

Washington D. C., July 22 —The logging industry of Washington and Oregon is still up against a serious labor shortage. Unlike other industries, it takes years of experience to make a good woodsman. Just anyone can't cut the mustard when it comes to logging. There is no such thing as turning out a good logger in six or eight weeks, such as the shipyard training schools turn out welders, electricians, mechanics, etc. Shipyard wages paid the two months' trainees or graduates in many cases equal or surpass the hourly wage rate of experienced loggers. U. S. employment service officials are up against a serious problem in supplying the necessary hands to the numerous logging operators of the northwest. The armed forces have called many of these men for service and hundreds of others have enlisted, adding to the headache and problems of this important war industry. Plans are now in the making by U. S. employment service to conduct a vigorous campaign which, it is hoped, will persuade lumber workers now employed in non-essential industries to return to the forests and mills.

The big buildup has been started by a prominent group of Republican war horses for Governor Bricker of Ohio. Bricker is one of the several aspirants for the Republican presidential nomination but fourth in the several national polls to date he has been running a poor conducted during the past year. The kick-off of the Bricker buildup started a couple of weeks ago through a lengthy article by a well-known political writer, Forrest Davis, appearing in the Saturday Evening Post. Davis is the same man who acted as political adviser, etc., to Oregon's Charles L. McNary when the Republican minority leader was the No. 2 man on the G. O. P. ticket three years ago. The "log-cabin Abraham Lincoln style, plus small town boy who made good, will be the strategy used to sell Governor Bricker to the public. Rumor has it that two of Governor Bricker's scouts now in the Northwest trying to line up G. O. P. big-wigs for their man have not met with much success. Another story has it that congress' glamor girl, Clare Booth Luce, who is scheduled to make several political talks in the Northwest this fall, will in reality be an emissary for Governor Bricker.

Army authorities will make use of the many abandoned CCC camps in Washington and Oregon to house Axis prisoners of war. Two such camps in Washington are now housing these prisoners, with more scheduled to arrive in the near future. CCC camps along the Wolf creek highway from Portland to the coast and several others along the Oregon coast where reforestation and road building are needed will no doubt house many of these Axis prisoners very soon.

Doubtless calculated to impress the public mind, capital letters are used by the federal power commission to declare that "Electric operating revenues of the larger privately-owned electric utilities in the United States in May, 1943 increased by 7.9 percent over May, 1942." The statement is made in a report just issued, but buried in the body of the report is the further statement that expenses, including depreciation and taxes, for the same period increased 8.4 percent. Higher taxes very largely accounts for this increase in expenses.

Just like the shortage of help in logging, the important fishing in-

dustry in the Northwest is up against the same problem. With by far fewer boats and experienced hands to plow the briny deep than ever before, the 1943 pack is expected to drop sharply. Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes estimates this year's pack will be at least 2,000,000 pounds less than last year unless more fishing boats and fishermen are made available immediately. With the armed forces taking over 50 percent of the entire pack, very little if any will be left for the civilian consumers.

Complaints of citizens that many laundries are closing in the smaller cities of the Northwest are directing attention to the laundry facilities provided for the troops in the many cantonments and air bases in that section. While private laundries have difficulty in obtaining labor and the various materials used for the bleaching of clothing, the military establishments have no such troubles. At one camp in the Pacific northwest the army has installed a laundry costing in excess of \$1,000,000 and employing 545 civilians. This is but one of several of the larger laundries furnished by the war department. One of these camp laundries, however, takes care of the washing for a city of 35,000 soldiers.

HERE FROM SILVERTON

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Drake have as their guests this week Mrs. Drake's sister, Mrs. T. E. Given, and daughter Zephne of Silverton.

AMERICAN HEROES

BY LEFF



Because he scaled the walls of the fortification at Kasba-Mehdia, French Morocco, and from that hazardous position diverted the attention of the enemy with his rifle fire, enabling our troops to enter through the main gates of the fort, Pfc. C. L. Mohler was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. He risked his life for you. How many more Bonds and Stamps can you afford, to help him? Figure it out yourself.

U. S. Treasury Department

MOTHER SUFFERS STROKE

Mrs. Charles Buzzard left for Kansas City, Mo., Saturday night upon receipt of word that her mother had suffered a stroke.

BACK FROM PORTLAND

Mrs. W. O. Dix and granddaughter JoJean returned to their home in Heppner Monday evening after spending a fortnight in Portland.

ESTRAY NOTICE

Strayed to our place—2 brown mares branded TL over half circle on left hip; 2 bay mares branded bar under H on left shoulder; one bay mare with bell. Owner may have same by paying for advertisement and pasture. Ben Cox. 17-19

FOR SALE — Gaited saddle horse. Gentle for ladies to ride. V. R. Runnion, Heppner. 17-18p

FOR SALE— Reconditioned sacks at Smith's warehouse Arlington. Frank Young, Ione. 17-18p



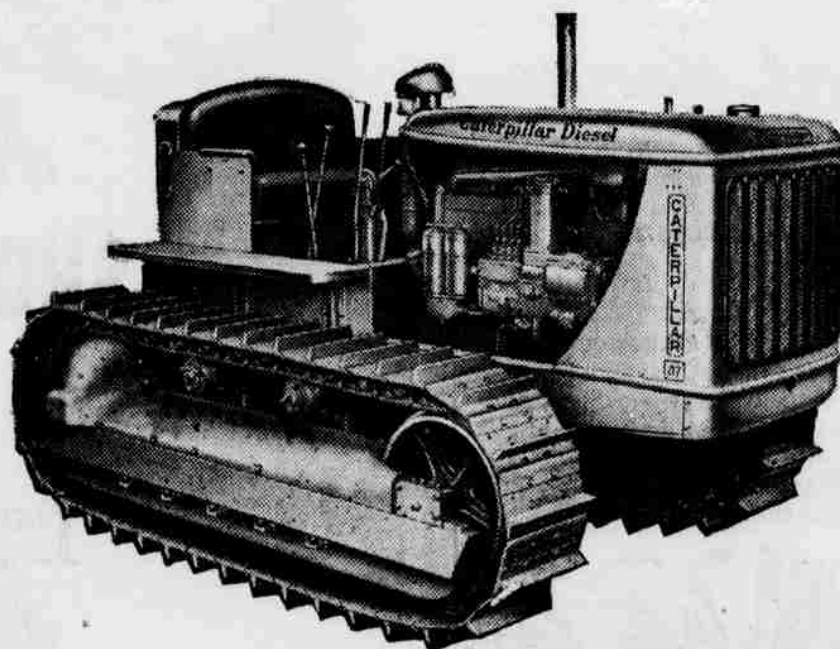
You bet I am! I don't know what this bacon is the boys in the front lines have been bringing home, but I furnish a good brand myself. Uncle Sam's asked for 13,800,000,000 pounds of pork in '43 for his fighting men and war plant workers and the rest of the people. We're eating like pigs to be sure he gets it and then some!



**Here She Is, Neighbor . . .
KEEP HER ROLLIN'**

History books will carry the story of the splendid way our farmers have met the need for food in this war. They have been quick to understand that in the foxhole and on the farm the most efficient use possible must be made of every piece of fighting equipment—every gun and every plow.

Farmers are striving to keep their machinery in top shape, because it has to do double duty for the duration. This means careful oiling, quick repairs. We are prepared to supply you with repair parts or to do the work if it is a major overhauling job that is necessary.



The fact that our farmer neighbors are keeping their equipment rolling extra hours a day, extra days a season, means more food for our fighters, for our munition workers, and for the soldiers of our allies. This is adding up to a quicker victory, with more of our sons, fathers, husbands and brothers coming home safe and whole from the fighting front.

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in your harvest operations so none of your grain will be destroyed by fire

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