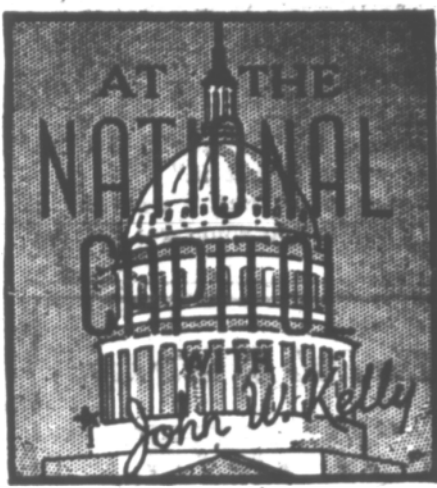


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Washington D. C. Jan 16—Every one in Washington knows that congress will enact the "lease-learn" bill under which President Roosevelt can do anything he desires with American war material. Naturally, it makes the president a dictator, but that is understood and, if need be, he can be deprived of these powers by a vote of two-thirds of congress.

It will be no rush job, enacting the measure, for the senate will consume time in debating the bill. At present the bill (it was introduced simultaneously) is in the foreign relations committee of the senate and the foreign affairs of the house. The fireworks will begin when the bill emerges from committee and reaches the floor. Opposition will not be on party lines; there are good Democrats as well as Republicans who believe that the measure gives too much authority to the president, and each will have his "say" before the bill reaches a rollcall.

What is occurring in Washington is what has been predicted: anyone who refuses to go the whole distance in aid of the British is viewed with suspicion and is called an appeaser and is not regarded as exactly "right." Somehow such individuals are gradually being considered as disloyal. It is in reality the beginning of a witch hunt such as always presages entry into war.

Tucked away in the bill (its number is 1776) is a little item which authorizes the president to make available the posts of the United States to disabled foreign warships. It makes no mention of what nation, but, of course, it means British. This gives the British fleet full access to American ports and all facilities for repairs. For the larger vessels there is only one such place on the Pacific coast—the Bremerton Navy yard, and two on the Atlantic side. With the Germans bombing the docks at Britain, the English navy is looking for a place to have repairs made to the fleet, and this bill will meet all requirements in that respect. There is, perhaps, more objection of this part of the measure than to any other. It sounds too much like war.

While debate rambles on, American production will be geared up. New plants are being erected at the expense of the government for the manufacture of smokeless powder, for shell-filling, for tanks, for airplanes, engines, etc. Several months will be required to prepare these plants for production and once they are running out their particular product, the president will be sending the material to the British, saving only a trifle of the output for American national defense.

Of this material for the British none will be paid for by the British taxpayers; the load will be carried by the American taxpayers, whether or not they like it. There is no mention of money anywhere in the bill. The measure is an authorization bill and once it is passed congress will be told how much money to vote. The extent to which the United States will aid British, Greece and China (possible some Latin-American nations) is now a matter of guess work, but administration leaders expect it to be not less than three billion dollars to start with. This is on top of the 17 billion dollars which the president has submitted to congress—more than congress voted in the first world war for any one year.

In the president's budget he has eliminated all river and harbor work, and road funds other than those he must sanction. There is not a nickel for military highways in the budget, but there is a strong and persistent demand for such and before this session closes a military highway bill will be offered by the house committee on roads. To date the report on military highways which has been on the president's desk for months is still there. Administration forces contemplate using federal aid

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## Moro Lodges Install Officers For Coming Year

The lodges of Moro the past week have been busy practicing to make ready for installation of the new officers chosen to direct them for the coming year.

Members of Eureka Lodge No. 121 A.F.A.M. and Bethlehem Chapter No. 78 O.E.S. met for a 6:30 dinner at the Masonic hall Saturday evening followed by the installation of officers for 1941.

Installing officer for the Masonic lodge was Clarence Sparling, assisted by H. B. Pinkerton as Marshal and Ramsey Schadewitz as organist. Officers installed were: Wendell Balsiger, M.; Darwin Van Gilder, SW; Willard McLeod, JW; Clarence Sparling, treas.; C. V. Belknap, sec.; Ralph Brisbane, SD; Chas. Ruggles, JD; LeRoy Wright, SS; Wm. J. Martin, JS; John McClure, Tyler.

Installing officer for the Chapter was outgoing Matron, Mrs. Naomi Van Gilder assisted by Mrs. J. C. Huntley of Beaverton Chapter, mother of Mrs. Dorotha Moore, as Marshal; Irene Fraser as Chaplain; and Mrs. Nina Pinkerton, organist. Officers installed were: Dorotha Moore, WM; Seral Searcy, WP; Marie Hoskinson, AM; Roy Powell, AP; Patricia Woods, sec.; Pauline Davis, treas.; Norma Balsiger, cond.; Alice Ornduff, assist. cond.; Anna Moore, chap.; Rose Amidon, marshal; Lois Barzee, organist; Betty Powell, Adah; Ethel Searcy, Ruth; Naomi Van Gilder, Esther; Helen Ruggles; Martha; May Belshe, Electa; Margaret Peetz, warden; Darwin Van Gilder, sentinel.

A lovely floral degree was conferred on the new Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron by David Moore, Connie Ruggles, Alan Pinkerton and Donna Kay Sparling. Mrs. Irving Hart was soloist for the degree singing "You're the only Star in My Blue Heaven."

The Rebekahs and Odd Fellows held their ceremonies Tuesday night with a 6:30 dinner preceding installation.

Vernon Miller was installing officer for the Odd Fellows and officers were: Joe Rifner, NG; Paul May, VG; Vernon Miller, sec. Mrs. Rebekah Wilson installed the following officers for the Rebekahs with Helen Martin, NG; Lucile May, VG; Florence Johnston, sec.; Havia Brisbane, treas. Roy Kessinger was presented with his 35 year jewel and Art Barnum with his 40 year jewel.

## Dates Set For Sherman County Fair

O. G. Hilderbrand and LeRoy C. Wright attended the annual meeting of the Oregon Fair Association held at the Imperial Hotel in Portland January 9 and 10. At this meeting the dates for all of the county fairs for 1941 in this state were set. The Sherman County dates are September 12 to 14 inclusive. The tentative program has been established which will include outstanding attractions, races, rodeo, dance and carnival. The local fair board plans to supervise all of the activities mentioned above and to hold the entire list of activities on the fairgrounds. This is a change over recent years since at this fair the dances and carnival will be held on the grounds proper.

## TAX INFORMATION

The following information may help to explain the changed basis for filing individual federal income tax returns for 1940. Duplicate copy need not be filed for 1940.

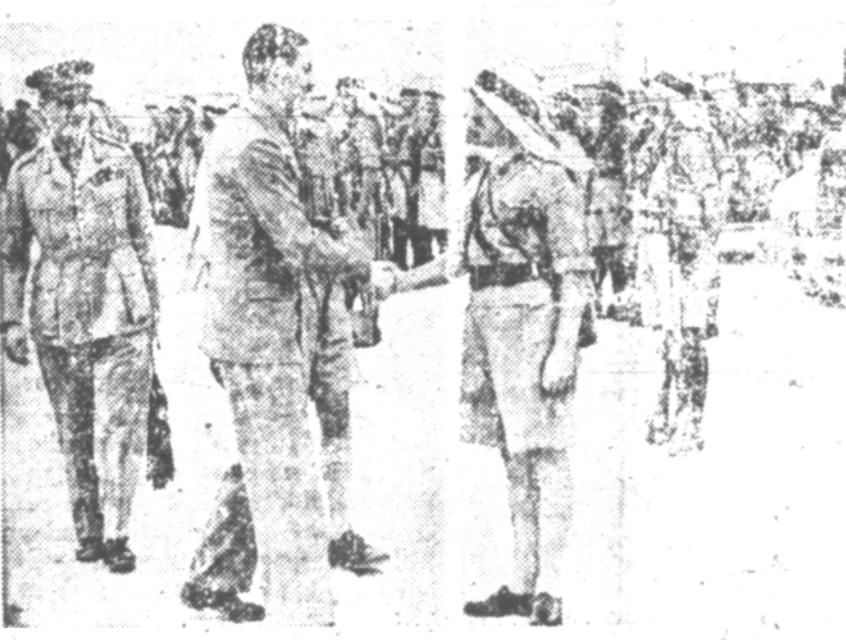
Amount of gross income—not net income—determines liability. Your attention is directed to an important change for filing federal income tax returns for 1940. Returns for the calendar year 1940 are required to be filed under the following circumstances: Single individuals, or married individuals not living with husband or wife, having a gross income of \$800.00 or more.

Married individuals living together, having a combined gross income of \$2000.00 or more.

The net income is no longer to be used in determining liability for filing federal income tax returns.

Severe penalties are imposed for not filing a return, for filing a false or fraudulent return, or failing to file by March 15.

## British War Minister in Middle East



Palestine—Captain Anthony Eden, British minister of war, is shown (hatless) shaking hands with an officer of a Trans-Jordan frontier force during his recent visit to the British army of the Middle East. The be-medaled officer at left is unidentified, but the gadget he holds in his hand is a fly-switch, if that's of any help.

## Governor Sprague Advises New Building, New Tax

Salem, Ore., Jan. 16.—Construction of another state office building, taxing of trucks and busses, the need for a system of vocational schools, the condition of the state institutions. These were some of the problems discussed by Governor Charles A. Sprague in his message to the lawmakers assembled here for their forty-first biennial session this week.

Calling attention to the fact that two of the largest state departments—the public utilities commission and the unemployment compensation commission—are now housed in rented quarters in downtown Salem the governor suggested that another building be erected in the capitol group opposite the new library building. To finance its construction he suggested a loan from the common school fund.

Pointing out that licenses, fees and gasoline taxes now paid by trucks and busses all go into the construction and maintenance of the highways over which these vehicles operate the governor declared they should pay their share toward the support of general government. He recommended that the legislature either impose an additional tax on these commercial operators or capture the present earnings tax which amounts to more than \$1,000,000 a year for this purpose.

Touching on the subject of education the governor said that "a serious deficiency in our school system is in vocational education," and told the legislators that there is need for genuine vocational schools of below college level located at strategic centers over the state.

Declaring that "the time is at hand for an overhaul" of the workmen's compensation law and recommended an increase in benefit payments to permanently disabled workers and to dependents of deceased workers the governor warned against entering into any program that might endanger the solvency of the insurance fund.

The governor pointed with pride to the balanced budget which he has prepared for the consideration of the legislators and urged that "there must be no extravagance in appropriating state funds lest this balance be wiped out."

The first contingent of Oregon's January quota of trainees will report for duty at the Multnomah county army next Monday, according to schedules worked out by Lt. Col. Elmer V. Wooten, state director of selective service. These will include men from Marion, Polk, Clackamas and Washington counties. The next day the eastern Oregon contingent, men from Malheur, Baker, Wallowa, Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam, Grant, and Wheeler counties will report together with a few additional trainees from Washington, Clackamas and Clatsop counties. Wednesday's contingent will include trainees from Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Klamath, Lake, Grant, Tillamook, Yamhill and Jefferson counties. Lane, Benton, Linn, Lincoln and Columbia counties will furnish the Thursday quota and the men from Crook, Deschutes, Harney, Sherman and Wasco counties will report on Friday with Multnomah county supplying a few men on each of the five days.

While Governor Sprague is asking the legislature to give him

## Local Farmers Attend Weed Control Meeting

Two Speakers Discuss Weed Problems of Interest To Local Farmers

Thirty seven farmers attended the weed meeting at the Court House last Wednesday. Mr. Lynn Harris and Lawrence Jenkins of Oregon State college were speakers on the program. Mr. Harris talked on weed control practices and methods that are being carried on by the Oregon State college experiment station and Mr. Jenkins discussed the programs as being carried on in individual counties throughout the state. The county court in cooperation with the county agent's office will, in the very near future, appoint a weed council consisting of representatives from the various districts for the purpose of administering the weed control program in Sherman county which is now a weed control district.

The activities of the council will be to establish a policy under which the state weed law will be applied to the county and to the individual farms.

Mr. Lynn Harris, weed specialist reported on the results obtained through the use of Sinox for weed control purposes on the annual weeds. In the result it was found in 1940 that this chemical would control Russian Thistle, if applied to the weed while it was young. One of the big problems in Sherman county is the control of Russian Thistle, mustard and tarweed. This chemical has been very effective on all three of these annuals and it's application in this county would save Sherman county farmers thousands of dollars.

In addition to discussing the annual weed problem, through information obtained by Mr. Harris in his experiments, indications were that cultivation of morning glory, knapweed and white top using a delayed method, cultivating at not to exceed six inches, during the season, that excellent control and in some cases eradication was obtained. Two chemicals which are recommended and have been found very effective are Sodium Chlorate and Carbon Bisulphide. The latter chemical is the most effective and is applied for the best results early in the spring and the former for the best results in the fall.

Mr. Jenkins discussed the weed control practices being used in Malheur and Umatilla counties in this area and in the Willamette valley. He reported on the activities of the county courts in carrying on weed control practices which was in the form of cooperation between the farmers and the court. In general these activities have been devoted primarily to cultivation for the purpose of controlling and eradicating the noxious weeds.

## New Barber Comes From Ontario

Clarence Hensen has taken over the Leroy Barber Shop from Mr. Engebretson and is open for business.

Mr. and Mrs. Hensen arrived Friday from Ontario and Leroy Engebretson left Sunday to join his family at Oregon City who left Moro soon after the holidays started.

## LOCAL RED CROSS CHAPTER MEETS

The Red Cross Chapter of Sherman county held a meeting at the Hotel Moro on Monday afternoon at three o'clock, with the following present: Dr. C. L. Poley, Wily Knighten, T. Lester Johnson, George Potter, Ed Alley, Jay Freeman and Ray Blake.

Permanent officers were elected as follows: Dr. C. L. Poley, chairman; T. Lester Johnson, vice chairman; Ray Blake, secretary; J. M. Wilson, treasurer; executive committee: Mrs. C. L. Poley, M. E. McKee, Wily Knighten, Geo. Potter and Ed Alley.

The annual President's Ball was discussed and plans made to hold it this year February 28th, at the Kent Legion hall. J. M. Wilson was made chairman of the dance committee. Their plan is to have two or three girls from each town sell tickets.

## Chairman



Sen. Walter Pearson, ex-state treasurer, chairman of senate ways and means committee. His experience as state treasurer will be helpful in his new position.

## AAA Committee In Corvallis This Week

All of the county AAA committees throughout the State of Oregon are meeting in Corvallis this week where the entire program will be discussed. Those attending from this county will be the county committee members, L. W. Thompson and LeRoy C. Wright. Joe Peters, the chairman of the committee, will report on Sherman county's activities in the federal program, covering conservation practices, crop loans, crop insurance and other detailed information vital to the program as it is operated here. Chairmen of all of the committees in other counties will do likewise which will build a foundation for improvement as well as educating each and every committeeman whereby they may be more familiar with the program as it affects Oregon. Following these reports various committees will be appointed to formulate practices and improvements applicable to the individual counties and the state as a whole.

This is the first meeting of its kind to be held in Oregon. The federal farm program has been in operation since 1933 and consequently suggested improvements and practices will be founded on experiments making it possible for improvements which will apply under the varied conditions throughout the state.

## Sherman County Boys Make Honor Roll

Oregon State College, Corvallis, Jan. 16.—Jack Dillard Sather, junior in agriculture from Kent, made the honor roll for the fall term. The roll includes only those students who make grade point averages of 3.50 or better while carrying 12 or more credits.

Only about 6 per cent of the 4759 students registered for the fall term made the honor roll. These represented every school and all classes, with the sophomores having the largest number but seniors having the largest percentage on the list.

University of Oregon, Jan. 16.—Wyman J. French, Moro, freshman majoring in law at the University of Oregon, was one of 160 students to make the fall term honor roll with a grade point average of 3.5 or better.

Grades are computed on the basis of grades for each hour. In this computation, a grade of "A" is listed as 4, a grade of "B" as 3, "C" as 2, and "D" as 1.

## Land Use Specialist To Be Here Wednesday

J. R. Beck, Extension Land Use Specialist, will be in the county Wednesday afternoon, January 22, to meet with the Sherman county Land Use committee. Mr. Beck will discuss land use and its effect upon national preparedness, as it will apply to Sherman county in particular and to Oregon in general. The committee then will discuss recommendations with the object of better land use planning as applied to Sherman county.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marvin of Hermiston spent the week end visiting in Moro.

## 1940 Events Listed For Journal Readers

Chronological Summary Of Local Events During The Preceding Year

Jan. 5.—Mrs. Ruby Pettys buried Sunday. Ernie Weld dies of pneumonia. Bob King leaves for the Ogden and Denver Stock Shows. A son was born as New Year arrives to Mr. and Mrs. Jean Joyal of Wasco.

Jan. 12.—1940 starts with moisture in contrast to 1939. Mrs. Kate Johnson dies at the age of 91. David Hoskinson dies at the age of 18 following an appendectomy. Lucille Vale now county nurse to replace Katherine Morse, who resigned to enter matrimony. \$268,506.35 comes through the Agricultural conservation committee to be distributed to complying farmers.

Jan. 19.—Telephone change puts dial system to work in Sherman county. Mrs. Hazel Woods and daughter Signa bid farewell to community as they leave for Dr. In. Grass Valley also bid their operator, Mrs. Ben Leghorn and family, adieu.

Jan. 25.—Tax notices to be sent out soon to call for slightly less. Sherman county pioneer, Ralph C. Bennett, dies in Portland and Peter Peters dies at home near Grass Valley. Mrs. Perry Strong, a former resident, was killed in an auto accident near Tualatin.

Feb. 2.—Rufus District to get power from PP&L Co. H. A. Sommer buried Monday. O'Meara holds annual Tractor school. L. R. Onlee sells his grocery store to sons.

Feb. 9.—Wayne Darby appointed to do the field assessment work this spring. Mrs. R. W. Kaseberg dies in The Dalles after long illness. John Kaseberg, early resident of Sherman county dies of heart attack in Portland.

Feb. 16.—Smut losses total \$25,436 in county in 1939. F. L. Kee dies of stroke in Salem while on way home from California.

Feb. 23.—The Gus Schilling home near Kent was destroyed by fire. Political activity begins for county officers. Fred Peterson of Klamath Falls scheduled to be here on the county school law which may be voted on here. 4-H clubbers start feeding calves.

Mar. 1.—Continued rains end shortage of moisture, winter wheat in good condition.

March 8.—Wasco play "It Happened One Night" presented by the Garden Club was well attended. County court orders election on school bill. Crop insurance taken out by 354 farmers.

March 15.—Power line for Kent nearing approval. Addition to be made to Moro elevator. Action on political front speeding up.

March 22.—Sherman county wins seal sale cuu. Grass Valley church gives concert to raise building funds. Easter cantata to be presented by Presbyterian church. Registration ends for rimaries. March 29.—Wasco Civic club set date for Lamb show, April 27th. Tax turnover made, late percentage paid. Proposed reduction of grain rates by railroads protested by truck interests.

April 5.—Jack von Boretel places second in the American Legion oratorical contest for the eastern Oregon district. Wasco cooking school attracts large group of women. Breakfast club sponsoring clean up in Moro.

April 12.—William Clothier buys Wasco Market. Work starts on new elevator in Moro. Power line being built to Kent.

April 19.—Adams vs Halley case now being tried entails old history. Voters reject county school plan here. L. D. May dies at Grass Valley.

April 26.—Rain comes to add to already ample moisture.

May 3.—High school track meet ends in tie for Wasco and Grass Valley with Moro winning the declamatory contest. Sherman county has few tax delinquencies.

May 10.—Erskine elevator erased by fire. Yellow wheat cause found by station staff.

May 17.—Lamb show has fewer entries than usual. The funeral for Mrs. Florence Beezley was held in Grass Valley Monday. County graduates 42 seniors this year. May 24.—Republicans and Democrats elect committeemen and

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