

Washington, D. C., Oct. 7.— In the next few weeks selective service headquarters will go after some of the 700,000 single farmers who now have agricultural deferments. These orders have been prepared and will go forward to the many draft boards very soon. The draft boards will be instructed to resurvey the farm situation in their districts, taking particular notice of the present deferred list. Selective service headquarters believes tighter interpretation of the rules will pull a good many of these men into service. No attempt will be made to campaign for repeal of the Tydings amendment to the selective service act, which makes mandatory the deferment of farm workers. However, officials are confident that thousands of so-called farm workers are not following the ploy, and it is these men the draft boards will go after. Washington and Oregon have approximately 26,500 men so deferred and it is thought several thousand of that number will be in uniform when their local draft boards get through giving them the "once over" again.

The new tax bill, now "getting the works" before the house committee on ways and means, will be drastically changed before it is enacted into law, say the best guessers around here. It is expected the house will wrestle with the bill for the best part of two months before the measure is ready for the house hopper. In the meantime an array of authorities on tax measures, both for and against the bill, will parade before the committee with their arguments.

A strong bipartisan group, which backed by a flock of labor organizations and others, will attempt to put President Roosevelt's cherished idea of a \$25,000 salary ceiling on individual incomes, after taxes, back in the bill. Another group are also set to spring a sales tax as the best way to get a good part of the \$50 billion Mr. Morgenthau expects to raise next year. No one believes the bill, as now written, will get by which, among other things, socks the middle class with stiff additional taxes. Most congressmen are very cagey on stiffer taxes at this particular time. Reason — election time is not very far away, and the middle class are the ones who do the large part of the voting.

The one man who could and did give many orders to President Roosevelt which were always obeyed is about to pass from the Washington scene. Col. Edward W. Starling, chief of the White House secret service and No. 1 protector to five presidents during the past 30 years, is about to retire. The six-foot-two 67 year old veteran secret service agent was always on hand to carefully look over the flock of newspaper men in the antt-room prior to each weekly presidential conference with the press. The colonel, always popular with the men of the fourth estate, had a larger acquaintance among the newshawks than the president. Starling has visited almost every city in the nation as advance agent and protector to presidents. During the almost 11 years of the present administration the colonel has traveled by far more miles with President Roosevelt than the combined distance traveled with his four predecessors.

The report requested by Senator McNary from the army engineers on the further development of the Columbia river and its tributaries will be made available in the next two weeks. Rumor has it that part of the report will contain further

definite recommendations for the development of the Umatilla rapids project, which has been in the blue print stage for years. The senate committee on commerce, who will receive the report, are expected to act favorably on recommendations made by the army engineers concerning these Columbia river projects. It is also understood a considerable part of the report has to do with postwar planning for project in the northwest.

War Food Administrator Marvin Jones has his hands full trying to figure out a remedy for the acute milk supply situation which is getting worse each day. Milk producers are screaming to the high heavens and demanding that something be done immediately to relieve them of the squeeze they are in. The only way out seems to be a subsidy on feed for whole milk producers. It is estimated that such a subsidy will cost over \$100 million and many farm organizations, including flocks of milk producers, have been battling anything that smacks of general subsidy. However, competent observers firmly believe subsidy is the only way out. In order to give some farm groups a chance to gracefully back up on their attitude on subsidies some flossy names will be suggested for this new program, such as "processor subsidy, producer subsidy," or "transportation subsidy"—anything to get away from the fact or name of a consumer subsidy.

Registration for Book 4 Due Soon

On Oct. 26, 27, 28 between the hours of 3:30 and 9:00 p. m. at the Heppner, Lexington, Ione, Boardman and Irrigon schools, registration for war ration book 4 will be held. Each applicant for registration must submit war ration book 3 for each person for whom he requests book 4. An application will be filled out by the applicant listing the names and addresses of the persons for whom he is applying. The principals of each of the above mentioned schools will have charge of the registration for the area served by their schools. No books will be issued at the schools where book 3 is not in the applicant's possession. Such cases will be referred to the rationing board.

IN HERMISTON HOSPITAL

Mrs. Lonnie Ritchie, who suffered serious injury to her hand two weeks ago, is receiving treatment in the Hermiston hospital. Mrs. Ritchie caught her hand in a wringer.

IRRIGON NEWS

By MRS. J. A. SHOUN

Darlene Moore, who had her arm badly sprained between the elbow and wrist was taken to Portland Monday by her parents Mr. and Mrs. Sinice Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Schneider and children left for Seattle Thursday to leave their daughter Darlene to enroll in a Pentecostal Bible school there. The rest returned Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Adren Allen and daughter Donna Marie left for Monument accompanied by Mrs. H. W. Grim who will visit her father G. W. Hux. The Allens will go on to Long Creek.

Billy Allen of Ione was a weekend visitor with relatives here.

Grace Haney left Sunday for Heppner where she will work and attend school.

Miss Virginia Taylor went to Lewiston to spend the week-end.

Mrs. Freda Mae Shoun came home from Walla Walla Sunday night.

Fred Smith left for his old home in North Carolina. He thinks he will be called into service very soon. He has been working for Carl Haddock.

Roy Davis is moving from the Isom place to the Jack White place. He will be caretaker there for the new owners. Mr. White sold his place quite recently.

Mrs. June Mann is caring for the Sinice Moore children and Mrs. Henry Miller is looking after the store while Mr. and Mrs. Moore are in Portland having Darlene's arm treated. It did not seem to be healing properly after it was injured in a fall at school.

Ernest Bediwell and E. R. Schneider went hunting Monday.

EASTERN STAR MEETING

There will be a regular meeting of Ruth chapter. Order of Eastern Star, at 8 o'clock p. m. Friday, Oct. 8.

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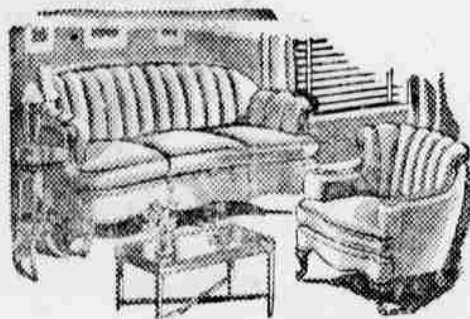
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