



This Week IN WASHINGTON

Washington, D. C., (NWNS)—The question of "balance" in war production—of getting raw materials, parts, production machines and labor all meshing together to turn out the goods which are needed most continues to be the greatest problem in reaching the huge goals which have been set for this year.

In a recent summary of the situation so far, Donald Nelson, chairman of the War Production board, said that total munition production was up 16 per cent in July over June and is now proceeding at a rate of 3 1/2 times that of the month before Pearl Harbor.

Although Mr. Nelson admits it is going to be a difficult task to reach the goals set for this year, he is still hopeful of attaining them.

"Study of the results," said Mr. Nelson, "reveals that production is uneven in relation to schedules. In some cases July production outstripped the forecasts; in others the forecasts were not approached. Even within certain categories, such as ordinance, we find unequal progress as between various types of equipment. Particularly is it important to keep the production of finished weapons and their component parts in step."

"We must make sure that we produce promptly those most important fighting weapons the services must have; in addition, we must speed up the slow items and slow down the fast ones so that the unbalance which now marks part of the program is brought into adjustment."

Analyzing the July production, Mr. Nelson said that aircraft production had increased over June, although the production of combat planes was "not up to expectations."

Ordinance production was said to be up 26 per cent higher than June, production of medium tanks was up 35 per cent, production of light tanks was up 15 per cent, production of anti-aircraft guns was up over 50 per cent, production of naval vessels was up 22 per cent and production of merchant ships up 6 per cent.

"For the next few months," Mr. Nelson warned, "aircraft production is not expected to reach the production planned earlier in the year, due in part to the difficulty of balancing so vast a program. Various efforts are being made to improve this condition, and production in the latter part of the year is expected to show a marked increase."

Getting accurate statistics on production, as well as on the real national income and the channels through which money is being expended is becoming increasingly difficult. The War Production board naturally doesn't want to inform our enemies as to our actual production, so it releases only comparative percentage figures rather than actual production figures. As far as war expenditures and their effect on national income are concerned, the figures are changing so rapidly that any study is out of date almost before it is released.

An unusually fine picture of the national income picture, however, was recently worked out by the department of commerce and shows that the national income for April, May and June was about 31 per cent higher than it was for the same three months of last year. This means that at the end of June the annual income to the people of this country was at a rate of about 17 billion dollars greater than a year ago.

Of this increased income, it was found that a large part of it was going into savings, including war bonds. In 1941 about 10 1/2 billion dollars were put in savings, but at the end of June of this year, the total savings were at an annual rate of over 24 billion. Thus a large proportion of the increased income at that time, was going into various forms of saving. The figures show that increased taxes have done little to check the rising tide.

It is the realization of the fact that taxes have risen at a much slower rate than income, and that the actual spending power of the people is continually increasing, which has led to many warnings against rapid inflation of prices on consumer goods unless more adequate means are provided to drain off this increased income in the face of growing shortage in goods available for purchase.

A sales tax is getting more and more consideration as a means of meeting this problem and at the same time increasing the government's income. Speaking on this subject recently, Senator Taft of Ohio pointed out that at present two-thirds of the people of this country are paying no taxes. Of

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Committees Get Things Done at Ashland Center

Progress Made at USO Headquarters During Past Week

Ashland women are demonstrating their ability to get things done in connection with the USO center at the Civic Club house. During the past two weeks numerous committees from the volunteer workers have been busy with the result that facilities for entertaining the soldiers are greatly improved and the center presents a business-like atmosphere. Work naturally awaited completion of committee appointments and when this was accomplished the women went into action.

One of the first things needed was a sign. This was up to the art committee, Miss Marion Ady and Mrs. Victor Mills. Result, a clever USO sign erected on a post in front of the building—the handiwork of John Koehler.

Mrs. Charles A. Haines and Mrs. Charles W. Fortmiller have charge of the canteen. Friday nights have been designated as canteen night, and this committee has food in the club house for parties for the boys on those nights. There has been one pot luck feed and this week the ladies have planned an Aunt Nell's waffle supper.

Mrs. T. J. Norby, in charge of dramatics, states that a number of short skits are being prepared for the near future, when outdoor activities must give way for indoor entertainment. The dramatics committee is interested in acquiring a wardrobe to further their work and already have a goodly amount of costumes, some complete and some otherwise, but all worthwhile little numbers for future stars to shine in. Rummage sales have a definite appeal for this committee and its members haunt these places with satisfactory results.

Mrs. W. D. Jalkson had a complaint to make about the appearance of the grounds. She was delegated as the flowers and grounds chairman. The next day men of the park service cleaned the lawn and trimmed the shrubbery and pointed up the grounds.

The home hospitality committee, Mrs. Walter Kedford and Mrs. Frank Van Dyke, is endeavoring to provide more invitations for boys with week-end passes. A few boys are being entertained at dinner but more invitations are needed to spend the night in Ashland homes for the boys who have Saturday night free.

During the week the house committee has had the drinking fountain in the hall fixed and an ice box installed, a lock repaired, a light globe here and a window pane there attended to. Mrs. Norma Stearns and Mrs. O. G. Crawford are this committee.

Mrs. C. C. Dunham, in charge of the information desk, has arranged her schedule for the month of September. This calls for one lady for each of the three shifts a day, 2-5, 5-8, and 8 o'clock until closing time generally 10:30. While the schedule has been filled and published there is always a need for substitutes. More volunteers are needed. This task offers an opportunity to get acquainted with the boys from Camp White, as they bring their problems and questions to the friendly woman at the information desk.

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Lions, Rotarians Seek New Quarters

Closing of the Lithia hotel dining room has presented a problem to two Ashland organizations which have made that spot their meeting place since either club was organized. The Lions have been meeting there for over four years and the Rotarians about one year.

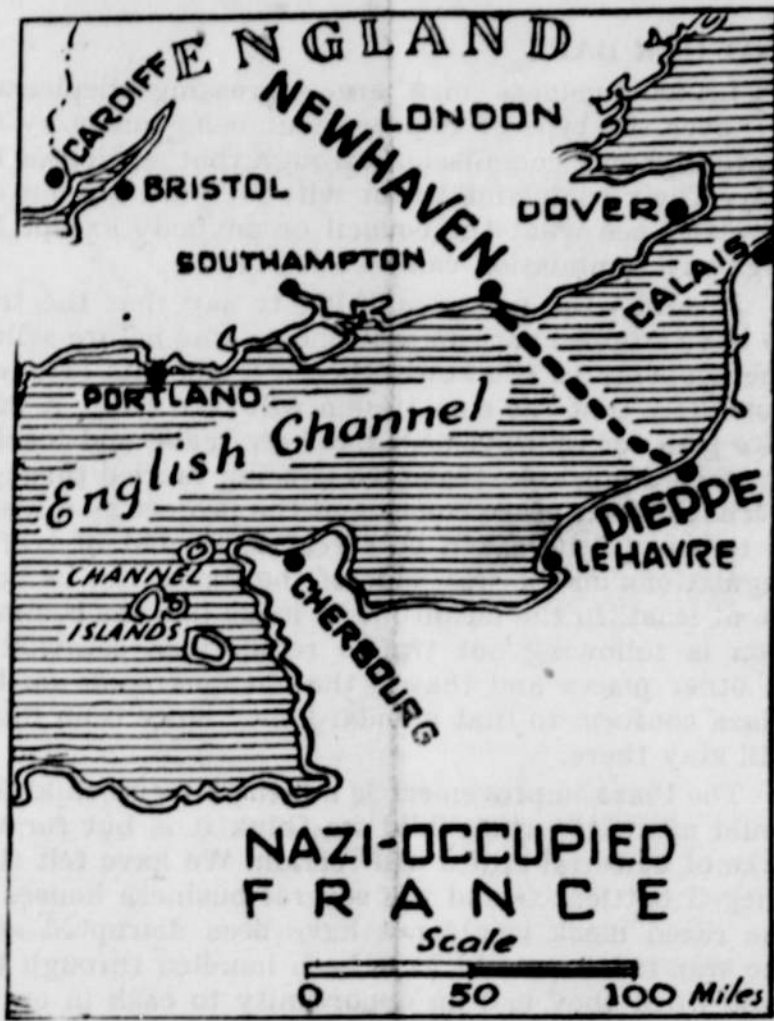
At the Lions meeting Tuesday evening a committee was appointed to make arrangements for a meeting place in the future. An effort will be made to acquire a hall where a caterer can serve the dinner. It is stated that the Rotarians have some such move in mind, too, so the work of these civic groups may continue uninterrupted. The Lions were able to meet at the hotel Tuesday evening when notice was served that the dining room would be closed, due to difficulty in obtaining competent help.

The Rotarians solved their problem for this week by having a picnic lunch meeting in Lithia park.

AN OVERSIGHT

In mentioning W. A. Snider's departure for Portland last week, the Miner stated that his brother, Robert Snider, would look after distribution of Snider Coffee company products. That is true, but the statement should have included the fact that Robert Snider is an experienced coffee blender and will also continue that branch of the business.

Is This the Second Front Route?



Some military experts are saying that the recent attack on Dieppe by British Commando, U. S. Ranger, Canadian and Fighting French forces, was just a prelude to what is coming in the way of a second front by the United Nations to relieve pressure on the Russian front. If these opinions are right the above shows the area in which such attacks are likely to occur. The dotted line indicates the route taken by the forces which raided the French port of Dieppe.

Unique Display Featured in Local Feed Store Window

Patriotism inspires most of our actions these days and the motto "Keep 'Em Flying" was the motif prompting a unique display in the window of Ted's Feed and Seed Store.

John E. Wilkinson, manager wanted a window display expressing his patriotic emotions. How could he attain that expression through the use of his products he has for sale? He thought. He set about drawing a design on the floor of the show window and kept at it until he got what looked like an airplane to him. After completing the design he worked in the lettering in the negative, much as printer's type, attaining well-nigh perfect results. All designing was done free hand.

The next thing was to fill in the design. He used alsike clover seed for the background and filled in the plane design with timothy seed. Result—an airplane which one could almost picture as on its way to Tokyo. And it might be said the filling in process was free hand for he used no tools to spread the seeds which form a covering one-fourth of an inch deep over the entire design.

Major Rein Assigned To Chaplains' School

Major Edward A. Rein, Camp White chaplain has been assigned to the Chaplains' School, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., for a course of instruction it was announced today by Headquarters, Camp White, Oregon.

Active in the Officers Reserve corps for 12 years, Major Rein served with the CCC Reserve Camps and with the C. M. T. C. He came to Camp White from Ft. Stevens, Oregon, where he went on active duty in 1941. Before entering the Army he served parishes in Minnesota, California, Idaho and Washington. He is a native of Ritzville, Wash.

Major Rein intends to resume his duties at Camp White some time in October.

ELKS PAY TRIBUTE TO DEPARTED MEMBER

Ashland lodge No. 944, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks paused in lodge session last night to pay tribute to the memory of a departed brother, J. A. Hanna, whose death occurred at Dunsuir last week.

Mr. Hanna joined the local lodge in 1908 and had been a faithful member throughout. He was a locomotive engineer, serving on the Ashland-Dunsuir run many years before retiring a few years ago.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

There will be artillery firing on the Antelope artillery range from 1 p. m. to 5 p. m. Friday, Sept. 4. Antelope Creek road, also Dry Creek road will be closed to the public Friday afternoon and all persons are cautioned to stop when challenged by range guards.

It Isn't Such a Big World After All!

When one is wearing the uniform of Uncle Sam he questions not the time he is scheduled to leave nor where he may go. He is ready to go any time and where he goes is not a matter of his choice but that of his superiors.

Capt. James C. Givens was stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss. His brother, Lt. John M. Givens, was at Fort Worth, Tex. Both received orders at approximately the same time to move. All they knew was that they were headed for Oregon. There were two army camps in the far away state, but since neither had information relative to the other's move the thought had not occurred that they might come together there.

It was a happy reunion of the Givens brothers when they met at Camp White. And the joy was heightened when they were assigned to the same regiment.

Captain and Mrs. James Givens reside at the Casaloma Court in Ashland. The Givens were originally from Bowling Green, Ky.

Holiday Travel Not Encouraged

The forthcoming double holiday—Sunday and Labor day—is most inviting to those who would take a week-end trip and doubtless many people will take advantage of it. However, transportation lines, the army and highway officials are not encouraging pilgrimages on that occasion.

It is pointed out that war materials are on the move every day. There is no let-up for holidays, Sundays or any other occasion. Troop movements and munitions have the green light over everything else and it is essential that all transportation lines, already badly overcrowded, not be faced with additional burdens imposed by those in search of pleasure.

F. W. Ackerman of Pacific Greyhound Lines, principal passenger service in this district, offers some suggestions to those going away over the Labor day weekend. He says: Get full information on trips and schedules in advance; purchase tickets now to avoid the last minute rush at the depot; take as little baggage as possible; take short trips in preference to long ones; if possible, leave before Saturday and return after Monday.

Most Ashland business houses will remain closed Monday and doubtless many people will make short drives to nearby favorite haunts for a final season outing.

GRAND JURY PROBE ASKED IN DEATH OF TWO GIRLS

A coroner's jury heard evidence Friday evening on the death of Elsie Williams and Phyllis Hayes, two young Wagner Creek girls, and recommended a grand jury probe. The girls lost their lives in an automobile accident on the Wagner Creek road near the Fred Goddard place on the night of Aug. 26, when the driver, a youth 15 years old and not possessing a driver's license, lost control of the car, resulting in it upsetting in an irrigation ditch.

Written testimony by Capt. Staats of the state police showed that the car went 161 feet off the road, crashed into a post and then veered 25 feet into the irrigation ditch.

Evidence submitted to the jury showed that the accident was caused by reckless driving and excessive speed, the boy acknowledging that he was driving 35 or 40 miles an hour and must have lost control just before the accident happened.

Serving on the jury were Clint Baughman, foreman; J. G. Mackie, John Daugherty, Jack Young, Harry Stearns and Paul Beare.

FATHER DIES AT LAVA HOT SPRINGS, IDAHO

C. R. Ramsey returned Tuesday from Lava Hot Springs, Ida., where he was called Aug. 26 by the fatal illness of his father, Truxton Ramsey. The father passed away Saturday and memorial services were conducted at Pocatello Monday.

Three children survive, Leonard L. Ramsey, Klamath Falls; Mrs. Vera Hardy, Pocatello, Ida., and C. R. Ramsey, Ashland.

COGGINS LEAVE

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Coggins have gone to Berkeley, Calif., to make their home. They disposed of their home on Granite street. Prior to leaving Ashland they were visited by their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Landles, who were enroute from New York City to their new home in Portland where Mr. Landles has been engaged to direct the Jefferson high school band and orchestra.

Fire loss on the farm each year would run into enough money to pay for the building of at least six modern warships.

Business Men on Plaza Ask Change In Traffic Plans

Objection Raised to "Islands" and Strips Put in by State

Plaza business men Tuesday evening presented a petition to the city council protesting against the "islands" and traffic control strip, installed by the state highway department as part of the Plaza improvement project. The petition was signed by all business houses of that area.

The petition stated: "We, the tenants and property owners of the Plaza in the city of Ashland, and persons inconvenienced by the present arrangement of the said Plaza, respectfully petition that the new islands and driving strips on the said Plaza be removed, except the east dividing strip and that portion of the north dividing strip of the present crossing in front of Perrine's store, for the reason it blocks overflow drainage and is dangerous to life and traffic; that said arrangement is a disgrace to the city of Ashland and depreciates the value of property on the Plaza; that it eliminates parking space; that it spoils the beauty of the Plaza and does not in any way safeguard pedestrians; that it was done without the knowledge or consent of the people of Ashland."

The council heeded the appeal of the property owners and instructed the city attorney to get in touch with the state highway department. This was done, with the result that an engineer is being sent to Ashland to confer with officials and petitioners.

Work on the project continued Wednesday, the crew filling in the islands with gravel and oil. Just what action the engineer will take remains to be seen, although it is the hope of both the council and the property owners that something more satisfactory will be worked out.

Saboteur Faces Heavy Penalty

Along in September in the year 1972 from some federal penitentiary would walk the man who during this month would be so unpatriotic as to aid the axis by setting a forest fire. From U. S. Attorney Carl Donough's office comes word that a convicted saboteur, including persons who set fire to war materials, including forests during war times, is liable to a fine of \$10,000 and 30 years in prison.

The provisions of the Sabotage Act are fairly inclusive and cover destruction by fire of supplies, materials and resources which are needed by the armed forces. While it has not been necessary to try out the Sabotage Act here in Oregon, U. S. Attorney Donough let it be known this week that he would not hesitate to apply the Act to anyone caught starting fires upon the public domain.

H. E. Waterbury, Multnomah county chairman of the Keep Oregon Green association, asked U. S. Attorney Donough whether in his opinion the more severe penalties of the war-time Sabotage Act could be applied in the case of fire starters in our forests. The federal official responded that such was his interpretation and undoubtedly such a person would find himself in serious difficulties with federal officials.

"This is war," Donough stated, "and anyone who wilfully starts a fire in our forests is lending definite aid to the enemy because such a fire could destroy valuable timber needed in the war effort, and would take loggers and lumber-jacks from their important job of production, and smoke from such fires could lend cover to enemy-planned air attacks. We can not afford to pull our punches, and will most certainly use every weapon to fight saboteurs."

ATTENDED GRADUATION AT STOCKTON FIELD

Mr. and Mrs. Hal McNair returned the first of the week from Stockton Field, Calif., where, last Thursday, they attended graduation ceremonies for a class of 250 Army Air Corps cadets, of which their son James was a member. Upon his graduation James received his wings and was commissioned a second lieutenant.

Upton Close, author and authority on the Far East, delivered the address, stating that this was the largest class to receive its wings and commissions at Stockton Field. Oath of office was administered by Capt. D. W. Lyman in the first graduation ceremonies of aviation cadets ever presented by radio over the Pacific coast.

Mrs. James McNair, who preceded Mr. and Mrs. McNair to Stockton Field a few days, accompanied her husband to Stout Field near Indianapolis.

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