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### MORE HOUSING NEEDED

**A**UTO camps, lodging houses, apartment houses, trailer camps, residences—every type of livable quarters in the Rogue river valley, in fact—are full and the demand will increase when work at the cantonment gets into full swing. With such a condition, it seems a bit ironic that living quarters in Ashland are being torn down to make way for a highway improvement that might well have waited until this big rush is over.

The Miner has no objection to the Plaza improvement. It no doubt will prove a relief to freight traffic passing through the city and when completed will add a modern touch to that section of the business district. The point is that having been approved by the highway department, it could have been held back until the cantonment work is completed, thus providing living quarters for numerous workers who have been forced to go elsewhere.

People who might put up residences or apartment houses are to be commended for withholding building operations until assured of the permanency of the cantonment and to what extent the demand will grow. It would be unwise to engage in a building boom for something that may last a few months or a few years at the best. At the same time, workers must have a place to live and not all of them can live in trailer camps, although from the number of trailer houses bedecking camps, yards and vacant lots one would gather the impression that this veritable army is living that way.

One cabin operator informs this paper that he turns people away every day, some days as many as a dozen who state they would rather live in Ashland. The more of these workers that live here, the more liquid cash there will be for Ashland business houses. If assurance is given that the cantonment will be a permanent thing—and from the size of it in the present stage of construction it looks like it would be permanent—there should be a concerted move here to obtain as many renters as possible.

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### PARK SHOULD PROVE POPULAR

**A**SHLANDERS might as well make up their minds right now to stay home and enjoy their own shade this summer. With thousands of new people in the valley, many of them living in trailer houses and cabins out in the treeless area bordering the cantonment, the city park will be about the most popular spot in all southern Oregon. Not that it has been otherwise throughout the years for people of neighboring towns and counties, but this year there will be a pressure behind the rush to the park hitherto unknown.

In this connection, it might be well to state that the swimming pools will prove popular. Entertainment facilities will be at a premium. Ashland has quite a lot to offer and with proper management can take care of a goodly share of the new business already developing.

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### YOU CAN HELP!

**I**T TAKES a long time and a lot of determination to break life-long habits. And when some of those habits involve extravagance and carelessness the task seems more difficult.

The government has made a direct request to retail stores to carry on an aggressive campaign to prevent waste and to save materials of all kinds. The Institute of Distribution, representing a number of important retail organizations, offers some excellent advice. Summed up, that advice amounts to this: Don't waste food. Don't burn or throw away paper. Save scrap metal, old rubber, rags, etc. Give this salvage to your favorite charity or sell it to your nearest junk dealer.

Use office supplies sparingly. Get maximum service from such common articles as paper clips, pins, rubber bands, envelopes, scratch paper, sealing tape, pencils, typewriter ribbons, carbon paper, etc. These and similar articles have a definite and important place in war production, and civilian consumption must be reduced in many instances.

Take extra-special care of mechanical equipment. Inspect it, clean it, and oil it frequently. Repairs and replacements will become constantly more difficult. Save on fuels.

Retail industry knows what it is talking about. They are studying ways and means to conserve all possible materials. It takes five pounds of paper to pack an ordinary artillery shell. The military appetite for rubber, metals, textiles, leather, etc., is virtually insatiable. Every individual should emulate retailing's drive to prevent waste.

### A WORTHY ENTERPRISE

**L**OVERS of sacred music—and there is no finer music—were amply rewarded for making the effort to attend the second annual Easter program of the co-operating choirs of Ashland churches Sunday evening at the First Methodist church. The fact that the church was crowded to capacity, with many turned away, proves that there is a strong demand for this type of entertainment. Aside from the entertaining feature, the training gained by both old and young singers is invaluable in voice culture and music appreciation.

This year's cantata was more ambitious than the first number offered by the combined choirs, and more satisfying. The organization should be maintained, and will be, we believe, so long as there are enough singers to form a chorus. Time may develop more solo talent, permitting the group to present others of the more noted cantatas or oratorios. Presentation of "The Seven Last Words" in an acceptable manner is proof that even more difficult numbers can be mastered.

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### THEIR GOOD DEEDS LIVE ON

**A**SHLAND was saddened this week with the passing of two of her citizens who had spent their lives here. When death entered the F. D. Wagner home and took Mr. Wagner from this life, there passed one who had spent his entire life here, completing a well rounded career in civic enterprise with his retirement from the postmastership which he held for 12 years. Mr. Wagner grew up with Ashland, choosing to remain here and faithfully serve those functions which he elected to engage in or to which fellow citizens delegated him.

Mrs. Pracht, whose passing occurred Tuesday, spent the major portion of her life in Ashland, coming here from Albany when a small girl. Her lovable character and gentle friendliness will be missed by all who came in contact with her.

Both of these splendid people held places in Ashland community life that cannot be replaced, and while their voices are stilled forever, their good deeds will live on in the hearts of all who knew them.

### MRS. AMERICA IN THE WAR

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- Tea Scarcity Apparent
- Projectors in Demand
- Pork Price Ceiling
- Busy Bee Important
- Shoe Styles Passe

**F**LOOR lamps, table lamps, bed lamps, dressing-table lamps, all are going to be scarce. Immediate curtailment of production of all portable lamps has been ordered, and the use of metals in their manufacture is drastically limited. Flashlights will be wearing new-style cases, too, because all the usual metals, like chromium and nickel, have been prohibited for this use. Overworked plastics will probably come to the rescue.

**F**ROM now on, your grocer may not sell you as much tea as you ask for. The country's entire tea supply is being restricted and grocers have been asked to distribute their supplies evenly among their customers so hoarders won't get more than their share. Tea packers themselves are prohibited from selling more than 50 percent of what they did in 1941. And to help the grocer in limiting sales, the government also is regulating the size of packages for retail sale. You won't be able to buy more than quarter-pound packages, or 50 individual-size tea balls.

**D**O YOU have a 16 millimeter motion picture sound projector? If it's a 1939, 1940 or 1941 model, your government wants to buy it. Production of new projectors is being cut because of the aluminum required in their manufacture, and the machines are in high demand for quick teaching of both the armed forces and defense workers. If you have a projector you are willing to sell, write, giving the model and the price you ask, to M. D. Moore, Electrical Appliances and Consumers' Durable Goods Branch, War Production Board, Washington, D. C.

**I**N the hubbub over the curtailment of wool for men's suits and women's coats, you may not have noted that after April 5 no new blankets can be made of 100 percent wool. Eighty percent is the limit.

**I**F YOU have been paying 55 cents a pound for pork chops, it's your own butcher who is to blame. Two weeks ago ceiling prices were put on wholesale pork products. If prices are exorbitant, it is because the retailer is doing some private profiteering. Just issued is a guide for western buyers which gives maximum prices for various pork cuts. The prices vary in different states, but here are the absolute top prices for the west: Pork chops, 49c; sliced bacon, 46c; sliced ham, 73c; salt pork, 30c; whole ham, 40c. If prices are higher than this, protest first to your butcher, then, if necessary, to the Office of Price Administration.

rather than thrift. The government is now telling shoe manufacturers that they must save leather and cut down on its use in uppers as well as soles. Many shoe designs wasted leather, so all high-cut patterns, overlapping tips, and fancy trims must go. Leather is necessary for so many military items that none of it must be sacrificed to style.

### Satin and Fruit Moth Quarantines Changed

Three Oregon quarantine orders, dealing with satin moth and Oriental fruit moth, have been revised by the state department of agriculture with the approval of Governor Charles A. Sprague and the changes will be effective April 15.

The quarantine on satin moth in the 13 infested counties in Oregon—Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Douglas, Hood River, Lane, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Washington and Yamhill—will now permit shipment from those areas upon certification of the proper treatment, as well as upon certification of inspection showing no infestation as already provided. Treatment must be approved by the department.

A similar change was made in the satin moth quarantine against the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire,

Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington. The changes are, of course, in direction of relaxing the restrictions though they still provide adequate protection.

The revised Oriental fruit moth quarantine adds New Hampshire to the states from which certain horticultural products will not be accepted except under certain conditions. Budwood or scions will be admitted, on permit from the Oregon department of agriculture, from Nov. 1 to April 1. The new order also broadens the fumigation clause on bare-rooted stock.

### ALL DRIVERS INCLUDED IN SAFE DRIVING CONTEST

Earl Snell, secretary of state, today called attention to the national safe driving contest sponsored by the American Legion which this year has been expanded to include all operators of passenger vehicles. In previous years, only Legion members were eligible to enroll.

As national president of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, Snell extended official approval of the Legion's contest, declaring: "Traffic accident prevention is today both patriotic and an economic necessity if motor vehicles are to be fully and effectively utilized in our war effort. The American Legion safety contest is an excellent contribution to this objective."

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