

Farm Labor Situation Critical

Blame Them, Not Uncle Sam!



Residents of City Asked to Register

If registration cards are not picked up by Boy Scouts, residents are asked to leave them at the Pacific Power & Light Co. office or at the employment office in the farm labor camp.

Convinced there is a real shortage of farm labor in the community and the valley, the Wapato chamber of commerce is doing something about it.

Wednesday morning members of the local Boy Scout troop called at every home in the city and left a card requesting members of the household to register for farm work. In the afternoon the boys

covered the residence district across the track and the U. S. Indian Irrigation service camp.

The cards were collected this (Thursday) morning.

A letter from the chamber of commerce was left at each home with the registration card. The letter read:

"The Wapato chamber of commerce is enlisting your help in a 'Food for Victory Campaign'. We are asking that you help us and the farmers save the crops that are now in the process of growing and harvesting. If we are to win the war we must not fail to produce farm crops this season.

"Due to the emergency created by the war, the crops in this territory will be wasted for lack of adequate labor to take care of them. We are interested in enrolling all men, women and children of working ages, to see that these crops are harvested.

"This is not a donation of your service; in return for your effort you will be paid a good wage by your employer.

"The Boy Scout who left this card with you will be back tomorrow to pick it up. These cards will be filed at the employment service office at the farm labor camp and you will be notified when and where to start to work and also where transportation will be provided.

"If you or any other member of your family will pick cherries, thin apples and work in the beets and hops, please so designate on the card.

"We appreciate your help and anticipate a job well done."

The Boy Scouts have volunteered to act as messengers for the employment service and contact residents who have no telephones.

The Scouts who are assisting with the registration were guests at the chamber of commerce luncheon Wednesday noon. The group included Dick Eckel, Fred Lieberg, Dean Smith, Ray Cummings, Glenn Darby and Charles Robinson. Fred Eckel, chairman of the troop committee, directed their efforts.

There is not much prospect of getting in outside help this year because other communities are in the same fix as this one, H. M. West, manager of the Toppenish office of the U. S. Employment Service, declared at the meeting. "We must become conscious of the job we have to do and do it," he said. "Many people who have never worked in the fields and orchards before can be prevailed upon to do it this year. The greatest good of this registration will be to impress upon residents the need of their help in solving the labor problem."

West said he thought arrangements would be completed for the care of small children at the farm labor camp so that mothers will be free to work.

He thanked A. D. Whitenack, superintendent of schools, for co-operation in lining up students for the work in the beet fields. Real help was given the employment service and employers, he said.

"The Invaders" Heads Program at Local Theatre This Week

Headed by Laurence Olivier, Leslie Howard and Raymond Massey, a cast which numbers thousands will present "The Invaders" Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Dickon theatre.

The picture depicts the grim determination of a nation aroused into fighting fury by the terrorism and arrogance of a small band of Nazis, stranded in Canada when their submarine is blasted out of the water by the Royal Canadian air force.

The governments of the United States, Canada and Great Britain cooperated in the production of the film, which took more than 18 months to make.

"Drums of the Congo," starring Ona Munson, Stuart Erwin, Betty Moran and Don Terry, and "There's One Born Every Minute" are on the program for Wednesday night. Hugh Herbert has the leading role in the latter picture.

Graduates Told To Be Grateful

"Learn How to Take Criticism and Like It," Declares Dean Chas. E. McAllister

"Nothing in God's world is wholly impossible; it's always possible that someone can do something that men never can do," declared Dean Charles E. McAllister in his address to the high school graduates last Thursday night.

"Be able to take it," he said. "We can equal the Japs in sacrifice, in everything, until we put into this conflict everything we have. That's the challenge of this and every graduating class in the country. Learn how to take criticism and like it. One of the greatest dangers is to think too highly of ourselves.

Tells Graduates to Be Grateful

"What you have done so far is only the foundation—what you're going to do is the important thing. Retain a sense of humor and particularly the ability to laugh. We never seem to realize that worry is making fools of us."

Admonishing the graduates to be grateful for the blessings of this country, the speaker pointed out that where totalitarian powers hold sway liberties have been taken away; where religious faith is strong, political liberties are strong. "America is strong because of borrowed values, because of the religious faith of a minority," he declared.

The dean complimented the school band, directed by Jack Francis. It is one of the finest he has heard in eastern Washington, he said.

Student speakers were Edward Brown and Pauline Tilley. Supt. A. D. Whitenack presented the class for graduation honors, and as Arvel Buckles, president of the class, announced the names, Jos. V. Rouleau, chairman of the school board, passed out the diplomas.

Buckles announced the following special awards: Superiority in English, Sachiko Fukuda, Carina Best and Irene Mitzlaff; boys' athletics, Stephen Fitzsimonds; girls' athletics, Peggy Lou Rote; journalism, Gwen Funk and Fuki Fukiage; debate, Pauline Tilley; music, Thomas Whitaker; science, Donald Dills; pep girls' scholarships, Evelyn Mullinex and Melva Clements.

Three Have Perfect Grades

Fuki Fukiage, Sheane Inaba and Irene Mitzlaff were credited with perfect scholastic records during their four years of high school. Other honor students were Tadao Wada, Sachiko Fukuda, Kay Iko, Aiko Yamamoto, Noboru Hironaka, Edward Brown, Yoshie Morinaga, Carina Best, Fred Ono, Pauline Tilley, Keiji Okano, Zella Brown, Fumi Matsumura, Marjorie Nelson, Dorothy McAuliffe, Cora Sauvage, Yoshito Iwamoto, Gwen Funk, Robert St. Mary, Michiko Ito, Dessie Marie Brady, Virginia Poirier, Evelyn Shirts, Alyce Shimizu, Phillip Adolf and Sumio Sumihiro.

FALLS OFF HAY RAKE

K. Mita had bandages on his head and hands as he departed for the assembly center in Portland tonight. While raking hay on the J. Warren ranch Saturday the team ran away and Mita was thrown to the ground. His injuries were confined to cuts and bruises.

Blackout Rules To Be Enforced

Lloyd Isherwood, who has been placed in charge of auxiliary police under the civilian defense set-up, announced Monday that provisions of the city blackout ordinance will be enforced.

He called particular attention to the provision stating "it shall be unlawful for any place of business to maintain a 'night light' or lights unattended, unless same shall be connected with a separate switch which may be easily reached from the front and outside of the building. It shall further be unlawful for any person to leave a light burning in any dwelling unless someone is present."

As far as he knows, business houses have not complied with the ordinance by installing outside switches, Isherwood said. When such switches are installed he requests that police officers be notified so the location of the switches will be known in cases of emergency.

Violation of the ordinance calls for a fine not exceeding \$100 or imprisonment in the city jail not exceeding 30 days, or both such fine and imprisonment.

Gannon to Speak To Local Retailers

To inform retailers of the community on recent government regulations concerning credit accounts, the Wapato Credit Bureau has arranged for the appearance of Geo. W. Gannon, Yakima banker, at a meeting in the senior high school Tuesday night at 7:45 o'clock.

Gannon will speak on "The Effect Regulation Now Has Upon Open Accounts." Harry Jones, manager of the Yakima Credit Bureau, also will speak.

All retailers of the community are invited.

has a barrel running down the center filled with thermit which burns for about a minute. The outer portion of the bomb is made of magnesium which is set afire by the thermit and burns for 20 minutes. The Germans devised a plan of having an explosive at the front end of the barrel which would be set off when the thermit finished burning.

This illustration is given merely to emphasize one fact: Since the Germans know we are getting educated in fighting the types of incendiary bombs they dropped on England, it is quite likely they will devise some new type of bomb for us—one with which we are not prepared to deal.

JAPANESE GO TONIGHT TO ASSEMBLY CENTER

First contingent of Japanese to leave the valley for the assembly center in Portland will go tonight (Thursday) on a special train from Wapato. The remainder will leave tomorrow night.

Tonight's train will carry 524 Japanese, including 430 from Wapato, 18 from Yakima, 10 from Toppenish, 4 from Parker, 29 from Wenatchee and 33 who will entrain at Kennewick.

Part of the Japanese who will leave Friday night will board the train at Yakima and the remainder at Wapato. Yakima will contribute 135, Wapato, 197; Toppenish, 168; Zillah, 14; Richland, 3; Sunnyside, 5; Outlook, 5; and Harrah, 1. Ninety-nine will be sent from Lyle Saturday by bus.

All except a few minor details of the evacuation had been completed this afternoon, it was announced.

Physical examinations conducted Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday by doctors and nurses of the county health department revealed no cases of contagious disease, although one case of mumps was reported among the evacuees today. Assisting with the examinations were Dr. Stanley R. Benner, Dr. C. E. Taylor, Dr. C. G. Champoux and the following nurses: Miss Teehla Jacobson, Mrs. Iva Wilcox, Miss Lois Forsythe, Miss Mildred Young, Miss Loretta Schuler and Miss Margaret Bergamini.

Only nine Japanese are to be left in the valley. Seven are in hospitals or sanitariums and the other two are a blind man and his wife. Five given exemptions are in the Dopps nursing home in Yakima for tuberculosis treatment, including Mitsuye Tanaka, George Yamamoto, Armist Horita, Setsuko Kawauchi and Tokichi Hara. Hamby Nakagawa is in the Yakima infirmary under treatment for a head injury. Mrs. Queenie Ilar was deferred until August 1 because of a late pregnancy. Shigeno Yamamoto, who is blind, will remain at his home in Toppenish with his wife.

Major O. F. Kotick has been in charge of the evacuation civil control station in the junior high school gymnasium.

Irving Jensen, federal employment service representative, had charge of the registration of the Japanese which was handled Sunday. He was assisted by representatives of the federal reserve bank, farm security administration,

county welfare department, social security board and the employment service.

Young Japanese-Americans won praise from the officers for their help as typists, clerks and interpreters. Major Kotick said they showed a wonderful spirit of co-operation and handled efficiently the work assigned to them.

Japanese girls assisting with the evacuation details included Kara Matsushita, Triko Jio, Ruth Kimura, Kiyoko Tsuyuki, Mary Matsumura, Yoshio Takami, Mary Sakimura, Alyce Shimizu, Florence Tateoka, Fumiko Hayashi, May Inouye, Marjorie Matsushita and Mrs. S. Umemoto. Japanese young men listed as helpers were Ted Takehara, Sumi Sakai, Masato Yamamoto, Roy Hirai, G. Toda, Rev. Y. Horikoshi, Harry Honda, Yoshio "Sunshine" Takami and Harry Masto.

"We found the officers and soldiers and everyone else who worked with us in the evacuation plans to be wonderful," said a Japanese-American today. "We tried to cooperate just as much as we could because we knew it was something that had to be. Everyone has treated us fine. We hope we are not gone long."

One hundred of the young Japanese-Americans have volunteered as a work party and they hope to be sent from Portland soon to the new reception center at Tule Lake, Cal.

Postoffice Receipts Show Big Gain Postmaster Reports

"If we're losing a lot of population to the defense industries, postoffice receipts certainly don't show it," says Postmaster George Rodman.

Receipts for April and May are almost \$600 more than for the same two months last year.

"We have more boxes rented now than last year," he said, "and box rent receipts are ahead of the amount shown at the end of the June quarter in 1941."

IS APPOINTED EDITOR

Miss Ida Kehl has been appointed next year's editor of the Campus Crier, official publication of the Central Washington college of education, it was announced this week.