



STATE CAPITAL NEWS

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Salem, Ore. — Meeting here Wednesday at the call of Governor Sprague the Oregon Economic Council took steps to head off the threatened shutdown of the state's logging and lumbering industry which has been hard hit due to the slump in building activities due to priority rulings. Sawmill operators attending the meeting declared that at least 20,000 logging and lumbering workers in this state would be thrown out of work this winter unless a modification can be had in the priorities ruling which will permit resumption of construction activities.

Oregon will conform to the wishes of President Roosevelt and observe Thanksgiving today, Gov. Sprague, in keeping with his previously announced intention, has proclaimed the day a state holiday set aside for the giving of thanks.

Oregon telephone users paid out \$11,084,493 for conversation during 1940, according to a survey by the public utilities commission. This represents an increase of \$1,009,402 over the figures for 1939. Taxes paid by telephone companies operating in this state aggregated \$1,894,283.

If the federal government can be persuaded to take over the Longview bridge the state of Oregon will undertake one-half the maintenance cost of the structure provided the state of Washington will do likewise. The state highway commission pledged themselves to this policy at a meeting in Salem this week. Residents along the lower Columbia river are united with residents of southwestern Washington in a campaign to make the bridge a toll-free structure and the bond holders are said to be willing to unload the "white elephant" at a small fraction of their investment in the project.

Oregon will contribute 196 draftees to the army next month. The men, coming from practically every county in the state, will report for service at the Portland armory induction station December 2, 3 and 4.

The assessed value of taxable public utility property in Oregon as equalized by the state tax commission totals \$168,867,970. This figure represents an increase of nearly \$9,000,000 over the 1940 valuation. The full cash value if utility properties in the state as of March 1, last, as computed by the tax commission was \$304,896,190.

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Contributions to the unemployment compensation fund run consistently almost double benefit payments to jobless workers, according to records of the Unemployment Compensation commission. The commission's trust fund on deposit with the federal government now totals \$16,415,000, approximately \$6,500,000 more than a year ago.

Top AAA Men To Attend Meeting

Corvallis, Nov. 20. (Special) — The annual meeting of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League December 4 to 6 has attained regional prominence with the assurance recently received that three top men of the U. S. department of agriculture, and possibly four, will attend the session, coming direct to Heppner from Washington, D. C.

The three men certain to attend are R. A. "Spike" Evans, national administrator of the AAA; N. E. Dodd, director of the western division of the AAA, and formerly chairman of the Oregon committee, and Leroy Smith, president of the Federal Crop Insurance corporation. Long considered one of the most important meetings of wheat growers in the United States, the EOWL session has in recent years been made the occasion a number of times for important announcements of national farm policy related to this industry. Such is expected to be the case this time, as both Dodd and Evans are scheduled to deliver major addresses.

Dodd will speak on the world wheat situation, including a special report on the international wheat conference to be held in Regina, Canada, just prior to the wheat league meeting. Evans, who has recently returned from England, where he studied the food needs of the country, will speak Saturday morning, stressing the food-for-defense program. Smith is not now scheduled to appear on the general program but will take part in committee sessions to be held all day Thursday prior to the opening of the regular program meetings.

The annual banquet on Friday night will have as principal speaker Joseph K. Carson, civilian defense coordinator for the Pacific coast, and department commander of the American Legion.

With prospects of a considerable number of wheat growers attending from neighboring states as well as Oregon, the local entertainment committee is preparing adequate housing and meal service for all, according to reports obtained by S. J. Culley, Weston, president of the league.

Machine Minded Men Navy's Need

Today's navy is a service of steel and iron — ships and guns, instruments and men. And thousands of skilled technicians, trained machinists, are required to keep the highly mechanized navy in fighting trim and ready for action.

The machinist section is one of the three parts of group III schools (others: metalworker and woodworker). A class "A" basic school, it furnishes a great many of the men who leave San Diego as qualified strikers, who ultimately receive machinist rating.

An average of 60 men a month graduate from the machine shop's 16-week course, which is divided into four terms of four weeks each.

Most of the work is practical. But one day a week is for studying such academic subjects as blueprint reading, ratio and proportion, mensuration and general shop mathematics. New students find qualified instructors, most of them chief machinists' mates, ready to help them. And it takes a lot of help in mastering the machines which were all installed by students last May when the school was placed in commission.

Although a listing of the technical names of the equipment may bore the disinterested reader, it is music to the ear of the young man who is a born "tinkerer," who likes to watch steel take form under a press. Such a man would feel at home among the various lathes in the large and well-lighted shop. He would also find milling machines, shapers, horizontal boring machines, grinding machines, drill grinders, radio drills, various sized power saws, drill presses, emery wheels and arbor presses.

The shop includes a tool-making room, completely equipped. Here are a precision drill press, a universal grinder, a star position drill grinder, a "Do-All" machine for cutting metal into odd shapes sim-

ilar to a jig saw, to which is attached a small spot welder for joining steel bands or ribbons.

SHIPPERS OF VETCH SEED GIVEN OFFICIAL WARNING

Salem, Nov. 20. (Special) — A warning to Oregon shippers of vetch seed who fail to meet the California fumigation requirements in full is contained in a letter just received by the plant division of the Oregon department of agriculture from officials of the California department.

"Shipments of vetch seed from Oregon are arriving almost weekly and we are required to give a second treatment at the point of destination due to improper treatment at the point of origin," the neighbor-

Harvest Season Is Nearing End

Salem, Nov. 20. (Special) — With one of Oregon's most successful harvest seasons rapidly drawing to a close, the state employment service report of agricultural placements for the first 10 months of 1941 showed 132,736 farm jobs handled, compared with 102,735 for the entire year of 1940.

California's approved formula for fumigating vetch seed sets out one of several fumigants to be used, the temperature, dosage, time of exposure, fan circulation and dunnage.

Reports from 23 employment offices to Director Lee C. Stoll put Salem's 36,895 placements in the lead, Portland next with 29,381 and other leading farm job offices ranking as follows: Ontario, 11,342; Hood River, 8,135; Medford, 8,088; Pendleton, 6,914; Klamath Falls, 5,874; McMinnville, 5,755; Eugene, 5,823; Corvallis, 3,330; Albany, 2,966; Oregon City, 2,933; and Bend, 2,097.

Salem's big months were August and September, when the latter part of the bean harvest ran into the early hop picking to create an emergency that brought helpers from many nearby sections. Salem's placements during the 60-day period were 30,897. Portland's farm job record reached its height during

the June berry harvests with 12,651 placements.

Pear and apple picking kept the Hood River, Medford and other offices busy during the fall months, while potato pickers boosted October activity at Klamath Falls and Redmond. Malheur county's lettuce and beet crops work kept the service busy from April to November. The Athena pea harvest occupied the Pendleton office in June and July.

Although stringencies developed at a few points, largely because of weather conditions, reports from growers, workers and farm camps attested to the success of the state employment service in handling vast movements of migrant workers. With the exception of calling a few hundred families from California's

central valley or berry picking, most of the harvest emergencies were met with Oregon workers.

Visit at Hospital — Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thompson, representing Nyssa post No. 79 of the American Legion and its auxiliary, visited at the veterans hospital in Boise Sunday. They visited Tom Osborne, Andrew McGinnis, Mr. Hathaway, Guy Nelson and Mr. Tidwell, Nyssa veterans who are ill. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson were accompanied on the trip by Mrs. Tom Osborne. They report all of the Nyssa patients doing well.

Takes Office Position — Miss Orba Blain niece of Mr. and Mrs. Klass V. Powell, has accepted a position in the Gate City Journal office.

BIG PUBLIC SALE

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MACHINERY

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1—International power take-off potato digger.
1—Horse-drawn potato digger.
1—Moline two-way 14-inch tumble plow.
1—Avery 14-inch 2-way plow, horse drawn, good as new.
1—14-inch Oliver 2-way plow, horse drawn.
1—P & O 14-inch 2-way plow, horse drawn.
1—John Deere mower, 5-ft., oil bath, No. 4.
1—McCormick-Deering 5-ft. mower, oil bath.
1—9-ft. Sulky rake.
1—McCormick-Deering grain binder, 6-ft.
1—John Deere subsoiler.
1—John Deere manure spreader.
1—Hummer manure spreader.
1—Two-section springtooth harrow.
2—Two-section harrows.
1—2-row corrugator.
1—John Deere potato and corn cultivator, with extra att.
1—John Deere gasoline engine, 1½ h.p.
1—Pump jack and pump stand.
1—4-wheel trailer.
1—De Laval No. 17 electric cream separator, in good shape.
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