

APPEAL FROM RATION ACTION MAY BE MADE

Any person who feels an injustice has been done to him by action of a local rationing board has the right to appeal that decision, Richard Montgomery, state OPA director, said today.

"Don't conclude because your neighbor got a C card while you received only a B card that you are being discriminated against," Montgomery declared. "Your neighbor may have good and sufficient reason for obtaining his higher gasoline allotment. He may be driving many miles to the shipyards every day, taking others with him, or performing other work that would entitle him to more gasoline. Or it might even be that in the rush of registration, a local board clerk may have made a mistake in handling your application which will later be rectified," Montgomery stated.

Persons who believe they suffer hardship because of local board action may file an appeal with their board for further consideration, Montgomery said. Appeals not acted upon within five days are referred to the state OPA office for handling, he added.

GAS RATION HOLDS UP LICENSE CARDS

SALEM, Dec. 11 (AP)—The delay by Oregon motorists in applying for their 1943 registration cards and windshield stickers is being caused partly by the fear of motorists that they should not mail in their 1942 cards to the state department when applying for their new registrations, the state department said today.

When an automobile owner is given his gasoline ration book, the rationing board writes the number of the book on the registration card. Many motorists have hesitated about mailing this card into the state department, fearing that they might not be able to buy gas if the card is surrendered.

The state department said, however, it would transfer the ration book numbers from the 1942 to the 1943 registration cards, so that motorists won't have anything to worry about.

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OUT OF THE WOODS

BY Jim Stevens

Our Sunday Visitors...

"It's ashamed I am for the tales I told them sojers boys from the ignorant east," said Larry the Bullcock. "But I was tempted beyond endurance by the fact they were college lads and should have been ejected a bit, at least on geography. And I'd been nursin' a sore spot on this ever since I wance made a killin' at stud poker and took a trip across the country to look up the Boston Larritys.

"It was winter and Boston was froze up. Wit' me teeth chatterin' like a snare drum, I could only think the fool I was to leave the woods where the weather was no worse than a cool drizzle. And then the Boston relatives of meself, what did they do but start talkin' as though I'd come from the Nort' Pole to a climate balmy and serene. So I let them have it, when they inquired of me trip, hopin' it was not too terrible, and the like.

"It was not so worse," I said. "Not after I got over the mountains, anyhow. Of course, the first fifty miles out of Seattle I had to come by dogteam."

"Not one of the Boston Larritys saw anything wrong with that statement. Well, the two sojer lads we had to the house Sunday for a venison steak feed was not from Boston, but they was from New Haven, Conn., where there's a college called Yale, which was worse. They'd been out here in the timber country only a week. I couldn't resist."

The Reverse Rain...

"The sojers was as nice and polite as you could want lads to be, and powerful in' rested in the country. But they had not more idy, in spite of Yale, of what the land, water and life of the region were like, or where they were located. They spoke of the Douglas firs as 'pines,' as a matter of course. They imagined San Francisco was but a bit of a bus ride to the south. And they were most polite about how it had been a gentle rain all the while they were here. They wondered if it would snow as steady soon, and whether the snow would be ten feet deep all winter or only two or three.

"Well, I begin to tell this of the Hoh river country, of its hunnerd and fifty inches of rainfall a year, and so on—leadin' gradual up to me whooper on the reverse rain. Then:

"It's queer earth on the Hoh," I said. "The land soaks in rain somehow until great water pressure builds up underground. Then comes the time when the rain busts out, like the geysers you've read about, only the Hoh geysers are so many and so small they're achully a reverse rain. Quite common the reserve rains are," I said. "So much so that the settlers have all built two roofs on their homes—a regular roof

on top to ward off the reglar rains, and a second roof under the house to stave off the reverse rains.

"You'll never believe that the sojer boys believed it. But remember—they was from Yale. The Joke is on Us...

"Thinkin' it over, though," said the venerable bullcock, in a moralizing tone, "I've decided it's us people of the woods who should feel like suckers at the ignorance of Sunday visitors on our country. Here we've got a land that grows the world's grandest forest, and the main tree in the forest is the greatest tree in the world—the Douglas fir. Lumber from it has been shipped all over the country, in fact all over the world for ninety years, and all the while it's been in wonderful use.

"Yet the best ejected visit us and call the Douglas firs 'pines.' Go to Boston and tell the name of our great tree, and you get a blank stare. While even the kindergarten kids know about the teak of Burma.

"No doubt I'm talkin' out of turn," Larrity concluded, "but after visith' with sojers from the east, even a bullcock can perceive that out here in the woods we not only have the world's most wonderful tree but the world's worst advertisers. Ignorance on our timber country is nobody's fault but our own, and I'm properly ashamed of it."

SHEVLIN-HIXON DENIES CIO CHARGE

PORTLAND, Dec. 11 (AP)—The Shevlin-Hixon Lumber company of Bend denied today a CIO International Woodworkers' charge that the company had not made an effort to reach capacity production.

General Manager C. L. Isted said everything possible was being done to overcome the labor shortage and that the company's 1942 production was above average.

In a resolution recently IWA local No. 7 charged that the company was operating only at two-thirds of capacity and the union said its members were "willing and anxious" to work Saturdays and holidays.

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ATTENTION Masons

There will be a special meeting of Klamath Lodge No. 77 A. F. & A. M. Friday, Dec. 11, at 7:30 p. m. Work in the F. C. degree. All members and visiting brothers are urged to attend.

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SPENCER ENTERS PLEA OF GUILTY

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11 (AP)—Plea of guilty to a charge of contributing to the delinquency of two teen-age girls was entered in superior court yesterday by Douglas Homer Spencer, Klamath Falls businessman.

The change of plea came during the second day of the 34-year-old man's trial.

Spencer's attorney asked for probation and Judge Thomas Foley set January 11 as the date for a decision on the plea. Spencer was placed on bail in custody of the Klamath county sheriff.

The girls—one 13, the other 14—will testify next week at the trial of two San Francisco musicians facing the same charge as that brought against Spencer.

CGM F. R. Duncan Re-Enlists for Navy Service

Chief Gunner's Mate F. R. Duncan, recruiter in charge of the Portland navy substation, has re-enlisted for his fifth hitch in the navy.

Chief Duncan went to Portland recently from Klamath Falls, after serving eight months as a navy recruiter here. The chief served through the World War, engaged in private business in Missouri from 1919 to 1924, and then re-entered the service.

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NAZIS CONSTRUCT COAST DEFENSES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (AP)—Germany has begun widespread preparations to defend the west coast of Europe against a possible attack by the United Nations, the United Nations information office has reported through the office of war information.

In Norway, the report said, quising storm troopers are being trained in street fighting, with all German civilians in that country ordered to attend evening meetings to learn to handle weapons.

The information committee reported that the coastal zone of Holland had been declared a defense area to a depth at points of 30 miles, and block houses constructed, camouflaged batteries established and dunes mined.

The committee said several children already had been killed playing in the mined sand dunes.

Three or four years and several thousand dollars invested in a boy who has no interest in the intellectual life of college is a waste. Failure to make this investment in the boy of limited means but unlimited capacity is for society the unpardonable sin.—President Everett Case of Colgate University.

William Phillips Named to Represent America in India

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (AP)—President Roosevelt today appointed William Phillips of Massachusetts, former ambassador to Rome, as his personal representative "near the government of India," to use diplomatic language.

He told a press conference that Phillips, a career diplomat, would not carry any special plan or formula for solution of the Indian problem.

MANZANAR EVACUEES MAY WORK OUTSIDE

MANZANAR, Calif., Dec. 11 (AP)—Loyal Japanese-Americans stationed in this relocation center of 10,000 war internees soon may be permitted to work at gainful pursuits outside the camp.

The war relocation board, in disclosing such plans were under formulation, also announced known axis sympathizers and others blamed for an outbreak of disorders coincident with the anniversary of Pearl Harbor were continuing to be segregated in Inyo county jails while soldiers still maintained surveillance of the entire camp.

LABOR SHORTAGE ACUTE IN OREGON

PORTLAND, Dec. 11 (AP)—Gen. H. G. Winsor, regional manpower director, predicts that many voluntary methods for solving the labor problem in the northwest may become the pattern for the nation at war.

Oregon and Washington, with a labor turnover of 12 per cent monthly threatening to curtail production, is one of the most acutely affected areas in the country, he told a conference of U. S. employment officials yesterday. If methods being tried here prove successful they may be used nationwide, he said.

He said requiring certificates of availability as a prerequisite for hiring may be avoided "if we can accomplish the orderly shifting of workers to their best skills with the cooperation of management and labor."

Winsor warned that additional problems which might require solution include absenteeism, alcoholism and fatigue.

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