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### This Is Election Day!

When you read this Friday morning, remember it is primary election day. From both Republican and Democratic candidates are to be chosen nominees for Fall elections throughout the state and all the counties. You, no doubt, have preferences, and the only way to show it is by your ballot at the polls today. Of course you are busy, but this is your government, and the vox populi is what determines whether it is good government, or weak government. At no time in our history, since the Revolution, has the vital issues of that our forefathers fought for and established by constitution, been so threatened. These American rights, so established, are sustained by the right and privilege of free American citizens to vote in secret places their will.

If we are going to eat well next year, help will have to be provided for farmers during crop harvesting season. Because of conditions it is already well known that production in this area will be much less for 1942, and unless farmers can secure help at the right time, much damage will be caused to the crops that are being produced. Armies must be fed and industrial producers must be fed, and the harvesting problem is not being met by the wise acres or "Solomons" of management.

Problems of sanitation and fly time are approaching. They will be as difficult to handle as last year, very soon. The state authorities have been here and are endeavoring to instruct camp operators and others as necessary methods to comply with state laws. If violations occur, punishment will follow. It is not that such authority wants to use any unreasonable methods, but that the health of the community must be protected by all reasonable methods. There are various ways of preserving cleanliness, but carelessness and indifference can lead to epidemics which are hard to control.



### OREGON TO PLAY BIG PART IN FOOD DRYING EFFORT

Oregon's food-drying facilities, that exceed in volume those of any other state, can be made quickly available to further the nation's war effort in a gigantic food-drying program if national officials will cooperate by indicating the type and volume of foods needed and prices to be expected, according to a comprehensive report submitted to Washington by William A. Schoenfeld, dean and director of agriculture at Oregon State college.

The report was drawn up at Dean Schoenfeld's request by Henry Hartman, head of horticultural research of the experiment station; E. H. Wiegand, head of the department of food industries, and O. T. McWhorter, extension horticulturist.

It shows that when the last detailed survey was made by the state department of agriculture in 1938, Oregon had 281 food driers of various types, capable of handling 100,000 bushels of fresh produce per day.

The government is already encour-

aging the dehydration of many types of vegetables and is seeking a large volume of dried foods for shipment all over the world. Without sacrifice of food values, dried foods are light in weight, of small volume, need no refrigeration, and keep long periods, according to the college men.

Even at present production levels, Oregon has about 15 million tons of fruits and 13 million tons of vegetables per year suitable for dehydration, the report points out. Oregon's wide diversity of crops, furthermore, would make a year-round drying program possible, with small fruits, cherries, and certain kinds of vegetables to be dried in the summer, with apples, pears, potatoes, cabbage and root crops to be dried the remainder of the year.

For 25 years the state college has carried on research in drier construction and fruit-drying methods, which will be invaluable at this time, although additional research is needed in the case of vegetable dehydration, Dean Schoenfeld points out.

### MC CRACKEN TO BE LIEUTENANT

Sgt. Delmar I. McCracken, son of Charles E. McCracken, 500 S. Albany St., Yuma, Colo., has been admitted as an officer candidate to the Air Forces Officer Candidate School at Miami Beach, Florida. After successfully completing a twelve week intensive course of instruction, officer candidate McCracken will be commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the army of the United States, air forces.

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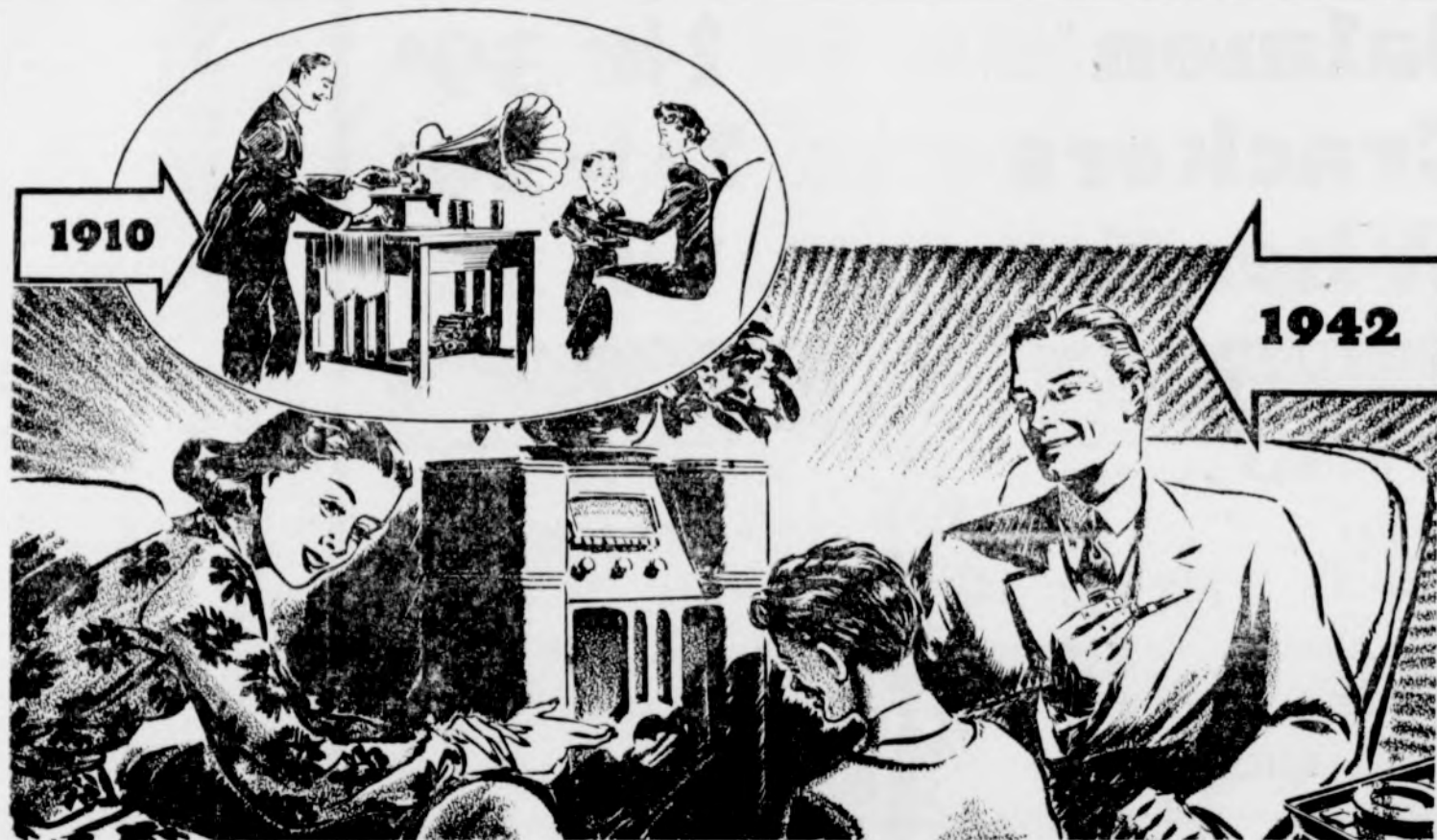
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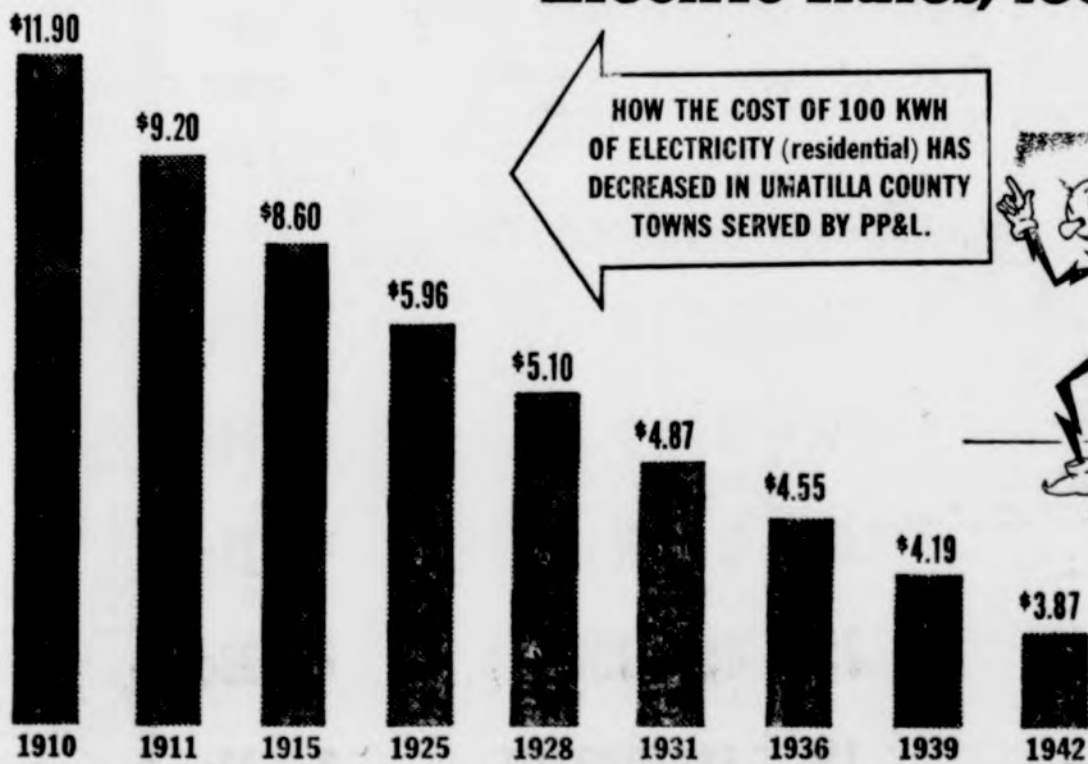
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