

## STATE CAPITAL NEWS

- Lowered Loans
- Forest Closing
- Tax Reconciliation

By A. L. LINDBECK

Salem.—Outstanding loans of the World War Veterans' State Aid commission were reduced by more than \$1,000,000—from \$8,355,104 to \$7,144,680—during 1941, according to the annual report of Jerrold Owen, executive secretary.

During the same period the commission reduced its property holdings from \$2,725,853 to \$2,097,726, the report shows.

The State Land Board has agreed to sell or lease approximately 100,000 acres of state school lands in central and southeastern Oregon to the war department for use as gunnery ranges. If the department decides to buy the land they can have it at \$2.50 an acre or the board will lease the land at the rate of three cents an acre per year. The land is contained in two tracts, one located in Malheur and Harney counties and the other in Lake and Klamath counties.

Giving ill health as the reason, Brigadier General Alvin C. Baker has resigned his command of the Oregon State Guard and Governor Sprague has promoted Colonel Ralph P. Cowgill to the post as head of the new guard organization.

Paving the way to more rigid control over Oregon's timbered areas during the war emergency Attorney General Van Winkle this week ruled that the governor and state forester are vested with ample authority to bar all persons from entering forest areas except those with legitimate business therein. The attorney general's opinion held that the governor and state forester may determine, within reasonable limits, the persons or business of persons permitted to enter forested areas and

the requirements to be observed by those permitted to enter. Absolute closure of forests is also permitted by statute, the opinion pointed out, when such a measure is regarded as necessary to the protection of life or property.

Consumption of alcoholic liquors is on the increase in Oregon, according to the annual reports of the State Liquor Control commission. During 1941 432,802 cases of hard liquor were sold by state liquor stores and agencies compared to 388,057 cases in 1940, an increase of 11.53 percent, the report shows. Beer sales increased from 11,515,911 gallons in 1940 to 12,883,179 in 1941, an increase of 11.87 percent while the same period saw an increase of 15.31 percent in the consumption of wine—from 800,385 gallons in 1940 to 922,916 gallons in 1941.

Reports to the effect that cigarette tax revenues may be turned over to the Red Cross or some similar agency are without foundation so far as funds in the hands of the state are concerned. State officials point out that they have no authority to dispose of this money, except to make legitimate refunds. Disposition of cigarette tax monies still in the hands of dealers and distributors is a matter over which the state apparently has no control inasmuch as there was no law authorizing their collection in the first place.

The Board of Control has approved a proposal made by Warden Alexander that inmates of the penitentiary be employed in cutting wood for state institutions. Alexander estimates that by employing prison labor wood can be laid down at the institutions at a cost of approximately \$4 a cord including payment of 50 cents a day to the convicts for their labor.

Oregon property owners are experiencing considerable confusion in their efforts to reconcile the current tax statements with advance announcements that the recent levy would cover only a six month period. Instead of a tax statement calling for the payment of an amount approximately one-half as large as that which they paid a year ago most property owners find their

current tax levy ranging between 60 and 70 percent of the 1941 levy on the same piece of property. This is accounted for by the fact that while most tax levying bodies—state, counties and cities—did levy for only a six month period school district levies in all but a few districts—approximately 16—cover an entire year. This is due to the fact that school districts have been on a fiscal year—June to June—basis. That is the school levy included in the current statement from June, 1941 to June, 1942. Heretofore much of the school tax money has been coming in after the close of the fiscal year for which it was levied. With the current levy payable in two installments instead of four as heretofore this condition is being corrected in the general readjustment of the tax system to a fiscal year instead of a calendar year basis. The next tax levy to be made in July and which becomes payable in November will cover the fiscal year from July 1, 1942, to June 30, 1943, for all tax levying bodies including school districts.

Plans for a substantial increase in the Oregon State Guard were revealed by Governor Charles A. Sprague in a state-wide broadcast Sunday night. Details of the plan, the governor said, are being worked out by Colonel Ralph P. Cowgill, commander of the Guard regiment but it will include the organization of a number of new rifle companies. Some of these new units will be located in eastern Oregon which up to this time has no representation in the new guard organization.

A total of 73,186 Oregon men between the ages of 20 and 44 were included in the latest registration, according to Colonel Elmer V. Wooten, state director of selective service.

Oregon with an annual death rate from tuberculosis of less than 30 per 100,000 of population is making satisfactory progress in the fight to stamp out this disease, Dr. G. C. Bellinger told the state board of control this week. The national average, Bellinger said, is 50 per 100,000. Whereas the percentage of deaths from this disease was highest among young women and young men ten years ago, men in middle life are now providing the most victims, according to Bellinger, who explained this condition as due to the fact that men in this age group are too busy to make the sacrifices necessary to proper treatment of the disease.

Roy Hendrickson, Uncle Sam's No. 1 buyer discussed marketing and distribution problems with more than 200 Oregon producers and processors at a conference in Salem this week. Hendrickson, a former Iowa newspaper man is now head of the government's Agricultural Marketing administration.

Thirty drunken drivers arrested by state police in January paid fines aggregating \$1580 and in addition were sentenced to an aggregate of 1088 days in jail, according to the monthly report of Superintendent Chas. P. Pray. Failure to display 1942 license plates resulted in the arrest of 482 motorists who paid fines totalling \$977.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES, For the District of Oregon.

IN THE MATTER OF Cecil Wise, Bankrupt; No. B-26632 in Bankruptcy.

Notice is hereby given to all creditors than on the 7th day of January A. D. 1942, Cecil Wise of Heppner, Oregon, the bankrupt above named, was duly adjudicated bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held in Office of Referee, West-Jacobson Building, La Grande, Oregon, on the 7th day of March, 1942, at 10:00 A. M., at which time said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

Claims may be presented in form required by the bankrupt act and sworn to. The schedule filed disclose no assets, \$975.56 liabilities, \$65.00 exemptions claimed.

Dated La Grande, Oregon, February 20, 1942.

H. E. DIXON,  
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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of M. J. Devin, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Morrow, and has accepted such trust. All persons having claims against the estate of M. J. Devin are requested to file the same with the executrix at the office of J. O. Turner in Heppner, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Date of first publication January 29, 1942.

DESSA HOFSTETTER,  
Executrix.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned was duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County, Administrator of the estate of Oscar Davis, deceased, and all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased, are hereby required to present the same with proper vouchers duly verified to the said Administrator at the law office of Frank W. King, Platt Building, Portland, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated and first published this 19th day of February, 1942.

HOMER LEE DAVIS,  
Administrator.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned was duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County, Administrator of the estate of Emmett L. Ayers, deceased, and all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased, are hereby required to present the same with proper vouchers duly verified to the said Administrator at the law office of P. W. Mahoney, Heppner, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated and first published this 12th day of February, 1942.

PIRL L. HOWELL,  
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### NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of William T. Reynolds deceased, has filed with the County Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County, his final account of his administration of the estate of said deceased, and that said court has fixed Monday, the 9th day of March, 1942, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon of said day as the time for hearing objections to said final account and the settlement of said estate, and all persons having objections thereto are hereby required to file the same with said court on or before the time set for said hearing.

Dated and first published this 5th day of February, 1942.

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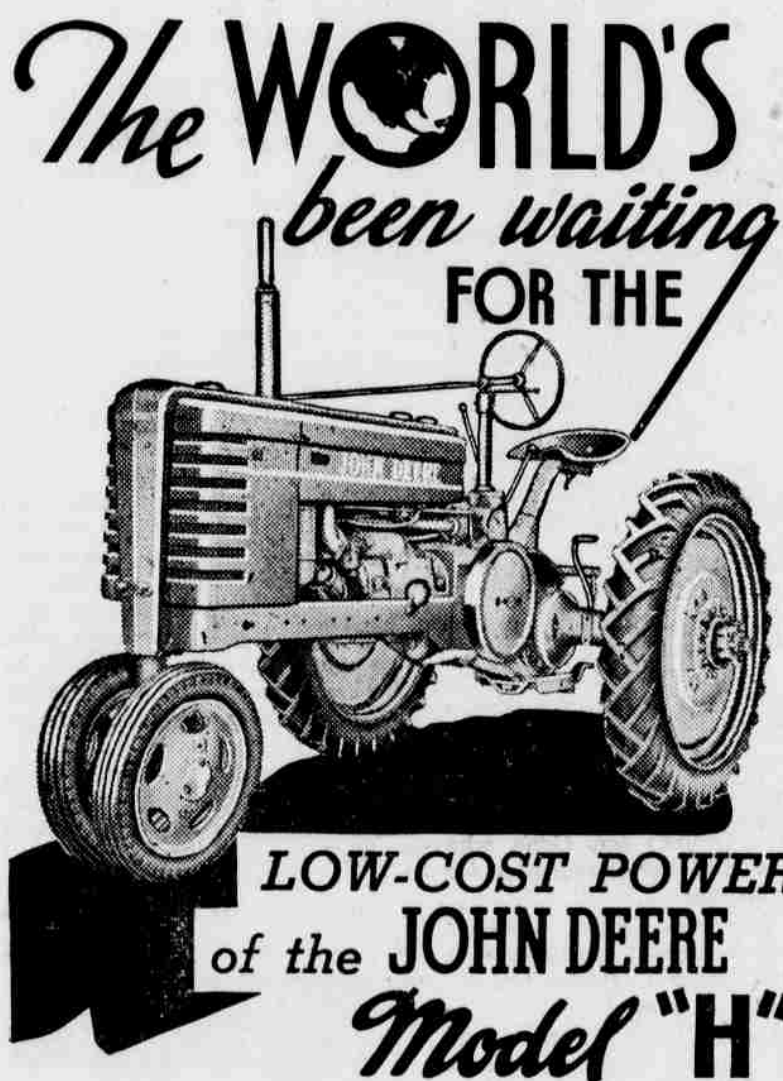
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