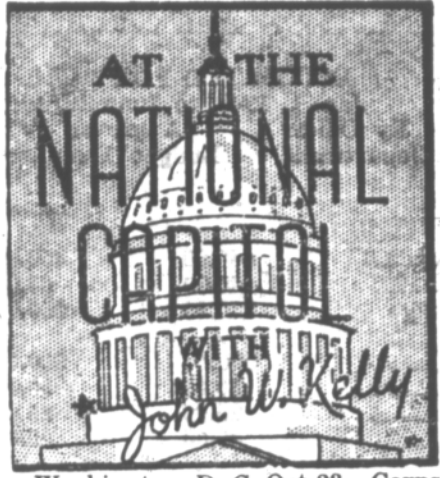


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Washington, D. C. Oct. 23.—Corps of army engineers who have been making a study of various projects in Oregon have completed their reports on Alkali canyon, near Arlington, and on Bully creek but their recommendations cannot be made public until the reports are printed. They are now in the government printing office. Arlington has had a couple of bad floods, and Bully creek destroyed life and property back about 1923. The long delayed report on Grande Ronde is due December 1. The Umatilla (Ryan dam) can be expected about next June. A revised report on the John Day will not be filed until 1943. Birch creek has a favorable report but will require \$34,000, and no money is available. Crooked river report has also been filed.

It appears impossible to interest OPM in the mining possibilities of Oregon. Despite the increasing shortages of metals and the Metals Reserve corporation (subsidiary of RFC) importing quantities at high prices, there is no money to explore and develop the mineral resources of Oregon, although it is known that most of the strategic and critical metals are buried in the soils of that state.

There are almost unlimited bodies of zinc in various parts of the state, particularly west of the Cascades. Zinc is vital to national defense. However, RFC which furnishes the money, has none for a smelter to reduce this Oregon ore despite the fact it is advancing \$3,843,000 for 187,106 tons ordered in addition to tonnage already brought in and in stockpile.

With chrome available in Coos and Curry counties and in the John Day country, the government has ordered 298,805 tons from abroad and has already imported 110,000 tons, all at a cost of \$12,000,000. Government is also importing quicksilver when Oregon has some of the richest mercury mines and prospects in the United States. These quicksilver deposits are in the Willamette valley, in central Oregon, in southeastern Oregon and elsewhere. At the moment the government has contracts amounting to \$140,110,000 for alien copper, while Baker county has miles of undeveloped but valuable copper properties. Within a few days OPM will crack down on civilian use of copper in water faucets, linestick holders, the bronze casket and a myriad other articles.

Bureau of mines has agreed to make an investigation of the iron ore in Columbia county. There is an impression that this ore extends up the Willamette valley to Liberty hills, not far from Salem. With the government hinting it will establish a steel industry in Oregon to assist in providing for the needs of the west coast shipping program, a thorough examination is to be made. There is a report that the Columbia county ore would maintain a plant of 400 tons daily. Estimates have been prepared by consultants of OPM on the requirements for steel in the Pacific northwest and there is a strong probability that the government will lend its influence to the establishment of such an operation.

Concern is expressed by the orchardists, stockmen and others over the Argentina treaty, signed by the United States last week. From all sections of the state senators and representatives have been asked for further particulars, as it is feared the treaty will affect the domestic market for winter pears, beef, turkeys, etc. In all trade treaties heretofore made by Secretary of State Cordell Hull the northwest has been hurt in one or more commodities. (Canadian treaty injured the lumber industry severely.) Attitude of Secretary Hull is that whenever this country encourages trade relations with a foreign nation the United States must make some concessions and that producers of the affected commodity are benefited.

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Magic: Five Quarts Equals One



The magic of modern dairy industry makes it possible to shrink five quarts of fluid milk into one quart of dried milk. Add water and dried milk powder becomes fluid again. Dried-milk is in great demand for export to friendly nations abroad. It takes little space in the holds of ships, stays sweet without refrigeration, and can be used as a substitute for fresh milk for children. The U. S. Department of Agriculture has placed dried milk high on the list of "defense foods" whose increased production is sought during 1941 and '42.

How To Keep Cow Contented Problem Solved

Will wonders never cease?

There is a combined chicken house and cow barn in Grass Valley that, as living quarters for these animals approaches perfection and compares with the Ritz-Carlton as a place for humans to reside.

Windows, no end, and each protected so that air enters without a sign of draft and ceiling so arranged that when it leaves it slides out without disturbing a feather and goes through the ventilators and wind gauges on the roof.

There are drinking fountains that permit the thirsty hen to gulp a drop of clean water as if she was snaring it from a dew covered leaf; and when a hen wishes to retire in silence from the world and do her bit for posterity the equipment is handy and as bug free as a bottle of disinfectant. And the sanitary facilities—and sleeping quarters.

For night work, and the blooded hens who may live in this dormitory are not to be a group of idle rich, there are lights, fluorescent lights, that will make it appropriate to lay an egg after dark.

The cow (named Molly) stands in iron stanchions, on concrete, with a bowl of water beside her jaw and such feed as is beloved by cows, in front of her. There is place for feed in the building for which the short and ugly name, barn, seems inappropriate. And, (this is said to be temporary) there is an old fashioned organ in the cow barn where one might encourage the flow of milk with some crooning melody.

This animal habitation is the year old dream of Matt Simon, one of the most painstaking fixers-uppers of living quarters. It has been a year in the making, is built of hollow tile, lighted, plumbed, sewered, ventilated in the latest knowledge. And a solid oak door, with plate glass, is the entrance.

Oregon's Motor Vehicles Numerous

Motor vehicle registration in Oregon at the end of September, this year totaled 427,188 vehicles, it was announced at the office of the Secretary of State in Salem, today.

This is an increase of 37,171 units, or 9.5 percent over the registration for the same period a year ago.

Of the total number of vehicles, 346,818 were privately owned passenger cars. Thus, there are more passenger cars in Oregon today than all vehicles registered in the state in 1936 when registration totaled 336,676 vehicles.

A total of \$4,243,358 in motor vehicle fees was handled through the Secretary of State's office during the first nine months of 1941, an increase of 32 percent over the fees for the comparative period of 1940. These fees include registration fees, driver license fees, and various other transportation fees.

Farm Labor Shortage Getting More Serious

Shortage of farm labor is the only serious obstacle in the way of Oregon meeting its goals in the food-for-defense program, in the opinion of county USDA agricultural defense boards, which have held meetings in all of Oregon's 36 counties.

Members of the state board who participated in the 36 county meetings report that, almost without exception, the county boards believed the desired increases in certain strategic crops can be met if enough labor is available to do the work. In numerous instances the county groups were willing to set their goals at a higher figure than suggested for that particular region. Compilation of the county goals is now being made and will, when totaled, constitute the final and official state goals for 1942.

Those who attended the county meetings were practically unanimous in expressing belief in the importance of this agricultural defense effort. As soon as the county meetings were completed a series of training meetings were started for those who will contact individual farmers to get them to underwrite the increased production sought.

Meanwhile community educational meetings will be held to acquaint more of the people with the program, and county defense board members will also discuss the campaign before Grange, Farmers Union, and other established rural groups. The farm to farm canvass for the signing up of each grower will start in some counties the last week in October and in others late in November.

The state committee has been in contact with the representatives of the state employment service in laying preliminary plans to handle the expected labor shortage in the best possible manner for next year. Closely related to this is the effort to have farmers put all machinery in repair this winter so that existing equipment can handle the maximum amount of work in next year's harvest. Maximum use of existing machinery will make less acute the prospective shortage in new machinery.

Pinball Machines Out Again

Action of the sheriff resulted in the removal of all pinball and slot machines from public places Monday and Tuesday of this week. There is doubt in the minds of former operators about their status in the matter of these machines. On October 1 a new tax went into effect under which the federal government levies \$50 per year on all such machines. Local operators were permitted to use the machines a part of October and they are wondering if that will make them liable for the last three-quarters of the tax; a little matter of \$37.50. Consensus of their opinion is that they are stuck.

Sadie Orr Dunbar Wasco Co-ops Coming To Start Decide To Build Elevators

Mrs. Sadie Orr Dunbar has consented to come to Sherman county November 3, Monday, to appear at a kick-off dinner for the opening of the county seal sale.

The dinner will be held at the Sherman hotel in Wasco and the public is invited and those on the seal sale committees are especially urged to come.

Mrs. Dunbar is a native Sherman countian having attended school near Wasco when a girl when her father was a homesteader there.

Hogs Now Under Eleven Cents

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

CATTLE: Good grain fed steers \$12.25. Grass steers, good to choice \$9.50 to 10.50. Good grass heifers \$8.50 to 10.00. Good beef cows \$7.50 to 8.00, medium \$6.75 to 7.00, common \$6.00 to 6.50, canners \$4.25 to 5.50. Bulls medium to good \$8.25 to 9.50, common \$7.00 to 8.00. Vealers, good to choice \$12.00 to 13.00.

HOGS: Good to choice 170 to 215 lb trucks \$10.00 to 10.25; 230 to 285 lb butchers \$9.25 to 9.75; lightweight butchers \$9.25 to 9.50; packing sows \$8.00 to 8.50. Feeder pigs, lights, \$11.00 to 11.50, heavies \$9.50 to 10.00.

SHEEP: Good to choice spring lambs \$9.75 to 10.25; medium to good, \$9.00 to 9.50; common \$8.50 to 9.00. Slaughter ewes, good to choice, \$4.50 to 6.00. Feeder lambs good to choice \$8.00 to 9.00. Shorn lambs to \$9.00.

Service Conferences Dated For December

According to Floye von Borstel, District President, who attended the Executive Board meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary, Sunday, October 19 in Portland, conferences will be held at Redmond and Bonville; tentative dates being December 1 and 7 respectively. After the meeting the members of the Legion and Auxiliary Executive Boards attended a buffet supper and spent an enjoyable evening at the home of ex-mayor Carson, State Commander.

New Tax On Cars Due February 1

Beginning February 1, all motorists will be required to pay a federal use tax of \$5 per vehicle as a result of inclusion of this new form of taxation in the Revenue Act of 1941, according to Dr. E. B. McDaniel, President of the Oregon State Motor Association. Dr. McDaniel said that the U. S. Treasury and Bureau of Internal Revenue are now working out details for collection of the new tax from owners of some 32,000,000 motor vehicles.

"Our latest information is that the Federal Bureau of Internal Revenue has decided to collect the new Federal tax through its local office set up. Master lists of car owners will be set up for each district and car owners will be notified when the tax is payable. Revenue stickers will be attached to the car when the tax is paid. As we understand it, no post office or other outside agency will be used in the collection set up."

Wasco Auxiliary Buys Bonds

The Wasco Unit of American Legion Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Fern Wilde, Monday afternoon. Nine members were present. Due to the absence of Inez Sargent, president, Lois Hilderbrand conducted the meeting.

The Unit voted to send \$250 for Christmas Cheer to the Veterans' Hospital, \$5.00 for Child Welfare and to buy a \$100.00 Defense bond.

Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Wasco Co-ops Decide To Build Elevators

Construction Expected To Begin Immediately By Spokane Contractor

Information is that the Sherman Co-operative Grain Growers of Wasco has let a contract for the construction of two elevators, work to begin immediately. A Spokane contractor is expected to begin work by the first of November.

One of the elevators is to be built at Wasco and will hold 125,000 bushels of grain when completed. The second will be built at Biggs where the grain growers will have constructed a larger elevator, one to hold 200,000 bushels.

This action makes it possible for the grain growers' organizations in the county to offer storage facilities of both kinds to the farmers. Several farmers have constructed elevators on their farms in the north end of the county and this undoubtedly had some bearing on the decision of the co-operative.

Heretofore the Wasco growers have operated but one elevator, that at Klondike, and this construction program will give them facilities for handling almost half of a normal crop by the bulk method even if each elevator is filled but once.

Binder Building Sold For Razing

The Binder building was sold this week by the city to Merle Miller who will tear it down and move it to his ranch southeast of town. This is the second of the wooden structures on the south side of Main street that have been sold for razing and when the job is completed will change the looks of the city to no little extent. Percy Thompson who has bought the Brinslie property, has it nearly down.

Nearly Ten Percent of Men Registered Have Been Examined

Salem, Ore., Oct. 23.—Of the 141,189 Oregon men who have registered under the selective service act 12,121 have completed their physical examination, according to a report by Lt. Col. Elmer V. Wooten, state director of selective service. Of those so far examined 6830 or 56.35 percent were found to be physically fit and have been placed in class 1-A and immediately available for military service. Another 2694—22.23 percent—were found to be suffering from minor defects and have been placed in class 1-B. Only 2597—21.42 percent were placed in class IV-F as totally unfit for military service.

Three out of every four of Oregon's registrants have been given deferred classification. Of this number 76,188 or two-thirds of the total, have been deferred because of dependents. Another 2672 have been placed in class II because of essential employment.

Of the 12,121 men examined 1260—one out of ten—were found to have bad teeth. Another 788 had defective vision, 445 had bad hearts, 276 failed to measure up to requirements mentally, 111 were under weight and ten were either too short or too tall. Other physical disqualifications found among the 12,121 men included: Hernia, 420; feet, 276; ears, 254; tuberculosis, 97; infant paralysis, 68; overweight, 64; epilepsy, 55; arthritis, 32; skin diseases, 15.

Unless Governor Sprague intervenes John Thomas, 19-year old Holyoke, Colorado, youth will pay the death penalty in the gas chamber at the state penitentiary on October 30 for the murder of Douglas F. Smith, salesman-motorman, who had given Thomas a lift in his car. While the parents of young Thomas have visited Governor Sprague, supposedly in an effort to secure executive clemency for their son, the governor so far has indicated no intention of interfering with the sentence imposed by the courts.

A request for the purchase of a milking machine for Hillcrest

Woman's Club Hears Red Cross Speaker

The Moro Woman's Club held its annual guest day October 17, with about fifty members and guests present. Mrs. Earl Gentry was voted a new member. Mrs. Bemejo, field representative of the Red Cross, spoke to the group about the work of that organization.

The program was in charge of the drama and literature department and Mrs. Carroll Sayrs acted as director. Mrs. W. F. McLeod read several selections from two recent books of humorous poems. Mrs. Reba Nye sang a group of solos accompanied by the director. A one act farce entitled "For the Love of Michael" was given by Mrs. R. G. Cunliffe, Mrs. Orval Thompson and Mrs. Carroll Sayrs. Tea and cakes were served by the hostesses.

The library committee which has charge of the next meeting, November 7 announced that anyone who has books to donate to the Moro Public Library could bring them at that time.

Stamp Sales Going Up

Washington, D. C.—Sales of Defense Savings Stamps for five months have reached the total of \$18,998,000, the Treasury Department announced today (Wednesday, October 15.)

September sales of \$4,978,000 were the largest of any month since the Defense Savings Program was started on May 1 last, an increase over August of 11.8 percent. In September 2,942,000 more stamps of all denominations were sold than in August.

Sales by the month (figures rounded to the nearest thousand):

Month	Sales
May	\$3,475,000
June	2,802,000
July	3,288,000
August	4,454,000
September	4,978,000
Total	\$18,998,000

Interest earnings of the Unemployment Compensation commission's trust fund now amounts to nearly \$1000 a year. The commission's reserve fund, totalling \$14,690,837 is deposited with the U. S. treasury where it draws interest at the rate of 2 1/2 percent a year. So far this year the fund has earned more than \$220,000 in interest and these earnings are expected to pass the \$300,000 mark by the end of the year.

The State Forestry Department announces that it has 2,250,000 forest tree seedlings in its forest nursery available for distribution to Oregon farmers and for reforestation projects in state forests. While the work of the forest nursery is given over largely to the production of Douglas fir and Port Orford cedar seedlings there are also a number of other trees available including western red cedar, Ponderosa pine, Austrian pine, Scotch pine, cluster pine, Chinese arborvitae, Norway spruce, European larch, black locust, Russian olive, Chinese elm, caragana and casahuate.

Western Oregon will be treated to a mild sample of the kind of warfare the civilian populations of warring Europe are undergoing next week when some 50 bombers and 100 pursuit planes take part in a test of the aircraft warning system of the civilian defense organization.

Instead of the deadly bombs being dropped on the cities in Europe, however, these planes will drop only flare bombs, that is if they manage to elude the swarms

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Wheat League Session To Be Different

Committee Changes Program From Customary Routine; Reduces Number of Speakers

The 1941 meeting of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League is going to be a different affair than for the past few years. This much was decided at the program committee meeting in Arlington Monday.

Instead of five committees, there are to be but three. Last year the federal agricultural committee drew attendance away from the taxation, land use and production committees for in reality the federal agricultural program encompassed all these and made farmer discussion of those subjects rather academic.

William Steen of Umatilla county will head the federal program committee and Jens Tergense will be vice chairman. The land use, weed control, production, handling and marketing committee will have E. H. DeLong of La Grande as chairman and C. A. Nish of Condon as vice chairman. George Peck of Lexington will head the taxation, legislation and transportation committee and H. D. Proudfoot of Wasco will be vice chairman.

The annual meeting will be held at Heppner, December 4-5-6. The morning of Thursday will be given over to a general meeting of the federal program committee and opening ceremonies will be held in the afternoon of that day. Another committee of the whole will meet Thursday night and the third committee Friday morning.

The speaking program will begin Friday afternoon and committee reports will be given at that time. The banquet will be held Friday night, the remainder of the speaking program Saturday morning and election of officers, etc., the afternoon of the final day.

Instead of nine speakers as was had last year there will be but six. This reduction was made in order to give more time to committee meetings, which are the opportunities for the farmers themselves to have their say about their business.

Because of the large amount of damaged wheat in this area this fall there will be a talk on the uses of damaged wheat, as feed or for other uses. A report will be given on the weed control plot near Pendleton and from the Idaho weed station. A discussion and talk on crop insurance will be given with an idea of making that governmental function better suited to farmer needs of this area.

There was a demand for a resume of the world wheat situation, a talk on "Food for Defense" and the committeemen wanted some one to tell them about what was going to happen after the defense effort was over.

CHAMPION BULL BOUGHT

Millard Eakin's new Shorthorn bull, Golden Gate Victor, bought at the stock show from W. C. Anderson and Son of West Liberty, Iowa is a descendant of some well known animals of the Shorthorn breed, having as an ancestor Calrossie Victor winner at Chicago in 1938, grand champion at San Francisco in 1939 and the Eakin bull, himself was winner in his class at Portland this fall.

STAR ENTERTAINS

Fifty persons attended the Eastern Star meeting in Grass Valley Tuesday night when the Sherman Chapter was hostess to the Wasco and Antelope lodges. Wallace May and Clarence Oestreich were given the initiatory degree. Next Monday evening the associate grand conductress, Mrs. Hazel Foster of Prineville will conduct a school of instruction at Grass Valley. Tuesday night she will be at Wasco and Wednesday night at Moro.

THREE SOLDIERS SELECTED

Robert Norman White and Max Irving Williams of Wasco and Donald Joseph Howell of Kent will leave November 3 for the Portland induction center to take their army examination for army service.