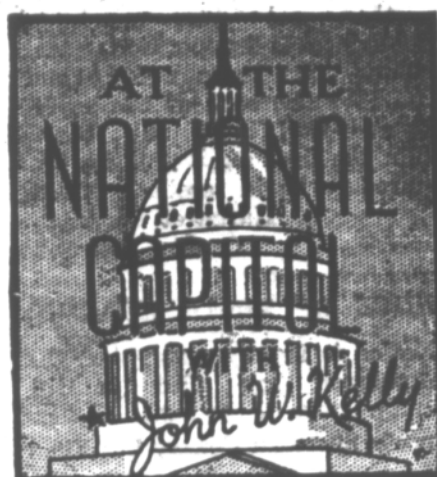


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Washington D. C. April 30.—Within a few months there will be 30,000 workers in the shipyards managed by Edgar Kaiser in the Portland area. Mr. Kaiser plans 30,000 men for his plant at Vancouver, 30,000 for the Oregon shipbuilding company in Portland and 30,000 at Swan Island, where 50 oil tankers are to be built, on what will be virtually an assembly line arrangement. These 90,000 do not include the workers employed at Willamette iron works, the Commercial iron works, and other plants with navy contracts nor the plants with orders to build engines for the "buggy ducking" ships at Portland and Vancouver.

Where this army of workers will live, how they will find means of transportation to the yards (with rubber tires wearing out and no more street cars available) and where they will be fed will prove serious problems for Portland and Vancouver. It is proposed to transport 6,000 workers daily from Portland across the Columbia to the yard there, possibly the boat leaving the seawall in Portland, but the will be 24,000 others on the Vancouver job, most of them domiciled there. Of course these thousands of workers are to be temporarily employed, but they will be working at least until the end of 1943, by which time the maritime commission may provide more contracts for more boats carrying over into 1944.

Locating all of this labor when the armed services are drafting men is no simple matter. Scouts will be sent to the mid-west to Colorado, to Kansas and Wyoming recruiting workers for the shipyards.

The war department is spending many millions of dollars now in Oregon and expects to spend many other millions before it is through using and developing facilities. Much has been talked of the two cantonments, Medford and Corvallis, representing approximately \$60,000,000, and it is known that the army air force at Pendleton has a large station, with another at the Portland-Columbia air base, and the hundreds of concrete igloos forming the munitions dump at Hermiston, but this does not complete the list. There are shore stations for the navy along the coast, an elaborate program of air fields which embrace every section of the state, a munition depot on the Oregon side of the lower Columbia river, a proposed shell loading plant in eastern Oregon, two bombing ranges in the central and southeastern sections of the state. Under present conditions the location of many of these facilities cannot be divulged, although each is known to the people in the vicinity where it is placed.

Government was slow in recognizing Oregon but now it is going to town in a big way. There is no politics involved in the location of the various air bases, munitions dumps, cantonments, etc. Members of the congressional delegation know nothing of the developments, until they are confidentially advised. Until all is set the high command refuses to discuss plans with anyone.

Little of the army's preparations is handled by Oregon contractors. The army has preferred dealing with contractors who can put a heavy bond, a bond larger than any local contractor or group of contractors can provide. To help the Oregon contractors, however, the Corvallis job was broken down into sections—roads, sewers, construction being let individually instead of in the lump.

The navy, too, is awarding a contract for a floating drydock in the Portland area. Local experienced contractors have been passed up and the job given to a Puget sound concern. Navy explains that as Portland will have the drydock it should not be grudge the building job to an out-

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Sherman County Boost In Bond Sales Now Urged By Government

Mrs. Afton McIntyre and Mrs. Harold Ginn returned from Portland Saturday night, bringing new honors to Sherman county from the meeting of the Christmas seal committee of the state.

They were able to announce that Sherman county had won first in the state with a seal sale of 23.2 per capita. Also first in percentage of increase and second in seal points. Sherman county was acclaimed as the first county in Oregon to sell over 20 seals per capita.

At the forthcoming meeting of the county health committee the uses to which the amount of money remaining in the county from the seal sale will be discussed.

Farm Price Index Now At 140

Oregon's farm price level at 140 per cent of the 1935-1939 average is one third higher than a year ago, according to data in a report on the agricultural situation just released by the extension service at OSC. The advance in the country as a whole has been even greater, however, than in Oregon, although some of the difference has been wiped out since January 1 as the Oregon average continued to gain while that of the United States declined.

In the country as a whole, the general level of farm prices stood at 99 percent of "parity" in purchasing value at mid-March, a gain of nearly one fourth compared with March, 1941, although 3 percent lower than a mid-January. The United States index of prices received by farmers dropped three points from mid-January to mid-March, to 146 percent, while the index of prices paid advanced 2 points, to 148 per cent.

Considering farm rates as well as interest, taxes and commodities bought by farmers, the increase in the purchasing value of farm products is less than indicated by the "parity" index. Even so, the exchange value of farm products probably is one fifth greater than a year ago, with the exchange value of some products relatively higher than others.

Joe Belanger is here this week from Pendleton to care for the soil conservation experiment plots at the station.

Taxes Small Part of State's Income; Biggest Part Comes From Undisputed Items, Disclosed

A. L. Lindbeck
Salem, Or May 1.—Taxes, about which so much complaint is heard from less than 28 percent of the state's revenue and income taxes comprise less than nine percent of the total revenue handled by the state treasurer. This is revealed in a report by State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott.

Scott's report shows that of the \$92,500,000 collected and disbursed by his department last year only \$24,500,000 came from taxes—property, income, inheritance, gift, and gasoline. The remaining \$68,000,000 came from fees, fines, interest on loans and bank deposits, contributions by the federal government, revenue from liquor sales and privilege taxes and contributions by employees and employers to the industrial accident and unemployment compensation funds.

There were no property taxes collected by the state in 1941 but income taxes produced a total of \$8,012,772. Gasoline taxes, about which little or no complaint is ever heard, yielded a total of \$14,898,611 or more than one and three-quarters as much as the income levies. Inheritance taxes yielded \$1,471,643 and gift taxes, \$198,300.

In addition to gasoline taxes Oregon motorists contributed an additional \$4,474,363 to the grand total of state revenues through the medium of registration fees and mileage and gross revenue fees.

The gross income of the Liquor Control commission, all of which passes through the state treasury, amounted to \$12,903,274. The state's share of the "take" from pari-mutuel betting on

Ten Percent of All Income In Bonds Aim of Treasury As Campaign Starts

Final plans for the greatest fund raising program ever staged in Oregon, a campaign that is expected to raise more than \$100,000,000 for vital war needs during the coming year, will be made Friday and Saturday, May 1 and 2; at a state wide meeting of county chairmen of the War Savings Bond staff, it was announced Tuesday by Ray Conway state administrator.

Immediate purpose of the meeting is to work out ways and means of raising Oregon's quota for May, so, at \$5,600,000. This amount is to be stepped up each month, until July, when it is expected to be stabilized at \$10,000,000 per month.

Sherman county's quota for May is \$13,500.

In addition to chairmen from all of the 36 counties of Oregon, other committee members, civic officials, bank heads, newspaper editors and other citizens have been invited to attend the business session to be held Saturday. The meeting is declared to be the most important ever held for furthering Oregon's part in the war program.

Included on the list of speakers for the session will be Palmer Hoyt, state chairman for the war war bond staff; Ray Conway, William M. Carl, associate administrator; George H. Godfrey and Allen Rinehart, deputy administrators; Frederick Greenwood, state chairman of the Bankers Association; Arlyn Cole, Robert Hibbitt and Lynn Sabin, members of the Multnomah county war bonds committee, and a number of others.

County chairmen will be special guests at an "Enroll for Victory" banquet Friday evening, and will be preserved to the public at the noon showing at Victory Center and at special stage presentation at the Paramount theater Saturday evening. A number of other special events, including a tour of the Oregon Shipbuilding Corporation yard and visit to the Portland Air Base, are also scheduled for the visitors.

horse and dog races amounted to \$132,378.

Federal grants to various state agencies totaled \$9,538,599 of which \$2,810,895 went into new highway construction.

Contributions by employers to the unemployment compensation trust fund, including federal allotment for administration and maintenance of the free employment offices, amounted to \$9,746,766 and another \$6,382,040 was collected by the State Industrial Accident commission.

Interest earned by state trust funds and bank deposits added \$1,385,334 to the year's total of revenue collections.

Other revenue sources itemized in Scott's report include: Fishing and hunting licenses \$762,865; poundage fees paid by commercial fishermen, \$164,523; fees paid by insurance companies, \$939,141; Corporation fees, \$320,563; fees collected by department of agriculture, \$484,860; fees collected by Department of Labor, \$68,713; litigants fees; divorce fees, and filing fees collected by supreme court, \$50,906; collections by state department from sales of law books, notarial commissions, candidates' fees, etc., \$64,556; collections from state wards, \$145,313.

Conscientious objectors may be drafted for service as attendants and orderlies at the two state hospitals for insane at Salem and Pendleton. The board of control has announced that such a plan is under consideration in order to fill the places of employees who are quitting jobs in those institutions to accept better paying jobs in defense in-

Five Leave For Army Ordnance Company

Five young men from Moro have joined the ordnance unit being made up of Oregon men and have gone to join the company which, it is understood, will be sent to North Carolina for training before being sent overseas, sometime this summer.

Lloyd Johnson and Lloyd Noonan left Tuesday night and Bob and Bill Axtell and Robert Christianson left Thursday to be in Vancouver Friday morning. Gene Lockett left earlier in the week.

Charles Hoggard Dies At 73 Years

Charles Hoggard, 73, a resident of Sherman county for nearly 50 years, died at his home near Kufus Friday night.

Mr. Hoggard was born in Nebraska and came west when a young man. He was one of the men who lost their possessions when the Columbia river flooded Grants in 1894.

He is survived by his widow Edith, a brother, William of Athena, and a nephew, William Jr., now in California.

Funeral services were held Tuesday from Zells Funeral Home in The Dalles and interment was made in The Dalles cemetery. Rev. F. L. Cannell officiated and pallbearers were Walter and Robert Davis, Bruce Millard, Walter Morris, Carl Everett and Roy Belshoe.

LIVESTOCK PRICES

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

CATTLE: Good grain fed steers \$11.50 to \$13.10. Good grain fed heifers \$11.00 to \$12.00. Good beef cows \$9.50 to \$10.00, medium \$8.75 to \$9.25, common \$7.50 to \$8.50, canners \$6.00 to \$7.00. Bulls, medium to good \$10.00 to \$11.25, common \$8.75 to \$9.75. Vealers, good to choice \$14.00 to \$15.50, odd head \$16.00.

HOGS: 170 to 215 lb truckers \$14.00 to \$14.25. 230 to 285 lb butchers \$13.25 to \$13.50; light weight butchers \$13.00 to \$13.50; packing sows \$10.00 to \$11.00. Feeder pigs \$12.00 to \$13.00. SHEEP: Good to choice lambs \$13.00, medium to good \$11.00 to \$12.50; common \$9.00 to \$10.00. Slaughter ewes, good to choice \$8.00 to \$9.25. Feeder lambs, good to choice \$6.00 to \$6.50. Shorn lambs \$11.00 to \$11.25. Spring lambs \$13.40 to \$13.50.

dustries. The plan is said to have been approved by the national selective service board. If the "cochies" are employed they will be given their "keep" and \$2.50 a month.

Sale of Marquam Lake to the state game commission for use as a game preserve has been held up pending investigation of complaints by farmers of Salvia Island that the game commission's program will interfere with plans for drainage of this district.

Oregon's bonded debt which in 1928 hit a high of \$66,026,810 is now down to \$29,648,236, according to a report by State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott.

Interest on state bonds which at the peak amounted to \$2,928,323 a year is down proportionately to only \$1,293,508, a saving of \$1,634,815 a year, Scott's report shows.

Since 1917 when Oregon started its spending orgy by authorizing its first road bond issue taxpayers of this state have paid a total of \$51,031,052 in interest. Of the state bonds now outstanding \$16,175,000 were issued by the World War Veterans Aid commission, \$11,541,760 by the state highway commission, \$1,900,486 are Oregon District Inland bonds and \$31,000 are farm credit bonds.

As a partial off set against this outstanding indebtedness Scott points out, the state has \$20,355,192 in assets represented by cash, mortgages, real estate, contracts and property.

Had these outstanding bonds been issued with callable provisions, Scott points out, they could

290 Mature Males Register April 27 In This County

se For Elder Registrants Not Made Known; May Receive Questionnaire

A total of 290 men between the ages of 45 to 64 registered Monday, April 27, at five stations throughout the county. Of these men eight were non residents. Some residents who registered in other places may be added to the list later.

It is not known by the local draft board, which was in charge of this fourth registration, what will be done with the 290 cards representing these elder men. They may be sent an occupational questionnaire to determine their fitness for places in industry; they might be used in non-combatant jobs or they may be more forgotten in the shuffle.

No orders have been received about sending out questionnaires to these men although it is likely that an alphabetical list will be made of their names so it may be posted in public places along with the lists of their sons and grandsons.

At Kent 29 registered, at Grass Valley 64, at Moro 69, at Wasco 100 and at Rufus 28.

The first registration found 300 men between the ages of 21 and 25, the second list 12 youths just turned 21, the third, which was held February 16, had 113 registrants in this county and included youths 20 to 21 since July 1, 1941 and men under 45 who had not signed up in the first registration. The total of the first three registrations was 425 and included about 25 and a half years of ages. Now 290 men have been registered in another 20 years of ages and this 615 masculine souls must include nearly everyone who might be of benefit to the nation in its war effort.

Mrs. Augusta Nelson Buried Wednesday

Augusta M. Hilda Nelson, mother of Mrs. J. B. Davis, was born at Scarsabland, Sweden November 14, 1858 and died near Moro Saturday, April 25, 1942 at the age of 83 years. The deceased came to the United States at the age of 20 and was married the following year to Alexander Sederburg at Chandler, Pa. Three daughters and two sons were born to them.

After the death of Mr. Sederburg in 1917 she married John C. Nelson who died in 1932. She was a member of the Swedish Methodist church in Holyoke, Colorado. For the past eleven years she has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Davis near Moro. She immediately bereaved Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Hilda Bevard of Byers, Colorado, fourteen grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon from the Community church at Moro with Rev. J. D. Moberg officiating. Pallbearers were Lewis McKee, Wm. Roos, Harvey Thompson, Wesley Nichols, Tom Douma and Charles Adlard.

Auxiliary To Meet In The Dalles

According to word received from Depart. President, Mrs. J. W. McInturf by Floye von Bortel, there will be an Auxiliary conference in the form of a "one hour" luncheon on Monday, May 4 at 12:30 p. m. in The Dalles for the members of all units of The American Legion Auxiliary in this district.

The Department President as well as other Department officers will be present. Members planning to attend will please make reservations with their local president or secretary at once.

There is to be a joint Legion and Auxiliary meeting scheduled to be held at Bend, May 7, with National Vice Commander, Sawyer, Depart. Commander Carson and Dept. President McInturf as speakers.

Old Oregon Trail Will Be Marked By Party

A tour of the Sherman county section of the Old Emigrant Trail will be made next Sunday by members of the county's centennial committee and Jay Price, who, as one of the first sons in the county knows the route.

Mr. Price, who lives at Skamania, Wn., will attend the pioneer celebration in The Dalles and be in this county Sunday. A. H. Barnum, member of the committee is arranging the trip which is for the purpose of determining where markers should be placed to properly commemorate the trail.

It is expected that the state historical society will place a marker where the trail crosses the highway and the county will provide markers for crossings of important county roads.

The group will meet at Klonoke at ten o'clock in the morning and go to the east end of the trail and proceed westward. Those who are interested or who know something of the trail's location are asked to make the trip.

Women Register In Good Numbers

Results of the questionnaire made out by many women in Sherman county regarding their availability for work during the war has been given out by the state employment service. A total of 513 women in this county answered the questionnaire of whom 27 were single, below 25 years of age, 23 were married and childless and between 18-25, 43 were married and without children and between the ages of 26-45. Twenty seven registered between the ages of 18-25 with children and 134 between 26-45 with children. Of women over 45 there were 173 and 86 of the registrants were now employed.

There were 70 professional women, 77 clerical, 240 with a knowledge of domestic affairs, 32 with agricultural experience, 85 semi-skilled, 11 skilled. The percentage was much the same over the state with a greater number of skilled women in some parts of the state.

State Finances In Good Shape

State finances were in good shape when he took office, but now they are even better, Governor Charles A. Sprague declared in an address Wednesday night. Oregon is one of three states in the union, the other two being Delaware and Rhode Island, that collect no taxes on real property for state purposes, the Governor said.

Reviewing department affairs, the governor reported that when he took office the state industrial accident fund had a deficit of \$115,000. The first of the year it had a surplus of \$699,000, he said. Administrative costs were reported reduced from 7.8 percent of receipts to 5.5 per cent. This despite the fact that the number of inspectors enforcing safety regulations was increased from two to fifteen, with the result that their education for safety programs reduced the toll of accidents. The compensation for injuries has been increased under Governor Sprague for the first time since 1914, he said.

The governor reported that the state liquor commission has paid off \$577,434.00 in certificates of indebtedness, reduced the ratio of operating expenses from 27.7 to 20.1 percent and increased the net profits used to finance public welfare and old age assistance from \$5,582,000 to \$9,616,000, comparing the periods for the three years preceding the Sprague administration with the first three years of the three Sprague administration.

The highway commission has reduced its debt by \$7,300,000 and the veterans aid commission by \$4,800,000, the governor reported. The latter commission had a deficit of \$266,000 when Sprague took office, which was transformed to a surplus of \$272,000 as of December 31, last, he said.

Clean-up Day Committee Sets Stunts For Event

Work Curtailed This Year But Park To Be Trimmed and Trees Whittened

Plans and committee assignments for the clean up day, May 6 were made Tuesday night by the breakfast club committee, Martin Melzer, Harry Kunsman and Merrill Oveson.

Taking into consideration the fact that many men have left for army service or defense jobs the projected work of the cleanup crews was curtailed to some extent although the major things will be done.

Last year, because of rain, the crew that was to thin out the trees in the park did not work. This year the job will be done. The park committee is a large one, composed of hearty and husky men able to drag a cross cut saw throughout the morning hours and to do justice to dinner at noon.

J. B. Adams was placed in charge of the tree detail and Harry Kunsman of the other work in the park which is expected to consist of removing some buildings, replacing the bridge and cleaning the soft ball diamond.

The whitewash crew will be in charge of Melvin Schwadsky with Balsiger, Belknap, Blake, Frisbine, Busholtz, Conlee, L. Sayre, Platt and Moberg as members.

Another crew was named to clean up the city property along the main street where buildings have been razed and also around the Legion hall. On this committee are Giles French, McKean, G. Douma, Hubbard, O. G. Sayre, Knighten and Bull.

In the park will be Oveson, Strong, C. Sayre, Foss, Cochran, Hoskinson, Crews, M. Douma, Peetz, Searcy, T. Thompson, Updegraff, Wright, Lester Johnson and Lockhart.

Dewey Thompson and Willard McLeod will have the coffee and table committee job at which they have become expert. Women of the Mop Woman's club will serve the pot luck dinner at noon in the park.

Those who have cross cut saws may have them put in shape for the day's work by taking them to Harry Kunsman. Axes, shovels and rakes will be needed.

Snell Goes East For Meeting

Earl Snell, secretary of state, left Saturday night by plane for Washington, D. C. to attend an emergency meeting of the Highway Advisory Committee to the War Department, into session to consider new problems in connection with the prosecution of our all out war effort and to study an assignment for extending national staff and intensifying state committee organization activities.

A lengthy telegram from the secretary of the committee urged Mr. Snell to be in Washington D. C. for the first session to be held at 10:00 a. m. Monday, April 27. The telegram outlined for meeting deliberations three principal questions or problems. First a general program of committee activity relative to prosecution of war. Second, procedure for activating war conservation in relation to highway traffic. Third, program for staffing national office and all state committees.

Secretary of State Snell is one member of a committee of five selected from men throughout the United States to compose an advisory group set up at the request of Secretary of War Stimson. Incidentally Snell has the honor of being the only man chosen from west of the Mississippi.

HOUSEWIVES HELPING

In the first concrete war demand made of them, the housewives of America came through. Largely through their efforts, the crisis in the waste paper shortage has been passed. Now the urgent need for scrap rubber. Look around again for old tires, inner tubes, hot water bottles, rubber bath mats, old rain coats and rubber jar rings. Reclaimed rubber has a big role to play in winning the war.