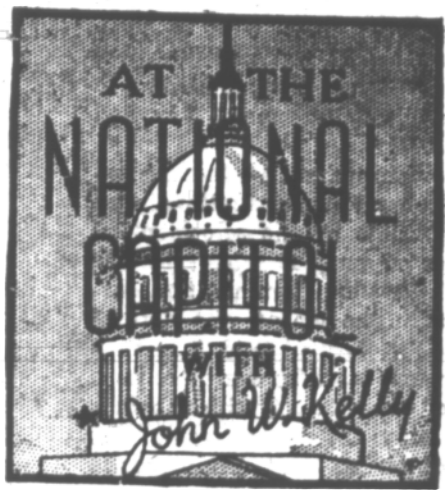


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**Washington D. C., Dec. 5.—**On the heels of sensational revelations by the house committee investigating un-American activities the President is using his influence to have the house refuse to continue the committee or grant it funds for further investigations. A similar attempt by the President last year failed because the Dies committee is popular with the public whatever its faults may be. Present reason Mr. Roosevelt gives for killing the committee is that it is interrupting the investigations of FBI. Attorney General Jackson says, after Dies made the first accusation, that FBI was aware that the strike at the Vultee airplane plant in California was started and continued by Communists. To this Dies inquires why, then, hasn't the attorney general gone after the trouble making Communists? The house committee believes the way to deal with "fifth columnists" is to show them up, expose them, and inform the public. FBI believes the better way is to keep tabs on the foreign agents and apprehend them when they violated the law—after, for example, they have plown up a plant filling government orders or caused damage in airplane plants. These two schools of thought will thresh out their views when congress meets next month.

Had the public been aware that the war department contemplated a new 750-bed hospital to serve Oregon and Washington there would have been a swarm of delegations to the national capital from two dozen towns in those states each asking for the hospital. There would have been as much pulling and hauling as developed before the Veterans Administration located its facility at Roseburg, after pleas from Vancouver, St. Helens and Eugene. War department saved itself a headache by locating the new hospital on the military reservation at Vancouver without announcing its plan in advance. It is not generally known that Vancouver barracks was being considered for obliteration early last spring. Army officers proposed abandoning all old army posts (relics of Indian war days) and concentrating on a few great camps, such as Fort Lewis, Washington, thereby mobilizing larger bodies of troops and saving the cost of maintenance of the ancient posts.

Proposal will be made that allocation of funds for federal aid roads in Washington and Oregon be applied toward constructing military highways and bridges which can hold up under a 50-ton armored tank. This would spend all the government money on a few miles to the neglect of the remainder of the federal aid system. Mr. Roosevelt prefers this method to a straight appropriation for military roads. However, every member of congress will be urged by constituents to support a military highway program—such as has already been recommended in a report now in the hands of the President and which he has not made public.

Much wanted improvements in several harbors and rivers on the Oregon and Washington coasts will have to wait until the "emergency" is over as the White House prefers using the money or munitions. When the President delivers his budget message residents of the coast will experience a genuine shock. No new projects will be started either for harbors or rivers and no new reclamation projects will be listed for approval.

Being prepared is a measure intended to extend the social security act to farm hands, domestics and seamen—a total of several million individuals not now protected. The bill is scheduled for introduction during next January and will probably be opposed vigorously.

**Washington Scene—An immense**  
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## 'Marching as to War'



Father, mother, brother and sister joined the parade of the marines down Constitution avenue, Washington, D. C., as the Fifth battalion, marine corps reserves, marched to the Union station. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smith, Elizabeth, 18, and Robert, 8, tramp alongside their own Henry Smith, who is one of the contingent departing for a year's training, probably in the West Indies.

## Oregon Cities Cut Debts In Past Biennium Says Treasurer

—By A. L. Lindbeck

Salem, Or.—First it was the counties, then the school districts; now it is the cities of Oregon that come forward with reports of substantial progress in their efforts to reduce and ultimately wipe out their burden of debt.

A survey just completed by State Treasurer Walter E. Pearson shows that the cities of Oregon have succeeded in reducing their aggregate net debt by nearly \$30,000,000 in the past ten years from 176,697,848 in 1930 to \$47,479,174 in 1940. Nearly \$7,000,000 of this debt reduction has been accomplished in the past two years, since July 1, 1938 when the net debt of the cities stood at \$54,674,910.

Reports compiled by Treasurer Pearson show that of the 194 cities reporting 36 had no outstanding indebtedness on July 1, last. Of these 36, six cities had wiped out their debt load in the past two years while an equal number which were debt free two years ago have since become involved in debt. A total of 125 municipalities reported progress in debt reduction with 41 others reporting an increase in their debt burdens.

The city of Moro is recorded as having reduced its debt burden by \$7,000 in the last two years—from \$31,500 on July 1, 1938, to \$24,500 on July 1, last. The city of Wasco has reduced its debt from \$31,000 to \$25,000 during the biennium. Grass Valley is out of debt.

General fund revenues of the state of Oregon for 1941 are estimated by the state tax commission at \$9,949,114.43 in the annual tax levy released Saturday. Of the total available revenue \$6,423,122.62 will be contributed by income tax payers—\$4,608,689.27 of this amount being credited to the state levy within the six percent limitation and \$1,814,424.35 covering special levies. Of these special levies \$1,129,951.63 goes for the financing of higher education; \$448,393.50 for the World War Veterans State Aid commission, and \$236,079.22 for irrigation bonds and interest. The state levy against property was waived by the tax commission, it being estimated that income taxes would be sufficient to cover the entire state levy.

In addition to the revenues from income tax payments the tax commission estimated that these would be \$2,342,242.03 available from miscellaneous sources such as corporation and insurance fees, and inheritance and gift taxes: \$675,646.78 from unexpended balances, and \$507,109 through transfers from motor vehicles fees for support of the state police bureau.

In anticipation of heavy calls for trainees to fill the new draft army in January Lt. Col. Elmer V. Wooten, state director of selective service has instructed local draft boards to proceed immediately

with the classification and examination of 20 percent of all registrants. Colonel Wooten said that he expects the December call, which was cancelled, to be combined with the January call in order to speed up induction of men into the army for training this winter. Most Oregon draft boards have on file applications from volunteers sufficient to meet any ordinary demands, Wooten said.

Relatives of state wards in the tuberculosis hospital, state hospitals and Fairview Home have paid the state a total of \$1,515,602 for the care of these wards since the state adopted the policy of requiring these payments, according to Dan J. Fry, secretary of the State Board of Control.

Oregon's relief budget for the forthcoming biennium, as approved by Governor Sprague calls for an increase of approximately \$2,809,000 over the 1939 appropriation for relief purposes in this state—from \$18,894,438 to \$21,690,452.

The major portion of this increase, however, will call on the federal government if the governor's budget meets with legislative approval. Under this budget federal aid to the state would be increased by more than \$1,500,000—from 16,226,500 to \$7,724,973. In the state which in the past two years contributed \$8,458,855 toward relief from its general fund and liquor profits, will be asked to put up \$9,250,000 in the next two years—\$2,450,100 of this amount through a legislative appropriation and \$6,199,900 in profits from its liquor monopoly. An increase of slightly more than \$500,000 will be exacted from the counties whose contribution toward relief will be increased from \$4,144,083 to \$4,697,479 under the proposed budget.

More than 50 percent of the relief budget is accounted for by the estimated needs for old age pensions calling for a total of \$11,524,093 for the two year period as compared to \$10,119,589 during the past two year period. General relief needs are estimated at \$4,633,822 budgeted for this item in 1939. The largest proportionate increase is found in the item for the care of dependent children for which \$2,772,346 has been budgeted for the next two years as compared to \$1,752,740 during the past biennium. Other items making up the relief budget include \$337,456 for aid to the blind; \$53,221 for child welfare; \$167,789 for crippled children and \$165,627 for WPA sewing projects.

The estimated expense of administering the relief budget for the two year period is placed at \$1,884,813.

A total of 487,349 Oregon voters cast their ballot in the recent election to establish a new high record mark, according to a compilation  
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## Farmers Go To E. O. W. L. At Pendleton

They are leaving already. Thursday and even Wednesday, men pulled out for Pendleton to start committee hearings and arrange for accommodations. Indications are that the Pendleton meeting will be one of the largest in the history of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League, which holds its 13th annual convale in the Round-Up city this week end.

**Work Laid Out**  
Resolutions have been passed by each county group and these will be threshed out Thursday and Friday nights by committees named for that purpose. There are five such groups.

Because Pendleton is a much larger city than those in which the league often holds its meetings it is thought that rooms will be available for all visitors. Instead of a banquet Friday night there will be a dinner dance given instead.

## Breakfast Club Has Auction; Raises Cash

The Breakfast club committee's efforts to arrange a meeting full of pep and vigor were rewarded Wednesday morning when a larger number turned out of the blankets to attend. The program consisted in the main of an auction sale of certain donated goods of value unknown.

Joe Belanger acted as auctioneer and by dispensing wit and wackracks succeeded in bringing a good price for nearly all articles. The total "take" was \$43.10 which it is estimated by the committee will make it possible for the club to pay up the deficit on the club calf bought last month.

A motion was made to hold meetings at 6:30 in the evening, instead of 6:30 in the morning during the winter months and this will be voted on at the next meeting.

## More Crested Wheat Grass Sown

Farmers and stock men have sown 16,602 pounds of crested wheat grass seed on their land this year. This has been an average rate of ten pounds per acre. Cost to the farmer for seed has been twelve cents and his payment has been \$1.50 the difference being the cost of labor.

In addition to this acreage there have been 4618 acres of new crested wheat grass seedings on tilled land. It is estimated that there were 34,000 acres of this grass in the county in 1940.

## Kent Auxiliary Hold Meeting

A joint meeting was held at the Kent American Legion hall on November 28. A Thanksgiving dinner was held preceding the meeting with 26 present. A Christmas gift shower for the wives and children of veterans who are in the hospital. The only December meeting will be held on the evening of the 12th, due to the holidays.

## New License Plates Ready For Delivery

Oregon's green and white 1941 license plates are now out from the secretary of state's office, it was announced today. Those who sent applications in by mail or those who make their applications at the capitol building in Salem, or at either of the two branch offices in Portland, are receiving the new plates.

The 1941 plates may not be placed on cars before December 15, Earl Snell, secretary of state warned. Applications now coming in are being acted on at once, but it will be impossible to give later applications such prompt attention, due to the greater number received during the peak period, Snell pointed out. Automobile owners also were reminded that the mail congestion during the Christmas rush period would slow up delivery of plates for late applications.

## Millages Set For Taxing Units of County

**Levies Run From 10.8 To Nearly 37 Mills For Sherman County**

It has now been determined what the millage will be for 1941 tax collections and while there may be some minor changes in the figures as here given these are nearly correct.

The total amount to be raised within the county for taxes will be slightly over \$141,000, or about 38,000 less than last year. Decreases have been made in several taxing units. The special school taxes will demand \$42,682.59, the general fund \$58,983.99, the road fund \$23,236.12, the non-high school board \$7,066.32, Wasco \$4,825.61, Moro \$2,351.16 and Grass Valley \$2,031.37. The elementary school tax will be \$14,305.93 and while this tax is levied by the state it is collected and spent within the county.

**Millages Levied**  
Millages have been reduced in many instances. The county levy will be 6.6 mills which includes elementary school, market road levies, per capita school and county funds.

The non-high school tax will be 1.6 on those districts contributing to this fund. The general road tax is 2.6 mills.

The Wasco millage is 22.5 mills, for Moro 13.8 and for Grass Valley 15.4.

A number of school districts, as usual, have no millage as their total expenses are paid by other funds. Rufus has a tax of 10.8 and 3A, another Rufus district, has a millage of 7.6. Wasco school district's levy is 7.9, Kent's 6.4, Moro 7.8 and Grass Valley's 8.0. Rural districts that levy a tax will range from a half mill to 3.7 mills.

Millages paid by property in this county will range from 10.8 in rural districts to around 37 in the highest taxing districts. These taxes are among the lowest in the state.

## W. E. Allison Killed In Auto Accident

W. E. (Bill) Allison, 80, was killed last Sunday morning in Newberg when struck by a car. He never regained consciousness and died Sunday night. He was on his way to church when struck.

Mr. Allison was born in 1860 and left his home in the east when a young boy to make his way alone in the world. He came west and settled in Sherman county in 1881 taking up land which he owned at the time of his death. It is on the south side of the canyon below DeMoss. He lived here until 1920 when he moved to Newberg where he has lived for the past twenty years.

The funeral was held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 in Newberg and interment made in the cemetery there.

## J. B. Adams Wins Award For Wheat

Wednesday papers carried a press association dispatch telling that James B. Adams has been awarded second place for spring wheat from this region at the international farm products show at Chicago. Mr. Adams sent several samples to Chicago after winning the county and state fairs and the Pacific International. It is not known which of his wheats won the second place at Chicago.

## Council Discusses Power Possibilities

The city council met Tuesday night and passed on the applications of beer and wine distributors favorably for the year 1941. It was voted to have a complete inventory taken of all city property so that an estimate of its worth could be made by the first of the year. Discussion of the possibilities that may arise out of the upstart condition of the power industry required some of the council's time.

## Agricultures Ass't-Secretary Visits Here

Last Sunday morning Grover B. Hill, assistant secretary of agriculture, accompanied by Ralph Besse, and R. G. Johnson, of Oregon State college, visited at the local experiment station.

The visit was arranged in order to give Mr. Hill, who is visiting the west to attend several farmer meetings, an opportunity to learn at first hand of the work of the station and the plans of its director for future service to the farmers of the mid-Columbia area.

**Hill Knows Wheat, Grass**  
Mr. Hill is from the pan-handle of Texas where he has large holdings of wheat and grass land. He has been in charge of western AAA and also in charge of cotton work. He was informed about the value of wheat and grass experimentation.

Present from other counties were: George Peck and C. D. Conrad from Morrow county; Charles Nish, Gilliam; C. F. Emerson, W. W. Lawrence, Wasco; and a number from Sherman county in addition to members of the station staff who presented the program showing the value of the station to the wheat and stock men of north central Oregon.

## New List of Surplus Foods Out

Surplus foods which will continue to be available to families taking part in the food stamp plan in Sherman county during the December 1-31 period, were announced today by Donald A. Farrel, Local Stamp Plan representative. These are nationally designated surplus foods which may be obtained in exchange for blue surplus food stamps at local stores in all stamp plan areas.

The complete list of nationally designated blue stamp foods for the December 1-31 period is: fresh grapefruit, cabbage, onions, (except green onions), Irish potatoes, apples, pears, oranges, butter, raisins, rice, pork lard, all pork (except that cooked or packed in metal or glass containers), corn meal, shell eggs, dried prunes, hominy (corn) grits, dry edible beans, wheat flour and whole wheat (graham) flour. All of these surplus foods were available during the November 1-30 period.

## Trashy Fallow Yields Less In 1940

A review of the trashy fallow situation in this county for 1940 indicates that for the recently past season at least this method of handling the land has not been successful as compared with the 60 summer fallow method.

On 38,007 acres of trashy fallow the average yield was 13.5 bushels per acre for a total production of 513,664 bushels.

On 68,414 acres of summer fallow the yield was 1,212,977 bushels for an average of 17.7 bushels. The average for the total was 16.2.

**Conditions Peculiar**  
This comparison is hardly fair to trashy fallow because the best land of the county was under the summer-fallow system. In Locust Grove approximately four-ninths of the crop was in trashy fallow while at Kent thirteen fifteenths of the land was in trashy fallow.

The percentage of land in trashy fallow in the Wasco community was three-elevenths, in Moro one eighth, in Grass Valley four-elevenths.

Fall grain on trashy fallow did not make as much as did spring grain on the new soil treatment. The reason for this is believed to be the dry fall of 1939 which did not permit of good germination on trashy fallow. The average yield for fall grain on trashy fallow was 10.8, for spring grain, was 14.4.

These figures may well be changed in another year when different growing conditions prevail. The figures by districts may be obtained at the county agent's office.

## Federation of Taxpayers Made By Local Men

**Study of Taxation and Uses of Tax Money To Be Undertaken**

A group of taxpayers of Sherman county met at the court house Monday afternoon and formed the Sherman County Taxpayers Federation, an organization having the expressed purpose of affiliating with the Oregon Taxpayers Federation, studying taxation, budgets and learning the uses made of tax dollars by the several taxing units of the state.

J. B. Adams explained the purposes of the organization, saying it was an outgrowth of a visit made to Oregon last year, by a representative of the Nebraska taxpayers organization where taxes have been kept low because of taxpayer interest.

H. D. Proudfoot, A. A. Dunlap and Giles French were named as members of a constitution and by laws committee and a suggested legal foundation for the federation was read by them. With amendments made from the floor this was adopted.

It calls for a president and secretary-treasurer, three vice presidents to come from different sections of the county, and a board of seven directors. The vice presidents are members of the board of directors. No salaried government official may hold office in the federation. Information is to be disseminated to the members by the county organization about taxes and legislation that affects taxes.

Elected as officers of the new group were J. B. Adams, president; Millard Eakin, secretary-treasurer; Alex Macnab, Rufus, vice president; Theodore Johnston, Moro, vice-president; J. E. Norton, Kent, vice-president; Other members of the board of directors are A. C. Kaseberg, O. G. Sayrs, T. W. Alley and Joe Peters.

Assessment of fifty cents was levied and collected from those present who desired to join. The state convention of the Oregon Taxpayers Federation will be held in Portland December 10 and the local president is empowered by the constitution to name three delegates to that meeting.

## Max Williams Hurt In Accident

Max Williams of Wasco suffered an arm injury when the pickup he was driving left the road and overturned near the Truman Strong place. He was accompanied by Marvin Kirkelle. Although Williams spent several days in the hospital while it was being determined whether his arm was broken or not, he is expected to be ready for work soon.

## Livestock Market Shows Upward Trend

The Livestock Market at the Portland Union Stock Yards, North Portland, or the week ended November 30th showed substantial price gains in the cattle market; hog prices tended to the weak side late; and fat lambs eased slightly after starting fully steady.

There were 2,050 cattle, 230 calves, 4,480 hogs and 2,535 sheep sold on the open market during the past week.

**CATTLE:** Good grain fed steers \$10.00 to \$10.25. Short fed steers \$8.75 to \$9.50. Good grain fed heifers \$8.50 to \$8.75. Good grass heifers \$7.50 to \$8.25. Good beef cows \$6.50 to \$7.00, medium \$6.25 to \$6.00, common \$4.00 to \$4.75, canners \$3.00 to \$3.75. Bulls, medium to good \$6.25 to \$7.25, common \$5.00 to \$5.75. Vealers, good to choice \$9.00 to \$9.50.

**HOGS:** Good to choice carlots \$6.40; 170 to 215 lb truckins \$6.25 to \$6.35; 230 to 285 lb butchers \$5.50 to \$5.75; light weight hutchers \$5.25 to \$5.75; packing sows \$3.50 to 4.50. Feeder pigs \$4.00 to \$4.25.

**SHEEP:** Good to choice woolled lambs \$8.50 to \$8.75; medium to good \$7.75 to \$8.25; common \$7.00 to \$7.50. Slaughter ewes, good to choice \$4.00 to \$4.50. Feeder lambs, good to choice, \$7.50. Shorn lambs \$7.75 to \$7.85; early shorn lots \$8.00 to \$8.15.