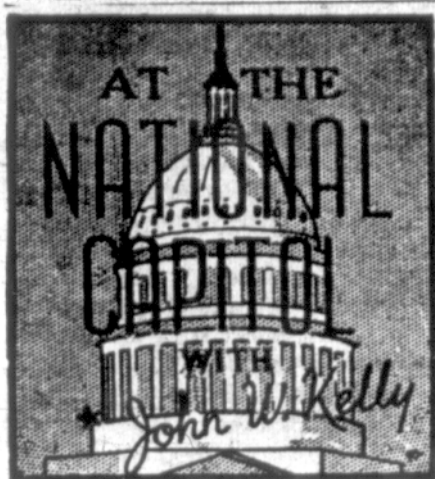


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Washington, D.C.—Farm security administration is providing nine camps in Oregon for migratory workers, FSA advises Rep. Homer Angell. One camp is stationary and eight are mobile. The mobile camps are moved to three locations during the season, being shifted to where the migrants are needed to attend to the crops. In the permanent camp there are 267 family dwelling units with an individual capacity at any one time of 1148. The eight mobile camps have family dwelling units for 1428 with an individual capacity at any one time of 6140. Grand total of family dwelling units 1695; total individual capacity 7288. Despite this number of migrants there is a large shortage of labor for the farms.

LT.-Gen. Henry H. Arnold, chief of the army air force, plans to settle in Oregon, somewhere in the Willamette valley. The general used to fly at Eugene and is still enamored of that section. As the war is occupying all of his attention, he has sent Mrs. Arnold to Oregon to survey for a home.

The tenant purchase loans in Oregon are eligible in Clackamas, Coos, Deschutes, Jackson, Lane, Linn, Malheur, Marion and Walla Walla counties. There were 66 loans made as of June 1, with a total of \$594,909, and there were on hand applications for loans from 489. For each loan made for the 1941-42 fiscal year there were 23 applications for each of 21 loans made. There are 3858 families known to the government agency who are eligible but are not receiving rehabilitation assistance.

After a year, filled with obstructions, the plant site board has finally approved the Oregon electric steel rolling mill plant at Portland. The plant will have a capacity of 30,000 tons a year. To date only private money has been invested—not a red cent of taxpayer funds—amounting to several hundred thousand dollars. Plant site board raised many reasons against authorizing the plant; said there was no electric power, no labor and, finally, that the scrap the plant would require was needed at the steel mills in California and it should all be shipped to San Francisco. The plant will use about 130 workmen and is a permanent industry.

Henry J. Kaiser pulled the lid off a military secret when he proposed that 5000 70-ton cargo carriers be built. Already under contract for cargo and transport purposes are 20 percent of the army's multiple engine aircraft production and a confidential report of a special committee of WPB was made a month ago recommending an elaborate cargo plane program. It also came into the glare of publicity that tons of cargo have been taken to England in the planes operated by the ferry command; important freight, such as medicine, spare parts. Another military secret was that troops have been sent by transport planes to various parts of this country and its possessions. When Kaiser made his proposal army officers explained that they were already using and having made large planes for freight and transport, but not the size of a 70 tonner.

A postal star route running from Baker south to Ontario needs a large truck, for all the goods shipped in comes via parcel post. The contractor's present Ford is too small. Rep. Walter Pierce went to the priorities board to see about the contractor being authorized to buy a truck. He was told that no priority would be given and the ranchers along the route could drive to town and pick up their parcels. "You wish to save rubber and gasoline," said the congressman. "Instead of wearing out one set of tires on the mailman's car you think it better to have 20 or more farmers wear out their tires driving as much as 100 miles."

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Unemployment Commission Has Huge Reserve

Record collections of more than \$2,000,000 in the past 30 days, contrasting with July benefits of \$42,871, the lowest monthly payments yet issued, has increased the trust fund of the State Unemployment Compensation commission to \$22,850,000, a gain of nearly nine millions or 64 percent in the past year.

With wartime industry expanding, contributions during 1942 have passed the \$8,000,000 mark. Taxes paid in the entire year of 1941 were \$8,797,855.

Emergency labor demands have cut unemployment claims to about 700 a week. For the year payments are \$1,575,915, a decrease of \$366,342 from the same period of 1941. July benefits dropped 75 percent from last year's \$171,602.

New OSC President Former Montanan

Dr. August Leroy Strand, the newly elected president of OSC, is a man of varied background, with both agricultural and scientific education and experience and with proven administrative ability, according to officials of the state system of higher education.

Dr. Strand comes to OSC after five years as president of his alma mater, Montana State college. He is a native of Texas who obtained his education in Montana and took his graduate work at the University of Minnesota specializing in entomology and zoology. The new president is 48 years old, is married, has three children. His oldest son, James, is attending the US naval academy, his daughter, Patricia, will be a senior in high school and his son, Roy, is in the fifth grade. He is a veteran of the first world war, having served with the rank of chief quartermaster in the US naval Air service and as a naval aviator.

In his present position Strand has maintained close relations with the various farm organizations of Montana, as well as with the state government. He has been popular with faculty and students. He will take office just prior to the 75th anniversary of the founding of the college, which is to be celebrated in 1943.

Stock Prices Change Slightly In Week

Monday's trading at the Portland stockyards was done on the following prices:

Cattle: Good grain fed steers \$14.00 to 14.50. Good grass steers \$11.50 to 12.25. Good grass heifers \$10.50 to 12.50. Good beef cows \$9.25 to 10.25. Medium \$8.25 to 9.00. Common \$7.00 to 8.00. Canners \$5.50 to 6.50. Bulls, medium to good \$9.50 to 11.00. A few to \$11.25. Common \$8.00 to 9.00. Vealers, good to choice \$14.00 to 15.50.

Hogs: Good to choice carlots \$15.00; 170 to 215lb truckins \$15.25 to 15.50. Late clean up sales down to \$14.75; 230 to 285lb butchers \$14.25 to 15.00; lightweight butchers \$14.25 to 14.75; packing sows \$13.00 to 13.75. Feeder pigs \$15.00 to 16.50.

Sheep: Good to choice spring lambs \$11.50 to 11.75. One lot \$11.85; medium to good, \$10.00 to 11.25. Common \$8.50 to 9.50. Slaughter ewes, good to choice \$2.75 to 4.50. Feeder lambs, good to choice \$9.25 to 9.75.

TRAFFIC DEATHS FEWER

Oregon traffic deaths for the first half of 1942 were 23 percent under the toll for the first half of 1941, figures compiled by Earl Snell, secretary of state disclosed.

For the nation as a whole, deaths were down 15 percent for the first half of the year. Oregon led the coast states in reductions for the first six month period. Washington reporting a decrease of 19 percent while California reported a decrease of 9 percent. Only one western state, Nevada, reported an increase.

Following are the figures for the eleven western states Wyoming 40 percent; New Mexico 37 percent; Idaho 32 percent; Montana 29 percent; Oregon 23 percent; Utah, Washington and Colorado 19 percent; California 9 percent; Arizona 3 percent. Nevada 10 percent increase.

Schools May Have To Consolidate To Get Teachers

Little More Than Half Enough High School Teachers Contracted

Teachers are a scarce article, not only in Sherman county, but all over the state. School boards, through the principals, are trying to locate teachers to take the place of those resigned or gone to war. In some cases teachers were not found at all for the 1942-43 school year.

The latest count in Sherman county reveals that Grass Valley needs two high school teachers, Moro one, Wasco two and Rufus one. High school teachers are hardest to find as the grade positions are pretty well filled in the five schools.

It appears entirely possible, if not probable, that the schools of the county will either consolidate or start without enough teachers to carry the work and maintain state standards of high school education.

Unless new teachers have been hired in the last few days the county schools have eight high school teachers and need six more. It is unlikely that these can be found at this late date as other, larger schools are also on the hunt for teachers, especially teachers with experience and ability.

It is also likely that there will be fewer high school students this year than last as some families have gone to the defense centers.

Were the high schools to consolidate, four or five teachers could handle all the work of a combined school and release three or four to other counties where they are in demand. It has been pointed out by those who have been watching the situation.

SHERMAN COUNTIANS NOTE

The annual Sherman county picnic is to be held next Sunday in Laurelhurst park in Portland and all Sherman countians old or young, past or present are invited to bring their lunch and attend.

Government Agencies Report On Things To Come To Civilians

Office of Defense Transportation

Though school busses won't be available for athletic jaunts this year, America's school "kids"—at least those who live less than two miles from school—will get their exercise, not on the gridiron diamond or court, but walking. Exceptions may be made, of course, for physically handicapped children or those who would be subjected to extreme danger or physical hardships because of unusual conditions.

If hiking isn't your favorite outdoor sport, just think of that big brother out on maneuvers where a two mile stroll would be a pink tea.

But seriously the three r's may come back in style as some of young America's thrills 'n' frills are tossed out the schoolroom window for the duration.

Here's a cold fact to challenge the chins of you patriotic athletes, musicians, dramatists, etc. While the (chinc) stay up when you learn that school busses will be used only for such activities as are necessary to the school program? This eliminates the use of busses for trips to athletic and music contests or activities of this nature.

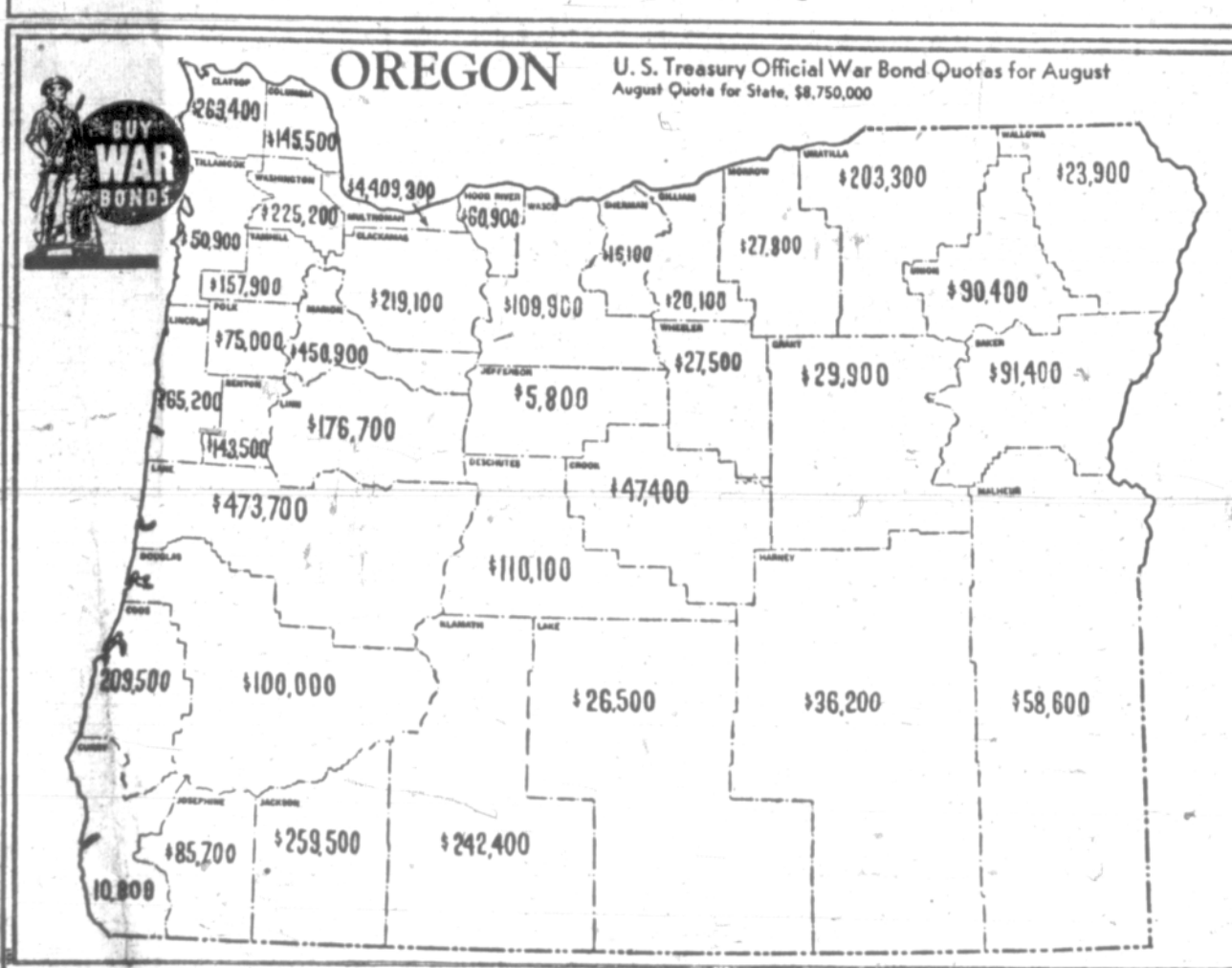
Office of Price Administration

Though the OPA has ignored women and song of the famous three some, wine is getting some attention. Northwest wineries will be restricted in their supplies of blackberries and Loganberries which will be channeled as far as possible to canners and cold packers. The order read, "Wineries are only to get those which by reason of location or condition cannot be used for food."

Office of War Information

If your corner fruit stand or grocer says, "yes we have no bananas," here's the reason why. Imports of bananas have been cur-

OFFICIAL U. S. TREASURY WAR BOND QUOTAS FOR AUGUST



Washington, D. C., Aug. 10.—Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury, today announced the August War Bond Quotas for the 3,070 counties in the nation totalling \$815,000,000. The August quota for the State of Oregon is \$8,750,000.

In arriving at the county quotas for August, as shown in the above map, the Treasury Department

look into consideration major factors affecting incomes which in turn cause significant variations in sales during the twelve-month period.

Hereafter actual Bond sales in the various states will be compared with quotas on a cumulative basis. The amount by which sales fall short of or exceed quotas in any month will be added to or subtracted from quotas for future months.

U. S. Treasury Department

Wheat Fire Burns 140 A. of Standing Grain

A wheat fire occurred Friday that was the most damaging of any so far this year. Nearly an full quarter section of the Robert Belshes place east of town was burned by a fire that started in a pile of hay along the right of way and ran through the wheat fanned by a north wind. It then spread east and west and burned about 140 acres before it was put out. The county fire truck responded to the call and, with the aid of volunteer workers and equipment, the fire was controlled.

Wheat Being Sold For Stock Feed

Wheat prices for disposal of surplus government held grain for feed have been announced for Oregon at two levels in a new program just authorized under terms of recent congressional action, the state AAA office at Corvallis has just announced.

For August the two price levels are 90 cents per bushel for all counties east of the Cascades except Hood River and Klamath, and 94 cents for these two and all counties west of the Cascades.

These prices are on the basis of whole wheat delivered in each county, explained N. C. Donaldson, administrative officer. Purchasers desiring cracked or rolled wheat will have to get it processed at their own expense.

Prices for September and October will be at an advance of one-half cent per bushel each month. Any undelivered or devalued farm-stored wheat of the 1941 crop may also be purchased under the program for feed.

Corn Parity Prices Rule

Availability of this wheat at prices approximating 85 percent of the corn parity price presents an attractive opportunity for farmers to convert low priced feed into high priced meat, eggs and dairy products, AAA officials say. Secretary Wickard is urging the movement of at least 75 million bushels of surplus wheat into feeding channels before the movement of new crop corn gets under way about October 1. Every bushel moved now relieves the short age situation that much.

Feeding experiments and demonstrations by Oregon State college over a number of years have demonstrated that wheat can be used successfully in feeding or fattening all kinds of livestock.

Deliveries of the government wheat are made only in carload lots, either through local dealers or to individual or groups of farmers direct. Orders may be placed with any county AAA.

Klemme Aids Man Who Defeated Him

Marvin Klemme, pre-primary candidate for the Republican nomination for congress, was here Monday in the interest of Lowell Stockman, who defeated Mr. Klemme for the nomination. He states that over the second district Mr. Stockman is recognized as a probable winner in November. Mr. Klemme, a former marine is going back into service as a recruiting sergeant although he may attend officers school later.

Storage Problem Becomes Acute At Harvest End

Last Quarter of Crop Causes Elevators To Refuse Wheat

Earlier hopes of ability to handle the 1942 crop storage problem without farmer delays have been blasted by the size of the harvest and each of the grain grower units of the county has found it necessary to close elevators this week.

At Wasco the Biggs elevator stopped taking wheat Saturday and will not resume on all kinds of wheat until the annex is completed which is expected this Saturday. It is expected that both the elevator and annex at Wasco will be full before the week is out.

The board of directors of the Moro Grain Growers voted to close both the Hay Canyon and Moro elevators Thursday night until Monday. Harvest crews that are available will be brought to De Moss where they will finish the cribbing of the warehouses there in order that wheat may be moved from Hay Canyon to relieve the space demand there. The Moro elevator will be relieved by movement of wheat to houses already cribbed.

At Kent the elevator has been closed at least temporarily because of lack of space. The new addition of the Grass Valley elevator has already received some wheat even before machinery was installed. It was run in by gravity.

Harvest is about three-quarters finished over the county and it is probable that a place will be found for nearly all the wheat yet to be harvested.

Government storage bins are available although ten days are needed to get them here and set up for use. Farmers have not availed themselves of these bins in this county to any extent but several carloads may be shipped in next week if they are needed. Other counties are using them extensively.

No Tires Soon Is ODT Warning

Those who attended the transportation meeting in The Dalles Monday afternoon and night were told that there was not going to be any rubber for civilian use and that stories to that effect were not substantiated by official information. Drivers were warned to care for their tires as there was no chance of getting more within several months if not years.

Russell Bros. Circus Coming To The Dalles Next Tuesday

Bringing an interlude of joy and cheer to relieve the tension of troublous times, Russell Bros. Great 3-ring Circus, one of America's largest, will be the center of attraction for many people of this community when it exhibits at The Dalles, Tuesday, August 18, afternoon and night.

Long a prime favorite throughout the East and Middle West, Russell Bros. this year is extending its popularity to the Pacific coast, having opened its 1942 season with highly successful engagements in Los Angeles and Hollywood.

Among the stellar attractions on the all-new star-spangled program are Winston's Equestrian Sea Lions which perform incredible feats of balance while riding horseback, Jorgen M. Christiansen's marvelous Argentine Criollo horses, the Skyrocketing Escalantes, the Sensational DeWaynes, the Four Aces, the Aerial Alexandros, the Bell-Thayer Troupe, the Grace Orten Trio, the Clarkonians, and many other top-rank aerial, acrobatic, and arenic artists. Additional trained animal features include performing elephants outstanding

high school dancing horses, cunning military ponies, White's leaping Greyhounds, the world's only troupe of trained Great Dane dogs, and Barney, chimpanzee star of "Tarzan" pictures.

The entire performance is plentifully spiced with the antics of the clowns, and attuned to spirited circus music played in the mod-

ern manner by Eddie Woockener's celebrated circus band.

Doors open at 1 and 7 p.m. to allow ample time to view the wild animal displays and horse fair in the menagerie before the start of the big show at 2 and 8. A special attraction in the menagerie is Congo, gargantuan ape weighing upwards of 250 pounds and so fierce he must be kept in a double barred cage.

