Eugene Retailers Show June Gains

Eugeneans spent more money in June this year than in June, 1943 according to figures released Wednesday from the bureau of census, measuring independent retailers' sales throughout the state. Eugene showed 17 per cent more trade compared to a four per cent increase in sales for the state.

One of the leading gainers for the state was the hardware business which showed a 14 per cent increase over last year. This was explained in part by Arthur Quackenbush, Eugene hardware merchant as probably being due to an increase in straight hardware and farm machinery from manufacturers to dealers.

While the state as a whole reported a noticeable cut in men's clothing sales, where a four per cent decrease was seen; shoe stores, where sales slipped down 18 per cent, and furniture stores, with a drop amounting to 12 per cent, it did not hold true in Eugene, representative stores reporting substantial gains for the period.

One merchant explained the huge drop in shoe sales by pointing out that a ration shoe stamp became due in June, 1943, which made it an abnormal month to compare with June, 1944.

The decrease in other parts of the state in these businesses was laid by Eugene merchants to the folding up of army camps with the resulting change in populations.

Other cities reporting gains for the period were Salem with 25 per cent; Klamath Falls with 19 per cent, and Astoria with three per cent.

The Great Smoky Mountains are so called because of an ever-present blue haze.

States And Cities May Get Surplus Goods

SEATTLE—(U.P.)—A plan is being considered whereby state and municipal governments will be given a priority on the purchase of government-owned surplus commodities.

Robert Ducas of the war properties administration said the plan would give tax-supported units a period of 21 days to acquire surplus goods before other orders were accepted.

Ducas said four agencies now are marketing surplus government goods, the treasury department, war food administration, federal housing administration and maritime commission.

Japs Replace Chief Of Navy General Staff

By United Press

The Japanese navy ministry announced the appointment of Adm. Koshiro Oikawa as chief of the naval general staff, replacing Adm. Shigetaro Shimada, Tokyo radio said Wednesday in a broadcast recorded by United Press in San Francisco.

The broadcast also disclosed the appointment of Shimada and Adm. Zengo Yoshida as "supreme war councilors," in which capacity Shimada presumably would continue to exercise influence in the conduct of the war against the allies.

Shimada, 60, for several months this year held down both the posts of navy minister and naval chief of staff.

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County Clerk Dillard Entered Lane Courthouse 40 Years Ago

COUNTY CLERK DILLARD

Forty years ago Tuesday, Aug. 1, Walter B. Dillard, clerk of Lane county, took office as county school superintendent. Serving two terms of four years each, he left the courthouse and became engaged in the practice of law and teaching. In 1927 he was appointed to the office of county clerk, taking the place of R. S. Bryson, who had resigned to enter the abstract business. Dillard has served in that capacity ever since.

In celebration of the anniversary of his entering the service of the county the employes of his office late Tuesday afternoon tendered the clerk an informal party, attended by all officials and employes at the courthouse.

Officials and employes extended felicitations and congratulations, the older members of the courthouse office staffs exchanging reminiscences of the earlier days they had spent in the service of the county.

Only one person present was employed in the courthouse at the time Dillard took office as county superintendent. He is George Waggoner, deputy in the office of P. M. Morse, county engineer. He began work in the office in 1903, when the late Charles M. Collier, was engineer. Waggoner has been in the office ever since.

Clerk Dillard in telling of the growth of the county since 1904, when he first entered the courthouse as an official, said at that time there were but 41 voting precincts in the county as compared with 120 in 1944. The federal census of 1900 gave the county's population as 19,604 and the enumerators in 1940 counted 69,096. In 1904 the total number of votes cast at the June election (the time of the general election had not yet been changed to November) was 5260. Women did not vote in those days. At the general election in 1940 the clerk's figures show that 32,266 voters cast their ballots. This includes both men and women. In 1904 the number of votes cast for him as county school superintendent was 2693 and in 1940 he received 18,066 votes as candidate for clerk.

Dillard recalls that when he first took over as county clerk in 1927 there were but seven or eight employes in the office and at the present time there are 16.

Balkan Setback—

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"economic and financial help and war equipment," the premier said, "to meet the difficulties which would arise" from the action.

The break is effective at midnight tonight.

Speaking before 413 delegates of the assembly, Saracoglu said the step did not mean that Turkey would enter the war, but that such a possibility "would depend on the atittude of the other side."

This indicated that Turkey, which has more than 1,000,000 well-trained soldiers, would enter the fight only if Germany started hostile action.

Saracoglu said that Britain, with United States support, had asked Turkey "within the limits of our agreement, (mutual assistance alliance) to break diplomatic and economic relations" with Germany.

The break—a major blow to German prestige—may have an important effect upon shaky Balkan satellites, particularly Bulgaria, which has shown increasing indications recently of desiring to leave the company of Germany and move closer to soviet Russia.

Trade Already Cut

Turkish trade with Germany is already drastically reduced. It cut off shipments of chrome several months ago. Such strategic materials as cotton, copper, fish, oil-seeds, and mohair now will be barred.

The axis had wind of the trend before the action was taken. Berlin broadcasters had warned the Turks that a break in diplomatic and economic relations would mean war. Rumors circulated in Ankara that the Japanese were about to break off diplomatic relations with Turkey.

The leadership of war-weary Finland changed overnight. The assumption of the presidency by Mannerheim, Finnish commander in chief, was regarded as the first step toward the formation of a peace government.

However, German propagandists professed to welcome the appointment of the old soldier to succeed Ryti.

"The brotherhood in arms will be still closer in the future," one nazi radio commentator declared.

An informed sourced in Berlin was quoted by the German-controlled Scandinavian telegraph bureau as saying that Germany expected "no change in general military developments" on the Finnish front.

New Mexico appeared on Spanish maps of the New World as early as 1546.

Big Red—

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vances toward the Beskid pass through the Carpathians to Czechoslovakia were reported.)

The German 16th and 18th armies have been operating in the Baltic states and these were split by the drive to the sea west of Riga.

The red army had cut and was astride all railroads and highways leading from the Baltic states to East Prussia. From Tukums on the coastal railroad, Gen. Ivan Bagramian's Baltic army group fanned off rapidly in three directions: (1) dashing less than 20 miles from Riga itself; (2) northward along the Gulf of Riga; and (3) toward such escape ports as Leipaja, 85 miles east, Ventspils and Mazirbe

Thousands of Germans were concentrated in a narrow sector on the east side of the Vistula and offered violent resistance to hold back Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky's army group from the broad, swift river. They were fighting not only for Warsaw, but in defense of Berlin itself, 322 miles from the nearest red army troops. Four bridges over the Vistula in the Warsaw area appeared still intact, the Germans fearing to destroy them lest they trap thousands of their own troops.

A great slugging battle for possession of a strip five to eight miles wide along 20 miles of the Vistula in the Warsaw area continued in an arc in which lie the Warsaw suburbs of Praga, just east of the capital and across the river, Wawer, Zabki, Brudno, Narnki, Kobulka and Zerzen.

Washington imported paving stones for Mount Vernon's piazza from England.

George Washington always wrote his name on the title pages of his books.

Salem Canneries Seeking Prisoners

SALEM, Aug. 2.— (AP) — Representatives of labor, canneries and government agencies indicated last night they would ask that German war prisoners be used in canneries in the Salem area to relieve the acute labor shortage.

The cannery operators said that during the peak of the packing season between Aug. 20 and Oct. 15, they will be short 1200 men and 3200 women unless additional labor is obtained.

Informed of the move to consider placing prisoners of war at work in canneries of the state, E. A. McCornack, manager of the Eugene Fruit Growers association, said:

"We hope to avoid the necessity of considering the plan. To obtain these workers involves many objectionable features. We are hoping the home community responds to carry on."

Beans have been coming in in good quantity at the plant this week, 150 tons being delivered Tuesday as against 125 tons on Monday. Maximum for the plant in a day is 225 tons, so the volume is stepping up, McCornack said. Call is being made now to put on a second crew, probably Wednesday night.

THAILAND HAS SHAKEUP

By United Press

Tokyo radio reported from Bangkok Wednesday that Maj. Kwan Uttayan has been commanded to form a new Thailand cabinet, succeeding that of former Premier Luang Pitul Songgram, who resigned last week.

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What Does Eugene Mean to You? Here's Word Picture of City

By ANN CONNELL

What is Eugene to me? After three years, I take stock.

The first I knew of Eugene was the big O on a hillside — I went through on a train at night; looking out, I saw a stone-walled station and the big O — in the moonlight it looked white; it was years before I saw it by daylight to know it was lemon-yellow.

My next acquaintance with Eugene was its park; an out-of-towner, to me it was the center of operations; a place to park, to rest, to talk with other people, who all were also out-of-towners; above all, a means of orientation. I knew locations of all points only with relation to the park.

Then I came here to live; met and conquered the confusing bus "loops" of the east side, which travel varying routes going and coming, crossing each other in amazing fashion, it seemed to me. I saw the east side, with its campus, and the west side, with its huge trees and old homes. The trees were one of my first and most enduring loves, about Eugene. I met them in summer, watched them through the fall, suffered with them through the heavy ice of that first winter, and rejoiced with them as spring completed the cycle. I took gladness from my first spring among deciduous trees, I who came from the coast and the evergreens.

Next, it was cloud effects, so different, so much more in evidence, in the valley atmosphere than on the cloudy coast, which brought me joy.

I was taken up on Skinner Butte, looked out over the tree-lined streets and the river vistas, and for the first time learned of the retreat by the river which hides behind its eminence; and to Hendricks park, which was almost like a bit of my coastal homeland, with its big evergreens and shrubbery. I was happy to know that this refuge was so near me; sight of its green hillside lived with me and was shield against "heimveh" in my first year. With my small son, I found the expanse of Washburne park also in our neighborhood; took occasional walks through it, and was grateful for its nearness through the child's accounts of his many hours of fun in the wading pool.

I found the library, the churches; the hotels and restaurants; the banks and business houses, as my needs led me; in the fall, I found the several schools among which my children were distributed. One by one, I visited various public buildings and campus structures. A lecture by a war correspondent at Gerlinger—a tea in the browsing room of the library—a play at Johnson hall—Spanish class in Friendly—a concert in the music hall, another at McArthur court. I heard the Gleemen, viewed the Very Little Theatre. I met the ready social reception of the City club, the Hospitality club.

I went to work, met the people, learned the fine, friendly and democratic spirit of them, which made me glad of my choice of Eugene as a place to live. As chance opportunities offered, I went into the fields and experimented at the harvest of several crops, to learn more of the background of life in the valley; I even spent one day in its cannery —(too bad it was such a hot day I could endure but one!) I knew that here was occupational opportunity for my children which would make their chance of education secure.

I joined the Women's Choral club, and felt myself a [illegible] one of the town's institutions. [illegible] B and PW club, when my [illegible] left for armed service, [illegible] at once in the midst of a [illegible] hearted sisterhood. I [illegible] ble in the form of a [illegible] ous illness, and met [illegible] encouragement on every [illegible]

Eugene! It's the O, the [illegible] the buttes at either end; [illegible] lamette street; the [illegible] the Gleemen, the VLT, [illegible] men versus the Golden [illegible] the Obsidians taking [illegible] eons wheeling above the [illegible] bridges over the mill [illegible] posing "frat" houses, [illegible] pant on red brick buildings [illegible] ners at the Osburn, [illegible] the Eugene; tea at the [illegible] age, canoes floating by, [illegible] classes training other [illegible] to shout in the race to [illegible] come. It's the sunset [illegible] crest of Hendricks park [illegible] moonrise over its trees [illegible] under the aqueduct on [illegible] side, the sunny fields [illegible] humming mills; the orchards [illegible] of bean fields out [illegible] Oakridge course and [illegible] the downtown church [illegible] colorful wares in stalls [illegible] market; the red KORE [illegible] ing through the dusk, [illegible] field beacon flashing [illegible] peaceful, pretty homes [illegible] road and College Crest [illegible] ed busses of the [illegible] ially Springfield on a [illegible] night! It's young people [illegible] over grassy lawns, [illegible] cords, sweaters and [illegible] uniforms; it's Seymour's [illegible] coke, and Paul's for a [illegible] Easter sunrise on the [illegible] hollyhock battles and [illegible] challenging produce and [illegible] in the market and ladies [illegible] sale by urchins on street [illegible] and — it's home.

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