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League Speakers Bring Late Word Of World Situation

Evans, Dubach Draw Large Assemblages; Facts Pertinent

R. M. Evans, national director of AAA, told more than 700 listeners at Saturday morning's session of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League conference here that "food will win the war." That was the day before Japan invaded the United States; two days before the United States declared war on Japan.

Both his address, brought first hand from a recent visit in England, and that of Dr. U. G. Dubach before the Friday banquet crowd of 600 on "The World Situation," proved almost prophetic of the immediate future. Dr. Dubach, who teaches South American history at Oregon State college said both Germany and Japan had prepared the way for world invasion through agricultural colonization of foreign countries, that there are 200,000 such Japanese in Brazil.

Also the address of E. B. McNaughton, president of First National bank of Portland on Friday afternoon on "After the War What," proved timely in stressing the need for clear heads to avert quagmires of dictatorial government in the days ahead.

Mr. Evans spoke soberly, convincingly as he asserted that agriculture through AAA is prepared to raise an abundance of all foods and asserted that the same foresight on the part of industry would have obviated

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Defense Bulletins

(From Oregon State Defense Council)

BLACKOUTS

Coordinators of all county defense councils west of the Cascades have received this wire: "Blackout 12:30 every night until further notice. Keep tuned to local radio or KIRO, Seattle, after dark for possible flash announcement of earlier emergency blackout. Orders from Second Interceptor Command need not be confirmed by this office."

Blackouts east of Cascades not yet contemplated but County Defense Councils are instructed to make necessary preparations for same in city areas and around industrial operations and public utilities.

Highway and city traffic during precautionary blackouts will be restricted to emergency vehicles, trucks engaged in necessary hauling, and such private cars as may be essential in transporting workers to and from employment. These must be equipped with dimming devices.

Dark oilcloth or rubber masks or hoods may be attached securely to head and tail lights with a horizontal slit in the lower portion about 1/2 inch by 3 inches, covered inside with blue cellophane, for city driving.

AIR RAIDS

During an air raid, every person should remain indoors. All vehicular traffic must cease, except emergency fire, police and first aid cars. Automobiles should proceed to curb and lights should be extinguished.

Traffic jams, panic, confusion must be avoided at all costs.

FOOD CONTAMINATION

There is no occasion for concern as to possible contamination of milk, water supplies, fresh vegetables, fruit, etc. The State Agricultural department has taken every precaution throughout the state to safeguard against any tampering with food supplies. Rumors now being circulated should be discounted by housewives but any suspicious circumstances should be reported to agricultural agents or local defense council coordinators.

With No More Boys To Give, Wehmeyer Pleads for Enlistments

Fred Wehmeyer's four boys are all in the service, the youngest being now home on furlough from his naval training station at San Diego. He is too old to go himself, though he saw navy service in the Spanish-American war. He says:

Hell is on the loose. Our armed forces are out there in the Pacific and Atlantic giving and taking blows. After the smoke clears we can depend on it that they gave a little more than they took. We must remember that our armed forces are neither invincible nor infallible, but that our boys will be there giving their lives to the last man if necessary in the defense of our homes, country and ideals. So, don't be prone to criticize temporary reverses and staggering losses. We are in this war with all the forces of evil now in the ascendancy, but ultimate victory will be won. Not tomorrow, as we should hope, but at tremendous sacrifice over what may be a period of years, and at ghastly sacrifice to each and every one of us.

Our local defense council is on the job and will inform us as to personal conduct in times of emergency, blackout and air raid signals, first aid, school evacuation and additional policing.

Now our navy is in need of men. Not tomorrow, next year or some other time, but now. Every man physically qualified between the ages of 18 and 50 who is not more vitally needed for industry and agriculture and whose home obligations would warrant leaving for the duration of the war should give this serious consideration.

Governor Proclaims State Defense Status

Governor Charles A. Sprague has issued the following proclamation:

Whereas, a state of war has been declared to exist between the United States of America and the Japanese Empire; and whereas, the Oregon National Guard is in active Federal service; and whereas, it therefore becomes my duty as Chief Executive and Commander-in-Chief of the military forces of the State of Oregon to take such steps as may be necessary to safeguard the lives and property of the citizens of Oregon; and whereas, provision must be made for fixing responsibility for the coordination and the direction of the efforts of the military establishment, law enforcement machinery, and volunteer civilian defense organizations;

Now, therefore, I, Charles A. Sprague, under the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Oregon and Director of Civilian Defense, declare an unlimited emergency to exist and

(1) Authorize and direct the voluntary enrollment of a State Guard pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 91, Oregon Laws 1941, and hereby appoint Brigadier General Alvin C. Baker commander thereof;

(2) Designate the Superintendent of State Police to coordinate, supervise and direct the activities of all regular peace and other law enforcement officers of this state in all matters and respects touching the needs and measures for state and civilian defense in cooperation with the armed forces of the United States;

(3) Authorize the State Defense Coordinator to direct and complete the voluntary civilian defense organizations of this state and to expedite the enrollment and training of persons for civilian protection services.

(4) I hereby enjoin the people to comply promptly with directions of duly constituted military and civil authorities.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed.

Done in the City of Salem this eighth day of December, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-one.

Russia Seen As Outlet For Much Surplus Wheat

Dodd Message Finds Farmers Responsive to New AAA Plan

When N. E. Dodd, director of western region of AAA, declared the government might now dispose of a considerable quantity of excess wheat to Russia "if we had control of the wheat," one farmer in Friday morning's Eastern Oregon Wheat league audience immediately spoke up. "I will let mine go for the loan right now," he said. Sim Culley, presiding officer hereupon intervened to ask a showing of hands of all farmers of the same opinion. It appeared unanimous.

The day previous the league's agricultural programs committee, with more than 300 attendants, had voted unanimously to stand behind the new amended AAA program, and a sympathetic hearing was given to words of the western chief, himself a wheat farmer from Baker county.

Dodd's picture of the world wheat situation gave little hope for disposal in foreign countries of surplus American wheat with exception of the possible Russian outlet. Canada has its storehouses full and has stocks in the United States as well. In Argentine people are compelled to burn wheat in furnaces, two-thirds wheat to one-third coal at every fuelling, he said, as indication of the situation prevailing in other major wheat producing countries.

He could not predict what might happen at the coming world wheat conference, but believed some attempt at world quotas might be made. Under a quota system proposed each exporting country would be allotted a proportion of the world market, eliminating competition among growing countries for the same markets.

Real concern was shown by growers over the congested condition of present storage facilities in the face of the promise of another good crop year.

Winding up its sessions here Saturday afternoon the league selected La Grande for next year's conference.

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Service of Former Years Recalled in Red Cross Appeal

It is recalled by friends that Mrs. Addie Lee Binns was chairman of Morrow County chapter, American Red Cross one year of World War I, when this county was first over the top in meeting its quota.

Mrs. Binns' heart is still in Morrow county, as she wrote the local chapter from her home in Portland this week (also enclosing check for membership):

"There are many scars left from the first World War; now it seems that the destiny of Democracy must be decided on a foreign battlefield.

"Morrow county will do her part, as she did in 1918. When the records of that war were closed, there was not one slacker in the list of eligible men for the country's defense. She can do as well again."

'Save Scrap Paper' Is Defense Command

Declaring that waste paper is of vast importance in saving raw materials of the nation, Governor Sprague this week called upon the people of Oregon to stop burning it and to save it.

Arrangements will soon be made by the county defense council to assist in collecting the waste paper that it may reach the points of vital use, said J. O. Turner, county defense coordinator.

WAR DECLARED

Following declaration of war upon the United States yesterday by Germany and Italy, it took both houses of congress but a short time today to pass a resolution declaring a state of war existing between the United States and the remaining two axis powers. The United States declared war upon Japan Monday, following an unannounced invasion of United States territory by the yellowmen. The war resolution passed unanimously today has been signed by the president.

The war has been brought home to Heppner. Malbro Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert L. Cox, was last heard from at Midway island, which may now be in the hands of the Japanese, according to official report.

Charles Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cox, was last heard from at Honolulu. He was barracked at Hickam field, attacked by Japanese airmen Sunday. No word has been received.

Jack Pfeiffer, father of Mrs. Orville Smith of this city, arrived in San Francisco yesterday on the Lurline, having missed the Honolulu bombing by two days. He left Honolulu Friday.

Roger Howell, son of Joe Howell of this city, was last heard of from Hickam field, where he was stationed with Uncle Sam's armed forces.

Extra Red Cross Call Asks \$1500 Here To Meet War Need

County Nears Quota in Membership Drive Before New Crisis

With the annual roll call only now nearing its completion, the local chapter of the American Red Cross has received the following telegram from its national headquarters in San Francisco, signed by Norman H. Davis:

"Again the American Red Cross is called upon to serve our nation in war. Both nationally and locally we face vast and definite responsibilities for service to our armed forces and for relief to distressed civilians. To provide essential funds Red Cross today is launching a campaign for war fund of minimum of fifty million dollars. The president will issue on Friday a proclamation supporting this appeal. Your chapter quota is \$1500. Chapters may retain fifteen percent their collections for local war relief expenditures. Chapter should at once devote full efforts to raising their quota in shortest possible time. We must not and shall not fail in this crisis."

Immediately upon receipt of the telegram, James Driscoll, county chapter chairman called the local board members and laid plans for a quick and thorough drive to raise the needed funds. Driscoll said in this respect there is no doubt that whole-hearted cooperation will be forthcoming from all the loyal citizens of the county.

With returns not yet complete, the 1942 Red Cross roll call has reached the total of \$531.80, representing a membership of 483. The quota for the drive was \$547.34, leaving little doubt that sufficient funds now outstanding will make up the difference of \$15.54. Following are comparative figures for the last two years:

	1941	1942
Hardman	\$ 18.00	\$ 17.00
Pine City	3.00	29.00
Cecil	14.00	no returns
Eightmile-Gooseb.	37.00	50.00
Ione	59.30	98.50
Irrigon	10.00	9.00
Lena	10.00	12.00
Lexington	39.50	54.50
Heppner	278.10	258.50
Boardman	no returns	13.30
	\$475.95	\$531.80

County Defense Work Speeded To Meet Emergency

Air Observers, Fire, Police Work Emphasized by Local Group

As 50 unidentified planes were reported off San Francisco Monday evening, Morrow county was preparing to get its defenses brought up to the highest possible point. At 11 o'clock that night Heppner experienced its first war-time blackout.

Impromptu call of Judge Bert Johnson, in absence of Vawter Parker, county defense commander, resulted in a large response. Johnson and J. O. Turner, county defense coordinator led discussion at the meeting in the circuit court room at the courthouse which resulted in immediate organization of the airplane observer, police and fire patrols. Names were selected from the list of volunteers who signed up more than 500 strong some months ago.

Persons who have not so far registered may do so at the office of Frank Turner, it was announced this morning.

Coordinator Turner said that those selected for duty are being notified by letter, and all will be called in shortly for instructions. Other divisions of the defense organization will be manned and trained in the immediate future.

Personnel of the aircraft observers, police and firemen are given as follows:

Aircraft observers: Cecil, Herbert Hynd, Elvin Miller; Morgan, Bert Palmateer, A. Troedson; Ione, Ernest Heliker, Milton Morgan, Henry Peterson; Eightmile, A. W. Lundell, Victor Lovgren; Hardman, Jim Hams, Harry French, Roy Robinson, Clarence Rogers; Heppner, Cleve Van Schoiack, F. E. Parker, Harley Anderson; Lexington, Terrel Benge, O. W. Cutsforth, Ray Dolven, Bill Dougherty, Alex Lindsay, Lonzo Henderson; Butter creek, John Brosnan, Mrs. Percy Hughes, Roy Neill, Mrs. Gladys Corrigan; Irrigon, Mrs. Frank Leicht; Boardman S. C. Russell.

Police reserve: Heppner, Edward Clark, Albert Connor, C. J. D. Bauman, Earle Bryant, Elbert L. Cox, Merle Cummings, Louis C. Dick, Jimmy Driscoll, Cloy Dykstra, Harold Evans, Gene Ferguson, Fred Hoskins, Jr., Don W. Jones, Conley Lanham, R. H. Mahoney, Pat Molahan, Bill Morgan, Leonard R. Schwarz, Logie Richardson, E. H. Miller, John Storrs, Orian Wright; Ione, Roy Lindstrom, Cleo Drake, Erret Hummel, Jim Warfield; Morgan, Elmer Griffith; Cecil, John Krebs.

Fire reserve: Heppner, Frank Anderson, Ralph Beamer, Willard Bake, Howard S. Bryant, C. D. Conrad, William L. Cox, J. V. Crawford R. B. Ferguson, John Fuiten, Edw. Gilliam, Herman Green, Alva W. Jones, Gus Nikander, Frank Connor, L. E. Dick, Jr., Don Evans, Fred Parrish, B. C. Pinckney, Roy Quackenbush, Edward Rugg, Arnold Sharp, Curtis Thomson, Dr. L. D. Tibbles, Thomas Wells, Donald E. Woelfer, Mark Merrill, Martin Clark, Dwight Miller, Kenneth Blake, W. C. Rosewall, R. G. McMurtry.

IRRIGON MAN PASSES

John Bullard, 70, a resident of Irrigon for many years, died at Morrow General hospital in this city Monday morning. He was a native of Illinois and had been in Oregon for 21 year, working as a laborer. Funeral rites were held in Irrigon yesterday with Phelps Funeral home in charge.

POSTOFFICE OPEN TIL 6

Charles B. Cox, postmaster, announces that the local postoffice will remain open until 6 p. m. on Saturdays until Christmas to facilitate mailing of packages.