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Rationing Will Probably Benefit Country

Rationing of automobile tires and tubes and restrictions on the sale of automobiles and trucks indicate that rationing of other articles will be started by the government and that the United States is really going all-out for production of war materials.

Rationing will be of benefit to the country, because if applied reasonably it will not hurt anyone and will tend to prevent hoarding.

Restrictions on the sale of various products will protect the loyal American who is trying to be unselfish in time of emergency. Even merchandise that is plentiful should be rationed as a protective measure.

Conversion of automobile factories into defense plants will at least temporarily work a hardship on automobile factory employees, because thousands of them will be without work until they can find employment in some defense industry, either in the plant in which they have been working or in some other factory.

Officials of the United Automobile workers union said that 350,000 automobile workers would be affected by the change.

The office of production management is rushing plans to convert the automobile industry to the production of armaments as soon as possible. Sale of cars was stopped January 1 and production will be halted in 30 days. Automobiles manufactured during the next month will be rationed to selected persons, those engaged in work that is beneficial to human welfare or in defense programs.

Alvan McCauley, president of the National Automobile Manufacturers association and chairman of the automotive council for war production, said the industry is behind the government "100 per cent."

Mr. McCauley said, "The government must give us work on which we can turn loose our mass production facilities. Plants will have to be shut down, but just how many and for how long we can't say. It will depend in part on how rapidly we can get into production on new contracts."

For a change, the suffering of a few inconveniences may be beneficial to Americans.

Country Newspapers Are Thoroughly Read

Anyone who has any doubt about the value of a weekly newspaper as an advertising medium should have read the report on a recent meeting of the AAA held in Corvallis.

The article said in part: "Home-town papers are read more thoroughly by rural people than any other publications and hence they are the most valuable medium for disseminating farm news, according to AAA committeemen attending the annual conference at Oregon State college."

"One farmer serving on the education committee of the conference stated that although his group is always glad to get news in the metropolitan dailies, the news that really counts in reaching a large proportion of the farmers is that used in the country weeklies."

Persons familiar with advertising know that a newspaper that is thoroughly read for its general news is also thoroughly read for the business news appearing in the advertisements.

The county assessor is glad for any private citizen to come in and discuss the assessors business with him. Malheur county has had such a tremendous development in the last five or six years that the county assessor and the county clerk, is sure put to it to make the axes fool the bills.

They are trying to revolutionize the assessing system in the hopes of raising the county some money.

It seems that a very large number of individuals and corporations have not been turning in any where near the proper valuation on property, merchandise and personal property. Under the new system each individual will turn in his own report in his own writing and the assessor swears he will investigate all that are a little "fishy". There will no doubt be a lot of people get into a lot of trouble but our county prosecuting attorney draws his salary anyway and those cases will be good practice for him. There is no use of the honest people having to carry the tax lead for those too crooked to turn in a honest report.

The noxious weed control proposition is still a bit foggy to the Chalk Butte grangers. We go to the courthouse and find large volumes with pages and pages devoted to Oregon state noxious weed laws and we read and read and come out in a fog and don't know but very little more than before we took the drive. We have state laws enough to ruin a man for life who insists on letting noxious weeds pollute the country in a weed district and all of Malheur county is set aside as a weed district. Comes down to the last word it seems that the county agent holds the reins when it comes to driving the weed law home.

About the best of the laws we could fish out was the one which would fine the careless man who would not even try to keep the weeds down.

The county agent can send in a crew and eradicate the weeds at an expense of from two to six hundred dollars per acre. We think he should at least be compelled to keep the seed down so as not to pollute the whole country.

Now is a fine time to "kill two birds with one stone," (or three maybe) with all this snow bin on so long the rabbits are quite hungry and we could poison a lot of them. Elza Niccum sent off the hydes of eleven jack rabbits, sort of an experiment to see what he would get for them. He received 14 cents apiece for them. He was so well pleased that now he is going at it right. The government wants us to help out by sending in all available hydes. Well that is a good price and the live rabbits will be an awful pest next summer if all of them live.

The county agent says "one rabbit killed now means three or four less next summer."

Russell Howell says "the only thing you can put on pigs in this kind of weather is age."

Well mine are not getting fat very fast. Most of the hogs in Cow Hollow are quite small now.

If there is anything in the agriculture line that we can do to help in the present emergency we sure want to get wise to it. We now sure need a synthetic rubber. There will be speakers here that have made a study in that line and there will also be some movie pictures. This program will start about 8:30 and be over by 10:00. Tell everyone that is interested in agriculture to come and we will all work together for the cause of Democracy.

CCC VICINITY

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Dimmick and children, Denna and Larry, also returned from Yakima, where they spent the Christmas holidays.

The Pleasant Hour club met January 8 at the home of Mrs. Fred Stephen with Mrs. Mrs. Chet Corfield as co-hostess. Seven members were present. Mrs. Joe Stephen led the club. Making quilts for the Red Cross is going to be the work for this year so all members are asked to take pieces for quilts and needles and thread to the next meeting, which is to be held at the home of Mrs. William Orr February 12. Lunch was served.

Mr. and Mrs. John Strickland and daughters, Betty Jean and Roberta left Monday evening for Missouri by train to visit. They expect to be gone about a month.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Flanagan and son, Terry have just returned from Yakima, where they spent the holiday with their folks.

Lower Bend

Mrs. Hallar, new upper grade teacher, is making her home at the J. R. Chaney residence.

Mrs. Horace Chaney and infant son, Jimmy, have returned home from the Nyssa hospital.

Roy Rumsier, who has employment in Emmett, is visiting his mother until lambing begins.

Mrs. Walter Stradley is sick. Mrs. Martin Hobbs and infant son returned to the parental Roy Cartwright home Wednesday from the Nyssa hospital.

Riley Scott is visiting friends in Greenleaf the past week.

The Jolly Janes met at the home of Mrs. Arthur Gale Thursday for an all-day meeting. A pot-luck lunch was served at noon. The afternoon was spent hemming dish towels for Mrs. Roy Cartwright.

Harry Russell of the Owyhee dam spent Wednesday and Thursday at home with his family.

Alberta Valley

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Cooper spent Sunday in Vale.

Miss Thelma Cooper was a weekend guest at the home of Leona Farmer.

Mrs. George Bretzman has been ill this week.

A group of young people of this community attended a farewell party in honor of Selma Morehouse at the home of Illa Batner Monday. Miss Ruth Matthews was honored at a birthday dinner Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. Z. Matthews.

Mrs. I. L. Cooper has been visiting her son in Hailey, Idaho the past week.

Mrs. Charley Grider has been ill the past week.

Dwight Seward left Thursday morning for Seattle, where he will take up defense work.

Mrs. Dwight Seward and daughters have been staying at Mrs. Ed Wild's home this week while convalescing from illness.

Roger Tucker worked in the Nazareth church basement Friday.

I. L. Cooper was a business visitor in Ontario Thursday. Lloyd Boyles and Raymond Pierce of the Richland district called at the O. Z. Matthews home Friday.

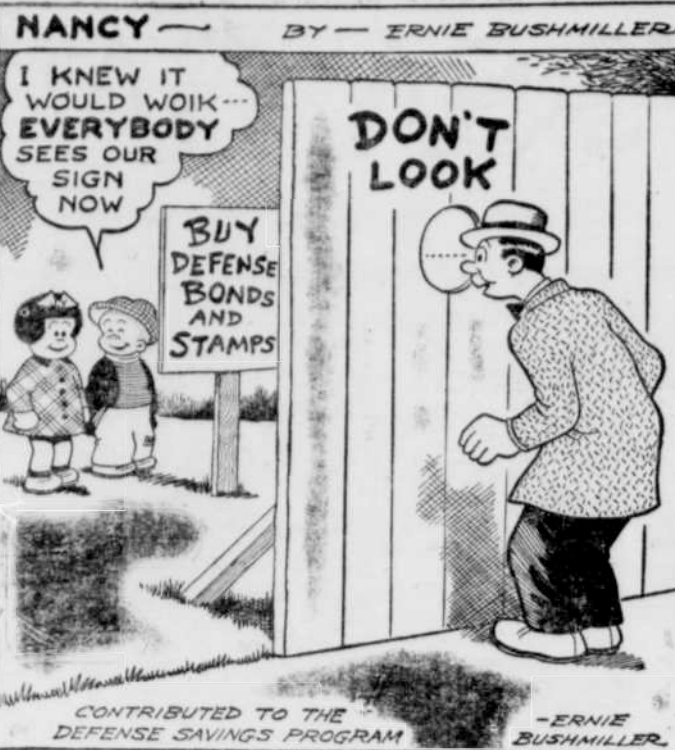
Nan Grider was an overnight guest at the home of Eveleen Towne Thursday.

George Bretzman, Jr., returned to school Monday morning after recovering from an illness.

Ruth Larson has returned home after completing a home economics course at the agriculture college at Logan, Utah.

Miller Jensen returned home from the hospital Sunday.

Angela Herman and Alice Lytle of Riverview spent Sunday afternoon with Kathleen Lee.



At The National Capital

By John W. Kelly

Salem, Jan. 15 — In announcing that the collection of the new state tax on cigarettes would start last week the tax commission forced the issue of a test of the validity of the referendum measure which had been filed by opponents of the tax.

There had been much talk of court action to seek a reversal of the opinion handed down by the attorney general denying the measure a ballot place but no action. In fact, until the state started to enforce the law there was nothing on which to base an immediate court action. Now the retailers and cigarette manufacturers will either have to put up or shut up.

The state in starting collection of the tax last week was compelled to place cigarette dealers on their honor. There had been no time in which to arrange for the necessary tax stamps or postage metering machines so the tax commission is holding the dealers responsible for collection of the tax without those visible evidences of its payment.

Under the cigarette tax act passed by the last legislature smokers of the fags will now have to contribute one-tenth of a cent to the state on each cigarette selling at not more than one cent. Higher priced cigarettes are to be taxed at 20 per cent of the retail selling price.

Effective last week a new system of examining registrants for military service was placed into effect, according to Lt. Col. Elmer V. Wooten, state director of selective service.

Hereafter, local draft boards will make only a cursory examination of registrants in order to eliminate those obviously unfit for military service. Those who are passed by their local boards will then go to examination centers where they will be given a final examination by a board of army examiners. Those who survive this examination will then be ready for military service and when their number is called will go directly to training centers as heretofore. Eight of these examination centers are being established at strategic points in Oregon as follows: Portland, Eugene, Medford, Klamath Falls, Bend, The Dalles, Pendleton and Baker.

Secretary of State Snell estimates that Oregon motorists can save 108 tons of rubber a month by more careful driving. In the interest of tire conservation Snell urges motorists to drive at slower speeds, avoid sudden application of brakes, avoid "squealing" tires on curves, keep wheels in good alignment and keep tires at proper inflation. Observation of these rules, he points out, will save an average of two ounces of rubber per tire each month.

Twenty employees of the state employment service are being transferred to Portland under the recent federalization of the employment service.

These employees are in the training, research and accounting divisions. All of the approximately 250 employees in the state employment service are being retained in their jobs in the transfer of jurisdiction to the federal government.

Steel priorities may make it impossible for the state to secure material for 1943 automobile license plates. In the opinion of Secretary of State Snell. The OPM has suggested that the states adopt permanent license plates or resort to the use of windshield stickers during the war emergency but Snell points out that such a measure will require legislative action in Oregon and the legislature is not scheduled to meet until 1943, whereas arrangements for new plates under the present law must be made months in advance of that date.

Big Bend

Mrs. Grover Lee left Friday for Corvallis, California to join her husband, who is working on a defense project. She spent the past two months with her mother, Mrs. N. S. Phelan.

Snow in this vicinity is quite deep and travel off the main highway is exceedingly difficult. The Riverside Irrigation district held its annual election at Roswell Saturday afternoon. All the old board members were re-elected. W. K. Kniefel was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Charles Allen, and Lawrence Oruse to take the place of Claude Shrack, who moved to western Oregon.

Mrs. Della Bunnell, who spent the past three weeks in Yakima, arrived Saturday for a visit with her mother. She plans to return to Caldwell to continue her work the latter part of the week.

Two brothers of the late Henry Inbler are here from Kirksville, Missouri to settle his estate. Considering stormy weather and bad roads there were very few pupils absent at Wade school.



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Farmers Supply Co-op.	Inter-State Oil Co.
Texaco Oil Co.	Powell Service Station
Signal Service	Norcott Service Station

Word was received here of the marriage of Miss Melba Fisher, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Fisher, and Hugh Sutton, formerly of Roswell, at Las Vegas, Nevada, January 3. Mr. Sutton is with the army corps stationed at Bakersfield, California.
Miss Dorothy Hamilton is staying at the Phelan home.

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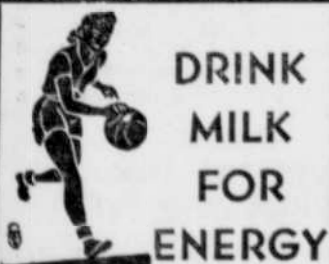
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