

# County News

## St. Helens

### PGE WORKERS DIM ST. HELENS STREET LIGHTS

With exception of three lights at the high school which will require special fittings, St. Helens street lights were dimmed out in compliance with new war-time restrictions at 3 p.m. last Tuesday, J. H. Murton, local manager of the Portland General Electric Co., whose crews did the work, has announced.

Altogether, the PGE workers placed metal shields around 163 street lights and painted the tops of 13 lights which were of a different type. The city has 203 street lights, but 24 of these were already sufficiently shielded so that they complied with the restriction and did not have to have any work done on them.

### ST. HELENS SQUAD TOPS SCAPPOOSE, 9-7

Two events—the St. Helens-Scappoose football tilt and the community parade which featured the state guard, civilian defense, the Boy Scouts, the high school band and Veterans' and fraternal organizations—highlighted the 24th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice for St. Helens. The parade, held at 6 p.m. with the line of march through the downtown business district, offered local residents their first opportunity to glimpse the recently-organized state guard unit on dress parade.

The Armistice day football game, which matched the Lions and the Indians on John Gumm field, ended in a 9-7 victory for the St. Helens squad after the locals had tied for three-quarters of the contest.

Incidentally, Wednesday's victory puts the Lions out in front for the county gridiron championship. If they can triumph over Rainier in the Thanksgiving day game at Rainier, then the coveted gonfalon comes here for the first time in years.

## Clatskanie

### JOHN FASTABEND DIES, BUILDER OF BENSON RAFTS

John Anton Fastabend, for many years a well known figure on the lower Columbia river, died Thursday, November 5 in Portland, where he had made his home since his retirement at the age of 82.

During the panic of 1894 he established himself as a building contractor and built several important places at Tongue Point and Fort Stevens.

### CLATSKANIE VALLEY MARKET BEING ENLARGED

Work is in progress in which the Valley Market will be enlarged, both in the market section and in cooling room facilities. The partition is being extended over into the part formerly used by the creamery. A large cool room is being established and general improvements are being made. New fixtures will be installed when the market is completed and ready for use, according to John Holmes, owner.



## The Vernonia Eagle

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## Rainier

### OBSERVERS HEAR INSTRUCTOR FROM ARMY SIGNAL CORPS

A meeting of all airplane observers was held Monday, November 16, in Rainier. The meeting was primarily for observers now serving but was open to the public and anyone interested was welcome.

The purpose of the meeting was to enable all observers to get a complete explanation of the operation of the airplane warning service and why the army considers its efficient operation vital.

### GRADE SCHOOL HEATING PLANT GOES HAYWIRE

The grade school heating plant went on the blink over the week end. The first grade room had heat cut off on Monday, so that room was dismissed for the day. By cutting off the one room the plant could be operated to heat the rest of the school.

Repairs were made so all were back in school Tuesday.



Portland, Ore., Nov. 18.—With the speakership of the next legislature safe in the bag for Wm. McAllister of Medford, who had enough pledges before the election from candidates of both parties to insure him the honor of handling the gavel, a real battle royal is now on for the presidency of the senate, which is equivalent to the office of lieutenant-governor. Senator Dorothy McCullough Lee of Multnomah county a hold-over, and Senator W. H. Steiwer of Fossil, who was re-elected, are the contestants. Plans were laid two years ago, before the last session adjourned, to elevate the lady from Portland to the senate presidency come January, 1943.

The late Senator Franciscovich of Clatsop county engineered the deal and had about eight votes tucked away for the girl from hold-over senators. However, with the untimely death of Senator Franciscovich a short time ago, these well-laid plans evidently went astray.

Some of those who signed up for the lady senator two years ago now seem inclined to stray away from their pledges. Senator Steiwer is in the fight for the chair with both feet, and seems to be getting places. Several of the senators-elect are now in the armed forces, and this means the county courts will appoint senators protem to serve during their absence, and therein is the big hitch. It's a certainty a very few votes one way or the other will elect the next president of the senate. It looks low that even one or two votes will turn the trick. In the meantime both the candidates are eagerly eyeing the moves of the several county courts who will make the protem appointments soon, and those two or three votes no doubt will mean victory for one or the other.

As for the house, Bill McAllister went into a huddle with the 13 members-elect of the Multnomah county delegation a couple of days after the election. McAllister proved to the boys that he had 27 pledges, which meant he had only four votes to go for a touchdown. When the Portland boys saw that they immediately climbed on the bandwagon and McAllister went over the hump in a few minutes. Then everyone climbed on the said bandwagon and when the smoke had cleared away Mac had 57 votes of all varieties, an "a la Heinze." Then the boys began angling for the important chairmanships of different house committees. Rumor has it that two of these coveted honors will go to house members from Portland. All in all, the labor problem John Jones may it's fortunate the house speakership was decided at this early date. It best to make good on the new one. will enable the new legislature to start work immediately when it convenes on January 11. All of the Mr. Jones, for purely personal reasons, might be unhappy in his regimene made prior to the opening of mented job and be far less efficient the session which heretofore have and productive.

# THE POCKETBOOK OF KNOWLEDGE

WORKERS IN A CALIFORNIA PLANT ARE SPENDING THEIR SUNDAYS HARVESTING FRUIT THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE WASTED BECAUSE OF THE FARM LABOR SHORTAGE

APPLES GIVE OFF ETHYLENE GAS AND WILL CAUSE OTHER FLOWERS TO WILT IF PLACED NEAR THEM

THE U.S. ARMY ISSUES 238 DIFFERENT LENGTHS AND WIDTHS OF SHOES RANGING FROM SIZE 4 1/2 TO 14

INDUSTRY HAS PERFECTED A GADGET THAT COMBINES A MAGNETIZING GLASS AND A MAGNETIZED LOOP OF FINE WIRE TO REMOVE METAL AND OTHER PARTICLES FROM THE EYE

BY MEANS OF A SPECIALLY DESIGNED "BOMB SNATCHER" AN INCENDIARY BOMB CAN NOW BE PICKED UP AND HELD OUT OF DANGER WHILE IT BURNS OUT, A TROUGH IN THE HEAD CATCHES THE MOLTEN METAL

## OUT OF THE WOODS

Larry on Haywire . . .

"I made gladsmere readin' to my old eyes 'o'her day, when I saw go into any dime store and buy a coil of virgin haywire for home and family use. Jallopies were held together and kept in use with it. Furniture, long fallen apart and thrown away, was put together again and made better than ever it was, with haywire instead of glue. And so on.

"But it was haywire by courtesy only. Production of it run wild, and got into evil hands. The old-time makers of haywire, who had catered only to the hay-balin' trade with a quality product, found themselves up against a slew of haywire shoddy on the market. Racketeers wormed into the once-proud industry. It was a sad day, indeed, when haywire for everybody become the rule. It got so that a family logger, mindin' the kids while his wife was visitin', wouldn't trust haywire for 'even pinnin' up diapers."

Government Haywire . . .

"That was also the time of grandiferous Government projects. I forgit most of them, but I remember one call the Federal Art Project. There was a piece in a magazine, with pitchers, which I still got somewhere. Some sculptor by name of Broncussy or Bugeussy, or the like, had worked up a system of makin' statues out of haywire. All they looked like in the pitchers was just haywire all looped and twisted like a kid would do playin' with it. But the Government art project people took it up. How far they went I ain't ever learned, but I wouldn't be surprised if they got enough haywire art stowed away all over the country to bale a year's hay supply for all the mules in the Army.

"As one who learned great respect for haywire in his early youth in the woods, I'm proud to hear of it in proper use again, with a bull of the woods applyin' it as a weldin' rod. I'd never go so far as to claim haywire can win the war. But proper haywire can help."

Public opinion has stepped in to block proposed compulsory war manpower mobilization legislation. While pressure will be used to keep key men in key positions through Selective Service and other Government agencies and through sanctions, the voluntary method of labor allocation will continue.

Because Congress was bypassed in the swift action of the President to limit net incomes to \$25,000, additional broad powers will not be handed out so liberally by that body in the future. There is growing resentment of the way this drastic measure was railroaded through on presidential directive without Congressional specification.

Realization that we have a tough fight on our hands—and that it is going to get tougher—is spurring all moves to speed the war effort and to apply inflation brakes as rapidly as possible.

Scrap is still a major problem in the war production program. Chief Donald Nelson has appealed to industry to get to the bottom of the barrel in an endeavor to bring out every ton of iron and steel that is now not serving a useful war purpose.

The War Manpower Commission is urging all manufacturers to start at once an inventory of all employees according to occupation, age, sex, dependency, and other factors. This would assist in determining the potential Selective Service classification of employees.

Manpower officials here are considering urging manufacturers to adopt a system of utilizing "half-shift" employees. The idea, now being tested in Cleveland by the U. S. Employment office, calls for white collar workers, after completing their regular day's work at their desks at 4 p.m., to go on a four-hour shift in the factory. They would work until 8 p.m. and then be relieved by another "half-shift" team.

In a formal statement on deductions for advertising in figuring income taxes, the Bureau of Internal Revenue says that it recognizes advertising as "a necessary and legitimate business expense so long as it is not carried to an unreasonable extent; or does not become an attempt to avoid proper tax payments."

Chairman George of the Senate Finance committee said last week that, the 77th Congress has passed its last tax bill it would be impossible, he said, to write another before the new Congress convenes next January.

A bill that should give positive and continuing relief from burdensome reports requirements is scheduled to come before the Senate within two weeks, probably right after election. It has been reported favorably by the Senate Labor committee in a form that incorporated several amendments advocated by business interests.

6:30—Panel discussion by young people; leader, Max Mills.  
7:30—Evening song, communion and preaching service. Sermon subject: "This Day's Judgement."  
7:30—Wednesday evening Union Thanksgiving service at this church, W. O. Livingstone preaching the sermon.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints—  
Sunday school convenes at 10 a. m. at the I. O. O. F. hall under the direction of Charles Ratkie, superintendent.  
St. Mary's Catholic Church  
Rev. Anthony V. Gerace  
Rev. Frederick Thiele  
Mass: 9:30 A.M. except first Sunday in month—Mass at 8:30 A.M. Confessions from 7:45 A.M. on.

Evangelical Church—  
—Rev. Allen H. Backer, Minister  
9:45—Sunday school, Mrs. Madgr Rogers, superintendent.  
11:00—Harvest Home Festival. Women's Missionary thank offering. Message: "Giving Thanks." Potluck dinner in social hall after service.  
6:30—Junior and Y.P.E.L.C.E.  
7:30—Song and praise service. Message: "Spiritual Growth."  
Wednesday evening—Joining in the day in month—Mass at 8:30 A.M. Thanksgiving service at the Christian church.

# Farm WAR NEWS

**Farm Labor Action Asked**  
Secretary Claude Wickard has requested immediate action to keep manpower on the farms for the crucial production job of 1943, the Oregon USDA War board reports. He has recommended that all essential farm workers get occupational draft deferment, and that war industries holding government contracts be prevented from hiring such workers. More than 1,600,000 workers left the farms in the past year, 60 per cent for war work, 40 per cent for the armed forces.

**Milk Cans, Fencing Rationed**  
Information received by the Columbia county USDA farm machinery rationing committee indicates that milk cans and fencing supplies will shortly be added to the list of items rationed by the committee. It is expected, the committee reports, that OPA's recently-acquired right to ration milk cans and fencing will be delegated to the Department of Agriculture.

**Truck Applications Taken**  
Farm applications for new trucks are now filed with the county farm transportation committee, the county USDA War board has announced. This new procedure has been agreed upon by the office of defense transportation and the Department of Agriculture. Mr. F. W. Boesel is chairman of the county transportation committee which has headquarters at the war board office in St. Helens.

**Probe on Farm Labor Due**  
The senate committee on farm labor conditions in the 11 western states, including Oregon, will open hearings on November 16. The first hearing has been tentatively set for Los Angeles.

**Bean Prices Supported**  
The state USDA War board has been informed that the Department of Agriculture has announced a new price support program for dry edible beans. Prices will be supported at levels equivalent to 90 per cent of parity.

**Got Your "War Certificate"?**  
Farm truck owners who have not received an application for an ODT Certificate of War Necessity are advised to consult the county farm transportation committee for necessary procedure.

**Machinery Freeze Explained**  
The present "freeze" on new farm machinery will remain in effect until the new rationing program is announced, the county USDA War board reports. In cases where new machinery is needed immediately to maintain production, appeals can be filed with the county farm machinery rationing committee. Repair parts are not frozen but attachments may be sold only by a retail dealer, provided he has them in stock.

## The Forest Grove NATIONAL BANK

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taken a week of the session's time, In place of the draft labor plan President Roosevelt is expected to attempt to deal with the labor shortage by executive order. In this event it is considered likely that voluntary enlistments in the armed forces will cease after January 1, leaving the selective service to provide men needed for the army, navy and coast guard. Also being considered as a part of the order it is reported, is a requirement that all hiring be done through the U. S. Employment service, which in effect will set up priority standards for manpower, just as such standards are now in effect for materials. A companion problem of equal interest in Oregon is the question of what is to become of small businesses no longer able to operate because of priorities or lack of manpower, but this is a matter for congress to consider

Of special interest to the people of Oregon is a report from the national capitol that opposition by organized labor to plans for universal regimentation has resulted in a change of administration policy on this question, at least for the time being. Even without the opposition of union officials it is doubtful if congress at this time would pass legislation giving bureaucrats final and complete say over the lives of all men and women in the nation. In theory, drafts of all manpower is just as fair as the drafting of men for military service. Actually, however, it is very doubtful if enough wisdom would prevail among the officials designated to administer such a program as to prevent unnecessary hardship and avoid wrecking the national economy. Even war and patriotism cannot entirely remove the human element or factors, and trouble would develop once officials were given absolute power to rule the lives of their fellow citizens.

If the voluntary system can meet the labor problem John Jones may willingly transfer jobs and do his best to make good on the new one. If some official had the power to order John to take a certain job for purely personal reasons, might be unhappy in his regimene made prior to the opening of mented job and be far less efficient the session which heretofore have and productive.

## At The Churches . . .

Christian Church  
—The Livingstones, Ministers  
9:45 A. M.—Bible school, M. L. Herrin, superintendent.  
11:00 A. M.—Communion service.  
11:30—Bible lesson-sermon. Subject: "Thanks for Everything."  
11:30—Junior church, Mrs. E. A. Knoedler and Mrs. Bruce Bass, superintendent, Mrs. M. L. Herrin assisting.