

**Benefit Payments to Farmers Totaled**  
 WASHINGTON (AP)—Benefit payments to farmers during the first year totaled \$801,377,700, according to reports disclosed by the department of agriculture. The largest amount was \$246,000,000, paid between June 30, 1939, and June 30, 1940. The largest amount during the current year ending June 30, 1945, was \$886,000,000. The payments are exclusive of the subsidies paid to farmers on flour, meats, butter and other minor food items. The payments made during the past year supplemented a cash payment of \$135,548,000, while payments to sugar growers totaled \$49,942,000.

**Highly Improbable Message Rechecked**  
 A B-29 BASE IN WESTERN CHINA (AP)—The radio in the control tower of this Superfortress base, more than 1000 miles inland, blared forth a code message from an incoming B-29. The operator consulted his code book and whistled incredulously as the message took form: "Four hundred and fifty Jap warships sighted headed your way."  
 The operator called the plane: "Please recheck message. Sounds highly improbable."  
 After a brief silence, the embarrassed voice of the plane's radio operator came back: "Disregard message. Sorry, I got hold wrong code book."

**Hatch Act Validity Upheld by Court**  
 WASHINGTON (AP)—Constitutionality of the Hatch act prohibition against government employes taking an active part in political campaigns was upheld Friday by a three-judge federal tribunal.  
 The case revolved around a suit filed in April by the United Federal Workers of America (CIO) asking for injunction against the civil service commission to keep it from enforcing the contested section of the law.  
 The court granted a motion of the government for a summary judgment and dismissal of the complaint.

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A VERY SUCCESSFUL community cannery is in operation at Cottage Grove, used by residents throughout southern Lane county to put up produce for the winter months when rationing becomes more prevalent. Here are some scenes at the cannery. Upper left—a general view inside the cannery, showing how well equipped it is to handle all types of produce. Upper right—Miss Commercy Coleman, instructor, at left, assists F. A. Baker, who happened to be canning some hamburger the day the pictures were taken. Lower left—Here is the power source to operate the cannery. The city of Cottage Grove donated use of its "ancient" steam roller, once used on the streets. On the roller for the picture are Dorothy Baker and Kathleen Summers. Lower right picture—Donald Kabler, supervisor at the cannery, looks on while Ray Ross, who runs the retorts, and Miss Velda Smith, clerk at the cannery, remove some of the cans that have gone through the cooker. (Glenn Hasselrooth pictures, Willshire engravings)

**Cottage Grove Community Cannery Is Widely Used**

By MARIAN LOWRY  
 Cottage Grove is very proud of its community cannery which is well started in its second successful year.  
 The cannery is used by residents from all sections of southern Lane county as well as the city of Cottage Grove, and all kinds of fruits, vegetables, and meats are handled at the plant, stocking up home supplies for the winter months when rationing and some shortages in canned goods will be prevailing.

Not only is the cannery helpful in preserving many foods, it also is a good example of how a community can use its ingenuity and attain something useful.  
 The power to keep the cannery running, for example, comes from an old steam roller the city of Cottage Grove used on its streets in the early 1900 period, the city having donated it for use at the cannery—and not the least interesting feature about the roller and its old-time parts is the whistle, a thing not particularly useful to the cannery except as a source of entertainment and as something to make one wonder just how the horses must have jumped and kicked up their heels (in the days of buggies and wagons along the streets) when this whistle sounded!

**Many Cars Put up**  
 The building housing the cannery formerly was used as an old garage, but planning and hard work have turned the place into a large, light, airy, and roomy place, white paint doing wonders in the reconversion of the structure.  
 Last year, a total of 31,000 cans was handled at the cannery. This year, it is expected the output may reach 60,000 cans. Of last year's production, 25 per cent was in corn, 25 per cent in green beans, 20 per cent in tomatoes, 20 per cent in tomato juice, and the rest in miscellaneous items.  
 Patrons bring their own sugar or syrup, but salt is furnished. No. 2 cans cost 6 cents at the cannery, No. 2 1/2 cans, 7 cents.  
 Some 200 patrons to date have signed up to use the cannery this season, and more are expected. The plant is open Mondays and Wednesdays of each week from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and it is expected that the place will be open on Fridays soon at the same hours.

**Equipment Complete**  
 About \$2500 is invested in equipping the place, the project being financed by the federal government and the state vocational education department. The plant is operated under the auspices of the Cottage Grove union high school district, and Donald Kabler, vocational agriculture teacher at the school, is supervisor for the cannery.  
 Very complete equipment has been supplied for the cannery, including plenty of washing facilities, preparation tables, blanching tanks, cooling vats, filling tables, a sealing machine to clamp on the lids, two cookers holding 175 No. 2 cans each, a small cooker to hold two dozen No. 2 1/2 cans, cooling tanks for the cans taken from the cookers, and other equipment. There is a stove for those who wish to make their syrup at the cannery or cook some items, such as frying meats; there is a meat grinder, there is an expert juicer and facilities for making juice, such as tomato juice; there is a steam jacket kettle to cook meat that is to be canned, there is a steam jacket hot water heater, and other conveniences.

Patrons planning to use the cannery make their appointments, then, as they come, are routed through to do the proper, consecutive steps in getting produce into the cans. The patrons stamp their can lids with the numbers given them. The cannery staff takes the cans when cooled to the storage room where they are placed on shelves to air, the patrons calling the next day to get their produce.  
**Dehydrators Used**  
 Also in the cannery are two small dehydrators for use of which three cents per hour is charged to care for electricity used.  
 Miss Commercy Coleman is at the cannery as instructor to help patrons in proper methods of preparing and putting up their produce.  
 A sign happens to be at the cannery now, reminding those who wish to do so to donate a can of whatever they want to be sent the Shrine hospital. The cannery works in cooperation with no institutional program, but has no objection to having the sign placed there for the benefit of patrons wishing to assist the hospital for crippled children with donations of extra cans of food.

Production of the oil-bearing scheelea palm nut has increased 1,500 per cent in Colombia since 1942.  
 The U. S. dollar is the monetary unit of the Dominican Republic.

**Eugene Girl—**  
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Mrs. Roberts' flat for sleeping. We are awfully grateful to her for that. I would certainly hate to have to go and sleep in a tube station underground like so many people do. They, of course, are the absolutely safe places though."  
**Works in Embassy**  
 Next Miss Oliva describes where she works and her work in the American embassy to Norway, Czechoslovakia, Belgium, Netherlands, Poland, and Yugoslavia, which is separate from the American embassy to Britain. Until recently this mission was headed by Ambassador Biddle who is now in the army, is now directed by a Rudolf E. Schoenfeld who has not been appointed an ambassador, but serves as head with the title of Charge d'Affaires ad interim.

Miss Oliva's description of buying food and clothes under the English rationing system makes an American feel very lucky to be living in the United States. She writes "The food, which I shall describe more or less in detail, is what we expected and gets just as monotonous as we were told it would. The rationing system is better in a way than we have at home—that is, if as many things were rationed there as they are here."  
 "You register with one grocer and each week you go for your 'rations.' These consist of 1/4 lb. of bacon, 1/2 lb. of sugar, 1/4 lb. of butter, 1/2 lb. of margarine (which incidentally is excellent—much better than ours at home, I think), 1/2 lb. of jam (very good commercial jam here, too, like home-made), 1/4 lb. of lard, 1 egg a week (when they have them—for a while we were actually getting two, later it will probably be down to about one a month—depends on the temperamental chickens, I guess); then a little cheese—a sliver. That is one person's ration for a week. Then in addition we have a number of points with which you buy such things as canned vegetables and fruit almost impossible to find.

**Fruit Very Scarce**  
 Fresh fruit is difficult to find, too. There were a few oranges when we got here, but none now. We brought some off the ship with us, and I think we have had about two apiece from our green grocer. They come from Africa or some place and are not very good. You never see grapefruit, lemons and things like that and bananas have been almost unheard of since the war started. You buy your rations from the grocer who are registered with and any food on points you may want there, although you can spend your points at any store you want.

All fresh fruits and vegetables are obtained from the green grocer. (He sells vegetables and flowers) and all meat from the butcher (you don't buy fish from the butcher either—you go to the fish market)—so you see shopping is a process over here. Once in awhile the butcher has liver which is unrationed. Otherwise you are allowed what amounts to enough meat for two meals a week. . . . I think our grocer and butcher want to be sure we get the right impression of the English. I have wrangled some pretty nice steaks from the butcher on occasion. . . . Pays to be chatty and friendly with the butcher, I always say.

**Clothes Are Rationed**  
 "The clothes rationing is on a point system and a mighty rigid one it is, too. As a whole people are pretty shabby, but many manage to look pretty trim. They are probably the ones who had more to go in the first place. At first, people had a stock of things like underwear and didn't have to waste points. Now those things are worn out and they don't have as many points to spend on outer garments. Shoes are sold on clothes points too.

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