

NEED FOR BIG SCRAP ROUNDUP STRESSED HERE

"Uncle Sam wants 17,000,000 tons of scrap iron and steel by January 1 and he wants 47,500 of those tons to come from the cities and farms of the state of Oregon," said Ralph H. Mitchell, executive secretary of the state salvage committee who was a Klamath Falls visitor Wednesday, conferring with Robert McCambridge, county salvage committee chairman.

"This, I fear, is going to be a long war," continued Mitchell, talking to the Herald-News. "I hope I am wrong about that prediction but in this connection, short or long, the war production factories need scrap and need it badly. Also old rubber and kitchen fats must be collected as rapidly as possible.

"Klamath county has done a wonderful job already in this great salvage program but we must not rest on our laurels. America the first six months of this year, or since Dec. 7 last year, has collected some 16,000,000 tons of scrap metals but more than 80,000,000 tons of iron and steel is needed this year to build the necessary number of planes, jeeps, tanks, ships, bombers and to make ammunition, without which this war cannot be won. However, we are going to win; there is no mistake about that.

"Millions of the best of our youth have gone and are going into a fray, the most brutal, most barbarian in the history of the world and it is up to the people of Klamath and all our other counties to give our young warriors the where-with-all with which to win this fight for freedom, for liberty and peace once more.

"We cannot sit idly by and say 'we are too busy with our own affairs' to be bothered about getting this scrap in to the various scrap depots. If we continue to be complacent and smug unto ourselves and continue to say 'it can't happen here' that will be just the time that it will happen here.

"The Japs already are at our doors in the Aleutians, altogether too near to be comfortable and the sooner we realize the critical situation in which we have been thrown, the better for these United States. We must awaken from our long Rip Vanwinkle sleep of 20 years and do something — and that something is to get together all the scrap we can, so sorely needed by Uncle Sam for guns, and flying fortresses with which to bomb Tokio and Berlin—for that is just what we have to do to win this war."

Mitchell paid high compliment to the Klamath salvage committee and its work and urged no laxity in the program for the duration. He returned to Salem last night.

State Dairy Product Manufacture Reaches All Time High in '41

SALEM, Aug. 6 (AP) — Manufacture of dairy products in 1941 reached an all-time high, the State Department of Agriculture said today.

There were 32,231,000 pounds of creamery butter produced, a gain of 101,000 pounds over the previous record set in 1940. American cheese production of 28,159,000 pounds was up 5,000,000 pounds from 1940.

The state also produced 15,595,000 cases of condensed milk, 27,478,000 cases of evaporated milk, 3,990,000 pounds of dried milk, and 3,353,000 gallons of ice cream.

Grain Harvest Moves Ahead Satisfactorily, Says Wells

PORTLAND, Aug. 6 (AP) — The harvest of grain made satisfactory progress in Oregon in the week ending Tuesday, E. L. Wells, federal meteorologist reported today in his weekly summary of weather and crop conditions.

Harvesting was delayed somewhat by damp weather in coastal areas, but moved along well elsewhere. Clover and seed grass harvests made a good advance.

The pulling of flax continued and hops—picking of which will start this week in southern Oregon—showed some local improvement.

Early apples and peaches are being picked and prunes are coloring in some of the early areas. Later fruits are sizing well, but pears in unheated orchards in the Rogue valley are showing frost marks. Blight is appearing on walnuts locally. Unirrigated pastures showed considerable drying, but in gen-

They Really Make 'em Grow



Eva Furber, member of the Plevna 4-H club, demonstrates how well celery is thriving in her garden west of Midland. She is very proud, and with reason, of her experimental growing of this vegetable, seldom attempted here. The can around each plant is to bleach the stalks and help protect from insect pests. The rest of the garden seems to be doing all right, too!

Local Grain Bins Soon Ready for Farmers Here

Klamath county grain farmers will be able to buy grain bins in the near future, according to B. H. Critchfield, who has the contract for manufacturing of thousands of these bins for the storage of grain in the United States. These bins are of 3000 bushel capacity, and are of special construction requiring very little metal or nails. The bins are easily set up, and Mr. Critchfield states that when delivery is made, he will arrange for demonstrations in various parts of the county where bins are purchased as to how to put them up. Putting them up is not very difficult and does not require much time.

Also, Mr. Critchfield stated that they have one of these bins set up at the Crater Lake Box company at Sprague River for anyone who wishes to see it.

Orders can be placed at Mr. Critchfield's office at Room 205, First National Bank building, Klamath Falls, after August 15.

TWO APPOINTED TO AGRICULTURE UNITS

CORVALLIS, Aug. 6 (AP) — Appointment of two men to fill major positions in the soil conservation service and OSC extension service were announced jointly here today. They are Leo L. Anderson to succeed the late Solon T. White as state conservationist, and Gerald T. Newcomb as extension soil conservationist. Both will have headquarters here.

Anderson will be both state conservationist and state coordinator, explains J. H. Christ, now regional conservator of the SCS station at the new Pacific coast headquarters in Portland. Anderson will have charge of all SCS operations and activities in the state, some of which are conducted cooperatively with the OSC experiment station and extension service.

Anderson formerly served as area conservationist for north Idaho.

Newcomb succeeds Ivan de Armond as extension conservationist. He has been assistant soils specialist here for two years.

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1942 LAMB CROP HAS SLIGHT DROP

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (AP) — The agricultural department reported today that the 1942 lamb crop totaled about 32,260,000 head, or about 2 per cent below the last year's record crop.

The reduction from last year was due, the department said, to a smaller crop in the western sheep states, where weather conditions were said to have been unfavorable at lambing time. The crop in the so-called native or eastern states was larger.

The crop in the western sheep states was estimated at 20,803,000 head, compared with 21,684,000 in 1941. The crop in the native lamb states was estimated at 11,457,000 head compared with 11,190,000 last year.

The department said the number of breeding ewes on January 1 totaled 37,342,000 head, compared with 36,704,000 a year earlier.

The lamb crop by major producing states last year and this, respectively, included:

Montana — 2,423,000 and 2,299,000; Idaho — 1,623,000 and 1,546,000; Wyoming — 2,373,000 and 2,248,000; Colorado — 1,348,000 and 1,286,000; New Mexico — 1,235,000 and 1,223,000; Arizona — 456,000 and 467,000; Utah — 1,613,000 and 1,531,000; Nevada — 515,000 and 503,000; Washington — 521,000 and 491,000; Oregon — 1,294,000 and 1,093,000; California — 2,163,000 and 2,178,000; and Texas — 4,729,000 and 4,445,000.

Oregon Cover Crop Seed Good for 12 Million Bombs

CORVALLIS, Aug. 6 (AP) — Twenty-five pounds of Oregon cover crop seed equals 150 pounds of nitrates which equals nitrogen for three 100-lb. bombs.

This wartime equation is being pondered as Oregon farmers harvest an estimated 200 million pound crop of winter legume seed which will go to southern states to be planted on cotton and other crop land. The cover crops grown from the seed will be plowed under next spring, making unnecessary the use of scarce commercial fertilizers.

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Weed Control Hits Midsummer Pace in Klamath Farm Area

The control of weeds is in mid-season in the Klamath Basin at the present time. Many serious weeds are now making seed, and land owners should carefully examine their property to see if they have any of the seven or eight extremely serious weeds found here. These are white top, Russian knapweed, Canadian thistle, leafy spurge, morning glory, and blue lettuce in particular. None of these should be allowed to seed.

Many people have been practicing summer fallow since early spring, with good results. Last year several growers did this on white top until September, and then seeded the cultivated area down to a heavy seeding of Austrian field peas and rye, using

from 90 to 130 pounds peas and 80 to 100 pounds rye per acre. In most of these cases an excellent stand of rye and peas was secured, and a good hay crop of four tons per acre was taken off this year.

Immediately following the harvesting of this crop in early July, summer fallow was again undertaken. It is particularly interesting to note that the heavy seeding prevented any serious development of white top and that the plants that did grow in the presence of the crop were rather puny and weak and generally did not make seed. Growers trying this method were encouraged with results, and are planning reseeding again this fall in order to get as complete

control as possible. This method has the advantage of clean cultivation alone in that it permits the harvesting of a crop, which will help in carrying the cost of weed control and maintaining the land. This method offers excellent possibilities in control of all the weeds mentioned above, as well as other perennial noxious weeds.

Another interesting experiment carried out last fall was the application of carbon bisulphide for morning glory and white top. This material was applied at the rate of two ounces per hole, in holes eight inches deep and staggered eighteen inches apart, the application being made in mid-winter when the ground was frozen several inches deep. To date, practically no recovery of either white top or morning glory has been observed. In fact, kills were the most complete of any experiment work yet undertaken in controlling small patches of serious weeds without destroying productivity of the land. Incidentally, carbon bisulphide several months after the application acts in the nature of a fertilizer. In

applying this material in this manner, the holes should be thoroughly covered at the top to prevent escape of gases, and even though making these holes in the frozen ground is much more difficult than during the summer season, results more than make up the difference.

In some areas of non-crop land and along right of ways, the matter of a heavy application of light oil such as wiping oil seems to be one of the best methods to prevent spread, although it does not always eradicate the weeds even after several years application.

MEASURING METHOD

When determining the limits of Albany, New York in 1652, Peter Stuyvesant fired a cannon ball north and another south. Then he declared all land in the space between the cannon balls to be within the city's limits.

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