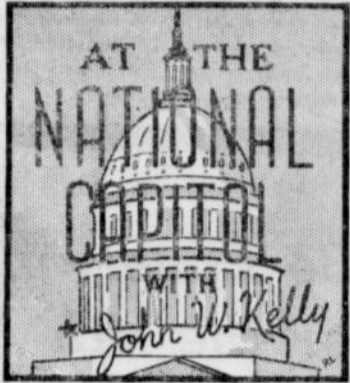


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Washington, D. C., June 26—It may as well be told now, for later John Citizen will feel the effects: The government intends curtailing of supplies of many articles to producers of consumer goods and using everything available for national defense and the "arsenal of democracy." A tip has been passed out that already a dozen industries have been shut down, and in the near future 30 percent of American industries will have a "black-out" because they are not in a business which will give them needed priorities on goods, particularly metals.

Very few industries aside from those with defense orders will be able to purchase supplies for love or money. The OPM knows that this will mean idle machines and unemployed workers, many of whom cannot go to a larger city for a war job. The corner tin shop, the shoemaker, will each have trouble obtaining tin and leather. The man who runs the radio repair shop and the dealer in spare parts for automobiles are headed for trouble. Manufacture of radios is already being reduced and the demand for steel will make auto parts scarce. It doesn't matter how much dealers are willing to pay, unless they have a priority order (and these are reserved for concerns with defense contracts) no manufacturer can send him goods. The manufacturers, also, are being hedged in and their supplies are and will be cut down, in some instances to nothing.

May Subsidize Concerns

This is the word from the inside and the insiders do not relish it, for they have no desire to see small business, which has made America, throttled. At present one of the problems is figuring whether or not the government can subsidize these small concerns to enable them to resume business after the war. Shorn of material, the little industries are looking for substitutes, such as imitation rubber for heels; plastics for this and that; soles of composition, plastic or glass knives. Recently OPM ordered refrigerator companies to discontinue aluminum ice trays and to substitute rubber; now rubber is to be reserved for war purposes and the ice trays must still find another substitute. Wire fence is becoming scarce; practically none will be on the market for farms shortly. A shortage of steel will limit the manufacture of farm implements, just as it will reduce the automobile output by 50 percent on the 1942 cars. The heap of odds and ends of old iron in every farmyard will be worth real money; Leon Henderson has placed a price on every kind of scrap and any farmer can estimate what his old iron and steel is worth when the junkman comes around. (Price at Portland or Seattle.)

Clothing Not Affected

As yet clothing is not affected, but manufacturers have been told to reduce the number of styles. There will not be such a selection for women to choose from as there has been. Sulphur for the paper and pulp mills has already been cut about 60 percent by reason of ships being taken off the trade carrying sulphur to the northwest. The mills have been told that if they wish their usual amount they can use the railroads; and the railroads are already wondering whether they will have sufficient freight cars to take care of all the business that is thrown to them. To aid the railroads a blanket order has been given to furnish them with steel for freight cars.

In farming regions Secretary of Agriculture Wickard is asking dairymen to increase the output of milk and cheese. He has also appealed to the American people to use less milk and cheese in order that these commodities can

Boards Fully Prepared to Conduct Registration July 1

Oregon's 57 Selective Service local boards have reported to Lt. Colonel Elmer V. Wooton, state director of Selective Service, that they are fully prepared to register on July 1 the 6500 or more Oregon men who have attained the age of 21 subsequent to October 16, 1940, and before midnight July 1, 1941.

The local boards will conduct the registration July 1 at their own offices except in Multnomah county and in a few local board areas where supplementary registration points are necessary.

The chairman of each local board will be the chief registrar for the board area and will be assisted by other local board members and clerks. Volunteer registrars will be used only in exceptional instances although each board chairman may call upon government appeal agents, advisors to registrants and other Selective Service officials to assist in the registration.

Sprague Issues Proclamation

Governor Charles A. Sprague has issued a proclamation pointing out the persons who must register and urging all citizens to cooperate. The Governor's proclamation also urges employers to make it possible for employees to register.

Colonel Wooton has announced that the registration will involve no complex procedure.

The questions on the registrant's card pertain only to his identity, his address, the person who will always know his address, and his employer. Registration should not take longer than five minutes for each individual although in some cases it probably will be extended to 20 or more minutes.

Proper Answers Required

While it is essential that registration be conducted as rapidly as possible, all registrars must allow ample time to each registrant so that every question on the registration card can be answered properly. No questionnaires will be answered by registrars when they register July 1. Such documents are sent to registrants only after their order numbers have been determined by a lottery to be held in the near future.

Also there will be no physical examination at the time of registration.

Registration Card Given

After a registrant has answered the questions and signed his name to his registration card, he will be given a registration certificate signed by the registrar. He must have his certificate in his personal possession at all times, as under the Selective Service Regulations failure to possess the certificate, or to show it to authorized persons, constitutes a violation of the Regulations and is to be considered prima facie evidence of failure to register.

Examiner Scheduled

A traveling examiner of operators and chauffeurs is scheduled to arrive in Vernonia, Thursday, July 3 and will be on duty at the city hall from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. Anyone wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with the examiner during those hours.

be shipped to England. The British food minister has requested all American women to have one creamless day a week to provide a larger amount for England. Butter has been taken off the list for the needy in this country and is going abroad. Meanwhile the price of butter is going up to domestic consumers and while Wickard suggests a substitute he does not mention what that substitute should be. Same situation regarding eggs. The secretary's proposal to raise more hogs means little to the northwest, except that it has upped the cost of pork, for the northwest does not raise enough for its own necessities.

Silk Being Used

Silk stockings became popular and common in the first world war, but silk is now used for parachutes and balloons, and nylon and other substitutes are being introduced. Shipyard workers will not be luxuriating in silk shirts this time.

As the war continues (it will

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Paper Boys Get B. C. Trip

Four Vernonia boys who deliver the Oregonian will return to their homes Thursday night bubbling over with "what we did, what we saw." The four young men, Leonard Belongia, Gordon Cline, Beryl Arner and James Johns left Monday for a trip to Vancouver, B. C. as guests of the Oregonian.

Leaving Portland Monday, the boys were taken by train to Seattle where they boarded a boat for Victoria. Wednesday they went by boat to Vancouver. For at least one of the boys this trip affords him the first train ride as well as the first boat ride.

Mrs. Eva Fish Buried Wednesday

Funeral services were held at Corvallis Wednesday for Mrs. Eva Fish, Vernonia manager of the West Coast Telephone company, following her death here last Sunday from a heart attack. Funeral services were held at the Keeney Funeral Home at Corvallis and interment took place at the Mt. Union cemetery at that place.

Eva Vivian Fish was born on March 9th, 1896 at Bellview, Oregon, and passed away at Vernonia on June 22, 1941 at the age of 45 years, three months and 13 days. She was married and is survived by her husband, Ernest Fish of Philomath; two sons, Darrel and Leland, of Vernonia; her mother, Mrs. Ada Labbate of Portland; three brothers, Forrest Alfrey of Bend, Clarence Alfrey of McMinnville and Carl Alfrey of Bend; and two sisters, Mrs. Marie Scott of Corvallis and Mrs. Dorothy Earnest of Portland.

The funeral service was conducted by Reverend Goodrich of Philomath.

One Serious Injury Suffered

Returning from a dance in Balm Grove early Sunday morning a group of young men and women met with an accident about 6 miles out of Vernonia on the Beaver Creek highway. The driver of the car, Bill Duncan, fell asleep as did most of the other five occupants; the car left the road and struck a stump. Of the passengers, Kathleen Lolley, Joy Willard, Betty Arnold, a cousin of Joy's, Lillian Hedman, Bill Templeton and Bill Duncan, only one received serious injuries.

Lillian Hedman was taken to the Emanuel hospital in the Bush ambulance about 5 p. m. Sunday afternoon where she is receiving care for a fractured pelvic bone. She received no head injury as was reported and expected to be returned to her home soon, according to reports.

The car which is owned by M. B. Willard was damaged to the extent of approximately \$400. It was covered by insurance.

Wranglers Billed

The Arizona Wranglers will appear on the Joy Theatre stage next Wednesday, July 2, Harold Dow, manager, stated this week. The Wranglers are widely known from appearances on stage, screen and radio programs and will provide plenty of entertainment for those who attend. Their appearance here is for the one night only.

Registration Week Set Aside

14 Votes Cast At School Election Mon.

Directors Named Without Competition; Mills Is Named Clerk by Directors

Fourteen votes were cast Monday afternoon and evening at the high school board election and the two directors whose names appeared on the ballot were unanimously chosen for the two position on the board. The names appearing on the ballot were Walter Kent, who was elected as director for a term of five years, and Antone Smejkal, who was named for a two-year board term.

Following the close of the polls the school board was reorganized for the coming year and Oscar Weed was elected chairman by the other members. Ray Mills was again hired as clerk. Other business of the meeting was to accept the budget as reported by the budget committee and to designate the First National Bank of St. Helens as depository for district funds.

Flying Service Plane Burns

The airplane owned by the Nehalem Flying Service and used by the Vernonia Flyers was burned last Saturday at Seaside. The fire started from a firecracker which exploded on the tail of the machine, it was said.

The loss, amounting to \$2100 was partially covered by insurance. Another plane, a Tandem Cub Trainer with a 50 horse-power motor was to be available early in the week for the flyers' use and a new Cub Cruiser with a geared Lycoming motor was ordered to be delivered at a later time.

Three Vernonia men, Lester Lackey, Jack Parker and Don Morris, had flown to Seaside but were not near the plane when the accident happened.

New Manager Named Tuesday

Mrs. Charles McCafferty who has been assistant operator in the local office of the West Coast Telephone company for a number of years will take over duties of manager, it was announced this week, following the sudden death of Eva Fish who has been here in charge of the service for 5 years. Filling the position formerly taken by Mrs. McCafferty, Mrs. Todd Bowerman will be assistant operator. A third person to work extra shifts in the office will be named at a later date, it was stated.

Attends Journalist School

Winifred Romtvedt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Romtvedt, is attending a special two weeks course for high school journalists at the Lincoln high school in Portland. The attendance is limited to 50 for the course. School publishers from the entire Northwest are represented at the meet. The tuition for Winifred's attendance is paid by Timberline, the bi-monthly publication of Vernonia high school.

Elected at Boys' State

Election of officers for service in the 3 county units, Columbia, Deschutes and Willamette, of the Annual Beaver Boys' State were made Tuesday. Edgar Culbertson, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Culbertson, was named assessor for Columbia county. The Boys' State is sponsored by the American Legion and is being held this year at Corvallis from June 22 to 29.

18 Men Offer Aid to Injured

A list of those men and boys who went to Portland to offer blood for transfusion for Pete McDonald was obtained this week and is released as follows. For the first call given, the boys who offered themselves were: Gordon Cline, Lester and Lyle Galloway, Benny Hall, Claire Sunnell and Max Ensworth. The first four boys named had matching blood which was given.

Harry Hall released the names of the men who went to Portland on Friday to have their blood tested. They were: Harry Hall, E. V. Robertson, Robert Dial, Leo Ludwig, Walter Buckner, George Smith, George Lindsey, Harry Henderson, Ed Carter, Truman Knight, Paul Coburn and Aubrey Fitzgerald. Of these, five men had blood which typed with the injured one's.

WPA Tax Cost Is \$17,964,513

WPA projects sponsored in Oregon counties cost taxpayers \$17,964,513 between April 8, 1935 and March 31, 1941, of which amount \$3,243,372 had not been "distributed" or spent on the later date, according to an analysis of WPA tax costs by Oregon Business & Tax Research, Inc. based on official figures from the Oregon WPA administrator's office.

Tax cost of WPA projects of all kinds, sponsored by counties, cities, school or other districts or public agencies, on \$1000 of property assessment, varied for the 6-year period from \$70.46 in Tillamook county to 23c in Sherman county, based on actual expenditures to March 31, last, which were \$14,721,141 for the 36 counties of Oregon.

\$60,010,271 Contributed

The federal government, during the 1935-1941 period, contributed \$60,010,271 toward all WPA projects, of which \$48,448,658 had been spent on March 31, last.

Columbia county received \$3,347,421 of WPA federal contribution toward projects in that county, which was 6.91 per cent of total expended WPA funds in Oregon between April, 1935 and March, 1941. Taxpayers in Columbia county contributed \$420,790 toward these projects, which amount was 11.17 per cent of total cost of WPA projects, and represented a tax cost of \$32.42 per \$1000 of property assessment for the 6-year period, according to the Oregon Business & Tax Research, Inc. report, copies of which are available to any interested taxpayer without charge.

No Uniform Distribution

There has been no uniform distribution or spread of federal WPA money among Oregon counties, the Oregon Business & Tax Research, Inc. report points out. Of total WPA-contributed funds in Oregon, Multnomah county obtained 41.61 per cent, and Sherman county the least, .009 per cent.

Of total WPA expenditures in counties for various projects, both federal and locally-contributed tax money, Morrow county contributed, presumably from property taxes, more than half the amount spent in that county, or 55.80 per cent, and Multnomah county the least, 18.10 per cent. The report does not attempt to explain this wide difference in proportion of local contributions, except to say that "no doubt it has been easier for WPA to find feasible projects in Multnomah county, due to its population density and metropolitan problems, than it has been, for example, to entice Sherman county citizens and secure their sponsorship of projects."

Enrollment Week to Be June 30-July 5

John L. Foote Elected as County Chairman; Tarbell Is Coordinator

The organization of civilians for participation in defense activity will begin Monday, June 30th, for Columbia county it was announced this week by County Judge Ray Tarbell in a release made following a meeting of the defense council Monday evening at St. Helens.

Big Enrollment Desired

In the release Tarbell stated that an enrollment in the county as near 100 per cent as possible is desired. The enrollment will continue from June 30th to July 5th and the minimum age limit for registrants is 16 years. Enrollment may be made at any booth in the county.

For Nehalem Valley residents and Wilark, four booth locations have been named: Vernonia—empty building next to the liquor store; Wilark—store; Mist—Bridgers'; Birkenfeld—McCaffery's.

Officers Elected

At the council's meeting Monday, permanent officers were elected to carry on the work. Named to official capacities were: John L. Foote, St. Helens, county chairman; Art Steele, Clatskanie, vice-chairman; and Judge Ray Tarbell, St. Helens, executive secretary and coordinator. J. W. Nichols was named chairman for Vernonia.

Appearing elsewhere in this issue are copies of the applications for enrollment for both men and women. They are reprinted so that those enrolling may familiarize themselves with the questions that will be asked.

McDonald Services Read Tuesday

The funeral services for John Peter McDonald were held Tuesday afternoon, June 24, at the Evangelical church, Reverend G. W. Plummer of Portland officiating. Graveside rites were at the Vernonia Memorial cemetery.

"Pete" McDonald was born in Vernonia, April 5, 1922 and died in Portland on June 21 at the age of 19 years, 2 months and 17 days. He attended Rock Creek grade school and was a graduate of Vernonia high school.

Left to mourn his loss are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McDonald; three sisters, Elsie, Annie and Ellen, all of whom live on Keasey route; an uncle and an aunt, J. P. McDonald and Annie Karban, both of Eugene; and an uncle and an aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pfeifer, of Mulino, Oregon.

Biggs Trampled By Irate Mare

Clarence Biggs, Riverview resident, had his right leg broken in several places and the fore part of his face injured Tuesday morning when a mare belonging to him went on a rampage. The animal, according to reports, was frightened when her owner entered the stable. She kicked Biggs, knocked him down and trampled him. The injured owner of the maddened horse was sent to the Emanuel hospital shortly after the accident.

Grangers to Sponsor Movie

The Pleasant Hill grange is inviting the public to attend a moving picture of milk production to be shown at the grange hall on Saturday, June 28. The movie is sponsored by the Dairy Co-op of Portland. A pot-luck dinner will be served.