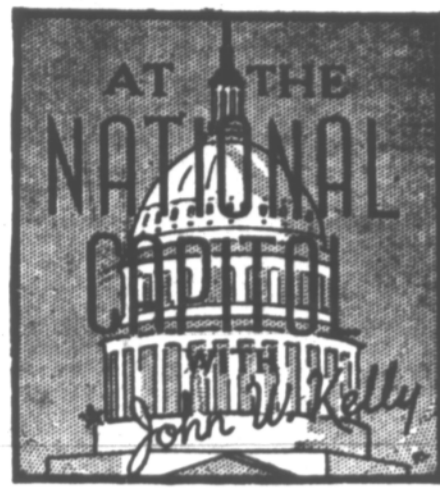


Sherman County Journal

Fifty-Third Year No. 24

Moro, Oregon, Friday, April 18, 1941

Official County Paper



AT THE NATIONAL

Washington D. C., April 17.—All of the high command in the national capital are doing their best to arouse the American people from their apathy on the subject of the subject of war and aid to the British. What the higher-ups know, from President Roosevelt down, is that the true seriousness of the situation is not recognized by the people. It is to this failure to understand that the United States is already in the war and that every ounce of production must be developed, that most of the strikes are attributed. From now on, the administration will lend every effort to educate the public as to the gravity of conditions.

This point of view is not confined to labor. It can be found among many employers and in the public generally. Not until something happens to an American warship or American soldiers, with resulting loss of life, will the man in the street come out of his indifference, his unconcern and his apathy. Pending the dramatic moment, it will be difficult to arouse workers in industry and the ordinary citizen.

One by one the upper-case officials have been changing their views. A few weeks ago Secretary of Navy Frank Knox asserted that no more war vessels would be given to Britain; that convoy duty is war. Last week 10 coast guard cutters (two from Pacific Northwest waters) were given away, and in wartime the coast guard is part of the navy. No protest was made by Secretary Knox. His commander in chief had made the arrangements and given the order.

President Roosevelt insisted that the United States would not be in war, that only profiteers wanted war; that there would be no United States warships convoy goods to England, for "a convoy means shooting and shooting means war." The president is shifting from this position and several balloons have been sent up by Admiral Lano of the maritime commission, and others, to get public reaction on a convoy.

On the best authority in Washington today the statement is made that the British cannot win without help from the United States, and probably cannot win with such help. The authority are the ranking admirals and generals, who are better informed on the situation than the layman. In confidential sessions with congressional committees these statements have been made. It is because of this opinion, or belief, that the administration is so anxious that production attain top speed, and there is so little time in which to process and finish planes, tanks, munitions and other lethal weapons the British require.

At the moment, however, it is known that more important than weapons is food. It simmers down to "no food, no fight." Without a food supply the British cannot hold out and the German submarines are sinking hundreds of thousands of tons. Transportation division of OMP is working 24 hours a day with railroads arranging for freight cars, thousands of them, to take food from interior points of ports of debarkation. Every boxcar that can be located is wanted, and the question is whether more should be built or run trains faster and obtain greater use for the present cars.

The government is purchasing gigantic quantities of food; condensed and powdered milk, lard, powdered eggs and other vital commodities, but no wheat. England can obtain all the wheat it requires from Canada and Australia. Wheat farmers of the Pacific northwest will not experience the high prices of the first world war, but those raising hogs will be in the money.

Consumers division of OPM insists that there is no reason for food prices increasing, and efforts are being made to peg prices of half a dozen commodities. With several million people returning to work at good wages, they can afford to buy more food and this

Grass Valley Student Typists Take Honors

Grass Valley students again took the major part of the honors in the county typing contest held at Moro school house Wednesday. Emmajean Eakin, in the first year or novice division, turned in a score sheet giving her credit for 46 words a minute, nearly as many as was made by the second year students. Dorothy Ball, also Grass Valley, was second with 25 words per minute. Other contestants were much lower.

Virgil Matney Held On Assault Charge

Virgil Matney, 47, was arrested Wednesday morning on information given by Arnold Brady deputy sheriff of Rufus and held on a charge of assault and battery. Victim of the assault was Mrs. Matney, formerly Mae Fowler, who has entered suit against Matney for divorce. A preliminary hearing was held before Justice Mee Thursday at which Roscoe Krier appeared in behalf of Mr. Matney.

COLLISION WRECKS CARS

D. H. Wright and Robert Rohde had a collision with their pick-ups near the four way bridge Wednesday afternoon in which Mr. Wright's machine was damaged sufficiently to send it to the shop for repairs. Neither of the drivers were injured.

City of Moro One of the Few Oregon Towns To Reduce Taxes

Salem, Oregon, April 17, 1941.—The city of Moro with a combined tax levy of 30.8 mills is one of 112 Oregon cities to show a reduction in tax rate over 1940, according to a survey by State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott. Moro's 1940 tax levy was 36.9 mills.

Grass Valley has a combined levy of 32.5 mills compared to 37.2 mills in 1940. Wasco's combined levy is 39.5 compared to 38 mills in 1940.

Granite, a small community in Baker county, enjoys the distinction of the lowest combined tax rate, with a total of only 18.1 mills for all purposes, city, county, school and state.

Bay City, in Tillamook county, on the other hand, has the highest combined tax rate in the state, 127 mills.

A total of 111,553 taxable returns were filed with the state tax commission by income tax payers this year, an increase of 17.9 per cent over 1940 returns. Another 57,546 individuals filed returns but paid no taxes. A preliminary check completed by the tax commission indicates that total collections from income taxes this year will exceed those of 1940 by 3.4 per cent. First half payments reported by the commission totaled \$6,483,687. The big increase in tax collections is explained as due entirely to improved economic conditions.

Without committing itself to any future course of action the Board of Control has authorized John R. Wald, industrial engineer, to make a survey of employment conditions at the state prison and to submit his recommendations as to what industries would best fit into the picture at the Oregon institution. Wald told the board that automobile license tags are now being manufactured by prison labor in 34 states. Other industries suggested by Wald as suitable for prisons include a paint and soap factory, a tobacco factory and a mattress factory.

The Board of Control has accepted the resignation of Dr. W. D. McNary as superintendent of the eastern Oregon state hospital at Pendleton effective May 1. Dr. McNary, however, will remain with the institution in an advisory capacity until October 1 by which time the Board expects to name a new superintendent. In the meantime Dr. Donald Wair, assistant superintendent, will officiate as

Mormon Crickets Again Moving Toward Fields

Crickets In Development Stage May Be Killed With Poison

Jack Schwartz, of the bureau of entomology, USDA, was here this week from The Dalles where he is stationed. With LeRoy Wright, he made a trip to the head of Biglow canyon which was infested with Mormon crickets last year. Thousands of crickets were found, now in the traveling stage, about half grown, being in the third or fourth instar of their development.

While the horde of crickets has not reached green wheat so far they are in crested wheat grass and will reach the wheat in a short time unless control methods are effective.

Charles Wallace is now spraying the crickets with hand tools and will begin the use of a power sprayer next week. Other infestations were found near by and as far as is known these are the only places in the county where Mormon crickets will appear to numbers sufficiently large to be dangerous to growing crops.

TEST PLOTS INSPECTED BY EXPERIMENTORS

Foster Martin from the Pendleton field station came down Thursday and in company with Merrill Oveson director of the local experiment station left on a tour of the test plots of the county, Wasco county, Jefferson and Gilliam counties.

Referendum Petitions are Now Being Circulated by the State Retail Grocers Association in an effort to place the cigarette tax act on the ballot at the next general election.

Success of the referendum sponsors in filling their petitions by June 13 will mean that the cigarette tax will not become effective until after the voters have approved the measure.

State officials have joined owners of other property in protesting against the construction of a service station on property adjoining that occupied by the capitol group. The protest is in line with a resolution adopted by the legislature at its 1939 session opposing the location of any business buildings in the vicinity of the capitol.

One sixth of all the property taxes paid in Oregon are contributed by the public utilities which this year will pay a total of \$6,915,816 toward the support of governmental activities—state, county, city, school, etc.—according to a report by the state tax commission.

Electric utilities will pay \$2,699,496 in property taxes this year to top the list, with steam railroads in second place with payments totalling \$2,594,565.

More than one third of the taxes paid by public utilities in this state are collected by Multnomah county which this year will receive \$2,744,390 from this source. Utility taxes to be collected by other counties include: Baker, \$168,910; Benton, \$58,340; Clackamas, \$417,920; Columbia, \$126,633; Coos, \$196,485; Douglas, \$162,862; Hood River, \$104,862; Lane, \$271,900; Josephine, \$105,400; Malheur, \$122,324; Marion, \$236,498; Morrow, \$77,736; Polk, \$51,240; Sherman, \$30,954; Umatilla, \$192,540; Wasco, \$175,649; Washington, \$124,342; Wheeler, \$24,000.

Moro Farmers Sell 115,432 Bushels Saturday

Last Saturday was wheat selling day in Moro. Wendell Balsiger, manager of the grain co-operative bought 115,432 bushels of Federation wheat that afternoon for one of the largest bunches of wheat to be sold here in recent history if not for all time.

The grain bought was all white wheat, no Turkey Red being included. It is presumed that it will be exported as this is the type of wheat being sold for that purpose. Thirty six farmers had a part in the sale which reduces the amount of wheat still in the warehouses to less than 100,000 and makes certain that there will be room enough for the new crop wheat by harvest.

Cheaper Chlorates To Help Weed Control

Lawrence Jenkins, who is in charge of noxious weed eradication in this section, will be here within a few days to go over the five weed plots of the county with the county agent and examine into the results. It has been learned that sodium chlorate can now be bought for much less than was formerly the case and a larger quantity of it may be used this fall than before.

Sherman County Cattle Being Tested

Testing of Sherman county cattle for Bang's disease has been going on steadily of late with the result that only 3 reactors have been found in the 1500 tested to date. The work will be continued until all of the six or seven thousand head in the county have been given the test, except those whose owners will not permit testing.

College Students May Enlist During Summer

Students of colleges and universities who wish to volunteer this summer for one year's training under the Selective Training and Service Act in order that they may be ready to resume their collegiate careers in the autumn of 1942 may be assured that there will be ample vacancies for them in the Army during the summer months. Local boards can handle the enlistments.

This is the gist of a statement made this week by Lt. Colonel Elmer V. Wooten, State Director of Selective Service.

Room For All

Colonel Wooten's statement was based on information from National Headquarters of the Selective Service System which quoted the following letter received by National Headquarters from Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson: "In reply to the inquiry concerning the acceptance by the War Department of students who may wish to volunteer for training next summer, the department is certain that there will be ample vacancies in the Army during the months of June, July, August and September to accommodate all students who desire to begin their service during that period."

Portland Livestock Market Quotations

The following quotations are based on prices being paid in Wednesday's trading:
CATTLE: Good grain fed steers \$9.50 to 11.00. Good grain fed heifers \$9.25 to 10.00. Good beef cows \$8.00 to 8.75, medium \$7.25 to 7.75, common \$6.25 to 7.00, canners \$4.75 to 6.50. Bulls medium to good \$7.75 to 9.00, common \$6.75 to 7.50. Vealers good to choice, \$12.00 to 13.00.
HOGS: Good to choice 170 to 215 lb truckers \$9.85 to 10.00; 230 to 285 lb butchers \$9.25 to 9.40; light-weight butchers \$9.00 to 9.40, packing sows \$8.00 to 8.50. Feeder pigs \$9.25 to 10.00.
SHEEP: Good to choice spring lambs, mainly \$11.00 top; medium to good \$10.00 to 10.50. Shorn lambs \$8.00 to 8.75, early shorn to \$9.25; woolled \$10.50 to 10.75. Slaughter woolled ewes good to choice \$5.00 to 6.00.

PUD Meeting Finds Few Towns Interested

Opponents of Scheme Do Not Want To Buy Transmission Lines

A few Sherman county citizens drove to Condon last Thursday night to attend a meeting called by Roy Kunsman, mayor of Arlington, for the purpose of soliciting the aid of other cities in Gilliam, Morrow, Sherman and Wheeler counties in the matter of petitioning the state public utility district board for a preliminary survey. This survey would be for the purpose of forming a public utility district of the eight or nine cities in the counties.

Field man Tompkins and Engineer Murray of the Bonneville administration talked in explanation of the plan. Opposition was voiced on the basis that Bonneville should own the transmission lines instead of the district inasmuch as approximately half the valuation of the lines in the proposed district is in transmission lines.

Services To Be Held For Mrs. Knotts

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Knotts, of Portland, mother of Mrs. Tom Alley, died early this month, at her home there and the funeral will be held from the Mt. Scott funeral home Saturday at 11 a. m.

Mrs. Knotts, who has often visited this county with her daughter, was a pioneer of Clackamas county and east Portland having been born there in 1853, to parents who had come from the eastern states in 1846 and 47. She had spent her entire life in Oregon. Four children survive. Mr. and Mrs. Alley left Wednesday to be in Portland until after the funeral.

Crop Reports Show Need For Marketing Quotas

Latest crop reports on the condition of winter wheat in America emphasize the necessity of a vote on wheat marketing quotas, according to Will Steen, chairman of the Oregon AAA committee.

The April crop report indicates that spring and winter wheat production plus the present carry-over will add up to nearly one and a fourth billion bushels. This is about twice as much wheat as America normally consumes in two years. Other great wheat producing countries also report big surpluses of unsold wheat, making the export outlook dark even without considering war conditions which have cut off practically all chance of shipping wheat to countries which could use it.

The final proclamation of marketing quotas must be made prior to May 15, and will probably follow the May crop report. Already the tentative date for such a referendum, if called for, has been set for May 31. If the quotas are proclaimed and approved by growers, all farmers can sell all wheat grown on their AAA acreage allotments. In other words, AAA cooperators will have nothing to worry about under the wheat quota system.

Farmers who over planted their allotments will have to store the excess or pay a penalty on it. Marketing quotas are a guarantee that all wheat growers will share in taking care of the surplus, says Chairman Steen.

National figures show that wheat growers are cooperating well with the wheat adjustment program. The indicated acreage this year will be somewhat less than 63 1/2 million acres, which is remarkably close to the total acreage allotment of 62 million acres. The heavy prospective surplus has been brought about by the stoppage of practically all exports following several favorable production years.

Moro Breakfast Club Changes Meeting Dates

The Moro Breakfast club met Wednesday morning and for the first time in the history of the organization voted a change in the meeting dates. On a constitutional amendment made by Seral Searcy, the vote was 17 to 4 in favor of holding meetings the first Wednesday of each month instead of every second Wednesday morning.

Various members made suggestions for the annual clean-up day which will be held May 7. Wendell Balsiger, chairman, outlined the jobs to be done and announced that complete committee appointments will be made within a few days.

The program, which was originally to have been clean-up day, was filled by Giles French who substituted by giving a talk on some of the bills passed by the recent legislative session.

Legion Votes To Deed Hall To City

Chris Schultz post met Wednesday night to decide what its members wanted to do about the disposal of the hall which is up for tax foreclosure this month.

It was voted to deed the building to the city of Moro with the understanding that the city would redeem it from the county and retain it as a community meeting place. Alternative was to permit the county to obtain possession. Members, by their vote, expressed the feeling that the management of the hall was a city matter instead of one for the entire county.

The adjutant was instructed to give the recruiting service a list of the names of eligible young men who might be interested in joining the armed forces of the government. Information was that there is need for more men in the army, navy and marine corp in this area. Some of these volunteers may be sent to the islands and others retained here with the choice in the hands of the volunteer. Several branches of the service are among the choices available.

Auxiliary's Work Reported in Wasco

Mrs. Hubert Goode, president of the American Legion Auxiliary for Oregon, spoke before the unit members of Wasco, Moro and Kent Monday afternoon at Wasco while on her official trip through this part of the state. She was accompanied by Mrs. Frank von Borstel of Grass Valley, district president.

Mrs. William Rooper of Antelope, a member of the Kent unit, reported on the work of her division of the Auxiliary's work and each of the units made reports on the work done since the auxiliary year began.

President Talks

Mrs. Goode spoke of the value of the rehabilitation work being done by the auxiliary and held it to be the most important of the jobs the auxiliary has taken over. The child welfare work in Oregon is recognized as being equal to that of any western state. National defense is now important, she said, and the auxiliary as well as the legion is doing whatever it can to aid the nation in the emergency.

Luncheon was served by the members of the Wasco unit before the program began.

Freezing Temperature Reported Wednesday

The report of those who arose early Wednesday that there was ice on the watering trough and exceeding chill in the air was not a mistake as the record of the week's temperature shows. That morning the thermometer fell to 30 degrees.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK	Date	Max	Min	Pre
	10	55	39	
	11	51	42	
	12	59	40	T
	13	65	37	
	14	68	35	
	15	62	36	
	16	51	30	

Queen Contest Plans Are Now Under Way

Qualifications for Queen Announced; Voting Rules To Be Announced Later

Plans are being made for the selection of a queen for the Sherman county fair which will be held the second week in September. Instead of waiting until mid-summer as was done last year, the plan is to have each school choose a candidate before school is dismissed for the summer.

These five candidates will then contest for the queenship until around September 1 and the non-winners will be princesses. Rules tentatively agreed upon are as follows:

1. The contestants shall be between the ages of 16 and 25 and must be single.
 2. The queen and princesses must ride at the fair.
 3. All contestants must be residents of the county.
 4. The queen will be selected on a vote basis from among the five contestants.
- Costumes will be furnished by the fair board for the queen and four princesses. The voting rules will be announced later after they have been determined upon by a meeting of the fair board, which is now without one member.
- A platform for the band will be erected just north of the track gate across the track from the grand stand and some other changes made.

Military Forces Use Much Gasoline

Military uses by foreign nations for gasoline and related fuels apparently consumed nearly ten per cent of the 1940 world production according to information reaching the Oregon State Motor Association. Of known production and consumption data for 1940 about 220,000,000 barrels cannot be traced, and petroleum marketing authorities attribute this to use by military organizations for which figures are not available.

In 1940 world production of crude oil amounted to about 2,150,000,000 barrels, and production of related fuels (natural gasoline, benzol, synthetic mineral oils and other fuels) is estimated at 110,000,000 barrels, making a total production of 2,260,000,000 barrels. Estimated civilian consumption throughout the world and additions to stocks in the United States use 2,040,000,000 barrels. The remainder, 220,000,000 barrels, is presumed to have been consumed in unreported military operations, or added to the unrecorded stocks of foreign countries.

The excess of production over known consumption has been a phenomenon for many years, but the amount has increased steadily in the last seven years—jumping to the present total from 50,000,000 barrels in 1939. Deficiencies in statistics of civilian consumption in many countries doubtless explain some of this excess, but authorities believe that the bulk of it represents military consumption and storage.

Wheat Loans Mature April 30

Wheat growers who plan to redeem their wheat which is stored under warehouse loan should arrange to pay their notes before the maturity date, Joe Peters, chairman of the Sherman county AAA committee, announces.

All Government loans on warehouse wheat mature on or before April 30. Borrowers may obtain information about the maturity date of their loans and receive assistance in locating their loan papers from their local lending agency or the county AAA committee.

If the loan papers are held by the Commodity Credit Corporation the borrower may have them sent if he wishes, to his local bank for collection by making a written request to the Corporation before the maturity date of his loan. Mr. Peters explained that the borrower must allow enough time for his remittance to reach the Corporation within 10 days after the note matures.