

Most Meats Are Removed From Ration

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have only two points every two weeks for cheese, evaporated milk and margarine unless he cuts steak and butter consumption.

On the other hand, if the consumer has been letting the high point items alone, using margarine, variety meats, and pork, he can have a good deal more of the better cuts of beef under the new schedule than he has been eating.

So far as the still-rationed, red-point foods are concerned, OPA figures the average break at something like 7 per cent in the consumer's favor. It says 57 per cent of the volume of meats, fats and cheese formerly sold on red points now are being made point free. That leaves the consumer with 50 per cent of the former number of points with which to buy 43 per cent of the amount of rationed items.

The reduction in number of available red points will be accomplished by validating 20 per cent every four weeks instead of 30 every two weeks as in the past. The three stamps becoming valid next Sunday, May 7, for 10 points each must last until Sunday, June 4.

OPA's decision to give all cuts of pork, veal, lamb and mutton, and all other rationed meats (except beef steaks and roasts) a "zero point value" until further notice reflects the record run of hogs continuing to come to market, a "good supply" of lamb and mutton, and a large backlog of beef cattle on the nation's ranges.

Chester Bowles, OPA administrator, said OPA will continue the bonus plan "as long as we can."

PORTLAND, May 3-(AP)—Livestock men rejoiced today at the abandonment of most meat rationing, while an Oregon State college official suggested a still further cut.

P. M. Brandt, head of the division of animal industries, said that lifting of points on low-grade beef roasts and steaks might be required to assure swift marketing of all cattle.

Meade Hadley, Oregon meat council advisor, predicted increased demands of slaughter houses for low grade cattle now that hamburger is off the ration list.

Streamlining Tax Due Next

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the tax-initiating ways and means committee for presenting it to the house without public hearings and under a rule preventing amendments on the floor.

Doughton declared he had no fear the legislation would injure the institutions supported by contributions, and added:

"I do not believe that the great mass of contributors do so for the purpose of securing tax reduction, but because of the worthy causes such contributions advance."

Curtis based his objection to the part of the bill that allows a flat 10 per cent deduction of income (up to a \$500 deduction) in lieu of present exact allowances for such contributions, other taxes and interest paid.

Truck Tires Require Check

Commercial motor vehicle operators were reminded today they are "still required" by the office of defense transportation to have their tires inspected after each 5000 miles of operation, or every six months of operation if less than 5000 miles.

Marshall E. Nauman, district manager of the division of motor transport, explained that although the office of price administration has lifted the requirements for passenger car tire inspection, truck tires must be inspected because they receive much harder wear under severe wartime usage and the lesser supply of truck tires requires that "truck tires in use be preserved as much now as before."

County Gets Santiam Funds

State warrants of \$9119.87 and \$648.37 have been turned over to the county as the state's portion of road and bridge maintenance costs for the North Santiam highway between Niagaras and Detroit. The road fund is for the year and a half ending last December, and the bridge fund for a two-year period culminating December 31, 1943.

The county and the state have a 50-50 maintenance agreement on the road's upkeep. Efforts by the county court more than two years ago to get the state highway commission to take over this stretch of road resulted in the compromise of split costs.

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ON the HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

No especial significance may attach to the fact that a lovely specimen of the Judas tree thrives on the parking of our statehouse grounds!

Nevertheless, many Salem folk as familiar with the garbled yet dainty Cercis Canadensis as with its legendary part in ending the life of its namesake will be interested to know that today it is abloom.

The delicate-appearing branches which stretch above a portion of the State street walk east of the capitol building are lined with tiny rosy blossoms.

Japs Driving Along Hankow Peiping Rail

CHUNGKING, May 3-(AP)—Japanese forces, constantly increasing in numbers, are driving north and south along the Hankow-Peiping railway in Honan province in a now-evident effort to occupy the entire line, the Chinese announced tonight.

The Chinese communique estimated that about 80,000 Japanese troops now were actively engaged in the Honan campaign, with large reinforcements being held in reserve.

The original drive that began a fortnight ago was on the East-West railway which intersects the Hankow-Peiping line at Chenghsien.

Thrusting southward from captured Chenghsien, the Japanese have reached central Honan province, and are attacking the city of Huchang, 50 miles south of Chenghsien, the Chinese said.

Both sides have suffered heavy casualties in the battle that began May 1, but the city still is in Chinese hands, it was stated.

Coming up from the south along the railway, another Japanese force has reached within 20 miles of Huchang and is being bitterly engaged by the Chinese.

Mattson Needs Vote Helpers

"Do you know anyone who would like to serve as a county election judge or clerk in the coming primary election?" County Clerk Henry Mattson would like to have your information.

Twenty vacancies in the lists in Marion county confronted him Wednesday morning. There are more than 80 precincts in the county, and resignations keep flocking in to his desk.

These are the vacant posts which must be filled in Salem: No. 11, three; No. 5 and No. 19, two; No. 26, No. 17 and Salem Heights, one; East Hubbard, West Hubbard, Monitor, Stayton and Turner have one each.

Humane Officer Pleads Innocent

EUGENE, Ore., May 3-(AP)—Arthur T. Hall, former humane society official, pleaded innocent today to a charge of cruel killing of animals.

Hall, who was discharged last Saturday as dog control officer for the humane society, was charged together with Joe Ficenzi, a chemical works employe, with clubbing seven dogs to death with an iron bar. Vincenzi also pleaded innocent.

Black Market Gas Coupons Sell for 10c

PORTLAND, May 3-(AP)—Black market gas coupons are selling at 10 cents apiece, William H. Hedlund, assistant US attorney, said today.

He quoted the price just before Chester A. Grimes, 32, and Paul Smalley, 38, were fined \$100 each on a charge of possession counterfeit gasoline coupons. Both men pleaded guilty.

House Group Approves GI Bill of Rights

WASHINGTON, May 3-(AP)—The senate-passed "GI bill of rights" was approved today by the house veterans' committee with unemployment compensation allowances sharply reduced and government-guaranteed loans to veterans increased.

Chairman Rankin (D-Miss.) said he will seek house action next week.

As approved after fifteen days of almost continuous committee session, the bill provides unemployment compensation on a flat basis of \$20 weekly for a maximum of 26 weeks out of the first two years after discharge, and for government-guaranteed loans of \$1500 for the purchase of homes, farms or small business.

The senate bill provided unemployment pay for a maximum of 52 weeks, ranging from \$15 to \$25 weekly, depending on the family status of the veteran.

The senate put a \$1000 top on loans and provided for their issuance by the veterans administration. The committee bill would allow the administration to guarantee loans by private, state or federal institutions.

The committee also removed the senate's top of \$500,000,000 for hospital construction, authorizing the expenditure of whatever amounts are necessary.

Main provisions on educational opportunities for veterans were left unchanged, although the house group emphasized handling of the program by the states and the veterans administration. The senate bill called for an educational advisory council to be appointed by the president. The committee reduced to 90 days the requirement that a veteran have six months of service to be eligible for educational benefits.

Yank Captures 17 Japanese

WITH THE AMERICANS AT HOLLANDIA, May 3-(AP)—Herschel Wilson, with a rifle in one hand and the steering wheel of his jeep in the other, had his hands full when—up popped 17 unarmed Japanese.

Wilson, of Hawthorne, Calif., had driven a general and two colonels to their quarters in east division headquarters. While returning, the enemy broke out of some woods.

Willing prisoners, they indicated they wanted to go toward Tanagerah bay. Wilson had other ideas. He ordered them to form two lines in front of his jeep and start marching. When darkness came, he turned on his lights so he could keep track of them and counted them each time he turned a corner to make sure none escaped.

He turned the 17 over to officers at Hollandia.

Farm Transport Plans Will Be Arranged

PORTLAND, May 3-(AP)—Farmers, repairmen, and ration board officials from Yamhill, Marion, Washington and Tillamook counties will meet in McMinnville May 9 to set up farm transportation plans for the 1944 harvest season.

It is one of 12 district farm meetings to be held over the state during the next two weeks under the auspices of the state AAA committee and government agencies.

FFA Convention Opens In Portland Today

PORTLAND, May 3-(AP)—Thirty three Future Farmers of America will receive the coveted "State Farmer" degree at the Oregon state convention here tomorrow.

Other convention highlights will be a talk by Robert Bowman, Bakersfield, Calif., national president, and installation of new officers, headed by Wilford Rock, Claverdale. The sessions will end Friday.

Road Gravel Almost Causes Train Wreck

Loss of life and heavy property damage to railway rolling equipment on the Oregon Electric were possibly averted when an engineer on one of the trains slowed down his train in time to prevent derailing at a crossing, according to E. H. Showalter, superintendent of the SP&S railway, which operates the Oregon Electric. He did not state where the "near-accident" occurred.

Showalter wrote the county court that six to eight inches of gravel had accumulated over and between the rails on a crossing, evidently dropped by a county grader operator. He asked the court to request its employes to exercise great care in operating their equipment and to clean up dirt if it should fall, especially between the flanges of the rails. Danger of derailment is greater when gravel accumulates in the flanges than when it scatters on top of the rails.

The county court is investigating the matter.

Missouri Still Hit by Floods

By the Associated Press
Two obstreperous streams added fresh flood complications in Missouri yesterday and the Illinois river continued dangerously high below Beardstown, Ill., but the flood threat of Texas rivers was eased by a change in weather. A cool wave moved into the state ending a three-day period of wind and rain storms that caused eight deaths and sent east and central Texas rivers on a rampage.

In central Missouri, the Grand river, which is extremely responsive to rainfall, boomed 14.7 feet in 24 hours at Chillicothe and the Osage river climbed seven feet above flood stage at Tuscumbia. Torrents from the two tributaries checked recession of the Missouri river's flood.

Federal troops and state militia kept up a fight on the Illinois river to save several saturated and weakened levees. The river has held its flood crest almost stationary at Beardstown and below for more than 80 hours.

Work Assured In Ship Yards

PORTLAND, Ore., May 3-(AP)—Work for all employes of three big Kaiser shipyards here and in Vancouver, Wash., until the middle of 1945 seems assured by additional contracts for 58 ships announced by the maritime commission today.

The commission said contracts for 38 tankers have been awarded to the Portland Swan Island yard, and the Vancouver yard received a contract for 20 transport vessels.

In addition, Oregon Shipbuilding corporation here, with nearly 30,000 employes, holds Victory ship and transport contracts that will keep crews busy until June, 1945.

Child Born on Lawn Doing Very Well

PORTLAND, May 3-(AP)—The baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Miller, born last night on a neighbor's front lawn, was crowing cheerfully in a hospital today.

The infant, who arrived while father Miller was in a neighbor's house summoning an ambulance for his wife, was taken to the hospital bundled in a blanket supplied by the neighbor.

Both mother and baby are in good condition.

Legion Convention Set for Portland

PORTLAND, May 3-(AP)—The American Legion's 29th annual state convention was set today for August 10-12 in Portland.

Col. DeVoise Talks to Club

The Salvation Army is changing the emphasis placed on its work from reformation to prevention, Col. R. L. DeVoise told members of the Salem Rotary club Wednesday.

The subject of his talk was "Twenty Million Little Pagans," and he said they came from the children who attended no Sunday school and eventually became the delinquents who are publicized so much just now.

Suggesting ways in which the Rotarians might help in the work of preventing delinquents, Col. DeVoise suggested that members take an active and real interest in boys, their school work, plays and activities.

He spoke last night at the Salvation Army headquarters.

Health Group Has Meeting

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who discussed briefly the results of the Christmas seal sales, and a mobile unit for tuberculosis case finding which will handle from 200 to 400 persons per day and which will be in use soon.

Mrs. Dunbar stressed the fact that transition of masses during the war, and the return of veterans afterwards, necessitate the continued vigilance of health workers in seeking out cases of tuberculosis. She stated that while the work seems to be progressing, there has been a noticeable increase in death rate of adults in the state.

Dr. Grover Bellinger, in a brief statement, said that while there has been an outstanding accomplishment in Salem high school, that adults in the city are causing a problem to the worker in tuberculosis control. "The middle aged man is a tough problem," he said. "He is the one spreading the infection; he is the one who is hard to handle."

Dr. W. C. Stone, county health officer stated that returned veterans are bound to be sources of malaria as they were of tuberculosis after the last war.

Tinkham Gilbert was reelected president of the association for the next year, Mrs. C. M. Smith, Jefferson, and Mrs. Henry B. Fritzliss, Silverton, vice-presidents and Harry Scott, treasurer.

Melvin Geist, accompanied by Mrs. Geist, sang two numbers during the evening.

House OK's Museum For 'Oregon' Relics

PORTLAND, May 3-(AP)—A measure establishing a museum in Portland for battleship Oregon relics passed the house of representatives today, Rep. Homer D. Angell (R-Ore.) notified the Battleship Oregon commission here.

Sunday School Shows Drop In Attendance

KANSAS CITY, May 3-(AP)—Although the church has shown gains in almost every other department, Methodist Sunday school enrollment has dropped about 800,000 in the last decade, a report to the church's general conference disclosed today.

Bishops Paul B. Kern of Nashville, G. Bromley Oxnam of Boston and H. Lester Smith of Cincinnati, who headed the committee preparing the report, pointed out that Methodist Sunday schools had 5,885,81 members in 1934, but the figures had dropped to 5,488,939 by 1939 and to 5,040,511 by 1943, a 13.8 percent loss for the ten years.

Nearly all protestant churches from which figures were available showed similar losses, the bishops said. The Presbyterian church in the USA, for example, was down 19.5 per cent, and the Congregational Christian church lost 20 percent.

A variety of reasons have been offered for this failure of the Sunday school to hold its own, all the way from a decline in birthrate to too much Saturday night partying, the bishops said. But they felt that the rise in secularism and a corresponding drop in spiritual life, the inferior quality of work in many Sunday schools, ineffective pastoral leadership and lack of evangelistic zeal all contributed.

Bishop Issues D-Day Prayer

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May it please these this day to draw to thyself the hearts of those who struggle and endure to the uttermost. Have mercy on them and suffer not their faith in thee to fail. Guide and protect them by thy light and strength that they may be kept from evil.

"May thy comfort be sufficient for all who suffer pain or who wait in the agony of uncertainty. O righteous and omnipotent God, who, in their tragedies and conflicts, judges the hearts of men and the purposes of nations, enter into this struggle with thy transforming power, that out of its anguish there may come a victory of righteousness. May there arise a new order which shall endure because in it thy will shall be done in earth as it is in heaven. Forgive us and cleanse us, as well as those who strive against us, that we may be fit instruments of thy purposes.

"Unto thy most gracious keeping we commend our loved ones and ourselves, ascribing unto thee all praise and glory, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

Yanks Pound Rabaul Hard

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were slain Sunday during reduction of a strong point. Monday, P-T's strafed and killed 20 Japanese near Yaninae and Tuesday 18 more were wiped out near Alitape.

Targets which recently have become familiar in the communications — Woleai in the western Carolines and the Schouten islands northwest of Hollandia — were mentioned anew today. Liberators hit them.

In the latest raid reported at Rabaul, a small group of Liberators, together with more than 50 dive bombers, torpedo bombers and fighter-bombers, dropped 88 tons of explosives on defense installations at a plantation east of the town and attacked an airfield runway on nearby Duke of York Island. Six gun positions were destroyed.

Fighters damaged three barges in Keravisa bay, adding to the toll of small boats on which the enemy had placed reliance because of heavy losses among larger shipping.

Along the New Guinea coast, where isolated Japanese caught in a 270-mile area between Alitape and Alexishafen are trying to escape, other barges were damaged by swift P-T boats which also shelled the shore.

Allies Embark Several Times Say Germans

LONDON, May 3-(AP)—The London Press quoted Stockholm's Aftonbladet today as saying German reconnaissance pilots had observed "allied invasion troops embarking in invasion vessels at British ports, ready to sail on several occasions, but the troops later landed again."

Aftonbladet's Berlin correspondent added, "The embarkations were not intended to test the speed with which they could be carried out, but as a feint to lure the Germans into taking premature counter-measures."

A dispatch received today from Charles Grumich of the Associated Press, who is in the field "somewhere in India," reported there was evidence that the morale of Japanese invasion troops was sagging under the weight of their jungle existence and British counter-attacks. He said there had been some Japanese surrenders.

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Pepper Ahead, Hill Wins Race

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stration," he told reporters in Washington. "That there is more of a talkative than an actual trend against the administration among the voters. There is no revolt in the South."

But senator Brewster (R-Me) differed. "I am surprised," he said, "at the strength of the anti-administration forces within the democratic party, as demonstrated by the large vote cast against the incumbents. Farther north, that same revolt is going to be translated into republican votes."

In addition to the Pepper and Hill races, interest attached to senator Chan Gurney's renomination in the South Dakota republican primary. Gurney's opponent, Lt. Gov. A. C. Miller, contended in his campaign that the senator followed President Roosevelt's policies too closely.

Allied Chiefs Are Optimistic About India

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(The German radio quoted Tokyo dispatches of Wednesday as saying that British troops had evacuated Imphal and taken up positions just outside the town—a report at complete variance with allied affidavits.)

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