

### Lane War Contracts Total \$6,131,000

Lane county had war contracts aggregating \$6,131,000 from June 1, 1940, to Oct. 1, 1944, ranking ninth among Oregon counties in size of contracts, according to Associated Press reports Monday from Washington, D. C.

Oregon's total share of war contracts for the period was \$1,678,013,000, the national total being \$205 billion, it was announced by the war production board, the figures being net, reflecting all decreases due to cancellations and other reductions. They do not include contracts of less than \$50,000 or contracts for foodstuffs and food processing.

Of the Oregon total, \$1,423,064 was for supply contracts, \$254,949,000 for facilities. Of the supply contracts, \$1,033,000 was for aircraft, \$1,269,000,000 for ships, \$20,410,000 for ordnance and \$132,618,000 for all other.

Aside from Multnomah, which leads the state with \$1,463,399,000, chiefly in contracts of the Kaiser shipyards, Oregon counties with the largest totals were those containing large military establishments or coastal installations. Second to Multnomah was Benton with \$32,603,000; next in order ahead of Lane were Jackson \$32,515,000; Umatilla \$26,493,000; Marion \$13,164,000; Coos \$12,553,000; Clatsop \$10,971,000, and Deschutes \$9,660,000.

Of Oregon's total, \$44,434,000 was unassigned.

### House Opens Debate On Manpower Bill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(AP)—The house opened what promised to be long and bitter debate over the May limited national service bill today amid complaints that the measure was inadequate.

While he advocated passage of a full national service bill, house democratic leader, John W. McCormack of Massachusetts urged approval of the May bill. Congress, he said, voted to have men fight and die when it adopted the selective service law, and "the least we can do now is to vote to have men work for our country."

**RETIRED NEWSMAN DIES**  
NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Carr V. Van Anda, 80, retired managing editor of the New York Times, whose wide-ranging scholarship and instinct for news made him a giant of American journalism, died of a heart attack at his home here last night.

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### U. O. Girl Competes In Speech Contest

Esther Quier of Buxton, sophomore in liberal arts, will represent the University of Oregon in an after-dinner speech contest sponsored by the Oregon intercollegiate forensic association Tuesday, Jan. 30, at Hillsboro Country club. Miss Quier's topic will be "Why Men Join," relating to reasons why men join fraternal and civic organizations.

Other colleges and universities which will take part in the contest are Willamette university at Salem, Pacific university at Forest Grove, Pacific college at Newberg, Oregon State college at Corvallis, and Linfield college at McMinnville.

This is the association's second event of the year. Alice Harter, Eugene, senior liberal arts student, was winner of the first event on extemporaneous speaking.

W. A. Dahlberg, associate professor of speech and dramatic arts and director of the division, will accompany Miss Quier.

### More Than 200 Give Blood To Red Cross

More than 200 Lane county citizens again filled the rooms on the lower floor of the Eugene Elks club Monday morning, as blood donors to the mobile unit from the Portland blood center of the Red Cross. Two hundred forty persons were signed to appear, an excess of 40 over the capacity of the unit, but allowing for rejections and failure to appear.

First appointments were for 7:30 a. m., and donors began arriving by 7:15. Approximately 50 local Red Cross workers, under leadership of Mrs. Maylon E. Scott, general Lane county chairman of the blood program, and Mrs. Clarence Hyde, her co-chairman in this activity, were on hand even earlier, to meet them. By 10:30, the time of the latest appointments, all but six had appeared.

Captain D. L. Loebman was the medical officer who accompanied the mobile unit to Eugene. With him came six nurses, a laboratorian, secretary, and member of the motor corps, all from Portland.

A number of the donors were from areas outside Eugene, many of them having started from their homes before daylight to make their appointments.

Some confusion was found to exist in the minds of minors, who in several instances appeared without the written consent of parents, a requirement. In the case of a girl from out-of-town and a boy, whose brother was in service, it was a bitter disappointment.

Regular trips of the mobile unit will be made to Eugene, on the second Monday of each month. The next visit will be Feb. 12.

Enthusiasm of the response of Eugene and Lane county people to the call for donors was remarked by the Portland group.

**Pendergast Funeral Attended By Hundreds**  
KANSAS CITY, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Vice-President Harry S. Truman, who soared to the highest political pinnacle of any of boss Tom Pendergast's proteges, today rode an army bomber here from Washington to pay his last respects to the one-time Missouri political czar, who died Friday a few months short of restoration of the citizenship stripped from him in 1939 when he went to federal prison.

KANSAS CITY, 29.—(AP)—Hundreds of mourners—from the vice president of the United States to henchmen and followers from the lower north side—turned out today for the funeral of Thomas J. Pendergast, former Kansas City political boss.

Pendergast, whose rule was ended in 1939 when he was sent to federal penitentiary for income tax evasion, died Friday night. He was 72.

**NOT WORTH IT**  
SEATTLE.—(AP)—Capt. Stuart B. Morkford sent his necktie to the OPA.

In an accompanying letter he explained the khaki cotton tie cost 16 cents four years ago at Fort Francis Warren, Wyo., and had depreciated approximately 40 per cent, but it still cost 20 cents to have it laundered in Seattle.

"I can no longer afford to pay 100 per cent more than it is worth to have it washed," the captain wrote.

**Outdoor Light Ban Not Applicable Here**  
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The ban would not reduce consumption of coal or other scarce fuels in the northwest, the WPB said, since most electricity is of hydro-electric origin in this area.

**Dow-Jones Averages**  
Preliminary closing Dow-Jones stock averages were: Industrial 154.06, off 0.07; railroad 48.07, off 0.10; utility 26.76, up 0.11; and 65 stocks 36.94, off 0.02.

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**EFFETE**  
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The modern driver, Mr. Norstrom predicts, is more likely to be the "mild professional" type, "probably a college graduate and maybe even a Shakespearean scholar."

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### World Watches—

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beginning to pay in kind for all the pain it has inflicted on other people.

German newspapers, as quoted by Swedish correspondents in Berlin, go to the extreme of declaring that "panic is sweeping the nation from east to west." The press adds that the "next eight days" may decide the war.

No explanation of what is meant by the "next eight days" is offered, but it strikes me that this is clear enough. It refers to Germany's problem of mustering strength for the last stand. Probably not even the nazis know in this hour of confusion how much they can produce to meet this crisis.

However, while the nazis can't evade recognition of the fact that their cause is hopeless, they continue feverish preparations for a bloody finish fight.

**Admission of Blight**  
Despite the fact that they have abandoned any effort to work the great industries of upper Silesia, the reichswehr has taken over this rich zone for purposes of defense against the invading Russians. This in itself is an admission of the gravity of the situation, for Hitler has been depending heavily on these industries to keep his war machine running.

Undoubtedly one factor which enters into the nazi "eight day" calculation has to do with whether the red armies can keep up the pace of their cyclonic offensive without pausing for a breather. They already have been going since Jan. 12 at a pace which is one of the marvels of military history, and under normal circumstances they would be expected to slow down for a bit.

There are several reasons for this expectation. One is that they may have got ahead of their main supplies in their wild race. Another of course is that they need a little time to bring up reserves for the final assault.

### Live Cattle Ceiling Prices Take Effect

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Ceiling prices for live cattle went into effect today, the last important basic food commodity to be put under direct price control.

The OPA said the effect will be "to give buyers and sellers—from cattle dealers to retailers—reasonable assurance of fair margin between legal buying prices and legal selling prices so that they can do business profitably."

Heretofore price ceilings have applied only to meat, not to live cattle.

The order establishes an over-riding ceiling" on live cattle and calves for each of 24 zones and 10 market centers.

This ceiling—the top figure above which no cattle of any grade can be sold—is \$18 a hundredweight at Chicago until July 2, when the ceiling will be lowered to \$17.50. A similar 50-cent reduction also will go into effect at that time at all other market centers and zones.

The order exempts cattle or calves sold for breeding or dairy purposes and those sold by members of recognized farm youth organizations, such as 4-H clubs, at sales approved by OPA.

### Tokyo Says Jap Subs Off U. S. West Coast

A Tokyo broadcast said today that Japanese submarines had penetrated to the west coast of the United States and sunk three transport ships and an oil tanker.

American censorship permitted disclosure a fortnight ago that an American Liberty ship had been sunk and its survivors machine-gunned by a Japanese submarine between Hawaii and the west coast, but there have been no other recent reports of enemy submarine activity in the area.

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### Portland Housing Shortage Stressed

CHICAGO.—(AP)—Frank W. Cortright, executive president of the National Association of Home Builders, said Portland's housing shortage is so acute the city should have a priority over most other cities in getting materials for public, private housing scheduled for construction this year.

"Portland has one of the most acute housing conditions in the country," Cortright said in an interview.

"The association recognizes the city's needs and urges that everything possible be done to provide adequate housing here."

Cortright said migration of workers to Portland and other west coast cities was far in excess of other sections of the country. The situation is so tight, he said, resident war workers are barred from war housing.

"Many residents, as well as migrant workers, need new housing now," he said, "as congestion is growing worse."

He said the situation would be eased only slightly after the war because many migrants will stay.

CHICAGO.—(AP)—A minimum of 6,500,000 construction workers must be employed in the post-war era as the building industry's contribution to a national goal of 60 million jobs. R. J. Thomas, president of the United Automobile Workers (CIO), told members of the National Association of Home Builders here.

Of this number, at least one-third must be specifically engaged in building a record 1,750,000 homes a year, said Thomas, who is also chairman of the CIO's committee on housing and community development.

To achieve this record employment peak, the building industry as a whole would have to provide 2,000,000 more jobs than it did in 1940, a figure Thomas termed conservative in view of the union's estimated potential post-war labor force of 62,500,000 workers.

Furthermore, he said, labor believes its construction goals can be reached because "ultimately, as a nation, we will be engaged not upon just a program of home building but rather upon a program of rebuilding our cities, towns and other living facilities."

Thomas chided the home building industry, which never yet has built a million houses in a year, demanding that it "reorganize its past attitudes" to serve lower income groups than have been served before.

### 70 School—

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the result of this increase.

The growth of the community has caused several problems in school buildings, he said. The size of these problems can be described by making comparison with other school systems. The Eugene school system has absorbed the elementary school pupils of a school census half as large as that of McMinnville, and the high school pupils of a school population as large as that of Astoria. During the same period the suburban districts have absorbed the elementary pupils from a school population one and one-half times as large as that of Tillamook.

**Ways to Absorb**  
School systems can absorb increases in the school population in only two ways: by adding new rooms or by increasing the number of pupils per room. Both methods have been used in the Eugene area, Huffaker said. Two new buildings have been erected during the 10-year period and additions have been made to four others. However, too extensive use of the second plan has been made by use of basement rooms.

All the schools have increased the number of rooms, but there is a point beyond which any increase in the number of pupils per room results in a loss of educational efficiency. According to a poll taken among teachers, 47 of the 110 elementary classrooms are now overcrowded.

In this standard, 48 classrooms, 23 in Eugene and 23 in the outside districts are overcrowded, he added.

The community has had "a holding" of 15 years from school building and for this and the privilege of growing in population, it now must pay by relieving the overcrowded condition, replacing the unsatisfactory rooms now in use with additional school rooms and new buildings, the speaker said.

### Japanese Prison Camp Wedding Disclosed

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—A romance which led to a wedding in a Japanese prison camp was disclosed here.

Dr. and Mrs. Herbert S. Nichols received a card from their son, John—the first word from him since he was interned on the Philippines. It consisted mostly of printed fill-in messages, such as "I am in (good) health."

But there was a personal at the bottom which said: "I was married May 2 and we are living as comfortably as possible in a 7 by 12 foot cubicle."

The Nichols' only hint as to the identity of their daughter-in-law was a message from Ray Cronin, Associated Press correspondent, that while he was interned in the islands he and Nichols had known "an awfully nice English girl named Claire."



WAR'S PATH IN ATHENS—Greek civilians pick their way between a wrecked building and some of the barbed wire defenses set up by British forces in Athens.

### Son-In-Law Of FDR Given Legion Of Merit

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Lt. Col. John Boettiger, President Roosevelt's son-in-law, was presented with the legion of merit today for "exceptionally meritorious conduct" in Italy from Sept. 9, 1943, to Jan. 17, 1944, where he served as executive officer with the allied military government.

"He voluntarily went ashore with the first allied troops on the initial landing on the Italian mainland, and displayed coolness and executive ability in looking after allied military government personnel and supplies under enemy fire," his citation said.

Boettiger is the second husband of the president's daughter, Anna.

### Recaptured German Prisoner Questioned

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 29.—(AP)—Agents of the FBI today questioned naval Capt. Jurgen Wattenberg, former officer of the scuttled German pocket battleship Graf Spee, in an effort to trace his actions from the time he led a mass escape of German war prisoners from the Papago park internment camp Christmas eve until his capture yesterday.

Wattenberg was the last of 25 prisoners to be recaptured after their sensational break from the camp through a 200-foot tunnel, secretly dug through solid rock.

### Jacob Roush

NOTI.—Jacob Roush of Noti died Sunday at his home. He was born Dec. 22, 1859, in Ohio. He had been a resident of Noti for the past 14 years, and was a member of the Baptist church here.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Jane Roush; seven sons, Robert, Noti; Harvey, of Elmira; Earl, of Centralia, Wash.; Ray, of Kirkland, Wis.; Wood, of Burnett, Wash.; Ross, of San Pedro, Calif.; Leonard, in the army in Italy; two daughters, Mrs. Bertha Lemons and Mrs. Florence Lemons, both of Winlock, Wash.; 18 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; one brother, living in Kansas.

Funeral services will be announced through the Poole-Larsen mortuary.

### Mrs. Minnie G. Tidball

VENETA.—Mrs. Minnie Gertrude Tidball, 61, died Saturday at her home. She was a native of Kansas, born July 26, 1883. She was married to James G. Tidball in that state, in November, 1903. In 1903, they moved to Colorado, coming from there to Lane county in 1927. They moved to Veneta in 1929. Mrs. Tidball was a member of the Church of God.

Surviving are her husband; five sons and daughters: Mrs. Minnie Hinton of Eugene; Mrs. Grace Mitchell, Waneta, Wash.; Thomas L. Tidball, Veneta; Fred W. Tidball, Cottage Grove, and Gale E., serving in the U. S. navy overseas; three brothers, Lawrence Hankins of Bonanza and Kyle and Glenn Hankins of Eugene; four sisters, Mrs. Alice Simpson of Eugene; Mrs. Josie Mason of Cottage Grove; Mrs. Rose Dill of Salem; Mrs. Dorothy Green of Garibaldi; ten grandchildren.

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### Frank Kehres

MABEL.—Frank Kehres, 55, who died Friday at his home at Mabel, was a native of Michigan. He was born Aug. 16, 1889, at Edwardsburg, Mich. He enlisted in the army in July, 1918, serving overseas in world war 1, and receiving his discharge in 1919. He came west in 1941, and was married in that year to Geraldine Kress at Port Orchard, Wash. They came to Mabel to make their home soon afterward.

He is survived by his wife and a sister living in the east.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 p. m. at the Phil Bartholomew mortuary in Springfield, the American Legion in charge of services. Interment will be in Rest Haven memorial park.

### Thomas Abrahamson

Thomas Abrahamson, 62, Eugene resident for the past three years, died Saturday at a local hospital after being critically ill for two days with pneumonia. Born in Norway, Abrahamson came to the United States as a young man.

He farmed for several years in Montana and in Pendleton before coming to Eugene. He had been employed here on the farm of Richard Shore Smith.

He is survived by two brothers, Rinehart and Nels Abrahamson, both of Pendleton; a sister, Anna Konradson, living in Norway; and a niece, Mrs. F. S. Morrill of Independence, who came to Eugene Saturday.

Arrangements are awaiting arrival of Rinehart Abrahamson. Veatch Hollingsworth mortuary will be in charge.

### Mrs. Elizabeth Schick

Mrs. Elizabeth Schick, 66, of 1345 Twenty-second Avenue east, died Sunday at her home. She had lived in Eugene for a year, and in Oregon for 26 years. A native of Ohio, born in Cleveland April 8, 1878, she was married to Joseph Schick in Chicago, June 18, 1894.

Surviving her are her husband, in Eugene; two daughters, Mrs. C. H. Cooper and Mrs. K. E. Dammell, both of Eugene; three sons, Joseph W. Schick, Jr., of Springfield; Martin W. and Anthony A. Schick, both of Portland; six grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p. m. at the Simon mortuary, Rev. Francis Leipsch officiating, and interment will be in Rest Haven memorial park.

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### 'Orphan' Finds She Has Family

PORTLAND, Jan. 29.—(AP)—It's a little confusing, says Shirley Nielsen, meeting "the family" after being an "orphan" and then at age 18 finding you have a different name, a real mother, stepfather and brother and sisters.

Shirley's search for a birth certificate needed to hold a war job while her husband is in the army started the whole thing, she said Saturday. And it ended at Port Huron, Mich., where she was born and at three months of age placed in the care of Mrs. Maureen Brown.

Shirley was never told her true name and when Mrs. Brown, a widow, died in 1938, the little girl became an "orphaned" ward of the county court here.

Two years ago she married Robert Nielsen, and when he was drafted, Shirley went to work at Henry Kaiser's Oregon shipyard as a welder.

They asked the usual questions and wanted a birth certificate. She wanted to do her important job at home while Bob was in uniform. So she started writing letters. Finally a friendly probate judge in Port Huron answered, Judge Clair Black said her name was Margaret J. May and that she had a family.

Shirley met them for the first time last month while en route home from Ft. Bragg, N. C., where she visited her husband.

Now she says the only problem is unangling three names—real, adopted and married—and keeping it all legal.

### Frederick Hinson

Frederick Hinson, 83, of Springfield, a resident of Lane county for more than 60 years, died Sunday in a local hospital. He was born June 15, 1861, at Mineral Point, Wis., and at the age of 15 moved to Iowa. He later returned to Wisconsin, where he was married in 1884 to Cora Sylvester. They came to Oregon and settled in Lane county more than 60 years ago. They had lived for the past 34 years in Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Hinson had celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last September. He had been a member of the I.O.O.F. lodge for more than 30 years.

Surviving are his wife; one son, Del Frederick Hinson of Oswego; a granddaughter, Carolyn Hinson, student at the University of Oregon.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p. m. at the Phil Bartholomew mortuary, Rev. Claude O'Brien officiating, and the Odd Fellows in charge at the grave. Interment will be in Mt. Vernon cemetery.

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