



Washington, D. C., March 25—There are 562,689 males in Oregon. On the farms there were 141,569. In the rural areas but not on farms were 158,862. Such was the manpower less than three years ago. Since then selective service has dipped in and removed thousands the exact number being something of a military secret. The draft age strength of Oregon (18 to 38) was 229,358 and from this should be subtracted several thousand who are in the army, the navy, marines, and coast guard. The percentage of rejections for physical reasons has not been stated.

Manpower of draft age on Oregon farms was 53,812. Possibly 50 percent of these have disappeared, swallowed up in military forces or in the war industries. One of the problems which has been worrying congress is how to keep farm labor on the farms. It is generally admitted that if a farm laborer is given a deferment to work on a farm he cannot be frozen there. If this is America, and being a free citizen he can desert the farm for a war industry where the pay is better. As an alternative the suggestion is made that as long as he is needed on the farm and remains there he will be deferred, but if he leaves for a war industry he will be picked up there and placed in uniform.

There is talk too, of raiding married men and sending them into service. There are in Oregon, on farms, 25,252 married men below the age of 34 years.

What is not generally appreciated is that only California and Washington paid higher farm wages last year than did Oregon. The difference between Washington and Oregon wages was 15 cents a day, without board. California farmers paid 42 cents a day more than Oregon, also without board. When Oregon and Washington farmers were paying \$3.09 and \$3.24 a day (dozens of states pay only \$1.86) and shipyards were paying \$1 and more an hour, it was almost impossible to keep labor on the farms. War industries won whenever there was a contest with farms for labor.

Here is the value of the leading industries of Oregon (not including war industries): Lumber, \$140,149,023; food products, \$27,320,006; paper products, \$25,603,632; meat products, \$1724,445; dairy products \$16,955,347 printing and publishing \$13, 531, 929; iron and steel, \$11,503,339; bakeries \$10,682,384. Wages paid by various industries were: Lumber, \$46,116,398; paper products, \$4,085,403; wood products, \$3,426,966; canned foods, \$3,281, 605; printing and publishing, \$2,557,431; bakeries \$2,212,623; machinery and tools, \$2,025,918; iron and steel, \$1,534,671; woolens \$1,347,737.

On the picturesque coast of Oregon, at Port Orford, near Battle Rock, the government is to build a class airport which will cost \$865,000 and will probably be well over a million by the time the development is completed. The navy department requested this and civil aeronautics administration has agreed to construct it. It is to be an additional protection of the Oregon coast and will not be far, in flying time, from where a Japanese submarine sent a hydroplane ashore to drop incendiaries in a national forest. The little town of Port Orford is to furnish the land without cost to the government and maintain and operate the field as a public airport. This field will furnish the navy with a land base from which to operate patrols, being theoretically similar to the land base at Tongue Point.

It is estimated that the army will require seven billion pounds of sea food this year to alternate with meat. Harold L. Ickes, secretary of the interior, who has charge of fish and wildlife service, declares that the goal of seven billion will be short by more than three billion pounds. Not all of this seafood will of course, be salmon, but a substantial amount will come from the Columbia river. Secretary Ickes is not overly enthusiastic with this year's prospects. He says that the shortage of manpower, the diversion of boats and scarcity of gear will reduce the catch substantially. Alaskan waters will not yield as much salmon as normally because of restrictions by the navy department and the presence of Japanese.

After the unfavorable start of rationing by office of price administration the head man, Prentiss Brown, is trying to make it less unpalatable to the people. He has decided he will not ask for \$24,000,000 to carry his organization to July 1, and has given orders to keep expenses down. He intends to abolish regional offices and have one headquarters in each state, with authority to settle all but the most difficult questions without referring to Washington. The present set-up is 30,000 employees but Brown will toss out a few thousand and depend more on volunteers. Brown was defeated last November for re-election to the senate for being too much of a yes-man. He is now redeveloping a no-complex.

**BOARDMAN NEWS**

**Representatives Go To Farm Labor Meet**

By MARGARET THORPE  
Mrs. Minnie McFarland and W. A. Baker attended the county farm labor program planning meeting at Arlington last Monday. There were representatives from the extension service, state selective service, state war board, school officials, members and chairmen of the county war boards. There were representatives from Gilliam, Morrow, Sherman and Wheeler counties present.

Mrs. Mabel Bischke was honored at a shower last Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Francis Harter. A large crowd attended and many lovely gifts were received by Mrs. Bischke.

Mrs. Vernon Root and Curtiss spent last week-end in Boardman. Buster Rands reshingled his house in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jones and sons have moved into town into the old cement store building by the hotel.

Mrs. Surrell has returned from Seattle where she spent several days where she spent several days visiting her son.

Seth Russell and Dale motored to Heppner Monday on business. Mardell Gorham returned to her school in Portland Sunday after spending a few days visiting her parents.

Mrs. Dan Ransier left last Saturday on the streamliner from Pendleton for New York where she will spend three months visiting her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ransier.

Tuberculin tests were given at school Monday to the school children. Several grown-ups also took them.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Barlow and family have moved into the Arthur Allen house. Mrs. Allen will go to Tacoma in the near future to be with Mr. Allen. Gene and Clayton will board with the Browns until school is out.

Mr. and Mrs. Crowders have moved into the Jones farm which they recently purchased from Mrs. C. Kruse.

Vernon Root has been promoted from book keeper to paymaster and has been transferred to the housing project in Vancouver, Wash.

Cecil Jones is waiting on tables at the grange hall for the flight strip workers.

Mrs. Bickford of La Grande is visiting her daughter and family, Mrs. A. Hugg.

The irrigation water was turned into the canal this week and it washed out the bridge put up by the construction crew to use for gravel trucks.

Twenty-two young people motored to Stanfield Friday night to attend a Christian Endeavor rally.

Mrs. Otto Lubbes returned to her home in Newberg Wednesday. She has spent two weeks visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lewis Bush.

Herman Bush received a severe cut on the chin when he was hit with a swing at school.

Bob Miller arrived from the valley Friday night with a truck load of seed potatoes which they started planting Saturday.

Mrs. Elvin Ely and children, Mrs. Potts and Mr. and Mrs. Lay and children spent Saturday in Hermiston.

Jone Enzler spent Thursday afternoon visiting at the Boardman school. Mr. Enzler is in the navy stationed at Portland.

Mrs. Nick Faler returned from Portland Friday. Mrs. Eaton came with her but went on to Helix.

All ladies interested in taking the home nursing course are asked to go to the school cafeteria Tuesday, March 30 at 1:30 p. m.

Ed Barlow went to Pasco Friday on business.

Flossie Coats returned home from Lexington Sunday where she has been visiting.

The finance committee of the Ladies Aid gave a St. Patrick's party at the church Wednesday afternoon. Missionary and business meeting were held before the program.

Donald Ford has received notice to appear for his physical examination.

Mr. and Mrs. Earwood and family have moved onto the old Lee Mead farm which they recently purchased.

**LEROY H. MARTIN**

Myles E. Martin returned from Portland the past week-end where he was called by the death of his father, Leroy H. Martin, who passed away on March 14 at the age of 84 years. Funeral services were held on the 16th.

Leroy H. Martin was born in California Oct. 16, 1859. He was reared there and came to Oregon and settled in the Grande Ronde valley. From there he moved to Moro, later coming to Heppner in 1917 where he lived a few years. He was a wheat farmer.

His wife preceded him in death in 1936.

Survivors are the son, Myles, and a daughter, Mrs. Lola Cleland of Portland.

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