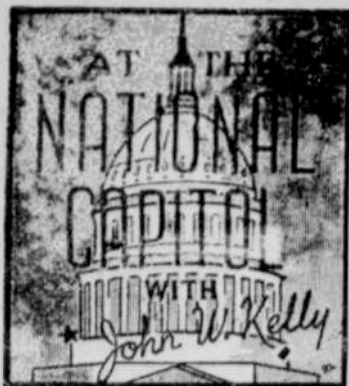




Washington, D.C. April 8—Under secretary of war writes to the Oregon delegation that the war department has under consideration the publication of an army-wide policy to encourage local commanders to permit soldiers to assist in harvesting crops in off-duty hours when it will not interfere with training. This is the latest statement of the war department regarding the employment of soldiers in gathering crops and it follows the permission to use troops to pick cotton, and order which was rescinded before a soldiers could climb the fence into a cotton field.

Under the plan "in contemplation" groups of troops would go under their commander, but there is nothing said about what the farmer should pay for this aid. The question of employing soldiers who are on furlough and paying them for their work is proposed by orchardists of the Rogue river valley. In the military encampment near Medford there are thousands of soldiers undergoing a most rigorous training and it is believed that these troops would appreciate the opportunity to work in orchards on their days off.

The director of the budget has

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turned thumbs down on S. 65, offered by Senator McNary, which would provide a federal annuity for the blind, instead of the cooperation of federal and state. The director considered it too heavy a burden for the federal government to carry alone. This is the second time the budget director has objected to the measure.

Rep. Lowell Stockman of the Second congressional district evidently intends remaining in Washington D. C. for some time. He has bought a house in the suburbs between a grade school and a high school, which is convenient for the Stockman children.

Albany disposed of the Lewis & Clark college to the government for use as an electro development laboratory at a price which is a sacrifice, but expects to see the laboratory grow into the leading institution of the kind in the United States. The bureau of mines, which will operate the laboratory, is delighted with it, for everything is ready for occupancy except for the installation of electrical furnaces; administration building, dwellings, heating plant, etc., are all in shape for the scientists to move in. Albany won the laboratory away from Spokane and Pullman, for while neither of these Washington cities could make the offer that Albany did of a complete college plant, they were banking on the son-in-law of the president getting the institution for Washington. The son-in-law did his best and pulled every political string, but eventually it was left for Secretary Ickes of the department of the interior to decide, and he selected the Oregon community. The success and growth of the laboratory will depend on congressional appropriations.

Rep. Harris Ellsworth of new Fourth district received an unusual honor. He attended the get-together meeting of new congressmen with President Roosevelt. The next morning he, being a newspaperman and publisher, was requested by the Associated Press to write a description of the meeting. This Ellsworth did and it was telegraphed to every AP paper in the country. The account was so factual that no one would suspect that Ellsworth is a Republican and not a new dealer.

War department wanted 10 square miles in which to locate a project. It had surveys made of the most isolated sections of Oregon and Idaho but finally settled on 200,000 acres near Priest Rapids, on the

Sheepskins for Skymen



His woolen clothes and the sheepskin linings in his helmet, jacket, boots, and gloves keep this hard-hitting Yankee gunner warm in zero weather. The wool from 26 sheep is needed to outfit the average soldier, and, in addition, flyers need shearing sheepskin for linings that keep out crippling cold at high altitudes. With the Army and Navy getting bigger every day, sheep and wool growers are of prime importance in the 1943 Farm Mobilization Campaign, launched January 12. They are being asked to continue the high level of wool production this year, and to market more sheep and lambs when their wool is of the right length to make good sheepskin linings.

Columbia river in Washington. All the settlers, possibly less than 2,000, in that area are being ordered to move. The reason the project was not located in Oregon—in the Deschutes canyon, in Harney or Malheur counties—was that in each case something was lacking. On the Deschutes was water, but there was a railroad and highway and it was near The Dalles. In the water region there was everything exactly as the engineers desired, but no water.

On the upper Columbia river the engineers found almost ideal conditions, after they had modified their plans. It is estimated that the project (the details have not been announced) will cost about \$50,000, 00 or more and employ 10,000 people or more, and these workers will be housed on a government building project far from the place where they will work.

Bureau of mines has issued a printed pamphlet on "The Possibilities of Coal Production in the Coos Bay Field."

war crops. Any premiums paid will be refunded. This applies in areas where it is customary to reseed winter-damaged wheat.

CUCUMBERS FOR PICKLES

Just because a crop is listed as "less essential" in the war units table used as a basic for selective service deferments, does not mean that farmers should not plant such crops this year. Cucumbers for pickles are given as an example by the state USDA war board. Growers normally producing cucumbers are urged to contract with processors for an acreage sufficient to fill needs of the armed services. Help in recruiting local labor to harvest the crop will be given the cucumber grower on the same basis as will be given all vegetable growers. Also, cucumbers grown for processing are eligible for nitrogen fertilizer.

4789 FARMS PROTECTED

War-time farming may be hazardous, but the operators of 4789 Oregon farms won't have to worry about returns from their wheat crop in the next three years. That's the number of farms covered by three-year federal crop insurance, an increase of 800 over the number insured by single-year policies in effect last year. Of the 4789 farms insured, 465 are covered for spring wheat only, and the rest for both spring and winter feed.

VEGETABLES PRICES SET

Minimum prices to growers for three more vegetables for processing—beets, cabbage and carrots, have been announced by the state USDA war board. The prices, representing increases over last year, are: Beets—No. 1, \$28 a ton; No. 2 \$21; No. 3, \$12. Cabbage, \$12 a ton, field run. Carrots, \$22 a ton field run. Processors who contract to pay growers at least the specified prices will be certified as eligible to participate in a government purchase program. Similar minimum prices were previously announced for peas, tomatoes, corn and snap beans.

MEXICAN WORKERS ARRIVE

A total of 1500 Mexican workers have arrived in California for year-around farm jobs, and 2500 more have signed for work on U.S. farms. Other farm labor developments included an announcement by Selective Service Director Hershey that conscientious objectors are ready to go anywhere the department of agriculture directs.

SEED SPUDS FOR GARDENS

Victory gardeners are reminded that the 50-pound limitation on sales of seed potatoes, as announced by OPA, need not prevent them from getting potatoes to plant. In many instances, ordinary table stock potatoes which do not bear the "seed" label will do just as well in gardens and do not cost as much.

RESEED TO WARCROPS

To encourage the planting of war-crops such as dry peas, dry beans, fax, potatoes and hay, the Federal Crop Insurance corporation has ruled that insured growers need not reseed winter wheat that was damaged or no stand obtained, provided that the acreage is planted to such

FOOD ORDERS ISSUED

Two new "set-aside orders" have been issued by the department of agriculture to assure adequate supplies for the armed forces and for shipment to our allies. All shell eggs in cold storage on May 31 shall be reserved for government purchase. Similarly, processors of dehydrated potatoes, cabbage, carrots, beets, onions and rutabagas have been directed to hold all stocks on hand and future production for sale to Uncle Sam.

TIRES FOR TRACTORS

Enough rear-wheel tractor tires to equip 15,000 to 14,000 new farm tractors have been released, and action is being taken to release completed farm equipments in time for spring planting. Also, farmers can obtain tires for tractors now in service by applying to local OPA rationing boards. At the same time, Food Production Director Townsend announced that he is seeking a 1944 farm machinery allotment as large as the number distributed in 1942.

Owyhee

Miss Marie Church gave a very interesting talk on missions in Oregon Sunday after the Sunday school session.

Mrs. Martha Klingback and Mrs. Louise Gregg were business visitors in Boise and Caldwell Friday.

William Peutz took a car of cattle to the Portland market last week, returning home Thursday. His friends gave him a birthday surprise party the evening of his return.

The Owyhee Community club will hold its regular meeting April 15 at the home of Mrs. Charles Culbertson. Mrs. Jess Gregg will be assistant hostess.

W. J. Tibbitt has leased the lower Klingback ranch for the summer. Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Bigelow attended the Nazarene church service in Nyssa Sunday evening to hear the college choir from Nampa.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Gregg entertained at dinner for Mrs. Anna Gr-

egg and William and Evelyn.

Mrs. Martha Klingback had as guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Jay Duncan and three children of Payette and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Gregg and son, Richard.

Upper Sunset

Eight families prepared basket dinners and surprised Mr. and Mrs. Albert Welch in Newell Heights Sunday. The afternoon was spent socially. In the evening the guests left wishing Mr. and Mrs. Welch much luck in their new home. Guests present were former friends of Mr. and Mrs. Welch in Nebraska.

Roy Rookstool and Sam Potts marketed calves in Ontario Wednesday.

Sam Potts and Red Matherson were Caldwell callers Thursday.

Mrs. Eliza Niccum is visiting at Twin Falls. Mrs. U. Epperson of Weed, California is visiting at the U. E. Parker home.

Mrs. Alice Bergam entertained her club at her home Thursday with five members and two guests Mrs. Ed Steiner and the Mrs. Edna Ferris, present. After a business meeting lunch was served. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Sam

Potts April 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rookstool and family attended a farewell dinner at the Albert Welch home near Adrian Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Potts and family spent Sunday at the Walt Hatfield home near Adrian.

Paula, five-month-old daughter of P. E. Bergam, who has been ill, is much better.

Buena Vista

Pvt. Leland Hoffman of North Carolina spent a short time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Hoffman. Ben Cleaver, who is farming in Idaho, spent Sunday at the George Cleaver home.

Barbara Ann Landreth has been ill with the measles but has recovered.

Lloyd and La Vern Cleaver and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Cleaver were in Ontario Sunday.

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