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Farmers Asked To Inventory All Horses

Lists of Horses Wanted
By Government To
Make Defense Plans

Washington D. C., Dec. 25.—No one is saying "It can't happen here." The national capital would not be surprised if the Japanese sent air raiders over Washington and Oregon and later attempted to land an army around the mouth of the Columbia—about Tillamook—and at Grays Harbor. There is expectation that some enemy flier German or Japanese, will sweep over the federal city some day or night and drop a token bomb. This expectation is a firm conviction in the minds of at least 500,000 people in the District of Columbia, which is to say about half the population. Right now steam shovels are excavating in the White House lawn preparing a shelter for White House workers and those in the treasury building across the street. This shelter digging was a military secret (although the town knew it) until a congressman discussed it on the floor and thereafter the papers could mention it.

For more than a score of years the war college has known of the strategy map of the Japanese for an invasion of this country. This plan called for a landing at Willapa, Aberdeen and some place on the Oregon coast. Once having piled through the surf, with bayonets gleaming, the general program was to advance and capture Centralia, then Tacoma and Seattle, while the Oregon landing force was to absorb Astoria and Portland. Providing they were successful, the Japanese were to advance to the Bitterroot and Rocky mountains, while additional troops were to land in the southwest and capture San Francisco.

This sounds fantastic, but it is the Japanese strategy which has been ready and studied by hundreds of army officers. Of course, the plan depended upon the Japanese breaking through the Pacific fleet and an American force smaller than the landing force. This year war and navy departments have been building defenses against just such an enemy operation and invaders would be met by a reception committee with aircraft, tanks, artillery and anti-aircraft guns on shore and the many scores of patrol boats which are to be based at ports along the northwest coast.

With a war on its own hands, the United States is slowing down on the shipping of war materials to the British and is retaining enough of each month's production to equip American troops. Planes which were intended for the British are now going to Pearl Harbor as fast as they can be delivered to replace those dropped in the surprise attack.

There will be announced complete revision of production plans. Office of production management and SPAB have agreed the current production must be doubled, at least. This will require 24-hour work in many factories and expansion of existing plants and the building of new ones. America's man power will be registered; those fit for the strenuous life of the army or navy will be put in uniform; those unfit by reason of age or other cause will form a pool from which will be drawn workers in munition plants. Women will not be overlooked; later there will be a law, as in England, requiring unmarried women between specified ages to register for war work and this work may be in industry where deftness is essential, driving trucks, servicing barge balloons or listening posts. Thousands of nurses are required now and more later. Almost any young woman who would like to serve as a nurse can have her ambition fulfilled.

Congress has been asked to vote an appropriation to provide gas masks for the civilian population of the northwest. These masks will be distributed free to every one from Astoria to 200 miles inland. When the people of the west coast have been provided for, those on the gulf and Atlantic coasts will be supplied. Plans for evacuation of women and children from towns on the west coast are progressing.

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Col. F. W. Koester, chief of the western remount division, requests that all owners of horses send in a list of the county agent of the county in which he lives.

The colonel says:

America is preparing with all possible speed for an all out, long war. Manpower is being mustered, industry and production thrown into high gear and economic and natural resources marshalled.

Experience of the present war shows the horse and mule still essential for a variety of uses in modern armies. Germany has thus far employed something like a million, Japan has used large numbers in China and Russia currently is winning large scale successes with mounted units or units otherwise employing horses.

In our domestic life of the near future horses may be most vital. Curtailment of production of power driven farm machinery and transportation, restrictions on use of various fuels or lubricants, actual shortages of certain essentials, greater demands on agriculture and similar conditions present or possibly imminent, make future and greater importance of the horse likely.

America has more well bred useful horses and mules than any country in the world. We can use them and may need them anywhere anytime.

Every horse and mule owner is requested to forward at once to his County Agent the following information concerning each horse or mule he owns:

Age, sex, color, whether riding or draft type, whether broken or unbroken and whether or not necessary for owner's own use. County Agents will consolidate and forward this information. In counties not having County Agents, horse and mule owners may report direct to the Western Remount Area, 72-3rd Avenue, San Mateo, California. It is requested all animals be registered by January 10, 1942.

It is desired to emphasize that this is not a draft of animal resources and that it seems most unlikely this will ever be necessary. When horses or mules are needed they will be purchased. Prompt registration of animals of a useful military age is simply a most desirable step in our defense preparations. Registration of animals at this time is voluntary but obviously a patriotic obligation.

Selective Service Good Test Ground

Selective Service examinations offer an unusual opportunity of case finding of a wide scale. What is being done about newly discovered cases of two reportable diseases, tuberculosis and syphilis, was discussed by Dr. H. R. Edwards and by Dr. Theodore Rosenthal.

According to Dr. Edwards, army plans for examination of all men at the induction centers include a chest x-ray. All men showing evidence of reinfection tuberculosis, active or apparently arrested, are rejected.

The U. S. Public Health Service has urged that the Selective Service Boards, as well as army induction stations, set up a plan for the reporting of all cases of tuberculosis to the state or local department of health. Little information is available on the completeness with which this is being done. However, reporting of these cases is not being uniformly carried out throughout the country. In some cities, such as New York, and in certain states, the new cases are being reported and are vigorously followed by the department of health to insure proper medical supervision for each, whether it be care in a hospital, by a private physician, or in a health department clinic.

All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with the examiner at the Courthouse in Moro on Wednesday, December 31, 1941, who will be on duty from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m.

RED CROSS AIDS ARMY MORALE



Red Cross workers are on the job in all Army and Navy camps and stations throughout the country to assist in the important task of maintaining morale. Above, an Army flier leaves unfinished personal matters for the Red Cross field director to take care of while he embarks on an emergency flight across country. The Red Cross is the official means of communication between service men and their families back home.

No State Property Tax Asked When Official Levy Is Made

By A. L. Lindbeck

Salem, Ore., Dec. 24.—As per previous predictions the state tax levy, promulgated this week, contains no levy against property. The entire \$4,332,300 to be raised for state needs during the six month period ending June 30, next, will come from income taxes and miscellaneous sources. This will be the first time in Oregon's history that it has been possible to eliminate the entire state tax including that for support of elementary schools. This was made possible by the existence of a surplus of \$1,721,058 in income tax revenues to apply toward expenditures of the next six months.

While the levy is the maximum permitted under the constitutional limitation it lacks \$807,868 of covering the needs of the state for the six month period, estimated at \$5,140,168.95. This apparent deficit, however, will be more than offset by unrecipitated payments, including inheritance taxes, to the credit of the general fund.

Pointing out that approximately three fourths of all income taxes are paid during the first half of the calendar year, the state tax commission predicts "a sizeable surplus" on June 30, next to apply on the next levy which will be made in July covering an entire year.

Truck combinations up to 60 feet in length and of a gross weight up to 68,000 pounds are now permitted on Oregon highways if at least 50 per cent of the load, either by weight or volume, consists of defense goods consigned to an army or navy depot. This policy was adopted by the highway commission in an effort to expedite the shipment of defense materials. Under this ruling it will now be possible for the larger trucks operating in both Washington and California to enter Oregon without stopping at the state line to unload and reload when the cargoes are made up principally of defense materials. The order was issued under authority of a statutory covering emergency operations and is not regarded as in violation of the policy enunciated by the legislature which turned down by a large majority a request for the operation of the larger trucks in this state.

Complying with a request by President Roosevelt the state is turning all of 25 local employment agencies over to the federal government. Personnel of the agencies will be retained on the federal payroll. Approximately 250 employees are affected by the change. The state will retain control over the central employment agency which will be under the direction of L. C. Stoll and which will cooperate with the federalized local agencies. The change in status of the employment agencies does not in any way affect the operations of the Unemployment Compensation commission which has exercised

jurisdiction over the employment service.

A large delegation of dairymen appeared before the state board of agriculture, meeting here last week, to protest against the new ruling which requires the use of a sanitary cap which covers the pouring lip of milk bottles. The regulation becomes effective January 1. J. D. Mickle, state director of agriculture promised the dairymen that the problem would be given further consideration and that the regulation would be administered to the best interests of the producers as well as the consumers.

Inmates of the state prison want a chance to fight the Japs. More than 400 of them signed a petition offering their services in any capacity the government might see fit to place them.

The fate of the cigarette tax bill, enacted by the last legislature is now up to the courts.

Attorney General Van Winkle has held that sponsors of the referendum attacking this measure failed to comply with the requirements of the law in filing their expense statement and has advised Secretary of State Snell that by reason of this failure the referendum measure is not entitled to a place on the ballot.

Secretary of State Snell has announced that, acting upon the advice of the attorney general, he will not place the measure on the ballot next fall.

Now the Retail Merchants association sponsors of the referendum, has turned to the courts in an effort to compel the secretary of state who last spring accepted and filed their petitions, to place the measure before the voters in spite of the weakness in their attack as exposed by the attorney general's investigation.

The investigation of the attorney general, incidentally, is understood to have been prompted by demands of the old age pension group anxious to save the cigarette tax bill, the revenue from which, estimated at from \$1,200,000 to \$2,000,000 annually, will go to augment present funds for the payment of pensions to the needy aged.

Budget Director David Eccles has launched a campaign to conserve the state's motorized equipment. To begin with he has notified all department heads that no more automobiles will be purchased except with the approval of the budget department and upon a showing of absolute necessity. He has urged department heads to arrange for consolidation of automobile trips so that in the future one car will serve where heretofore three or four have been used. As a further conservation measure he has suggested that wherever possible established carriers be used, even at the sacrifice

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Plentiful Rains Fill Soil With Ready Moisture

All Types of Fallow

Uniformly Wet As

Winter Season Begins

The rains of 1940, when the county broke all previous records for calendar year precipitation, and the rains of 1941, which have also been more copious than usual have filled the ground with a supply of moisture greater than is often found in the spring.

Tests taken the first of November show that all plots on the experiment station are well filled with water and whether plowed in April and well tilled or plowed in May and not cultivated at all, there is little difference.

The summer fallow that was plowed in April and has been kept clean has 11.1 percent moisture. The summer fallow that was plowed in May and not cultivated has 11.0 percent moisture. Clean cultivated May plowing and uncultivated April plowing have a bit the most with 11.4.

Not only has the rains filled all kinds of soil well but there is also little or no difference between trashy fallow and black summer fallow as far as its retention of moisture is concerned. Trashy fallow averages 11.1 for six feet and black summer fallow has 11.3 as an average for six feet.

Usually trashy fallow is a little wetter in the first six inches but that is not the case this year as trashy fallow has 9.9 and black summer fallow has 10.6 in the first six inches.

All types of fallow have 11 per cent or more in the sixth foot showing good penetration clear to the bottom of the root depth.

In addition to this 3.65 inches of rain has fallen since the tests were taken. This would indicate that the soil now should have 14 or 15 percent moisture. This is very good indeed. Many years the soil has not been so wet after the entire winter is over.

Conditions for a crop in 1942 are better over the county as well.

Mrs Jessie Henrichs Succumbs To Illness

Funeral services for Mrs. Jessie Henrichs will be held Friday at 1:30 o'clock from the Presbyterian church in Moro. Her death occurred Tuesday morning at five o'clock after a long illness.

Mrs. Henrichs was born in Richland Center, Wis. Nov. 21, 1863 and came to Oregon in the early years of this century. She was married to Judge Wm. Henrichs in 1905. She immediately took over the care of his young family, survivors of whom are Mrs. Gertrude Brown of Hillsboro, Mrs. Wilma Hansen of Wasco and Raymond Henrichs of North Bonneville, Wn. Surviving also is a niece, Mrs. Hazel McKinney of Portland. Judge Henrichs died in 1932.

Mrs. Henrichs was a life long member of the Presbyterian church and was for 35 years a member of Lupine Rebekah lodge in Moro and of the Bethlehem chapter, OES. During her years in Moro she made many friends.

Rural Papers Best News Medium Held

Home town papers are read more thoroughly by rural people than any other publications and hence they are the most valuable medium for disseminating farm news, according to the AAA committee attending the AAA conference at Oregon State college. One farmer serving on the education committee of the conference stated that, although his group is always glad to get news in the metropolitan dailies, the news that really counts in reaching a large proportion of the farmers is that used in the country weeklies.

The farmer committeemen recommended that close contact be kept between those dealing with the various agricultural programs and the local editors in order that each may be of the greatest help to the other, to the benefit of the rural population as a whole. The community committeemen were urged to see that local correspondents obtain prompt and accurate reports of local happenings relating to the farm programs.

State Expected To Build Highway Sheds

Tom Douma has given a deed to the 64 acres just southwest of town to the State of Oregon. This tract of land will be used by the state as a location for a highway warehouse and garage.

For some time the state has been trying to find a spot in town or near town for the construction of buildings to house its equipment and this place has been selected. Deficient titles prevented the purchase of land in the flat.

When the new buildings will be constructed is not known.

Payments Coming In; Loans Going Out

Soil conservation payments have started to come in to the county agent's office, \$20,469 having been received this week. It is expected that more will be along soon.

There is a rush for wheat loans these days as farmers who did not avail themselves of the loan before take one before the end of the loan period. It is not felt that the price of wheat will rise above the loan price.

The county agent's office figures that about \$2,800,000 in loans will be made when the loans are stopped December 31. This will make it possible to account for the 3,247,500 bushels grown in this county this year.

Shortage of Electricity Prophesied By OEM

Prediction by the Office for Emergency Management that the Pacific Northwest may experience a shortage of power in 1942 as the result of "all out" war demands for industrial production was viewed seriously here by Glen Corey, district manager for Pacific Power & Light company.

Pooling of all available power sources, public and private, as was done in the TVA region last fall to alleviate a serious shortage there can, however, do much toward minimizing possible future curtailments of civilian power use in the northwest, in Corey's opinion.

"We are ready to cooperate fully in such a program and are prepared to make all necessary interconnections on short notice," Corey said.

Expansion of aluminum and magnesium plants on a scale far beyond anything imagined a few short months ago was cited by the OEM as the reason for the prospective power shortage.

The defense agency pointed out that while a new aluminum plant can be built in six months it takes two years or more to build a power dam. A further complicating factor is that manufacturers of electric power plant equipment also have the job of building marine turbines for America's two-ocean navy and for the rapidly expanding merchant marine.

"In this situation, it is easy to understand the emphasis placed by the OEM on the possibilities of gaining extra kilowatts by power pooling," said Corey.

"Along with the engineers in charge of other utility company operations, our engineers early this year made a thorough study of the Pacific Northwest power situation, which was reported to the Federal Power Commission last June.

"This survey showed that 100,000 kilowatts of effective capacity can be gained in the Pacific Northwest by the simple method of voluntary coordination of all the public and private power plants in the region. Awake to the significance of this power supply, the company immediately went ahead with the preparation of plans for interconnections with the Bonneville-Columbia transmission system at key points, and is now ready to move promptly whenever the word is given."

All the major power companies in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Utah are already operating on an interconnected basis, Corey reported, and establishment of the necessary additional connections with the Bonneville system to effect a complete pooling of power in the region would involve little in the way of time or expense.

Christmas Celebrated Here Quietly

Family Gatherings Are

The Rule Over County

For Christmas Season

The Christmas season in Sherman county was a quiet one. Those whose closest relatives live away from the county left Wednesday for their homes and many former residents returned to spend the day amid the scenes of their youth.

Schools and churches held their programs earlier in the week or before school closed leaving to the families the Christmas eve and Christmas day in which to get together for visiting and presentation of gifts.

Although the fall officially ended a day or two before Christmas the fine weather continued long enough to make transportation a minor problem for those who had traveling to do. No snow graced the fields to make old timers remark, "It looks like Christmas anyway" although the chilliness of the air made snow feel imminent.

Stores within the county generally reported a better sale of Christmas toys and other goods than expected and stocks were very nearly depleted by Wednesday night. The sale of defense bonds and stamps took a spurt within the last week or so as the campaign to give stamps and bonds got under way.

Postoffices have been busy with hundreds of packages coming in and going out.

Despite the seriousness of the war situation Sherman countians were able to greet each other with a cheery "Merry Christmas" and a wish for the best of the season.

Telephone Company Has Heavy Business

N. R. Powley, president, the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, commenting on the Pacific coast increased telephone demands as a result of the war situation, stated today:

"Never in its history has our company handled, in a similar period, the tremendous volume of telephone traffic which the extraordinary demands for telephone service have placed on our system in the last ten days.

"We deeply appreciate the fine cooperation and understanding of the telephone using public and their splendid assistance in not making other than the most urgent calls, which greatly aid us to get the message through for telephone calls important to defense.

"Our organization is doing its level best to render the best possible service and to play its full and patriotic part in this great national emergency. It is traditional in our business that our people always rise to the height of any emergency. They have shown again in a glorious way that spirit and will-to-do which are of such vital importance in these tragic and critical times. Calmly and effectively our men and women are serving the great cause of human freedom."

Chairman Asks Seal Sale Purchase

Mrs. Alberta Mills, chairman of the Sherman county Seal Sale campaign says: "In this world of economic strife there can still be good will toward men. What better will can be shown than by contributing to a health campaign and saving thousands of young people and adults from tuberculosis. Let us not only sing 'Good will toward men' but do it by buying and using Christmas Seals."

Basketball Game Is Red Cross Benefit

A basket ball game between the Moro High school and alumni of that institution will be played on the school gymnasium floor Friday night, December 26. All receipts from which will go to the Red Cross which is now raising \$50,000,000 for aid to soldiers and civilians who become needy because of war.