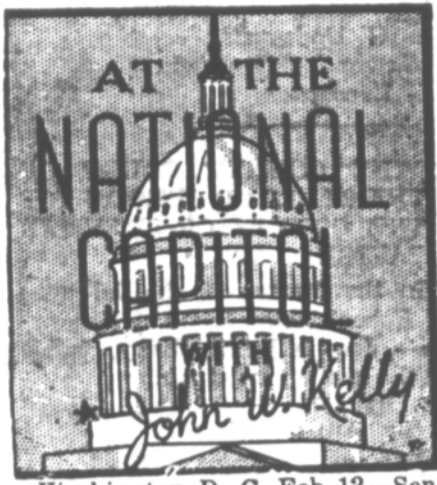


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Washington D. C. Feb. 12.—Senator Rufus Holman has introduced a bill creating the office of mineral production administrator as a division of the department of the interior. With the approval of the interior secretary, and when such action is deemed advisable in the interest of successful prosecution of wars in which the United States is now engaged, the administrator is authorized to subsidize mining, production, refining or beneficial use of any strategic mineral or critical metal by any person engaged in the operating of a mining property which cannot be operated with a reasonable profit without a subsidy.

Introduction of the measure was caused by the delay of the Defense Plant Corporation in assisting in the production of metals required for the war, such as chromite, copper, zinc, etc. The senator says that inasmuch as the government is neglecting to increase the metals and outside sources are being shut off by Japanese activity, he believes a complete new set-up should be established. If enacted, the measure would be of immense value to the mining industry of the far west where there are many properties which cannot produce metals at current price ceilings.

An Oregon man has written to the war department inquiring if the department is in the market for shark oil. He explained that shark oil does not freeze and that it might be a good thing in the motors of bombers which fly several miles high where the temperature is far below zero. The war department was not interested; told him to inquire elsewhere.

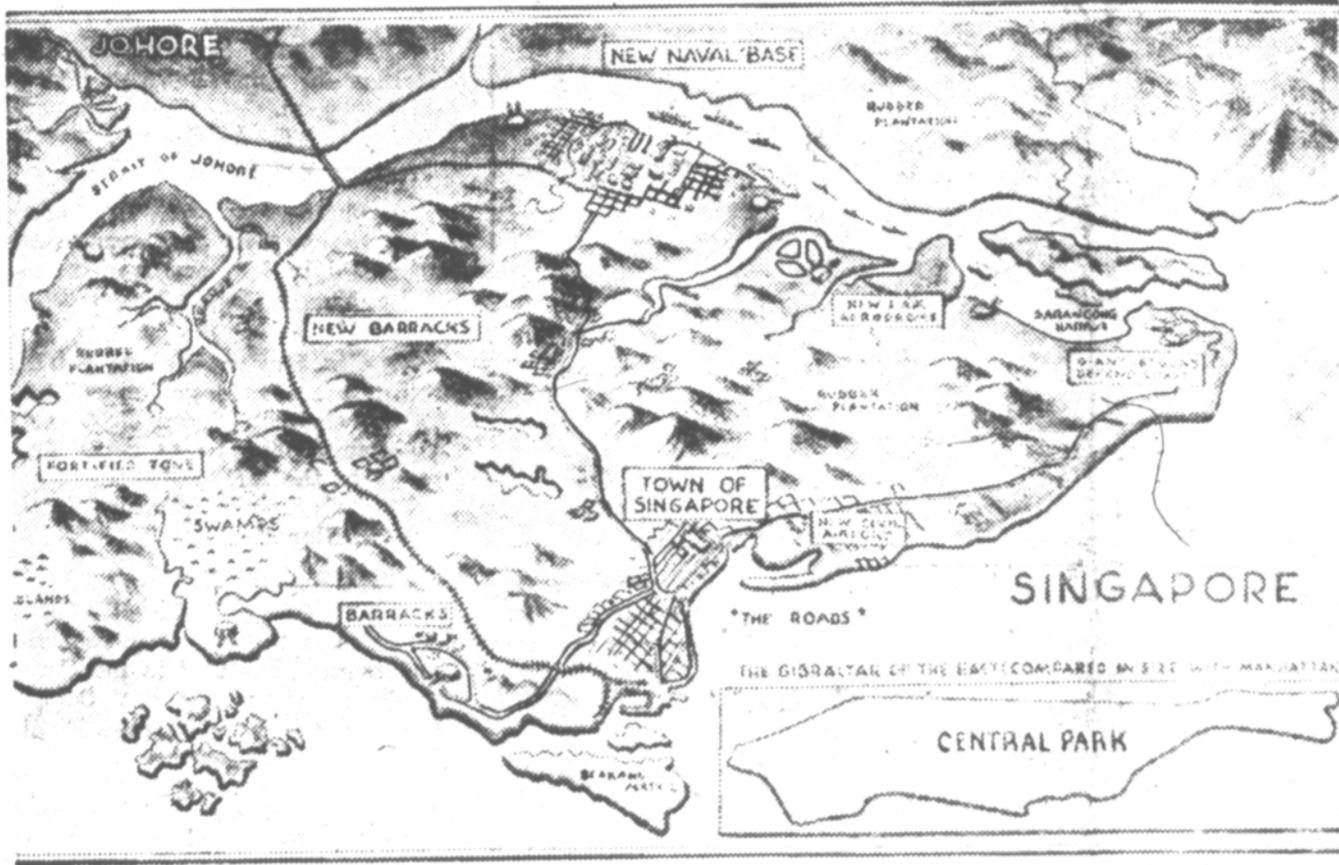
Answering complaints of a shortage of agricultural labor in Oregon, head of the selective service denies that it is due to farm boys being drafted. Making a survey of Deschutes, Umatilla, Multnomah and other counties General Hershey shows that about 10 percent of the young men inducted into the service have had some agricultural connection. He attributes the shortage to the high wages paid in shipyards and other war industries and to voluntary enlistments. He gives it as his opinion that there is still all the farm labor necessary in Oregon if wages are right. To attract labor to the farms, he declares, there should be a minimum wage of \$50 a month and "found."

Unless office of civilian defense changes its rule there is not a community in the northwest to which fire equipment will be allocated for extinguishing incendiary bombs if the population is less than 5000. Starting at 5000, the larger the city the more the fire apparatus, gas masks and steel helmets to be distributed. No provision is made for the scores of towns and villages which are as exposed to an air raid as is Portland. However, some protection is provided against forest fires in an amendment to the priorities bill, offered by Senator McNary. The American Forestry association, which includes all the private timber owners in the northwest is concerned about incendiary fires in the forests. The McNary amendment authorizes the president to use the manpower of CCC camps to patrol municipal water systems, generating systems and other public utilities against the hazards of forest fires.

Inside story of why congress voted one half billion dollars for China without a dissenting voice is that the price taxpayers must pay for the speech made by Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox to mayors on January 12. Secretary Knox, who says he is misunderstood, told the mayors that Hitler must first be disposed of before attention could be given to the Japanese. Chinese officials began talking of peace with Japan, saying they could not continue fighting unless aid came from the United States and Great Britain, and Pacific coast delegations roared that the west coast

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## Singapore, Gibraltar of East, Is Rich Prize



The defenses of Singapore, the Gibraltar of the East, are, naturally, military secrets, but this map of the British island fortress gives some idea of the city's size, its resources and harbor facilities. Raid-free in the first days of the Pacific war, Singapore was attacked repeatedly by Jap bombers but valiantly defended. Martial law was declared in the Singapore area shortly after the first attack by Japanese invaders.

## Supreme Court KO's Cigarette Tax Suit; Holds That Constitutional Purpose Cannot Be Legislated Away

Salem, Ore. Feb. 12.—The effect of the recent supreme court opinion in the cigarette tax case was two-fold.

In the first place the high court restored the cigarette tax referendum to the November ballot.

In the second place it laid down the principle that constitutional rights can not be restricted by legislative enactments or obstructed by the introduction of technical objections.

It will be recalled that last June Secretary of State Snell accepted and filed the referendum petitions sponsored by the Retail Grocers association as conforming to the requirements of the constitution. Then last December, six months after the petitions were filed Attorney General Van Winkle discovered what he regarded as a serious weakness in the expense statements filed by the referendum sponsors. Accordingly he advised Snell that because of this weakness the referendum move was invalid and the measure could not be placed on the ballot. Van Winkle's chief objection to the expense statement lay in the fact that they did not set out in detail "for what purpose" certain expense payments were made. The term "field work" used in these statements, the attorney general held, was too broad to satisfy the requirements of the law covering this subject.

In his opinion overruling the attorney general's ruling Justice J. O. Bailey pointed out that "in circulating initiative and referendum petitions in a statewide campaign it is necessary that the petitions be placed in the hands of volunteer workers who obtain signatures and that they be collected and properly notarized. Those who attend to such details are usually referred to as field workers. The term "field work" is not an uncommon expression in connection with political activities. It has no mysterious connotation. We believe that any layman would understand its meaning in the statement.

"The statute does not require that the service for which money is paid be minutely described or that everything an employee does to earn his stipend be set forth in the statement of disbursements."

As soon as the opinion of the high court was handed down the state tax commission which had started enforcement of the tax on cigarettes on January 8 suspended its activities in this direction. In the meantime, however, it had collected more than \$43,000 in taxes and fees through the enforcement of the act which, it now develops, was not in effect. Now the commission wants to know what to do with this revenue and has asked the attorney general for a ruling on that point.

Paraphrasing the slogan of the theatrical world Leo Smitzbart, manager of Oregon's state fair this week announced that barring unforeseen developments the "fair must go on." The announcement was prompted by persistent rum-

ors that because of the war and restrictions laid down by army authorities against the assemblage of large crowds the big agricultural and industrial exhibition would not be held this year. Spitzbart pointed out that in England which has been at war now for more than two years, events of this character are encouraged because of their effect on civilian morale.

Simultaneously with the introduction of daylight saving Monday two state departments—the Industrial Accident commission and the Unemployment Compensation commission—adopted a 37-hour work-week, cutting three hours off their previous weekly schedule. Most other departments are adhering to their 40-hour-week except that the state selective service headquarters last week went on a seven day week with the office remaining open from 8:00 a. m. until 5:00 p. m. daily.

Roy Gill, State Grange Master, has developed into the mystery man of the pending political campaign. A lot of candidates and king makers would like to know Gill's political intentions—if any. The Grange leader has been frequently mentioned as a possible candidate for governor, but so far he has refused to satisfy public curiosity on this point. In Salem this week Gill told newspapermen that he had no "immediate inten-

## Rabbit Brush No Aid To Rubber Shortage Repeal of Federal Auto Tax Urged

While Oregon has a considerable acreage of the so-called rabbit brush growing wild in eastern and southern Oregon, there is little possibility of establishing this as a crop for rubber production, believes G. R. Hyslop, head of the division of plant industries at Oregon State college.

In answer to many queries, Professor Hyslop points out that, since the content of rubber in rabbit brush averages only about 2 per cent and that only in extreme cases does it get as high as 5 per cent, the processing cost would be excessive except in the event of a really serious long-time emergency. The time involved in establishing and growing the plants would also appear prohibitive, he says, as the plants must be five or six years old before they develop much rubber.

### Rabbit Brush Common

The plant known as rabbit brush is a yellow-flowered type of so-called sagebrush, which grows abundantly in eastern and southern Oregon. It is usually found on soil that is somewhat alkaline.

Guayule, a plant suited to the dry, hot climate of southwestern United States and northern Mexico has a rubber content of 15 to 20 per cent and appears to be the most promising. Various rubber producing plants will be tested by O. S. C.

tion" of entering the campaign. Political prognosticators have interpreted this to mean that he will not enter the primary but that he has not closed the door to his entry into the fall campaign as an independent candidate.

Gill is a registered Republican. His political leanings, however, have been tending strongly toward the idealisms of the New Deal. His political strength, therefore, aside from his following in the Grange and the public power group would appear to lie largely in the left wing of the Democratic party. These could not do him a great deal of good in the primary campaign where he would have to run on the Republican ticket, except for an eleventh hour conversion, but they could rally to his support as an independent candidate next November should he choose to run at that time as many believe that he will.

Governor Sprague is still casting about for a new budget director. It was recalled that when he promoted David W. Eccles to the new post of coordinator of wartime industrial production he announced that Roy Mills, business representative for the state institutions would take over the budget work. Then Dan Fry suddenly resigned as secretary to the board of control and Mills was pulled back to take over that job leaving the budget post still vacant. Rumors that the job has

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## Registration of Women To Be Done Monday

Aides Named By Mrs. Afton McIntyre, County Chairman; Labor Force Wanted

Women of Oregon will be registered Monday, February 16, the same day as men between the ages of 20 and 44. Purpose of the registration of women will be to learn their vocation experience skills and potential abilities.

The work will be done by volunteers who will go to the homes to make inquiries. In Sherman county Mrs. Afton McIntyre is chairman and will be assisted by Mrs. Theo. von Borstel at Kent, Lila Lee Alley at Grass Valley, Mrs. Harold Ginn at Moro, Mrs. Ozmand Hilderbrand at Klondike, Mrs. W. A. Mills at Wasco, Mrs. Curt Tom at Rufus and Mrs. Hildred Zell at Locust Grove.

"The Oregon census of women, if successful, may be for a pattern for a similar enterprise on a national scale," said Mrs. McIntyre. A compulsory survey of the nation is a possibility.

Women above 18 will be registered. There is no maximum age. Mrs. Saidie Orr Dunbar is state chairman of the mobilization.

Funds for office work come from the Social Security board and the employment service is supervising the job. Women are to make a reserve labor pool for work in agriculture, business and industry.

The inventory is not compulsory. It is expected that available workers will be used in textile work, domestic service and agriculture.

## Embryo Congressman Visits In County

Marvin Klemme and C. D. Phillips of Burns were here Monday evening. Mr. Klemme is considering the matter of making the race for the Republican nomination for congress from this district. He is now in charge of the state school lands and was one time administrator of the Taylor Grazing act in Oregon. He has written a book about his travels in Asia and Europe.

Mr. Klemme, if he enters the race will oppose Lowell Stockman of Pendleton, who has announced his candidacy and perhaps of others not yet announced.

## Library Gets Books; Play Progressing

The new books recently listed in these columns are on the library shelves. These include the group of five adult books presented by the Legion Auxiliary and nine purchased for primary age readers. Several among the latter the latter group are beautiful examples of the book binders art, and the new edition of "Bambi" illustrated by Walt Disney will appeal to patrons of all ages.

Through an error the Moro I.C.O.F. did not receive the credit it should have had as the first contributor to the library for 1942. It donated ten dollars in December which places them first on the library honor roll. Total donations to date are thirty dollars in cash and ten dollars worth of new books.

All net proceeds from the play "Castles in the Air," sponsored by the Moro Woman's Club, which will be presented Friday, February 20, at 8:00 p. m. in the Moro school, will be turned over to the library fund.

The cast has been working very hard for several weeks on this play expecting that the community will give it their hearty support. The play is full of humorous lines and situations. Special musical numbers have been arranged for between the acts.

### GRANGE CALLS MEETING

A meeting will be held at Arlington Monday, February 16, at 8 p. m. for the purpose of talking about the farm labor problem. The state Grange executive committee is responsible for calling the meeting.

## Earl Williams Killed In Action In Philippines

Word has been received by Mrs. George Fox of Klondike that her brother, Earl Williams, was killed in the Philippines January 20.

Earl Williams was a graduate of Rufus High School in 1935. He was a star basketball player being chosen as one of the tournament stars teams in 1935. He attended Oregon State college three years and the University one year graduating there in 1939. He entered the army and was stationed at Ford Ord and Fort Lewis. He became First Lieutenant and the message of his death referred to him as captain.

At Corvallis Earl was a member of the boxing and wrestling teams.

He was transferred to Manila in April, 1940 and was stationed north of that city when the war broke out. Details of his death are lacking.

## Communication For Defense Discussed

J. R. Farrington of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company met with the communication section of the defense council Wednesday to plan for means of notifying Sherman county citizens in case of fire, air raids or other emergency.

Emergency calls may now be made at all times to 341, B. M. Kelly, at Grass Valley; 372, City Marshal, Moro; 671, Mrs. Dora Moore, Wasco; and messages will be put through whether the line is being used or not.

It is planned that when an emergency arises people at these numbers who get the news will call specified persons on all rural lines and these persons can give the alarm to people on the lines through use of an alarm or emergency number.

Extension lines for fire watcher stations during the summer will also be provided if priority can be obtained for the needed wire.

## Fed Steers Worth \$13.00 and Over

The following quotations are based on prices being paid in Wednesday's trading:

CATTLE: Good grain fed steers \$11.00 to 13.15. Good grain fed heifers \$10.50 to 11.25. Good beef cows \$8.50 to 9.00, medium \$7.50 to 8.25, common \$6.25 to 7.25, canners \$5.00 to 5.75. Bulls, medium to good \$8.50 to 10.50, common \$7.50 to 8.25. Vealer calves, good to choice \$13.50 to 15.00.

HOGS: 170 to 215 truckings \$12.75 to 13.00; 230' to 285 lb butchers \$11.75 to 12.50; light-weight butchers \$11.75 to 12.25; packing sows \$9.00 to 9.75. Feeder pigs \$11.00 to 12.00.

SHEEP: Good to choice fat woolled lambs \$11.50 to 12.00, medium to good \$11.00 to 11.25, common \$8.50 to 10.00. Slaughter ewes, good to choice \$5.50 to 6.00. Feeder lambs, good to choice, \$10.00 (wooled) \$8.00 (shorn). Shorn lambs (fat) \$10.40 to 11.00.

## Coast Guard Enlisting Men For Seamen

Men between the ages of 18 and 30 are needed as apprentice seamen in the U. S. Maritime service. After a seven months training course at Port Hueneme, California, they are ready to put to sea and help insure a steady flow of the materials we need to win the war. For further information contact the officer in charge, Coast Guard Recruiting Sub-Station, Room 306, Pioneer Post Office, Portland, Oregon.

## Ag. Conservation Money Coming

To date \$85,514.78 has been received in this county by farmers for agricultural conservation payments. The county agent's office reports that payments are being returned much slower than usual this year. The total payments will be much larger than this but the last of them may not come for several weeks.

## Farmers Hear Problems Talked By Experts

Ludwick, Taylor and Worth Tell of Storage, Sack, Loan, Machinery and Labor

Well over a hundred farmers met at Moro last Friday to hear AAA men talk of farm problems.

County Agent Wright opened the meeting by outlining the subjects to be discussed. There was, he said, disappointment over the losses at Pearl Harbor and other set backs of the war to date. He said that war production was going to put a burden on every citizen including farmers; new equipment would be hard to get and sacks would be scarce. We have storage capacity for 1,500,000 bushels of wheat and will need perhaps a million more storage capacity.

### Ludwick Says, No Sacks

Edward L. Ludwick reported that he could dispose of the sack problem in a few words by saying there would be none. The government might release a few but there was no promise on it.

Those who release their wheat to the Commodity Credit corporation might retain their sacks if the grain could be shipped out in time, he said.

The carryover in the Pacific northwest will be from three to four times the normal making a serious storage problem. Five loads of wheat have been shipped to Russia during the year and more may go. The OCC needs this wheat on hand for immediate delivery and would probably not be satisfied with pledges from counties to fill requirements.

The storage problem was the farmers' individual problem, he said.

In answer to questions he said that farmers who turn wheat over to the CCC could not get it back; that CCC loans are callable but that CCC does not want to call them; the loan on 1942 wheat would be 13 cents higher than on 1941 wheat.

### Repairs Plentiful

R. B. Taylor, state AAA chairman and head of the USDAOWB, talked of the difficulty of getting machinery. The average for production of new machinery is 83 percent of 1941. Large combines may be produced up to 75 percent of normal. Machinery for dairy and similar production has a higher percentage. Repairs may be made up to 150 percent of the previous year.

Emory Worth of the federal employment bureau asked farmers to get in touch with their local offices and ask for men early. Changes are certain to come and these cannot be anticipated. Eldon Cone of The Dalles employment office stated that he might send a man into this county during harvest time if it was desired.

Settlement of many of these problems, admittedly depends on action from other sources than the farmer although the storage problem is apparently to be their exclusive worry.

## Wasco BB Team Wins Steadily

The Wasco Town Basketball team is nearing the end of its season, having five more games to play, and they have a lot of credit due them having played nineteen games with the loss of only three.

The individual scoring summary for the nineteen games is as follows: David Richelderfer participated in only eight games and is now in the army, has a total of 56 points; George Macnab, 210; Bill Macnab, 136; Melvin Walsh, 55; Tom Macnab, 98; Paulen Kaseberg, 42; Steven O'Meara, 46; Demon Fields, 50; Dean Pinkerton, 31, participating in 5 games; Ed Millard, 27, participating in 4 games (sustained injury).

They were being good ball players they are Patriots also. They have played two double header games with the aid of The Dalles Townies The Arlington team, Grass Valley and Moro Town teams, which netted them approximately thirty dollars, which is to be turned over to the Red Cross.