



This Week IN WASHINGTON

Washington, D. C. (NEWS)—By the end of the year it is agreed by most experts here, we will either be in the throes of inflation or we will have iron-bound controls operating to prevent it.

The president has indicated that he means to use all of the extraordinary powers he has during war to keep the cost of living from rising further and to stabilize wages in a way that will put an end to strikes, slow-downs and squabbles between labor and industry. But his well-known sympathy with labor and his unwillingness to interfere with its so-called "rights" during the first months of the war, has led the public to take a "let-see" attitude toward his plans, no matter how reassuring they may sound.

As for farm prices, it is well known that the New Deal members of the farm-bloc, who are candidates for re-election in November, will fight tooth and nail against any plan which they think might antagonize the farmers.

On the other hand the general public's resentment over increased food costs, over scarcities of food caused by price problems rather than by reduced farm production, and over strikes in vital industries may have reached the point where it holds more weight politically than the demands of labor leaders and farm leaders. For, in addition to the feeling of the people in general against the pampering of these groups, there has been plenty of evidence recently that many laborers and farmers themselves don't want special attention if it is going to interfere with our war program.

In addition to the necessity for stabilizing wages and farm prices if inflation is to be curbed, it is generally recognized here that the kind of tax program finally agreed upon will do a lot toward encouraging or stemming inflation. The treasury's drastic proposal to have a high tax on spending rather than a sales tax would probably aid in preventing inflation but might also prove such a severe burden on some income groups that it would seriously lower the standard of living.

The plan for a tax on spending has been offered in place of a sales tax and is similar to a sales tax in many respects. The chief difference is that with a sales tax we would pay a tax each time we made a purchase whereas with a spending tax we would pay a lump sum tax on the money we spent over a period of a year. People of small income, who have difficulty as it is in saving the money to pay a high income tax, would find it much more difficult to handle an additional lump sum than to pay a penny or so tax on each purchase.

It is expected that the final tax program will include a plan for employers to deduct a percentage for taxes from all wages and salaries as they are paid. Then, when the employees file income tax returns, they will pay the additional amount they owe or ask for a rebate if too much has been deducted from their wages.

Much favorable attention has been given to the Ruml plan, suggested by Beardsley Ruml, treasurer of R. H. Macy & Co. and chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which calls for putting taxes on pay-as-you-go basis instead of paying taxes on the earnings of the previous year. This plan would virtually cancel all taxes on 1942 incomes but calls for the payment of 1943 taxes as income is earned. Under the Ruml plan the government would receive just as much income, but there would be this difference: A man who would ordinarily pay a \$100 tax in March 1943, as first payment on his 1942 income tax, would pay the same \$100 during the first three months of 1943 but it would be on money which he had earned during 1943.

What plan will finally be adopted is anybody's guess, but we can all be certain that taxes next year—after the ever-important election is over—will be tremendously high and will include practically everyone who is earning any income at all.

The predictions of what is going to happen in this country after election are almost frightening—but we can be sure that there will be a lot more sacrificing than there has been to date.

It is quite likely, after election, that the selective service act will be revised to take men under 20 years old, that married men will be called up rapidly, that new taxes will be added to those to be included in the first tax bill, and that many products will be added to those now rationed.

But the big improvement which we can hope for after election is that politics as usual, which was supposed to be abandoned when

Directors Would Brighten Store Fronts of City

Propose to Decorate Vacant Windows with War Promotion Data

Ashland's vacant store windows will be made more attractive and at the same time serve a good purpose, if plans discussed at a meeting of directors of the Ashland chamber of commerce Wednesday noon are put into action.

War contingencies have caused closing of some places along Main street and there are show windows that are none too presentable in their present state. To correct this situation, the directors propose to obtain consent of building owners to use these display windows to a good advantage by decorating them with literature, posters and other material promoting the nation's war effort. It is the plan of the directors to name committees to attend to this work and it is expected that front. It was pointed out that Main street will put up a better there are few empty buildings but that such are vacant should be used and that there is nothing so important right now as keeping the public mind focused on the war.

Organization work of the chamber of commerce has been vitally affected by the war. This was seen in the matter of committee functioning. New industries, unless pertaining to war production are out for the duration, rendering the industrial committee ineffectual. The same applies to other committees whose work includes civic progress and development. To meet this situation the board of directors decided that special committees can be appointed for specific jobs, their period of service terminating with completion of the projects.

Lloyd Selby spoke in behalf of the coordinating board which recently completed its labors and was disbanded. Selby was a member of the group and told of its accomplishments. He felt that the chamber of commerce should commend the coordinating board and the secretary was directed to draft a letter to that effect.

Alice Patterson, managing secretary, gave a report on the secretarial school held at Lake Arrowhead early in August. Mrs. Patterson was a student at the school and gave a detailed account of its accomplishments.

Coach Parks Calls Skull Practice for Ashland High Squad

Roland Parks, who has been appointed head football coach has announced that a skull practice for the 1942 Ashland high school football squad will be held at the high school, Thursday night at 7:30. All potential squad members are urged to be present for this talk. Jerry Gastineau, who assisted Blake and O'Neil in the past will assist Parks.

Ashland is expected to once again be the dark horse of the Southern Oregon high school conference, mainly because of the loss of the touchdown twins, Charlie Jandreau and Bud Provost. Just what can be developed remains to be seen.

Medford high's Black Tornado, under new coach Lorne Arnold left Medford Sunday for a week's conditioning at Lake O' the Woods after which they will get down to serious business next Monday at the Medford high stadium in preparation for their opening game Friday night, Sept. 18, against the Weed Cougars at Medford.

Under new head coach Frank Ramsey, the Klamath Falls Pelicans are training for the season opener against Grant high of Portland, whom the Pelicans defeated 7 to 6 last year, at the Klamath field, Sept. 18. Already Klamath Falls is boasting a big and powerful team and have gone so far as to promise a lot of misery to other conference members.

Grants Pass is reported to have opened training sessions but, as usual, are quiet about their schedule and their practices.

Craters Split Even With Chico Tossers

The Medford Craters, winners of the Oregon-California baseball league and holders of the President's cup, split even with Chico, Calif., over the Labor day weekend when they won the Sunday game 16 to 14 in a free-swinging slugfest and came back Monday to be the victims of Jack Lawrence, Chico manager, who stopped the Craters 13 to 3.

Following this series, Medford hung up their suits for the season.

The war began, will actually be tossed out of the window and that for a while at least, country will get precedence over party.

Mosquitoes Can Be Most Annoying



Women Show How Things Should Be Done in Managing USO Center Here

Throughout history it has been the lot of women to carry on while their men were away at war. Although termed the weaker or gentler, sex, the female of the species has come through and this old world, battered and bleeding much of the time, has managed to survive and in a measure progress toward a higher plane of civilization—i. e., before Hitler and Tojo combined in an effort to set us back several centuries.

In the present world war women are more active than ever before. There has been organization back of all this effort and results obtained thus far have exceeded anything seen in previous wars. While not actually shouldering guns, or operating tanks and fighting planes, women are taking jobs formerly held by men now in the service—running service stations, driving taxis, running farms, businesses and numerous other pursuits commonly falling to the lot man as the breadwinner—and doing a good job of it. They even toss a pretty good line of after dinner speeches when occasion demands, disillusioning the mere male in the thought that the best speaking their feminine compatriots do is over the bridge table in the "just between us girls" type of conversation.

Ashland male conceit has been punctured on more than one occasion and is scheduled to suffer further deflation before this bit of world warfare is concluded. An outstanding example was the dinner at the USO center Sunday evening when the committee women and hostesses of the local organization served dinner to their husbands and some 50 soldiers from Camp White. (Incidentally, the ladies also participated in the eating). The whole affair was planned by women, prepared by women and conducted by women, the men doing only what they were asked to do. Mrs. Helen Small, USO director, opened the meeting with a brief talk delineating the difficulties of getting the organization started here. She then turned the chairmanship over to Mrs. Earl Leever who went through the list of chairmen, paying compliments as neatly as a congressman seeking re-election, the only difference being that her compliments were sincere. Mrs. Leever pioneered the organization work in Ashland and expressed her gratitude to those who like herself were untiring in their efforts to get it under way. She called on Mayor Wiley, Mrs. C. L. Weaver, president of the Woman's Civic Improvement club, and Dr. R. E. Poston, chairman of the war recreation committee, all of whom responded with brief talks.

Lieutenant Colonel Tabscott spoke for the Camp White contingent, commending Ashland for its hospitable spirit and praising the lithia water. He stated that the friendly spirit of this city is helping lighten the burden of training and is appreciated by all of the camp personnel. A feature of the program was the singing and stunting of Pvt. Don Safford of Camp White. Safford is no novice, has a good voice and is as much at home on the stage as a professional. He is a Portland boy and a graduate of Franklin high school.

Winner of the archery contest for the afternoon was Cpl. J. R. Esparza, medical corps, Camp White, with a perfect score. He was awarded a blue ribbon. A community sing, led by Cay Huffman, brought out hearty response from soldiers and civilians. On the evening before a large crowd of young people enjoyed the regular Saturday evening dancing. One of the highlights of the program was a feature dance by Isabelle Green and Mourne Burton with Mrs. Harley Duffield at the piano.

DINNER FOR VICAR
A parish dinner honoring the new vicar of Trinity Episcopal church, Rev. A. H. MacDonnell, will be served Sunday immediately following the morning prayer. If the weather permits the dinner will be served in the Hal McNair garden, if not then in the parish house. Mrs. Horace Badger is in charge of the dinner, assisted by Miss Louise Woodruff and Miss Lydia McCall.

GOES TO OKLAHOMA
R. W. Putney, radio technician third class, has been transferred from Bremerton, Wash., to Stillwater Okla., where he will take a three months course at the A. & M. college. Dick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Putney, 125 Nob Hill.

FLYING TO PORTLAND
Mrs. Hal McNair will fly to Portland Friday to attend a reception for the grand worthy matron of the Order of Eastern Star. She will return Sunday morning by plane.

Why Not Close Town to Help With Harvesting of Fruit?

Orchardists of the valley are crying for pickers and other help in caring for the fruit harvest. There is talk of postponing opening of schools until this labor shortage is filled.

Other towns and small cities of the state have faced this problem in a genuine spirit of sacrifice by closing business houses and turning out in large numbers to assist the orchardists and gardeners. If it can be done in Salem, for instance, without disrupting business, could it not be done in Ashland and other towns of the Rogue River valley? The sacrifice would not be great. Those turning out to pick fruit would get wages and business houses closing for that purpose would be more than compensated in the gesture of good will, to say nothing of the financial gain. On the other hand, lack of sufficient help may cause a definite loss of income to business concerns of the valley.

Remember these are different times; and they call for ferent methods.

VISITS KLAMATH FALLS

Miss Louise Woodruff took advantage of the Labor day holiday to visit her brother and family in Klamath Falls. Another brother, Charles Woodruff accompanied by his family, came down from Prineville for the brief vacation.

AT CRESCENT CITY

Mrs. Margaret Rush and son "Skip," and Mrs. Rush's father, W. J. Dougherty, left the first of the week for Crescent City for a week's vacation. They expect to return to Ashland Sunday.

At 68 He Got in the Scrap—So Can You



On a 14-acre farm in southern Ohio, Alpha Etter, 68, gathered together a whole wagon-load of scrap and hauled it to a junk dealer in town. He was paid regular prices for the scrap, of course, but Farmer Etter did something for America, too. Scrap iron and steel are urgently needed by steel mills. Every bit of old metal, from an auto body to an old-fashioned flat-iron, can be used to make munitions for our boys at the battlefronts. Do your part and get the junk and scrap from your farm or yard, store or warehouse.

Delayed School Opening Seen if Crop Aid Needed

Board Cons Situation At Regular Meeting Tuesday Evening

If it is necessary to delay opening of school the Ashland authorities stand ready to meet the situation. This developed at the regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening when the possibility of such a move was advanced by Supt. T. J. Norby. An effort is being made to ascertain labor needs in the fruit industry by means of a survey of the various orchards in the district. If this survey shows a strong enough demand for student labor a delay in opening school will be recommended.

School is scheduled to open Sept. 21 and will do so unless orchard demands are such that considerable numbers of students will be needed.

These are troublesome days for the city superintendent so far as teacher hiring is concerned. One day the faculty roster is almost filled and the next day there will be new vacancies. At the Tuesday evening meeting, Supt. Norby reported that all vacancies with the exception of a science and mathematics teacher had been filled. He requested that anyone interested in teaching get in touch with the school office for emergency needs.

Resignations by recently elected teachers were reported. Ed Starr, employed to fill Mr. Smith's position at the Washington school, stated that he soon would be called for military service and wanted to give the board opportunity to hire a successor. Elsie Strauss, teacher at Lone Pine school near Medford the past few years, was elected to fill the vacancy.

Patricia Bryant stated to the board that she wished to be with her husband, who is in the service, and resigned her position as commercial teacher. Her place will be filled by Mrs. Vera Hostetler, graduate of Vancouver high school and had a secretarial science course at Washington State college, and Mrs. Reba Eberhart of this city, graduate of University of Oregon with teaching experience in Oregon schools.

Roland Parks has been retained as head football coach, to be assisted by Jerry Gastineau, head basketball coach. This arrangement will last for the duration as Al Simpson, regular football coach is on leave while serving with the armed forces.

Lions Hold Meeting In New Quarters

Fried chicken formed the piece de resistance at the Lions club dinner Tuesday evening, served at the Episcopal parish house by Mrs. Celia Berninghausen. Members present enjoyed the meal so much they called for a repetition of the menu for next Tuesday.

Since the closing of the Lithia hotel dining room forced the club to look elsewhere for a meeting room, a committee appointed to choose quarters decided on the parish house and this was found very satisfactory. Arrangements have been made to use the parish house for one month and if every one is satisfied with the experiment it probably will become permanent quarters.

Aside from the regular business, the club indulged in singing for 30 minutes and there were no protests from the neighbors.

Two soldiers from Camp White, both of whom having previously enjoyed the hospitality of the Lions, were guests Tuesday evening. They were David Garcia and Erich Paul Ginsch.