

Oregon is starting out 1941 with another record low infant death rate the public health research department on an Oregon life insurance company reports.

The infant mortality rate for the first two months of this year was 38.0 per thousand live births, extremely low for this time of year. Oregon's rate of 36.0 for last year was the lowest in the country. Infant death rate is computed on the number of deaths of children under one year of age to the total number of live births.

URGES ARMY DAY CELEBRATION APRIL 7

In line with the activities of other civil and military leaders Lieut. Col. B. H. Hensley regular army recruiting officer for the state of Oregon this week urged all possible support of Army day, being celebrated on April 7 this year. The colonel urged that particular attention be paid on this date to the part being played by the present scheme of national defenses.

"Even though the army of the United States has been expanded recently to well over a million men the responsibility for organizing and training these new forces still rests largely upon those men who have long been a part of our regular armed forces," the colonel said. He especially emphasized the fact that the regular army is still offering the opportunity to eligible young men for securing technical and mechanical training training which will be an aid to them for the rest of their lives whether in or out of the military service.

Bond payments made by the state of Oregon on April 1st of this year cut the state's bonded indebtedness to \$33,366,385 it was disclosed today by Earl Snell, secretary of state. On April 1st payments totaling \$1,775,000 became due.

The state's outstanding bonded indebtedness as of Dec. 31, 1940 amounted to \$35,175,385. The April 1st payments cut this figure to \$33,366,385 marked and put the state in the position of having reduced its bonded indebtedness by slightly over 40 percent since 1930 when at the end of the year the outstanding bonds totaled \$60,399,510.

Bonded indebtedness at the end of 1940 was divided as follows: highway bonds \$14,766,750; world war veteran's aid bonds \$18,275,000; irrigation districts interest bonds \$2,081,635; rural credits farm loan bonds, \$52,000. In addition to the April 1 payments this year the state paid off \$84,000 of irrigation districts interest bonds in January of this year.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

On the 19th day of April, 1941, at the hour of ten o'clock A. M., at the front door of the Court House in Oregon City, Oregon, I will offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder, at auction the following described property located in Clackamas County, Oregon, to-wit:

SE 1/4 of Section 28, T. 2 S., R. 6 E., W. M.
Said sale is made by authority of Chapter 492, Oregon Laws 1937 relating to the sale of real property acquired by any County in this state for delinquent taxes and in compliance with an order of the County Court of Clackamas County, Oregon dated March 14th, 1941, to me directed.

The minimum price for which said real property may be sold is Five Hundred and no-100 Dollars and the terms shall be Cash.

FRED REAKSECKER, Sheriff of Clackamas County, Oregon. By George O. Jewell, Deputy. First pub. March 21, 1941. Last pub. April 18, 1941.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE 33646

On the 5th day of April, 1941 at the hour of 10 A. M., at the front door of the Court House in Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon, I will sell at auction to the highest bidder for cash the following described real property located in Clackamas County, Oregon, to-wit:

Beginning at a point in the westerly line of a proposed County Road 957.4 feet east and 379.56 feet South of the Southwest corner of the North 20 acres of the N. E. 1/4 of the S. W. 1/4 of Section 9, Twp. 3 South of Range 7 East of W. M.; thence south 33 degrees 40 minutes east, tracing the westerly line of the above mentioned County Road 100 feet to a point; thence South 56 degrees 20 minutes West 90 feet, more or less, to a low water line on the right or easterly shore of the Salmon River; thence Northerly along the said low water line 200 feet more or less to a point; thence North 33 degrees 40 minutes East 118 feet more or less to the westerly line of said County Road; thence south 30 degrees 40 minutes East, and tracing the Westerly line of said County Road 100 ft., to the point of beginning.

Said sale is made under executor issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Clackamas to me directed in the case of Ella M. Crouch vs. Robert

Guy Haines and Vivian Elaine Haines Dated the 27th day of February 1941.
FRED REAKSECKER, Sheriff of Clackamas County, Oregon. By George O. Jewell, Deputy. First pub. March 7, 1941. Last pub. April 4, 1941.

Cars of Cotton Enter State For Mattress Program

Carloads of raw, baled cotton rolling into Oregon have never been seen until now but their coming now means better living for thousands of low income rural families in this state says Mrs. Azalea Sager, state home demonstration leader at Oregon state college. She is the head of the surplus cotton mattress making program which is being enthusiastically received thruout the state.

Twenty-four counties have held organization and planning meetings and four additional counties have requested the project. Those organized include Malheur, Deschutes, Klamath, Clackamas, Multnomah, Columbia, Josephine, Jackson, Douglas, Coos, Washington, Yamhill, Polk, Lincoln, Tillamook, Linn, Clatsop, Benton, Hood River, Wasco, Umatilla, Union and Marion.

Mattresses are under construction in Malheur, Deschutes and Klamath counties each county having ordered one carload of cotton, each comprising 48 bales of 500 pounds. Fifty pounds of cotton and ten yards of ticking are used in each mattress. County planning groups have estimated that 1300 mattresses will be made in the next three or four months under the project.

County demonstration meetings to train leaders to handle the program have been held in three counties by Lois Lutz extension specialist in home management and Lucy Lane extension specialist in clothing. The actual mattress making is in the hands of volunteer local leaders with supervision from extension agents and farm security home supervisors.

Home economics extension units and granges are mainly furnishing the local leaders. The granges are also cooperating in furnishing many of the community work centers. The leaders report a high quality of workmanship among the men and women participating.

The cotton mattress program is sponsored jointly by the extension service, the AAA and the surplus marketing administration. In Oregon the farm security administration is also cooperating in the program.

The war cannot be won in the Balkans. But the beginning of the end could very well be effected there. If the Battle of the Balkans actually takes place as now seems close to inevitable the war will really enter its decisive stage.

This battle represents immense dangers to both sides, and both for some time have been hesitant to run the risk. Now it looks as if the strategists may have decided that the possible gains are so great that it is worth the gigantic gamble.

As Time puts it, "For Germany a setback in the Balkans would be more than Germany's first outright military defeat in World War II. It would be the turning point of the war."

"For Britain a decisive defeat at Salonika (or anywhere else in the Balkans) would be more than another Narvik or another Dunkirk. It would mean the destruction of Britain's only existing victorious army; the closing of Europe's back door; the focusing of the entire war upon the British Isles, where in the last analysis World War II must be decided."

WRITE HISTORY OF THE COUNTY LIBRARY

A history of the Clackamas county library compiled and written by the WPA Writers project has just been released to the sponsors the Clackamas county library association, for distribution to the libraries and newspaper offices in Clackamas county. The book reviews nearly a century of history beginning when the federal government started a library at Oregon City for pioneers thru various vicissitudes and changes of administration to the present established WPA library system with bookmobile service in the rural district thruout the county.

The book was compiled from data supplied by the Clackamas county library board, Fred C. Inskoe, president and Wilbur Rowe, former president, and by board members and librarians of the libraries in Clackamas county. In addition to the complete resume of the library system historians of the nine libraries are also given which includes Canby, Clackamas, Estacada, Gladstone, Milwaukie, Molalla, Sandy and Oregon City.

LIST OF SURPLUS FOODS FOR MONTH OF APRIL

Surplus foods which will be available to families taking part in the Food Stamp plan in this area during the April 1 to April 30 period were announced today by M. Louis Belangie, area supervisor for the surplus marketing administration. These are the surplus foods which may be obtained in exchange for blue surplus food stamps in local stores.

The nationally designated surplus foods available in all areas for the April 1 to April 30 period are as follows: Fresh grapefruit, oranges, apples, carrots, onions (except green onions), Irish potatoes, butter, raisins, pork, lard, all pork (except that cooked or packed in metal containers), corn meal, shell eggs, dried prunes, hominy, (com) grits, dry edible beans, wheat flour and whole wheat (graham) flour.

Wheat Countries all in the Same Boat as to Surpluses

American wheat growers are by no means alone in their efforts to control the world wheat surplus in producing exporting countries according to Will Steen chairman of the state AAA committee of Oregon who has recently received word of steps being taken in Canada, Argentina and Australia.

American wheat growers will no doubt be faced with the problem of deciding on the adoption of wheat marketing quotas says Steen. A tentative date for the election has been set for May 31. If as expected, the prospective wheat supplies by May 15 are above the limit set in the law of 1938 a marketing quota election must be held. If the quota is approved by growers the government loans will continue which constitutes one of America's chief methods of maintaining wheat growers incomes while exercising a limit on production.

The Argentine and Canadian governments have been protecting the farmers by offering to buy their wheat outright but this has led to difficulties. Argentine farmers are offered about 55 cents a bushel and Canadian farmers of about 50 cents. Both governments say now they can not continue to buy unlimited amounts of wheat unless foreign markets reopen. Canadian growers still have much of last year's crop piled out under temporary shelters because supplies far exceed storage capacity of the country.

Australia guarantees wheat farmers a price of about 56 1/2 cents a bushel on an annual crop of not more than 140 million bushels. In return for this guarantee the growers must agree to market their wheat thru the government and carry out certain practices designed to reduce wheat acreage.

In Argentina it is estimated that nearly 200 million bushels of wheat will be available for export in 1941. Canada will have more than 700 million bushels. Both of these amounts are considerably larger than supplies on hand a year ago. Because

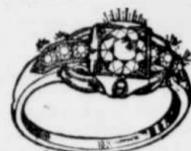
of drouth Australia does not have large export supplies but even so these cannot move freely thru military blockades.

ZIGZAG CCC CREWS PREPARE FOR FIRES

Four hundred miles of trails and 75 miles of telephone lines in the Mt. Hood national forest are now being maintained and serviced by Zigzag CCC crews in preparation of an anticipated early summer fire hazard season as the result of the light dry winter.

Considered as the earliest necessity in many years of fire guarding CCC enrollees were recently placed on two lookout stations in the Mt. Hood areas for two days and one small fire was reported by one of the lookouts.

It's a Small World Jupiter, largest of the planets, could contain 1,300 bodies the size of the earth.



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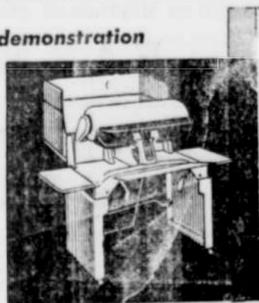
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