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Washington, D. C. Oct. 16—Some idea of what the future has in store may be glimpsed from the ultimatum of SPAB which holds from non-defense needs a long list of materials. It is a drastic order, full of significance that will not be fully realized for a few months. SPAB is preparing for a long war and hoarding for defense every ounce of metal that can possibly be spared. The salvation of Oregon is that most of the large projects such as a reclamation, have been given a defense status.

Neither progress on Deschutes reclamation project nor Willamette valley project will be affected, as matters stand. But no more reclamation projects will be started until after the war. Following OPM's dictum, the director of the budget has turned his face against harbor development and has turned down as a sample, proposed improvement of Yaquina bay. There will be nothing new on the Oregon coast and there may be some curtailment of maintenance work, although army engineers in charge of navigation will fight for dredging and keeping the rivers and harbors from shoaling. This will be necessary because of the fleet of navy shore boats which will be stationed on the west coast and must have access to the harbors.

The lid is clamped down, or will be, on highway construction. OPM says to hold back road work until the next depression. However, military roads will not be interfered with. Funds will be made available to wipe out bottle necks on the Pacific highway and possibly The Dalles-California highway, and some means of crossing Columbia river without going to Vancouver in order to use Evergreen highway on the Washington shore. Improvement of bridges on military roads to sustain the weight of 60-ton tanks will be undertaken, although only the first of these tanks (make 25 miles an hour) has been delivered to the army. Materials for these military roads are strictly defense, but for other roads no material will be permitted.

OPM has upped the price of zinc, which will cost the government millions of dollars more a year in brass for shell casings. For a trifle of the added sum the government must pay, OPM could recommend development of zinc ores in the Oregon area. All efforts to convince OPM consultants that Oregon can produce thousands of tons of zinc and thus materially aid the defense program have failed. There are three districts in western Oregon which are potential large producers and require only \$1,500,000 for a smelter.

The new aluminum plants in Oregon and Washington will not be in a productive stage until next spring. Meanwhile, the Truman senate committee investigating defense costs is after Jesse H. Jones, secretary of commerce and head of RFC, and wants to know all the particulars of his contract with the Aluminum Company of America (plant at Vancouver, Washington) which Senator Truman has declared the "rottenest" contract the government has ever made. This contract and collateral matters dealing with aluminum will be thoroughly aired before the committee finishes its probe.

Dr. Paul J. Raver, Bonneville administrator, has been given class A priority for copper transmission lines to the plants at Tacoma, Spokane and Troutdale. Heretofore he has used only aluminum wire, as it was cheaper and lighter than copper, but aluminum is now needed for bombers and interceptor planes. Copper is scarce, too, but if OPM wants aluminum it must see that Bonneville has copper.

Oregon came within an ace of being deprived of the aluminum and fabricating plants and all that saved this new industry was an ultimatum from Senator McNary that they must be located in Oregon. Plans were to give them to

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Fraser Wins Top Honors For Six Horse Driving

Sherman county horsemen not only took top honors in the Percheron and Belgian classes but their six in hand teams showed favorable in the prizes. Tom Fraser won first in the driving contest, winning the \$1000 sweepstakes for driving throughout the Pacific International. The prize is divided among the four contestants. Rolfe's team placed fourth in the ten drive contest.

Rolfe, however, had the satisfaction of having his six declared the best six. He was second for two horse teams, second for four. Fraser was fourth for two horse teams, first for four and third for sixes.

Sherman County Men On Committees

H. D. Proudfoot has been placed on the finance committee, W. T. Balsiger on the resolutions committee, A. A. Dunlap on the program committee and George A. Potter on the nominating committee for the meeting of the Inland Empire Waterways association which will be held October 30 at Walla Walla.

An impressive list of speakers has been arranged for the meeting and those who are interested in the development of the waterways are asked to come.

Local Students Win Honors At Schools

Carl Peetz, Moro, a student at the University of Oregon, was chosen last week as one of twenty members of the symposium debate team.

This team is under the supervision of Professor W. A. Dahlberg of the speech department and has set Tuesday, October 14, as the date for its first meeting.

Eastern Oregon College of Education, La Grande, Oct. 13, (Special)—Jane French, Moro, has been initiated into Sigma Alpha Chi, women's honorary at the Eastern Oregon College of Education. Miss French is a member of the senior class and will graduate from the teacher training division at the end of the fall quarter.

Margaret McDermid, daughter of D. McDermid, of Wasco, has been elected a council member of the women's residence hall at the E. O. College of Education.

Sherman County Represented at OCE

An enrollment of 340 students completed the total registration for the fall term at the Oregon College of Education. Although this is a decrease of approximately 12 per cent, the lowered enrollment can be expected because of the withdrawal of many people particularly men students into the army and into better paying fields. A large number of the new students are transfers from other colleges.

Sherman county is represented at the Monmouth College by the following people: Vivian Fritts, Grass Valley; Stuart Macnab, Wasco; Joelle Peters, Moro; Pete Macnab, Rufus.

Adults Taking Driving Course

Chauncey Del French, who is conducting a class in driving at Wasco, reports a good sized class and good progress on the part of those taking the course which is to be for six weeks. This work is done through the office of the secretary of state. Half of the class of 14 are adults.

Mrs. Velma Moon, Mrs. Minnie Bleu, Mrs. Elva Hines, Mrs. Pauline Harvey, Virginia Hines, Betty Juhnke, Shirley Juhnke, Violet Caldwell, Leland Schwendel, Jerry Barnett, Mrs. Dorothy Collins, Donna Knox, Jessie Knox and Mrs. Mabel Haven are registered. Marshal Chas. Everett is assistant instructor and aids with the class.

J. C. Hockman is still in a hospital in The Dalles and his condition has not improved.

Farm Defense Goals Given County Farmers

Raise In Dairy and Meat Product Asked By Government Men

The local agricultural defense committee met Wednesday morning with three men representing various divisions of the department of agriculture for the purpose of acquainting farmers with the production goals of the department.

Representing the AIAA was A. J. Smith, county vice chairman, for the Farm Security was Lester Barnum, for Farm Credit, W. H. Ragsdale, for extension work, LeRoy Wright and for Soil Conservation was Orva Dyer. Clyde Kiddle, acting state AAA field agent, M. L. Belangie, of the U. S. D. A. state defense board and J. H. Sterling of the extension service presented the program.

This agricultural defense program, designed largely by Secretary Claud Wickard, was designed to provide an adequate living standard for the people of America, to give aid to Britain and others who are fighting for the ideals we cherish and to produce the needs of these people at a fair price.

To do these things goals have been set up for the nation, for the states and for the purpose of the meeting Wednesday was to set goals for Sherman county.

An increase in general agricultural production of 6 to 8 percent has been asked, but because some farm products are already overproduced these goals will vary. No increase is asked for wheat because of the large surplus. For beef, dairy, eggs, etc. the increase may be as much as 35 percent.

This county, through the local committee agreed to try to produce 10 percent more milk products than this year. This is to be done by better feeding of dairy cattle and by an increase of 2 percent in number of dairy cattle. Our local production of beef is to raise 20 percent, according to the set goal. This is beef for slaughter.

The realization of these goals is to be obtained by the government by volunteer effort. There is no provision as yet for enforcement.

However, under the Steagell act, providing for 85 percent parity for farm products the government may manipulate prices to obtain cooperation from those guided by the profit motive. These parity prices have been guaranteed until the end of 1942 assuring producers of fair prices until that time.

The Surplus Marketing administration is authorized to buy products for England under lend-lease, to name the products that come under the stamp plan and to buy food for the school lunch programs. This provides a leverage that makes it possible for prices to be kept near the level wanted by the administration.

A defense and farm plan form is soon to be distributed to farmers that will combine this goal plan with the farm plan that has been made for several years.

Of the goals set the following are examples. The figure given is the percentage of increase expected of farmers in 1942 over the amount produced in 1941.

Eggs, 6. Hogs, spring pigs, 20; sheep and lambs 1, chickens 10, turkeys 10, barley 10, farm gardens 33.

Another meeting will likely be held October 24 for general explanation of the plans to all farmers.

Kent Auxiliary Committees Named

The Kent Auxiliary of American Legion held its regular meeting Wednesday afternoon in the Kent Legion hall with the new president, Helene Lemley presiding. Ada Guyton was appointed on the card party committee. Cassie Holmes, treasurer, gave the financial report. Over \$50.00 received from magazine subscriptions.

Ellen and Hilma Rooper were appointed on the refreshment committee for joint social hour following business meetings of Legion and Auxiliary, Thursday evening October 23.

Women Hold Annual District Club Convention

The fourth district of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs held its annual convention at the Wasco Methodist church October 11, with the Women's Study Club and the Tuesday Afternoon Study Club as hostess groups. Seventy two women from seven clubs were registered and the Moro Woman's Club took a five dollar prize for being the guest club with the largest percentage of their membership present.

The principal address of the forenoon was given by Mr. Lowell Stockman, vice chairman of the agricultural committee of the state council of defense, who spoke on defense stamps and bonds. In the afternoon the clubs heard their new state federation president, Mrs. O. C. Sanford of Coquille, tell about the convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs at Atlantic City, and also of women's part in defense.

The following officers for the three year term were elected and installed by Mrs. Sanford: president, Mrs. W. E. Crawford of The Dalles; first vice president, Mrs. L. H. Arvin of Kinzua; second vice president, Mrs. C. A. Johnson of The Dalles; secretary, Mrs. David Lemon of Arlington; treasurer, Mrs. Maud Akers of Wasco. The women of the Wasco Methodist church served luncheon to the group at noon.

Court Does Lots of Work in October

COMMISSIONER'S COURT DOCKET, October Term, 1941

October 1, 1941 being the time for the regular term of the County Court for Sherman County, in the State of Oregon, the honorable Court did on said date meet in the County Court Room in the Courthouse in Moro, Oregon, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a. m.

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

The following proceedings were had at said term:

In the matter of the payment of claims against the General Fund. Claims allowed as presented and ordered paid.

In the matter of the payment of claims against the Road Funds. Claims allowed as presented and ordered paid.

Clerk presented Court with Warrant Receipt No. 600 issued by Condon Warehouse Company covering 304 sacks or 42548 pounds of Turkey Red Wheat. Clerk instructed to negotiate with Condon County Agent for Wheat Loan through First National Bank at Moro.

Roy J. Baker, Agent of The Home Insurance Company tendered a renewal policy for \$3000.00 on Courthouse. Application held in abeyance of decision on new insurance policy for Courthouse which is being considered.

Hardware Mutual Insurance Co. of Minnesota tendered a renewal policy in sum of \$5000.00 covering American Legion Hall in Kent, Oregon. Policy renewal with Hardware Mutual accepted.

In the matter of the application of the Wasco Electric Cooperative Inc. for the construction of electric lines along county roads in Sherman County. Application for franchise granted.

Realty loan made by Sherman County in 1931 to LeRoy H. and Amanda Martin; Loan paid in full and satisfaction of mortgage prepared for court approval. Approved and ordered delivered to Mortgagee.

Vernon Platt presents Court with Indemnity Bond in sum of \$5.06 covering Lost Warrant W-917 in sum of \$2.53, issued August 7, 1941. Bond approved. Clerk instructed to issue duplicate warrant for one lost. Warrant W.1039 in sum of \$2.53 issued October 2, 1941.

Re: Sheriff and Tax Collector's turn-over of current and delinquent taxes collected from June 15, 1941 to September 15, 1941. Quarterly report accepted and approved.

Chas. R. Logan presented application (Continued on page four)

Children Win Prizes, Make Money At P. I.

County Kids Place 27 Out of 34 Calves At Portland Show

Four H club children from this county at the stock show placed 27 of their 34 head of stock entered. Grand champion was won by a boy over in Washington.

Nearest to top place were those from this county who had entries in the light Angus class. John Hilderbrand placed first, Henry Richelderfer second, Bob King, third, Elton Medler fourth, Connie Wilson fifth, Clyde Fridley ninth and Merrill Sather tenth to monopolize the class.

Shelton Fritts was first in the medium Hereford class and was in the running for grand champion but did not quite reach the top. Other winners in the medium Hereford class were Jack von Borstel who took 18th, Elton Medler took 20th, Harry Hartley 16th, Phyllis Medler placed her calf 6th in the light Hereford class and Bob King 7th. The heavy Hereford class had Philip von Borstel winning 19th, Leland Barnett 8th and Lee Barnett 13th, Henry Richelderfer 6th, Ed Fritts, 20th and John Hilderbrand 10th.

The heavy Shorthorn class had several local winners. Ed Fritts had 6th, Shelton Fritts, 3rd, Jack von Borstel 14th, Kenneth Karns 7th.

Scott Fritts won 13th in the light Shorthorn class and also 6th in the heavy Angus class.

Shelton Fritts was 7th in beef showmanship and Henry Richelderfer 5th. Bobbie Hoskinson won 3rd on his Southdown ewe lamb and second on his wether.

Sales were considered satisfactory as the top Sherman county steer brought 214 cents, this for the John Hilderbrand Angus, low was near 13 cents with an average of about 15 cents. Total sales netted the local clubbers \$4631.18.

Candidates Coming Thick and Fast In Governorship Race of 1942

Salem, Ore., Oct. 16.—Governor Elimination of the state levy will Sprague may have been the first to include not only regular and special of the 1942 crop of candidates to include levies but also the two-mill elementary school tax which while definitely announce his political intentions but it remained for a Democrat to make the first formal filing. Howard Latourette, democratic national committeeman, who was drafted at a rally in Portland, two weeks ago threw his hat into the political ring this week when he filed with Secretary of State Snell his preliminary petition announcing his intention to seek the nomination of his party in the primary election of next May.

Another political development of the week came out of a big rally of Southern Oregon Democrats at Roseburg on the night of October 4 which is said to have been well attended by party leaders all bubbling over with enthusiasm over the prospects for a Democratic victory in Oregon next year. Especially are the southern Oregon democrats confident of their ability to elect their candidate to Congress from the new fourth district with at least three outstanding party leaders prominently mentioned as possible aspirants for the new post. Floyd Dover of Rogue River has already let it be known that he intends to enter the race while George Coddling of Medford, formerly district attorney of Jackson county, and Ed Kelly whose home is in Medford but who is now employed by the Bonneville administration are both understood to be definitely interested.

Hallowe'en pranks were looking forward to a big night under the protection of an experimental blackout the last of this month are doomed to disappointment. State Coordinator Jerrold Owen this week took the joy out of life for these nocturnal merry makers with the announcement that in any event the proposed blackout would not last for more than 15 minutes. Again observance of the experiment is optional with the various cities and preliminary reports that only a few places will under take the test.

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Sherman County Budget and Budgeteers Have All Day Battle

The Wasco county REA held election of officers Monday and chose David Reid of Rufus as one of nine. Five men from this county were on the ballot but Reid was the only one elected. Reason given for placing men from Sherman county on the board was the possibility that the line may be extended to parts of this county when wire is available and if the government approves the line through this sparsely settled country.

By vote of the members the directors were authorized to create additional officers at will, to permit agents to sign checks and to waive a 30 day auditing requirement.

Steers Going Down On Portland Market

The following quotations are based on prices being paid in Wednesday's trading:

CATTLE: Good grass steers \$9.50 to 10.25. Good grass heifers \$8.75 to 9.50. Good beef cows \$7.75 to 8.50, medium \$7.25 to 7.50 common \$6.25 to 7.00, canners \$4.75 to 5.50. Bulls medium to good \$8.25 to 9.75, common \$7.00 to 8.00. Vealer calves, good to choice \$12.00 to 13.00, selects \$13.25.

HOGS: 170 to 215 lb truckins \$11.15 to 11.35; 230 to 285 lb butchers \$10.50 to 10.75; light-weight butchers \$10.25 to 10.50; packing sows \$8.50 to 9.50. Feeder pigs, specialty lot \$12.25, they averaged 80 lbs.

SHEEP: Good to choice spring lambs \$10.25 to 10.50; medium to good \$9.75 to 10.00; common \$8.50 to 9.50. Feeder lambs, medium to choice \$8.00 to 9.00. Shorn lambs \$8.75 to 9.25; early shorn lambs to \$9.50.

Howard Conlee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Conlee, has passed his Civil Aeronautics examination and will soon be in the air corps.

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Six Month Expenditures For County Set By Hard Working Group

The six man team, chosen to represent the people of the county in the battle with the budget Wednesday, struggled manfully through the day to achieve a substantial victory although one backfield man was absent, Commissioner J. M. Wilson being in far-off Tennessee.

With Perry Axtell, old time backfield man, Fred Hennagis and George Wilcox in the front line as budgeteers and the members of the court in the backfield the people's representatives lined up for the fray. Judge Potter was chairman and George Wilcox secretary.

During the first quarter the team felt the budget out by tackling the well known members of the opposition such as officers' salaries which are set by law. The budget was for a six months period only, as another budget will be made up next May to put the county on a fiscal year basis with the same dates as the state and federal government.

First yardage was made by the budgeteers when Referee T. Lester Johnson ruled that he didn't need \$75 for his office for six months and said \$65 was enough. This is nearer half his normal expenditure of \$125. The budget won a first down when the deputy clerk's salary was raised to \$100 per month from \$90. For the third consecutive year the county agent's appropriation was left at \$1850 per annum.

For years the assessor has been trying to get some aerial field maps for her office and this year she was successful as \$100 was appropriated for that purpose although Axtell and Reid opposed because the maps are not proven to be accurate. Additional office help was also voted.

The school superintendent asked for an increase in office help funds which was denied by the budgeteers, but the budget made yardage on the county health board. After explanations by Dr. Ronald Bourg and Mrs. Afton McIntyre about the work of the health association the entire appropriation was allowed without question of the item of \$50 per month for nurse's travelling expenses, which will provide for at least 1000 miles per month of going about the county.

The county fair was allowed a \$50 item for improvement to the well and an off the record approval was made of an emergency appropriation of \$1000 to pay delinquent claims against the board. The budget made a long pass for good yardage on the public assistance play. Whereas but \$995 was used in the first half of this year \$1600 was allowed for the same period next year. Total to be levied for welfare is \$2860 for the first half of 1942 which may be compared to \$2117.78 spent in the first half of 1941, an increase of over 25 percent.

The Inland Empire Waterways association was allowed \$100, Demoss park cut to \$75, weed control \$250.

Then in the second half the budget began its drive when the items for the road fund came up for consideration. Funds for road labor, repair, maintenance, etc. remained at \$11,400 for the first half year, bridges over ten feet got \$3750, market roads \$2500, new machinery \$4000, crushed rock \$10,000 and the budgeteers were back on their goal line wondering how they could win the contest. Wilcox became worried over what had become of funds not used during the previous year. At the end of the third quarter the score sheet showed that the budgeteers had appropriated \$53,462.00 whereas no more than \$36,799.49 could be permitted under the law.

Into the game came Treasurer Van Gilder with information that the county had \$38,527.33 in unexpended balances that could be applied against the total. Great relief was apparent among the budgeteers.

The total budget for the half year would be but \$14,934.97. "Too small," cried the budgeteers, and the fun began. First there was a proposal to raise an emergency (Continued on Page two)

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