

Salem Citizens Spend 'Vacations' at Work In Fields and Factories and Enjoy It; Much of Money Goes Into War Savings

By MARGUERITE GLEESON

"Tell me how you spent your vacation and I'll tell you how patriotic you are" is the paraphrased form of an old rhyme with which returning vacationists are greeted with these days. Bankers, clerks, salesmen and saleswomen picked hops or beans, worked in canneries, ran the combines on the old homestead, worked in logging camps and stacked grain.

One vacationist from the southwest, a honeymooner is now working in a Salem cannery. His bride is working there too. Of course, they were married 30 years ago, but they had never had a honeymoon and this seemed a good year to rectify that error. They worked at various harvest jobs along the highway northward from their Arizona dairy ranch up to Tacoma, where their son is stationed with a naval detachment.

The "bride" thought it was time to return to the dairy farm but the man wanted to stay in Oregon. He finally compromised with his "bride" and said he would return to Arizona if she could find ten people who lived here who did not like Oregon. She lost, and they are back in Arizona to sell the dairy and start living in Oregon. The matter came to the attention of the employment service when the woman admitted to a receptionist, "I just can't find anyone who does not like Oregon."

One outstanding patriot as pointed out by Douglas McKay recently in a war bond talk is Arthur "Pat" Johnson, assistant manager of J. C. Penney company store, who spent his vacation selling more war bonds to people who were already buying them.

A Marion county teacher dropped into town last week and replied to the standard question "How did you spend your vacation?" with "I worked in the harvest field. Drive tractor? No, that is easy compared to plowing grain." And to one who had pitched grain herself, in a wheat county, there was no argument about which was easier.

Many so-called white collar workers have been putting in a half shift a day in the canneries while holding down their regular jobs. Then others spent the two weeks of their vacation in the cannery, which perhaps they had done for school fees in the past, and now they did despite an eight hour shift behind them at their regular jobs.

One stenographer in a state office had agreed to work in the cannery during her vacation but the cannery was in such a rush to get her services that she had her two nights before her vacation began. She was an old time canner and gladly responded, worked all night and was on hand for her regular job at 8 o'clock the next morning.

One newspaper editor with a yen for the wheat fields of his loved eastern Oregon put in his vacation sowing sacks on the combine, another editor painted his house when a painter could not be found who would do the job. Still another, disappointed in his desire to devote the vacation to civil air patrol duty, served his time as timekeeper at the local airport.

Nor have the men of the newspaper world been alone in lending a hand. One newspaper woman spent her long-planned vacation canning berries, and the wife of a newspaperman stepped in and took over the work in a bindery when the man in charge was called to a Portland shipyard.

A newspaper engraver is spending all his spare time and weekends in the task of getting in the winter wood. As his boss said, "He'd spend his vacation at it, too, if we could give him a vacation."

A job printer delivered an order to a local cannery and could hardly get out of the plant without being put to work, but he, too, is doubling up as workers drop out to take up more active forms of defense work.

The teen age daughters of a Polk county farmer spent the summer operating the tractor on their father's farm and were ready for the opening of college this week. The daughter of a Salem grocer stepped behind the counter and operated the doughnut machine in her father's store.

A university professor worked as a meat cutter in her father's market for the three months of her vacation. Now she is back in the biology laboratory and doubtless finds the small bugs smaller than usual when compared with the hogs and heaves she has been cutting and wrapping for the storage lockers.

The women of the farm were the first to see the need for help in the harvest fields but when the call went out for more and more workers the women and girls from Salem responded with good will. "How many pounds of beans I picked" has in many cases been the favored topic of conversation instead of how "I made that six best bid."

Ten Salem school teachers acted as leaders for some 400 junior high school pupils who were organized in platoons and set about

the harvest of the various crops with a will. School as an end to the fun of vacation was changed to a time when many boys and girls start an easier life again. This applies to college and high school students as well as the younger generation anxious to get its share of the work and the rewards.

When several Marion county farmers could not get men to work in the fields for any money the US employment service suggested, "get boys and pay them men's wages." The plan worked so well that the first farmer was back in a short time asking for the same crew to do other work.

The problem of getting farm help was so difficult this year that the farm labor specialist with the local employment service took his vacation working on the farm. Many men in all types of work, employers or employees, impressed with the pressing need for winter fuel, have devoted all their time off, evenings, weekends and even full vacation time to getting in wood.

Salem teachers are found in all manner of places where there is work to be done this year. Besides the women who led the platoons of junior high school pupils, others have been found behind the counters in stores, in the harvest fields on their own, helping their fathers or brothers with the farm work. They were on hand when the school bell rang Monday.

One Salem teacher has spent the entire vacation as a painter for the Salem school district. Many men teachers left early for work in the shipyards and other defense industries imploring for help.

Salem's first woman service station operator did not have any vacation to spend on "extra curricular" activities but she had 16 hours during which she had nothing to do and she decided to work at the cannery for a four hour shift. Her husband is in the US navy, stationed in Alabama.

When someone asked, "What does she do with her money?" her roommate replied, "Buy war bonds, I suppose; what else can she do, she works all the time."

The vacationists have been well rewarded for their work in the way everyone likes to be rewarded, with hard United States money. Much of it, it may be safely said, has gone into war bonds. In fact it has become the usual thing to report earnings in terms of bonds or war stamps.

Glamour of a sort is attached to most of the jobs listed but it remained for a statehouse worker to take over the job of "kitchen helper" in her boarding house during her vacation. She did not do it because she liked it. A visit to the Prineville ranch lands of

Out of the Woods

"Could you use a cigarette?" "Thanks, I could—if you'd put it in my face and light it. My hands ain't working."

"Like my feet. That Jap machine-gunner surely cured my corns. . . Here goes. . . Got it?" "Got it, thanks. . . Ah-h-h, boy!! Does that drag taste sweet? What happened to the Jap?"

"The lieutenant picked him off, with my own rifle. I hadn't passed out, so I saw it. And here I am at First Aid, alive, if not kicking. My luck could have been worse."

"Me too, soldier. I bumped into three of the savages, all of a sudden in the bush. But I rated a major to save my hide—he did some very nice work with a pistol, just when I had to grab a bayonet with my bare hands to keep it from doing me no good."

"We've got a real army—everybody fights." "You said it, soldier. We're a team."

"Now we're logging. . . let me knock the ashes off your smoke, or they'll go down your neck. . . How's that?" "Okay. . . What was that you said about 'logging'? I was setting chokers on the round stiff. Get it?"

"Why, I. . . Wait, listen! . . . Our planes aren't they?" "Sounds like—yeh, you pegged 'em. . . navy bombers for a good guess, after the Jap transports. Sounded in the ocean for another thousand Japs—I hope. More of that teamwork."

"That's the word. The marines down on Tulagi and Guadalcanal, the old army and the Aussies here in the Guinea country—it's a team that's going places. I hope to get my feet working again in time to catch up."

"Sure you will, soldier. . . Would you bat that ash off again?" . . . Thanks. . . We ought to be moving on back to the field hospital real soon. . . Say, where'd you log?"

"I didn't—I was just a year out of school when I enlisted—worked the year on a sawmill green-chain at—ever hear of a place called Tacoma?"

"Sure—but a long way off. I used to log out of a town called Eugene."

"Hiyah, Webfoot! I feel like we're used-to-be neighbors—old tiliugama." "Same here, soldier. We're out of the same woods—Washington and Oregon, the northwest corner of the USA."

"Homesick any?" "Not up to now. A year ago last spring I hooked on to the army because I was fed up with all the arguing, cat-and-dog fighting, jackknifing, and the like in the woods. All pinhead stuff. Nobody seemed to think we were rolling hell-bent into war."

"Double check, logger. Wonder her loved central Oregon would suit her better, but the kitchen job had to be done. Her fellow boarders are agreed "C'est la guerre" and are cheering for her; they, too, have to eat.

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Mrs. Brinkley, who resigned recently as of October 1, will have been in the secretarial position at the chamber exactly seven years on September 31. In addition to handling office matters, she has served as supervisor of the weekly chamber luncheons.

Mrs. Knox was for several years on the staff of the United States National bank in Salem after having been employed for six years in eastern and California banks. She has also served as secretary to Sen. W. H. Steiwer and chief clerk of the committee on assessment and taxation in the senate during state legislative sessions.

Pulp Manpower Plans Discussed

Joe Harvey and Donald Reems from the administration office of the US employment service in Portland met in Salem Thursday with the management of the Oregon Pulp and Paper company and representatives of the local employment service to discuss plans relative to a cooperative movement for maximum utilization of manpower in the pulp and paper industry.

Plans for a labor pool were discussed and these were elaborated upon at a later meeting of the staff of the local employment agency.

Services Today For Otto Krause

Funeral services for Otto E. Krause, 83, who died in Portland Wednesday, will be held Friday at 1 o'clock from J. P. Finley Funeral home. Burial will be made in City View cemetery.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Helen Sigel, Portland; a brother, John K. Krause, Portland; three sisters, Mrs. Willis S. Moore, Salem; Mrs. Oscar Stephenson, Chickasha, Okla.; Mrs. Howard Moore, Mendota, Ill.

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