

## LOCAL OPA BOARD HAS FINE RECORD AUDIT DISCLOSES

A recent audit of all ration currency at the local war price and ration board resulted in a perfect record, with no shortages and no overages according to letters and reports from the district officials who made the check. The district officials consider this most unusual and complimented the board staff upon the splendid record.

Reporting on the physical count of the supplies, Arthur D. McCrea, district accounting executive for OPA, wrote: "The audit checked out to the item. This board has been in the habit of taking their own physical inventory at the end of each month and from observations it is very efficiently operated. This board serves approximately 40,000 people."

Commenting on the report and letter Leonard Carpenter, chairman of the board, said: "The local OPA gets plenty of 'bricks' hurled in its direction, so we are very appreciative of the occasional 'bouquets' like this report and letter. When one considers the gallons of gasoline and of fuel oil, the tires, sugar, shoes, stoves and every other rationed product covered by the term 'no shortages and no overages', this record is something to be proud about."

"Ration coupons are just like cash in a bank and every single one of them must be accounted for. Every gasoline stamp which each motorist has, for instance, is on record at the local office and it is possible to tell to whom each was issued. When it is understood that a great part of the issuance of all ration coupons is done by volunteers, the nature of this record made by L. L. Ternahan, chief clerk, and his assistants is remarkable."

"Also at this time I should like to compliment the many volunteers who have made it possible for the huge load of work to go forward in an orderly manner. Many of the volunteers are as regular in attendance as any business man or woman in a paid position. Literally hundreds of hours per week are given to this war-time activity. At present an extra load of work has built up because of the re-issuance of 'A' gas books and the renewal of truck and off-highway rations."

## COUNTY WORK ON 40 MILES ROADS

More than 40 miles of heavy duty maintenance work has been done on the roads of Jackson county the past summer. County Engineer Paul B. Rynning reports. Asphalt was laid on roads that were showing signs of the heavy traffic, in the shape of repairs and patching. There was no road program this year and practically no oiling to subdue dust.

Work on the timber access road in the Ramsay Canyon country will be completed in another month. Lack of labor has delayed its completion, the county engineer said. The road is being built with the government, county and timbermen contributing. It will shorten the log haul to this city.

## AGATE PENDANT HAS "V" CENTER

Mrs. E. R. Waite of 730 South Holly street has been wearing for the past several months a necklace which creates much interest, for the pendant is a clear agate stone with a perfectly formed "V" in the center.

Mrs. Waite's pendant has an interesting history, as well as being an interesting object, for

the agate was found by her husband while he worked as a government gravel inspector during the construction of Camp White. Mr. Waite has collected agates for some time as a hobby and this one came to his attention as he was at work one night. Turning his flashlight against the stone, Mr. Waite found that it was almost completely clear with but the one marking through the center. When cut the marking was discovered to be the perfectly formed "V" which has been the victory symbol of the allies since early in the war.

The agate, which was originally about the size of a small egg, was taken to George A. Greive of 32 S. Central for professional shaping and polishing into the pendant which Mrs. Waite now wears.

## JOHN APPLEGATE FINISHES COURSE AS ARMY AIRMAN

After training in three different types of army service, Lt. John L. Applegate of Medford was graduated from the AAF advanced pilot school at Williams Field, Chandler, Ariz., as an army pilot. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Applegate, 615 South Oakdale avenue.

Lt. Applegate first entered the army as a private in the medical detachment in September of 1940. Later he transferred to infantry and entered the Infantry Officers' Candidate school at Ft. Benning, Ga., receiving his commission as a second lieutenant in September of 1942. While stationed at Camp Robinson, Ark., he was promoted to first lieutenant. About a year ago he entered the AAF for pilot's training, graduating from Williams Field Sept. 8.

The pilot is a graduate of St. Mary's high school in 1937 and attended Mt. Angel College, St. Benedict, Ore., the following year. His wife resides in New York.

## TOUVELLE APPLE TREE AID TO JELLY MAKERS

The Waxen apple tree owned by Col. F. L. Touvelle of Jacksonville is again the mecca of jelly makers of that area and this city. Due to the high content of waxen apples they are in heavy demand for jelly. This year the tree thought to be the only Waxen tree in the county, will yield about 40 bushels of apples. Many old residents for years have made jelly from the apples.

## FSA PROGRAMS OFFER FARMERS COUNSEL, LOANS

Family-type, small and part-time farmers unable to place their operations on a sound basis through other credit sources can secure counsel and assistance through farm security administration programs, reports Bruce E. Stewart, county FSA supervisor for Jackson county, 211 Fluhler building, Medford. Funds for another year were appropriated by congress to support war food production and operation of family-sized and smaller farms.

FSA services include farm management and loan assistance to help bring smaller farms up to full production capacity through providing needed livestock, machinery, feed and seed, building repairs, small water facilities and other essentials to efficient operation, explained Stewart. Loans are limited to \$2500, repayable up to five years and bear five percent interest.

Farmers eligible must be resident operators or owners of family-type or smaller farms, have a background of farm experience and show inability to finance sound operations from regular commercial credit sources. Practical farm and home plans are worked out by the farmer with the help of the supervisor and a county committee of resident farmers. Farm tenure is expected to cover the loan repayment period.

Loan application forms and information may be obtained at the county FSA office, Medford, Oregon, or from the following county FSA committeemen, Edward R. Chamberlain, Eagle Point; Earl Ulrich, Trail; and Edward P. Vilas, Medford. Completed applications are reviewed by the county committee and approved when they are practical, help war food production and make for sound farming operations. Special consideration will be given applications of returned veterans with farm background.

## MOOSE TO PICNIC COMING SUNDAY

Members of Moose Lodge No. 178 will hold a picnic Sunday, Sept. 17, in Lithia Park, Ashland. Plans for the affair were

made at a meeting of the lodge held last Friday and those attending are asked to assemble at the lunch tables in the park at 10 a. m.

Regular meetings are to be held by the lodge the second and fourth Fridays of each month at 8 p. m. in the Phoenix Grange hall. Next meeting will be Sept. 22 and it is to be preceded by a pot-luck supper at 7:30 p. m. Women of Moose will be in charge of the kitchen.

At the last meeting refreshments were served and an hour of dancing enjoyed.

## BYRNES, BOWLES IN DISAGREEMENT ON PRICE PLANS

Washington, Sept. 13—(U.P.)—War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes and Price Chief Chester Bowles today were revealed to be in disagreement over prices that consumers will pay for civilian goods which go back into production after the defeat of Germany.

Byrnes proposed a method of pricing which, if carried out, would mean a blanket increase over prewar prices for virtually all items returning to the market. Bowles favored a plan whereby many major items, such as automobiles, would not be any higher.

In his report to President Roosevelt on reconversion last Saturday, Byrnes said "it would be feasible" for the OPA to set a general ceiling for articles out of civilian production for some time "at a fixed percentage above the prices charged for such articles before civilian production ceased."

Bowles made his stand clear in a recent report on reconversion pricing, in which he said that "while some commodities are going to come back at higher prices than when they went out, not all of them will be higher."

Byrnes did not consult Bowles before issuing his report, it was learned, but did confer with Economic Stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson.

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## BLUE LEDGE MINE REOPENING SLATED

Exploratory work is now under way at the Blue Ledge mine in the Upper Applegate country, near the California line, according to Andrew Jeldness, a veteran miner of that section. A diamond drill is in operation on the property and engineers are clearing the shafts and blocking new copper. Jeldness understands that the work is being conducted by a southern California syndicate, with government funds.

The mine, long regarded as one of the richest copper properties in this section, has not operated for several years. It was formerly owned by the Guggenheim interests.

During the early '30s, plans were launched for opening the mine, but they never materialized. The mine operated full blast around 1910-1911.

The first Canadian steamer ran from Montreal to Quebec on Nov. 4, 1809.

The Yukon river measures 2,800 miles in length.

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## Huckleberry Champion Not So Good At Routing Black Bear Intruder

Alice Hamilton, champion huckleberry picker and efficient fire guard for the Rogue River Forest Service, turned out not to be so handy with a gun. Last night Mrs. Hamilton, colorful part-Indian Klamath Falls resident, came face to face with a black bear and in her efforts to drive off the intruder into her camp, shot herself through a toe.

Mrs. Hamilton, who has camped every year for 56 consecutive years on Huckleberry Mountain has been serving as forest service fire guard for the last week, the regular guard, Norman Sting, having returned to his teaching position in the valley. Mrs. Hamilton had completed her yearly huckleberry picking activities and so was able to take on the fire guard work.

Last night she was awakened by the noise of a camp prowler and going out to investigate, discovered the black bear. Securing the gun, Mrs. Hamilton was about to aim at bruin when her dog entered the scene and dashing up, jostled the woman and spoiled her aim. Result, one maimed toe. Near-by campers

were summoned and Mrs. Hamilton was taken to Klamath Falls this morning for treatment.

Last year Mrs. Hamilton served as lookout at the Mt. Stella post for the forest service, but with the arrival of the huckleberry season left her work to pick the luscious fruit. Mrs. Hamilton's parents first brought her to the mountains when she was just a toddler, and each year the family returned during the berry picking season. The Klamath woman has continued the custom without fail each year and without doubt will be on hand next year, bears or no bears.

## BOEING CHIEF ILL

Wichita, Kan., Sept. 13—(U.P.)—Philip C. Johnson, 50, president of the Boeing Aircraft company of Seattle, was in critical condition in St. Francis hospital here today from a sudden illness suffered in his hotel room last night.

## BLAMES CRABS

Small Point, Me. (U.P.)—Nicholas Sewall, 7-year-old son of Main's Gov. Sumner Sewall, is

the state's youngest—and least successful—licensed lobster fisherman. However, young Sewall believes it will be just a matter of time when crabs and periwinkles will stop interfering with his lobster catches, and the traps will begin to pay off.

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