

Milk Control's Change Signed; Plan Unsolved

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duration" as is proposed in Rep. John Steelhammer's bill upon which no action has been taken—a headache.

Associated with the department there is a state board of agriculture, each of its seven members representing some distinct branch of rural industry including dairying. This board is however by statute purely "advisory" and in the past its chief concern has been the state fair. Unless by some means this board is accorded a more active role, determination of milk control policy and solution of its problems will fall upon the shoulders of the director of agriculture.

Incumbent of this office is J. D. Mickle, who entered state service in 1913 as dairy and food commissioner. When this and other separate agencies were consolidated to form the agriculture department in 1931, he remained as chief of the division of foods and dairies, and has headed the department since 1938. He is past age 70, and not anxious to continue in office.

Though active speculation as to gubernatorial appointments is for the most part in abeyance until the legislators go home, it is quite generally agreed that there will be a change in this office. The salary, by the way, is \$5000 a year.

For months past there has been talk. There was talk of Ray Gill, former state grange master, but it has largely died out.

There has been talk of Ernest Fatland, 1939 speaker of the house, now a member of the liquor control commission. Though in private life a distributor at Condon of gasoline, motor oils and similar products, Fatland has been a dairyman and is sufficiently in touch with agriculture to qualify for this executive office. His qualifications, in fact, for the sort of job it soon is going to be, are such that his selection would meet with quite general approval. The fly in the ointment is that he is understood not to be interested in full-time public service.

In the case of Robert H. Warren of Gales Creek, Washington county, there is more than talk. A considerable volume of support for his candidacy has been built up. He is state chairman of the state soil commission and has held offices in several agricultural organizations. He is a graduate of Oregon State college, and a "dirt" farmer. Under ordinary circumstances he would by now have the inside track.

But now there are two new factors. One is the jostling of rival dairy industry factions. The other is Gov. Snell's natural desire to select as head of this department someone able to handle the problems that will arise—so they are not dumped back in his lap. That is not to say that Warren is by this test disqualified. The point is, that the selection will be made with somewhat more than the usual caution.

One other bill which Gov. Snell signed Saturday is calculated to have a more serious effect upon state government than was anticipated when it was passed. This is the bill providing for quarterly payment of corporate excise taxes. These taxes and income taxes, concerning which a similar bill has been passed, have in the past been paid in April and October, the major portion in April.

Now payments will be made in April, July, October and the following January; only the first installment falling in the current fiscal year. Thus the balance in the treasury will be smaller than in the past at the fiscal year's close, and smaller at most other times. The last legislature created a deficit, counting on year-end balances to offset it; this legislature is heading in the same direction. Though balances may be sufficient to cover the deficit which is in the making, the legislature will have to look again at its hole-card.

WU Speakers Win Trophies

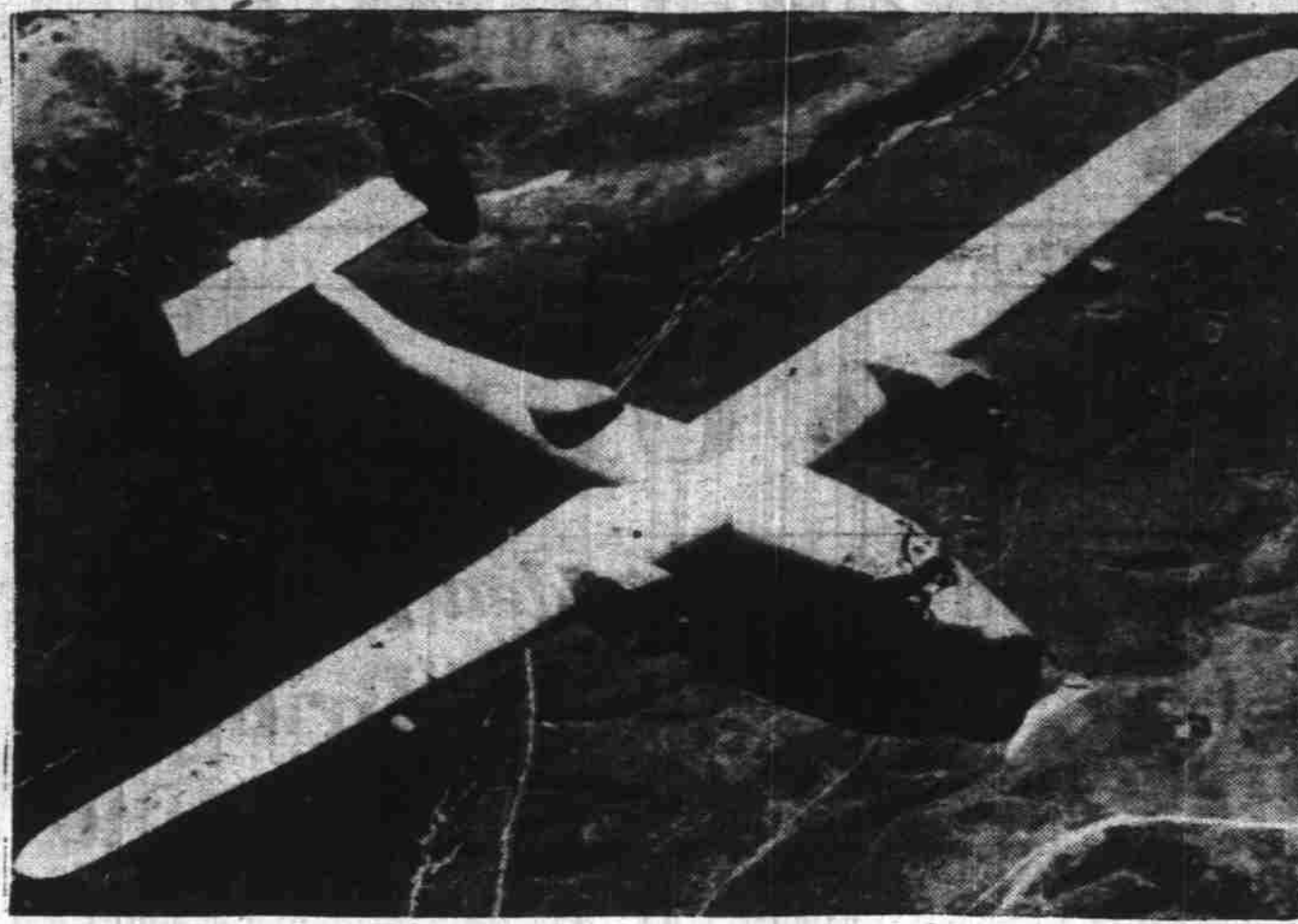
One first, two seconds and a third place came home from the Linfield invitational speech tournament Saturday night with Willamette university's participants.

First place in junior men's extemporaneous speaking was taken by Leroy Long.

Ray Short, junior, placed second in after-dinner speaking; Barbara Hathaway, second in junior women's oratory, and Darlene Dickson, third in senior women's oratory.

Finalists from Willamette in the three-day annual competition on the campus of the McMinnville college were also Catherine Thomas, junior women's extemporaneous speaking; Darlene Dickson, individual debate; Barbara Hathaway, after-dinner speaking; Leroy Long, junior men's oratory; and the men's debate by Richard Wicks, Don Burton and Long.

Fastest Flying Boat Built for Combat and Cargo Duty



Hailed by the navy as the fastest flying boat ever built in America, if not the world, is Consolidated Aircraft Corporation's model 31, prototype of the P4Y-1, which is due to go into production at the new Consolidated plant at New Orleans, according to an announcement by Rear Adm. Ralph E. Davison, assistant chief of the bureau of aeronautics. The new patrol plane has been designed for combat and cargo duty, will be powered with two 2000 horsepower motors, is 74 feet long and 25 feet high and weighs about 25 tons. Like the famous Consolidated Liberator B-24 bomber, the model 31 has a wingspread of 110 feet. The new P4Y-1 will go into mass production as speedily as tooling of the New Orleans plant is completed.—IIN Photo.

'Save Our Supplies'



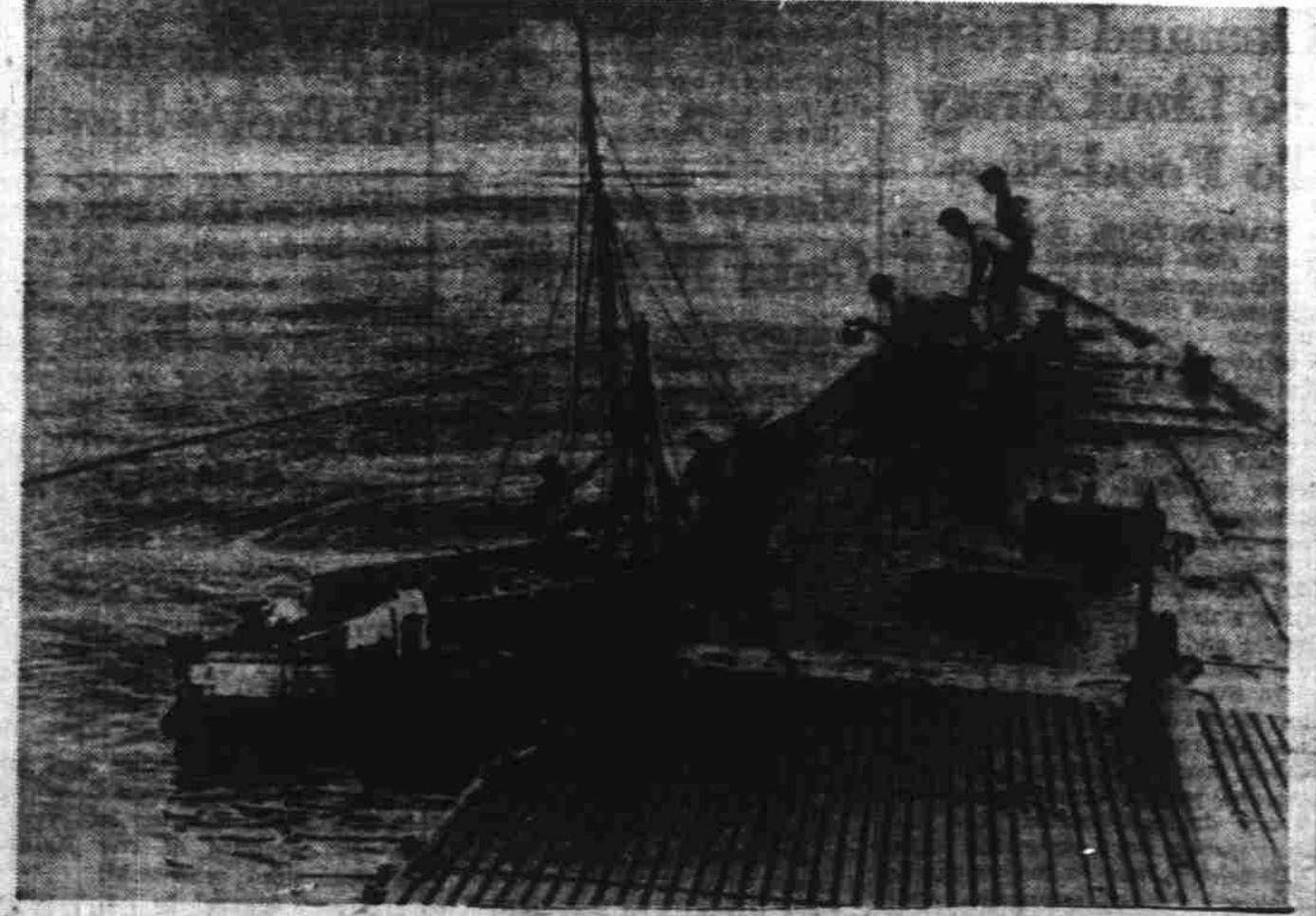
Munitions and supplies are being carried out of reach of flames which envelop a depot established by allied troops near Souk el Arba, Tunisia. This photo is from US army signal corps film.—Associated Press Telemat.

War Casualty Nears Hospital



Pvt. Alphonse Kwansleski of Evanston, Ill., is the first war casualty to be taken from a special hospital train at Battle Creek, Mich., as the first trainload of war victims from the Southwest Pacific area arrives in Michigan. The 175 men wounded in fighting at Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, New Guinea and Australia were taken to the war department's new Percy L. Jones general hospital.—Associated Press Telemat.

Wahoo Becomes 'Angel of Mercy' on Cruise



While on war patrol in South Pacific seas, during which she sank a Japanese destroyer, a troop-laden transport, two cargo carriers and a tanker—a whole convoy of four ships—the United States submarine Wahoo came across this small fishing boat in mid-Pacific, becalmed. Three of the nine persons aboard had died of exhaustion and starvation. They were without food or water. Camera-man aboard the Wahoo pictured her crewmen hauling containers of water and food to the distressed fishermen. A few days later the prowling Wahoo sent the Jap destroyer to the bottom as she sought to escape from Wewak harbor, north New Guinea coast, and 14 hours later sank the whole enemy convoy 214 miles northward.—IIN Photo.

FDR Approves Albany Child Nursery Fund

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP)—Presidential approval of 88 war nurseries and child care centers for children of working mothers was announced Saturday by Maj. Gen. Philip B. Fleming, federal works administrator.

It was the largest number of projects approved at one time under the FWA's child care program, Fleming said. Establishment of the centers, he added will make it possible for the mothers of 4400 school and pre-school age children to accept work in war industries or to continue in such employment.

Federal contributions will cover approximately half of the operating costs, with fees collected from parents, and the applicants' funds making up the other half.

Seventy of the war nurseries are located in two populous war industry centers, 40 in Seattle, Wash., and 30 in Portland, Ore. The remainder are in six other widely separated industrial cities in four states.

School district No. 1, allocated \$100,000, will operate the 30 war nurseries in Portland, Ore., for 1200 children at a total cost of \$215,000.

The remaining allotments included: School district No. 5, Albany, Ore., \$4070, two nurseries for 60 children for the period February 15-June 30; applicants' funds \$3,530, which will be realized from fees.

School district No. 4, Eugene, Ore., \$2240, one nursery for 40 children for period February 15-June 30; applicants' funds \$2052, made up of fees and local contributions.

Some Trucks To Be Speeded

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP)—Motor carriers making emergency deliveries for the army, navy, maritime commission and war shipping administration will be permitted to exceed the 35-mile-an-hour speed limit for a 60-day trial period beginning March 1.

In announcing this Saturday night, Joseph B. Eastman, defense transportation director, said he had been advised by the war department and the other agencies that the 35-mile limit had delayed some shipments of vital war supplies.

Trucks must carry certificates of exemption and display pennants indicating they are engaged in emergency service.

Missing Transport Found; All Alive

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP)—An army transport plane with 20 persons aboard, missing since February 4, has been located in "a Canadian wilderness area" with all passengers and crew members alive and well, the war department reported Saturday.

The department said the pilot made a successful forced landing due to bad weather. The only damage was to one of the plane's wing tips.

Since location of the missing ship from the air, food and equipment including ski landing gear have been dropped to the crew which plans to drag a runway and fly the ship out under its own power.

The names of the 15 passengers and five civilian crew members were not disclosed.

Ruddiman Quits As Scout Head

Resignation of Ronald A. Ruddiman, Boy Scout executive for the Cascade area council for the past three years, to become assistant executive in the Seattle area council, was announced Saturday.

In a message to scouts and their leaders included in his news letters, Ruddiman revealed his plans. The resignation becomes effective next Sunday, February 28.

No successor has yet been selected.

Play Shoes Exempt

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP)—Some play shoes and other footwear, including Mexican huaraches, will be exempted from rationing next week, the office of price administration announced Saturday. The order will exempt from rationing play shoes made largely of fabrics or types of leather not on the shortage list, as well as other non-street wear shoes.

Newsprint Cut Delayed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP)—Spokesmen for the newspaper industry received official word Saturday of a reprieve in the additional newsprint curtailment scheduled for April 1 and recommended to the WPB that if and when a future cut is made, a "graduated scale formula" be used.

Nazi Radios Quiet

NEW YORK, Feb. 20 (AP)—Deutschlandsender, the main German radio station, and the Kalundborg transmitter in Nazi-occupied Denmark went off the air Saturday night, the FCC reported. This usually indicates European attacks by the RAF.

Interpreting The War News

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON
Wide World War Analyst for The Statesman

Bad news from Tunisia underscored the past week for Americans but a war balance struck on events there and in Russia for those seven day yields a heavy credit showing in allied favor.

American defeat in the first clash with Rommel's veterans in central Tunisia takes on a less ominous cast on more complete information. It becomes virtually certain, for example, that the Nazi attack was purely a limited local operation. It widened the Tunisian communication corridor for the foe and so crippled Franco-American forces through back 60 miles or more that a considerable time must elapse before the flanking threat can be renewed.

It also is now clear by delayed eye-witness reports of the four-day battle that it was in no sense an American rout but an ordered and orderly retreat. That is highly important. It means that in its first major battle test an untried American army proved its mettle. Outmatched in weight and armor as well as numbers, it fell back sullenly and unwillingly under orders intended to conserve its personnel and equipment to fight again under more favorable circumstances.

That represents both unshaken morale in the ranks and effective staff work. It promises well for the future of the American forces mustering in western north Africa not only to help oust the enemy from the south shore of the Mediterranean; but to pose an invasion spear thrust at the European continent itself.

Russian recapture of Kharkov was the dominant event of the week on the eastern front. Even more startling soviet successes seem in the making all the way from Orel in the north to Taganrog in the south as well as deep in enemy lines west of Kharkov. Nevertheless, the Russian Kharkov victory appears to the best informed American and British official observers as the highlight of the current Russian campaign for definite reasons.

President Roosevelt and Secretary Stimson concurred that loss of that powerful bastion and others like Rostov stripped Hitler of the springboards essential to a summer renewal of his attack on Russia.

Authorized British official comment placed the same significance on the Kharkov recapture but from a somewhat different angle. General Sewell, who does a daily analytical review for the British information service, was particularly impressed by the fact that Nazi SS units were reported met and overcome in the final actions at Kharkov. Recently he expressed doubt that Hitler had yet been forced to tap his general reserve, the behind-the-lines manpower pool upon which he relied to mount a new offensive in Russia next summer. Kharkov changed his mind.

The frittering away of that reserve in defensive operations in Russia would end all apprehension of a new Nazi attack. It would nail the Nazis to the defensive for keeps not only in Russia but on all fronts except at sea.

Missionary Speaks Here 3 p.m. Today

Dr. E. Stanley Jones, Methodist missionary in India, will speak in the Salem senior high school auditorium at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Doors will open at 2:30 p. m. At 2:45 John Schmidt of the First Christian church will lead a song service.

The author of 11 books, including "Christ of the Indian Road," Dr. Jones has been a missionary in China, India, Korea and Malaya. His writings have been translated into 20 different languages. The meeting here is sponsored by the Salem Ministerial association.

Liberty Launched

PORTLAND, Feb. 20 (AP)—The

New College Training Setup To Produce Naval Officers

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP)—A new college training program designed to produce naval officers on a wholesale basis will be started about July 1, the navy announced Saturday. Selection of candidates will begin April 2.

There will be no objection, the navy said, to its uniformed students participating in athletics or any other kind of college activity, including fraternities, "provided such activities do not interfere with their prescribed hours of courses of study."

A total of 334 colleges and universities have been designated by joint army-navy action for service classes. The exact number of naval classes to be organized, a spokesman said, will depend on the number of officer candidates. Schools for these classes will be chosen from the 334 as need arises and that overall total may be increased if it is not sufficient.

Rated as apprentice seamen, the students will be in uniform and draw the pay of seamen; they will be subject to a naval discipline. Those who do not make the grade academically will be assigned to other duty, probably at sea. Entrance examinations may be taken by high or prep school graduates 17 to 20 years old as of next July 1 or college students in the same age group who do not meet the technical requirements of

Jail-Burning Attempted by City Prisoner

Caught on the run, as he and his luggage were taxi-bound for the depot Saturday night, Gordon Sayre Little, who city police declared had Arizona and Oregon state penitentiary sentences in his record and a number of forged checks on his person, is in the Salem city jail today—if he hasn't burned it down.

Less than two hours after he was lodged alone in a cell there, Little started a fire with papers under blankets, officers said.

The charge police placed after his name on the blotter was forgery, but they believe that, back of the alleged forgery episode is a burglary.

For Little, alias Thorman E. Smith, is accused of having cashed in Salem a number of checks written in denomination of \$68.21, which in their blank form had been taken from the offices of the B & C Lumber company at 1020 North Commercial street in a Thursday night burglary.

Salem merchants who sold goods to a man answering Little's description, giving him considerable cash in change, had reported to police throughout Saturday, they said.

Little, about 30, who is said to have used a number of aliases, had on his person when captured a number of checks similar to those already cashed, police detectives who made an arrest at 8:30 p. m., declared. On him also, they said, they found several sets of varying identifications, and in his possessions was merchandise described as purchased with the checks.

US Employes Draft-Headed

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ferment requests for a strictly limited number of key positions. These requests would be subject to periodic review by a supervisory group named by the chairman of the war manpower commission.

A list of criteria was presented to govern the agencies' selection of such key positions. But the committee said that even if the employe satisfies one or more of these criteria "this is no reason for deferment unless it can be clearly established that the loss of the civilian's services would seriously impair the war effort."

After reporting that federal departments have been slow to plan for substituting women and others for draft age employes, the committee said a "rigorous application" of the new procedure "will result in the release of additional thousands" of workers to the fighting forces, without specifying the exact number.

The committee found that less than 2 per cent of the government employes have thus far been deferred on occupational grounds while 26 per cent of the male employes of draft age have entered the armed forces.

Schools Here Close Early

Elementary schools of Salem close at 2 p. m. each day this week and junior and senior high schools at the end of the fourth period daily so that teachers may handle registration for war ration book No. 2 from 3 to 9 p. m. daily at elementary school buildings.

School directors meet Tuesday night, but most out-of-class activities of the schools proper have been cut to a minimum, the calendar issued Saturday by Supt. Frank B. Bennett reveals.

Elementary principals are to meet at 9 a. m. Monday in the administration office; McKinley school is to have an assembly Thursday at 9 a. m., with Mrs. Jean Woodard's room in charge; Washington has an assembly at 1 p. m. Friday, the first grade in charge.

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ON the HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

Weekends I get back to my old love, the police beat.

On this day just preceding Washington's birthday I think the story of the truthful defendant should be told, just as it came to me fresh from municipal court some days ago:

The charge was drunken driving. The defendant was, and is, young. A good employe and the father of a family, he deserved a better than average chance, his boss said, so the boss hired an attorney who has made a good trial record.

And the attorney thought he had everything well in hand. Came time to discuss the tests administered by the police to see whether or not the young driver was intoxicated. Try shaking your head rather strenuously from side to side for a moment and then walk a straight line. The lawyer thought it next to impossible and believed the jury might agree.

So said he to his client after the head-shaking had been described, "And could you walk straight?"

"No," said the spiritual descendant (in at least this one phase of his character) of George Washington, "I couldn't have done it if I'd been sober!"

Elsewhere in this paper we read that the city jail had a Little fire last night.

"Sure," says the desk man, "and when Uncle starts rationing cheese, we'll just use some such statement as that last to bait mousetraps."

Poultry Price Ceiling Rises

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20 (AP)—Maximum wholesale prices of locally-produced broilers and fryers in the eighth region (including Oregon) of the office of price administration went up Saturday.

A new OPA order said it had been determined the former price did not permit profitable production. The prices for broilers, under three pounds, were announced as follows (showing old and new pound price in that order): live, 28½¢, 34¢; dressed 32½¢, 38¢; drawn, 49¢, 54½¢; eviscerated, quick-frozen, 53¢, 57¢.

The prices for fryers, between three and four pounds: live, 30¢, 34¢; dressed 34¢, 38¢; drawn, 49½¢, 54½¢; eviscerated, quick-frozen, 53½¢, 57¢.

The new order is temporary and will expire on or before March 15.

Hospital Head Quits

GRANTS PASS, Feb. 20 (AP)—J. E. Moore, superintendent of Josephine general hospital, has resigned, effective March 15, to become assistant director of the Evanston hospital, Evanston, Ill. The resignation followed a controversy involving the county medical association and Dr. Blaine B. Pruitt, osteopath, who sought to be allowed use of the hospital. The county court declined to act on Pruitt's petition.

Liberty ship Hall J. Kelly, named after an early-day colonizer of the Oregon country, was launched by Oregon Shipbuilding corporation Saturday.