

STATE CAPITAL NEWS

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By A. L. LINDBECK

Salem.—If it should become necessary to evacuate citizens from western Oregon plans have already been completed for meeting the emergency so far as food supplies are concerned. Elmer Goudy, state relief administrator, who has been entrusted with this phase of the evacuation problem, has advised Governor Sprague that food warehouses have been established at Portland, Eugene and Roseburg and that the Portland warehouse has already been stocked. Establishment of similar warehouses in three other cities is also contemplated, Goudy reported.

In the event of an emergency these food supplies will be distributed by the state and county welfare commissions, American Red Cross and other agencies.

Goudy said that services of all officials and employees of the state public welfare commission are available for all civilian defense activities if and when required.

Accidents at railroad grade crossings increased from 247 in 1940 to 337 in 1941 and injuries from this type of accident increased proportionately from 63 to 94, it was revealed in a report compiled by Ormond R. Bean, public utilities commissioner. This too, in spite of the fact that there were 74 fewer grade crossings—74 fewer opportunities for such accidents in Oregon in 1941 than there were in 1940. Most of the accidents at grade crossings resulted when motor vehicles crashed into standing or moving trains. Indicative of the factor of recklessness involved in this type of accident, Bean's report shows that the greatest percentage of these crashes involved persons between the ages of 19 and 21 years.

An opinion handed down by the

state supreme court last week involving the payment of unemployment compensation to an employee of the Puget Sound Bridge and Dredging company is expected to have very far reaching effects. The company contested the payment of benefits to the employee on the ground that he was engaged in work on a navigable stream and was therefore not within the jurisdiction of the Oregon Unemployment Compensation commission. The high court, however, ruled that while the employee was engaged in work on a dredge on a navigable stream he was not a member of the crew of the dredge and was therefore entitled to compensation when he lost his job. It is believed that this ruling will apply to several thousand persons similarly employed.

Twenty-eight percent of the brokers and 18 percent of the real estate salesmen who applied for state licenses in May failed to pass their tests, according to Claude H. Murphy, state real estate commissioner, who announced the names of 17 brokers and 20 salesmen who did pass the test.

Oregon ranks 14th among the states in defense training enrollments to March 1, according to reports received by O. I. Paulson, state director for vocational education. Paulson said that more than 46,900 persons had been trained for defense jobs in this state up to March 1.

David Eccles, former executive secretary to Governor Sprague, has resigned his job as chairman of the interim committee for industrial development. Eccles gave as his reason for quitting the fact that the state emergency board had refused to give his group any money with which to carry on an investigation of the state tax system.

The Senior Citizens Annuity Committee, sponsors of a proposed state old age insurance system, have abandoned attempts to get their measure before the voters at the next general election in November. Instead they will go before the legislature in an effort to have it enacted into law at the next session. Lack of time in which to complete their petitions was given as the reason

PINE CITY NEWS

By BERNICE WATTENBURGER

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Moore are the parents of a son born May 29. He has been named Gary Moore.

A. V. Strain of Weiser, Idaho, spent from Thursday until Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. Burl Wattenburger. He went to Portland Sunday afternoon to visit his son, Alvin Strain.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wattenburger and sons, Pasco, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wattenburger.

Miss Marie Healy of Portland spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Healy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ebson of Alpine called Sunday at the H. C. Vogler ranch.

Miss Betty Finch is working at the Frank Saling home for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Sethers and daughter of Seattle spent the Memorial day week end with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bartholomew. Miss Frances Finch returned home with them for a two weeks visit at Estacada.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Cox and family of Haines spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wattenburger and family. Mrs. Cox says her brother, Lowell Young has joined

for abandoning the initiative measure. It is understood that the measure will have the backing of the Grange, Farmers Union and a large group of teachers.

Petitions for six other proposed initiative measures are now being circulated and must be completed by July 2 if the measures are to find a place on the November ballot.

One of these proposed initiative measures provides for the outright repeal of the milk control act. This measure is sponsored by John Waterhouse of Portland.

Another, sponsored by the Associated Employers of Oregon and known as the "hot cargo" bill is designs to outlaw secondary boycotts.

A third, sponsored by Herman C. Dekker and others of Portland, would amend the state constitution to provide for tax exemption on homes up to \$2000 of true cash value.

A fourth measure which has the backing of the Oregon State Teachers' association, seeks to divert all revenue from income tax levies in excess of \$7,750,000 a year to the support of the public school system as an off-set to taxes otherwise levied against property.

The other two proposed measures deal with some phase of the old age assistance problem.

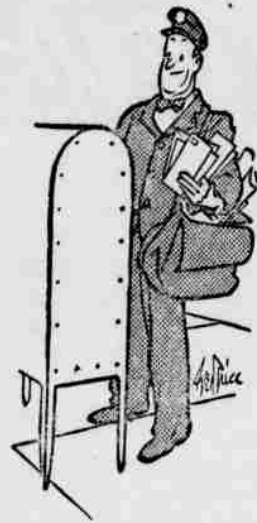
One, sponsored by E. C. Allen of Portland, would levy a tax of five percent against corporation dividends to provide unemployment compensation of \$15 a week for Oregon ex-service men following the present war. Any surplus in the fund would be transferred to the old-age assistance fund.

The other measure proposes a complete reorganization of the present public welfare set-up by abolishing the office of administrator, requiring that all members of the state public welfare commission be selected by the governor from members of county courts and eliminating the four appointive members of the county welfare commissions. This measure would also repeal the provision in the present law which makes a near relative, if financially able, responsible for the care of a needy aged person who would otherwise be eligible to public assistance. This measure is sponsored by the Old-Age Beneficiaries, Inc.

Forty-eight persons lost their lives in fires in Oregon during 1941, according to the annual report of Seth B. Thompson, state fire marshal. Fires resulted in injuries to 21 persons during the year, Thompson's report shows. Insured fire losses for the year totalled \$3,309,165, a reduction of 3.9 percent from the ten year average. Losses by fire in rural and farm areas amounted to \$1,345,261, an increase of \$54,080 over the 1940 record.

Ben Titus, who has been acting director of the state highway commission travel bureau since Harold Say was called into service by the navy a year ago, has been granted a leave of absence in order to accept a position with the federal war industries division.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Currin of Lena and Hugh Currin, Sr., of Pilot Rock went to Eugene for the graduation of the Currin boys, and Mrs. George Currin is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Harrison and son Johnny.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Akers of Hamilton spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Burl Wattenburger.

Bill Westermeyer and Miss Hazel Ritchie and Mrs. Mary Ritchie spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Ayers.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Vogler and son Bobby spent the week end in Pullman, attending graduation exercises for their daughter, Miss Helen Vogler.

Charley Moorehead left Wednesday for Ellensburg, Wash., to move his family over to the Roy Neill home. He has rented the ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Young and son of The Dalles spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Bill McCarty.

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