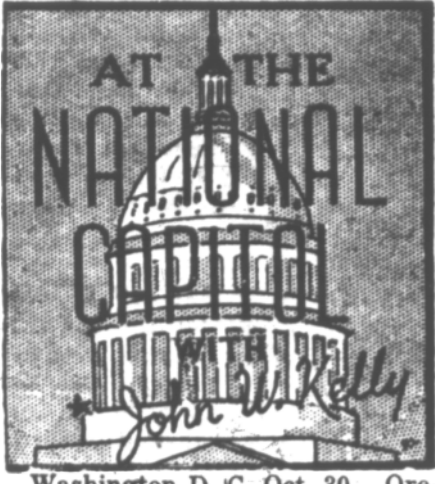


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Navy Offers Opportunities To Recruits

Chance To Learn Trade and Get Good Pay Given To Enlisted Men

Washington D. C. Oct. 30.—Oregon farmers will have to pay their proportion of the \$350,000,000 which it will cost the federal government to deliver lease-lend goods to the British and Russians. Every British and neutral vessel engaged in the work is paid with lend-lease money; the wages of the crew (British sailors will receive double pay for entering war zones of their native land); the cost of docking in America and British waters; the cost of stores for the ships, etc. There 185 of these British and neutral ships engaged in the operation.

Under the American flag are 135 boats, taking munitions to the Red sea, a long journey through troubled waters. Uncle Sam is paying the cost of these voyages, from skipper to cabin boy, and when these American freighters are unloaded in Egypt the Oregon farmer will be helping to pay the longshoremen. The United States has come a long way since 1939, when congress adopted the cash and carry system of neutrality and the president declared the act would keep the war from American shores.

Because of this tremendous outlay of money, a joint special committee has been appointed to scan all appropriations, other than for defense purposes, and determine what can be eliminated. This committee is now at work but can do little or nothing on the expenses for the present fiscal year, which ends June 30, 1942. It is quite likely, however, that a slash will be made in non-defense appropriations next year and cuts and eliminations recommended. Among those slated for a reduction or total extermination are OCC and NYA, or those may be consolidated, as they have been competing with each other the past year for eligible young men to keep their ranks filled. Paul V. McNutt makes this suggestion, and he asks that both these activities be put under his direction. As McNutt stands well with the president he may gain his point.

The war—it is generally admitted in the national capital that we are in it, even to shooting—has already begun to touch Oregon people in their way of living, the economics of the state, and it is also agreed that this is only the beginning, for no one will risk his reputation as a prophet by offering a prediction as to when peace will come, or how peace will be brought about. The war machine is gradually reaching out and seizing things heretofore customary and turning them over to the army. Copper is the first, aluminum next, and then steel and even waste paper. The glass makers are thriving now as tin becomes scarce for cannery containers. Washing machine makers are giving their attention to gun mounts and they order for many thousands. The change was made when OPM stopped the use of copper and aluminum and rubber in washing machines.

And here it may be related that an Oregon firm was all set to take gun mount orders when the washing machine people raised such a howl that the army turned the job over to them. The Oregon firm had been trained with educational orders for the past two years and had been told that making gun mounts would be their specialty if war came. Just another few million dollars that did not come to Oregon; there are other orders which were supposed to go to Oregon factories but wound up some where else.

Ralph Budd, commissioner of transportation, has issued a warning that truck transportation will soon be a difficult problem affecting the smaller communities of the northwest. He suggests that shippers cooperate with truckers by notifying them well in advance when they have a shipment, and see to it that the shipment is ready at the appointed time. Owners of trucks are advised to have their vehicles lubricated, tires inflated, and kept in prime

At the suggestion of Secretary of Navy Knox, Giles L. French of Sherman County Journal has been named Navy Editor, to help the Navy in giving ambitious local young men information about the opportunities the "Two-Ocean" Navy offers them for technical training and advancement as they serve their country in its emergency.

According to an announcement made public in Washington, a limited number of additional men between the ages of 17 and 50 will be given a chance, by enlistment in the Navy or Naval Reserve, to get to the top, with big pay, in jobs which by their aptitude and as a result of examination they show themselves fitted, from among nearly 50 different trades and vocations. These include such callings as aviation mechanic, dental technician, photographer, diesel engineer, radio technician, electrician, welder, storekeeper, and baker. Enlisted men may also qualify for commissions as officers.

Beginning this week, the Navy plans for a limited time to accept new qualified men for training. These men will be sent to one of four Naval Training Stations and may have a chance to go to a Navy Trade School even before assignment to the fleet. During this period they will be given regular Navy pay and the Navy's free schooling is valued at hundreds of dollars.

"Never in the history of the United States has there been greater opportunity for loyal young Americans to serve their country and build their futures than right now," said Secretary Knox.

Outlining the many advantages offered by enlistment in the United States Navy, "It is possible for a bright young man to increase his pay seven times during his first enlistment and he can earn as much as \$126 a month. This monthly figure is actually worth much more when it is remembered that the man has few living expenses and is provided with the finest of medical and dental care. "You have all your food and lodging, and also your original outfit of clothing provided by Uncle Sam free. In addition there are free sports and entertainment—even to the latest Hollywood pictures. On top of this you get free travel and adventure in colorful places—a thing few civilians can afford.

"When you consider the size of this country and the fact that the Navy will select only 15,000 applicants a month from many times that number throughout the United States, the quotation, 'Many are called but few are chosen,' will apply to local young men interested. "Navy men are a hand-picked lot. Candidates must be men of more than average intelligence and ambition, of fine moral character and must have the written recommendation of at least two local townspeople."

We have just received from Washington a supply of free illustrated booklets for all men interested and, in addition, will welcome inquiring young men who wish to look into the new and greater opportunities the Navy now offers for training for future civilian careers as they serve their country now in its emergency.

APPEALS DENIED

The district appeal board which met at Baker Saturday has upheld the action of the local draft board in every case before it, according to word received by the local board Thursday. Appeals had been made for Gordon Reid, Harry Stark, Merle Smith, David Richelderfer and Owen Eakin. All were put in Class 1A and will be called in the above order.

MARYHILL CASTLE CLOSED

The closing date for the Maryhill museum will be next Sunday, November 2. During the past 12 months, the management announces, 89,000 visitors have called at the old Sam Hill castle to see the museum pieces placed there either from his collection or from that of others interested.

Reservations Asked For Seal Sale Dinner

Plans for the kick-off dinner of the 1941 Christmas seal sale have been completed by Mrs. Afton McIntyre and her corps of workers and by next Monday night everything will be ready for the affair.

Mrs. Sadie Orr Dunbar will be the speaker of the evening.

The dinner will be held at the Sherman hotel in Wasco and all those interested in public health are urged to attend. Workers who are going to handle the details of the seal sale will be there. Reservations may be made by Sunday with Mrs. Theo. von Borstel at Kent, Miss Cassie Holmes at Grass Valley, Mrs. Harold Ginn at Moro, Mrs. McIntyre at Wasco or Mrs. C. A. Tom at Rufus.

Kent Auxiliary Aids Soldiers

The American Legion Auxiliary held its regular meeting Thursday evening at the Kent Legion hall. Plans were made to hold a carnival in Grass Valley, November 28.

It was reported that \$5.00 had been sent for Christmas cheer for the Veterans and their families. Also it was planned to hold a gift shower for the Veterans' Gift Shop at the next afternoon meeting which will be held November 12 at the home of Dorothy Dunlap in Grass Valley.

The sewing club made 28 hospital bed shirts for the Red Cross to send to Fort Lewis. The meeting adjourned and refreshments were served to Auxiliary and Legion members.

EXAMINER COMING

All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with the examiner on Wednesday, November 5, at the courthouse in Moro, who will be on duty from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m.

1941 Wheat Crop One Of County's Biggest

Largest Per Acre Yield Made This Year Of Any Previous Time

The 1941 wheat crop was one of the largest in number of bushels the county has grown and, without question the largest in number of bushels per acre.

Accurate check on bushelage by the AIAA office discloses that the total crop for this year was 3,247,125 bushels, very, very close to the 3 and a quarter million bushel estimate made at the start of harvest.

This crop was grown on 105,516 acres and averaged 30.8 bushels per acre. Normal yield during the ten year period used by the AAA was 17.1 bushels, although poor crop years have kept that figure lower than it would be if a long time average was taken.

The Locust Grove district produced 34.3 bushels, east of Wasco 33.2 bushels, the Moro district 31.7 bushels, Grass Valley 28.8 and Kent 26.8.

Estimates of yields for the county for previous years have been made from warehouse and elevator receipts. Several years have produced more bushels in the county than this one according to these estimates, which are believed to be low instead of high as seed and fed is usually larger than the estimates.

The first real big crop since 1919 was in 1923 when the county was credited with 3,640,000 bushels which still stands as the record. In 1926 there was 3,120,000 bushels and in 1927 a crop of 3,567,000, which is second best and 1928 produced 3,167,000 for a trio of years that would do wonders for close figuring farmers.

Then follow a series of light years in which the crop reached a low of 1,066,073 bushels in 1931 and of 1,130,000 in 1935.

SHERMAN COUNTY BUDGET FOR FIRST HALF OF 1942

In accordance with the provisions of the "Local Budget Law" (Sections 110-1201 to 110-1215 O. C. L. A., as amended), notice is hereby given that the Budget Committee of Sherman County, Oregon, has prepared in compliance with the "Local Budget Law," Budget Estimates for the ensuing fiscal period January 1, 1942, to June 30, 1942. All persons are hereby notified that on Friday, the 21st day of November, 1941, at 10:00 a. m. in the County Court room, in the Court House building, Moro, Oregon, the following Budget Estimates for the ensuing fiscal period ending June 30, 1942, for Sherman County, Oregon, may be discussed with the Sherman County Clerk, the levying board for said Sherman County, Oregon, and any person subject to the proposed tax levy or tax levies will be heard in favor of or against said proposed tax levy or tax levies or any part thereof. The estimates of expenditures to be required, the miscellaneous revenues to be received and the taxes on property to be levied as prepared by the Budget Committee, and adopted October 14, 1941 are as set forth in the accompanying statements, Schedules I, III and IV. Schedule II shows the outstanding indebtedness of Sherman County, Oregon as at October 14, 1941.

The original estimate sheets as required by Section 110-1204 O. C. L. A., have been placed on file in the office of the County Clerk of Sherman County.

Signed: Geo. A. Potter
P. C. Axtell
David Reid
Geo. H. Wilcox
Fred Hennagin

Actual For Year 1938	For Year 1939	Ending December 31 1940	Current Year 1941 Actual for Six Months	EXPENDITURES		ESTIMATED FOR PERIOD Jan. 1, 1942, to June 30, 1942	
				Budget for Full Year	By Officer or Department	Approved by Budget Committee	
FUND AND CLASSIFICATION							
COUNTY GENERAL FUND							
COUNTY COURT							
450.00	696.25	900.00	450.00	900.00	County Judge's Salary	450.00	450.00
127.80	192.87	165.72	40.95	125.00	County Judge's Expense	65.00	65.00
390.30	395.90	438.00	252.95	500.00	Commissioner's fees and mileage	250.00	250.00
CIRCUIT COURT							
1,448.10	1,044.00	413.70	18.00	1,250.00	Witness and Juror's fees	500.00	500.00
104.00	14.30	8.10	35.00	125.00	Reporter's fees	50.00	50.00
14.30	35.00	14.00	13.00	50.00	Meals for Jurors	25.00	25.00
188.00	164.85	145.74	53.50	50.00	Baiff's fees	25.00	25.00
JUSTICE COURT							
1,500.00	1,500.00	1,519.20	750.00	50.00	Jurors, Witnesses etc.	25.00	25.00
1,020.00	1,020.00	1,093.85	540.00	125.00	OFFICE OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY		
200.00	300.00	270.58	141.75	125.00	District Attorney expenses	75.00	65.00
225.00	625.81	244.50	80.00	225.00	COUNTY CLERK		
1,600.00	1,700.00	1,850.00	1,850.00	1,800.00	Clerk's Salary	750.00	750.00
1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	900.00	1,080.00	Deputy Clerk's Salary	600.00	600.00
400.00	400.00	375.00	300.00	250.00	Incidental Expenses	150.00	150.00
434.20	449.55	441.55	381.00	255.00	Record Books and Blanks	125.00	125.00
165.90	250.80	305.00	205.60	60.00	Filing Cabinet		
COUNTY ASSESSOR							
1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	900.00	1,800.00	COUNTY ASSESSOR		
400.00	400.00	375.00	300.00	400.00	Assessor's Salary	900.00	900.00
434.20	449.55	441.55	381.00	425.00	Field Assessor		
165.90	250.80	305.00	205.60	250.00	Rolls, detailsheets, etc.	400.00	400.00
SHERIFF'S OFFICE							
1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	900.00	1,800.00	Office Help	400.00	400.00
1,020.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	750.00	1,500.00	Appraisal Work and Filed Work	200.00	200.00
420.00	420.00	420.00	210.00	420.00	Photostatic copies of aerial maps	100.00	100.00
642.00	835.10	504.10	181.91	400.00	SHERIFF'S SALARY	900.00	900.00
58.90	59.98	60.02	29.96	210.00	Deputy Sheriff's Salary	750.00	750.00
COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT							
1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	750.00	420.00	Traveling Expenses	210.00	210.00
300.00	300.00	300.00	150.00	400.00	Incidental Expenses	200.00	200.00
249.12	396.44	318.32	126.36	100.00	State Indus. Accident Comm.	50.00	50.00
400.00	600.00	600.00	300.00	180.00	Traveling expense outside of County	90.00	90.00
300.00	300.00	300.00	150.00	750.00	Tyewriter	120.00	120.00
10.50	31.00	3.75	2.50	150.00	COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT		
400.00	600.00	741.28	375.00	650.00	Salary of School Superintendent.	750.00	750.00
COUNTY TRESURER							
300.00	300.00	300.00	150.00	300.00	Sup't. Traveling expense	150.00	150.00
71.43	144.46	57.75	21.95	250.00	Incidental Expenses	125.00	125.00
COUNTY HEALTH OFFICERS							
300.00	300.00	300.00	150.00	300.00	Office Help	350.00	300.00
10.50	31.00	3.75	2.50	60.00	COUNTY TRESURER		
400.00	600.00	741.28	375.00	650.00	County Treasurer's Salary	450.00	450.00
COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER							
300.00	300.00	300.00	150.00	60.00	Record Books and Blanks	62.00	62.00
10.50	31.00	3.75	2.50	150.00	Adding Machine	135.00	135.00
400.00	600.00	741.28	375.00	650.00	COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER		
COUNTY HEALTH NURSE, SALARY and Expenses							
300.00	300.00	300.00	150.00	60.00	County Health Officer	60.00	60.00
10.50	31.00	3.75	2.50	650.00	County Health Nurse, Salary and Expenses	405.00	405.00
400.00	600.00	741.28	375.00	650.00	Nurse Mileage	300.00	300.00

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Local Assessment Ratios Must Be Changed

Supreme Court Decision Outlaws Variable Ratios; Raises Residence Rates

The supreme court decision which ruled that variable ratios of assessment of property were unlawful and unconstitutional will have an effect on this county as well as Multnomah and some sixteen others.

It has been the custom in these counties to assess some property at a higher rate than other property, usually because some kinds were income bearing and others not. Homes were usually given a lower ratio than business property, for instance.

In Sherman county tillable farm land has been assessed at 75 percent of its true cash value, merchandise and stocks of goods at 70 percent and town property, residences, etc. and personal property at 60 percent.

The change in this county will not be very great as the assessor will have an appropriation for the purpose of using aerial maps to redetermine the tillable acres of the county and on each farm. (According to assessment records in this county there are 266,000 acres of tillable land (this without the state and county land). The triple A finds 292,000 acres of tillable land.

When the proper number of tillable acres are assessed and the same assessment ratio applied as to other property farm taxes are expected to remain about the same.

It is probable that taxes on town property will be raised to some extent because of the ruling. A ratio of 70 percent in this county would probably make a total valuation of about the same size as at present and this will mean that city valuations will go up to some extent from the 50 percent now enjoyed.

A request has been made to the governor to call a special session of the legislature for the purpose of relieving home owners from this raise in valuation but his response has not been announced.

Farmers Hear Of Farm Program

A meeting was held here Friday afternoon at the Legion hall which about 100 farmers attended. LeRoy Wright talked in explanation of the goals set by the federal government for the production of needed foodstuffs for 1942.

He gave the county goals for the production of more milk, eggs, and meat products and these aroused no adverse comment from those assembled.

Farmers, he said, must have 20 percent of their 1942 crop land in soil conserving crops. Nearly every one has 12 percent of grass and must plow an additional 8 percent of their land as trashy fallow. The local committee has ruled that if 300 pounds of stubble remains on the top after plowing it will be adjudged trashy fallow. For those who do not comply there will be a penalty of 5 percent for each one percent below compliance.

Girl Scouts Entertain Mothers

On Monday afternoon, October 27, the Moro Girl Scouts entertained their mothers and the local committee at a tea, as their part in observing National Girl Scout week. The ladies present included Mrs. Carroll Sayrs, Mrs. Merrill Oveson, Mrs. M. G. Meizer, Mrs. A. Douma, Mrs. Omer Sayrs, Mrs. Robert Belshee, Mrs. Giles French, Mrs. John Lawrence, Mrs. W. W. Knighten, Mrs. Glen McLachlin, Mrs. James Moberg, Miss Iala Putman and the two leaders, Mrs. Melvin Schadewitz and Mrs. Harry Pinkerton.

Preceding the lunch, Priscilla Meizer was invested as a Tenderfoot Scout. A brief "Court of Awards" was held with Veda Belshee and Lella McLachlin receiving 2nd class badges; Janet Schadewitz a "Leather" badge and "First Aid" badges were given to Gloria Douma, Patty French, Anajean Knighten, Janet Schadewitz and Patricia Pinkerton.