

### TOWN and FARM in WARTIME

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#### "ESSENTIAL" AND "CRITICAL" DRAFT GUIDES

The guides set up by the War Manpower Commission for Selective Service in inducting men in the 25 through 29 age group make a nice difference between the "essential" industrial employment and that which is considered as "critical" to the war production program. Most smaller communities (excepting mining and specialized manufacturing towns) which are closely related to their agricultural areas, will find that most of the men in the affected age group fall in the category of "essential" employment when they work in such fields as the following:

**Agricultural Services:**—Commercial poultry hatcheries, seed processing, animal breeding, crop disease protection services, initial processing services of compressing, threshing, cleaning, shelling, curing and the like, irrigation services, farm repair and maintenance services, farm product assembly services, custom grist milling and ice harvesting. No "critical" employment is listed under the WMC guide for agricultural services. The production of packaging materials for shipping and preserving essential products is also listed as an essential class of employment.

In the category of "critical" employment, as it may affect the draft status of citizens of non-industrial smaller towns, is listed such work as the repair of automobiles, buses, trucks, tractors and farm equipment. However, it is intended that in the category of repair services consideration be given only to individuals qualified to render all-

round repair services on the types of equipment included in the essential list. Types of repair service other than the above are deemed "essential".

In the field of health and welfare services the critical classification is applied to physicians, surgeons, dentists, oculists, osteopaths, sanitary engineers, veterinarianians engaged in farm live stock treatment, medical, dental and optical laboratories, pharmaceutical services, hospitals, nursing services, and institutional care. Into the "essential" class go mortuary services, auxiliary civilian welfare services to the armed forces, welfare services to civilians, church activities, accident and fire prevention services and structural pest control services. Only educational service considered critical is the United States Maritime Service Training program. Most others are listed as essential services.

In the forestry and lumbering fields the only critical classifications are those of timber tracts and logging camps, cutting of pulpwood, wood for tanning extract, sawmills, veneer and planing and plywood mills.

Substantially, the guide system set up by the WMC, which is in accordance with the directive to Selective Service by the Directory of War Mobilization and Reconstruction, James F. Byrnes, reflects the intensified demands on American resources of men and materials to wage the war, and the fact that the past years of war have absorbed

#### the more readily available resources. WAR EXPENDITURES AT NEW H.O.H.

Evidence of the demands of a vast war effort is the fact that in December, according to the Treasury Department and the War Production Board, war expenditures averaged \$313,400,000 a day—a new high for the daily outlay. The daily rate last month as 14.8 percent higher than in November.

#### CONSUMER FRONT LITTLE CHANGED

The consumer front remained little changed with continued tight rationing controls by way of fairer distribution of limited wartime supplies. Most consumers recognize that 1945 will be a "tight" year for most commodities—retail prices on smoked porked loins and lion cuts have been cut by OPA by one to two cents a pound and retail

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cent-per-pound ceiling prices were established on both Kosher and non-Kosher cooked corned beef briskets...owing to the critical manpower situation in the Mansfield, Ohio, area, Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co., voluntarily stopped output of electric irons in its factory there (half of an authorized 157,000 irons had been completed). Every town, every business district is asked by the government to turn off advertising signs, dim illumination and use electricity sparingly to save coal for winning the war.

#### PEARL HARBOR TODAY

Pearl Harbor, T. H.—The scene of America's first setback also has been the scene of the Nation's equally significant triumph—Pearl Harbor Navy Yard, Uncle Sam's greatest ship repair center. It is the local of incredible accomplishments in underwater salvage, reconstruction, and refitting of war craft. It is the nerve center of the United States Pacific Fleet. It is the heart of the city of ships, the heartbeat of the mightiest nautical power in the world's history.

Because the navy yard workers feel a personal obligation to enlarge on the yard's many distinctions, they have registered other spectacular accomplishment too, the Navy Department reports. They take pride in the fact that for some time the Pearl Harbor Yard has averaged longer work weeks and more overtime than any of the 10 yards in the United States. In addition, they point out that 95 percent of the employees invest in war bonds, with purchases averaging \$1,000,000 a month.

Pearl Harbor has had a colorful history. It began 57 years ago when King Kalakaua granted the United States exclusive rights for its use as a coaling and repair station for American vessels. It was not until 1905, however, that the site was selected officially as the location for a principal naval base.

In 1909, workers started on a drydock that was not completed until 1919. In that year the Navy recommended that a first class naval base, with facilities adequate enough to handle the entire fleet in time of war, should immediately be developed.

Within the war years, the Navy Yard construction program has boomed to make it one of the world's largest yards. In 1941, Rear Admiral William R. Purlong was named Commandant and he has directed the vast operations since that time. Today, more than three years after the sneak attack that plunged the United States into war, Pearl Harbor Navy Yard is serving the highly important function of keeping the ships of the Pacific Fleet fit to fight. Admiral Purlong reports that there remains a need for skilled workers and again has appealed to patriotic citizens on the Mainland who are not in essential war work, but desire an opportunity to play a vital part in the Pacific War effort, to register at the nearest Civil Service office for transportation to Pearl Harbor, and a war job.

#### Sunset Valley

Shoppers in Boise recently were the Hudd Robb, Lester Kendall and Pete Wilson families. Mr and Mrs Don Mutch and daughter, Donna of Boise were Saturday evening guests in the Otto Wolfe home.

George Yasumura purchased a Buick eight recently. Mr and Mrs Lester Kendall were Saturday evening supper guests of Mr and Mrs Howard Fingers.

Several from this community attended the Britton Limbaugh sale in Cow hollow Thursday.

Mrs Lew McCoy and Mrs Crutchfield entertained at a miscellaneous shower at the hall Friday afternoon in honor of Mrs Harold Fillingsness. Mrs Fillingsness was Miss Donna Dimmick before her marriage.

Magnus Ekanger and his father moved Tuesday to the Andrew Titland farm.

Mr and Mrs Pete Wilson and Mr and Mrs Hudd Robb attended the cooperative meeting held at the Boulevard Grange hall near Calro junction Wednesday.

Mrs Leslie Ditty, Mrs Robert Ditty and Mrs Charles Ditty were business callers in Vale Wednesday of last week.

Mary Newgen entertained 12 members of the Worthwhile club at her home Thursday afternoon. El-

ection of officers for the coming year was held.

Emma Wilson was elected president; Bernice Robb, vice president, and Viola Ditty secretary-treasurer. Lydia Wolfe and LeVina Howard were appointed to act on the flower committee.

Names were exchanged for "Mystery Pals". The club will meet with Emma Wilson February 14.

A donation of three towels, two bedspreads, six water pitchers and a large kettle were presented to the Nyssa Nursing home by members of the Worthwhile club recently.

Mr and Mrs Bud Chapin and Mrs Kenneth Lorensen were visitors in Homedale Thursday.

Mrs Ted Pomeroy is visiting friends in Red wood, California.

Revival services are progressing nicely at the Assembly of God church. Meetings are held each night except Monday.

Herbert Bergam has been helping Mr. Ekanger build a new house. Verla Mae Wolfe was a Sunday evening dinner guest at the Carl Falkmeir home in Caldwell.

Mr and Mrs Henry Terra moved from their farm home to Nyssa Monday.

Mr and Mrs Carl Mitzel were Sunday guests at the parental Otto Wolfe home.

Mary Query and Tressa Ditty were callers at the Walker Howell home in Ontario Monday.

Mrs Otto Wolfe attended a bridal shower for Mrs Kenneth Phiefer of Adrian Monday.

Through a mechanical error, the inference was given in an item in last week's unset valley news that Mr and Mrs Charles Ditty plan to move to the coast. The item should have referred to Mrs Hubert Sharp, who went to the coast to work. Mr and Mrs Ditty have not intentions of moving.

#### Victory Food Hints

By Leona Anderson Idaho Power Co.

#### RED RATION POINT PROBLEMS

How to feed your family the 1st class proteins they need and still come out even at the end of the month on red ration points—that's

Mrs Homemaker's No. 1 problem. Cereals make a good point and meat stretcher, and, oh yes, pulse stretcher. They supplement the animal protein in meat with vegetable protein-- and they're good!

#### CREOLE MEAT LOAF

1/2 cup uncooked Cream of Wheat  
1 lb. ground raw beef  
1 egg, slightly beaten  
3 T. minced onion  
1/4 t. sage or thyme  
2 t. prepared mustard  
1 cup condensed tomato soup  
1 1/2 t. salt  
1/4 t. pepper.  
1/2 cup water.

Combine Cream of Wheat, beef, egg and seasonings. Blend tomato soup and water. Reserve 1/2 cup and add remainder to the meat mixture. Blend lightly and pack into small, greased, loaf pan. Bake in moderate oven (350) degrees for 50 minutes. Baste during baking with reserved 1/2 cup of tomato soup mixture.

#### Cow Hollow

Miss Fay Despain of Ontario Heights has been visiting her sister Mrs Oneta Callahan the last week. Miss Despain left last week for Galveston, Texas.

The Owyhee Sunday school boys and girls of the LDS church sponsored a roller skating party last Thursday evening at Fruitland.

"Doc" Raffington and wife are moving back into their old home after spending a year in California.

The "Out Our Way" club, and neighbors gave William Callahan and wife a charivari party last Tuesday evening. The evening was spent, playing games. Mr Callahan has served 1 1/2 years in the South Pacific and was in 11 major battles. A lunch was served.

Mr and Mrs Callahan was presented with a lovely gift by the club.

#### Visit in Apple Valley—

Mrs O. O. Anderson and Mrs A. V. Prun visited last Thursday at the home of Mrs Lloyd Lomax at Apple Valley. Mrs Lomax's parents, Mr and Mrs Bruntz of Oxford, Nebraska are visiting their daughter for a month.

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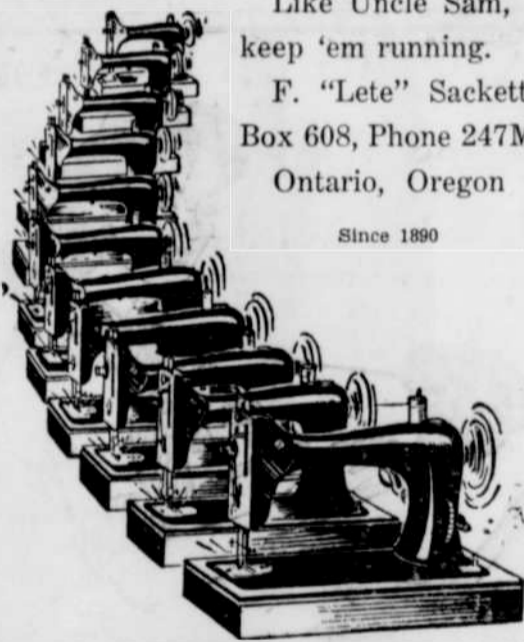
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