

Jackson County Farm Notes

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Machinery Quotas Due Within Next Few Days

Work of setting up county quotas for each of the 60 items of farm machinery and equipment to be rationed under the new program has been completed by the state USDA War Board. County quotas will probably be in the hands of farm machinery rationing committees within a few days. Meanwhile, in Washington, Senator Truman announced that his special senate investigating committee may hold hearings on the farm machinery shortage early next month.

Truck Tire Inspection Deadline Is Jan. 15

Farm truck owners are reminded that January 15 is the deadline for the first tire inspection required by ODT's certificate of war necessity set-up.

Essential Farm Workers Given Deferred Draft

Local draft boards have received instructions for classification of farm workers and operators in Class II-C or III-C under the "War Units" plan. Production of 16 war units will provide the basis for deferred classification. One milk cow constitutes one war unit. Other examples are 75 laying hens, 20 hogs, five acres of dry beans, two acres of potatoes, 15 acres of wheat, 15 acres of cover crop seed. Crops that have no rating include hops, cucumbers and head lettuce. Local draft boards are advised to consult with county USDA War Boards in making determinations.

Food Czar to Aid Farm Labor Procurements

Appointment of Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard as food czar for the duration carries with it responsibility for the production and distribution of adequate food. The official order issued by the president states that the action is taken "in order to assure an adequate supply and efficient distribution of food to meet war and essential civilian needs."

The very first statement in the order adds that the "secretary of agriculture is authorized and directed to assume full responsibility for, and control over the nation's food program." The entire order, a six-page affair, goes into details of what he is authorized to do under the new authority.

In view of that new authority and new responsibility a statement just made by Secretary Wickard regarding farm labor has particular significance. He

states that the department of agriculture will use every resource at its command to ease the shortage of farm labor. He then lists the following six ways that this will be done:

First, shifting of workers from non-essential to essential crops; second, retention of essential key operators and workers on farms through changes in deferment and employment policies of the selective service system; third, transportation and training of workers from surplus areas who can become year-round workers in more diversified areas, particularly in dairy regions; fourth, transportation of seasonal workers to work in the harvesting of specialty crops; fifth, use of high school youth during the summer months; and sixth, use of volunteer city people during the critical harvest seasons.

Food For Freedom Program Outlined

A statewide program to swing the full weight of Oregon's agricultural resources behind the nation's 1943 war food production effort will be launched during the week of January 4, R. B. Taylor of Adams, chairman of the state USDA war board, announced this week.

The schedule of events agreed upon by the cooperating agencies in Oregon will carry through January 12, which has been proclaimed "farm mobilization day," by President Roosevelt. The president declared that food is no less a weapon than tanks, guns and planes, and that its importance increases as the power of the enemy decreases.

Establishment of county production goals will be the first step in Oregon. Teams composed of representatives of the state war board, the extension service and the state AAA office will meet with war boards and farm leaders in each county to determine the best contributions that each county's farm plan can make to the food-for-freedom program.

The goals will represent each county's 1943 share of the nation's food responsibility to the armed forces, the home front and America's fighting allies. Farm resources and shortages will be taken into account in setting the goals, but so will programs to provide labor, materials and machinery needed for essential production.

Community meetings to acquaint farmers with the nation's need for food will follow during the week of January 14, preparatory to an every-farmer canvass conducted by AAA committeemen. Each farmer will be asked to fill out a farm plan and work sheet. Together, these forms will furnish an inventory of each farm's production capacity, show what is needed to get production, and provide a basis for action to get what ever is lacking.

The Food-For-Freedom drive will be directed by USDA war boards concentrating the resources of every agency of the department of agriculture. This will permit all possible assistance to farmers in overcoming

obstacles that stand in the way of production.

By R. G. FOWLER, County Agent.

Gypsy Rose Sued by Woman Who Aided in Preparing Her Book

New York, Dec. 24.—(U.P.)—Preliminary papers charging breach of contract were filed against Gypsy Rose Lee, New York burlesque actress, in supreme court today by Dorothy Wheelock, associate editor of Harper's Bazaar.

The note of issue charged that Miss Wheelock entered into contract with the dancer, whose real name is Louise Hovick, for collaboration on a book, "The G-String Murders," published in October, 1941.

Maurice Spelzer, attorney for Miss Wheelock, said today that his client was to receive 50 per cent of the profits. Miss Wheelock is seeking \$5,000 for "services already rendered," according to the complaint, and one half of the profits from the sale of the book.

FALL PIG OUTPUT ALL-TIME RECORD

Washington, Dec. 24.—(U.P.)—The agriculture department today estimated the 1942 fall pig crop at an all-time record of 43,721,000 head.

The estimated crop was 23 per cent larger than the former record fall crop, in 1941, and 60 per cent larger than the 1931-1940 average, the department said.

The report estimated the combined spring and fall pig crop at 104,734,000 head, 24 per cent more than the previous record of 1941 and 44 per cent above the 1931-1940 average. The estimates indicated an all-time record slaughter of hogs next year.

The Grange

Pomona Grange
Officers-elect of Jackson County Pomona Grange are requested to be at Central Point Grange hall Sunday, Dec. 27, at 1 p. m., for installation. The following officers were elected to serve two years: Master, Wm. G. Howes; overseer, Tom Stanley; lecturer, Eula Foley; steward, Ray Ward; assistant steward, Wm. Foley; chaplain, Sadie Frink; treasurer, Arnold Bohner; secretary, Nora N. Wait; gatekeeper, Otto Fuhrman; Ceres, Isabelle Le Vander; Pomona, Ethel Hockersmith; Flora, Merle Carlton; lady assistant steward, Anna Roberts; executive committee, H. P. Brown, Fred Dorn and Otto Niedermeyer.

Sams Valley Grange
Regular meeting of Sams Valley Grange was held Dec. 19 with potluck dinner preceding the session. Gold Hill drill team put on the third and fourth degrees for eleven new members. Dancing was enjoyed after the meeting.

Another party will be held Saturday night at Grange hall. Ladies are to bring doughnuts or sandwiches.

CANADIANS ENLIST
Ottawa, Dec. 24.—(U.P.)—Voluntary enlistments in Canada's army, navy and air force totaled 618,318 men on Oct. 31, or 29.7 per cent of the eligible male population, Defense Minister J. L. Ralston said today.

91st Division Party For Children Today; Santa to Pay Visit

Camp White, Dec. 24.—(Spl.)—A "Kiddies" Christmas party will be given at 3 p. m. today for children of all men in the 91st Infantry Division. The party, to be held in Theatre No. 4, will feature Santa Claus, who will be accompanied by Susie, a fawn which the 316th Engineer Battalion acquired as their mascot last August, and which has been growing steadily ever since. Susie's favorite pastime is roaming from post exchange to post exchange begging ice cream and candy.

Entertainment will consist of a show produced and master of ceremonies by Lt. Robert B. Greenberger, assistant special service officer, 91st Infantry Division. The show features PFC Stanley Shaddick, magician; Pvt. and Mrs. Ken Fields, Pvt. Walter Houle, Pvt. Ray Watson, Pvt. Leon Lelo, Pvt. Jasewski, and the Division Artillery Band led by Warrant Officer Erwin M. Greger.

Highlighting the afternoon will be distribution, by Santa, of gifts for each child attending. Each child will receive one bag of fruits and nuts and a special present.

Spain and Portugal Will Remain Neutral Is Elmer Davis View

Washington, Dec. 24.—(U.P.)—Office of War Information Director Elmer Davis said today "there is every reason to believe" Spain and Portugal will maintain their neutral status in the war.

Davis told a press conference that the recent visit of Spanish Foreign Minister Gen. Count Francisco Gomez De Jordana to Portugal and the proclamation of a Spanish-Portuguese neutrality bloc "constituted an encouraging factor and will have a stabilizing effect on that part of the Mediterranean."

"All the evidence," he said, "indicates that the Spanish government is quite sincere in its desire to remain neutral and collaborate with Portugal in an Iberian bloc outside the war." He said there was no reason to believe reports that troops are being concentrated in southern Spain.

KLAMATH GREENS FOR CAMP WHITE

Klamath Falls, Dec. 24.—(Spl.)—Fourteen huge cartons of greens from Klamath Falls will help cheer the men at Camp White, Medford. The greens were made into 250 separate pieces including 100 large charm strings loaded with large sugar pine cones to be used for door or wall decorations, and 150 smaller arrangements for tables and trays. These were especially earmarked for use in the camp hospital during the holiday season.

The arrangements were made by the Klamath Falls Woman's Library club garden group.

In addition two large cartons of silver and gold gilded greens, stands and candles were donated by the Altamont Garden club. The boxes were moved without charge by the Oregon-Nevada-California Fast Freight company to Medford. Credit goes to the Weyerhaeuser Timber company for donation and transportation of the greens.

HOUSING SHORTAGE
London, Dec. 24.—(U.P.)—An advertisement in the German Frankfurter Zeitung, quoted today by the British radio, said: "WANTED—Unfurnished room for 21 foreign workers."

"China Girl" Here for Christmas



Gene Tierney and George Montgomery have starring roles in "China Girl," dare-devil action story coming to the Rialto theatre Christmas day (tomorrow) for one big thrill week.

TEXAS FARES TO RISE

Washington, Dec. 24.—(U.P.)—The Interstate Commerce Commission today ordered railroads in Texas to increase first class passenger fares and freight rates on intra-state traffic to conform with the 10 per cent increase on fares and general six per cent

increase on freight granted the railroads early this year.

The daily oil-carrying capacity of the Texas-Illinois pipeline, now under construction, will equal the capacity of 1,430 average tank cars.

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Holly Romance



Henry Aldrich cuts a few romantic capers in "Henry Aldrich, Editor," playing at the Holly theatre through Saturday night. "Valley of Hunted Men" is double-billed.

NEGROES HIGH IN SYPHILIS REPORT

Chicago, Dec. 24.—(U.P.)—Of every 1,000 men in the nation between the ages of 21 and 35 an estimated 47.7 have syphilis, it was reported today in the Journal of the American Medical Association by Dr. R. A. Vonderlehr and Lida J. Usilton of Washington, D. C.

This estimate is based on serologic blood test reports of 1,895,778 white and Negro men between these ages tested under provisions of the Selective Service act.

The estimated rate of prevalence of syphilis for the entire male Negro population of the United States in this group is 272 per 1,000. For the entire male white population it is an

estimated 23.5 per 1,000.

More city men were found to be afflicted than men from rural areas.

Girl Wed At Nine Is 14-Year Old Mother

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 24.—(U.P.)—Eunice Johns, who put up her dolls to get married when she was nine years old, has a real baby now, it was learned here today.

The 14-year-old mother, wife of Charley Johns, gave birth to a seven-pound baby girl Saturday at her cottage home in the mountains of Hancock county in east Tennessee.

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