

PREPARE NOW FOR LACK OF MACHINERY

Faced with a possible shortage of farm machinery for next year, and inability to get prompt delivery of repairs, Oregon farmers are being advised by Robert Taylor of Adams, chairman of the state U. S. D. A. agricultural defense board to make plans now to foresee their 1942 equipment requirements.

The days when a grower can rush to town and buy a new piece of equipment, or even get the right replacement part on a moment's notice, are probably over for the duration of the emergency, says Taylor. On the other hand, the government is making every effort to see that needed farm machinery and repairs are provided for as adequately as possible through favorable priorities.

A statewide equipment survey recently conducted by county U. S. D. A. defense boards shows that Oregon farmers expect to need more than the usual amount of farm machinery next year, both because of the farm labor shortage and the increased production under the "food for freedom" program.

"The big expansion of cover crop seeds, the need for more feed crops to supply the needed increases in pork, dairy, poultry and beef products, and the general farm labor problem are all factors in the indicated need for more equipment," the defense board chairman said.

The results of the machinery survey will be used to establish new priority ratings for materials to manufacture new equipment classed as absolutely necessary. These priorities, the chairman said, are designed to maintain the existing farm plant at a high level of efficiency by assuring supplies of needed repair and maintenance parts and of essential new equipment. Accordingly, he advises farmers to repair old machinery whenever possible, and to utilize all suitable farm equipment. Purchases of new equipment, he said, will best be held to a bare minimum.

Farsighted farmers can head off a lot of harvest time trouble by advance planning now, Taylor declared, pointing out that attention to repairs and ordering of needed parts during the coming winter months will do a lot to prevent hardships arising from shortages or delays next summer.

Strikers in High School Dispute Denied Hearing

LA CENTER, Wash., Oct. 16 (AP)—Forty-five striking La Center high school students hoped to present their case tonight, but the school board indicated it would ignore their request for a hearing.

The strike came as the latest development in the dismissal of Supt. E. Rutherford last April. Student Body President Robert Pye said it was not a reflection on the new superintendent, John Hower, but that "We want Mr. Rutherford back."

Rutherford, superintendent for 10 years, recently obtained a mandamus writ to force payment of his July salary warrant.

C. R. Barnhart, school board clerk, said the strikers would be denied the school building to present their version to the board, parents and students.

I believe that much of the educational work such as the development of a more intelligent and healthier citizenry must be done by the women. —Mrs. John L. Whitehurst, president, General Federation of Women's clubs.

Elsewhere In Oregon

TROUTDALE, Oct. 16 (AP)—Troutdale citizens have asked the Multnomah county commission plan for housing facilities for workers' families in the event the proposed federal aluminum plant is constructed here.

DAYTON, Oct. 16 (AP)—A flax-retting plant will be discussed by farmers of this area tonight. An effort to establish a plant here was launched last year.

SILVERTON, Oct. 16 (AP)—A state highway crew this week will start repairs of the Main street bridge over Silver creek.

CANBY, Oct. 16 (AP)—The Oregon Turkey Growers association completed its first carload of birds this week and is well into its 1941 pre-holiday season. J. E. Conn, Roseburg, general manager, said.

COQUILLE, Oct. 16 (AP)—An eastern mining company has dropped its \$4000 offer for 30 acres of beach sands in Coos county as a chromite ore source. A. B. Collier, local agent, said today.

Knox Says Japan's Navy More Moderate Than Army Heads

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16 (AP)—Secretary of the Navy Knox said yesterday the Japanese navy long had been regarded here as "more moderate" than the army, perhaps because it saw more of the world and of what other nations were doing.

He made the comparison in telling a press conference there had been no interruption of any sort of the movement of American oil to the Russian port of Vladivostok. Tokyo officials had said they would look with disfavor on such shipments.

The more moderate attitude of the Japanese navy, Knox said, might be explained on the basis that it was less "provincial" than the Japanese army.

Amateur Camera Fans Get Chance At Game Friday

Van's Camera shop will inaugurate a new idea in picture contests at the Medford-Klamath game Friday evening.

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