

WATER PROGRAM IS TRANSFERRED TO NEW BUREAU

Portland, Ore., July 12—(U.P.) Transfer of the water conservation and utilization program from Farm Security Administration to Soil Conservation Service became effective on July 1, J. H. Christ, Pacific coast regional conservator, Soil Conservation Service, announced today.

The transfer was authorized March 30 by the War Food Administrator. As of July 1, all functions, personnel and property involved in the operation of the program were transferred to the Soil Conservation Service.

Known as the Wheeler-Case program, it handles development of irrigation projects in the western states through joint operation of the Department of Agriculture and the Interior. The act of 1939 authorizes the Department of Agriculture to develop lands for production under irrigation, acquire and divide lands into farms of suitable size, select families for occupancy, and sell developed farms to qualified operators. Such development follows construction of large dams and other facilities by the Department of Interior which make possible the utilization of water on land by farm families.

Carroll H. Dwyer, regional supervisor explained there are 12 projects under actual development in the 17 western states.

Local Contractors To Get Knowledge Of War Contracts

A war contract termination conference will be held at the Jackson county Chamber of Commerce building, beginning at 12:45 p. m. Friday.

Army and navy contract termination experts will conduct the training session to provide contractors of Medford with knowledge for settlement of terminated war contracts and for filling out settlement forms. Heading the group will be Lt. Elton B. Jones, Thirteenth Naval district labor relations officer.

Other members of the contract termination team are C. E. Musser, industrial specialist with the U. S. army ordnance department, Portland; Andrew J. Brugger of the contract termination branch of the U. S. army engineers, Portland district, and Percy Black, Smaller War Plants corporation, Portland.

The scheduled four-hour training is offered without cost to contractors and their representatives. Participants will be given practice in filling out settlement forms and will be given other detailed information on typical contract termination cases.

Floyd Smith Heads Grants Pass Post American Legion

Grants Pass, July 12—Floyd Smith was elected commander of Grants Pass post No. 28 of the

American Legion at the regular meeting Monday. Other officers elected were Robert Bryant, vice commander; Guy Wilcox, second vice commander; Bernard O. McBride, adjutant; Hugh Gould, service officer; Rev. Francis H. Ball, chaplain; Ben W. Coutant, historical committee; Carl Walker, sergeant-at-arms, and Louis Ringuette, finance officer.

Named to the executive committee were J. Z. Thompson, Ben W. Coutant, Noble D. Stanton and Jay Hoffman. Delegates to the state convention will be Noble D. Stanton and W. C. Allen.

Of the newly elected officers, Robert Bryant, Bernard O. McBride and Louis Ringuette are veterans of World War II.

CRATER RIM ROAD OPENING DELAYED

Opening of the road to Diamond Lake by way of Crater Lake National park has been delayed indefinitely because of a breakdown of snow plow equipment. E. P. Leavitt, park superintendent, said today. Leavitt said the road would not be open before end of the week and possibly not by then.

The delay will also affect the rim road, previously expected to be open in about a week, Leavitt said. No definite date can now be given as to when the rim road can be opened, Leavitt reported.

FAST FREIGHT CO. RETAINS PERMIT

A caption appearing in the May 23 issue of the Mail Tribune reading, "Pierce Auto Is Upheld by Court," was not in full accordance with the facts, due to inadvertence, and correction is herewith made.

The Pierce Auto company and four other truck lines, in a suit against the Public Utilities commission and the Oregon-Nevada-California Fast Freight, sought to vacate an order of the PUC permitting the Oregon-Nevada-California Fast Freight to operate between Portland and

southern Oregon. The vacation plea was denied in the Marion county circuit court, and in an appeal to the state supreme court the lower court was upheld.

The Pierce Auto and other truck lines were not upheld as the headline indicated.

TRAITOR DOOMED
Paris, July 12—(U.P.)—The French high court of justice today sentenced to death the "Traitor of Stuttgart," Paul Feronnet, who broadcast Nazi propaganda in the early part of the war. Feronnet was arrested recently at Tuttingen by French troops. He had been condemned in Absentia by a Paris military tribunal in 1940.

There are 27 Indian reservations in California with a total of 899 square miles.

American Girls Marry Italians From POW Camp

San Francisco, July 12—(U.P.)—Three girl cousins today protested an army ruling ordering their Italian soldier husbands sent to an Arizona prison camp because of regulations prohibiting marriage between prisoners of war and American citizens.

The girls are Italian-Americans. They are Norma Romeo Scorza, 23, Virginia Panfilio Mazzonino, 21, and Mildred Circo Bertolotti. Mrs. Scorza and Mrs. Mazzonino were married at Antioch, Calif., in a double ceremony June 17 and Mrs. Bertolotti was married June 3 at Martinez, Calif. When the marriages were discovered, the Army returned their husbands to prison-

er-of-war status and sent them to Arizona.

The girls called for an investigation of "many more secret marriages between American girls and former Italian prisoners of war."

FORCED "TIE-IN" SALE ILLEGAL SAYS OPA HEAD

Portland, July 12—Requiring a customer to buy a couple of pairs of "foot protectors" before she can purchase a pair of hose is another type of "tie-in" sale reported to the district OPA

price division which is definitely illegal, Hosea R. Evans, price executive, announced today.

Evans said that this type of transaction has been reportedly occurring in several Oregon towns in the wake of acute shortage of hosiery. Customers should report this type of sale to the price panels of their local boards, he said.

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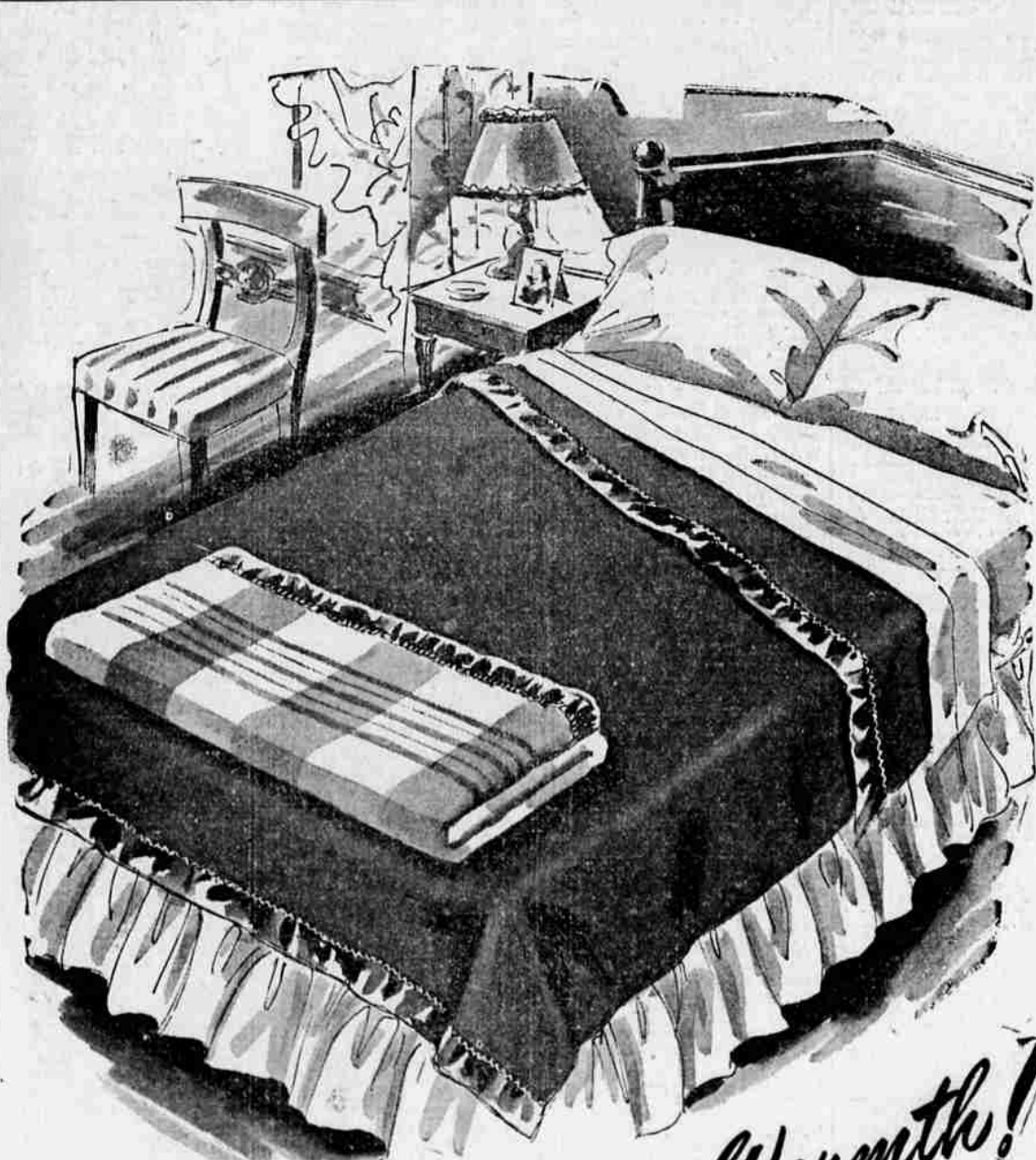
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