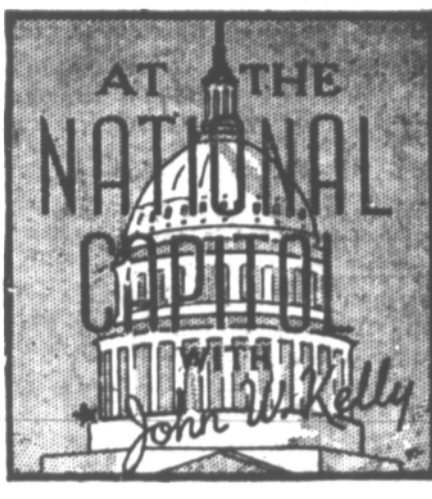


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Washington D. C., April 10.—Despite the assurance given by President Roosevelt that no American soldiers, sailors or aviators will be sent to fight in Europe and that United States help to Britain will consist of supplies, there is a definite belief that an AEF will, within a year, be operating in north Africa. The convoy question also worries congress and this is one reason that congress will not adjourn this year but will remain at its post on a hop-skip basis, prepared to cope with any situation within a few days' time.

It is now certain that the administration will give aid to Turkey and to Yugoslavia. Apparently, the only way to sent supplies is around the Cape of Good Hope, at the tip of South Africa, and then up the other coast to the Red sea and Suez canal. An expeditionary force could also follow the same route.

Whenever the subject of convoys has been broached to the president, as at press conferences or to his congressional leaders, his reply has been that a question is preposterous. This answer, however, has not quieted the members of congress. It is generally admitted that if American supplies are to be sent to England they must be accompanied by a convoy, either American or English naval vessels. Under the lease-land bill destroyers can be turned over to Canada and the American crews can volunteer in the Canadian navy without loss of American citizenship. What congress knows and the president has said a convoy means shooting and shooting means war is that an American convoy will be attacked by the German submarines, and then "we are in."

Congress is taking time by the forelock. It is starting to investigate the national defense contracts now instead of waiting until after the war is over and more damage is done. A special committee of the senate will investigate why contracts have been distributed geographically; why certain sections of the country have been given contracts (and in exposed positions within 200 miles of the coast) and others have been ignored. The sale of land for certain cantonments and defense plants reeks with scandal. One cantonment was estimated to cost \$9,600,000 and it will cost \$22,000,000 because of being improperly located. This committee will investigate the reason for giving a few general contractors more than one billion dollars' worth of work while scores of others were ignored. Strikes, too, will be probed where they have halted defense orders and some effort will be made to determine how many millions of dollars have been collected by dues before an American citizen can work for national defense. Estimates range from \$30,000,000 to \$80,000,000 collected as initiation fees, or work permits. No one knows the exact figures, and the unions are not revealing their receipts from this source.

After the first world war congress authorized many investigations, but it was too late to remedy what had been done. Now congress is moving in on the job in the heat of construction and the fever of production, and the fact that congress is investigating will prevent graft and crookedness, for not all are patriots.

The length to which national defense can be stretched is remarkable. The government, through one of its bureaus, suggests that rats be exterminated in the cause of defense. This report says there is one rat for every two persons in the city mentioned and one rat to every person in rural areas. Annual destruction caused by rats is estimated at \$180,000,000. On the farm rat damage is about \$10 a year, or \$63,000,000 for all farms. The rodents eat grain in shocks and granaries, from manure, pig sties and poultry yards. No estimate is made of baby chicks and eggs destroyed, but the report cites

Geyser Forms Giant Mushroom



An unusual photograph of the world famous Old Faithful Geyser in Yellowstone National Park. With clock-like regularity Old Faithful spouts a mighty stream of boiling water 120 feet into the air, preceding this performance with a growling, rumbling, hissing prodigoe. The capriciousness of wind and clouds sometimes forms unique pictures in combination with the mighty water gusher.—Union Pacific Railroad Photo.

Moro Women Take Second In Table Setting

A number of members of the Moro Woman's club went to The Dalles last Saturday to aid Britain and incidentally to take part in a table setting contest. Admission charge of 15 cents went to Britain and honor of winning a few dollars and no little honor went to the first and second place winners, in the contest.

Moro's entry placed second only to that of the Dufur Methodist Church. Local women combined their antique treasures and brought a number of articles that made a pleasing 1890 table setting. Madames C. L. Poley, Truman Strong, May Belshe, C. P. Moore, and E. H. Moore were active in making the arrangement and providing the material.

Wasco Girl Killed By Estranged Husband

Mrs. Naomi Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Grady of Wasco, was killed Saturday near Tygh Valley when her estranged husband, Clifford, entered the house in which she was living with their two and a half year old daughter, and shot her. An army 45 cal. automatic was used. Moore then "got himself."

Mrs. Moore was born in Madras, lived in The Dalles and attended school in Wasco until her parents moved to Walla Walla where she was married.

Graveside services were held Thursday at two o'clock at Golden Gate. She is survived by her daughter, Ruth Ann, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Grady and two brothers, Nyal of Spokane and Ed of Walla Walla.

Bonneville Agents Stop Here Briefly

Morton Tompkins, organizer of public utility districts for the Bonneville administration, was in town Thursday while on his way to Condon where a meeting was called for that night with the avowed purpose of petitioning for a district to be formed of the towns of Gilliam, Morrow, Sherman and Wheeler counties.

Also here was Eric Johnson of the Wasco county REA who had been sent to the meeting by the Wasco county group.

Sherman County Has 28 Men In Military Service

Sherman county draft headquarters announce the list of local men who are now serving in the armed forces of the nation. This list of 28 men have either volunteered, been inducted or are officers who have trained for their commissions.

Of the 28, eight are in the army, two in the national guard, six in the navy, two in the marines, five have enlisted after registration and five have been inducted.

Two have gone from Rufus, eight from Wasco, twelve from Moro, four from Grass Valley, one from Kent and one from outside the county.

In the army are Thomas H. Fraser Jr., 1st Lt.; Gordon O. Fraser, 2nd Lt.; Earl C. Williams, 2nd Lt.; Lloyd V. Henrichs 2nd Lt.; Donald R. Burnet, corporal; Melvin D. Balzer, Frank Lutje, Albert Thompson.

National Guard Has Two

The national guard has J. Melvin Baker and Fred S. Beardley.

Navy men are Walter Harold Belshe, pharmacist mate; Leonard Maurus, Willis D. Kaseberg, Rodney Truitt, Jack H. Hines, Byron Olan Stark. The Marine Corp men are Arthur Van Gilder, Sgt. and Norman Adams, Pvt. 1st class.

Those who have volunteered after registration picked their own branch of service. They are: Robert Poley, marines; Walter G. Boice, navy; Charles W. McKinney, navy; Wm. Roth, army; Harry A. McDonald, navy.

Inducted into service have been Gordon W. Bringman, Norman Fields, George E. Rohrbach, Paris Eimo Gentry and Vinton Watkins. Of these Fields, Rohrbach and Gentry are at Louisville, Ky., where they are in training for armored division.

Recent news is that the county will receive credit for the enlistment of the men who have gone to the colors which means that after June there will likely be a slackening of draft needs unless there is increased expansion of the army.

Mrs. Frank E. Fagan of McMinville arrived Tuesday to visit for a few days with her sister, Mrs. Darwin Van Gilder. Mr. Fagan is in the meanwhile in Spokane attending the N.E.A. convention this week. They plan to return to McMinville Saturday.

Moro's Council Discusses Many Civic Problems

City Council of Moro met Tuesday night to discuss several matters of city interest, not all of which resulted in action being taken. Discussed without action was the renting of the offices to the county agent, exercising the city's right to redeem tax foreclosed property, sending a representative to the meeting of PUD advocates in Condon.

Action was taken on the purchase of fire hose by ordering the buying of enough to bring the city up to standard, ordering the marshal to stop long time double parking on Main street, collection of water rents long delinquent and ridding the bridge of Third street near Mrs. Hansen's place.

The council also voted to pay \$1000 in bonds which will reduce the indebtedness of Moro to \$23,500.

Officials Talk About Addition To Court House

March 17, 1941 Court met in special session, in response to call of County Judge, in the County Courtroom in the Courthouse in Moro, Oregon at 10:00 o'clock a. m.

The following being present: Geo. A. Potter, County Judge; Ross Ornduff, County Clerk; J. M. Wilson, County Commissioner; David Reid, County Commissioner.

Meeting was held in consultation with Architect representing Mid-State Construction Company of The Dalles, Oregon, relative to proposed addition and vault alterations to the Court House. After due discussion, written authority was granted Mid-State Construction Company to draw up plans and specifications, covering such proposed improvements, for a fee of \$200.00.

Court adjourned subject to call of County Judge.

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS, APRIL TERM, 1941

April 2, 1941 being the time for the regular term of the County Court for Sherman County in the State of Oregon, the Honorable County Court did on said date meet in the County Courtroom in the Courthouse at Moro at the hour of ten o'clock a. m.

The following being present: Geo. A. Potter, County Judge; David Reid, County Commissioner; J. M. Wilson, County Commissioner; T. Lester Johnson, Dist. Attorney; Ross Ornduff, County Clerk.

The following proceedings were had at said term:

In the matter of the payment of claims against the General Fund. Claims approved and allowed.

In the matter of the payment of claims presented against the Road Fund. Claims approved and allowed.

Re. Agreement between National Hospital Association and County Court of Sherman County, Oregon. Agreement signed and approved.

Re. Sheriff's turnover of current and delinquent taxes collected to date of March 15, 1941. Accounted and filed.

Re. Bill of Sale of Pacific Power & Light Co., to Sherman County, covering three poles within Sherman County Fair Grounds. Bill of Sale approved and ordered filed.

Re. Bill of Sale from Sherman County to Pacific Power & Light Company, covering eight poles located along the County Road between the Experiment Station and the Fair Grounds. Bill of Sale approved and ordered delivered to Pacific Power & Light Co.

Re. County Treasurer's Report for month ending March 31, 1941. Examined and approved.

Re. County Health Nurse's Report covering six weeks period to March 31, 1941. Examined and approved.

In the matter of the Agreement between Munnell & Sherrill and Sherman County regarding the purchase of tire and tube requirements for the period beginning April 1, 1941 and ending March 31, 1942. Agreement signed and ordered filed.

Court adjourned subject to call of County Judge.

AIMS PRESENTED AND ALLOWED AGAINST THE ROAD (Continued on page four)

Forty People Meet to Organize Riding Club

Next Meeting To Be Sunday, April 20 At The Sherman County Fair Grounds

Organization of a group of persons to be called the Sherman County Riders was started Sunday when over forty men and women met at the court house to talk over the pleasures and advantages of riding horseback.

Elected president of the group was LeRoy Wright, vice-president is Claude Thompson and secretary is Edward Helyer. A board of directors of ten, two chosen from each of the five districts in the county was also elected. They are Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Herin, Marjorie Rich, Leon Smith, Velma McKean, D. H. Wright, Emmajean Ekin, Donald Martin, W. C. Hlyer and Mrs. Kenneth Martin.

Within a few days a meeting will be held by the board of directors to write a constitution and a set of by-laws. Next general meeting will be held Sunday, April 20, at the fair grounds when a ride will be held. This first ride of the season will be held close to town in order to give those who are not used to riding an opportunity to toughen muscles for longer rides to come.

Several suggestions as to how to increase the number of those interested in horseback riding were made at the meeting. Purchase of horses and riding equipment was raised that some would find them for use to those without for a time or until other arrangements are possible.

Formation of a sheriff's posse is one of the aims of the group. Rides may be arranged with other riding clubs in Wasco county or at Goldenale, said the officers.

President



Secretary



Mrs. Laura Goode, president of the American Legion Auxiliary of Oregon, will be in Wasco next Monday to speak before the members of the ex-service units of this district. Mrs. Floye von Borstel of Grass Valley, district president, will preside. Accompanying Mrs. Goode will be Mrs. Mae Whitcomb, of Portland, secretary of the auxiliary.

A one thirty luncheon will be served and the meeting will begin in the early afternoon.

April Already Over Normal Rainfall Here

Rains Of Past Week Bring Month's Total To More Than 30 Year Average

April, the month of spring show-ers, outdid its reputation during the last week by bringing real rain on several days instead of mere showers. The south end of the county was particularly fortunate as it received more rain than the more northern portions. The Willcox district is said to be especially muddy from the recent rains.

March was a bit drier than usual this year although the crop year moisture is greater than normal. But the first day of April brought .30 of rain to start the month off well. The normal rainfall for April during the past thirty years is .78 inch.

This week the weather man showed down .62 inch of additional moisture to bring the total for this month well above the normal although less than a third of the month is passed.

Grain all over the county is luxuriant and in some places is ready to joint. Heading is expected weeks ahead of the normal time. There are those who feel that the grain has too rank a stand and that it may be injured by drouth if the rains cease before mid-June.

Plowing has been slow this week with tractors having to stop because of wet ground and gathering stubble, but it is nearly done anyway.

Date	Max	Min	Prec.
3	55	34	.01
4	58	42	.12
5	55	33	.01
6	52	31	
7	59	44	.01
8	63	35	.02
9	54	41	.46
Total			.62

Governor Sprague Vetoes 15 Bills

B. A. L. Lindbeck. Salem, Oregon, April 10.—Of the 563 bills dumped into Governor Sprague's lap by the recent legislative session 486 were permitted to continue on their way to the state books. The other 15 were cut down by the executive veto, establishing what is believed to be an all-time high record for vetoes in this state.

Of the 15 vetoed measures the most outstanding were the House measure providing for retirement of circuit and supreme court judges on \$200 a month pay; the Jones' bill, also a House measure, which would have permitted the sale of naturally fermented wines by the glass, and another House bill providing for a tax on dairy products to finance an advertising and marketing campaign to increase consumption of these products.

In vetoing the judges' retirement bill the governor expressed himself as opposed to the extension of this privilege to selected groups of public employees, and particularly to a group enjoying the salaries paid to judges. The Jones wine bill was disapproved by the governor as contrary to the principles of the Knox Liquor Control Act and as not desired by the people of Oregon at this time.

Other vetoed measures included bills providing for appeals from decisions of the liquor control commission; curing defective and irregular deeds and conveyances; increasing the cosmetic-therapy apprenticeship from three to five members; appropriating \$250 to provide a "suitable enclosure" for the bronze state seal imbedded in the floor of the capitol rotunda; appropriating \$200 for additional experimental work on arid lands in Sherman county; appropriating \$5000 to compensate Mrs. Elizabeth E. Brown for injuries sustained in a fall at the state tuberculosis hospital; protecting public employees in their pay and priority ratings while absent in military service; providing penalties for acts of sabotage; relating to changes of boundaries of school districts receiving the old Soldiers and Sailors commission and appropriating \$5000 for its operation; including service trades under fair trade act; and relating to relocation of county roads on or near airports.

Legal minded members of the state's official family do not share the concern expressed by some commentators over the effect of the new Forth Congressional district on state boards and commissions. In the first place, these experts point out, although the legislative act creating the new district became effective next June the district itself does not become operative until the convening of the seventy-eighth Congress in January, 1943. Until that time the present First district will to all intents and purposes remain in effect.

Woman's Club Hears About Landscaping

The Woman's club entertained the Wasco Garden club and a few non-member Moro ladies Friday, April 14. Mrs. Margaret Peets was director for the meeting, introducing Mrs. Eunice Brandt, from the Oregon State Extension Service, who gave a very interesting and illustrated talk on "Home Architecture, or Planning the Home Grounds."

Mrs. Irving Hart sang two numbers—"In the Garden" and "Rose in the Bud."

The director for Mothers and Daughters banquet reported that the dinner would be held in the Old Fellows hall, Friday, April 18 at 7:00 p. m.—Potluck—also each member is to pay 25c to defray expenses.

The president, Mrs. Delpha Ramsey, read an invitation from the Sorosis club in The Dalles, inviting all presidents and a delegation from all clubs in the district to attend their annual Spring Luncheon at The Dalles Hotel, on April 15 at 12 noon. Price 65c. Any one wishing to attend please notify Mrs. Ramsey not later than April 10.

Mrs. Harold Ginn was elected a member of the club. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting by the hostesses, Mrs. A. H. Barnum, Mrs. P. C. Axtell and Mrs. Ted Pierson.

Lamb Show Date Changed To May 10

May 10, Saturday is the day officially chosen as the time for the annual lamb show which will be held in Wasco again this year.

A list of prizes and classifications will be announced soon according to those in charge of the show. Viggo Haufelt is general chairman.

Amusement event that always accompanies the lamb show is the Shepherder's Ball, a dance of large proportions and large times in general. Information about the details of the affair will be forthcoming by next week says T. Lester Johnson, who is one of the committee for the ball.