

Allan Toms Have New Son

Born: To Lt. and Mrs. Allen Tom a son at Portland, April 3. He has been named David. His father is serving in the army in the Pacific and was recently at Pearl Harbor.

Harry McDonald is here at the home of his father, Wiley McDonald, after being discharged from the navy after more than four years service, the greater part of which was in actual war time. Harry received a medical discharge.

Patty O'Meara has obtained possession of the garage building at the south end of town and is expected to operate it as a service station and repair shop for tractors and automobiles.

Carl Tuggle has bought a lot from the county adjoining the old Ira Barnett place which he bought from G. B. Urlic when Mr. Urlic left for Condon.

ACP Funds Cut Over Nation

Oregon's allocation of 1946 AAA practice program funds is far exceeded by the soil and water conservation work that Oregon farmers report they will perform this year, according to R. B. Taylor, chairman of the state AAA committee.

Oregon's share of the \$300,000,000 appropriated by congress for the agricultural conservation program is \$2,530,000, about 20 per cent less than the 1944 allocation. Farm operators already have requested approval for a total of \$3,500,000 in practices needed to check erosion and restore fertility to farm lands depleted by four years of stepped-up production for war, the chairman reported. He expects the total will exceed \$4,000,000, as farmers have until May 1 to make out a farm plan requesting participation in the 1945 practice program.

"Because payments to farmers for practices performed cannot exceed allocation, it has been necessary for the state committee to establish county allocations," Taylor said. "Every county allocation is less than the amount requested and no county will have enough funds to pay for all of the conservation work that farmers want to perform this year."

County committees can approve practices only up to the amount of the county allocation, the chairman pointed out. To achieve the maximum conservation for the funds available, the state committee has suggested that county committees establish "priority practices" which would receive first claim on the county allocation. Committee members also have been advised to withhold approval of practices until the operator is ready to start work, and to ask operators to report promptly any practices listed on farm plans which will not be performed.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

- On a country bulletin board: "Young chicks, cheap."
- On a salesman's car: "Sorry pals: O. K. gala."
- In a bookshop: "Curdle up with a good murder mystery."
- At the neighborhood grocery: "Cigarettes—20c a pack; 2 packs for 35c. Only one pack to a customer."
- On a coast highway: "Eat, gas and pop—two miles."
- On a cross-country truck: "This truck stops for all cross-roads, railroad crossings, brunettes, and will back up 20 feet for a red head."—Forest Log.

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Oregon's general farm land price level has reached the same height as at the peak of the World War I boom, according to an analysis of farm real estate data by L. R. Breithaupt, extension agricultural economist at OSC. The figures show that average prices for farm land in Oregon are up to 165 per cent of the 1935-1939 level, just equal to average prices of farm land in Oregon in 1920-1921.

Fewer farm transfers are being reported in many areas of the country, another significant fact about the farm land situation that is shown by data received by the extension economist from the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Apparently, the number of farm sales reached a peak during the first quarter of 1944.

Despite the slower rate of transfers, land prices continued to advance and on March 1, 1945 the average, both in Oregon and for the whole country, was 11 per cent above March 1, 1944. This situation—with transfers slowing down and prices going up—resembles the trends near the peak of the World War I land boom, Breithaupt said.

Transfers slowed down then about a year before the peak in land prices was reached. Subsequently, land prices in Oregon declined 45 per cent in thirteen years. The downturn in land prices was accompanied by a high rate of involuntary farm transfers through foreclosure and otherwise.

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Grass Valley Family Visits In Forest Grove

Mrs. Glenn Perry, Richard Beeler and Mrs. John Rolfe left Friday for Hillsboro to visit the latter's mother, Mrs. John Perry. They returned home Tuesday bringing Marlene Beeler back with them.

PFC Bill Todd left Thursday evening for Craig Field, Alabama after spending his furlough here with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Audrey Vaughn of Eugene arrived here Thursday to visit her sister, Miss Dorothy Coyle, at the home of Mrs. Don Smith. She left Tuesday for her home. Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dunlap, Mrs. Don Smith and son, Larry, and Miss Dorothy Coyle went to The Dalles Thursday. Larry Smith remained to spend a few days visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Smith.

John Brogan and daughters stopped at the Saz. Holmes home Wednesday on their way to Antelope from The Dalles to spend Easter week end there.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schilling were business visitors in The Dalles Wednesday.

Mrs. Shelton Fritts and sons, Ed and Scott, were business visitors in The Dalles Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Ruggles and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Ruggles were Easter Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Barnett.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Bibby and son, Stephen, went to Portland Thursday on business for several days. They returned home Sunday bringing their daughter, Janice, home from The Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Eslinger went to The Dalles Thursday Mrs. Eslinger is staying with her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Amick.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Dunlap went to The Dalles Monday when Mrs. Dunlap remained at the home of his father, Joe Dunlap.

Mrs. Matt Simon and daughter, Helen, were business visitors in The Dalles Thursday.

Bill Holmes was in The Dalles Friday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Brittain and family of Tygh Valley spent Easter week end visiting at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stark and Mrs. Helen Bayer.

Mrs. Charles Perrigo and Mrs. Ralph Busse went to The Dalles Friday on business returning home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claus Bardenhagen and daughter, Martha, were in The Dalles Saturday on business. Mr. and Mrs. Gus Hartmann of Wasco spent Easter Sunday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Balzer.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Coyle had as dinner guests Easter Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Harold Eakin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Norris Gilkison, Miss Dorothy Coyle, Mrs. Audrey Vaughn of Eugene and Slim Thompson.

Mrs. Inez Cramer and son, Loy, and Mrs. John Hughes and children of Salem spent the Easter week end visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace May and Mrs. L. D. May.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Helyer of Kent spent the Easter week end in The Dalles visiting her mother, Mrs. Etha Schilling.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilke arrived here Sunday from Indio, California to spend a few days visiting at the home of his brother in law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ragdale and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Christenson of The Dalles spent Easter Sunday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Wilcox.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blagg and daughter, Marie, were business visitors in The Dalles Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace May went to The Dalles Monday, Mr. May remained in the city for medical treatments.

C. R. Anderson was a business visitor in The Dalles Sunday.

Charles Anderson went to Hood River Sunday to meet his wife who returned from Vancouver, Wash., where she spent a week with her mother, Mrs. Emma Cox. Mr. Anderson's sister, Mrs. Link Sumner of Hood River accompanied them home for an extended visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Norris Gilkison went to Portland this Thursday for medical attention returning home Sunday.

Mrs. Sam Davis went to The Dalles Monday. Mrs. W. J. Davis remained for medical treatment. Mrs. Art Schilling and daughter, Dianne, Mrs. W. F. Schilling and John Engstrom were business visitors in The Dalles Tuesday.

Donald Martin went to Portland Saturday on business, he was accompanied by Mrs. Boyce Blaylock who visited her mother, Mrs. J. O. Schull. They returned home Sunday.

Mrs. Bernard Martin and daughter, Mrs. Dean Reynolds and Mrs. Jennie Martin were business visitors in The Dalles Saturday.

The Eastern Star met at the Masonic hall Tuesday night with 22 members present. Initiatory work was put on for two new members, Mrs. Ernest Blaylock and Mrs. Bud Brinkert. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Van Metro are the parents of a son, John Russell, born at The Dalles hospital April 4. The baby weighed 8 pounds and 1 ounce.

Ernest Eslinger and Mrs. Del Eakin were business visitors in The Dalles Wednesday.

NON-HIGHWAY FARM GAS INCREASE

The nation's food growers will get extra gasoline for non-highway use during the second quarter of 1945, says P. W. Petroleum Administrator Harold L. Ickes has announced the allocation of 1,276,000 barrels of automotive gasoline a day for U. S. Civilian consumption in the second quarter of 1945, comprising the months of April, May and June. Compared with the quantity of gasoline made available to civilians in the corresponding quarter of 1944, the new allocation is 19,000 barrels a day greater, the additional fuel being assigned to the War Food Administration for farm use. Commenting on this, Deputy Administrator Davies said: "The quantity of gasoline required for non-highway farm use always rises sharply in the second quarter to provide fuel for Spring plowing, cultivating and planting, and we have provided for that increase as usual. This year we were asked for an unusually large quantity, with the explanation that it was hoped to enlarge the productive farm acreage of our country by about 10,000,000 acres. There has been an increase in the number of tractors added to the nation's farm equipment, and we are informed that plans have been worked out to run all tractors 20 percent more per day."

Most creatures unable to make sounds are also unable to hear. Exception to this rule are night flying moths which are favorite food of bats. Experiments with squeaking sounds like those emitted by bats caused the moths to run to cover.

Two Shows Bring Stars To Theatre

A great star in a great story is the new Spencer Tracy film, "The Seventh Cross" adapted from Anna Seghers book, which will be shown at the Grass Valley Theatre next Tuesday and Wednesday.

The story is about seven who escaped a Nazi concentration camp and particularly of George Heisler (Spencer Tracy), is one of the most dramatic offerings in many months. The Seventh Cross tells of the successful escape of one of the seven fugitives in 1936 when, although war had not begun, such camps were fast filling with German citizens who rejected Nazism.

George Heisler, an embittered man, learns the true way of life and humanity as he makes his way slowly, painfully but surely to freedom.

"Bathing Beauty" the Saturday and Sunday offering at the Grass Valley Theatre is a new technicolor musical comedy starring Red Skelton and Esther Williams.

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