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WESTERNERS GAIN WARTIME JOB TRAINING

By OWI

Three-quarters of a million western people have recently gained new skills with which to place themselves in war production and other industries, according to figures released today by the regional War Manpower commission.

Training of the new and replacement workers was accomplished under government-sponsored vocational educational programs over a period of two and one half years, since June, 1940, in California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona and Nevada.

Courses Completed

At the same time, Regional Training Chief John Gifford reported to William K. Hopkins, regional director of WMC, that 138,398 persons are enrolled in training courses at the present time.

More than 337,000 western men and women have completed pre-employment training courses, Gifford reported, and approximately 400,000 regularly employed men and women have completed supplemental courses to increase their skill and efficiency.

Figures Released

In California, 476,392 persons have been trained since the program began, and 117,000 are in training at the present time.

Figures from Oregon show that 103,725 were trained since June, 1940, and 9000 are now in training.

In Nevada, a total of 14,000 have been trained, and 60 are now enrolled in training classes.

Advantages

Washington figures show a total of 121,319 who have completed training courses, and 9838 who are training now.

The advantage of pre-employment training, Hopkins said, is that as a general rule, those so prepared will get jobs more quickly at higher wages and will have better chances for rapid advancement than those who come on the job green and untrained.

Present enrollments in pre-employment vocational training for war production workers courses indicate, Hopkins said, that the public is still largely unaware of the great need for war workers. Even in localities where labor shortages obviously exist, he said, enrollments for training have not yet reached the high points which should be attained.

Geared to Trend

Hopkins pointed out that today's tendency among workers, even though unskilled, apparently is to seek employment which gives chances either to learn skilled operations on the job or to take supplemental training in out-of-the-factory hours—that they may earn while they learn.

The training within-industry division of the War Manpower commission, through its job instructor training program, is being increasingly geared to meet today's trend for pay while learning, he said. National figures show that more than 300,000 foremen and crew chiefs have been "taught to teach" operations quickly... this in turn means that more than 4,000,000 war workers have speedily got into production as a result of practical "on the job" training.

Similarly, he said, the apprenticeship training service of the War Manpower commission has adapted apprenticeship to war conditions so that all quick-learning workers are rapidly advanced to skilled ratings.

In all cases, a prospective trainee should first consult the local office of the United States employment service to learn what types of skills are in demand locally, so that preparation may be chosen which will meet war industry's needs. The United States employment service will refer the applicant to the proper agency where arrangements may be made for necessary training. Hopkins emphasized that in no case does anyone need to pay for training for a job in war production. Free government-sponsored courses are available to all, he emphasized.

VITAL STATISTICS

FLEET—Born at Klamath Valley hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., December 19, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert W. Fleet, 200 Conger avenue, a boy. Weight: 8 pounds 1 ounce.

ESCHEBECK—Born at Klamath Valley hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., December 19, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Eschebeck, 1155 California avenue, a boy. Weight: 8 pounds 1 ounce.

New Arrival—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Eschebeck, 1155 California avenue, are parents of a son born at Klamath Valley hospital Saturday. Eschebeck is a member of the Klamath Union high school teaching staff.

SIDE GLANCES



"You birds don't realize how time flies—you'll be 18 before you know it, so pay attention and drill like real soldiers instead of children!"

TIRE, GASOLINE MEETING SLATED

R. B. Reynolds, state tire rationing official, and one of the state inspectors, will hold a meeting in the circuit court room Tuesday evening at 7:30 p. m., for all persons connected with the tire or gasoline business in Klamath Falls and outlying territory.

Large industrial users of tires will also be represented. The purpose of the meeting is to obtain an authoritative explanation of tire inspection for those people who will conduct inspections under the rationing program.

Don Drury of the war price and rationing board said the board will provide gasoline for people connected with gas and tire business in outlying territory and at Lakeview, in order that they can get into the meeting and back to their homes.

TRIAL OF BAKER TO OPEN MONDAY

Trial of William Wade Baker, charged with assault while armed with a dangerous weapon, will begin in Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg's court Monday morning.

Baker is accused of stabbing Elmer Walker outside the Big Ben tavern at Keno on the night of December 5.

Walker was brought to a local hospital suffering from stab wounds, but was later released from the hospital. Baker was arrested by sheriff's officers and is now out on bond.

Baker will be defended by F. O. Small.

Names of 12 additional jurors were drawn for this case Saturday.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

OIL TO BURN—For Union heating oils phone 8404, Klamath Oil Co., 615 Klamath ave. 12-31m

OIL BURNER SERVICE, PHONE 7149. 12-23

FOR SALE—Week-old Jersey heifer calf. 1948 Madison. 12-20

JUST ARRIVED—Gay hand painted children's chairs made in Mexico. \$2.50. Lucas Furniture—195 E. Main. 12-19

PRACTICALLY NEW 16-gauge shotgun and 10 boxes shells, \$40. Call 8396, or 1944 Lowell Sunday. 12-19

GAS EQUIPPED 3-room furnished duplex, 338 North 11th. Phone 3086. 11-19

THE KLAMATH BUSINESS COLLEGE will not close except for Christmas day. We received a call for 20 typists and stenographers for government employment in one unit. We feel it our duty to continue our modern office training school without a holiday vacation in order to prepare our students for the acceptance of such offers when presented. The most modern up-to-date small business college in the northwest. Location, next to the Esquire Theatre. 12-19

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FOR RENT—Modern 3-room house, clean and well furnished. Walking distance to Main. Inquire 1702 Crescent. 12-19

HUGE AIR BATTLES SWEEP RED FRONT

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troops were reported counter-attacking bitterly.

Near Velikie Luki on the central front, only 90 miles from the old Latvian frontier, the Russians reported they had captured a strategic height from which new operations could be launched.

Reds Hold On

Red Star, the army newspaper, declared that scouting operations against a "large enemy stronghold" on the central front revealed that the Germans were forcing civilians to work on new fortifications under muzzles of submachine-guns.

The German aerial blows failed to dislodge red army men from their positions, and their ground activity resulted in heavy losses to the axis legions, the Russians claimed.

Infantry and tanks were massed in the struggle southwest of Stalingrad, near Kotelnikovsk, with the Germans offering some of the heaviest fighting of the campaign, and there was no let-up in the bloody tempo on the central front, west of Rzhev and along the Rzhev-Viazma railway.

BUNA BATTLE AT CLIMACTIC PITCH

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noted, too, in a statement that enemy bombers had attacked positions in the allied rear and had raided Port Moresby, but the attacks were declared to have been without effect.

Planes Sweep North

The raid was the 95th on the allied base, situated across the Coral sea from Australia. Dispatches from the front said the lone raider was a Japanese flying boat.

General Douglas MacArthur's planes swept northward again to strafe barges and troops which had survived the allied aerial smash at Japanese landing operations December 14 in the Kumusi-Mambare rivers area, some 44 miles north of Buna.

Much of their material and manpower was destroyed from the air but some survivors managed to reach shore and collect supplies.

Quality of Jap Pilots Slipping, Says Rickenbacker

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enbacker said that their first food came from a seagull, which perched on his head and was snared by careful movement. Parts of the gull were eaten, and other parts were used to bait two small fishing hooks, which enabled them to obtain some more food.

On the second day after Rickenbacker and his companions were forced to take to the life rafts—in their anxiety to get away from their sinking plane they had forgotten food and water—one of the men in his raft took out a government issue Bible and "we organized little prayer meetings, evening and morning, taking turns about reading passages from the Bible and humbly praying for deliverance."

The flier said that if he did not have witnesses to support him, he would hesitate to describe one experience. "An hour after a prayer meeting," he said,

OPA ANNOUNCES 10-CENT RISE IN POTATO CEILING

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\$200,000 in the gross income from spuds in the basin.

PORTLAND, Dec. 19 (AP)—The Oregon OPA office today announced that price differentials for grade and size of white potatoes and onions sold by country shippers have been modified. Several base pricing areas were redefined to follow traditional price patterns. The order is effective Monday.

Simultaneously OPS provided a new pricing method for country shippers and other carlot dealers who deliver to terminal markets. It also provided more adequately for farmers who sell wholesale and retail.

The office said there would be no appreciable effect on retail prices of potatoes and onions. There is no general change in dollars and cents base prices established by the regulation for country shipping points.

Differentials originally established are revoked and the following set up, based on grade, size and packaging.

Grade differentials include:

For white potatoes, U. S. extra No. 1 grade or better, packed in bags, the country shipper may add 10 cents a hundredweight to the already established maximums.

For white potatoes which are boxed, U. S. No. 1 but which are 85 per cent No. 1, U. S. commercial or better, packed in bags, the country shipper shall subtract 10 cents a hundredweight from the maximums established for U. S. No. 1.

For white potatoes lower than 85 per cent of this classification, the country shipper shall subtract 30 cents a hundredweight from the U. S. No. 1 maximum price.

Size differentials, applicable to all grades, include:

For white potatoes, 6-ounce minimum size, packed in bags, the country shipper may add 15 cents a hundredweight to the established maximums; for white potatoes of two-inch minimum size or U. S. size A, similarly packed, 10 cents a hundredweight.

Packaging differentials, which to some extent reflect ultimate consumer demand as well as trade practices, include:

An additional 20 cents per 100 pounds above established maximums for white potatoes in paper bags containing 25 pounds or less and in cotton or mesh bags of 25 pounds. An additional 30 cents hundredweight above white potato maximums for cotton or mesh bags containing 15 pounds. An additional 40 cents for 10-pound bags.

Where the potatoes are sold in bulk or in sacks provided by the purchaser, the country shipper shall subtract 15 cents a hundredweight.

An additional \$1.25 a hundredweight above No. 1 grade maximums for white potatoes, hand selected and graded, washed and brushed and specially packed in 10-pound mesh bags or in Kraft bags containing 10 mesh bags, with each mesh bag containing approximately five pounds, the potatoes to be six-ounce minimum-14-ounce maximum, or 2 1/2-inch minimum to 4-inch maximum.

An additional \$1.25 too for white potatoes hand selected and graded, washed and brushed and specially packed in wooden boxes or cardboard cartons of approximately 60 pounds, the potatoes to be of the same minimums and maximums.

An additional 60 cents for white potatoes, hand selected and graded, washed and brushed and specially packed in 50-pound Kraft bags, the potatoes to be of the same minimums and maximums.

Association officials in the Klamath basin said they felt the break through the previously established ceiling had proved the effectiveness of organization. The Tulelake Growers expressed their appreciation to Senator Downey, who has cooperated closely with them in this effort, and the Klamath growers gave similar expressions regarding Senator McNary.

In his telegram, Senator Downey said that prices for the rest of California, exclusive of Modoc and Siskiyou counties, are as follows: December, \$2.25; January, \$2.35; February, \$2.35; March, \$2.35; April, \$2.55; May, \$2.55; June, \$2.55. The deep California prices are unchanged from previous ceilings.

Malheur county prices were given as follows: December, \$2; January, \$2.05; February, \$2.10; March, \$2.20; April, \$2.30; May, \$2.15; June \$2.

"A seagull came in and landed on my head. You can imagine with what nervousness I reached up to catch it."

Army Bombers Splatter Jap Base at Kiska

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two bombing attacks against enemy installations in the Munda area of New Georgia island. Results were not reported.

The Fortress raids on Munda carried the attacks against that Japanese air base threat to the American field on Guadalcanal island through their ninth day.

The raid on Kiska in the Aleutians was the first reported since December 11, a lapse of six days presumably explained by the prevalence of extremely bad weather in the North Pacific at this season of the year.

ALLIED AIR ARM WALLOPS TUNISIAN LINE

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by implication, said that "the enemy, who had been extended in fighting during which he lost a further 21 tanks, did not exert great pressure against axis troops yesterday" and they "still carried out their prearranged moves."

This suggested that Rommel was keeping ahead of the British, putting out only feeble rear-guard and still avoiding battle as far as possible. The British communiqué made no further report on the cut-off axis forces boxed in between the Wadi Matruh gulch and Marble Arch, now far behind the westward moving front.

Flying Forts Strike

Previous reports had indicated, however, that the fighting there was ended with a considerable part of perhaps 10,000 enemy troops and many heavy weapons wiped out and the rest having slipped free again.

In the eighth day of the sustained battering of axis-held ports in Tunisia, Flying Fortresses yesterday hit and set ablaze an axis warship, believed to have been a cruiser, off Bizerte.

The same planes sent new debris flying among the docks of the great naval base and shot down three of 15 enemy planes which attempted to stop them. Six more enemy planes were reported damaged. Only one Fortress was lost.

Axis ships in the harbor threw up a vicious cloud of anti-aircraft and two of the bombers were lost, one of them being last seen as it settled down under still control with all guns blazing at one of the ships.

EDITORIALS ON NEWS

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ing \$20,000. The dispatches tell of machine gunners, riflemen, etc., taking part in the hold-up. Such things happen in Chicago because Chicago TOLERATES the conditions out of which these situations arise. It is absurd even to suggest that the authorities couldn't wipe out banditry if they went about it honestly and efficiently.

The reasons it isn't done have their roots in POLITICS. So many of our troubles track back to the lairs of the politicians.

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THIS writer notes uneasily a rising tide of talk in the news of the kind of peace we're going to make — uneasily because the prevalence of such talk indicates rising belief that the end of the war is near.

History tells us that ISN'T a sound assumption.

The tide of the war between the states turned at Gettysburg but the war dragged on for more than two years. Some of the heaviest and bloodiest fighting came AFTER Gettysburg.

Napoleon's star began to wane with his disastrous retreat from Moscow, but it was more than two years before it set.

WE should be thinking, of course, of the kind of peace we're going to make when we win (as we will), but the thinking should be done by wise men who DO NO TALKING.

The fighter who lets his mind run off to thoughts of the big steak he's going to eat after he has polished off his ring opponent is apt to get hit when he isn't looking.

The way to fight effectively is to keep your mind on your Number One job—which is licking the other fellow.

Mills PTA—The regular meeting of Mills PTA will be held Tuesday, December 22, at 2:30 p. m., in the auditorium. Mothers are invited to visit school from 1 to 2:30 p. m. The next sale of defense stamps will be held January 7.

Your "junk" is worth money. Sell it through classified ads. Put the cash in War Savings!

SWIFT MOVE MADE WITHOUT OPPOSITION

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without offering opposition," the British communiqué said.

The British thrust obviously was aimed at Akyab, an important Burma port which was occupied by the Japanese May 8, winding up to all practical purposes the campaign in Burma.

Japs Searched Out

For the second day in succession the RAF yesterday attacked the Japanese-occupied village of Rathedaung, about half-way between Maungdaw and Akyab. Heavy damage was inflicted on the village and fires were left burning.

Fighter planes swept down the Mayu river, searching out Japanese concentrations. The Mayu flows into the Bay of Bengal a few miles north of Akyab.

EASTERN B, C GAS RATION CARDS CUT

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to break up black market operations in gasoline, which have contributed to some leakage of supply, he said.

He disclosed he had "given the limit" in the way of penalties to 10 eastern gasoline dealers, putting them out of the gasoline-selling business "for the duration" for ration violations.

Holders of B and C cards who find their rations insufficient for essential driving under the reduced coupon value may appeal to local boards for adjustment. Henderson said, but he indicated additional rations would come hard.

"No Permanency"

"The boards have no refining facilities," he explained.

Asked whether the new program would be permanent, he cracked—with obvious reference to his own resignation as price administrator—"There is no permanency in government."

Approximately 800 of OPA's inspectors in the east will be put to work on strict enforcement of motor fuel rationing, he said. Their efforts will be aimed at strictest compliance for the industry, wholesale and retail dealers, and consumers.

"Terrible Touhy" Gang Suspected in Chicago Robbery

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Stateville (Ill.) prison on October 9, and have since been in hiding.

The guards in the money truck were at the plant to cash checks for employees when the bandits, brandishing 30-30 rifles, drove up in two cars. They fired at the truck windows, shattering the glass designed to resist revolver bullets and, wounding a guard, Anthony Griffo, in the forearm.

The truck later was found several miles from where it had been seized.

The robbery occurred in a sparsely settled west suburban district—the scene of operations of the old Touhy gang during the prohibition era.

Mail a Christmas Card to Tojo!



It's easy. You don't have to write anything. Just sign up on the 10% payroll deduction for war bonds... lend a hand to your community civilian projects... work harder at your job.

Help send a Christmas package to Tojo full of TNT. We'll be sending letters to Santa long after Tojo and Hitler are forgotten, but we have to work together to lick them now.

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Early Mailing Does Away With Postoffice Record

Klamath customers who have observed the "mail early" warning upset the applicant as far as setting a record at the local postoffice, Burt E. Hawkins, postmaster, stated. Last year's record of 59,000 letters in one day will, to all indications, stand above 1942's figures as mailing started early and has been fairly steady.

Post office employees sent out 209 sacks, 156 large parcels, and 35,424 letters on Thursday, and Friday shipped 211 sacks, 171 large packages which could not be squeezed into sacks, along with 34,620 letters.

Employees expect Monday to be the biggest day of the season for both incoming and outgoing mail.

Nine additional clerks and 19 extra carriers are now being used by the postoffice, the force to be enlarged if necessary the

Four-Way Stop at Postoffice Corner Now Eliminated

The four-way stop at the postoffice corner, Seventh and Walnut, has been eliminated by the traffic department, according to city police, and motorists are advised of only one stop at Walnut as you enter Seventh street.

The stop at Esplanade and El Dorado has also been removed and other stop streets are being investigated by the traffic safety council.

City police observed that a wave of bent fenders and minor collisions have occurred in the past few weeks and drivers are urged to exercise caution under present weather conditions.

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