

DEFENSE REGISTRY MADE READY FOR COMING THURSDAY

Those Wishing to Volunteer
for Defense, Preparedness
to Have Opportunity

Machinery was being set up today for Jackson county defense registration of civilians to provide a backlog of volunteer specialists for service in any emergency.

Registration will be done Thursday at precinct voting places throughout the county, the voting boards to serve voluntarily, it was explained by Capt. S. M. Tuttle, chairman of the Jackson County Council of Defense, the sponsoring agency. Registration will be from 2 to 8 p. m.

Through County Clerk George R. Carter, the council last week asked the election boards to handle the registration and today Capt. Tuttle said many responses had already been received. It was requested that the remaining boards notify the council as soon as possible of their willingness to serve by telephoning 2296.

Backlog Is Aim
Purpose of the registration is to provide a backlog of volunteer workers to serve with the American Legion's Disaster Preparedness company or other organizations called upon to do civilian defense work, Capt. Tuttle explained.

The registration is entirely voluntary and for both men and women 21 years or older, Capt. Tuttle emphasized. Those registering will record what they are most capable of doing, such as first aid work, communications, clerical, intelligence, and so on.

\$100 FINE FOR SNAGGING FISH

Albert B. Shults of Shady Cove, charged with fishing by prohibited methods in Rogue river was fined \$100 and costs in justice court last Saturday, on a plea of guilty. The fine and costs were paid. The specific charge was snagging fish.

Thad D. Hinkle, charged with fishing in a closed area near the Ray Gold dam was fined \$25 and costs, the same day.

Other Saturday fines were: James T. Boyland, failure to stop at a highway intersection, \$1 and costs; Marion P. Vogel, no operator's license, \$1 and costs; Vern D. Chamberlain, axle overload, \$2.50 and costs; David A. Davis, no operator's license, \$1 and costs; Wayne H. Kiper, no operator's license, \$1 and costs; Spencer L. Houston, Butte Falls, no tail light, \$1 and costs, and Donnell E. Koenig, axle overload, \$2.50 and costs. Nine complaints, charging traffic violations ranging from one headlight to failure to stop at an intersection were filed by the state police today and were scheduled to be heard this afternoon.

40-8 WILL ELECT AT FRIDAY MEET

American Legion past commanders and members of the 40 et 8, fun branch of the Legion, will meet Friday at Medford hotel at 7 p. m. to elect delegates to the state convention which opens August 20 in Eugene.

Elwood Husey, Cave City Legion leader, was in Medford today in connection with Friday's meeting and declared a large number would attend from his town.

It is desired that all past commanders and 40-8 members attend and that R. R. Ebel of Copco be notified by those planning to be present so that reservations may be made.

Red-Nazi War in Two Sectors



Admitting for the first time that German spearheads had pushed beyond Minsk, a Russian communique said that the Red Army is fighting fierce battles with German armored divisions in the vicinity of Borisov, Slutsk, and Bodruisk (1), attempting to halt the drive on Moscow; and in the Luck area (2), where lines defending Kiev are stretched between Krzemieniec, Tarnopol and Zbaraz. The Drinsk area also saw bitter clashes, along with the bloody fighting around Bialystok.

U. S. NAT'L BANK HITS NEW HIGH

The semi-annual financial statement of the United States National Bank, which maintains one of its prominent units in this city, shows as of June 30 another all-time high in deposits of \$177,090,911.27. This represents a gain since its last year-end statement of \$14,568,469.19 and since the corresponding statement of a year ago a gain in deposits of \$26,525,701.78.

In the past six months loans and discounts are shown to have increased \$6,396,283.53, which, according to Paul S. Dick, president, reflects the increasing tempo of agricultural, commercial and individual employment of borrowed money, as well as increased demands arising from defense needs throughout the state.

According to the management of the bank's local branch, growth in deposits and stimulated employment of money has been in keeping with the United States National's other 24 units throughout Oregon.

**PRICE, SHULTS CASES
BEFORE HANNA COURT**
The equity cases of Lloyd Price against Shults Brothers, and Shults Brothers against Lloyd Price, were scheduled to start today before Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna. The proceedings are expected to last three days.

The action is based upon Price's claim for wages against the defendants. They filed a counter-claim claiming Price owed them money on an automobile. The amount involved is around \$900.

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OREGON FARMERS GIVEN HEAVY SUM IN AAA PAYMENTS

Thousand Received \$1,000
Or More On Parity Adjust-
ments In 1939 Is Report.

Washington, July 7.—(AP)—Farmers and land owners in Oregon received nearly 1,000 payments of \$1,000 or more for agricultural conservation and parity price adjustments in 1939, the agricultural adjustment administration told congress today.

The state's figures were included among 43,454 payments reported to congress, under provisions of the AAA requiring submission of names of all persons receiving \$1,000 or more.

Millions In Less Sums
Additional millions of payments, the AAA said, were made in amounts below the \$1,000 figure which must be reported. They included 5,756,240 under the conservation program, and 5,475,000 under the price adjustment program.

"All AAA payments regardless of size," Paul H. Appleby, undersecretary of agriculture, told congress, "represent specific performance by cooperating farmers. Conservation payments are made to farmers for adjusting plantings of soil depleting crops for which acreage allotments are established and for carrying out soil-building practices to improve the land."

He added that the parity payments made in 1939 for the first time were intended "to bring the farmers' returns nearer a parity with farm income for the 1910-14 period."

Four Crops Pay
The parity payments were made from a fund of \$212,000,000 appropriated by congress and were apportioned, Appleby said, among wheat, corn, cotton

and rice crops—"largely on the basis of the amount by which each failed to reach parity income during the previous year."

A provision that the parity payments should not be made where the crop return equalled or exceeded 75 per cent of the 1910-14 parity period, Appleby said, precluding payments on tobacco "since the season's average price was above 75 per cent of parity in 1938."

The average farm prices of the other crops during the 1938 crop year, he said, were corn, 62 per cent of parity; cotton, 55 per cent; wheat, 50 per cent, and rice, 62 per cent.

MARTHA DOWNING PASSES, AGED 66

Martha L. Downing, 66, widow of the late William Downing, passed away in Medford Sunday morning.

She was born in Illinois July 30, 1874, and came to Jackson county at the age of two years and has resided here for the last 64 years. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pankey. She was married to Mr. Downing in Central Point in 1892.

She leaves one son, Glen Downing, of Medford, and the following brothers and sisters, George Pankey of Coloma, Cal.; Dillon Pankey, Selah, Wn.; Mrs. Harry Katon, Medford; Molly Wright of Central Point, and Mrs. William Naussman of Colorado. Also two brothers-in-law, Frank Amy of Union Creek, Ore., and L. L. LeRoy of San Francisco.

Funeral services will be conducted by Rev. C. W. Frost of the Apostolic Faith mission in the Conger chapel at 10:30 a. m. Wednesday. Interment in Jacksonville cemetery.

LOVE, MARRIAGE BOOST BUSINESS TO NEW LEVELS

Speedup in Marriages Starts
With Draft—Retail,
Wholesale Trade Increase

New York, July 7.—The Special News Service—Love this year has taken a rail position among key factors racing domestic business totals towards new high levels.

Love—and marriage.
Dealers in new homes, house furnishings, automobiles and other prime civilian goods freely admit that without the unique combination of circumstances encouraging the blossoming of love this year daily sales and backlogs of orders might be much less.

Some of the forces turning the heat on love, incubating marriages, are the following:

1—Increasing jobs, faster pay envelopes accompanying expansion of the big \$42,000,000,000 national defense program.

2—Deferment of marriages during the hard times of the 1930s.

3—Unsettled world conditions, causing young people to hasten marriages, grab a little happiness now, lest the draft and defense activities require their increasing attention later.

Speeding up of marriages really got underway last year, in July and August, when draft registration day, which finally came October 16, began to take the form of reality. Department of commerce reports show that

there were around 1,500,000 marriages in 1940, the largest number in the United States for any year in history.

The fast pace, at many cities, has been continuing thus far in 1941. Many county clerks are finding June nuptial totals were the largest for any month in several years, if not the largest ever penned on the record books.

The commerce department, taking into full account the marriages of young people, also breathes a sigh of relief that oldsters are marrying in increasing numbers, too. Says the department:

"The recent increase in the marriage rate is whittling away part of the vast backlog of marriages postponed during depression years."

The marriages, in turn, are whittling away retailers' and wholesalers' supplies of beds, dressing tables, dining room suites, refrigerators, davenports, chairs and other home staples. It's all a very merry picture at present for the stores along hundreds of main streets. However, one big ogre faces merchants.

Growing numbers of retailers fear that before Christmas there may be many kinds of now fast-selling goods that cannot be had for either love or money.

Production of refrigerators, hot water heaters, oil burners, stoves and other household

items made of metals wanted by defense industries, already is tapering.

Two factors are likely to further restrict output:

1—Priorities of defense industries on materials, making manufacturers scrape bottom of fast dwindling stock piles.

2—Acceptance of growing banks of defense orders by peace-time industry, shifting more and more workers to armament-making tasks.

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