

News of 1944

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transferred from Bend. B. A. Stover is named to head the Fourth war bond drive. Lack of manpower retards work on the North Unit irrigation project.

The fair rents committee holds several sessions in an effort to adjust local rents. The Junior chamber of commerce is organized with Marion Cady as president. The grand jury returns a report criticizing asserted lack of effort on part of Bend police to enforce laws deterring juveniles.

Rev. Alfred Danielson of the First Baptist church, announces intention of leaving Bend. The Oregon Trunk railway developments plan to spend \$70,000 on announcements in Bend, including new scales and extended by-pass. Bids are sought for the construction of a new Swalley ditch flume.

The City of Bend undertakes a study of post-war development. Under the direction of Mrs. J. F. Arnold, a campaign is launched for funds to relieve polio sufferers. The school board re-elects Howard W. George as city superintendent. Members of the Junior chamber of commerce begin a snow slide in west Bend.

Civilian pilot training at Prineville is halted. Boy Scouts' "block of dimes" nets \$270 in polio relief drive. Wisson & Crowe, Redding, Calif., contractors are awarded digging contract for digging Smith Rock irrigation canals.

Fifty fire fighters from Bend and surrounding camps and towns gather here as guests of Fire Chief LeRoy Fox and map plans for mutual cooperation against fire. Use of joint equipment is pledged.

The Deschutes county post-war planning commission is chaired with Judge C. L. Allen as chairman, who names committee members. The weatherman reports near-summer aridity for the month of January. The new Jackson Villa, at Portland avenue and West Fifth street, is opened. Rolled by reports of exorbitant rents, the fair rents committee threatens to greedy landlords, as City Attorney E. O. Stadter stands by to make formal complaints.

City Commissioner Loyde Blakey proposes that a fund of at least \$1,000 be set aside for a survey of sewer conditions in Bend, stating that correction of sewerage evils is one of Bend's primary needs. While members of the staff of the Deschutes national forest worry about the long silence of Dave Davidson, caretaker at Paulina lake, State Officers Ray Hafstad and Capt. M. P. Hoover of Camp Abbot, discovered that the telephone line is broken. Five thousand Bend persons who have bought war bonds are guests of Victor Maturate at the "Bower" theater. The state salvage chairman gives Deschutes county credit for donating 52 tons of paper in the current waste paper drive.

According to the Editor and Publisher, a national newspaper trade publication, The Bend Bulletin leads the state in circulation increase. Thirty Bend high school boys enroll to take studies and aid in protection of the Deschutes national forest during the summer months. Joint work by city and county employees clears Bend downtown streets of a snow blockade. Prizes totaling \$120 are offered Deschutes county residents for post-war planning ideas. Dr. Wayne S. Ramsey is announced as the new Deschutes county health officer. A. C. Oregon, veteran Central Oregon navy recruiter, is transferred to take charge of the Salem substation. Announcement is made that radio station KBND is to join the Mutual Broadcasting network. County and city officials wage war on juvenile delinquency, arresting 17 teen age boys for various offenses. Bend's school board authorizes a salary increase for teachers. R. P. Syverson wins contract to rebuild Swalley ditch flume. The Western Pine association chooses a site on The Shevlin-Hixon Company property for the erection of a pilot plant.

Plans are discussed for the renovation of the Bend USO headquarters. Former District Attorney Irving D. Brown is named honor man by the navy, of which he is now a member. In Redmond, W. F. Hardison is named to manage the 1944 Deschutes county fair. Ward H. Coble announces the purchase of the building on Wall street housing the USO, and

Spare Horse Power for Oregon Senator



Senator-elect Wayne Morse of Oregon, former WLB member, pats his saddle horses, "Spice of Life" and "Oregana Bourbon," after arrival in Washington, D. C., delayed by ice, sleet and snow and lack of gas. Horses rode in trailer but Morse claimed he feared he might have to hitch them to his car to continue his journey cross-country.

part of the Bank of Bend corner, for the Lumbermen's Insurance agency. Bend dog owners are warned of the tie-up ordinance. Ole W. Grubb, former county commissioner, is named to the county welfare board. Maj. L. H. Helphrey returns to former position with Medo-Land creamery.

Bend's American Legion post honors George F. Brick, veteran of World War No. 1, who is now a member of Uncle Sam's navy in War No. 2. M. Harold Keefe of Portland buys the Bend Baking company. Owen Aydelott of Los Angeles, arrives in Bend to become Bend district ranger in the Deschutes national forest, succeeding Joe Lammi. The Crescent lake storage peak is reached, with 55,000 acre feet of water already on hand, reports Aubrey E. Perry, Deschutes county watermaster.

Bend Elks make a dent in the \$22,500 Red Cross war fund drive by contributing \$500. At Camp Abbot, Lt. Col. Russell D. Turrill reports that \$113,337 in bonds have been bought by soldiers there in the Fourth war bond drive. The county defense council makes arrangements to hold periodical meetings for pre-inductees, at which time they will be given a preview of military service by experienced men. Western Airlines informs the Bend Chamber of commerce it has placed this city on its regular proposed inland route to Alaska from San Francisco. Officials at Camp Abbot report that a new guest house will be named in honor of Capt. J. L. Chute, former circulation manager of The Bulletin, who was killed in Australia.

E. H. Young files his candidacy on the republican ticket for Deschutes county commissioner. In Prineville, the Ochoco Lumber company announces plans to build a road to tap a large body of timber in the Pilot Butte-Cradle Butte area. Elmer Lehnherr, treasurer of the Deschutes county war chests, informs a committee meeting that there is a surplus of \$9,616 on hand after all specified allocations have been met. Heavy snowfall hits the Cascades, as 12 inches is reported from Santiam junction and a lowering mercury is predicted.

Firemen of Central Oregon gather in Redmond and pledge joint use of equipment and manpower in combatting fires. Mrs. Rowena Hogan discloses that she has purchased the O'Kane building, of which she has been caretaker since 1935. The Bend Fair Rents committee has asked the OPA to make a study of rent conditions in Bend. Winners of the Deschutes county postwar planning contest are announced with first prize going to George Smerville of Bend for proposed city improvements, and second prize to Don H. Peoples for a projected county road building program.

The Oregon Trail Manufacturing company gets an assignment from the government to make ammunition boxes. Official arrival of the fire season in the Deschutes national forest is announced. Bend's city ordinance requiring the tying up of dogs becomes effective. W. A. Lackaff, chairman of the Deschutes county salvage committee, reports that this salvage drive leads the state in paper salvage. Fire Chief LeRoy Fox cautions against fires during the dry and hot weather.

Daniel D. Gage, OPA rents of official, calls a conference in Bend to straighten out the rental muddle. Storage of water for use in the Madras country in 1945 has begun at Wickup reservoir. C. W. Williamson, for 25 years engaged in the dairy business in this community, sells his large herd. The city places a \$10,000 nucleus in the 1944-45 budget for post-war development. I. M. Wells, Deschutes county deputy sheriff, is named juvenile officer. Thirty veterans of World War II are accepted as members of Bend's American Legion post.

The chamber of commerce is informed that the Western Air Express, United Airlines and Southwest Airlines plan to make Bend a terminal on proposed in-

Jap Dead at Ormoc



This dead Japanese soldier, victim of American naval fire in the assault on the Ormoc seacoast of Leyte Island, has scattered equipment about but still wears glasses over his sightless eyes. Americans took heavy toll of Japanese in Leyte corridor.

land routes to Alaska. The office of war information sends a staff into Central Oregon to make films for display in liberated foreign countries. Mid-month snow visits Central Oregon, depositing five inches on the eastern slopes of the Cascades.

Renovation of Bend's USO servicemen's club is begun. A group of Bend property owners and landlords form an organization to cope with the rents problem. Continued snows "fill anglers' holes" on opening day. Camp Abbot constructs combat sets for war training work. William J. Burton becomes a member of the Bend police force. The army and navy gives approval to expansion of the Cove power plant.

Bend high school students name officers electing Phil Brogan president of the student body. Gottfried Benson, former Bend city councilman, is taken by death. Construction is begun on the \$70,000 Western Pine association experimental station here. The newly formed Bend Junior Chamber of commerce receives its charter. To forestall OPA action, Bend auto court owners form an association for self-adjustment of rents.

Work is begun on the two North Unit irrigation project tunnels through the Smith Rocks. The Redmond junior high school gymnasium is razed by a \$40,000 fire, which a small boy admits starting. Mrs. Lester R. Brooks, wife of a pioneer lumberman, dies. Governor Earl Snell and members of the state land board, visit Central Oregon. A class of 106 is graduated from the Bend high school. All fires are forbidden in the Deschutes national forest. Revelation is made that 60 Indian boys from the Warm Springs reservation are now in the armed forces.

Led by Maj. L. H. Helphrey, a "draftee school" is begun in Bend. Mrs. Oliver Fringer, 1445 Galveston avenue, reveals that she has six sons in the service. In Prineville, the annual burkaroo feed of the Oregon Cattle and Horse Raisers' association, attracts 1,000 persons. On the advice of the sanitarian, the high school swimming pool is closed. In Redmond, 10 tons of salvage paper is gathered in one day. Since the burning last month of the gymnasium, the Redmond junior high school has a seventh fire, believed incendiary. The county court authorizes the pur-

chase of a large road truck. Work is begun on the re-surfacing and strengthening of the Oregon Trunk railway roadbed. The Beta Sigma Phi sorority seeks funds for USO books. New street signs are erected in many sections of Bend.

A labor dispute brings idleness to the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Company Inc. plant in Bend, but it is settled shortly after. The Bend school board approves a combined levy of \$160,763.38. Bend motor court operators cut rents and alter schedules. Camp Abbot observes its first birthday. City budget planners approve \$2,000 for the Allen school and Harmon playgrounds.

The Deschutes national forest is enlarged by 90,000 acres in an exchange with The Shevlin-Hixon Company. Oile Bowman succeeds W. A. Lackaff as Deschutes county salvage chairman. Bend's municipal budget is approved, calling for a tax levy of \$123,963.51. Junior chamber of commerce elects, lightning bolts start fires in the Deschutes National forest, but little damage is done. Special Memorial day services are held in the high school gymnasium when Bend veterans pay homage to the dead.

The bureau of reclamation here opens bids for the construction of bridges, grade crossings and a siphon in connection with the North Unit irrigation project. Deschutes county's budget is announced as being \$364,373.64 for 1944-45, with \$149,903.64 to be raised by taxation. The Ninth service command confirms the report that Camp Abbot personnel is being moved to Fort Lewis, Wash. Rev. Glenn Cole resigns the Westminster Presbyterian pulpit in Bend. With A. L. O. Schueler in charge, the Fifth war loan drive opens. The Dant and Russell planing mill in Redmond burns with a loss of \$80,000.

Plans to repair damage to the Dalles-Clatsop and Lakeview-Burns highways, done during army maneuvers, is announced by State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldoek. R. H. McAttee, Crook county school superintendent, is named president of the County School Superintendents' association. The McKenzie pass, closed by snow, is opened to travel on June 12. The city engages a dog catcher. The Deschutes national forest fire guard school opens at Pringle fire. The Deschutes national forest gains 9,130 acres in

the Tumalo district in a transaction with Anthony J. and Ann Connolly. Word is received that Deschutes ponderosa pine is used in building the B-29 Superfortress which bombed Tokyo. "Million dollar" rain visits Central Oregon, cheerless wheat growers and stockmen. Hans Slagsvold resigns as chairman of the war service and chairman of "The Engineer," publication at Camp Abbot, suspends. Paulina peak gets 12 inches of snow—heaviest in years. Francis G. Gates of Bend, is named junior vice commander of the Oregon Veterans of Foreign Wars. Dr. G. W. Winslow is re-elected school director, as voters also approve funds for post-war expansion. Heading petitions, the city commission votes to shorten the dog tie-up period.

A 90-mile chase by auto and horseback through Central Oregon "bad lands" ends in the capture of a youth who stole District Attorney Charles Boardman's automobile. Jackson T. Moore is named head of the Bend railroad board. The contract for the irrigation flume across Crooked river is awarded a Santa Cruz, Cal. firm. Aged petrified tree emblems "lights" is found east of Bend. Strict fire rules are imposed in the Deschutes forest by Supervisor Ralph W. Crawford. The chamber of commerce is host to 4-H club members who tour Bend plants. The mercury reaches 90 on the 29th. Mayor F. S. Simpson pleads for a "quiet July Fourth."

Marion Cady and Sam R. Scott of the Bend Troy laundry, buy the City Cleaners & Dyers from Harry M. Wood and Ivan Thatcher. July frosts are on the pumpkin vines, and nearby lakes are icy on the 3rd. Lightning starts 15 fires in the Deschutes forest. Miners concentrate on completing tunnel No. 2, of the North Unit irrigation project, in the Smith Rocks. Gene Lear, former Deschutes county agent, wins rating of engineer in the navy.

A fire-at Camp Abbot burns over 12 acres. Bend Elks observe the 25th anniversary of their lodge. D. Ray Miller is named commander of Perrey A. Stevens post of the American Legion. Fire which swept over 20 acres in the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Company Inc. logging area is brought under control. Redmond voters approve a \$50,000 bond issue to erect a new high school gymnasium. Bend's city budget gets formal approval at city hall meeting.

The famous Portland army air base band plays to thousands in Drake park as an aid to the war bond drive. Chairman Oile Bowman of the Deschutes county salvage committee, announces the campaign for tin cans will be discontinued. Rural route No. 2 is extended to include the Brooks-Scanlon camp. A United Air Lines Mainliner makes a pioneering flight over Central Oregon, landing at the Redmond army air field. John B. Caslek announces his intention of resigning as assistant manager of the Bend branch of the First National bank of Portland. Central Oregon police officers form the Police

Marksmanship club to promote efficiency in shooting. Bend fire department receives a new \$9,000 Seagraves fire truck. The scout summer camp opens at Crescent lake. The Junior chamber of commerce assumes responsibility for the salvage paper drive in Bend. Fred S. Simpson resigns as mayor of Bend and is succeeded by Commissioner A. T. Niebergall. Louis H. Helphrey is appointed as commissioner to fill the vacancy. The Bend chamber of commerce lists an ambitious program for the year. A thunderstorm brings 1.50 inches of rain to the Crescent district. Bend Elks assume the task of raising \$140,000 to complete the county's E bond quota. Lightning bolts start 15 first late in the month. The USO clubrooms in Bend are served by the Youth club. Jaycee members press a new paper baker into service in their salvage paper campaign.

Without explanation, the city police close all card rooms in Bend. Camp Abbot is declared surplus by army officials and steps are taken to dispose of the property. Change of a city ordinance grants dogs their freedom from being tied up in Bend. The paper salvage depot is moved from the rear of The Bulletin building to the Oregon Trail Furniture plant on Wall street. Soldiers stationed at the Redmond army air field lend aid to farmers in harvesting potato crops. More than 350 central Oregon pioneers gather at Prineville for a celebration. Don H. Peoples announces his plans to abandon the post of executive secretary of the Bend chamber of commerce as soon as a successor can be found.

title "Miss Deschutes county." Eugene V. Clarke, coordinator, warns that Bend may lose vocational school due to lack of public interest. Louis H. Helphrey is named Deschutes county veterans' service officer. Announcement is made that Bend is first in traffic safety contest. Plans are announced for the reforming of Bend's unit of the state guard.

September storms opening with lightning dampens the forest lands, reducing the fire hazard. The county Veterans' council stages a wild west rodeo at McDowell field. Paul H. Connet, chief specialist, arrives in Bend as the navy's new Central Oregon recruiter. Bend's city firemen hold "open house", and explain the rudiments of firefighting to many visitors who admire the city's new pumper. Shortages cause firewood and coal priorities in Bend. The Federation of Western Outdoor clubs, reporting in Portland, state that the Newberry crater and Paulina area should be withdrawn from mining entry.

Reviewing last month's weather, the observers calls August "chilly and dry." Bids are opened by the bureau of reclamation for the construction of a new power unit at Cove, with C. J. Montag & Sons of Portland being the lowest bidder at \$122,967.50. The practice of poisoning dogs still annoys Bend police who are unable to get trace of the killer. In Redmond, the contract is let for the building of a new high school gymnasium at a cost of \$81,390. Republicans begin the "50,001" sign up in Deschutes county for presidential candidate Dewey. At the request of the State chamber of commerce, the Bend chamber commission halts all fishing in Davis lake owing to low water. E. O. Stadter, Bend city attorney, resigns.

W. E. Redeman, Deschutes county dairyman, announces the sale of the Bend dairy to Roy Swenson of Swiss home. Greater army activity is promised Central Oregon as announcement is made that fliers from the Portland army air base will be transferred to the Redmond field. The newly formed unit of the state guard in Bend is allowed use of part of the high school gymnasium. Snow blankets the Cascade peaks as the weatherman assured midstate folks that fall is around the corner. Decision is reached to close Bend's USO club on Nov. 15. Bend adopts its first zoning ordinance, restricting certain building in residential districts.

Louis H. Helphrey, Deschutes county veterans' service officer, reports that 132 Bend servicemen have been discharged during present hostilities. The Bend Youth club lays plans for a fund drive. The Deschutes county fair opens with a record crowd in Redmond, and is ruled over by Queen Lorelei Hagman of Culver. L. H. Helphrey resigns as city commissioner and is succeeded by Melvin W. Munkres. Miners complete digging No. 2 tunnel in the Smith rocks, for the North Unit irrigation project. The government trailer camp off south Third

street, is being removed. A delegation of Central Oregon men return from Boise and report that the bureau of reclamation officials view favorably the proposed Benhall falls reservoir. Bend is invaded by an army of red-hatted nimrods and forest officials issue fire warning as the deer hunting season approaches.

Further storage of water in the Wickiup reservoir is planned as soon as the Pacific Power and Light company report has an excess of flow for the generation of power. State police estimate that at least 500 deer were taken from Central Oregon hunting grounds on the opening day of the season. Melvin W. Munkres, newly appointed city commissioner, attends his first commission meeting. Closure of Bend's city jail is threatened by lack of fuel oil, but the jailer of the county jail says he will quit if he has to care for city prisoners. The city buys a new type of stove and keeps its own prisoners.

An increase of predator animals is noted in Central Oregon by visiting D. D. Green, chief of the predatory and rodent control service of the U. S. fish and wildlife service. Mayor A. T. Niebergall, Commissioner Melvin W. Munkres, William E. Pland, Walter L. Howard and Charles J. Lamerding file for positions on the city commission. Junior chamber of commerce members report that another eight tons of paper are collected in a Sunday pickup around Bend. Howard Smith, Deschutes county agent, estimates that a \$1,500,000 harvest of potatoes will be made in Central Oregon.

With a \$24,000 quota, the 1944 war chest campaign opens in Deschutes county under the leadership of H. B. Edwards, and is concluded in less than three weeks with an oversubscription. With 125 teachers attending, the teachers' institute opens in Bend with County Superintendent J. Alton Thompson in charge. At mid-month an electric storm and rainfall visit Bend, firing several trees and dropping .05 inch of precipitation. Bend's USO servicemen's club is declared to be on an inactive status. George E. Aitken, pioneer Deschutes official and sportsman, dies in Sisters.

The Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Company Inc. donates more than 2,500 ponderosa pine boxes to Bend residents for mailing overseas gifts to fighters. The government reports that among the survivors of the torpedoing of a Japanese prison ship is Maj. William C. Cheney of Bend. Death claims Tracy T. Tyler, for 22 years a clerk in the Bend post-office. Vandank exceeds that of many previous years in Bend as police record activities of Halloween night including several damaging explosions.

Residents protest and Bend police roundup a number of teen age youths as an aftermath of the Halloween celebration, said to have been marked by greatest vandalism in years. Mrs. Edna Skjersaa is named chief clerk of

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