

Lumber Shortage May Be Critical By Coming Year

Washington, Dec. 21—(U.P.)—The commerce department said today that a critical lumber shortage is impending unless manpower and other problems ease by 1946.

Lumber supply has fallen off rapidly since the war ended and the present low level of supply hinders reconversion, the department said.

It added that 1945 production is not expected to exceed 28,000,000,000 board feet, the lowest yearly output since 1938. If employment rises 20 per cent by next June an output in 1946 of 30,000,000,000 board feet may be reached.

The department said that action must be taken now to meet a building program of 1,000,000 or more dwellings expected to materialize in three or four years.

More than 821,300,000 chickens were raised in the United States this year, according to state-federal agricultural statistics.

HIGHER ACREAGE IN WINTER WHEAT

Washington, Dec. 21—(U.P.)—The agriculture department estimated today that farmers have planted 51,940,000 acres in winter wheat, an increase of 3.6 per cent over the acreage seeded in the fall of 1944.

Plantings for the 1945 crop totaled 50,123,000 acres. The 1934-43 average was 46,757,000 acres.

The department estimated on basis of Dec. 1 conditions, and other historic information, that this acreage should yield about 750,739,000 bushels. The average production of winter wheat is 585,994,000.

The board also reported that farmers have planted 3,721,000 acres of rye, about 17 per cent less than a year ago and 41 per cent less than average.

UNION CREEK SKIING CONDITION SAID POOR

Rains in the Union Creek district is softening the snow and skiing conditions are reported as poor, according to information received from Richard Tubman, ranger from the Rogue River National Forest service. Reports will be gathered from time to time for the information of those wishing to travel to that district for skiing according to the forest office here.

AUSTRIANS ELECT
Vienna, Dec. 20—(U.P.)—Dr. Karl Renner, chief of the Soviet-sponsored interim government, was elected president of the second Austrian republic today by a unanimous vote of parliament. The 75-year-old socialist was chosen president at a joint session of the two houses of parliament. He was elected for six years.

Daily Weather Report

FORECASTS
Medford and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday with a few light showers. Slightly cooler tonight.
Oregon: Intermittent rain tonight and Saturday except snow in mountains and in most of east portion. Warmer today. Fresh to strong southeasterly wind off coast.

LOCAL DATA
Temperature a year ago today:
Highest 51; lowest 36
Total monthly precipitation 1.11 inches.
Deficiency for the month .78 inches.
Total precipitation since September 1, 1945, 4.17 inches.
Excess for the season 1.88 inches.
Relative humidity at 4:30 p. m. yesterday 55%; 4:30 today 66%.

Sunrise 7:26 a. m. Sunset 4:45 p. m.
Observations Taken At 4:30 A. M.
120 Meridian Time

Biose	21	19	.03
Boston	24	11	
Chicago	16	02	
Denver	35	29	
Eureka	62	52	.86
Havre	29	00	.10
Los Angeles	65	49	.22
Medford	53	49	.01
New York	—	21	T
Omaha	22	08	
Phoenix	68	34	
Portland	34	32	.12
Reno	37	25	.01
Roseburg	45	42	.11
Salt Lake	32	12	
San Francisco	40	—	.47
Seattle	41	37	.37
Spokane	24	22	.06
Washington, D. C.	29	19	
Yakima	26	23	.13

2 SHOPPING DAYS Left



Buy CHRISTMAS SEALS

Episcopal Church Sets Annual Carol Service On Sunday

St. Mark's Episcopal church will hold the annual carol service at 11 a. m. Sunday, Dec. 23 according to the rector, the Rev. George R. Turney, and at 5 p. m. the annual Christmas pageant will be given. The pageants relates the Christmas story, with both junior and senior church schools and adults taking part. This will be followed by the Christmas tree party for members of the junior church school in the parish house.

Carols on the program for Sunday morning will be "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen," "Unto Us A Boy Is Born," "Good Christian Men, Rejoice," "Over Yonder's A Park," "Of the Father's Love Begotten," "Remember, O Thou Man" and "The Babe in Bethlehem's Manger Laid."

Christian Church Presents Cantata

A Christmas cantata, "The Morn of Glory" will be presented at the First Christian church Sunday at 7:30 p. m. by the choir members. The cantata will occupy the entire evening service, and there will be no sermon.

Cancer Kills More Than Foes in War

Washington, Dec. 21—(U.P.)—Cancer killed nearly twice as many Americans during the war years as the Japanese and Germans.

The census bureau reported today that U. S. deaths from cancer during 1942, 1943 and 1944 totaled 501,419. Armed forces deaths due to enemy action during World War II were about 273,000.

There were 171,171 deaths from cancerous causes in the U. S. in 1944; 166,848 in 1943 and 163,400 in 1942. The largest number of such deaths occurred among persons aged 65 to 69.

Court Records

Justice Court
Chester Kezer, no clearance lights, \$1 and costs.
Bernard L. Dye, failure to operate on right side of highway, \$1 and costs; no operator's license, \$1 and costs.
Charles O. Long and Woodrow W. Atwood, combination overload, cited.
Leon E. Cummings, driver axle overload, cited.
Milton M. Parnell, passing motor vehicle with insufficient clearance; violating basic rule, cited.
Robert S. Dye, no operator's license, cited.

Police Court
John P. Hartsook and W. H. Johnson, parking in alley, \$5 fine each.
Morris Jones, parking in safety zone, \$1 fine.

Court House News

Divorce Complaints
Mary J. Durst vs. Lewis H. Durst.
Ruth C. Lawrence vs. Charles W. Lawrence.
Thada A. Griffiths vs. Clarence D. Griffiths.

Divorce Decrees
Lillian J. Mitchell vs. Charles E. Mitchell.
Harriet Walker vs. Robert Walker.
Beatrice Pyle vs. P. Paul Pyle.

CRUISER DAMAGED

Portsmouth, Eng., Dec. 21—(U.P.)—The American cruiser Augusta her starboard bow damaged so she had to abandon a voyage to the United States, put into harbor here today with 1,134 troops who had hoped to spend Christmas at home. The Augusta left Le Havre with the troops Dec. 15.

Servicemen Asked To Holiday Party Sponsored by VFW

Servicemen, ex-servicemen and their families are invited to be guests of Crater Lake post 1833, Veterans of Foreign Wars, at a Christmas tree and party to be held at the USO, North Riverside avenue and Sixth street, at 7:30 o'clock tonight.

Each parent is requested to bring a small gift for his child with the name plainly printed on the package. The gift will be placed under the Christmas tree and handed out by Santa Claus. Crater Lake post will furnish Christmas goodies for each child.

A program of Christmas carols will be presented by Eve Printice and her Junior Accordiana band and Christmas readings will be given by Mrs. Ruth Rusque. Earl Sterrigger is in charge of the committee arranging the program and party.

Big Police Chief Gets 60 Days For Mauling Flyweight

Los Angeles, Dec. 21—(U.P.)—Police Chief Ernest Giles of Vernon today was in a county jail, mate of some of the prisoners he helped put there.

Giles began a 60-day sentence yesterday for choking and mauling Julian A. Campbell, Long Beach contractor, last April 3. Giles weighs 210 pounds, Campbell, 129. The alleged assault followed an argument over Campbell's inability to lay down \$200 bail immediately on a double-parking charge.

New Drug Cures Malaria Is Claim

San Francisco, Dec. 21—(U.P.)—Experiments with a new drug called Paludrine on 200 volunteer Australian soldier-patients suffering malaria proved its effectiveness as a possible cure for the tropical disease, Melbourne radio said today.

Melbourne radio quoted Brigadier H. Fairley, of the Australian Army Medical Corps in charge of the experiment, as saying that Paludrine "controlled malaria fever and terminated the attacks."

Imperial chemicals industries will begin producing Paludrine next year and it will be available for civilians in 1947.

Oregon Beauties In Final Tests For Bond Queen

Hollywood, Dec. 21—(U.P.)—Seven girls cavorted before the cameras at 20th Century-Fox studio today as final tests were taken in the contest for the title of "Miss Pacific Coast Victory Bond Queen" and a film contract.

The test film will be run off shortly before or after the first of the year, and then the winning contestant will be selected. The girls will leave for their homes after completing the tests today.

The sectional winners taking the tests include Mary Ann Smith, 18, La Grande, Ore.; Betty Sullins, 18, Portland.

Jap Politicians Regain Franchise

Tokyo, Dec. 21—(U.P.)—General MacArthur today ordered the Japanese government to restore the right to vote and hold public office to persons who have been political prisoners.

MacArthur sent a directive to the Japanese government Oct. 4 calling for release from prison of all political prisoners, while today's directive goes a step farther in restoring their civil rights.

HOLLYWOOD LANDLORD WINS EVICTION RIGHT

Hollywood, Dec. 21—(U.P.)—Tenants of the swanky Villa

D'Italia apartments facing eviction, today planned to appeal an OPA decision so they "won't be on the streets at Christmas." Owner Paul Seirson won OPA approval of eviction action when he claimed that he was losing \$300 per month in operation of the apartments. The regional OPA office said action was pending on withdrawal of 230 other units from the Hollywood housing market. Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 4:00 Saturday afternoon. Please remember.

Hubbard Bros. Inc.

WILL BE CLOSED FOR INVENTORY

December 26-27-28

In Cases of Emergency
Phone 2189

Fluhrer's

For Your Holiday Specialties

We Suggest

DINNER ROLLS Several Varieties 12c Doz. and Up

PUMPKIN PIES } Two Sizes
MINCE PIES } 40c and 50 Each

Christmas Stollen Coffee Cakes 29c Each

Betty Crocker's Plain or Spiced Dressing Bread

No Holiday is Complete Without Fluhrer's Old English Fruit Cake \$1.10 and \$2.00

Fluhrer's Entire Staff Wish Each and Every One of Our Customers

A VERY MERRY XMAS

TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT PLACE YOUR ORDER EARLY

Dial 2241 RETAIL STORE 29 No. Holly

Christmas Services

at
Church of the Nazarene

1st and Holly St.
REV. GEORGE COULTER, Pastor

SUNDAY, DEC. 23:

9:45 A. M.—Sunday School. Christmas Story illustrated by Mrs. Beougher.

11:00 A. M.—Sermon: "THE STAR STILL SHINES."

6:30 P. M.—Combined Christmas Youth Service by Candle Light.

7:30 P. M.—Christmas Cantata, "The Carol of the Bells" by the Choir. Directed by Mr. John Eby. Sermonette: "What Shall I give This Christmas?"

MONDAY, DEC. 24:

7:30 P. M.—Christmas Program, presented by the Sunday School. "Joy to the World, the Lord Is Come."

RUGS Make Fine Gifts

Wool Hand Hooked Rugs from \$14.88 up

Bath Sets \$3.75 to \$6.50

Charm Tread Rugs \$3.25 to \$24.50

ANGORA SHEEP RUGS \$6.50 to \$49.50

Large Assortment of **FRAMED PICTURES** and Art Supplies

Large Selection of **FINE MIRRORS** A Lasting Gift That Pleases

TABLE LAMPS WASTE BASKETS

Many Other Fine Gift Items Priced Right!

OPEN UNTIL 9 p. m. SATURDAY and MONDAY

Building Specialty & Appliance Co.

317 EAST MAIN — YOUR HOTPOINT DEALER — PHONE 5487

WHEN EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

For INSTANT STARTING under all conditions...It's

ARO-TANE FOR ACTION

GASOLINE

★ With ARO-TANE in your tank, you're on your way at the first touch of the starter, even in coldest weather. Starting difficulty due to the presence of low-volatility elements is eliminated. The "warm-up" period, too, is cut to the very minimum. Your motor is running smoothly and powerfully within seconds.

All the component parts of ARO-TANE, the Dual Octane Quality gasoline—even those contributing its extra power and mileage qualities—are high in octane rating, and of correct volatility for instant starting as well as for top road performance. This means smooth idling, freedom from stalling, smooth, fast acceleration, and complete absence of knock or ping under any condition.

Despite the superior qualities which make it outstanding in its field, ARO-TANE costs you no more than other premium gasolines. Fill your tank with ARO-TANE today, at your nearby Friendly Associated Dealer's. It's ARO-TANE for Action!

LET'S GET ASSOCIATED

TIDE WATER ASSOCIATED OIL COMPANY

WASHING MACHINE REPAIR

FOR ALL MAKES Also Refrigeration Service

Younger's Appliance
31 N. Bartlett Phone 2418