

Dealer Says Oil Shortage is Myth

Oil for heating is likely to be as plentiful in the postwar period as any of the other fuels, according to L. P. Curtisinger, local oil heating dealer. There is every indication, he says, that we shall have petroleum for all our needs for 100 years.

"Temporary shortage due to wartime transportation difficulties, should not be interpreted as a country-wide oil shortage," Curtisinger points out. "There is more oil in sight in proven reserves today than at any time in the country's history, and we are adding to these reserves each year. Wartime demands on the producing, refining and transport branches of the petroleum industry have created temporary problems that cannot be quickly solved, but when our tankers, men and material no longer are needed for their present war jobs, oil will again be easily available."

Synthetic rubber, plastics, and other new uses for oil do not threaten the supply for heating, says Curtisinger, since other raw materials are available at lower prices than the same chemicals would cost if produced from petroleum.

Concerning present supplies of oil, Curtisinger points out that oil in the ground in tested fields total 20,082,793,000 barrels at the end of 1942, an increase of slightly less than a half-billion barrels during the year. This continues a trend that has been fairly consistent in normal times when new discoveries and extensions of existing oil pools bring to light more oil than the country produces each year.

"If the time ever comes when oil underground shows signs of exhaustion, we have about 92 billion barrels that can be recovered from oil shale," says Curtisinger, "and tremendous additional production from the treatment of coal. Oil from these processes will cost but little more than the present well oil, if and when we see fit to produce it."

Lumber Output Up On Pacific Coast

SEATTLE, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Aided by favorable logging weather, the west coast lumber industry boosted production 25 per cent during December over the same month in 1942, the West Coast Lumbermen's association reported today.

The report said the industry ended the year with a cut of 7920 million board feet of lumber, exceeding 1940 production for the third successive year but falling behind 1942 production. West coast mills were still vastly oversold with one billion feet of unfilled orders and sawmill stocks down another 20 per cent.

"War requirements for lumber have changed materially during the year but show no sign of lessening," the report said. "The war plant of the United States, the cantonments, warehouses, hangers and shipyards have been largely completed. But the offensive phase of the war has brought insatiable demands for expendable items like boxes and cases for shipping supplies."

"For the same reason there is yet no prospect that more west coast lumber can be made available in 1944 for civilian home and farm building, beyond the urgent defense housing."

"Control of lumber usage by the war production board is becoming more drastic and is being extended to more of the national production."

Cumulative production for 1943 was 7,920,421,000 board feet, compared to 8,507,537,000 in 1942. The weekly average production in December, 1943, was 147,765,000 board feet with orders averaging 158,867,000 feet.

Fees Paid to State By Banks Reduced

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 13.—(AP)—A. A. Rogers, state superintendent of banks, today announced the banking board had reduced 25 per cent fees paid by Oregon banks to the state banking department.

Rogers said his department's costs have declined because it has not been necessary to employ as many bank examiners as before.

ANTI-CAKE BLUE LAW

A New England blue law of the 17th century forbade the sale of cakes and buns except for bridal or burial parties, in order to reduce the gossip and frivolity of women's parties where cakes and buns were popular refreshments.

Baby Born to Newmans Fifth Generation

Mr. and Mrs. John Newman have received word of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. John William Newman at San Leandro, Calif., Dec. 30. The baby, who has been given the name of John William Newman, Jr., is the great grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John Newman, and grandson of their son, James Newman.

The baby is a link in a five-generation family chain, as Mrs. John Newman, his great grandmother, has an uncle, Seth Harpole of Cheshire, who is approaching 90. He is the baby's great-great-great uncle. It is pointed out that the new member of the family is the first in several generations to be born outside the state of Oregon, as both Newmans and Harpoles were pioneers of the state and county.

John William Newman, the baby's father, is a naval radio-man 1-C and navigator, living at San Leandro and acting as instructor in a radio school there.

Eastern Educator To Speak Here

Dr. John Norton, Columbia Teachers' college, New York City, will be on the university campus Friday afternoon to discuss post-war trends in education, particularly school financing. Dr. Norton, who is a national authority on school financing, will appear at an open meeting at 4.30 in the men's lounge of Gerlinger hall, to which all school administrators and members of school boards are invited.

The announcement was made by Chancellor Frederic M. Hunter of the state system of higher education, who with Dr. Norton has been at the regional conference of the American Association of School Administrators in Seattle.

Dr. Norton is the author of several books, including "The Ability of the States to Support Education" (1924) and "Wealth, Children and Education" (1937). He is a member of the educational policies commission of the National Education association and of the American Association of School Administrators and chairman of the commission on education and government of the American council on education. He was also a member of the board of directors of the encyclopedia of social sciences, 1930-1935, and chairman of the joint commission on emergency in education, 1933-35.

Oregon's Gasoline Consumption Drops

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 13.—(AP)—Gasoline consumption in Oregon during the first 11 months of 1943 was down 15 per cent, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., reported today.

Consumption during the period totaled 211,717,009 gallons, as compared with 250,018,636 during the same period in 1942, Farrell said. Gasoline use during November dropped 18 per cent.

Total tax paid on gasoline consumed in Oregon from January through November was \$10,585,850.71, compared with \$12,500,923.50 in 1942.

Repatriation Delay Blamed on Japan

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—(AP)—The United States today accused Japan of delaying repatriation of 10,000 captured Americans in direct violation of her announced intention to abide by the Geneva convention on treatment of war prisoners.

In a lengthy report on steps taken by this government to secure the return of the U. S. nationals, the state department also accused the Japanese of failing to carry out their agreement to expedite shipment of relief supplies to the interned Americans.

NOTICES OUT

WALTERVILLE—Notices to the shareholders of McKenzie Valley Farmers Telephone line as to their annual assessment have been mailed out by the secretary, Mrs. Frank Page, and this assessment carries a discount of 10 per cent if paid by Feb. 10.

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