

REPORT OF FARM SURVEY IS READY AT C-C OFFICES

The new 1945 agricultural survey prepared by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce is just off the press and ready for distribution here. The survey covers all phases of county agriculture from area and property valuations to types of crops, lands and soils. Copies of this study are available to those interested and may be obtained at the chamber offices.

The number of farms in this county have increased to 2,991, and taxes levied from July 1, 1944 to July 1, 1945 total \$1,325,351, the survey reveals. Statistics concerning the Talent, Medford, Eagle Point, Gold Hill and Rogue River Valley irrigation districts are also included in the agricultural study.

"The success of the small diversified farm is attested by the fact that 85 per cent of the farms in Jackson county are operated by their owners," according to the chamber survey. Agricultural property valuation is listed at \$35,857,407, while Medford's population, based upon OPA, school census and housing survey figures, is set at 17,000. The estimated population of Jackson county is 43,000.

Principle crops are fruit, vegetables, alfalfa, clover and other hays and grain. Special emphasis is also given to dairying, stock raising, poultry, turkeys and rabbits.

National Banks To Stay Open V-J Day

Washington, Aug. 14—(U.P.)—National banks will transact business on V-J day as usual unless the announcement of the end of hostilities should fall on Sunday or a regularly designated holiday, according to an official of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

The banks will remain open for business regardless of whether the president announces the day a legal holiday, it was said, as the chief executive has no statutory authority to designate holidays except as authorized by congress.

WAGE CONTROL WINDUP NOT DUE WITH WAR END

Washington, Aug. 14—(U.P.)—The end of the Pacific war will bring with it no immediate abandonment of the government's control over wages. The present policy will be liberalized, officials say, but some form of government wage control must be exercised until civilian goods are again on the market in abundance and the danger of inflation is past.

Daily Weather Report

FORECASTS
Medford and vicinity: Clear tonight and Wednesday. Little change in temperature.
Oregon: Clear tonight and Wednesday but fog on coast and occasional cloudiness in northern portion. Slightly cooler east of Cascades today. Moderate north to northwest winds off coast.

LOCAL DATA
Temperature a year ago today: Highest 89; Lowest 56.
Total monthly precipitation: 1.13 inches.
Excess for the month: 1.06 inches.
Total precipitation since September 1, 1944: 20.41 inches.
Excess for the season: 3.76 inches.
Relative humidity at 5:30 p. m. yesterday: 26%; 5:30 a. m. today: 81%.

Tomorrow
Sunrise 6:18 a. m. Sunset 8:13 p. m.
High Low Prec.

Boise	90	58	
Boston	88	59	
Chicago	85	73	
Denver	85	27	
Eureka	58	54	.01
Harve	73	50	.17
Los Angeles	92	55	
Medford	98	54	
New York	84	64	
Omaha	87	68	.17
Phoenix	104	74	
Portland	76	58	
San Francisco	82	56	
Seattle	82	69	.13
Salt Lake City	69	58	.7
San Francisco	75	81	
Seattle	83	58	
Spokane	86	64	
Washington, D. C.	86	64	
Yakima	85	64	

PACKING PLANTS READY TO START

Most packing plants of the county will start operations tomorrow. Pickers, including German prisoners of war and Mexican Nationals started picking yesterday. County Agent Robert G. Fowler, and Robert K. Norris of the fruitmen's labor committee, report.

All packing plants will be in operation by Thursday. Pinnacle plant No. 2 and Pinnacle plant No. 1 will start tomorrow morning.

All packing plants have their crews ready to go. It is planned to have the picking handled so there will be a steady flow of fruit to the plants.

Norris said the labor supply was "fair". A shortage of local help still prevails.

WOMEN PROMISED HOUSE DRESSES

Washington, Aug. 14—(U.P.)—The War Production board today promised women more house dresses.

To stimulate the manufacture of four types of women's and girls' cotton house dresses in the next two months, the WPB made new quantities of cloth available on higher priority ratings to manufacturers.

The four types of house dresses are women's sizes 38 to 44 with a maximum wholesale price of \$24 per dozen; women's 46 and up, \$27 per dozen; misses' 10 to 20, \$24 per dozen and juniors' 9 to 17, \$24 per dozen.

Print cloth of window shade quality of various weights and widths also was made available so that industry may obtain about 30 per cent more cloth than was previously available.

Steno Needed By Vets Contactor

Applications are now being accepted to fill the position of clerk-stenographer in the office of the contact representative, Veterans administration, here.

Especially urged to apply are qualified stenographers who are discharged servicemen or widows of servicemen.

Applications can be filed with the Civil Service representative located in the United States Employment Service office at 45 North Fir.

EARLY VALLEY PEACHES, TOMATOES IN MARKETS

Early and mixed varieties of valley grown peaches are now reaching stores with harvesting of the J. F. Hales and Elbertas. The main commercial crop will not start for a couple of weeks, Assistant County Agent C. B. Cordy reports.

Early varieties of tomatoes have also arrived, but the main crop harvesting will not start much before the first of next month. The crop is light, due to reduced acreage.

FIND LOST BOY

Weaverville, Calif., Aug. 14—(U.P.)—Kenneth Bowen, 3, of Hayward, Calif., was recovering today from the effects of being lost three days in rough brush country of Trinity National Forest. The boy lost half his original weight of 30 pounds before he was found, emaciated and exhausted by 150 searchers. He wandered away from his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bowen, while on a fishing trip.

SPRING DIVORCES FALL

Hollywood, Aug. 14—(U.P.)—Redheaded Norma Netcher, 23-year-old patent medicine heiress, today held a divorce from Townsend Netcher, 50, who she said "was extremely jealous because of the difference of our ages."

Nagasaki—Up in Smoke!



Three minutes after second atomic bomb used against Japan struck Nagasaki, giant mushroom column of smoke rises higher than 20,000 feet above the city. Three and a half hours later smoke blanketed city to same altitude, making observation impossible. AAF photo.

REPORT TOUCHES OFF CELEBRATION

Portland, Ore., Aug. 14—(U.P.)—Relief from a suspense given through a Jap radio announcement of impending surrender three downtown Portland into a riot of noise early today as thousands of servicemen and their friends paraded up and down city streets in a mass celebration of the inevitable victory announcement from Washington.

Military and civil police were helpless to handle the milling and lusty-throated throngs and seemed willing to join in the merriment. City fire engines had difficulty in reaching a downtown fire after merrymakers mobbed the trucks forcing them to a standstill.

A real "all-out" celebration still awaited the official White House declaration that peace was a definite reality.

OVER MILLION RETURN FROM OVERSEAS DUTY

Washington, Aug. 14—(U.P.)—The number of soldiers returning to the United States from all overseas theaters since May 12 will pass the millionth mark today.

The War Department said arrivals today would send the total to date to 1,011,432. This figure includes wounded men and those returning for discharge and redeployment.

COMFORT TO DUTY

Wilmington, Cal., Aug. 14—(U.P.)—The army-staffed, navy-operated hospital ship Comfort, damaged in a Japanese suicide plane attack April 28, today was en route to Pacific duty from the Los Angeles port of embarkation with 500 army nurses aboard.

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PAR STORE WILL OPEN IN NEW SITE

Reopening of the Par Store this week in the new location at the corner of West Main and Holly streets, was announced today by G. W. Phetteplace, owner. Three big opening days will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Featuring an increasing supply of home and auto supplies manufactured by Firestone, Phetteplace states that the store is receiving shipments of new merchandise regularly. The store has been closed since mid-July while the move was made from 221 West Main street to the new corner location.

Phetteplace recently sold the Commercial Printing Company to Royal E. Bebb and I. E. Schuler, and will now devote his entire time to the Par Store. The display is set up according to the Firestone plan, and features all new fixtures, according to the owner.

SOIL CONSERVATION JOB WILL TAKE LONG TIME

Washington, Aug. 14—(U.P.)—The U. S. Department of Agriculture today estimated that 33,155 men would have to be employed a year to complete required soil conservation jobs in California, Oregon and Washington.

The department's soil conservation service said Oregon would require 10,161 man years to improve fire protection in areas totaling 8,000,000 acres, and complete a program of rotation grazing over 10,000,000 acres.

Ration-Free Shoes Offered For Sale Aug. 27 to Oct. 13

Retail stores will be permitted to sell certain low-priced shoes ration-free during August 27 through October 13, it was announced today by OPA. District offices will approve ration-free sales only if the shoes were manufactured before March 1, 1944, and will be retailed for \$3.50 a pair or less, it was stated. Applications may be filed with OPA district offices through September 8, and dealers must have approval of the OPA before selling the shoes ration-free.

Reports reaching OPA show that customers have been reluctant to spend ration stamps for lower priced footwear, and such shoes are deteriorating on dealers' shelves. The order does not include children's shoes, the OPA adds.

CRAIG ESTATE LARGE
Washington, Aug. 14—(U.P.)—Estate of the late Gen. Main Craig was valued at more than \$265,500, exclusive of real estate in St. Joseph, Mo., in a petition for probate of his will on file in district court here today.

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