

**STATE CAPITAL NEWS**

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Salem.—Oregon farmers will be more dependent upon women for the harvesting of their crops next year than ever before, it was revealed at a conference in Salem this week between representatives of grower organizations and officials of the state employment service. With the nation's armed forces and the defense industries absorbing more and more of the available man power women will be expected to take up the burden of the home front, employment service officials pointed out. A committee of growers was appointed to investigate the problem of transporting helpers to the harvest fields and plans were made for a survey of women who will be available for work next year.

Old age, alcoholism and syphilis are the three principal contributing factors to insanity, according to records of the Oregon State hospital. Approximately one-fifth of the institution's male patients are there because of too much drink. Syphilis which is the principal contributing cause in approximately seven per cent of the hospital's cases has shown a decrease of approximately 50 per cent in the past decade. While between 800 and 1000 new patients are being admitted to the institution each year the population of the hospital shows only a small gain each year due to rapid cure of many of the patients.

Representatives of the cooperative flax processing plants at Canby, Mt. Angel, St. Paul and Springfield conferred with members of the state board of control this week relative to the establishment of a uniform price for flax fibre. While No. 1 fibre which a few years ago was

bringing only 27 cents a pound is now selling at 60 cents a pound some of the cooperatives felt that Oregon processors, including the state prison plant, should take advantage of the present emergency to boost the price still higher. Board of control members expressed the fear that higher prices might result in the use of flax substitutes and kill the market which has been built up for this commodity on which Oregon has a virtual monopoly in the United States.

While architects continue to push the plans for the new treatment hospital at the state institution for mentally diseased, board of control members are fearful that construction of this much needed improvement may have to be postponed until labor and material prices recede from their present high level. Construction costs have advanced substantially since the legislature authorized the expenditure of \$325,000 for this improvement. Only last week the board rejected all bids on a garage building for the eastern Oregon hospital at Pendleton when these were found to exceed estimated costs and a few weeks ago bids on a new cottage at the school for the blind were thrown out for the same reason.

Members of the state legislature will find the ventilating systems in the house and senate chambers greatly improved when they return to the capitol for the next session. An engineer employed by the board of control to investigate the condition about which the lawmakers have complained loudly ever since their first session in the new building found that the fault lay in the type of valve used in the system. Instead of holding the temperature at a uniform level this valve now in use throws alternate currents of hot and cold air into the rooms to the great discomfort of the legislature and their assistants. The remedy, the engineer has reported, is simple and inexpensive.

More than 28,000 Oregon workmen now employed in logging camps, lumber mills and the building trades will be out of work by March 15 unless the OPM can be persuaded to ease up on its recent priorities

ruling striking at non-defense construction, L. C. Stoll, director of the state employment service declared at a conference here last week called by Governor Sprague to consider the threatened curtailment of the state's lumber and building industry.

The OPM order, which is being protested by Governor Sprague, freezes essential materials such as nails, wire and plumbing hardware, for defense uses. Announcement of the freezing order, it was testified resulted in an immediate slump in orders for lumber. Lumber operators from the Coos Bay, Columbia river and Willamette valley areas declared that the effect of the order was already resulting in curtailment of operations with some mills discontinuing the night shift while others plan to shorten their work week to three or four days.

Judd Greenman, Vernonia lumberman and member of the governor's economic council, criticized the OPM order as bureaucratic bungling and declared that there was plenty of the restricted essential materials for all needs.

At a meeting in Portland Tuesday an eight-man committee appointed by the governor made plans for carrying the fight against the OPM order to Washington.

There may be a threatened shortage of paper in this country but apparently Uncle Sam's bureaucrats are not aware of it. Last week just as national defense week was drawing to a close the state office of civilian defense received from Washington office of OPM a box weighing 240 pounds. Opened it was found to contain several thousand large posters printed on heavy paper advertising "National Defense Week." Too late to use the shipment represents a total loss—an example of extravagance and waste that is typical of federal bureaus. Not only did the shipment represent a waste of paper but the shipment cost the taxpayers \$31.75 in express charges on top of the cost of printing the posters. Similar, if somewhat smaller shipments were received at each county defense headquarters and at many cities of the state which are organized under the civilian defense program and it is a safe guess that this example of bureaucratic bungling was repeated in every state of the union.

Henry Semon, Klamath county potato king and state representative from that county, thinks the state should build up a sizeable reserve fund out of surplus income tax revenues against the time when the bottom drops out of the present boom and the people will not be as able to pay taxes as they are now. Semon was in Salem this week attending a conference on agricultural employment.

Oregon's new state librarian, Miss Eleanor Sharpless Stephens arrived last week to take over her new duties. Miss Stephens comes to Oregon from Los Angeles where she was on the staff of the Los Angeles county library.

Joe Wilson, Newport republican, is the first candidate to file for a seat in the state legislature. Wilson wants to represent Lincoln county in the house.

**Citizenship Campaign Introduced Here**

University of Oregon, Eugene, Nov. 19.—Every high school senior in Heppner will this week be given a copy of "Calling the Youth of the Nation," a 30-page pamphlet just released by the state system of higher education in cooperation with the state department of education and the state curriculum committee according to announcement of the

school of education at the University of Oregon.

A recent survey made by the educational policies commission of the teaching of democracy and citizenship in American high schools revealed an incomplete understanding of democratic way of life on the part of high school boys and girls.

When asked what democracy meant to them, only 27 per cent voluntarily recognized their obligations and responsibilities. They were completely loyal and anxious to defend it, but there was need for more thorough and systematic instruction as to the nature of the social, political and economic system which they are asked to defend.

"Calling the Youth of the Nation" is a simplified high school version of the latest publication of the educational policies which attempts to provide the fundamental understandings of democracy today and to analyze the dangers which threaten it.

The book was prepared by Hugh B. Wood, professor of education at the University of Oregon; Paul F. Potter, vice-principal of Eugene high school, and Howard J. Akers, Roosevelt junior high school at Eugene. The educational commission thinks so highly of the book that it is being reprinted for national distribution from its offices in Washington.

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Linda K. Smith, Plaintiff vs. Thomas Franklin Smith, Defendant. To Franklin K. Smith, the above named defendant:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled Court and cause within four weeks of the date of first publication of this summons, and if you fail to so appear or answer, for want thereof, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for relief as prayed for in said complaint; to-wit: For a decree of divorce dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between plaintiff and defendant and granting the plaintiff an absolute decree of divorce from the defendant.

This summons is served upon you by publication thereof for a period of four consecutive weeks, in the Heppner Gazette Times by order of the Honorable Bert Johnson, Judge of the County Court of Morrow County, State of Oregon, which said order was made and entered on the 17th day of November, 1941, and the first date of publication of this summons is the 20th day of November, 1941.

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