

STATE CAPITAL NEWS

- Personnel Shifts
- Snell Declaration
- 75,000 Registrants

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Salem.—Promotions, transfers and resignations in the state's official family have come thick and fast this past week.

First there was the assignment of David W. Eccles, executive secretary to the governor, to be state coordinator of wartime industrial production. Simultaneously with this announcement came the announcement that Roy H. Mills, business representative for state institutions was being lifted out of the board of control and placed at the head of the state budget division. Then out of a clear sky came the resignation of Daniel J. Fry as secretary to the board of control and state purchasing agent and with the announcement that the board had accepted Fry's resignation came the further announcement that Mills, previously slated for the post of budget director, would be retained in the board of control in the capacity of secretary with Sam Gillette, veteran employee of the board, promoted to the post of state purchasing agent.

Eccles, in his new post will spend most of his time in Portland and Washington, organizing Oregon's industries for war time production and promoting defense contracts for these industries in order to keep the wheels of industry turning in this state. Mrs. Helen Webster Behar, of the governor's staff, who has been pinch-hitting as secretary to the governor since the governor's secretaries began marching away to the wars some 18 months ago, will now take over the title as well as the responsibilities of this post.

Fry who has served as secretary to the board of control and state purchasing agent since 1935 has accepted an attractive offer from a large eastern drug firm.

The various changes still leaves the post of budget director vacant

and it is understood that the governor is casting about for a competent man to fill this job, one of the most important in the governor's cabinet.

Curiosity seekers will be barred from state hospitals hereafter. Dr. Donald Weir, superintendent of the eastern Oregon hospital at Pendleton told the board of control that the presence of these visitors tended to upset his patients. The board members agreed that the practice of escorting curious sight seers through the hospital wards served no good purpose and the superintendents were authorized to eliminate the "tours." The new policy does not apply to relatives of patients at the state institutions or to other persons with a legitimate reason for inspecting the hospitals.

Ralph H. Peoples, secretary of the Oregon C. I. O., told Governor Sprague at a conference here this week that the members of the state unemployment compensation commission are "unfriendly to the purposes" of the compensation act. Peoples charged that the commission was holding up payment of jobless insurance benefits to hundreds of loggers whose families are in dire need of assistance. Loggers from Forest Grove, Willamina and Molalla supported Peoples' charges of unfair treatment at the hands of the Oregon commission.

Inmates of the Oregon penitentiary are doing their bit in the present world-wide conflict. Warden George Alexander reports that his "boys" have already invested \$10,900 in defense bonds.

The last vestige of doubt as to the political intentions of Secretary of State Earl Snell were removed Saturday when he announced himself as a candidate for the republican nomination for governor. The announcement was not unexpected as it had been anticipated for some time. Snell's formal entry into the gubernatorial race gives the republican voters two candidates from whom to choose, Governor Charles A. Sprague having announced his intention to seek a second term some time ago.

The week was marked by another political development of major im-

portance in the announcement of Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, that he proposed to run again. As a non-partisan candidate Putnam will have to go before the voters in the primary campaign only if another candidate files for this position.

Seventy-five thousand Oregon men are expected to register under the selective service act February 16, in the opinion of Lt. Col. Elmer V. Wooten, state director of selective service. Of this number Wooten estimates that some 12,000 will be young men in the 20-21 year age group with the remainder made up of older men ranging in age from 36 to 44 years. While February 16 has been set as the official registration date with registration places to be open from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m., Wooten points out that arrangements may be made by local boards for registrations on the two days prior to February 16 for the accommodation of workers in defense industries.

Attorney General Van Winkle has advised the state board of control that a legislative act of 1935 authorizing the construction of electric transmission and distribution lines is still operative. The act authorizes the board to make use of funds appropriated for the purchase of light and power in financing construction of the lines. The opinion was given in connection with a proposal of the Bonneville administration to sell the state "juice" at wholesale rates delivering the service at a central point from which the state would have to distribute it to the points of consumption. Since the Bonneville offer was received the board has received a counter proposal from the Portland General Electric company providing for continuation of the present service, delivering the energy to the several state buildings and institutions, at a substantial reduction in rates over those heretofore in effect.

Because of the threatened shortage of men available for fire fighting, State Forester Nelson S. Rogers has recommended to Governor Sprague that Oregon forests be closed to the public earlier than usual this year. Plans are now being worked out for the rapid movement of loggers and mill workers to threatened areas during the coming fire season, Rogers said.

Here is one for Ripley's "Believe It or Not": The only apples available to the public now are those held by the federal surplus commodity corporation. Dr. Donald Wair, superintendent of the state hospital at Pendleton, told the board of control that his federal agency had secured a corner on the northwest's apple supply.

Inmates of the state prison may be set to cutting wood for state institutions if the fuel problem becomes any more serious than it already is. Institutions depending on wood for fuel are finding it almost impossible to replenish their rapidly dwindling supply.

RODMAN GOES TO SERVICE

Millard Rodman, district Soil Conservation service supervisor for the last two years after leaving the position of superintendent of the local SCS project, announced that he will report for service in the army on February 11, going into the infantry. He was in the city the first of the week with two SCS officials from Spokane, attending to business matters.

NOTICE OF SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY

By virtue of an ORDER OF THE COUNTY COURT, dated January 14, 1942, I am authorized and directed to advertise and sell at public auction at not less than the minimum price herein set forth:

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Farmers Advised on Income Tax Reports

Many farmers will be liable for filing income tax returns and payment of tax for the first time this year. The term "farmers" includes livestock raisers, fruit and truck growers, and operators of plantations and ranches.

Farmers may maintain their records and file their returns of income on either the cash receipts and disbursements basis or on the accrual basis of accounting. A consistent method must, however, be employed. If a cash basis is used, Form 1040F, "Schedule of Farm Income and Expenses," is required to be filled out and filed in conjunction with Form 1040.

Deductions from gross income may be made by farmers as necessary expenses, all amounts expended (other than those constituting capital expenditures) in carrying on the business of farming. Deductions for expenses include such items as cost of feeding and raising livestock (except the value of farm produce grown upon the farm and the labor of the taxpayer); cost of seed, minor repairs to farm buildings (other than the dwelling of the farmer); small tools used up in the course of a year or two; fuel and oil used for farm work; repairs and maintenance of farm machinery; hired laborers and hired machines, and cost of commercial fertilizers the benefit of which is of short duration.

The cost of farm machinery, equipment and farm buildings; amounts expended in the development of farms, orchards and ranches, as well as the amounts expended in the restoration of soil fertility preparatory to actual production of crops and the cost of liming soil to increase productivity over a period of years are capital expenditures.

Losses incurred in the operation of farms as business enterprises are deductible from gross income. If livestock has been purchased for any purpose, and afterwards dies from disease, exposure or injury, or is killed by order of the authorities of a state or the United States, the actual purchase price of such livestock, less any depreciation allowable as a deduction in respect of such perished livestock, may be deducted as a loss if the loss is not compensated for by insurance or otherwise.

If gross income is ascertained by the use of inventories, no deduction can be taken separately for livestock or products lost during the year.

CORRECTION

In last week's paper it was mistakenly reported that the Thespian club of Heppner high would present three one-act plays on February 10. The date should have been Wednesday, February 18. Prices will be 15, 25 and 35 cents.

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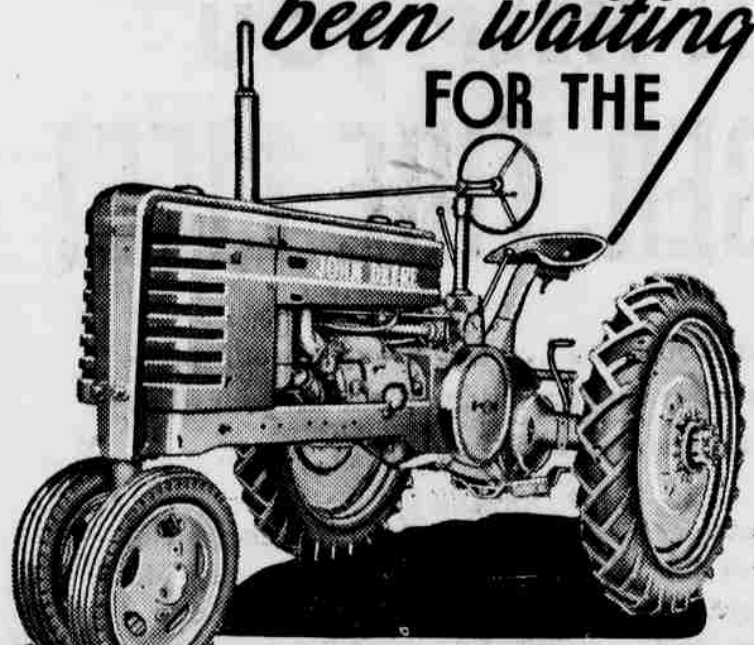
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