thought to have started from an overheated stove. He was alone at the time of the fire and believed to have been asleep. He was found lying across a cot.

The remainder of the family were not at home at the time of the fire. Mrs. Hughes was visiting a daughter in Coquille. A son and wife living in the house were out for the evening.

Surviving in addition to the widow are the following children: Mrs. Paul Brinkley of Coquille, Mrs. R. C. Johnson of Coquille, Lloyd E. Hughes of Lorane, and a brother and sister living in Iowa. Funeral services were held from the Poole chapel in Eugene Tuesday, Herbert Armstrong officiating.

Oregon Press to Convene Jan. 22

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene—The 25th annual Oregon Press conference will open on the University of Oregon campus Friday, January 22, with representatives from most of the state's leading papers expected to be on hand for the two day session. Mary Conn Brown, Redmond, is president of the association.

Nearly every discussion by conference representatives will center around some phase of the war as it affects the press in general and Oregon newspapers in particular. Representatives of various war agencies, including the censorship office, office of war information, WPB and OPA will be on hand to answer questions.

Featured speaker for the meeting will be Wendell Webb, Associated Press correspondent who covered the battle of Midway. Governor Earl Snell and retiring Governor Charles A. Sprague also are expected to appear on the program of the journalistic gathering.

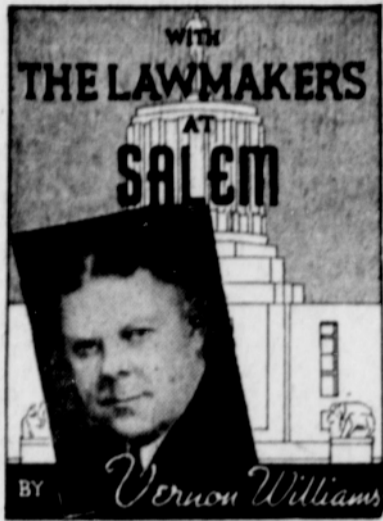
DEPUTY COLLECTOR HERE

A deputy collector for the internal revenue service at Portland will be here February 8th to assist taxpayers in making out their income tax.

4-H Mobilization Work in Oregon February 4 to 16

A state-wide 4-H club mobilization week for Oregon has been set for February 6 to 14, announces H. C. Seymour, state club leader at Oregon State college.

A program much like that followed in 1942 calls for 4-H club agents, local leaders, and club members themselves to try to inform others about the progress and achievements of 4-H club work and the great need for expanding it this year. With the nation, and even the world, facing an unprecedented demand for farm products, club members are being



THE LAWMAKERS AT SALEM
BY Vernon Williams

STATE HOUSE—As the legislature gets well into its second week of work the controversial bills are beginning to show up in both houses. Several tax bills are in which would modify the state income tax. Truck bills are with us again which would increase weight and length. Several local option measures have also been introduced, and more to come. Two have the strong backing of the Anti-Saloon League and the W.C.T.U. And of course it would not be the legislature if we didn't have a few fish and milk bills on the lawmakers' menu. All the above measures are hot subjects and are sure to bring forth much oratory if they ever reach the floor. But first they must run the gantlet in committee, which report the bills out "Do pass" or "Do not pass," and it's a cinch many of these measures will get a real working over from the lawmakers who are on said committees.

One of the hottest of the hot bills introduced so far is the measure to modify the tax paid by employers to the workmen's unemployment compensation fund. This measure will be bitterly fought by organized labor. Labor has a huge bankroll available to maintain a potent lobby to ward off any such effort on the part of employers and this lobby is already on the scene of action.

One particular bill introduced last week didn't cause much comment at the time, but there was plenty of politics wrapped up in it. The measure would consolidate the office of corporation commissioner with the state banking department. Just a week before Mr. Sprague became an ex-governor he reappointed Mr. Lloyd Smith, corporation commissioner, to another four-year term, which deprived Governor Snell of a juicy plum for someone of the boys. However, the state banking job is up for appointment in a short (Concluded on page two.)

Nelson Appointed as Head of South Lane Paralysis Campaign

N. J. Nelson has again been appointed in charge of Infantile Paralysis drive for Southern Lane county.

Mr. Nelson announced just before we went to press that there will be no birthday ball, but Wishing Wells will be placed about the business district and scrolls will be sent to all clubs in the city and surrounding country and every possible means will be used to give everyone a chance to donate to the worthy cause in some manner so that Cottage Grove will again make the usual good showing as in the past.

Look for more about this in next week's Sentinel.

STATE TAX AUDITOR TO BE HERE FEB 20-22

The state tax commission this week announced the itinerary of the state tax auditors, who will visit the various communities for the purpose of assisting taxpayers in making their income tax returns. An auditor will be at the city hall on February 20 and 22.

depended upon to make a real contribution to the food-for-victory program, says Seymour. Service clubs are being urged to feature 4-H club in their programs that week, as are granges, PTA groups, and churches. Some communities are planning to hold achievement programs to make awards to club members for outstanding work last year. A special 4-H club mobilization day radio program will be heard from KOAC January 25 at 7:30, followed by similar ones from other radio stations.

Baptist Church to Burn Mortgage at Celebration 28th

The First Baptist church will celebrate the full payment of its debt on the building, Thursday evening, January 28. The mortgage will be burned at this time.

The evening will begin with a pot-luck supper at 6:30, in the church basement. At 7:30 the congregation will assemble in the sanctuary. The following program is planned for this happy occasion: Prelude, pianist; Hymn by congregation, "The Church's One Foundation;" prayer; scripture reading; anthem, choir; history of our church, Mrs. Sam Warren; quartet, members of Allen family; greetings from other churches and former pastors; slides, showing pictures of our church in the past to be shown by Dr. O. C. Wright of Portland; solo, Mrs. Benton Schrenk; burning of the mortgage; sermon by Dr. F. W. Starring of Portland, executive secretary of Oregon Baptist Convention; Doxology.

With the Armed Forces

Cpl Lynn H. Walker is a rear gunner in a bomber squadron. He is the son of Mrs. D. W. Hanks and a nephew of Mrs. A. E. Sharp, both of Springfield. He has been stationed at the army air base at Rice Field, California. After attending high school at Cottage Grove, he worked for a time in Springfield before going into the army in April.

Sam Medford, 24, gunner's mate third class, is on a destroyer. He has been in the navy three years. The son of Sam Medford Sr., of Blackbutte route, Cottage Grove, he went to school in California.

Word has been received here that Tom Hall has been transferred from Gadsden, Alabama, where he was in a chemical warfare unit, to Santa Ana, California, for army air corps training. Tom is a graduate of the local high school and also of Willamette University with the class of 1942 and was listed in the American colleges "Who's Who."

Pvt. Robert Moody, son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Moody, has just finished boot camp training and has been assigned to the fleet marines for eight weeks more training. He is stationed at Camp Elliott, San Diego, California.

Arriving at the U. S. Naval Training Station at Farragut, Idaho, Jimmie Russell Brown, son of Mrs. W. L. Goodwin, Villard Court, Cottage Grove, has begun his recruit training for service with the U. S. Navy.

Eugene Arthur Anderson, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Anderson, Disston Rte., is studying to become a specialist in the navy at the U. S. naval training school for diesel operators on the campus of Iowa State college at Ames, Iowa.

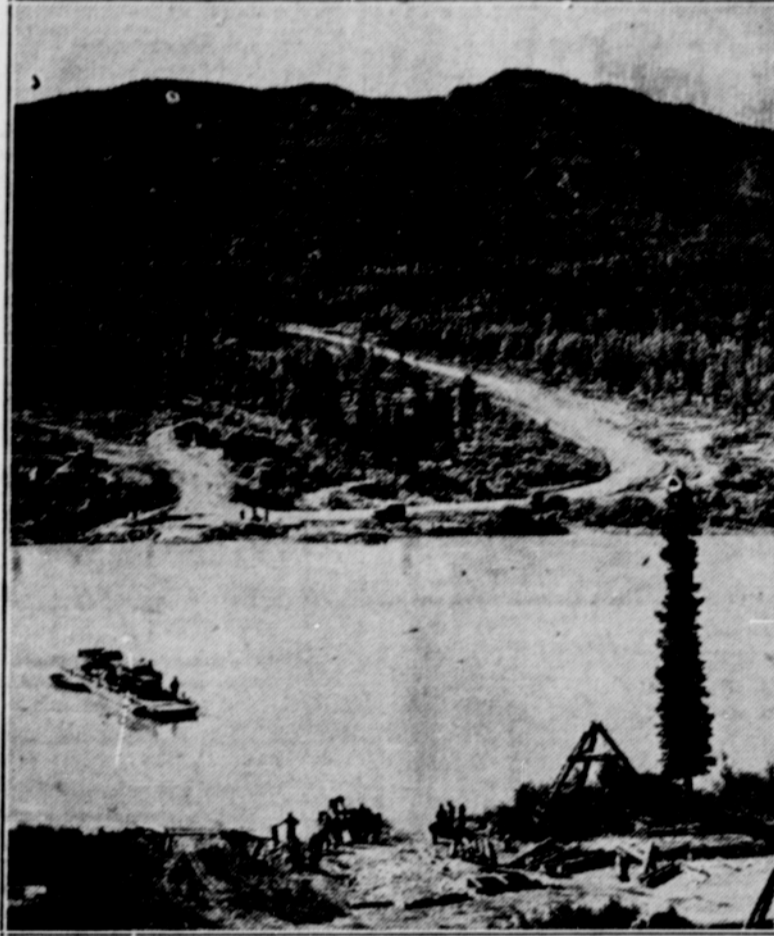
Arriving at the U. S. Naval Training Station located in the mountains of northern Idaho, at Farragut, Idaho, Henry Johnson Pruitt, son of Henry Johnson Pruitt of Disston route, last week began his recruit training for service with the U. S. navy.

Lester Blackmore is with the 1st Provisional Engineer Co. (Dep) in North Africa. Staff Sgt. Norman Blackmore is stationed at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Blackmore.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Claude Miller arrived Saturday from Fort Knox, Kentucky, and are visiting at the home of Mr. Miller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Malla Miller, and Mr. Miller's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bachelder. They were accompanied from Astoria by their son and Mrs. Miller's mother, Mrs. Anna Thompson who are also visiting here. Lt. Miller left the first of the week for Camp Beale, Marysville, California. Mrs. Miller will follow as soon as living quarters are available.

A-C Elwyn Woodson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Woodson, who has been stationed at Santa Ana, California, has been transferred to King City where he is taking training in flying.

Mrs. J. E. Woodson has received a letter from a Miss Jones of Berkenhead, Cheshire, England, saying she had met her nephew. (Continued on page 3)



ROPE FERRY ON ALCAN HIGHWAY—A typical engineer ferry utilizing the speed of the current to force the boat across by the use of a wire cable stretched from shore to shore.

Registrants Asked to Contact Board No. 3

The following listed men are registrants of Lane County Local Board No. 3, Eugene, Oregon, and are now delinquent. Any one having information concerning any of these registrants should transmit that information to the local board, and advise the men that it will be to their best interest to contact the board voluntarily:

- Edward Charneski, Order No. 500.
- Roy Johnson, Order No. 10245.
- George Charles McFadden, Order No. 2819.
- Chester Dan Southern, Order No. 3127.
- Philip Kelley St. Clair, Order No. 1402.

Grade School Pupils Purchase \$2,501.75 in War Bond Contest

The Jefferson school and the 4th grade pupils of the Adams school purchased \$2,501.75 worth of war bonds in a week's contest ending Friday the 15th. The high room among the contestants for selling the most bonds was that of Miss Taggart with a total purchase of \$1,004. The prize was a potted plant, went to the room of Miss Inslow with a total of \$550.25. Thirty pupils received blocks of wood from the battleship Oregon for buying a bond or completing a stamp book.

The contest was sponsored by the student council and Mrs. William Thum.

Col. D. Leehey Makes Inspection of Dam

Col. Donald Leehey, district engineer of the Portland district, U. S. Engineers, made the periodic inspection of the Cottage Grove dam area Friday, the 15th. This was the first inspection since the appointment of Major Walter R. Lalonde, in charge of the Cottage Grove reservoir.

Col. Leehey was well pleased with conditions at the dam and the performance of the dam under flood conditions. Claude C. Mongold with the district office in Eugene was also in the inspection party.

ARMY DESERTER PICKED UP

Wildren Leo Yates, 24, alleged army deserter, was picked up here Friday by Myron Perry, chief of police, and sent to the county jail to await the arrival of the U. S. Marshal of Portland. Yates is alleged to have deserted the army at Orlando, Florida, about 18 months ago. He is wanted by the 9th corps area at Fort Ogden, Utah.

COPIES OF HOUSE, SENATE BILLS AVAILABLE

Copies of the current legislative bills including the house and senate are available for reference at this office. Anyone interested in knowing the context of any particular measure is welcomed to use our files compiled for your convenience.

Postal Receipts Show Consistent Gain 1942

The postal receipts of the Cottage Grove office continue to show a consistent gain, according to a belated report submitted by N. J. Nelson, postmaster. Receipts for 1941 totaled \$23,315.96 against \$24,628.70 for 1942, a gain of 5.6 percent over the past year. The December quarter receipts of 1942 also showed a proportionate gain over the corresponding period of 1941. The December 1942 quarter receipts totaled \$7,772.63 against \$7,362.29 for 1941.

Patrons Can Help

Nelson and all postal employees have issued a plea to patrons of the local office to do quantity buying in the matter of stamps, postal cards, etc. Instead of buying one or two stamps, make your purchases for at least thirty days. Little sales consume about as much time as large ones and the post office has the same problem as the business man or merchant; greater number of sales with fewer employees to do the work.

Fluid Milk Prices Are Reorganized

Reorganization of wholesale and retail fluid milk prices to alleviate shortages in many communities was announced Saturday by State OPA Director Richard G. Montgomery.

County unit prices were fixed with certain exceptions and the new prices were not all higher. The highest retail prices in the state were unchanged at 14 cents a quart in Portland and Pendleton, which had those prices in effect in March, 1942.

Next highest prices were set at 13 1/2 cents in Salem and Tillamook.

Maximums of 13 cents were set for Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Curry, Douglas, Hood River, Jackson, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Tillamook, Washington and Yamhill counties, and for the cities of Prineville, Bend, Redmond and Klamath Falls.

The 13 cents price applies also to Lane county east of the coast range. No increase in the retail price in Eugene, for which there had been considerable clamor, was announced. However, representatives of the OPA started an investigation into the county price situation.

SURGICAL GAUZE CLASS ORGANIZED

Monday evening at the Masonic temple a class was organized for the purpose of making surgical gauze dressings for the Red Cross, with Mrs. J. F. Finneran in charge. There were eighteen present Monday night, but several more would be welcome. This class is in addition to the two classes that meet on Monday and Wednesday afternoons and will meet every Monday night from 7:30 to 9:30 at the Masonic temple. The hours of the afternoon classes have been changed from 1:30 to 4:30 instead of from 2 to 5. New comers are asked to bring a cap or bandana and a washable smock or garment to be worn during class period and which can be left at the hall for that purpose.

Fathers May Be Drafted Before Summer's End

Plans for the Drafting of Men With Children to Be Known Soon

BOYS OF 17 ELIGIBLE TO ENLIST

Selective Service soon will announce plans to lift the ban on the drafting of married men with children, authoritative sources said Monday at Washington.

It was learned that preliminary reports of a nationwide survey by draft officials on the number of single men and childless married men available for call to the armed services showed that it would be necessary to call married men with children and collateral dependents by the end of the summer.

When drafting of these men becomes necessary, it was said, those with collateral dependents probably will be called first, then those with one child, followed by those with two, three, or more children.

Boys Eligible to Enlist
Boys who have reached the age of 17 are eligible to enlist in the army enlisted reserve corps and the air corps enlisted reserve provided they have the consent of their parents, it was revealed at Washington Monday night.

There was no formal announcement of the new policy. It came to light through orders sent to army recruiting stations throughout the country and through an announcement in Boston by Maj.-Gen. Sherman Miles of the first service command.

The 17-year-old enlistees will not be called to active duty until they reach 18. All will be called to active duty within six months after reaching that age.

Richard Lasater Tells Experience in South Pacific

By Vivian Pollock

Richard Lasater, sophomore of '42, on leave from the Navy, returned to Cottage Grove January 19. Richard stated he had seen two big battles, the battle of Santa Cruz which was the longest air battle in history, lasting from 11:15 a. m. to 6:24 p. m., and a battle at Guadalcanal where as he stated, "we ran into the whole Jap navy." The battleship Richard was on sank one battleship, three cruisers and another ship. This was the first battle in which 16-inch guns were used. In the battle of Santa Cruz three waves of planes came over and his battleship shot down 32 planes. They went to New Caledonia, a Free French island for repairs. During the battle Richard carried medical supplies to the wounded amid gunfire. His officer rewarded him by giving him leave and the chance to join the medical division and attend school which he will do upon returning to New York, January 27.

Rationing Dates

Important rationing dates are listed below:

Coffee
January 4—Coupon number 28 became valid. It will be good for 1 pound of coffee and valid until February 8.

Sugar
January 31—Coupon Number 10 in War Ration Book One is good for 3 pounds of sugar through this date.

Mileage—Gasoline and Tires
January 21—Last day for using Number 3 Coupon in "A" coupon books. Number 4 coupons become valid January 22.

January 31—Last day that temporary "T" coupons will be issued directly by rationing boards. Beginning February 1, "T" rations will be issued on the basis of ODT Certificates of War Necessity.

February 28—Holders of "B" and "C" stickers must have tires inspected by this date.

March 31—Holders of "A" stickers must have tires inspected by this date.