

Youth Participation Centers Farm Labor Recruiting Plan

Responsibility for all farm labor recruitment programs in Marion county will center in the coordinating committee on youth participation in farm labor, organized this week with Ray Glatt as chairman, it was announced Tuesday. Joe Wilson of the federal employment service, Salem office, will have charge of the platoon program.

The coordinating committee set up an executive committee composed of the county superintendent of schools, the chairman of county youth participation committee in civilian defense, the chairman of the county farm labor committee, the county agriculturist and a representative of the employment services.

An initial step will be revision of the course of study offered in the schools a year ago, preparing students for their participation in harvest work. Walter Snyder, curriculum director in the Salem schools, will have charge of final preparation of the course of study which will be delivered to the schools by April 12. It will be offered in the fifth and higher grades.

The executive group of the coordinating committee met with Charles Gram who is representing the canneries, to discuss transportation problems. Cooperation of service clubs and other organizations will be requested.

The platoon system of providing youthful harvest workers, now designated as the "Marion county plan," is to be adopted in other counties this year just as the "Oregon plan" of community cooperation is being adopted in many other states, it was reported at the meeting.

Huge Dogs Block Bridge Traffic

PORTLAND, March 23-(P)—Traffic over the Burnside bridge went to the dogs for a while Tuesday.

Two Great Danes, about the size of Shetland ponies, took over the bridge for a playground. Drivers slammed on their brakes, cars piled up and everything stopped except the dogs' cavorting and the motorists' cursing.

Finally all was back to normal after the arrival of a police patrol car into which the dogs were lured by de luxe hamburgers.



Marsha Hunt, Frances Drake and Richard Carlson become slightly involved in this merry-mad scene from "Affairs of Martha," now showing at the Hollywood theatre with "Down Argentine Way," in technicolor.



A shamrock in his heart . . . and dynamite in his fist . . . Errol Flynn and Alexis Smith in "Gentleman Jim," now showing at the State theatre, co-featured with "Meet the Stewarts" with William Holden and Frances Dee.



"Hit Parade of 1943" stars John Carroll, Susan Hayward, Gail Patrick, Freddie Martin and orchestra. Count Basie and orchestra, Golden Gate quartet and a host of others at the Grand theatre, opening today. Co-feature is "The Avengers" with Ralph Richardson and Deborah Kerr.

McNary Seeks Use of Lands

WASHINGTON, March 23-(P)—Sen. McNary (R-Ore) Tuesday introduced a bill (S 904) which would permit certain lands in Oregon to be used for mining if not necessary to the nation as agricultural or timber lands.

The bill states that any of the revised Oregon and California railroad and reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon road grant lands in Oregon "may be classified by the secretary of the interior as mineral lands, if the secretary finds that such lands are more valuable or suitable for mining purposes than for use as agricultural or timber lands."

The bill says that lands so classified "may be restored to the public domain and may be opened to location and entry under the mining laws of the United States."

Baker Dies, McMinnville

PORTLAND, March 23-(P)—Gordon G. Baker, 55, McMinnville insurance company executive and civic leader, died Tuesday in a hospital here where he had been confined for two weeks.

He was vice president in charge of agencies for the Oregon Mutual Fire Insurance company, whose home office is in McMinnville, and a member of the Columbia Empire Industries board of directors.

He formerly had served as McMinnville mayor and president of the chamber of commerce there. He was active in the Elks and Masonic lodges.

East Aids Trail Centennial Plans

PORTLAND, March 23-(P)—The Old Oregon Trail centennial this year is attracting increasing interest in the east. Dr. Howard R. Driggs, president of the American Pioneer Trails association, said Tuesday.

Plans for participation in the celebration are being made by New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. Driggs said in a letter to Executive Secretary Walter Meacham of the Old Oregon Trail centennial commission.

Even the exclusive Explorers' club in New York City is boosting the celebration. Driggs said, with a meeting next Sunday honoring Ezra Meeker, William H. Jackson and Capt. Edwin W. Deming, noted western pioneers. Dedication of an Arlington cemetery monument to Jackson, painter and photographer of western scenes, has been set for April 4.

Uniform Wearer Held

PORTLAND, March 23-(P)—William Albert Clayton Dent, 28, was under arrest Tuesday on a charge of wearing a US navy uniform illegally. He is accused of donning the uniform so he could gain admittance to a servicemen's dance.

Around Oregon

AAA officials estimated at Pendleton that sub-zero temperatures last January and a cold wave early this month killed one-third of the winter wheat and one-half of the Austrian peas in Umatilla county . . . state liquor control administrator L. F. Allen reported at Portland that liquor sales dropped 14 per cent the first day of reduced rationing to a quart a week . . . Duchess Charlotte, who will arrive at Portland Thursday, will be greeted by Gov. Earl Snell and Portland's Mayor Earl Riley.

Circuit Judge C. L. Sweek at Pendleton paroled S. E. Roberts, Bend, convicted of involuntary manslaughter in the hunting death of E. W. Kain, Sandy, after Roberts paid a \$700 fine . . . Portland Postmaster E. T. Hedlund asked 35 more women to take mail carriers' jobs . . . a 2000-pound bull brought \$287.32 1/2 cents on the Portland livestock market, the highest price on record for a single bull . . . Oregon shipbuilding corporation launched its 154th Liberty ship, the Albert B. Cummins.

Dairies operated in The Dalles area by J. Y. Gibson and Frank Ingels will quit business soon, the owners said, because of high feed and labor costs . . . among pledges announced by university of Oregon sororities and fraternities were Maxine Coleman, Newberg, Gamma Phi Beta, and James G. Tryon, Salem, Delta Tau Delta . . . Less Randall, recruitment director for Henry J. Kaiser at Portland, said the yards there are in critical need of 30,000 additional workers and suggested many of them could come from men 38 years old or over who are eligible for release from the army to take war jobs . . . Word was received at Pendleton of the election of S. R. Thompson, Pendleton roundup president, as a vice-president of the rodeo association of America.

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THESE HEELS WON'T CLICK AGAIN—These Nazis were killed in action on the Russian front, says the caption of this picture from March of Time's "One Day of War."

Missouri Would Let Convicts Fight

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 23-(P)—A bill to release Missouri's model young convicts to war duty—as fighters, farmers or industrial workers—was approved for passage Tuesday night by a house committee.

"I have an idea," said Rep. O. K. Armstrong (4) "that if these young fellows who have been prisoners are put in tanks they can shoot as good as anybody else. And they're rarin' to go—to fight or farm or help make bombs." The bill provides that state inmates 18 years or older could become eligible immediately for war paroles on their good behavior.

Extra Jury List Drawn at Albany

ALBANY, March 23-(P)—Linn county officials, preparing for the Robert E. Lee Folkes trial on a first degree murder charge here April 7, drew the names of 13 more prospective jurors Monday.

They said they felt the present list might be exhausted in the selection of the jury. Folkes, former negro dining car cook, is accused of killing Mrs. Martha Virginia James to death in her train berth last January 23.

Baker to Entertain State Legion Meet

BAKER, Ore., March 23-(P)—Baker Legionnaires said Tuesday the annual Oregon American Legion convention would be held here August 19, 20 and 21. They said the city's bid for the convention was accepted at a meeting of state officials.

Navy Seeks Lawyers and Investigators

PORTLAND, March 23-(P)—Lawyers and men with investi-



TID-BIT FOR PIGEON—Although it looks as if J. Harrison is ready to bite into his neck, this pigeon is really feeding from Harrison's mouth. He feeds the pigeons daily in City Hall Park, New York City.

Portland Officer Missing in Africa

WASHINGTON, March 23-(P)—The war department Tuesday made public the names of 256 United States soldiers missing in action in the European, north African and Pacific areas and missing at sea in the north Atlantic.

The list included, for Oregon: North African area; Second Lt. Alan S. Thomas; mother, Mrs. J. M. Thomas, Portland.

Wins FFA Oratory

PORTLAND, March 23-(P)—Russell Cary, Roseburg, won the state Future Farmers of America oratorical contest Tuesday and will represent Oregon in the regional finals here April 26. Second place went to Milton Richardson, Junction City, and third to Jim Rogers, Pendleton. The speeches were presented before the Portland Rotary club.

Draft Charge Amazes Court

PORTLAND, March 23-(P)—Herold Elmer Day, 21-year-old merchant ship seaman, couldn't understand why he was charged with violating the selective service act.

Neither, apparently, could Federal Judge Claude McCulloch nor Probation Officer Loren C. Cochran.

"This is one of the rankest cases of injustice that I have ever seen," Cochran told the court and explained the situation thus:

Day signed up in the merchant marine last September and obtained from the secretary of his draft board verbal approval to ship out. As an officer on a Liberty ship he was arrested on a secret indictment charging him with selective service violation.

The judge released Day on his own recognizance and without bond, advised him to see his draft board and get the whole affair patched up.

Day said he would and added he'd like to ship out again. The draft board says it's o.k.

Assault Charged

PORTLAND, March 23-(P)—Municipal Judge J. J. Quillin Tuesday ordered Robert Gerland Noonan, 45-year-old ex-convict, held for the grand jury on a charge of assault and robbery while armed with a dangerous weapon. Noonan is accused of holding up a pharmacy, Mrs. Katherine Livingstone, the proprietor, identified Noonan as the man who accosted her at her home two days after the pharmacy was held up.

Apples Auctioned

DALLAS, Tex., March 23-(P)—The big box of apples that the Spokane Kiwanis club sent the Dallas organization will help keep the axis away. The apples were auctioned off, one by one, for war bonds totalling \$30,550. One apple brought \$5500.

War Thermals



Thermals similar to those that formerly controlled temperatures of electric irons today detect fires in warplanes, motor trouble in mechanized vehicles of war and overheating in battleship gun equipment. A Westinghouse worker is shown spot-welding the base of a thermostat to its body.—IIN Photo.

Civilians Invited To USO Open House

Civilians come into their own between 1 and 3 p. m. Sunday at the USO, when an open house for civilian residents of the Salem area is planned. Guides, perhaps some of them the uniformed men who have found the first USO center in Salem an attractive place to read, lounge, dance and eat, will show visitors through the clubhouse at the corner of Chemeketa and Cottage streets.

Bowdens Move

KEIZER—Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bowden and small son will soon be moving to Keizer. They have purchased the George Casebeer property, just east of Keizer school.

GANGWAY FOR THE YEAR'S FUNNIEST SERIAL!



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On this, our 75th Birthday

TODAY, our country is at war—engaged in a desperate struggle to determine whether the freedom we have created and cherished shall survive or perish.

Beside the all-embracing immensity of that issue, the Diamond Anniversary which Metropolitan celebrates this month is of small importance.

Yet today, on our 75th birthday, it is perhaps proper that this company, representing nearly thirty million policyholders, should here voice its faith in the future, and its determination to help make that future brighter than any period in the past.

We have just reason for that faith. Ours is a business that has been built on faith—in the continued and growing greatness of our country, faith in the integrity of our people.

In the 75 years since Metropolitan was founded, on March 24, 1868, we have seen America face crisis after crisis—wars, panics, depressions, disasters of many kinds . . . and from each such crisis we have seen this country emerge stronger than ever. We confidently believe that America will do just that again—that the best years of our history lie before us.

We have every reason, too, for our

determination to help make that future brighter. No business, perhaps, touches the lives and aspirations of millions of people more closely than ours. It is our plain duty to help those people fulfill their dreams—of an education for their children, of security for their families, of financial independence in their own old age.

In the past, we have tried to perform that duty through the wise investment of more than six billion dollars which we hold for the benefit of our policyholders. We have tried to do it through conscientious, economical management, so that insurance costs would be held to a minimum. We have tried to do it through the prompt payment of all benefits—which, in the 75 years of our existence, have totalled over nine and a half billion dollars. And through our organized health activities, established in 1909, we have tried to make every possible contribution to healthier, longer lives for our policyholders—lives which, taken from birth, now average over twenty years longer than they did in 1868.

In doing these things, we have also tried to be a good citizen. For we are part of America. Her future is ours. And today, in this critical hour of her history, we say again—our faith in her future has never been stronger.

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