

# Comments of the Week

## MORE ABOUT CONSERVING PAPER

Several weeks ago mention was made that much paper could be conserved by not being used in the first place. The comment was made due to the large amount of paper used daily for purposes which could as well as not be discontinued. This week, word comes that such a move in that direction has been made by the Public Relations Bureau at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Information from that source states:

"By eliminating the use of envelopes in its press releases, the Armored Force this week adopted the newest and possibly one of the most conserving of paper-saving plans.

"Instead of expending the thousands of envelopes usually used in disseminating the news of America's armored units, the public relations section of the staff of Maj. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, Chief of the Armored Force, now simply folds the paper, staples the ends together, and types the address on the back side. The necessary franking statement is mimeographed in the upper right- and left-hand corners of the story-envelope.

"The new plan, originated by Lieut. Wm. R. Pershall, Asst. Public Relations Officer, and adopted by Lt. Col. Tristram Tupper, head of the section, will save an estimated 250,000 envelopes yearly.

"Public relations officers of the six armored divisions and 15 tank battalions of the armored force have also been informed of the plan and are expected to adopt it.

"For several months the blitz headquarters' writers have been preparing and editing stories to fit on one page. Small items are grouped on one page, while the back sides of discarded forms are used for 'copy paper.'

"If metal shortage increases in severity, small pieces of gummed paper will be used instead of staples, the Armored Force public relations office announced."

Such an attempt is certainly to be commended, it would seem, due to the extent of the need of articles which are of insufficient quantity to meet every demand. Many times it has been said that the American people are wasteful. The truth of that statement is readily evident to anyone who will take a moment to observe his or her own habits and consider the way many savings can be made if greater care were used.

## STREET SIGNS ARE CITY PROBLEM

It is likely that definite action will be taken soon by city councilmen when they consider again the problem of street signs. That problem is one that was considered before when signs were erected at every intersection about two years ago but the signs were not durable and must now be replaced. As discussed by councilmen on Monday of last week, metal lettering and figures are being considered, the opinion being that the metal would be more durable than the stenciling used previously. Whatever is done, it is likely that the new provision for street signing will be more lasting than those last installed.

## CONSIDER THIS

C & H Sugar Co. states, "Here is the latest' ratio. A 16-inch Navy gun takes 1500 pounds of powder for one shot or equivalent to 60 gallons of ethyl alcohol which requires 105 gallons of high-test molasses which in turn represents about 950 pounds of raw sugar."

# COUNTY NEWS--

## St. Helens

### CLASS TO OFFER ADVICE, HELP

Anyone wishing practical instruction on the raising of a "victory garden" may enroll in the night classes which start Monday in Scappoose under sponsorship of the Garden club there. William Kessi, Smith-Hughes instructor at the Scappoose union high school, will be teacher of the course, which is to meet in the agriculture room at the high school.

A definite decision on meeting nights will be made Monday night at the opening session. Plans are for the group to meet as frequently as possible.

### COUNTY CLERK NAMED LICENSE AGENT

Persons in Columbia county who plan to blow out stumps or to use blasting powder for other purposes after March 1 are required to consult County Clerk Jim Hunt, who has just been appointed explosives licensing agent in the county by United States bureau of mines, and obtain a license. The appointment is under an act passed last month by Congress, which regulates the purchase, sale and use of explosives during the present war emergency. In his letter to Hunt, R. R. Sayers, director of the bureau, pointed out that the purpose of the act is to prevent explosives from coming into the hands of persons not sufficiently reliable and experienced to be authorized to handle them, or who may be disloyal or hostile to the United States.

### COAST GUARD PATROL INDICATED

Establishment of a coast guard

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patrol of the St. Helens waterfront operating seven nights a week from darkness to dawn loomed almost as a certainty last week, reports from reliable sources indicated. It is believed that the patrol will start within three weeks and possibly sooner, depending, it is understood, on how soon a boat can be fitted up.

Similar patrols, instituted as anti-sabotage measures, are in operation at Longview, where a boat with a crew of eight men has been patrolling for about a week, and in Portland. The boats being used are all craft which formerly belonged to private owners and are being converted for coast guard use.

Plans call for the patrol boat assigned here to be of sufficient size to sleep its crew aboard and it is expected that the craft will carry at least five and possibly more men.

## Clatskanie

### WORK STARTED FILLING LAND

The government last week took over a large part of the upper end (toward Mayger) of the Beaver drainage district.

Work started last Monday with two dredges working 24 hour shifts, pumping sand onto the newly acquired property. Over three months is expected to be spent in pumping in the sand and filling the places.

### FRANCIS SPARKS IS STATE CHAMPION

F. C. Sparks, buttermaker of the Clatskanie Lower Columbia Co-operative Dairy was named sweepstakes winner in his division of dairy products judging held at O.S.C. in conjunction with a short course and conference of the Oregon Dairy Manufacturers association on last Tuesday.

Senior buttermakers placing in Class 1 butter judging resulted in Sparks again placing first with a score of 93.25.

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## OREGON NEWS AND COMMENTS



Portland, Ore., Feb. 25—Democrats frothed at the mouth after reading the statement made last Sunday by Willis Mahoney in which he endorsed Senator McNary for reelection and urged all Democrats to do likewise. Here is another case of a warhorse Democrat committing a mortal political sin, namely campaigning for the election of a Republican, and the Democrats are mighty sore. Blasts galore will be directed at Mr. Mahoney by the Democratic high command this week in an attempt to nullify his endorsement. From now on, say the big shots, Mahoney is absolutely through as a Democrat. Should he have any political ambitions in mind for the future he had better cast his lot with the Republicans, declared another well known Democrat, who heretofore was one of Mahoney's strongest supporters. Politicians point to the present political standing of several former top flight Democrats who supported Wendell Wilkie in the last election and they now place Mahoney in the same class. Mahoney has always had a potent following among Democrats. In 1939 he led the state ticket for delegate at large to the national convention and was chairman of the Oregon delegation. For the past several years he has maintained offices in Washington, D. C., representing several interests.

Incidentally, the Mahoney statement caused the king makers to go into an immediate huddle, in an attempt to center on one man for the Democratic nomination, Dr. C. Bernard Noble, of Reed college, who heretofore has been talked of for state senate seat, is now being urged to seek the toga of United States senator. Others prominently mentioned are ex-mayor Joe Carson and Elton Watkins, who served one hitch in congress. Considerable pressure is being brought to bear on Carson to make the race. Those in the know figure he is by far the best bet the Democrats have to trot out against McNary. Carson recently resigned as regional director of civilian defense. The ex-mayor holds a captain's commission in the army reserve and recently was called for a physical examination. So it may be that Joe will be in uniform shortly, instead of running for United States senator.

Of far-reaching importance to Oregon is the progressive program announced recently by several large Willamette valley lumber companies, who have organized a tree farms project. Walker Tillery, veteran forester and graduate of Oregon State College, has been placed in charge of the project, which

takes in over 223,000 acres of timber land in the Willamette valley. In outlining the objectives of the venture, Tillery said the sponsors propose to harvest forest crops from the "tree farms" in a manner which will assure future crops and help make permanent one of Oregon's largest industries—lumber.

The coming campaign moved further in high gear this week. Many more candidates have announced and headquarters for the ambitious ones are opening up all over the city. The Snell forces are going great guns, working day and night. The coming week will see the secretary of state in the field on a schedule which will take him all over the state. Governor Sprague seems to be content in making a few front porch speeches for the time being. But the boys say he'll have to throw his feet much faster if he is to be in the running. From a sideline observation post, it seems to us that Snell has captured the better part of political bean power for his campaign committee.

The war department has been taking over large sections of public land in the northwest. According to the general landoffice, 14,000,000 acres of public land have been withdrawn for aviation fields, bombing and gunnery ranges, sites for anti-aircraft guns, training areas, etc., more exact locations being a military secret. Many acres taken over by the war department involve old mining claims, homestead entries, etc., and it is estimated that 20,000 such claims must be adjusted within 18 months in the western states to clear titles for military purposes. Few of the cases are expected to go to court and most of the claims will be quickly invalidated.

Of immediate concern is the construction of the cantonment at Medford to house 30,000 soldiers. On the basis of \$500 per man, which is conservative, the Medford cantonment will cost about \$15,000,000. Thousands of carpenters, plumbers, bricklayers, painters and common laborers will be used by the contractors and the first problem Medford must meet is housing these workers while they are building barracks, mess and assembly halls, chapels and utilities. It will be several months before the cantonment is completed, for it is an enormous task—building a city for a population greater than that of any of 29 counties in Oregon. It will have almost three times the population of Medford, principal city of the cantonment area.

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# Washington Snapshots

by JAMES PRESTON

Capitol Hill is buzzing with suggestions for raising the additional nine billion dollars requested by the President; and most Congressmen are putting forward their own pet tax schemes.

Two proposals, neither introduced for the first time, are running neck and neck for Congressional favor. Present indications are that either a general sales tax or a withholding tax will be enacted when the new tax bill is considered. There may be also a manufacturer's excise levy, but, corridor opinion says, only on specified items.

Business men here favor the general sales tax. Congressmen who have long opposed this method of raising money are now swinging over. Opponents say that it imposes too great a burden on small incomes. Supporters point out that the burden on lower income brackets is much less than that created by the Treasury's original suggestion of a 15 per cent withholding tax.

Those favoring a withholding tax do not, as a general rule, favor one as high as 15 per cent. About 5 per cent on wages, salaries, dividends, etc., imposed at the source, is currently being supported.

Whatever the method of raising it, there is little dissent from the insistence upon a greater increase in revenue.

Business men are frankly in a dilemma.

Company officials writing their annual reports for 1941 are faced with conflicting regulations. The S. E. C. has always insisted on full publicity for all corporate activities. On the other hand, wartime censorship has declared it taboo to give out war contract information. Company executives realize that stockholders are entitled to know something about their company's war time business, but aren't sure about what can or cannot be told.

A case in point is the recent squelching by the Army of one company for announcing a big war order. Top men of another large company which is making secret war material are debating whether to reveal to their own directors any of the details of government contracts.

Dollar-A-Year men are again holding their heads high after having been dragged over the coals by the Truman committee for "subconsciously" acting as lobbyists for their own companies.

Donald M. Nelson, head of the

War Production Board, told the Senate National Defense Committee, headed by Mr. Truman, that their experience and knowledge were essential to the successful execution of the war production program.

Dollar-a-year men are top ranking industrialists who have come to Washington to assist in the Victory program. They are retained on the payroll of their own firms, and work for the token salary of a dollar a year, or without any salary.

Mr. Nelson says that the War Production Board now has 300 dollar-a-year men serving full time, and about 200 men serving part-time without compensation. The Truman Committee estimates that there are more than 800 dollar-a-year men and men without compensation in the Government.

Edward R. Stettinius was a dollar-a-year man when he was director of priorities, and William Knudsen served without compensation as director-general of the OPM. Mr. Knudsen resigned as executive vice-president of Sears, Roebuck & Co. He is now paid a salary of \$15,000 a year.

That Washington inner circles have accepted these industrialists as members of the gang is evidenced by the fact that they have become part of the alphabet soup which is constantly being brewed here. Dollar-a-year men are commonly referred to as "D. Y." men; those serving without compensation are ordinarily called "WOC's."

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