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## THANKSGIVING

(Contributed by E. P. Dodd)

While we, in America, will celebrate Thanksgiving in the usual way with festivities and gratitude for the many blessings we still have in this land of the free, we are also thankful for the success of our armed forces abroad.

We cannot help, and this is not said lightly, that we praise the Lord and pass the ammunition. When our battleships sink enemy craft and cause the lives of thousands of our enemies, we are thankful because we believe in our cause and that we are doing such things for the sake of humanity. When we invade Africa and make human sacrifices, and when the Russian armies beat back their invaders at great loss of life, our spirits become joyous at the prospects of an earlier end to the struggle. When our flying heroes bomb great cities to destruction we welcome the news with grateful hearts, and praise God that the end of carnage may be in sight, and the world may be returned to the peace we all love so well.

It is sad to relate such things, but we must all confess that the deepest feeling in our hearts today is thankfulness that we are winning the battle for human freedom. While the means must be by the sword against the forces that would destroy all our kind of civilization holds dear, we are doing it in the spirit of the old hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers" and the "Battle Hymn of the Republic".

We hope that we will never have to meet such forces of evil again, and never in such a way, and we hope that another Thanksgiving day will find our hearts full of the peaceful joys this America was born for, and which we hope will endure forever. It is not like us to engage in wars with all their sadness, terrors, vices and destruction, but it is like us to defend to the uttermost our rights to enjoy peace and the rights and privileges God has given to humanity.

For this we are truly thankful.



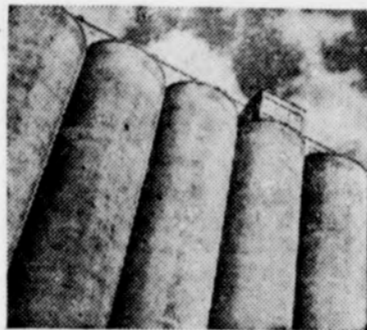
## Transportation Pools Requested

### Program Planned Has Vital Double Purpose

The Office of Defense Transportation and the United States department of agriculture asked farmers throughout the country to co-operate in a comprehensive program for conservation and more efficient use of farm trucks and automobiles.

Because of the rubber shortage, the limited supply of new vehicles and the increasing scarcity of repair parts, farmers are urged to use their trucks and cars as little as possible.

The two government agencies recommended that farmers not only eliminate unnecessary driving but also form transportation pools both



Courtesy U. S. Department of Agriculture

**Kansas City, Kan., wheat elevators holding the precious grain, part of Uncle Sam's enormous "Food for Freedom" larder. There are thousands of similar grain elevators throughout the United States.**

for hauling their produce to market and for transporting needed supplies to the farms.

### Program's Double Aim.

The program has the double aim of conserving vital equipment and assuring a continuous flow of farm commodities to market.

In a letter to state and county war boards urging the conservation of farm transportation facilities, Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard said: "The department is glad to co-operate in this program to the fullest extent, realizing that attainment of agricultural production goals will be meaningless unless there is assurance that essential farm products, when ready for market, can quickly be brought to processing, storage or consumption centers."

Joseph B. Eastman, director of the Office of Defense Transportation, said: "Farmers can assist in the nation-wide farm transportation program by avoiding trips to market with less than full loads whenever possible, and by making every possible effort to purchase their supplies at times when it will be possible to haul them to their farms on return trips."

Operators of farm trucks also are urged to follow the "preventive maintenance plan" of the ODT in order to prolong the life of such equipment as long as possible.

## AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY Sugar Cane

By FLORENCE WEED

(This is one of a series of articles showing how farm products are finding an important market in industry.)

Some of the attractive colorful rooms in modern homes are made with wall board of pressed sugar cane. Time was when no one knew what to do with sugar cane bagasse after the sugar was extracted. Tons were either destroyed or burned as fuel in the sugar mills. Then industrial chemists found a way to press the cane refuse into long fibers, to felt and weave it into long board sheets.

Chemists have also found that a cheap molding compound can be made from bagasse. By grinding the cane to a powder, combining it with chemicals, the substance can be molded into flat panels or floor tiles.

Backers believe that this low cost molding compound will enable the plastics industry to branch out into broader fields such as the manufacture of furniture, building materials and parts for automobiles since it can be made for less than half the cost of the cheapest synthetic compound known.

## Farm Notes

The U. S. department of agriculture has announced a program for diversion of up to 5,000,000 bushels of Irish potatoes into starch and dextrine.

For roughage in feeding lambs, allow one half alfalfa and one half Johnson grass or Sudan hay. The hay should be green in color, well cured and free from mould.

## ECHO NEWS ITEMS

By Mrs. W. H. Cray

For the first time in many months there was a full attendance at the Anniversary club meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith Saturday evening for a pot luck dinner and an evening of pinocle. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Tolar, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. D. Z. Penney, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Meyers, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Meyers of Echo, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Holloman of Hermiston, and Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Meyers of Pendleton. The Christmas party of the club will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Z. Penney.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Isaackson, who have been living on the Harry Andrews farm, have leased the Warren ranch near Yoakum. Ray Tolar moved their household goods to the farm Monday.

Echo school will be closed Thursday and Friday this week for a Thanksgiving holiday.

Mrs. Robert Myers and infant daughter Kathleen are spending this week in Yakima with relatives.

Mrs. Jeannette Case, teacher in Echo school, will spend Thanksgiving in Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Rood of Portland were here Monday to move their furniture to that city where Mrs. Rood will reside while Mr. Rood goes to California where he is in the armed service.

Otis McCarty, who has been ill for some time, left Tuesday for Portland for medical attention.

Mr. and Mrs. William McCarty of Butter Creek are in The Dalles where Mr. McCarty is under a doctor's care following a minor operation. Mrs. Otis McCarty was also in The Dalles to attend the funeral of her father, and returned home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Tolar will have as guests at Thanksgiving dinner Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Middleton and their sons Earl and Kieth.

Edward Wheeler is having a two room addition made to his residence on the former Litsey lots east of town. Mr. Stolton is doing the carpenter work.

A record rainfall for this vicinity fell Sunday night and Monday, the local weather observer measuring .86 of an inch at 4 p. m. Monday afternoon.

The recent few days of mild weather have brought forth weather prophets who foresee a mild winter. Farmers, who have been butchering hogs recently, base their prediction of an open winter on the uniform size of the mield in the slaughtered animals, insisting that this condition only exists when there is no more cold weather due.

Mrs. Sloan Thomson and daughter, Mrs. Tommy Loyd, left Saturday for Ravenna, Ohio, where Mrs. Loyd will attend a government school to take a three-weeks course in operation of bookkeeping machines. She has been in a Portland school for the past month taking this line of instruction and is being sent to Ohio by the government to complete her training. Mrs. Thomson will remain with her daughter until the course is completed.

Henrietta Rebekah Lodge No. 36 was host for the 19th annual convention of the order in district 19 Thursday. An all day session in the city



DISASTER CAN STRIKE SO SUDDENLY

"THE sun was shining only a few minutes ago, now look!"

Most disasters strike that way: Storms—fires—automobile accidents— theft or loss of valuable property. There's one respect, however, in which people are more fortunate than they used to be. They can insure against more of life's hazards—and at a lower cost. Your insurance program should undergo a periodic check-up to be certain that it is up to date. This agency is fully qualified to render expert advice concerning your insurance problems. Why not drop in today? We are always at your service.

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had included an address by Miss Madalene Rossner, president of the Rebekah assembly of Oregon. A banquet was served in the evening with places set for 80 members and guests. The next district convention will be at Milton in 1943. Convention officers for that session were elected as follows: Mabel Talbert, Freewater, chairman; Nettie Henlon, Athena, vice-chairman; Katie Miller, Milton, secretary and Cora Mayberry, Athena, treasurer.

Mrs. Kate Liesegang and Miss Emma Geisler went to Portland Thursday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Liesegang's stepmother, Mrs. James Bottger. It is reported that Mr. Bottger was quite seriously ill after the death of his wife, but no information regarding his present condition has been received.

Curtis Billings, who entered the armed service in June, is home for a two weeks furlough from Moore Field, Texas, where he is receiving training in aviation.

Joseph Cunha Jr. received a letter this week from Raymond Wright, former Echo boy, who is now stationed at Camp Roberts, Cal. He states that Mike Ramey, former signal oil truck driver, and John Galbreath, are in the camp from this vicinity.

Carcasses of about 25 sheep were left on the road leading to the Bowman ranch north of Echo Friday night, according to a report by Dan Bowman. The sheep had been skinned and left in piles along the road indicating that they may have been stolen and killed for their pelts.

Mrs. Pauline I. Bottger, wife of James Bottger, former Echo wheat farmer, died at Portland Tuesday and funeral services were held in that city under auspices of Sterling Rebekah lodge No. 239 Saturday morning. Death followed a recent stroke of paralysis. Mrs. Bottger is sur-

vived by her widower, three children, Viola and Gus Gravelle and Mrs. Lue-belle West, and several grandchildren. Mrs. Hulda Peters, Albert and Herman Bottger of Portland, Mrs. Katie Liesegang of Echo and Mrs. Clara Vogt of Pendleton.

Echo Masonic lodge plans a party at the lodge hall Monday evening, November 30, for members and their families and invited guests. Refreshments will be served. The committee in charge is Claude Meyers, Steve Spike and M. E. Coe.

Echo Flour Mills is just completing shipment of 26,000 bushels of bulk wheat to the Kerr Gifford warehouses in Portland as part of the program to clear local warehouses for handling of next year's crop. These shipments included 16,000 bushels of the Coleman wheat and 10,000 bushels from Mrs. P. J. Rohde's farm.

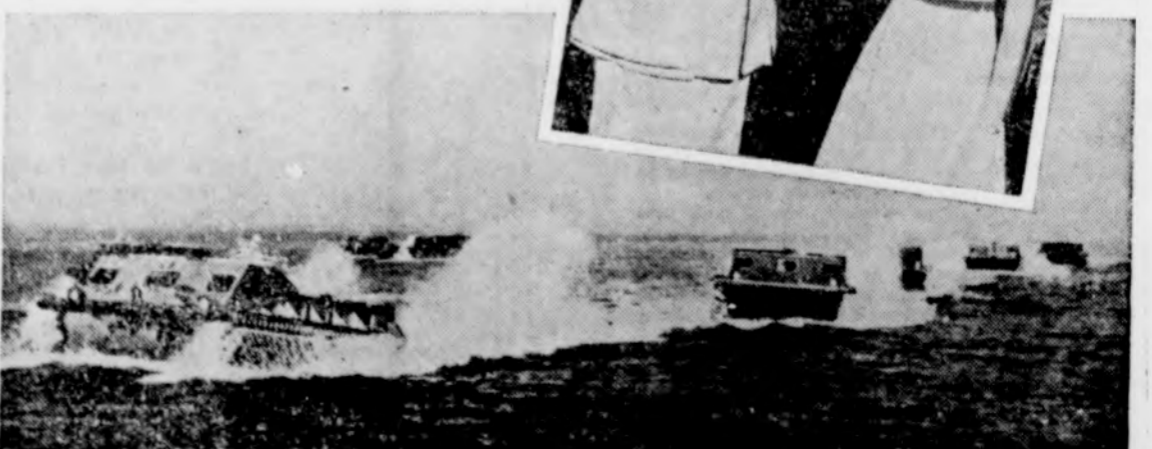
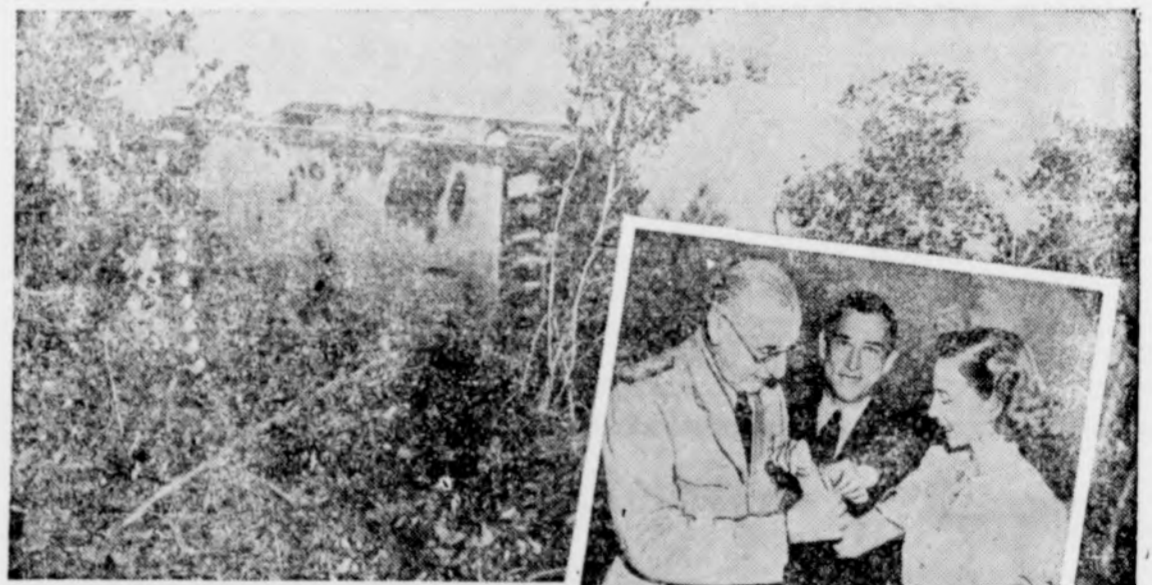
Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lane and children, Ronald and Carol of Portland, arrived Sunday night to spend the Thanksgiving vacation with his mother, Mrs. Tena Weltzin, at her farm east of Echo.

Word has been received from O. F. Bartholomew, former Butter Creek man, that he has been ordered to move to Salinas, Cal., for the duration. He will be engaged in synthetic rubber work being handled there by the U. S. bureau of soils.

Harold Weltzin was taken to the Pendleton hospital suffering from an attack of bronchitis.

The new cutoff highway between Echo and Boardman, which was opened for traffic a few days ago, was closed Monday from Butter Creek to Echo junction to permit additional oiling of the road in that section. Timbers and forms of the highway bridge across the Umatilla river are now being removed and it may be several days before the road is opened again.

## Food Machinery Corporation Helping Lick Axis With Sensational Amphibian Tank



LAKELAND, Fla.—When, in recognition of a unique contribution to the war effort, Rear Admiral William Carleton Watts recently presented the Army-Navy "E" to Food Machinery Corporation's tractor division here, many Americans probably wondered at the part played by a food processing machinery company and its employees in war production. Little or nothing was said about the famous amphibian tank which "swims like a fish" and races across land with

equal effectiveness to clear the way for our fighting men.

Inset photograph shows Admiral Watts putting silver identification bracelet on the wrist of Miss Alice Baxter, company employee, while Paul M. Davies, president of Food Machinery Corporation, looks on. Identical bracelets are being presented by the company to all employees in the tractor division. Names are inscribed on the under side and the Army-Navy "E" on the outside. A star will be added to the

bracelet for each six months the company maintains its excellence in production. These bracelets are in addition to the official "E" pins and pennant awarded by the Army and Navy.

The Food Machinery Corporation's tank factory, begun in Lakeland only a year ago, has become one of the key plants in the war production program, producing tanks that have been hurried along to many vital spots for use by the marines.



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