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Washington, D. C., Nov. 23.—Who will make money (fool's gold, President Roosevelt calls it) out of the war?

At this writing here is what the war is doing to the United States: It is increasing unemployment by internment American vessels and putting 10,000 seamen "on the bench"; it is decreasing employment in the fruit industry in the Pacific northwest.

Great Britain has barred shipments of Oregon and Washington pears and apples to England (but admits Canadian fruit), declaring the fruit is non-essential. This is a business loss of several million dollars to growers and shippers.

Other non-essentials: Tobacco, a loss of \$17,000,000 a year of business; motion pictures, worth \$90,000,000 a year.

Wheat, hops, wool, prunes, meat, lumber—all Oregon—Washington products—are being purchased by Britain from the commonwealths of the empire.

The fore going items, representing \$150,000,000 a year, giving employment to an army of workers are not wanted by the allies. In exchange for loss of this business Great Britain and France are concentrating their purchases in the United States on airplanes and other death-dealing devices. Between \$150,000,000 and \$200,000,000 is being spent by the allies but to fill these airplane orders not more than 40,000 mechanics have been given employment, and the expenditures of the allies are not being spread into general circulation, as was money paid for Northwest products.

In so far as Oregon and Washington are concerned, the war is a liability instead of an asset; it is closing long established markets and is not opening new ones.

Coincident with loss due to the war are the losses inflicted upon business and industry by the arbitrary and dictatorial powers exercised by Harry Bridges, chief of CIO unions on the Pacific coast. According to reports received in Washington, D. C., labor controversies have completely tied up port of San Francisco and their effects are now being felt in Portland. In final meetings between employers and union officials in San Francisco, prior to the strike, Bridges is alleged to have said he "is the clerks' union," to have brushed aside the clerks committee, set the minimum demands himself, and called the strike. One of the demands by Bridges would limit hours of monthly clerks to 42 a week, denying permission for overtime work at one and a half times straight-time, as is provided in the wage-hour law and as has been the practice in the industry; another demand would equalize the earnings of all clerks, monthly, day, casual—good, bad and indifferent.

The arbitrary and unreasonable attitude of labor leaders is rapidly alienating the support of long time influential friends, as is shown by recent caustic comments by Senators Norris and Borah and the quite apparent disgust of President Roosevelt over their failure to take any steps toward eliminating jurisdictional disputes. It is confidently expected in the national capital that persistence in this attitude will have repercussions not to their liking in the forthcoming session of congress.

To discover what can be done to make profitable the waste timber of Oregon and Washington (down timber, remains of forest fires, stumps, bark) the forest laboratory in Wisconsin will soon begin a series of experiments to determine how cheap power from Bonneville can be used in the processing. The purpose is to provide a market for the power in private industry and turn into cash material that is now worthless and neglected.

Placer mine operators in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and South Dakota are permitted

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Full Program For Wheat League Prepared

Speakers With Needed Information Coming To Acquaint Farmers With Facts

The completed program for the meeting of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League which will be held December 8-9 at Condon, has been made up as follows:

Friday, December 8: Forenoon (9:30)—Welcome by W. L. Hollen, mayor of Condon; response by Carl Engdahl of Umatilla county. President's annual address by H. D. Proudfoot of Wasco; report of the secretary-treasurer, Charles W. Smith. "Cultural Practices for Permanent Agriculture in the Columbia Basin," D. E. Stephens, bureau of plant industry, Washington, D. C.

Afternoon (1:30)—"Experimental Results of Feeding Wheat to Livestock," by D. E. Richards, superintendent of the Union branch experiment station; "A National Wheat Policy," by R. M. Evans, administrator of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, Washington, D. C. "Influences Likely to be Most Influential in Determining the Course of Prices Generally During the Present War," by Holbrook Working, food research institute, Stanford university; report of representative from winning county in National Wheat Acreage Adjustment contest.

Evening (6:30)—Banquet with Earl Snell, secretary of state, toastmaster; "Modern Responsibilities," by Dr. Bruce R. Baxter, president of Willamette university.

Saturday, December 9. Forenoon (9:00)—"Past and Projected Improvements on the Columbia River and Its Tributaries," R. H. Elliott, corps of engineers, Bonneville dam; "The Economics of Feeding Wheat to Livestock," E. L. Potter, head of division of agriculture economics, O.S.C.; "Wheat Loans and Wheat Prices," N. E. Dodd, director of western division, AAA; report of the committee on federal agricultural and conservation programs by Mac Hoke of Pendleton, chairman.

Afternoon (1:15)—"Plant for Distributing Bonneville Power," Warren H. Marple, rural marketing specialist, Bonneville project; report of committee on production, handling marketing, transportation and weed control by O. W. Cutsforth, Lexington, chairman; report of the committee on taxation, legislation, and rural electrification by Millard Eakin, Grass Valley, chairman; election of officers.

Calves Bought For 4-H Club Work

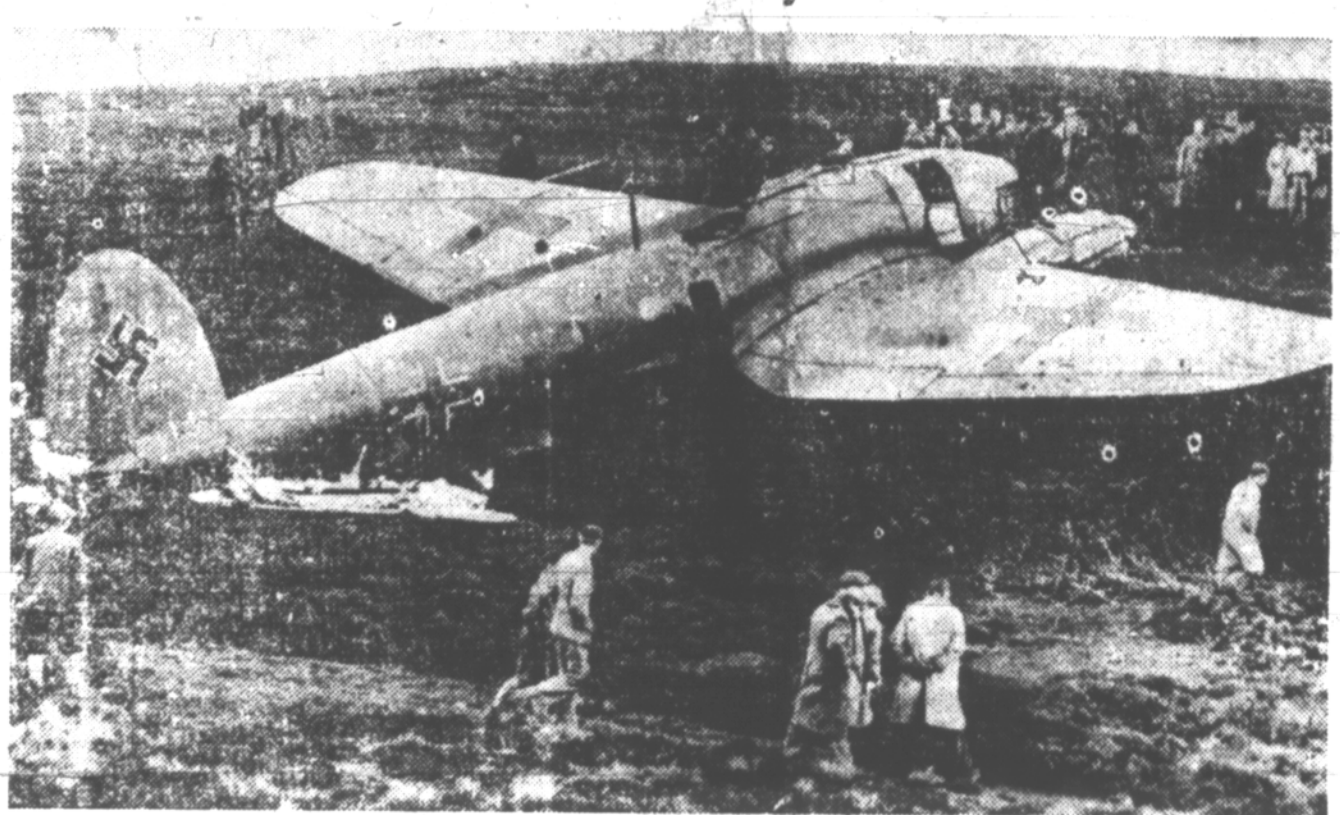
County Agent Wright and Glen King drove up the John Day last week on a calf buying trip that took them to the Guttridge ranch at Prairie City and on over to Baker where they visited the Chandler ranch. They bought nine Angus calves from the former herd and two Herefords from Chandler. These will be brought to Sherman county Saturday by truck and as they will be numbered by the sellers before loading the boys taking calves will have an equal chance to get the calves thought best.

H. Christianson Funeral Friday

Word was received here Wednesday of the death of Herman Christiansen of Jefferson, who passed away in a Salem hospital Tuesday night from an infection caused from a cut on his foot from an axe. He was a native of Sherman county and had lived here all his life until his removal to Jefferson about eight years ago. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. R. C. Byers, who was at his bedside, a brother Arthur, two sisters, Mrs. Clarence Sparling of Moro and Evelyn of Portland. His widow and one child are of his immediate family.

The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Presbyterian church with Rev. H. G. Hanson officiating.

Giant Nazi Bomber Humbled by Great Britain's Guns



Twisting, looping and sideslipping, this Nazi bombing plane tried desperately to escape British anti-aircraft guns and planes in Scotland. However, the big ship crashed, smashing through a stone wall. It taxied more than a half-mile in a last unsuccessful effort to take off. The pilot was captured attempting to flee. Two others in the ship were killed, and a third injured.

Democrats Seeking Candidates For Congressional Race

By A. L. Lindbeck

Democratic chieftains of Oregon's first congressional district met in Salem Saturday to plot ways and means of retiring Republican Congressman James W. Mott in favor of a candidate more in sympathy with the policies of the New Deal administration.

Party harmony was the keynote of the afternoon session attended by state committeemen from the counties of the first district as well as a the banquet Saturday night, as expressed by Howard Latourette, national committeeman, and Frank Tierney, Democratic state chairman.

Among possible candidates for the Congressional honor attending the session were State Senator Lyman Ross of Washington county, Clarence F. Hyde of Eugene, former Speaker of the House but now employed as farm replacement officer with the state employment service.

Reciprocal agreements covering the licensing of motor vehicles operating in the two states will be the subject of a conference in Salem next Monday with officials of Oregon and California in attendance. An agreement under which the two states have been operating for years was recently voided by California officials, according to Secretary of State Earl

Tax Foreclosure Must Be Started

Property owners owing delinquent taxes that should have been paid in 1936-37 and 38 may call at the sheriff's office any time before December 4, to make arrangements for payment of their taxes. Otherwise it will be mandatory for the sheriff to start foreclosure proceedings on December 5th on such taxes. A letter to this effect has been sent to all property owners having such delinquent taxes.

Mrs. W. P. Brittain Dies In The Dalles

Mrs. Lola Brittain, 62, died in The Dalles Tuesday night after an illness of about two months. She was born Lela Olds, December 21, 1876 at Lafayette; and came to Grass Valley early in the eighties with her parents. She was married in 1894 to M. B. Brittain and has made her home near Tygh Valley for many years.

Surviving are her widower, three sons, Omer, Lester and Willis and a daughter, Laura Kellogg of Montesano, Wn., two sisters, Mrs. G. L. Brown of Tygh Valley and Mrs. Lester Nahouse of The Dalles; and seven brothers, Louis, Charles, Dell and Earl of Grass Valley, Frank of Milton and Will of Yuba, California, and seven grandchildren.

The funeral will be held from the Tygh Valley L.O.O.F. hall Friday at 2 p. m. and interment will be made at Tygh Valley. Mrs. Brittain is the first death of the ten children of Mr. and Mrs. Emmit Olds.

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Mid-Columbia Chamber of Commerce Meets

The chamber of commerce and civic groups of this community will be invited by W. S. Nelson, manager of The Dalles chamber of commerce and secretary of the Mid-Columbia chamber, to attend the annual meeting and banquet of the regional group at the Columbia Gorge hotel, Hood River, December 14.

Mr. Nelson, well known in this area as an authority on Columbia river development, says that the 1939 session will be turned into an intercommunity forum, in order that frank discussion may be secured toward directing the trend of future action along the lines of best policy for cashing in on Columbia river navigation, and Bonneville low cost power. Thomas W. Nordby, Bingen lumberman, and president of the organization, says the time has been reached when all mid-Columbia and contiguous Inland Empire organizations should engage in a coordinated program, such as characterizing their activities in the promotional campaigns, which have been successful in attaining physical facilities. A similar coordination will be asked of public agencies, state, regional and federal.

Speakers at the banquet this year will include Dr. Paul Raver, administrator of the Bonneville project; Colonel John C. H. Lee, Portland division engineer of the United States engineers; Capt. Robert H. Elliott, Bonneville district engineer; Charles Baker, president of the Inland Empire Waterways Association; and Ray Conway, manager of the Oregon State Motor Association.

Patriotic Speaker Called To Grass Valley

Rev. Chester P. Gates is scheduled to give a patriotic talk under the auspices of the Grass Valley Odd-Fellows lodge next Friday, December 1, at 7:30, in the Auditorium in that town. This is a part of the general program of the order in sending speakers on patriotic subjects throughout the county. Before going to Grass Valley Mr. Gates will stop at Moro at 2 p. m. and talk to the high school students.

In addition to the talk a program will be given including music Mrs. Akers, of Wasco, will give the history of the writing of the Star Spangled Banner.

N. W. Thompsons To Celebrate Anniversary

Sunday afternoon at the Odd-Fellows hall friends will gather to pay their respects to Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Thompson who will be celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary. They have lived in Sherman county nearly ever since their marriage, have farmed, sold hardware and machinery and rented livery horses. For several terms Mr. Thompson was mayor of Moro.

Mrs. Van Gilder Elected President of Treasurers

At the meeting of the county treasurers association of Oregon held in Portland last week Naomi Van Gilder, Sherman county treasurer, was elected to the position of president of the association. Mrs. Van Gilder has been acting as secretary for the past two years and her work in that capacity caused her to be selected to succeed Homer Parrott of Yamhill county who has been president for the same period.

County Court Has New Chairs

New chairs have been installed in the room where the county court meets at the court house. There are three swivel chairs for court members and other chairs for those who come to meet with the county governing body. All are of stable oak and will be of service for many years.

The stairs from the sheriff's office to the court room have been torn out and the space and aisle made into a room which will be occupied by the public welfare agent, Kenneth Walker, who will move into his new quarters as soon as the paint and kalsomine are dry.

Milk Board Orders Hearing

In accordance with a new law which makes it mandatory for the milk control board to hold hearings in each district to determine what action should be taken regarding milk prices, the board has called a hearing for Tuesday, November 28, at 10:00 a. m. at the court house for the purpose of taking testimony on establishment of market areas, wholesale and retail prices to distributors and consumers and such other matters affecting the sale of milk in Sherman county.

Those interested are urged to attend so that the board may obtain complete information as to whether or not there is a demand for regulation of milk distribution in this milk shed. Consumers are especially invited.

Women's Club Varied Program

The Moro Woman's club met Friday, November 17, with Mrs. W. A. Nichols, Mrs. Gladys Morrison and Mrs. Ida Davis hostesses for the afternoon.

During the business proceedings Mrs. Oma Eakin and Mrs. Henrietta Hennagin were elected to membership.

It was voted to begin the meeting at 2 p. m., beginning next meeting and continue through March.

Members are requested to pay their dues during December as the club has several obligations to meet.

Mrs. Martha Cope, director for the day, used "Music" for her subject, and presented an enjoyable program.

The following numbers were given: poems read by Mrs. H. Pinkerton and Mrs. M. Schadewitz. A piano duet by Mrs. M. Melzer and Norma Melzer.

Three numbers by the Girls Club.

Music Program Given

Miss Leisz gave a talk on Bob Macgimsey, originator of spirit-uals. Mrs. H. G. Hanson gave a talk on "What music does for the Prisoners of Sing-Sing prison."

The bazaar was held November 18th and judging from the \$52.70 taken in, was a decided success. Rehearsals are going on for the play to be given December 2nd. It will be worth your effort to keep this date open. (More about it next week.)

The Club's next meeting will be held December 1st. Program by the health department with Mrs. W. W. Knighten as director.

Dr. Bostrom of the Oregon state health association will speak. It is hoped there will be a large attendance of club members, also any one in the community who is interested, will be welcome to attend this meeting.

Committees Resolve Over League Problems

Interested Farmers Attend Meetings To Approve or Disapprove Suggestions

The committees for Sherman county who have met to discuss the different phases to be brought before the wheat league session at Condon next month met the first days of this week and made resolutions which will be taken to the general meeting for final action.

Monday the committee called for a discussion of the federal farm program met and criticized the farm program for making it mandatory that all land obtaining federal payments be seeded to wheat. The increase of wheat acreage each year under the program has caused land to be seeded that should remain in grass, according to the committee, and a cessation of this feature was asked.

Land Retirement Asked

The permanent retirement of marginal and sub-marginal land to grass was another request of the committee along with a payment for the maintenance of grass plantings for a number of years.

The direct method of payment of farm subsidies from the treasury was criticized and a direct tax on the commodity was preferred by the committee. A classification of land was wanted so that wheat land might remain in wheat and grass land to be returned to grass.

The committee on taxation, legislation and rural electrification met Tuesday morning and worked on that phase of the program well into the afternoon. The group voted to ask county courts to make suitable appropriation so that assessors could avail themselves of the federal maps for better assessment purposes of farm lands.

Tax collection methods were declared to be alright and no change was asked. The committee wanted all land and town property that comes into possession of the counties to be sold as soon as possible. It wanted no property tax on automobiles but did vote for the consideration of a sales tax which would aid property first, the relief costs second and the schools, third.

County Unit Vote Wanted

Greater speed in the consolidation of county schools and county school district so that taxes might be more equalized was asked and an election on the county unit plan was recommended for next spring in wheat league counties.

The value of labor legislation passed last fall was praised and the increased quietude on the waterfront was held to be caused by the passage of the measure.

A long discussion of PUD and REA legislation resulted in no general agreement but a resolution that districts be formed from territory that conformed in economic outlook.

The committee on production handling and marketing of wheat met Tuesday afternoon and asked that additional care be taken to prevent smut and that trashy fallow be tested to combat the erosion of wheat lands. Further effort to export the 1939 crop before the 1940 crop comes on was requested.

River transportation was urged to lessen shipping costs. Blending and cleaning of wheat was wanted by committee members who also favored bulk handling of grain.

Fewer varieties of grain are needed in the opinion of the committee and a resolution was adopted to that effect. The long and short haul clause was not liked and it was asked that it not be incorporated in any bill affecting railroads.

FEDERAL FUNDS RECEIVED

Over \$24,000 has been received by the AAA here to be distributed to farmers of the county for agricultural conservation. More money is expected to arrive at any time and it is possible that all farmers will receive their government checks by Christmas time.