

SOLDIERS MAY BE USED IN LABOR CRISIS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (AP)—The next two or three weeks may tell whether farmers will need the army's help in harvesting this year's big crop.

The agriculture department's extension service, an agency that has been directing the recruitment of volunteer workers, said 1943 harvesting operations starting this month would be the test.

Signs of possible serious shortages already are bobbing up, North Dakota has made formal request for 15,000 soldiers to help gather the spring wheat crop. The request, approved by Food Administrator Marvin Jones and Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt, is pending before the war department.

The government promised last spring to make troops available in an emergency. Although soldiers have been used in a few areas on minor farm jobs, the North Dakota request, if granted, would be the first big-scale use of service men.

More than 60,000 agricultural workers have been imported from Mexico and the Caribbean area.

The extension service said farm labor needs must be met primarily through local mobilizations. The regular farm workers—including unpaid family workers, operators and hired hands—have been able to plant and cultivate 347,000,000 acres—the largest since 1932.

It was never expected by agriculture experts, however, that this force would be able to harvest such an acreage without additional help. The department estimated that 11,749,000 persons were employed on farms on July 1 and that an additional 200,000 full-time workers would be required through August, September and October.

Landis Charges Carloads of Spuds Wasted in Indiana

VINCENNES, Ind., Aug. 6 (AP)—Rep. Gerald Landis (R-Ind.) says that 37 carloads of potatoes, which he said were government owned and which he valued at \$60,000, were shoveled from army trucks onto Vincennes' city dump.

Landis asserted today that he had telegraphed a demand to War Food Administrator Marvin Jones for an investigation of the dumping of the potatoes, many of which were picked up by residents. Some placed the spuds on sale for \$1 a bushel, Landis said.

Declaring it was a "fitting example of New Deal blundering," Landis, in a statement said, "I want to get at the bottom of this and find out who is responsible for this waste of government money."

Military Movements Cause Little Damage To Oregon Highways

SALEM, Aug. 6 (AP)—Large military movements in the central Oregon maneuver area are causing little damage to state highways, State Highway Engineer R. H. Ballock said today on returning from a two-day inspection of roads in the area.

Secondary highways in the area will be improved at federal expense to meet army demands, he said.

Any damage caused to roads by army vehicles will be repaired by the state at federal expense.

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Dorwin Grise has returned to Farragut, Ida., after a 10-day furlough spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Grise and friends. He visited his brother Wayne, at Portland, Ore., on the return trip.

Helen and Valerio Pope returned to their home at Oakland, Calif., last week, after an extended visit at the home of their aunt, Mrs. Sam E. Enman.

Neighbors and friends regret to hear Mr. Bemmer of the Spring Lake district is confined to a local hospital for medical treatment.

Albert Keady is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd at Bly, Ore.

Two Small Babies Burn in Cabin Fire

JEROME, Idaho, Aug. 6 (AP)—Two Jerome babies were burned to death yesterday when flames completely destroyed their small cabin home.

The child victims were Susan Graviet, 1, and Robert Leroy Graviet, 2, children of Mr. and Mrs. Burrell Graviet.

The fire apparently was caused by explosion of a gasoline stove, said Coroner J. R. Wiley.

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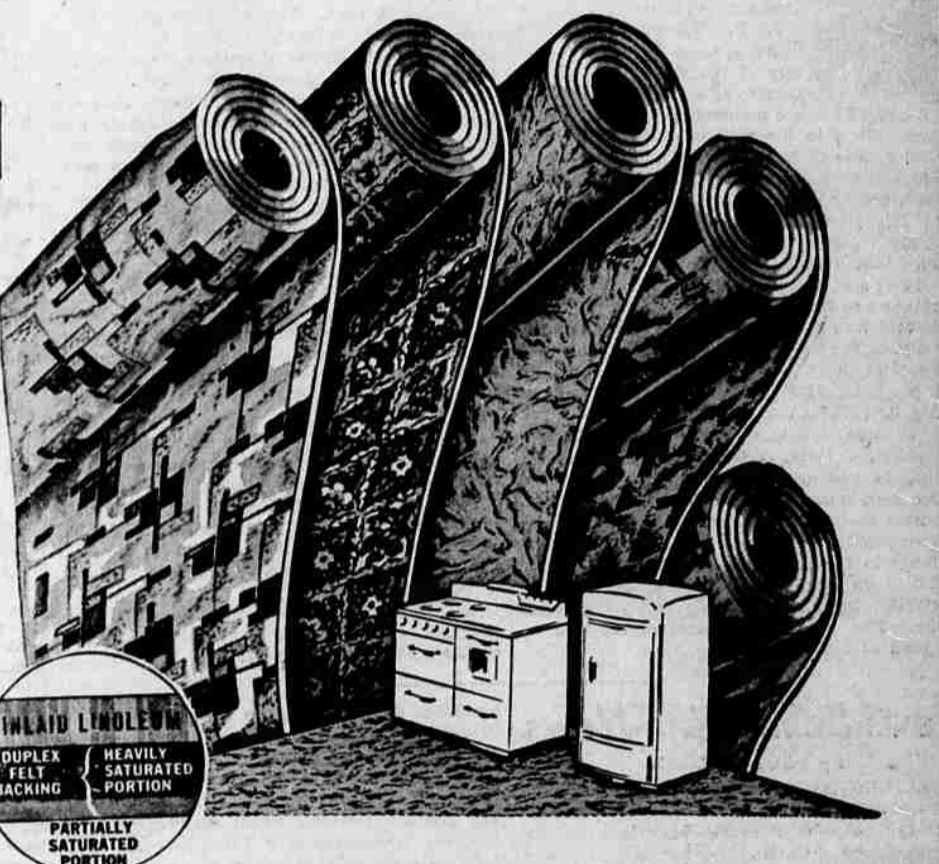


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