

# SPRAGUE TAKES STEPS TO LIFT OREGON OUTPUT

Following a call by the National Defense Council for an immediate increased production of war materials, Governor Charles A. Sprague has taken steps to co-ordinate the industrial program in Oregon through the cooperative efforts of several agencies.

This co-ordination program is being carried on by the Oregon Economic Council of which E. B. MacNaughton of Portland is chairman, with the aid of chambers of commerce, Industrial Defense committees in the various communities, and other organizations throughout the state.

The program is the result of united effort of defense authorities in Washington, D. C., to bring all of the productive facilities of the nation into operation to assure sufficient armaments for the army and navy, as well as war materials needed by Great Britain to withstand an attack this spring.

First step in the program in Oregon is an inventory of all available productive machines which can be put to work on defense materials. The National Defense Council has pointed out that such an inventory must include all machine shops, regardless of size, and must list all machines regardless of where located.

The economic council expects to find these machines in machine shops, lumber mills, canneries, garages, and other places where repairs are made or repair parts manufactured. Under the plan being worked out in Washington, D. C., the larger manufacturing concerns will be expected to sub-contract for available time wherever suitable machines are located.

While plans for the co-ordination of contracts with the survey have not yet been completed, the economic council expects to work through the various chambers of commerce and similar groups in the cities and towns of the state.

Owners of the machine shops and small factories must negotiate their own sub-contracts, although pressure is expected to be applied by national defense agencies to insure the main contracts being sub-let.

Complete plans are expected from Washington, D. C., by the middle of February.

Headquarters for the inventory are at 727 Corbett building in Portland. Direction of the inventory is in the hands of Leon S. Davis of Hillsboro, who recently completed the inventory of skilled labor in Oregon.

## Unemployment No Longer Presents Problem, Says Economist for Institute

NEW YORK, Feb. 13 (UP) — Unemployment in the United States "has been practically wiped out" and the nation today faces the problem of a shortage of labor for the first time in more than a decade, according to William T. Livingston, economist for the Alexander Hamilton Institute.

Livingston, also director of the bureau of business conditions of the institute, whose employment figures are used by several federal agencies, told the United Press in an interview that unemployment — the number one problem of this country since 1930 — has virtually disappeared and a full solution of whatever remains of the problem today "is the matter of only a short time in view of the current trend of affairs."

The 1940 census disclosed, he said, that at the end of March of that year there were only 5,110,000 persons in the United States who desired work but had no form of employment.

"Since the census was taken there has been a further sharp decline in unemployment. An estimate based on reports of increases in employment in various industries indicates that there were 3,441,000 fewer persons unemployed in December, 1940, than in March of the same year. This means that of the 5,110,000 persons reported by the census as unemployed in March, only 1,669,000 were unemployed in December. That compared with a peak unemployment of 16,467,000 in March 1933.

"An unemployment figure of only 1,669,000 is indicative of practically full employment since there are always a number of persons who are temporarily out of work as the result of various factors, such as the process of changing from one job to another or the seasonal character of some kinds of work. Even in September, 1929, when pre-depression prosperity was at its peak and there was obviously no lack of work, 2,768,000 persons were unemployed."

Livingston estimated total employment at present at a record around 50,000,000 persons, moderately above the monthly peak of 1929 and more than 4,000,000 over the 1929 average.

He asserted that there is a distinct possibility that the supply of workers soon may prove

## Shasta Foresters Make Snow Survey Around McCloud

Working in cooperation with the soil conservation service, Foresters Sullaway, Barron, Brown and Peterson of the Shasta national forest recently made a two-day snow survey trip from McCloud to the top of Buck mountain to secure special data on general snow conditions. Twenty-four miles of the trip was made on skis and they reported upon their return that there was a very favorable snow pack. Average measurement of snow depths was between 83 and 84 inches with a 37 per cent water content. Last year's survey of the same points showed a 28 inch average snow depth with a slightly higher water content.

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## CALIFORNIA GAS TAX FUNDS APPORTIONED

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 13 (UP) — A quarterly gasoline tax apportionment of \$13,768,236, largest ever made by the state, was announced today by State Controller Harry B. Riley.

For the quarter ended last December 31, Riley distributed \$4,588,412, one-third of the total apportionment, to the state's 58 counties.

The balance of \$9,179,824, was deposited in the state highway fund from which the division of highways will allocate \$2,294,706 for expenditure by the cities or by the division for state highway construction and maintenance within cities.

The remaining \$6,884,118 will be spent on the state highway system.

Riley said that gasoline tax collections during the quarter totaled \$14,954,830. In addition, the state collected \$1350 from brokers' and producers' licenses and miscellaneous revenue.

Purchasers of gasoline not used on public highways were refunded \$1,135,926. Administrative expenses of the fuel tax division which audits the refund claims amounted to \$52,018.

Riley reported Diesel fuel tax revenue in the quarter totaled \$186,928, which he transferred to the state highway fund for expenditure on the repair of bridges and state highways.

Under the apportionment, Siskiyou county with 12,623 registered vehicles was apportioned \$25,037. Repayment of the unemployment relief loan resulted in deduction of \$6117.

Modoc county with 4091 registered vehicles was apportioned \$13,183.

to be inadequate to handle the volume of business which promises to develop as result of the government's big arming program, pointing out that a shortage of skilled labor already has been reported by the national industrial council.

## Entertainment for Alumni Planned

An intensive "short course" on the institution and its various agencies, as well as a get-together that will include a buffet dinner and two basketball games for entertainment, has been planned for all officers and district directors of the University of Oregon Alumni association for February 14 and 15, according to word received from Elmer Fansett, alumni secretary.

John H. Houston of Klamath Falls and 35 other county directors have been invited to attend the event and a large number are expected to be here for the two days. Officers who will have charge include Hollis Johnston, Portland, president; Forrest E. Cooper, Lakeview, vice president, and Fansett.

## HOSELYS ON WAY TO MAYO CLINIC

SPRAGUE RIVER—Lee Hosely, manager of Hosely Logging company, accompanied by Mrs. Hosely left Sunday for the Mayo clinic at Rochester, Minn., where he will undergo special treatment for a serious hip injury.

Hosely's injury goes back to last summer, when he felt a sharp pain while working on one of his logging trucks. He disregarded the injury and worked on during the remainder of the summer under great difficulty.

This winter he was forced to seek treatment and an X-ray revealed that his hip bone was broken. He was immediately sent to the Klamath Valley hospital where his hip was placed in a cast.

After several weeks he returned to Sprague River, where he suffered a relapse. He sought the advice of specialists, who advised him that the only possible hope for a cure was the special treatment administered in the famed Mayo clinic. It is believed that a silver plate will be inserted near the break.

During his absence the Hosely Logging company will be managed by Masters, the timekeeper and Claude Mallison. At present logging operations are at a standstill due to impossible condition of the roads.

## REHEARING ASKED

WENATCHEE, Wash., Feb. 13 (UP) — The Wenatchee Baseball club will ask a rehearing on revocation of its franchise at a directors' meeting of the Western International league in Tacoma tomorrow, it was indicated Wednesday night.

Charles Garland, former Wenatchee president, said representatives would be present when directors convene to discuss giving the franchise to Bremerton.

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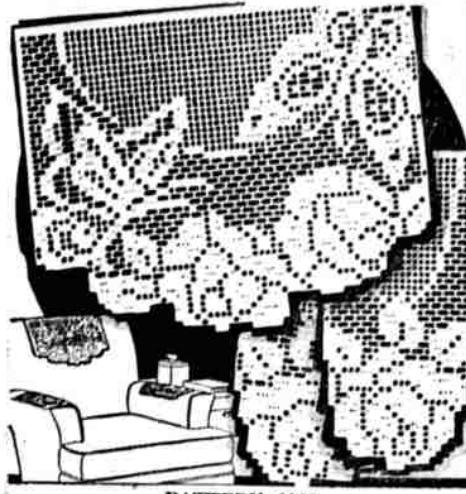
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## OSC Botanist Finds Way To Curb Disease of Shrubs

By PAUL F. EWING  
CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 13 (P) — A disease which caused shrub lovers much trouble has been curbed.

It threatened California's Monterey cypress, its chief host, and so badly infected the Pacific northwest's nursery stocks of Oriental arbutus — which are ornamental trees — that they were unfit for sale despite the clamoring of gardeners.

The disease recently was reported by J. A. Milbrath of the Oregon State college botany department as an "undescribed foliage blight," known locally as Berkman blight.

After experimenting, he said it could be satisfactorily controlled by one application of red copper oxide or basic copper sulphate.

Milbrath warned gardeners however, that to be effective it must be applied before infections are initiated and spread by early fall rains.

Arbutus infected were varieties of the Orientals, including Berkman's pyramidal golden cedar and others of the hardy conifers by gardeners for ornamental plantings — trees, shrubs and hedge material.

Related species of conifers were found to be immune although the blight affected pyramidal Italian cypress.

Milbrath said the disease is characterized by blighting of small branches, causing them to turn reddish-brown. Limits of infection are indicated by girdling of larger branchlets.

Small branchlets fall from the plants, leaving a tangle of dead gray stems. Infected foliage also turns light gray and reinfection continues until the plant dies.

Plants sprayed before fall rains will be cured by one application, since the fungus is not systemic and depends upon new infections each year for survival.

The toy balloon industry in the United States does an annual business of \$5,000,000.

The first modern Olympic games were held in Greece in 1896.

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## RED CROSS TELLS EXTENT OF WORK

The William Pitt chapter of the Daughters of the British Empire have been very active the past year in the production program carried on by the Klamath county chapter of the American Red Cross.

The group, under the direction of the committee composed of Mrs. H. S. Cunningham, Mrs. Jean Shiel, Mrs. Jennie Grover, Mrs. Paul Keyes, Mrs. M. L. Feuton and May Phinney have worked approximately 527 hours. During this time the following articles were made: two boys' shirts, 12 women's dresses, six convalescent robes, two children's dresses, six layettes, 12 baby bonnets, four baby jackets, six pair baby booties, seven crocheted shawls, one knitted muffler, five knitted long sleeved sweaters and 14 pair knitted wristlets.

Due to the fact the American Red Cross has been giving so much aid to Britain, the organization feels it is doing its part in helping the country through the American Red Cross. Since the invasion of Holland on May 10 last year, the American Red Cross has delivered to Great

Britain supplies and cash grants to the value of more than 10 million dollars — by far the most important aid which has come from America to Britain, always excepting munitions, which are not, after all, gifts.

Aid can be roughly divided into two categories — medical supplies, which are turned over to the British Red Cross, and supplies for civilian relief, which are the garments made by women of America and distributed throughout Great Britain by the Women's Voluntary services.

## Snow Measures 131 Inches at Crater Lake

Snow depth at park headquarters is 131 inches, according to the Thursday morning radio report received here from Crater Lake. No new snow has fallen in the past 24 hours although 18 inches of dry, powdery snow covers a normal pack.

Maximum temperature Wednesday was 37 degrees, minimum, 17, and at 8 a. m. Thursday, 18 degrees. A light southwest wind was blowing, it was cloudy, with visibility at the rim reported fair.

Roads are open to two-way traffic and covered with a pack of snow and ice. Chains are advised but not required.

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