



Washington, D. C., June 15—It may be astonishing to the sheepmen, the wool growers of the far northwest, to learn that a congressional committee has discovered that not one suit of clothing has been made by the manufacturers from domestic wool in the past two and a half years. The wool used by them has been foreign grown and is cheaper than the domestic because the foreign wool has come through government agencies without paying a tariff duty. As the making of woolen garments is highly competitive, it is natural that the manufacturers should buy the foreign wool and save the cost of the tariff.

Normally, consumption in the United States exceeds the domestic clip so that a few hundred million pounds are imported, paying duty. The British dominions sent 350,000,000 pounds to the United States which this government bought; other wool was purchased from Argentina in the very time that country was in cahoots with the Germans. The committee reports that the government now owns 280,000,000 pounds; the domestic clip is 450,000,000 pounds; 500,000,000 pounds have been shipped in by the British, and there are 500,

000,000 in the hands of the manufacturers. Total of 1,730,000,000 pounds. And all the while, the foreign wool is being manufactured into clothing and the domestic wool is being neglected.

This is the situation confronting the sheepmen of Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana and Nevada who contribute to the domestic clip. The United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration wants clothing, but although the United States has appropriated \$450,000,000 for 1945 fiscal year (starting July 1) to UNRRA that agency insists that it wants foreign wool used and not the domestic. Last November commitments were made in anticipation of UNRRA clothing needs for ten million people. That clothing will all be made from foreign wool, the committee was advised. The advantage the foreign wool has, of course, is that it was brought, in free of duty and the sustaining price of domestic wool, in the circumstances, makes the raw American wool unprofitable to the manufacturers.

The 500,000,000 pounds of British wool now held in warehouses in this country will not be recalled by the British, for England depends upon Australian wool, together with clips from New Zealand and South Africa. What remains of the half billion pounds will be dumped on the American market.

How the United States can feed the rest of the world, or even Europe, was debated on the house floor a few days ago. It is asserted that it requires 2 1/2 acres to feed a person for one year. There are 343,000,000 acres under cultivation in the United States as of this date. There are 130,000,000 inhabitants. If it requires 2 1/2 acres per person the population

of this country needs the product of 325,000,000 acres to feed itself. This leaves a surplus of 20,000,000 acres for feeding the hungry in foreign lands. That surplus would provide for less than 15,000,000 people.

Approximately 36,000 young men being trained for pilots have been transferred to the infantry. Their training course was interrupted and they are now foot soldiers. Some 11,000 pilots who have been instructors are out of jobs because the 36,000 were mobilized into the army instead of winning wings. From many towns in the northwest young men who took training courses with the expectation that they would become pilots have found themselves idle. Congress, in one instance, made an appropriation so that they would receive a small cash compensation for their wasted time.

In face of this, General "Happy" Arnold is urging that the WASPS, the women civilian fliers who receive \$200 a month and \$ a day when away from their station, be more regular fliers and their chief commissioned as a major. The women transport cargo. General Arnold wishes to recruit girls who are stenographers, file clerks, etc., with no flying experience into the WASPS, saying that pilots are hard to get and, owing to the manpower shortage, the women should be used. This makes the former male student fliers bite their nails.

An inquiry discloses that it costs more to teach a woman to fly than for a male youth, and in the training thus far about 40 per cent have been washed out. It is asserted that only four members of the WASPS can handle a four-engine bomber. And while this mess is occupying the attention of congress the army is now urging 17-year old boys to take up a training course, boys just out of high school. Students who have been through the mill and the flying instructors now made idle can't understand the situation.

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Out-of-Doors Stuff

by LANS LENEVE

Game animals and birds are still being enumerated by Oregon game officials. Recently we read where a count of the big mule deer and the black tail deer and the bear had been recorded. In the same report, over in the Hart mountain-district, where it is fairly open country and where the antelope roam, they estimated that there were between 12 and 18 thousand such animals.

What is laughable to us is the fact that an accurate count was made of bear, deer and elk, but that the animals that really were out of the brush couldn't be counted accurately and had to be estimated. We are wondering just how long such a farce is going to continue, just how long Government officials and State Game Commission officials will be able to "pull the wool over the eyes of the public" in this matter of counting game animals and birds in this state. All the hunters in the state could be sent out into the brush of southwestern Oregon on a deer counting cruise and all come back bewildered, concerning the actual number of animals that are in the brush and the hills. Yet, one or two "super-duper" enumerators can fare forth and count the whole works without apparent effort.

We are also glad to learn the fact that there are 125 million ducks now winging forth between the frozen north and the southern states today. But we still are wondering who counted 'em.

It is strange, indeed, that old hunters, men who have roamed the woods of Coos and Curry counties during an entire lifetime, and hunted deer each season, will hesitate, yes, even refuse, to venture a wild guess as to the amount of deer in those two counties. Yet "the super-dupers" fare forth and count 'em each season or so.

A more sensible thing to do, in our opinion is, to start a count of the people F. D. R. has fooled into voting for him for a fourth term, or the number of gallons of gas that Kleanor has burned during the gas shortage.

Modern times have changed a lot of things. Take, for instance, the men who enforce the game laws of our state. In the old days the average game warden was a man who boasted few friends. Of course, there were exceptions; for instance, Jim Thomas was one of the finest men to ever wear a star, in our estimation. But as a rule, they were looked upon as men of sneaking and doubtful character, and many times without doubt were. But the modern crop of so called game wardens, but who are really law enforcement officers of the State Police, assigned to game law enforcement, are as a whole a fine lot of lads; broad-minded, courteous, likable, friendly and taking their jobs seriously. None of them that we have ever met, seek to assume that "rough attitude," so often apparent in some of the old-time wardens. In fact, in the whole State Police setup, from highway patrolman on down and on up, we find them really likable chaps. They are really boys with jobs to do and they are accomplishing their work in a very creditable manner and especially in southwestern Oregon.

June 19 All Vote At School Elections

June 19 is the date set by law for the annual school meeting in all districts other than Union High schools. The law requires that on this day at least one director and clerk shall be elected and in nearly all the districts in Coos county the budget will be voted at that time.

The voting for school officers and the passing of the budget should be of interest to every citizen.

It appears that there will probably be a heavier expenditure on the budget and therefore, a larger levy for several school districts in Coos county. This is due to the increase in teachers' salaries which has been necessitated because of the general increase throughout the country and because of the probable decrease of collection of taxes for the school year 1944-45.

In addition to the above mentioned, there will also be an election in all of the several school districts within Zone 4 for a Non-High School Board member.

Earl Cross, a school director in Roy district for the past several years, is the only candidate who has filed for this office. E. L. Detlefsen, who has been a director of the Non-High School District for several years, has refused to come up for re-election.

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Walter M. Laird of this city last week sold the ten-acre tract and house which he owned at Overland, midway between Coquille and Coos Bay, to Wm. H. Palmer, who was residing on the place.

Next Tuesday, June 20, a traveling examiner from the Secretary of State's office will be at the Coquille city hall, from 9:00 until 4:00 o'clock, to receive applications for drivers' licenses.

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