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Data Presented On Job Referrals

In the year of 1944 there were 1,715 referrals to employment made by the Bend office of the U. S. employment service, according to J. C. Branaman, manager, and 1,482 of these referrals resulted in job placements. Included in this group were 124 veterans of world wars I and II. During this time there were 28 placements made of Bend persons in other areas.

These figures show a noticeable decrease when compared with employment figures for the year 1943. During that year there were 6,308 placements made, of which 710 were in agriculture, with most of the others being in heavy construction, the lumber industry, and government establishments. In addition to these figures, 422 people from the Bend area were placed elsewhere in the state in essential industry.

During 1943 there were 111 veteran placements. The wide difference in statistics for the two years can readily be accounted for when it is remembered that all military construction in the Madras, Redmond, and Bend areas was cleared through the U. S. employment service office here. Branaman said. This included the construction of Camp Abbot.

Construction Drops
 With the exception of the North Deschutes Irrigation project, there has been very little heavy construction in the area during 1944. The de-activation of Camp Abbot likewise removed a source of employment, which at one time employed over 500 civilians. In 1944 agriculture placements were not handled by the U. S. employment service as in the past, due to a new government regulation.

While it is rather difficult to prophesy what the year 1945 will bring in the employment picture in Bend, Branaman said, in all probability the record for 1945 will more nearly compare with that of 1944, as there are no indications at this time that the heavy employment peak of 1943 will return.

The U. S. employment service is located in room 103 of the Deschutes county courthouse. In addition to Branaman, other employees of this service are Chase E. St. Clair, senior employment officer; Mrs. Esther Ballantyne, employment officer, and Mrs. June Krumme, who serves as office secretary. Other personnel in the office include John Weisser, of the state unemployment compensation commission, and Louis Hephrey, Deschutes county veterans service officer.

Prettiest Democrat in House Gets Fussed, Asserts Othman

By Frederick C. Othman
 (United Press Staff Correspondent)
 Washington, Jan. 4 (UP)—Congress can pass some laws now. Its okay. Legal. Strictly on the up-and-up.

At least I think it is. I sat through the first session of the 79th congress in the house with one eye on the Messiahs Luce and Douglas and the other on the jumbo-jumbo attached to pulling the legislative plug and I do believe the boys went through all the necessary motions.

Between nominating Sam Rayburn as speaker, electing him, sending a committee out to find him, appointing another committee to notify the senate that he had been elected, and naming a third delegation to let President Roosevelt know that they'd opened shop, they also gazed upon the two beautiful members.

You can't fool those congressmen. They appreciate handsome females and if they laughed at the first faux pas of Rep. Helen Gahagan Douglas of Hollywood, that was because they were not themselves. Nervous, kind of.

Mrs. Douglas, most striking of all the democrats in a black dress, chalk white face and carmine lips, was looking into space when the clerk reached her name on the first roll call. He repeated it. Rep. Mary Norton jabbed Rep. Douglas with her elbow.

"What?" asked the prettiest democrat. "Oh. Present." (She gulped and then she blushed.) Here.

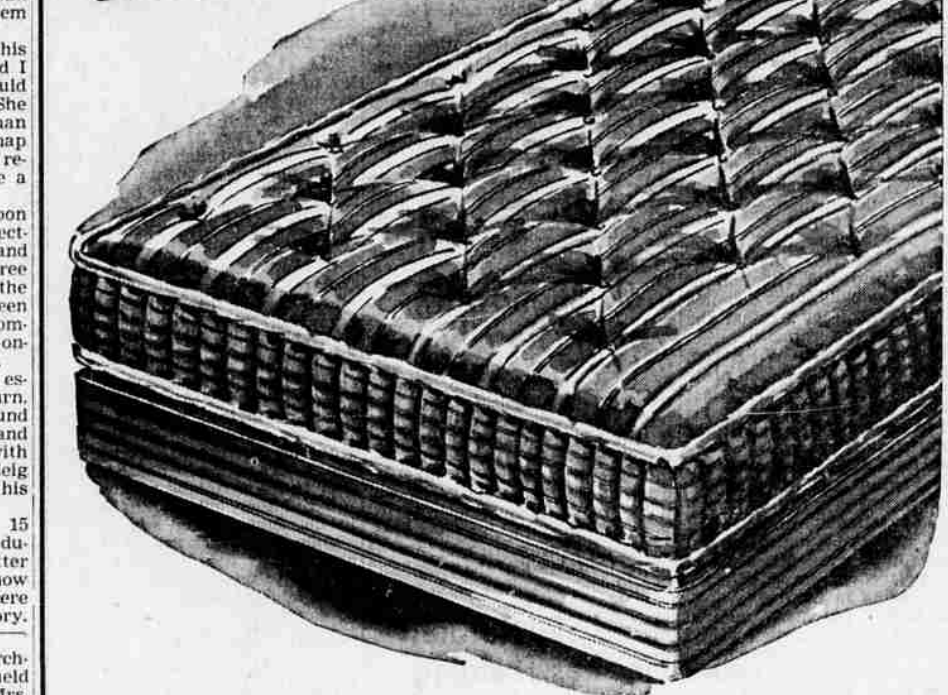
Haw-haw-haw, went the house of representatives and Mrs. Douglas blushed some more.

Calling of the roll continued, the newsreel spotlights swung over to the other side of the

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CITY TAX RATES

Continuing its regular and helpful practice the U. of O. bureau of municipal research, cooperating with the league of Oregon cities, has just issued its bulletin on tax rates in Oregon cities for the year 1944-45. We have studied it with interest and, as in other years, have observed, in particular, the Bend and the Redmond statistics.

The Bend tax levy for the current year, it will be remembered, is higher than that for the previous year. In levying a higher tax Bend was in company with all but four cities in the state with a population over 5,000. There are 16 of these so that the city was one of a majority of 12. Thirteen of the number had increased assessed valuations.

All over the state higher valuations were the rule, 149 cities showing increases as against 45 that had lower values. The tax levies, however, calculated on a 50 per cent valuation basis, average 18.7 mills as compared to 18.3 for the previous year, or comparatively the same.

On a per capita basis Bend's city tax for 1944-45 was one of the lowest in the over-5,000 population class, being \$12.37. Only Eugene with a tax of \$8.09 and Pendleton with \$11.21 were under Bend. Bend's millage levy of 33.6, on the other hand, was exceeded only by that of Klamath Falls with a 35.8 figure.

Because of differences between true valuations and valuations found by the assessors in the various counties such comparisons are, of course, misleading. The bureau, accordingly, has endeavored to set up figures that are more properly comparable by calculating values on a 50 per cent basis. When this is done Bend is found to have a per capita value of \$449 and a tax rate of 27.5 mills which is the fourth highest in its group. Albany, with a 16 mill rate, is at the bottom.

Redmond, Deschutes county's other incorporated city, is also in the upper brackets in its class. The Redmond levy of 22 mills puts the city 12th from the top in tax levies, ninth from the top in per capita levies and 15th in its tax rate on a 50 per cent valuation basis. These standings are in a field of 32 in the 1,000-2,500 population class.

E BOND PURCHASES IN DESCHUTES
 Deschutes, according to the latest report, is one of six Oregon counties that failed to reach its E bond quota in the sixth war loan drive that came to an official end last Saturday. The Deschutes percentage of purchases was 95.2. Polk and Lane were just above Deschutes with Multnomah, Columbia and Coos below in the percentage column, the last named reaching only 92.1 per cent of its E bond goal.

While we like to see Deschutes meeting fully every war call made we do not feel too down hearted over this particular failure. Though the E bond goal was not reached the purchases of bonds in the county, taking all types together, was in excess of the total quota and this, we believe, has regularly been the case.

We do not know how these quotas of E and other bond types are set but there is obviously a chance for error and for calling on one county for too much and on another for too little. That may be the reason for the Deschutes failure in this instance—a quota actually out of proportion to its E bond purchase ability.

Deschutes has always made a fine record in its contributions to causes and it is interesting to note that it more than met the call in the recent war chest drive while there are still, the latest report shows, three counties that failed to do so though they have high percentages of E bond purchases.

We would not want to take an altogether sour-puss view of the situation but when we read that the gain in receipts at the Bend post office is believed to have been due to the increased volume of overseas mail we think that something should be said about the higher postage cost which, after all, is just another tax. Three cents instead of the former two for local mail, eight instead of six for air mail, 13 instead of 10 for special delivery and various other higher rates must have had something to do with the gain in receipts.

The procurement division of the treasury department is offering for sale about 400,000 compasses. Also it lists cream pitchers, dessert plates, soup plates, bread and butter plates, saucers, gravy boats, egg cups, custard cups, vegetable dishes and vinegar cruets. We are especially glad to see the end of the gray boat.

Washington Column

Powell Butte
 Powell Butte, Jan. 3 (Special)—A large crowd attended the fifth Sunday rally held at Powell Butte, the last day of 1944, and about 100 people enjoyed the pork lunch at noon. A little smaller crowd was there for supper at 6 o'clock. Representatives were here from Sisters, Culver, Bend, Redmond and Powell Butte. Madras was the only church not represented.

George Fairfield of the Redmond church led the devotional services at the afternoon session with the main address by Edwin P. Dewees, state secretary of the men's Ninety and Nine brotherhood of the Churches of Christ of Oregon. Following the address, the annual election of officers for the assembly of the Christian Churches of Central Oregon was held and the following will serve during the coming year:

C. O. Entriken of Bend, chairman, H. H. Musik of Powell Butte, vice-chairman, Mrs. W. E. Daum of Redmond, secretary-treasurer. The program committee of the churches include Merl Ross of Bend, Merl Ladd Howard of Redmond, Earl Russell of Sisters, Louis Flock of Powell Butte, W. H. Hall of Madras and Mrs. W. C. Barber of Culver.

Following the Christian Endeavor meeting in the evening, the devotional services were led by Mrs. Neola Ross of Bend and the main address of the evening was in charge of C. E. Swanders, secretary of the Christian Church Brotherhood in Oregon. The Powell Butte choir composed of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Vee and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Paul sang two special numbers and group singing was led by D. L. Penhallow.

The next meeting of the Assembly of the Christian Churches of Central Oregon will be held at Culver on April 29 and Mrs. W. C. Barber will be in charge of the program for the day.

Blood Donor Trip Plans Completed
 Twenty-nine Bend residents have been listed to go to Portland tomorrow to give their blood at the blood bank, on a trip sponsored by the Beta Sigma Phi sorority. It was announced today by Mrs. Wayne Faddis, president of the group. The party is scheduled to leave here at 6:15 p. m. tomorrow, making the journey to the Rose City by special bus of the Pacific Trailways.

Redmond Schools Back in Session
 Redmond high school classes were resumed on Tuesday, Jan. 2. All instructors were present and the attendance was high following the holiday vacation. Grade schools opened on Wednesday morning, Jan. 3. The attendance was good. Some cases of absentees were reported due to illness. A number of cases of mumps were reported.

dialects spoken on the island, trained them in radio technique and went on from there to develop news, church, entertainment and feature programs. In the early days of Bataan and Corregidor, messages from wives and families of soldiers trapped on the islands made up a large part of the program. Messages from Filipino leaders went out to their people and after President Quezon escaped on a submarine and set up his government in Washington, this radio was a link between his headquarters and the Philippines.

ENZY WELDER
 Memphis, Tenn. (UP)—Most envied man on the job at one of the Memphis war plants is the welder—he always has hot lunches. He brings his meat and cheese in a lunch box, usually steak or frankfurters, which he cooks with his welding torch. In his toolbox he keeps a stock of mustard and hot sauce.

SHOE BUYERS TOLD OF STAMP DATES
 Following word today from the national OPA shoe rationing division that no changes will be made in the current shoe regulations affecting the validity dates of airplane stamps 1, 2 and 3 in ration book three, Glen E. Fox, Portland district OPA shoe rationing representative, said this means that at least 30 days will be given to the public before any current shoe stamps will be terminated.

PRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS
 SEE YOU LATER, KIDS!
 HOW COME PEG'S FOLKS ARE MOVING OUT OF THEIR HOUSE? THEY'VE LIVED THERE FOR YEARS!
 I GATHER THAT PEG'S FOLKS DIDN'T GO FOR THE PEOPLE WHO JUST MOVED INTO THIS HOUSE!
 I WONDER WHAT THEY'RE LIKE, ANYWAY, TO DRIVE PEOPLE AWAY?

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Present OPA shoe rationing regulations make this provision, he pointed out.

Fox said that the statement from Washington was made "after a careful survey of the shoe supply situation throughout the country."

This announcement should ease the local buying situation by assuring both the shoe trade and their customers that all outstanding shoe stamps can and will be honored. Fox declared.

R. M. Anderson Succumbs Here
 Russell Melvin Anderson, 29, died last night at the St. Charles hospital following a lingering illness. He was born in Noonan, N. D., and had resided at 282 Jefferson street, Bend, for some eight years.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Anderson, Bend; six sisters, Mrs. Fritz Wal-

lan, Bend; Mrs. R. A. Winkle, Klamath Falls; Mrs. Alma Jacobs, Bend; Mrs. Ralph Gillette, North Bonneville, Wash.; Mrs. F. V. Russell, Bend; Mrs. Peter La Velle, Klamath Falls, and three brothers, Sivert Anderson, Redmond; Roland Anderson, Salem, and Sgt. John M. Anderson, now in France. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p. m. Saturday from the Niswonger and Winslow chapel with Rev. M. A. Thompson officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood cemetery.

enne McKinney of Oakland, Calif.
 Evergreen circles elect the following officers for 1930: Mrs. Hattie M. Brown, president; Mrs. Heta Fagg, vice president; Mrs. Ina Barber, treasurer, and Mrs. Elita St. Onge, press correspondent.

Sailor on Visit To Home in Bend
 "What was your most thrilling experience?"
 Earl E. Curry, Jr., fireman 1-e, who recently arrived here from Miami, Fla., to spend a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl E. Curry, 401 Riverfront, was asked that question, and he was a bit reluctant to answer. He had served aboard a destroyer, the greyhound of ocean warfare, and experiences pile up fast aboard these speedy little warships.

Finally the young sailor decided that the experience that stands out most vividly in his mind was an attack by two German submarines on the convoy his destroyer was assisting in escorting. That convoy was laden with tanks and ammunition, and its destination was Africa just following the invasion of that continent. But the night scrimmage came to a successful conclusion so far as the convoy captain was concerned, with both German subs ripped apart by depth charges.

Earl, who enlisted in October 1942, trained at Farnault, and later went through the Panama canal, from the Pacific to the Atlantic, on a destroyer.

At present, the Bend sailor is on a "PC" boat, on patrol duty.

Bend's Yesterdays
FIFTEEN YEARS AGO
 (Jan. 4, 1930)
 (From The Bulletin Files)

If the new snowfall does not prevent them from reaching their playground in the McKenzie country, Miss Carol Boyd, chairman of the house committee, promises the Skyliners dainty refreshments when they go to their toboggan slide.

Sheriff Claude L. McCauley warns farmers selling meat from house to house that they must have a state license.

The Inn annex, one of the oldest Bend landmarks, is to be moved as soon as construction of the new wing on the Pilot Butte inn begins, it is announced.

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R. H. Beck, salesman for the Hudson-Duncan company, goes to Portland to attend a company sales meeting.

Mrs. Charles Gilbanks has as house guests Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dilne of Everett, Wash., and Clara