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UNION COUNTY APPLICATIONS ARE GRANTED

\$53,600 LOANED TO FARMERS BY NATIONAL FARM LOAN ASSOCIATION.

MONEY BEGINNING TO BE RECEIVED

Application Made for \$25,500 More; But Only Six of Applicants are Approved.

Fifty-three thousand six hundred dollars has been granted to Union County applicants to the National Farm Loan Association through the Grande Ronde National Farm Association. The money is being received by local farmers from the Federal Land Bank of Spokane, which is the Northwest representative of the association.

Besides the loans already approved, eight new applications to the amount of \$25,500 have been made and will undoubtedly be granted, according to Charles Reynolds, secretary-treasurer of the local branch. Of the twenty-nine applications previously made, all but six were granted.

The method of obtaining these loans is as follows:

Application is made through the local branch (Grande Ronde National Farm Loan Association) which appraises the land and sends a report to the headquarters at Spokane. The Spokane office then sends an appraiser to inspect the land and on these two reports the merits of the application is determined. If the loan is approved the money is loaned at a rate of little more than 6 per cent, which pays not only the interest but also the principal, the rate of interest being 5 per cent.

Thus at the end of 36 years the entire amount, both interest and principal, is paid.

Officers of the local branch of the national association are:

Walter Pierce, president.
Ernest De Long, vice-president.
Charles Reynolds, secretary-treasurer.

J. F. Phyll, J. E. Reynolds, J. B. Stoddard, appraisers.

WORK RESUMED IN ALL PLANTS AND SHipyARDS

(United Press)
San Francisco, Oct. 1.—The boiler-makers returned to work this morning. Work was resumed in all the shipyards, ironworks and other plants with full crews.

WILL NOT DISCHARGE MEN BELOW PHYSICAL STANDARDS

Camp Lewis, Tacoma, Wash., Oct. 1.—Men who have been sent here by the local exemption boards but who failed to meet the Army physical standards will not be discharged, officers explained here today.

Instead, they will be trained in special work in which physical disability will not impair their efficiency. Some will be trained to do office work, others will be assigned to the Quartermaster's Corps or to duty in a headquarters company.

As rapidly as the men are examined they are sent back to their barracks and given a uniform. About 3 per cent of the men sent here fail to meet the physical requirements.

WASHINGTON HOTELS BEGIN TO SERVE HOOVER MEALS

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 1.—Washington hotels and restaurants began today to observe the Hoover food conservation program. Wheatless and meatless days will be observed. Smaller pieces of butter will be served, less bread put on the tables, less meat will be served and more corn and rye bread will be used. Charles Heberd, Federal food commissioner for Washington, is largely responsible for this action by the restaurant and hotel men.

Warships Floated Without Difficulty

Washington, D. C., Oct. 1.—The Navy Department announced that the United States battleship grounded last week was floated without unusual difficulty. The damage is immaterial. An investigation is ordered.

PATRIOTIC SERVICE COUNCILS MEET FOR A CONFERENCE.

North Yakima, Wash., Oct. 1.—Planning greater service to the Nation, the county councils of patriotic service gathered here today for a two-day session with the state council of defense. Closer co-operation between the state organization and the county councils is one of the principal aims of the meeting.

RESERVE BANK OPENS IN SAN FRANCISCO TODAY.

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 1.—A branch of the San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank opened here today. Spokane has the only other branch reserve bank in the Northwest.

I. W. W. LEADERS ARE STILL FREE, REPORT.

(United Press.)
Chicago, Oct. 1.—The 100 Industrialists indicted last week are still free, a Government official declared. It is intimated that the I. W. W. headquarters were evidently tipped as to when the indictments would be returned. The search for the missing leaders still continues in many cities.

Elks Dance Tonight.
The first dance of the season will be given tonight at the Elks' hall.

MUCH DAMAGE DONE ALABAMA BY HURRICANE

(United Press.)
New Orleans, Oct. 1.—Friday's hurricane destroyed 32 houses in Dauphin Island, Ala. Two dozen small craft were sunk off the Alabama coast.

Scores of boats are ashore bottoms up. Much damage was done to Government property at Fort Morgan, according to the first information received here from Fort Morgan. No lives were lost.

The Gulf tanker Detroit, believed sunken, encountered a 30-mile wind.

L. D. S. Convention Held Yesterday

The annual convention of Mutual Improvement Association workers of Union Stake was held yesterday at the L. D. S. Tabernacle. In addition to Presidents David B. Stoddard and Pearl Lyman, of the Young Men's and Young Ladies' departments of this Stake and their assistants there were present as representatives of the general boards at Salt Lake, Benjamin Goddard and wife. Delegations from Baker, Cove, Imbler, La Grande, Mt. Glen and Union helped to make this one of the most interesting sessions ever held here. The Baker delegation was one of the largest from out of town.

Of the various new features that will be introduced in M. I. A. work this season will be that of individual scoring cards whereby the record of the activities of each member of the different lines of effort will be made making the success of the local associations in the annual pennant winning depend more on the activity of the individual member than upon the association as a whole as heretofore. Another important addition is that of Advanced Senior Class designed to meet the demand for a class for members of both sexes over 25 years of age. The course of study for this class will be "The Ethics of Mormonism" using the "Doctrine and Covenants" as a text book. This class will hold its sessions conjointly. The local association has been fortunate in securing President Peter G. Johnson as leader of this class for this season.

Jacob H. Trayner and Blanche Black will preside over the local associations this season.

October 9th has been set as the opening date for all M. I. A. work. A general invitation is extended to all members and friends interested in mutual improvement to join for the season's activities.

BRITISH TAKE MUSHAIID RIDGE FROM GERMANS

TURKISH GENERAL CAPTURED; VAST STORES OF GOODS TAKEN.

FRENCH REPULSE VIOLENT ATTACKS

Enemy Artillery Active East and North of Ypres; General Haig Reports Today.

(United Press)
London, Oct. 1.—After two days' fighting General Maud's troops captured Mushaid Ridge and Mesopotamia, with stores supplies and food. The Turkish commanding general was captured.

(United Press)
Paris, Oct. 1.—The French repulsed the German attacks on both banks of the Meuse, following a violent bombardment.

(United Press)
London, Oct. 1.—General Haig reported marked activity of hostile artillery east and north of Ypres and Nieport.

ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR SECOND LOAN.

Portland, Ore., Oct. 1.—Arrangements are completed throughout the Pacific Northwest for the second Liberty loan drive of the year. This bond issue is for \$3,000,000,000 and each community will be asked to raise a larger sum than in the first campaign.

Those in charge of the campaign here make it plain that the campaign will be pressed harder in the rural districts than was the first issue.

Tons of advertising matter have been distributed in Washington, Idaho and Oregon. Local committees in the various towns and counties have been organized and are prepared to conduct a campaign which will reach every individual and business house. The campaign formally opens Monday and will last 27 days. Oregon's quota in this drive is \$16,000,000.

Visiting Here—Ban McEwen, of O. A. C., is visiting with Gilbert Hunter. He will remain about 10 days.

WILL CONSIDER PETITIONS FOR IMPEACHMENT

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETS TOMORROW TO LOOK INTO MATTER.

LA FOLLETTE DECLARED TO BE AN ENEMY

Rotary Club of Ithaca, N. Y., Demands Removal of La Follette, Stone and Gronna.

(United Press)
Washington, D. C., Oct. 1.—The Senate committee on privileges and elections, meets Tuesday to consider petitions demanding the ousting of La Follette, Stone and Gronna, Chairman Pomerene announced today. Senator Wadsworth, of New York, presented the Senate with a petition from the Ithaca Rotary Club demanding the impeachment of La Follette, Stone and Gronna as enemies.

Nine more petitions were presented to the Senate today. Most of them named La Follette.

Vice-President Marshall read a letter from W. E. Stokes, of New York, demanding an immediate secret investigation.

He declared that if Congressmen were guilty of disloyalty, they should be shot without an hour's delay.

HURRICANE SWEEPS COAST OF MISSISSIPPI; MANY LOST.

New Orleans, Oct. 1.—A hurricane swept the entire Mississippi coast at 2:30 Thursday afternoon. The wind varied from 40 to 90 miles per hour.

Eleven fishing boats with their crews totaling altogether 45, are unaccounted for. It is feared they are lost.

Business and traffic in all Mississippi coast towns is suspended and preparation is being made against the most serious storm in years. It is believed that New Orleans will escape the storm entirely.

Mrs. Clarke Leiter and Miss Lorraine Staley leave tonight for Portland, Seattle and Salem. They will be gone about 10 days.

Coast Guard Vessel Rammed and Sunk

(United Press.)
Washington, D. C., Oct. 1.—A coast guard vessel off an Atlantic port was rammed and sunk, the Navy Department announced today.

The name of the vessel is withheld. The work of raising the sunken vessel was begun immediately. Every effort is being used to ascertain the identity of the ship which hit the patrol boat. The patrol boat carried a crew of 125. None were lost.

JAMES W. GERARD SPEAKS TO PORTLAND AUDIENCE.

Portland, Ore., Oct. 1.—Germany's intrigue against the United States was explained here today by James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany.

The Municipal Auditorium was crowded half an hour before Gerard began to speak at noon. Five thousand persons heard the former ambassador to Berlin. He reviewed incidents leading up to the declaration of war by the United States, paying particular attention to evidence of German plotting.

Gerard left for the south at 3:50 o'clock this afternoon. He reached Portland early Sunday, made a trip over the Columbia Highway, was guest of honor at a dinner at the Arlington Club and made several short talks Sunday afternoon and Monday morning.

Lugene Millering went to Meacham today on business.

FRENCH AIRMEN RAID GERMANS WITH SUCCESS

STUTT GART, 132 MILES FROM NEAREST FRENCH BATTLE LINE, BOMBARDED.

(United Press.)
Paris, Oct. 1.—French airmen successfully raided the German city of Stuttgart, Saturday evening, it is officially announced.

The raid was a reprisal of the German bombardment of Bar de Luc, Stuttgart is the capital of Wurtemberg, located 90 miles west of Munich, and at least 132 miles from the nearest part of the French battle line.

GERMANS ARE DETERIORATING STATES BAKER

MENIN ROAD BATTLE SHOWS FIGHTING STAMINA IS LESSENER.

NATIONAL ARMY PROCEEDING RAPIDLY

Declares Enemy Man-Power Wastage Is Enormous; Many Used in Big Battles of Year.

(United Press.)
Washington, D. C., Oct. 1.—Desperate onslaughts by picked German storm battalions are due to the fire of British men against the German line communications to the Ostend and Sebruge naval bases, Secretary of War Baker's second weekly war summary declared.

Secretary Baker said the Menin road battle shows the German fighting stamina is deteriorating.

Secretary Baker also declared that the National Guard mobilization and the assembling of the National Army is proceeding rapidly and satisfactorily. He declared the enemy wastage of man power was enormous. He said the Germans used 35 new divisions on the Aisne front this year, while only 25 divisions were used in the Verdun fighting a year ago.

ANNUAL JACK RABBIT DRIVE TO BE MADE THIS MONTH.

Bend, Or., Oct. 1.—Pity the jack rabbit. County Agriculturist R. A. Ward has completed plans for the third annual jack rabbit drive which will be made this month. Thousands of the rabbits are gathering in the valleys and feeding on pasture lands and fields.

The United States biological survey conducted a poisoning campaign in Crook County which in the last two winters has resulted in the killing of 135,000 rabbits.

GREAT BRITAIN LOANED 50,000,000. ANNOUNCED.

(United Press.)
Washington, D. C., Oct. 1.—The Treasury Department announced the loan of \$50,000,000 to Britain.

JUDGE EAKIN DIES AT SALEM THIS MORNING

Judge Robert Eakin, father of Judge Robert S. Eakin, of this city, died at Salem this morning.

Judge Eakin was born in Illinois in 1848. He came across the plains with his father in 1866 and settled in Eugene. He attended the Willamette University and after graduating read law with George B. Dorris in Eugene.

About 1870 he came to Union and began to practice law. He served as Circuit Judge from 1895 to 1905 when he was appointed to the Supreme Court. Here he remained until forced to retire two years ago on account of ill health.

He is survived by two sons Robert S. and Harold, a daughter, Gertrude, and his wife. The funeral will be held Wednesday at Union.

Circuit Judge Knowles was informed of Judge Eakin's death by Judge Thomas H. Crawford and on the latter's motion a committee of five attorneys was appointed to draw up resolutions and to present them to a meeting of the bar to be called at a later date. Judge Knowles appointed on the committee Judge Thomas H. Crawford, F. S. Ivanhoe, C. H. Finn and J. D. Slater, of La Grande, and L. Z. Terrall, of Union. Judge Knowles announced that Circuit Court would be adjourned Wednesday at noon, in order that members of the bar and their friends might attend the funeral which will be held Wednesday afternoon at Union.

JURY UNABLE TO AGREE IN AXE MURDER CASE.

Red Oak, Iowa, Oct. 1.—The jury in the Lynn George Kelly axe murder case was unable to agree and was dismissed.

Damn Amerika!

