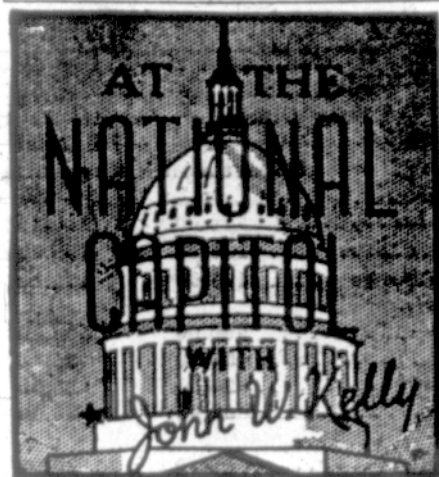


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Washington, D.C.—Oregon farmers are rapidly discovering what is meant by priorities, and that even when a priority rating has been obtained there is no assurance that the material will be available. Sample: A grower of turkeys on a large scale in the Willamette valley (he sells his turkey eggs to John Townsend, former U.S. senator, who sells many thousand turkeys each year) has been trying with out success to secure sufficient chicken wire to pen his birds. Another farmer in the valley is unable to purchase hose because it will not be used for irrigating crops. Another who had need for a few bags of cement cannot get the material. As a special favor the munitions board released 300 tons of nails for farm use, but this tonnage must be divided with Washington state.

Oregon State college is a land grant college and students have military training. ROTC. Recently navy recruiting officers were on the campus soliciting students to take a "V-one" enlistment when they have graduated. This the army discovered and objected to, as navy was chiseling in on manpower wanted by the army. The charter of a land grant college provides that it has commitments to the army; the army raised a fuss and the recruiters withdrew. Army and navy are now in consultation to determine whether they can effect a compromise and both groups solicit the students. It may require a change in the federal law. At University of Oregon the students can go to sea or in the army.

There will be 35,000 troops at Medford's Camp White. How these soldiers will get to Medford and get out of there when they have a few days off is a problem to be determined later. The Southern Pacific, which ran through Medford when it used the Siskiyou route, now runs its trains via Klamath Falls and Eugene and gives Medford the go-by. A freight service is given Medford and that is all. The passenger service was abandoned without consulting any one. The interstate commerce commission has control over freight and a freight line cannot be abandoned without specific orders from ICC, but that regulatory body, as Medford citizens have discovered, has no jurisdiction over passenger trains.

The cantonment is rapidly being built and will be ready for occupancy within a few months, but how are 35,000 soldiers to be transported to the training field? And how, in the event of a troop movement, the men are to be moved to the coast or embarkation point remains a mystery. Meanwhile the unions at the cantonment are said to have already cleared up some \$200,000 in inflation fees and dues with much more to harvest from the carpenters, plumbers and day laborers, the latter receiving 90 cents an hour.

Berry growers, those with goose berries, may lose a large part of their crop this season, and rationing and priorities are responsible. War production board is husbanding every pound of tin. Canners are allowed a percentage of tin based on the crop they packed last year. It was a poor year for gooseberries and the crop was light now there is a heavy crop and the canneries could put up a substantial increase over last year. WPB has heard the complaint of the gooseberry growers but is standing like a rock on its original allotment plan, refusing to make a concession for more tin. With this situation confronting the canners, the grower will get it in the neck.

The strawberry situation is also in a mess. The jam and jelly manufacturer says he must buy his raw material from the cold packer.

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With Our Boys 'Somewhere in Northern Ireland'



Picture at left shows a private in the A.E.F., on sentry duty, somewhere in Northern Ireland. Irish children—two of them barefooted—watch and admire him. It is a true case of "hero worship." Right: These soldiers have just finished mess and are pictured as they clean their tin plates. Judging from their happy faces, the food "over there" is agreeing with the boys well enough.

Evacuation Plans For Western Oregon Already Made By Civilian Defense Heads of State

By A. L. Lindbeck.

Salem, Ore.—If it should become necessary to evacuate citizens from western Oregon plans have already been completed for meeting the emergency so far as food supplies are concerned. Elmer Goudy, state relief administrator, who has been entrusted with this phase of the evacuation problem, has advised Governor Sprague that food warehouses have been established at Portland, Eugene and Roseburg and that the Portland warehouse has already been stocked. Establishment of similar warehouses in three other cities is also contemplated Goudy reported.

In the event of an emergency these food supplies will be distributed by the state and county welfare commissions, American Red Cross and other agencies. Goudy said that the services of all officials and employees of the state public welfare commission are available for all civilian defense activities if and when required.

Accidents at railroad grade crossings increased from 247 in 1940 to 337 in 1941 and injuries from this type of accident increased proportionately from 63 to 94. It was revealed in a report compiled by Ormond R. Bean, public utilities commissioner. This too, in spite of the fact that there were 74 fewer grade crossings—there were in 1940. Most of the accidents in Oregon in 1941 than 74 fewer opportunities for such accidents at grade crossings resulted when motor vehicles crashed into standing or moving trains. Indicative of the factor of recklessness involved in this type of accident, B. Bean's report shows that the greatest percentage of these crashes involved persons between the ages of 19 and 21 years.

An opinion handed down by the state supreme court last week involving the payment of unemployment compensation to an employee of the Puget Sound Bridge and Dredging company is expected to have very far reaching effects. The company contested the payment of benefits to the employee on the ground that he was engaged in work on a navigable stream and was therefore not within the jurisdiction of the Oregon unemployment compensation commission. The high court, however, ruled that while the employee was engaged in work on a dredge on a navigable stream he was not a member of the crew of the dredge and was therefore entitled to compensation when he lost his job. It is believed that this ruling will apply to several thousand persons similarly employed.

Twenty-eight percent of the brokers and 18 percent of the real estate salesmen who applied for state licenses in May failed to pass their tests according to Claude H. Murphy, state real estate commissioner, who announced the names of 17 brokers and 20 salesmen who did pass the test.

Oregon ranks 14th among the states in defense training enrollments to March 1, according to reports received by O. I. Paulson state director for vocational education. Paulson said that more than 46,900 persons had been trained for defense jobs in this state up to March 1.

David Eccles, former executive secretary to Governor Sprague, has resigned his job as chairman of the interim committee for industrial development. Eccles gave as his reason for quitting the fact that the state emergency board had refused to give his group any money with which to carry on an investigation of the state tax system.

The senior citizens annuity committee, sponsors of a proposed state old age insurance system, has abandoned attempts to get their measure before the voters at the general election next November. Instead they will go before the legislature in an effort to have it enacted into law at the next session. Lack of time in which to complete their petitions was given as the reason for abandoning the initiative measure. It is understood that the measure will have the backing of the Oregon Farmer's Union and a large group of teachers.

Petitions for six other proposed initiative measures are now being circulated and must be completed by July 2 if the measures are to find a place on the November ballot.

One of these proposed initiative measures provides for the outright repeal of the milk control act. This measure is sponsored by John Waterhouse of Portland.

Another, sponsored by the Associated Employers of Oregon and designed to outlaw secondary boycotts as the hot cargo bill is designed to outlaw secondary boycotts.

May Actions of County Court

CLAIMS PRESENTED AND ALLOWED AGAINST THE GENERAL FUND, MAY TERM 1942	Amount
First National Bank, General Assistance	\$96.38
Earl Snell, Sec. of State Filing Fee covering 1941 audit for Sherman Co.	20.00
First National Bank, Aid to the blind	5.00
First National Bank, Aid to dependent children	24.80
First National Bank, Old Age Assistance	145.20
Clarence Mersinger, Janitor Hammond & Stephens Co. Sup't office expense	16.79
Perroughs Adding Machine Co. Assessor exp. 4.90 Sup't exp. 2.75	7.65
Patricia Woods, work for clerk's office	10.00
Erickson's Stationery & Office Supply Sup't expense	6.85
Mid-Columbia Typewriter Co., Repair of typewriters at courthouse	49.50
Sherman County Journal, County printing	11.70
Clerk's expense	55.00
Election notices	8.00
West Coast Printing & Bind-	74.70

ing Co. Clerk's exp.	47.55
Sheriff's exp.	14.40
Clerk's exp.	1.80
Election	26.10
Ballots	94.45
Rushong & Co., Clerk's exp.	13.74
Willy W. Knighten, office help	50.00
Riley R. Stevens, tree trimming at court house	10.00
S. W. Searcy, Supplies for DeMoss park	8.66
C. L. Montgomery, cleaning courthouse grounds	7.50
C. C. Wilson, traveling expenses in Ray Kennedy case	19.45
Wasco-Sherman, Public health dept. nurse's salary 67.50 nurse's travel 45.00	112.50
Clara Mersinger, Assessor's office help	63.50
Marie Hoskinson, Assessor's office help	5.90
Department of Agriculture, Sealer, weights & Measures	3.76
Pac. Power & Light Co., Lights for April	36.91
City of Moro, water for April	9.80
Pac. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephones for all offices	26.00
S. W. Searcy, courthouse exp.	2.30
The Frank Shepard Co., Shep-	

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Wasco Co-op To Build More Storage Space

Annexes To Be Constructed To Assure Storage For Expected Crop

The Sherman Cooperative Grain Growers at Wasco expect to build new bulk storage facilities at Biggs and Wasco to hold another 300,000 bushels of wheat.

New elevators at these places have been built this winter and have not been used so far. The new equipment will be annexes which may be filled and emptied with the machinery in the elevator close to the parent building.

Prospects of a larger crop than usual has caused the decision to increase storage space. Several farmers have already put up bulk bins to hold a part of their crops and with contemplated new storage it is thought the crop can be handled.

Contractors who constructed the elevators will build the annexes beginning immediately. They will be done before harvest is much more than started.

Canning Sugar To Be Rationed

Registration of those who want sugar for canning purposes will be done next week, according to Viggo Haufelt, member of the county rationing board.

Registration centers will be established in Kent, where Mrs. George Wilson will be in charge, at Grass Valley with Mrs. Arnold Dunlap, at Moro with Mrs. Martin Melzer, at Wasco where the registration will be conducted by Miss Georgia Harper, the secretary for the board, and at Rufus where Carl Thompson will take registrations.

Dates will be Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, June 8-9-10.

The registering office will want to know the number of the sugar rationing book already issued, the number of quarts of fruit now possessed by applicant, the number of quarts to be canned and whether sugar is used for preserving. Also it will be necessary to know the amount of sugar on hand.

TIRE PERMITS GIVEN

The tire rationing board has granted permits for the purchase of the following tires:

Truck tires: W. E. Bruckert, J. E. Brown, Glen Karnes, A. C. Kaseberg, John DeMoss 2. Reynold, R. E. LeBlau 2, J. F. McKay 2. Truck recaps: M. G. Melzer 3, L. E. Kaseberg 3, J. E. Norton, Roy Belshoe 2. Passenger recaps, John Gibson 2.

KENT NEWS

Mrs. Clyde Williams and Miss Effie Williams of Tacoma, Washington are here to spend a few days visiting at the Sather ranch.

Charles Purchase of Portland and Dolores Gregg of Warm Springs were up to spend Memorial day with Mrs. Grace Gregg and Mrs. Purchase.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Norton and sons, Ross and Willy and daughter Cora were to The Dalles where they met Geraldine Norton who came home for a few days visit.

Miss Jeanne Wallace and Miss Marie Wallace, daughters of Robert Wallace went to Portland to visit with an uncle.

Robert Tatum was an overnight guest at the Norton home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Koenke and daughters Marquita and Helen and neice Virginia were here from Redmond to spend a few days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George McKay.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Howell and George Howell went to Lyle to visit George Howell's son Marvin and family returning by The Dalles to take in the sale near here. Merrill Sather did the chores during their absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Mobley and sons Vern and Keith and daughter Mary have moved to the J. H. Wilson ranch which for the past several years has been farmed by John Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley McKay were here to spend last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. George McKay.

Matt Simon Loses House and Furniture

The Matt Simon home at Grass Valley was entirely destroyed by fire last Friday afternoon from an unknown cause. All members of the family were away at the time and as Mrs. Simon returned she observed smoke coming from the house. It was so hot and smoky she could not enter.

The Grass Valley fire department responded but could not save anything from the house which was soon ablaze all over. All adjacent buildings were saved, however.

Mr. Simon reported that some insurance was carried on the home. Plans for rebuilding are not made as yet.

Pierce Wants Low Interest

The Pierce farm interest bill, H.R. 6315, passed the house of representatives May 26. This is truly good news for all farmers who are borrowers. The bill fixed at 3 1/2% the interest rates which may be charged by Federal Land banks continuing the present law two years.

Representative Pierce spoke for the bill explaining the importance of keeping interest rates low at this time of high operating costs for farmers, citing especially farm labor and farm machinery equipment. Since the present law expires July 1, it is urgently important that the bill be speeded through congress.

Howard Conlee Ends Ground Course

Howard Conlee, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Conlee, was graduated May 29, from Keesler Field, highest in the class of aeronautical mechanics. He will be transferred to another field for further training in actual flying. Keesler Field is in Mississippi where young Conlee has been since he entered the air force last fall.

Bob Boynton, who left from Sherman county was also a member of the class.

Draft Regulation Explained By Knighten

Willy Knighten, chairman of the Sherman county selective service board, talked to members of the Breakfast club Wednesday morning and explained the rulings that have caused misunderstanding in the past.

Purpose of the act, he said, was expressed in its name—selective service. It aims to put each man in the position where he can best serve the nation in time of war. In this effort no attention is paid to the personal feelings of the individual.

Those who are essential to industry or whose labor contributes to the production of ships, planes, raw material or food are often of more value on that job than in the army. The local boards, following regulations set forth by the state and federal board, are the judges of a man's best place in the war effort.

At present the ruling is that a man who is actually supporting his family shall remain in Class 3A, which gives him deferment. Those in essential industry may be put in 3B. Success of the war and the need for men will determine the status of all registrants in the future.

Several visitors were welcomed by the club.

PLAYING CARDS WANTED

Complying with a national request of the 40 & 8, the units of the American Legion-auxiliary are collecting playing cards, new and used for the service men on transports and in foreign lands. Donald Knighten, Moro; Dorothy Dunlap, Grass Valley; and Isobel Haufelt, Wasco are the committee in charge of the collection here.

PARITY PAYMENTS COMING

The arrival of another \$40,995.36 in good government checks Thursday morning brought the total of parity payments made to Sherman county farmers so far to \$138,829.00. This is approximately half of the sum expected. More is expected each day.

Elders Given Numbers But No Orders

No Selection Expected From Fourth Registration; Preparations Made

Following is the list of names of the men from 45 to 65 who registered in the fourth registration under the national draft act. In official circles these names are all prefixed by the capital letter U. Reason for this prefix is not given and it is being variously interpreted as, Useless, Usable or merely, Uncle.

It is not thought that any drawing will be made from this list in order to assign order numbers as active service is not to be demanded of the men in this group, at least for the present.

Wasco is abbreviated to W. Moro to M, Grass Valley to GV, Kent to K, Klondike to KI, Rufus to R, for purposes of consolidation.

- U1-John Franklin Roys, W
- U2-George Herbert Root, W
- U3-Fletcher Cannell, W
- U4-Alfred Lyons, K
- U5-Lee Roy Lillard, W
- U6-Harry Allen VanGilder, W
- U7-Gordon Hall, W
- U8-Cecil Fields, W
- U9-Clayton Edwin Arnold, Biggs
- U10-William Henry Anderson, W
- U11-Owen Wilson Barnett, W
- U12-James Solomon Coats, K
- U13-Marion Bert Hatley, W
- U14-Claud Edmond Coats, W
- U15-Ove Thomas Hansen, W
- U16-Carroll Morayne Clevenger, GV
- U17-Ezra Joseph Hazen, M
- U18-Henry Martin Thompson, W
- U19-Alvin Keenan Biggs
- U20-Joseph Stanley Brooks, W
- U21-John Richard Rucker, K
- U22-Bryant Watson VanGilder, W
- U23-Joseph Shelton Fritts, GV
- U24-Clide Lewis Friday, W
- U25-Glen LeRoy Thompson, R
- U26-Wilber Cleveland Hf-lyer, K
- U27-Charles Wayne Fields, GV
- U28-Robert Ellice Leblau, GV
- U29-Thomas William Allen, GV
- U30-Patrick Joe McHugh, GV
- U31-James Earl Maddox, W
- U32-Donald William McLeod, M
- U33-Alexander William McLeod, M
- U34-Max Kurt Pluemke, K
- U35-Harry Douglas Dutton, W
- U36-Lewis Emmitt Langford, R
- U37-George Herman Witter, K
- U38-Harry Olen Kunsman, M
- U39-Frank Ray Knox, W
- U40-Ross Clayton Ornduff, M
- U41-Patrick Gregory O'Meara, W
- U42-John Wesley Golden, W
- U43-Harold Coleman Ginn, M
- U44-Ole Bratland, GV
- U45-George Wilson Blackburne, R
- U46-George Thomas Barset, GV
- U47-Burt Clement Dearing, W
- U48-William Delbert Watkins, W
- U49-James Walter Blagg, GV
- U50-William David Barnett, GV
- U51-Clarence Albert Blagg, GV
- U52-Murvel Stuart Stone, W
- U53-Fred Singleton, W
- U54-Arthur Walter Spencer, W
- U55-Joseph Orville Yocum, W
- U56-Fred Arthur Cole, W
- U57-Philip Henry Schrim, K
- U58-Johnnie Elmore Robinson, W
- U59-Mathias Simon, GV
- U60-Sereno Alfred Hall, M
- U61-Albert Edward Gill, Miller
- U62-Cladde John Thompson, M
- U63-Thomas Marvin Garrett, GV
- U64-William John Martin, M
- U65-Percy James Thompson, M
- U66-George Nell McDonald, M
- U67-William R. Reid, W
- U68-Thomas Jefferson Coyle, GV
- U69-Fred Ezekiel Cox, GV
- U70-Aden Kerr Axtell, M
- U71-Lawrence Wade Amick, K
- U72-Eugene Amidon, M
- U73-Artimus Henry Barnum, M
- U74-Roy Erman Bozarth, R
- U75-Care Reuben Axtell, M
- U76-John Mathieson, R
- U77-James Lawrence Mathias, K
- U78-Frank Thomas Bayet, GV
- U79-Jos. Anderson Weatherford, W
- U80-Elmer Ralston Barzee, M
- U81-Charles Alexander Jones, R
- U82-George Austin Potter, KI
- U83-Chester Earl Olds, GV
- U84-Franklin Claude Stephens, W
- U85-Grover Cleveland Coffman, M
- U86-John Adolf Buether, GV
- U87-Clarence Sparling, M
- U88-Leonard Maurus, W
- U89-Virgil Bennett Matney, K
- U90-William Stazat, Biggs
- U91-Dell Olds, GV
- U92-Claus John Bardenhagen, GV
- U93-Harry LeRoy Guy, W
- U94-William Carl Davis, W
- U95-Charles Sisco, W
- U96-Charles John Bullard, M
- U97-Pearly Jay Shaver, K
- U98-William Ralph Scott, W

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