

Meetings Help Bring Better Understanding of Gas Situation

A better understanding of the national picture and of what Oregon farmers and local communities can do about the critical shortage of truck tires, the serious gasoline situation and the lack of new farm trucks was reached at the recent series of 12 farm transportation meetings held throughout the state, according to O.S.C. Extension service specialists who cooperated in arranging for the discussions.

Heavy emphasis was placed not only by government officials, but by parts dealers, repair men and tire men who also attended the meetings, on recapping and repairing all the pre-war truck tires available and keeping them in service as long as possible. The truck tire situation was described as particularly critical because production of new tires has not been as high as hoped for and the mileage and load capacity of synthetic truck tires have been substantially less than that for the crude rubber tires they are replacing.

Petroleum Administration for War figures were cited to show that prospects are remote for increased gasoline production in 1944 and that 1942 production actually was about four billion gallons less than in 1941. Despite this situation, representatives of the PAW, Office of Defense Transportation, the OPA and AAA, assured farmers that every effort will be made to safeguard gasoline supplies going to agriculture. They added farmers will be able to get all the gasoline necessary, provided it is available.

Organization will have to be substituted largely for equipment insofar as new trucks are concerned, it was pointed out. Not more than 88,000 new trucks will be released this year compared with 500,000 in normal years. Last year only 22 per cent of all the new trucks available went to agriculture uses. Careful organization for maximum use of trucks during the heavy hauling seasons will be necessary to avoid loss of crops and livestock, those attending the meetings agreed.

Much Cloth Used For War-time Needs

Cloth is such an important weapon of war that civilians can help at home to bring victory by obeying the slogan "Use it up, wear it out, and make it do," says Lucy Lane, extension specialist in clothing and textiles at Oregon State college.

She says cloth has always been important in war, but never so much as now America must supply clothing for three climates—the arctic, temperate, and tropical.

A civilian in a normal year averages around 3 pounds of cotton for clothing and use in the home, says Miss Lane. The military man, on the other hand, requires about 250 pounds a year. Looms are working overtime to weave more than 300 different kinds of fabrics ordered by the quartermaster corps. These include cloth for tarpaulins, tents, barge balloons, sleeping bags, camouflage nets, and dozens of other articles aside from soldiers' clothing.

Camouflage netting alone requires tremendous amounts of cloth, Miss Lane adds. Every piece of equipment on wheels sent to battle areas must have a camouflage net. A 30x30 foot net requires about a hundred square foot of netting plus 800 yards of 2-inch burlap or osnaburg strips, all treated to be mildew-resistant, color fast under all conditions, and non-susceptible to spontaneous combustion. Carpet and linoleum manufacturers are making many of these large sized cloth pieces.

TO SMITHY

Smithy, we miss you
As we roll along,
Your cheery whistle,
Your merry song.

Yes Sir, we miss you
When we take the bus,
The friendly greetings
You had for us.

The way-side stops,
You missed not one
A blessing when
The day's work done,

We will do our best
To be cheerful too,
We are very glad
We have known you.

—A Passenger

CARD OF THANKS

A card of thanks to our friends and neighbors, for their sympathy and flowers, in memory of the passing of our beloved wife and mother.

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Mrs. Verna Fox
Mrs. Florence Branson



Poppy Sale to Be Held Fri. and Sat.

The biggest poppy sale in the history of the American Legion Auxiliary is predicted by Mrs. H. L. Alford, president of the Medford unit, who said Tuesday that she would not be surprised if more than double the usual number were sold. Friday and Saturday, May 26 and 27, have been designated for the annual sale.

As few people know what the arrangements are for making these Memorial Day flowers, Mrs. Alford explained that the materials are furnished free to the veterans by the American Legion Auxiliary. Volunteer workers teach the disabled men to make the poppies. The entire poppy program, from the supplying of the poppy materials to the distribution of the finished flowers to the American public, is under management of the Auxiliary.

"The veterans and their dependents are the ones who benefit from our poppy sale," she said, "not only from the money that results from selling poppies, but also from having something tangible to do. These men in the government hospitals are delighted to keep their fingers busy and their minds occupied with the intricacies of fashioning the poppies. Needy wives and children also reap benefits from sale of the flowers."

"We have been selling these Memorial Day flowers for 24 years and each year the poppy becomes more closely identified with the American Legion Auxiliary and with our disabled men. We hope the service will continue indefinitely."

Poppy sale headquarters will be at the Allen hotel as in previous years.

First Grade News

There are 41 children here today, 20 girls are here, 21 boys came. One of the girls did not come. Two of the boys are not here. We have two letters from Mrs. Richardson. We can all read them. She is better now. That is good news for us. We will have a picnic Friday. We will eat lunch in the park. What a good time we will have!

Picnic Held at Home of Ross Twedells Sun.

Raymond Darby and Darrell Keener were honored guests at a picnic given last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Twedell on the Jacksonville-Central Point highway. Both young men are entering the navy soon. A large group of their friends and neighbors attended the affair.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bennett, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bennett, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Victor Bursell, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Darby and family, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Darby and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Floyd, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gleaves and family, Ulrich Keener, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Gleaves and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Keener and daughter, Darrell Keener and two children, Mr. and Mrs. James Twedell and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Twedell and family.

Letters to Nephews

By Ella H. Leonard

Dear nephew:

They are gone,—mommy and the kids. To Camp Lewis to live. Poor mommy! what with trying to pack, the truck arriving before time, and the kids in an uproar, as always happens when their schedule is upset. Then "camping" for the added tea days until the new house was ready for them. On the dead run from one thing to six, barely making the train before it pulled out. Pouring down coffee, taking no time to eat—all these strenuous days. Dad killed a fat hen. Lemon pies were made. So they had one regular meal and a bit of lunch.

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before train time. David sat at a card table feeding himself berries. Smearing his face, spilling red over a hand, nodding his head, falling asleep.

Even the air is lonely. Almond ("bomun") shells lie scattered on the hearth, the bench at the gate, the front steps, where Slaty cracked them with a "stone." David's too tight sweater and Robin's worn coat are abandoned. I hear "Hi! Mrs. Wennuh!" running little steps; the baby's jabber. I start up as the cry seems to come. "I tant open de doah!" There won't be any more puddles on the floor; any boy carrying in the kindling; any girl saying, "I want to eat dinnuh wis you"; any watching new traits developing. The children and some small neighbors were jumping rope Saturday evening. David tried it, and almost sent us into convulsions of laughter. He sometimes squatted so low, it plopped him on the floor. His dancing, too, was fun for us.

Miss them? It's too tough on a fellow to have little tads one gets so attached to, and then be separated for good. No more "Iwants"; "I want to sit on your lap. . . I want to hold your hand (as we walk together). . . I want to go wis you. . . I want you to read a tory. . . I want you to help me. . . I want my hands washed. . . I want to watch you. . . Little tads who sought you, who loved you in spite of being spanked at times No,—twice for this sort of experience, is enough in one's life.

A tiny girl was stretching on tiptoe reaching toward a Bible on the stand. When asked what she was doing, she cried, "I want to see God." The church has sent out a call for its people to meet each morning for an hour, to pray that our world may feel that need; I want to see God. It's a union service. Yesterday there were

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SUN—MON—TUE

Chester Morris—Jeannie Bates

"The Chance of A Lifetime"

Simone Simon—Kent Smith in "Curse of The Cat People"

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"Fired Wife"

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"Harrigan's Kid"

TUE—WED—THURS

Judy Garland—Van Heflin in

"Presenting Lily Mars"

Tom Conway—Jean Brooks in

"The Falcon and The Coeds"

five, old standbys, and two ministers, who attended. THINGS occupy us so, seem so important. We know we can't take them with us, yet they absorb us. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and these things shall be added unto you." What does that mean? Or is it just words in a dusty book?

The primary is over. We are told Holman got beaten because of absenteeism. If every absentee in Congress were publicized, what number do you think would be found in his seat when it was in session—a baker's dozen? We are told they are sitting on committees, as did Holman. Of course his lawyer opponent is clever in the use of Applied Psychology to his public, as the state had proof of when effort was made to unite the University and Oregon State; and when he handled the Bridges affair. He seems expert in knowledge of the technicalities of the law. That is what wins a case. A lawyer told me. "It isn't justice that wins in court. It's knowing how to take advantage of the technicalities of the law."

Well, honey, a piled-high basket of ironing is waiting; there's a day's work to clean the store room; a closet is prepared for papering. . . So many homely tasks with which you could help me. The weather continues so cloudy and cold, it is an ill time to wash windows and houseclean. As I get busy, this quotation is left with you for you to cogitate over: "The secret of remaining young is never to have an emotion that is unbecoming."

Your loving Auntie.

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