

It may give the farmers of Oregon and Washington a feeling of satisfaction to learn that crops they have raised are now being used to feed peoples of the countries rescued from the Germans. The efficiency of modern war is attested by the labors of the quartermaster's department in producing, as if by magic, stores of foodstuffs for the civilian population. This was first demonstrated in North Africa, where American food was provided for the people as rapidly as territory was swept clear of the enemy.

On the heels of the American troops in Sicily came steamers loaded with supplies—flour, milk, dehydrated vegetables, sugar, and fruits and meats. Having fed the Sicilians, preparations were made for Italy. No sooner was the unconditional surrender of Italy announced than freighters began nosing into the docks and discharging cargoes of food, which was distributed without delay. The food follows the soldiers. It is the American policy in this war to look after the welfare of the civilians as promptly as possible, for a full stomach wins appreciation.

What is taking place in Tunisia, Sicily and Italy is only the beginning. The same open-handed generosity will be displayed in other countries as they are rescued from beneath the heels of the hordes of Herr Hitler.

This sums up that the farmers of the United States will be feeding millions of people abroad for the next few years, or until crops can be grown and harvested there. It is part of the plan announced by the president and supplemented by the secretary of agriculture that food will be the trump card at the peace table.

Into the picture has moved ex-Governor Lehman of New York, who has been appointed to administer the relief to be given Europe by Uncle Sam. The task of feeding the civilians will be taken over by

Lehman and he is now building up an extensive organization to handle the job. Just how far Lehman will go in his relief work is not known, but he can be expected to spend at least one billion dollars as the Good Samaritan to the stricken people of Europe. For the present his activity will be confined to food, but his assignment also deals with reconstruction which has been interpreted as providing funds for the rebuilding and reconstruction of much of the destroyed buildings and streets—a so-called glorified WPA.

On the home front dissatisfaction has developed in the farm area. There have been calls for men, women and children to save the crops, and they have gone into the fields to pick beans, beets and other vegetables as well as fruit. Most of these crops have been saved from rotting on the ground, but after they have been harvested another situation has arisen.

Canneries are appealing for help and not receiving as much assistance as is needed. Crops have been lost by the ton at northwest canneries for the lack of manpower. The reason is this: The person picking beans is an agricultural laborer and such labor is exempt from social security tax or income tax. What is paid for gathering the fruit or vegetables is clear money. If the picker follows the crop to the cannery he is immediately soaked a number of taxes, such as withholding tax, income tax hospitalization (to which the workers do not object as there are always accidents in the canneries), and there is the payroll tax, for canneries must contribute to the fund for unemployment benefits. Therefore it is more profitable for a worker to gather crops than to assist in processing them. Canneries must operate under a ceiling, but pay a specified sum per hour and take the risk of spoilage.

The farmer has the edge over the canner, but there is so much complaint that if the food of the northwest is to be shipped abroad for the next two or three years something must be done to attract workers to the packing plants. The workers are not objecting to the cannery scale, but they are objecting to the few dollars they make being subjected to the withholding and income tax.

HAVE LEFT HOSPITAL

Mr. Lloyd Moyer and daughter, Nancy Kay, returned to their home Sunday from the Corda Saling home where the little lady was born on Sept. 3.

LEXINGTON NEWS

By EDITH EDWARDS

F 3/c Joseph Way arrived home Wednesday for a 15 day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Way. Joe has just finished his basic training at Farragut Ida.

D. E. Beard and N. A. Leach of Portland were visitors here Wednesday.

O. M. Scott of Portland spent several days last week visiting friends here.

Albert Edwards returned home Thursday from a visit with his sister Jerrine, in Palo Alto, Calif.

Otto Ruhl spent last week in Wallowa on business.

Don Hansen, who is stationed at Farragut, Ida, is visiting his grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Emery Burnside. Don is a cook in camp.

Albert Edwards Joe Way and Leonard Munkers spent Sunday in Pendleton.

Donnie Hiatt is staying at the George Allyn home, while his father is enjoying a short vacation.

Cpl C. C. Carmichael spent several days here this week with his wife. Cpl Carmichael came up for

the funeral of Ivan Leathers in the parents of an 8¼ pound boy Heppner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hunt and Claire were Pendleton visitors Saturday.

A. M. Edwards was a visitor in Milton-Freewater Sunday.

Clifford Yarnell has been employed as bookkeeper for the Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc.

John Miller of Portland was a visitor here Sunday. His son Jack, who has been working for Merritt Gray, returned to Portland to enter school.

Mr. and Mrs. Buel Harshman are

the parents of an 8¼ pound boy born Tuesday morning at the home of Mrs. Harshman's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Way.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Lewis of Pendleton were visitors at the A. M. Edwards home Saturday.

Edith Edwards left Wednesday for California for a vacation. She was accompanied to Sacramento by her cousin, Alice Griffith, who has been spending the summer at the Edwards home.

Keith Peck of Ione has been visiting his grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. George Peck.

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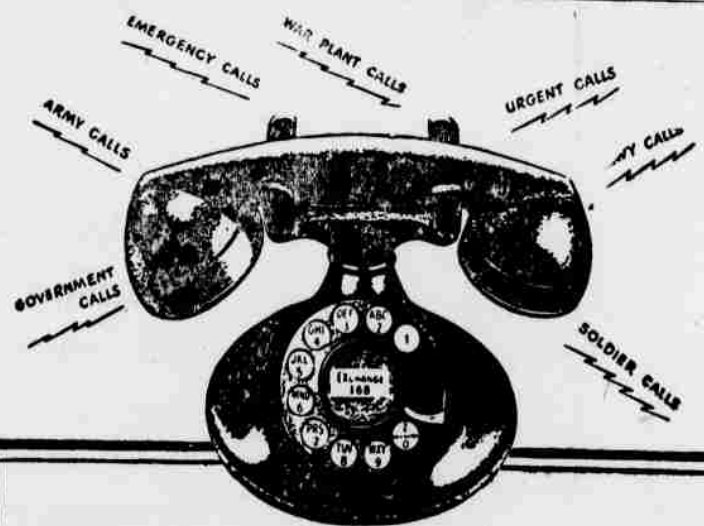
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