

# HOUSE MEMBER SEEKS TO AID BAG SHORTAGE

WASHINGTON, April 24 (AP)—Shortage of bags in which Oregon seed growers can ship cover crop seeds to southern markets has become so acute Chairman Fulmer (D-S.C.) of the house agriculture committee has announced he will introduce legislation authorizing manufacture of some of the government owned cotton into cotton bagging.

Growers of alfalfa, grass, clover, crested wheat, vetch and other seed crops told Rep. Pierce in letters that burlap sacking was virtually unobtainable, and that at present with maturity date of the seed only 90 days off, only one-fourth enough bags for the crop were available. They complained that large shipments of burlap to Japan were continuing and causing a dangerous shortage in the American market.

Pierce took the situation up with the national defense officials and was told that while some cotton bags had been used for seed potatoes last year, it was unlikely the government would subsidize cotton bagging plants because it appeared such bags would not be required after the national emergency was over.

Fulmer, however, wrote Pierce that he intended to introduce legislation to subsidize manufacture of cotton bagging to replace burlap. Defense officials had said agriculturists needing bagging were turning to paper sacks of which there seemed to be an ample supply. Pierce asked the commodity credit corporation which holds large amounts of cotton to permit its use in manufacture of bagging but his plea was rejected.

"Seed growing in Oregon has become a large and specialized industry," Pierce said, "and it must have bags in which to ship its products. I have urged the various government agencies having cotton to permit its use for cotton bagging but without success. Large quantities of burlap are being shipped to Japan and this should be stopped as it is needed in this country."

Defense can mean only one thing, defense of America's future.—Caroline F. Ware, defense advisory commission.

## Beaverbrook Says 1000 American Planes Handed to RAF

LONDON, April 24 (AP)—Lord Beaverbrook, British minister of aircraft production, told the house of lords yesterday "nearly 1000 assembled American and Canadian aircraft have been handed over to the RAF."

"There has been, of course, a steady drain on our shipments of aircraft by sea from America due to losses in convoy," Beaverbrook acknowledged. "Up to this moment we have only lost one aircraft on the (aerial) ferry service between America and this country."

Beaverbrook said the British admiralty had received "within the last few days 95 aircraft by sea, 355 tons of airplane parts and 326 engines."

"Of five principal operational types we have reserves now in store houses scattered far and near—a reserve total equal to the total operational strength. That is 100 per cent reserve."

## 85-Pound Brunette Held for Return To Prison Stretch

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24 (AP)—Isabelle Messmer, an 85-pound brunette who killed a bewhiskered House of David baseball player and then escaped from a Texas jail, was held in city prison Wednesday night awaiting arrival of Texas authorities.

Miss Messmer, who is under a four-year prison sentence in Odessa, Tex., fought furiously with four attendants who took her before Municipal Judge Alden Ames today for routine arraignment.

She was arrested Wednesday when she tried to solicit Patrolman Tom O'Connor, not knowing who he was.

"I was too soft yesterday," she said. "If I'd killed that cop, I wouldn't be here today." O'Connor said he found a loaded revolver hidden in a chair in her room.

Miss Messmer also is wanted in Clinton, N. J., where police said she had tried to kill two policemen with an automobile. She escaped from the women's reformatory there in January, 1939, while serving a seven-year term, and fled to Texas where she was convicted of killing Buford Armstrong.

Her arraignment was continued pending approval of the Texas officers.

We have indulged, maladroitly and mistakenly, a superiority complex in regard to Latin Americans who, as a result, have shrugged shoulders.—Tom Wallace, editor, Louisville Times.

## FUNNY BUSINESS



"Boy, have I got that parrot trained!"

## Humane Society Notes

Interesting Stories About Klamath Animals and Efforts in Their Behalf

By Ida Mommyer Odell

April 20 to 26 is "Be Kind to Animals Week" and it may be fitting to take space this week for a discussion along these lines.

One of the most pitiful stories cabled to America at the outset of the war told how 500,000 London pets—mostly cats and dogs—were destroyed by their owners within the short space of a couple of days. The owners, reported Time magazine, chose rather to put their pets to death than see them die horribly in eventual air raids.

This action, although the deaths in most cases were humanely performed, entirely contrary to the advice urged upon the Britons before the war by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Much puzzled by this panicky action on the part of London's pet owners, Captain Fergus MacCunn, the chief secretary of the society wrote:

"We are still wondering at this curious mass idea which seemed to get into the minds of the London people that it was their duty to see that their pets were painlessly put to sleep in spite of the fact that on the wireless and in the press we had urged them not to do anything of the kind."

Britons promptly learned why the Royal Society had so warned them instantly after the mass executions, an almost uncontrollable plague of mice and rats developed in the British metropolises.

After the fury of the bombing of London the problems of the care of animals during air raids and the treatment of their casualties afterwards presented itself to the Royal Society. These problems did not find the society unprepared. Ever since 1936 its officer had been studying the problem of animals in the conditions of modern warfare. Thus one of the first acts of the society was to help formulate a code which would govern pet owners during the impending moments of distress.

These rules provided that metal identification tags must be attached to all pets. During air raids animals were to be left in gas proof chambers, kennels, hutches, stables or public shelters provided for that purpose. On guard in every street, there were animal protective agents. They accounted for the welfare of animals as each raid ended. Sometimes, they carried wounded pets to the society's clinics for treatment. Sometimes they were faced with burial jobs.

Britons found that some pets were affected, even during all-clear periods, by their masters' apparent nervousness. Bromide tablets of varying degrees of strength, depending upon the size or kind of pet, were administered in such instances.

A registration center was established where people wishing to dispose of their pets were immediately put in touch with those desiring animals. Hundreds of pets were thus saved. Several dogs were turned over to Royal Air Force balloon barrage units in the London area to act as night sentries and to cope with the resurging problem of rats.

These dogs became the real pals of the balloon unit men. The American Humane society has learned much from the Royal society and has been working hand in hand with it both in peace times and today.

Next week we will give a very brief sketch on the Red Star animal relief. In the meantime, visit your own Humane society on the Keno road which is a small unit of a very far reaching organization. This local society is organized according to state laws and in accordance with the provisions of the American Humane association of which it is a part. It has become so confused in our minds with the city pound that many people think of it as only that. The pound work is only part of the humane work and undertaken by the society largely to protect animals from needless suffering. Before the organization of the local Humane society the treatment of impounded animals was appalling. This can be said with the utmost freedom as none of those responsible for the pound in those days are in any way connected with our present city government.

Visit the kennels and ask for your copy of "Your Dog and His Care."

## Referendum Sought Against Private School Textbooks

SALEM, April 24 (AP)—Preliminary petition for a referendum against the bill to give free textbooks to students in private and parochial schools was filed yesterday in the state department by the Association Against Private Textbooks.

It is the third such referendum to be filed against a measure passed by the 1941 legislature, others being directed against the cigarette tax and the bill closing coastal streams to commercial fishermen. The three measures would become law June 14 unless 15,866 registered voters sign petitions, which must be filed by June 13. Measures referred to the voters would be on the November, 1942 general election ballot.

## Elk Dies After 'Barrel Roll'

PENDLETON, April 24 (AP)—An elk that apparently did a barrel-roll during a leap over a

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barb-wire fence, starved to death in the Umatilla national forest, according to a story brought back today by Assistant Ranger Edgar Parker. He said the animals carcass had been found flat on its back with its antlers deeply embedded in the ground. The elk was unable to free itself.

Misery doesn't love company that stays for dinner.

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## DRIVER'S LICENSE FEES INCREASED

Persons holding driver's licenses which expire June 30 of this year will not be required to take any examination when they renew their licenses, it was announced today by Earl Snell, secretary of state.

Examinations are required, however, for those persons who were not licensed during the 1931-1941 period and for persons 70 years of age or older.

Driver's licenses for the 1941-1943 period will cost \$1.50 this year, instead of one dollar, due to the creation of a motor vehicle accident fund by the 1941 legislative assembly, it was explained.

This fund is for the payment of hospitalization costs of indigent persons injured in automobile accidents, cared for in hospitals which are then unable to collect from the patients. The fund will be administered by the state industrial accident commission and hospitals must be registered with the commission and follow a schedule of charges set up by the commission.

There will be approximately \$250,000 available for this fund during the coming two-year period as there will be at least 500,000 drivers licensed during that time, Snell said.

## Negotiations Break Down at Prineville

PRINEVILLE, April 24 (AP)—A break in negotiations with the CIO International Woodworkers of America closed the Ochoco Lumber company here Tuesday.

Company officials refused to bargain in good faith over demands for a 15-cent-an-hour wage increase, a union shop and a week's vacation with pay, the union charged.

Manager Roland Watt denied the company had refused to bargain.

## HIGH SCHOOL

News Notes and Comment

By June Michelson

Announcements and instructions of interest to seniors were discussed at a short senior assembly Wednesday morning.

Dates for various events, given by Principal Lloyd B. Emery and Virginia West, were as follows: baccalaureate will be the third Sunday in May; on Friday, May 3, senior girls will meet to discuss the senior tea, clothes necessary for graduation, etc.; AAUW plans a tea for girls tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 17.

Suggested commencement clothes for boys are dark suits, ties, dark shoes and light shirts, and for girls white dresses and shoes.

Within the next two weeks seniors are to pay \$1.50 each for rental of their caps and gowns.

There are approximately 253 students in this year's commencement class.

Principals and coaches from five high schools were entertained at dinner Tuesday evening, April 22, in the cafeteria by Home Economics club girls. A centerpiece of yellow snapdragons and daffodils was used.

Covers were laid for: B. C. Forsythe and Gerald Gastineau, Ashland; H. E. Tetz and Otis Wilson, Grants Pass; Clyde H. Beard and James Davis, Roseburg; L. B. Mayfield, Russell J. Atheson and W. J. Bowerman, Medford; Lloyd B. Emery, Dutch French, Buck Hammer and Paul Deller, Klamath Falls.

In charge were Ellen Sutton, Kathryn Fox, Verna Dean McGee, Myrtle Russell, Margaret Lewis.

## Pauline Urquige, Helen Russell and Mrs. Alene Williamson, adviser.

Honor society girls ushering at the band concert Wednesday evening were Nadine Palmerton, Elsie Kurnick, Anna Lee Zell, Patty Schupp, Virginia Ellen Smith and Barbara McLean.

First to contribute refreshments to the junior class to be served at the junior-senior prom is the Pepsi-Cola Bottling company who gave 10 cases of pop.

French club members enjoyed a dinner Wednesday at the Bateau.

Pep Peppers will hold a food sale at Moe's Saturday, April 26, from 10 a. m. until 6 p. m.

The track queen contest closes Tuesday, April 29. Jerry Ann Denchie, senior candidate, is leading all others by a comfortable margin of over 600 votes.

President of New York Stock Exchange inducted into the army. He ought to be a bear when the command comes: "Market-time!"

## RCAF CHIEF SEES HOPE IN PLANES

SANTA MONICA Calif., April 24 (AP)—Air Marshall William A. Bishop of the Royal Canadian air force told workers in the big Douglas aircraft factory recently that "Now that I have seen what you are doing, I can take back a message of renewed hope" to the men in Great Britain's battle lines.

Bishop recently arrived from the north for an inspection of southern California plane plants.

"Until a world is established where little children can play in safety, where men and women can work in dignity and honor, and old men and women face the sunset with peace in their hearts, we and our brothers will never quit," he said.

He plans to address a luncheon of representatives of all aircraft companies in this section Wednesday.

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