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City Officials Invited To Meet With League

The Dalles To Be Host City For Municipal Officers Friday Noon

Washington D. C. Nov. 6—Those farmers of Oregon who use tractors in their operations and have difficulty in obtaining parts when they break down, because of shortage of steel, will be interested to learn that the second lend-lease bill provides for 10,285 tractors to cost \$10,000,000 and these are presumed to enable the British to cultivate four million acres of land. The farms in England, Scotland and Wales are not like those in Oregon, but quite small, instead of containing several thousand acres. Suspicion has been voiced by half a dozen members of congress that the tractors will not be feasible for English use because of the small plots to be cultivated and, anyway, 10,000 men would have to be trained to operate them when these men might be in uniform instead. The assertion was made on the floor of the house that the British intend re-shipping the tractors to Africa where they can be used in competition with the American farmer. These suspicions and charges failed to keep the tractor item out of the bill.

University of Oregon, Nov. 6. (Special)—City officials of Moro have been invited to attend a regional conference of mayors, councilmen and department heads to be held in The Dalles on Friday, November 7, starting at noon. The meetings are being presented through the co-operation of the League of Oregon Cities and the bureau of municipal research at the University of Oregon, it was announced by Herman Kehrl, director of the bureau.

Speakers at the meeting will include Mayor Earl Riley of Portland, Mayor Henry McKinney of Baker, and Mayor W. W. Chadwick of Salem. The conference at The Dalles is the fourth of a series to be held throughout the state during November and December. It will provide an opportunity for city officials to exchange experiences and ideas on a variety of municipal problems and make suggestions for needed research through the bureau. Speakers at the meeting will also discuss state legislation of interest to cities and give consideration to proposals which have been made for League action.

Bond salesmen in the northwest about 20 years ago unloaded on private investors (thrifty American citizens who had saved money) a large part of a Russian issue amounting to \$75,000,000. Most of the banks of that region placed some of their funds in \$15,000,000 worth. Both issues were boosted by the United States government and people and banks were encouraged to buy. The government itself took \$375,000,000 of Russian securities. Not a red cent has ever been paid as interest or on the principal. The Bolsheviks repudiated the securities and since then American taxpayers have been holding the bag. When President Roosevelt recognized the Soviet in 1933 Foreign Commissioner Litvinoff (after presenting the president with a complete set of Russian stamps for his collection) agreed that negotiations would be taken up to make some sort of redemption of the bonds. Nothing happened.

Now that the president is supplying Russia with tanks, planes and ammunition a number of bondholders in Oregon are prodding their delegation, urging that now is the time for the government to insist that Russia do something about having the Soviet redeem these old obligations, arguing that as they must pay taxes to pay for the goods going to Russia that country should be willing (or compelled) to make good on the securities.

John Boettger, son in law of the president, is reported as having cooled off about the government doing something for the logged-off lands and the disappearing forests of the northwest. Mr. Boettger was sold on the idea when Henry A. Wallace was secretary of Agriculture, and Wallace wrote pages for the Seattle P. I. (The gravity of the situation was first brought to Wallace's attention by timber men of Oregon and his statement was confirmed by the forest service.) The son in law said he would take up the matter personally with the president and see that there was some action. Since then nothing has happened.

Those congressmen who have legislation to deal with the subject are now marking time; waiting for the green light. They suspect that presidential approval will be withheld until a decision has been reached whether Secretary of the Interior Ickes shall have the forest service turned over to him. Mr. Ickes is still coveting that division, now in the department of agriculture.

Unemployment conditions are improving in Oregon, says Paul V. McNutt. The benefits paid in that state for the first nine months of the current year were \$2,114,800, a decrease of 39 percent from the same period last year. In September, according to McNutt, unemployment compensation amounted to \$77,600 which was a decrease of 29 percent from August.

National Education Week Observance

Members of the American Legion and Auxiliary are being reminded that the cooperation with schools and other educational organizations in the observance of National Education Week, November 9 to 15 inclusive, is a part of Community Service program of the Legion and Auxiliary. Members of George Bell Post and Unit are urged to attend the school program which will be held at Kent, Friday, November 7, at 7:30. Although this program is held primarily for entertainment it will also be in observance of National Education Week.

Jury List Chosen For November Term

Jury list for regular term of Circuit Court, Sherman County, Oregon, Monday, November 17, 1941.

Carl P. Adams, Grass Valley; Arthur W. Spencer, Wasco; James Wilson, Kent; Geo. W. Drinkard, Jr., Klondike; Lewis Langford, Rufus; Arvid Anderson, Wasco; Millard Eakin, Grass Valley; R. T. Dingle, Rufus; Chas. F. Kuypers, Rufus; Lowell-Burres, Wasco; Joe Hilderbrand, Wasco; A. T. Striker, Rufus; James T. Brown, Grass Valley; Herbert W. Willard, Biggs; John Decker, Kent; Frank von Borstel, Kent; Geo. H. Root, Wasco; Geo. N. McDonald, Moro; Jay McKay, Kent; E. P. Rich, Wasco; E. M. Helver, Kent; Geo. Thomas Barnett, Grass Valley; Arthur B. Christianson, Moro; S. A. Wilson, Rufus; Wilford Belshe, Moro; Guy L. Hoskinson, Kent; Cecil Fields, Wasco; Geo. H. Wilcox, Grass Valley; Arthur J. Smith, Wasco; Clarence Laffoon, Kent.

Old Building Torn Down

Merle Miller has just about completed the job of tearing down the old Binder building on Main street which he has bought and is moving to his farm for building material. This structure was built in the early days for Perry Watkins of lumber hauled from across the Columbia by W. S. Prewell. It was first used as an eating house and rooms were rented in the spacious upstairs. Burkes, the lawyer, had an office in one corner in the nineties. Late years it has often been unused. Razing of the Brisbane building by Percy Thompson has also been going on and soon Herman Burmeister will have complete control of that side of the block.

U. S. NAVY RECRUITING OFFICER PRESENTS APPLICANT WITH NEW "BADGE OF HONOR"



COMMANDER F. K. O'BRIEN, of the U. S. Navy Recruiting Service, is shown here placing the new Navy "Badge of Honor" on the lapel of an applicant for enlistment in the Navy. (Badge shown above at right.) All ambitious young men who apply for service in Uncle Sam's "Two-ocean" Navy, whether accepted or not, are given this new badge as a mark of their patriotism. To learn of the many opportunities the Navy and the Naval Reserve offer, local men of 17 years and over can get the official illustrated free booklet, "Life in the Navy," from this newspaper's Navy Editor.

Farmers Who Aid Program To Have Price Protection Until 1943

Oregon farmers who volunteer their help in producing the increased quantities of dairy products, eggs, chickens and hogs sought in the 1942 defense program will have the protection of new federal farm legislation against price collapses for these particular commodities, Robert B. Taylor of Adams, chairman of the state USDA agricultural defense board, pointed out this week.

This new act of congress, the Steagall amendment, requires the secretary of agriculture to give public notice whenever he finds it necessary to encourage the expansion of any non-basic commodity. The law further directs him to use public funds to support the farm price of the commodity at not less than 85 per cent of parity. Before the secretary can discontinue a price-supporting program, he must give sufficient public notice of the termination to permit producers to make a re-adjustment in production, Taylor explained.

Secretary Wickard has already given public notice covering, until December 31, 1942, hogs, eggs, evaporated milk, dry skim milk, cheese, and chickens. This protection is not required now, because the farm prices of all these commodities are well above the

85 per cent of parity level. These "price floors" will enable farmers to plan their 1942 production in the knowledge that prices can and will be supported, should it become necessary, Taylor added.

The following commodity parity prices, on a national basis, were reported as of September 15, 1941: Butterfat, 34.8 cents a pound; chickens, 15.6 cents a pound; eggs, 33.3 cents a dozen; hogs, \$9.89 a hundredweight; beef cattle, \$7.14 a hundredweight. These parity prices are not constant, however, but are subject to change depending on the changing relationship of farm costs to farm prices as compared with the 1910-14 base period. "This new price supporting development is an added feature of the national farm program designed to protect the income and security of the farmers who answer America's call for greater production of the vital foods," Taylor commented.

Defense Council Asks Fire Breaks

The Sherman county defense council met Tuesday afternoon at the call of Judge George A. Potter, chairman, and listened to the reports of group chairmen present.

A. A. Dunlap, of the protection division, offered a resolution that farmers be asked to co-operate in preventing wheat fires by leaving a ten foot strip unseeded along each road and highway. It was understood that this could be done under the AAA without reducing the number of acres available for wheat. Big wheat fires would be almost stopped by this method it was argued. Burning of weeds along all roads was also suggested as a fire prevention measure.

Fire in the wheat is considered the greatest menace that might handicap Sherman county's defense work inasmuch as a series of fires might ruin the wheat crop and hamper national defense work which must have plenty of food.

C. Peetz On Defense

University of Oregon, Nov. 6.—(Special)—Carl Peetz of Moro, an advanced R. O. T. C. student at the University of Oregon took part in Eugene's blackout last Friday night by working on the filter center board whereby the approach of oncoming planes was traced and relayed to the surrounding community.

Rain Makes Seeding Safe All Over County

Moisture Conditions Better Last Fall For First Two Months of Crop Year

Over most of the county rainfall has been plentiful for the two months of the crop season already passed. The average at Moro for September and October is 1.59 and 1.86 had fallen at the end of October and .32 has come since to make a total of 2.18 for the crop year so far.

At Grass Valley, at the Arzell Lenley ranch, the total for the two months and first three days of November has been 2.28, the highest recorded in the county. At Bourbon, where Henry Peters takes care of the gauges, the rainfall was 2.12 and at Kent it has been 2.10.

These marks are all higher than at Wasco where there are complaints of the dryness of the fall. Seeding there has been delayed while other parts of the county have seeded long ago and the grain is green in many fields.

At Wasco the rainfall has been 1.73 as .69 fell in each September and October and .35 in November.

Since the latest rain, which was better at Wasco than in other parts of the county, seeding has been general and nearly all the grain is sown.

Opinion over the county is that crop prospects are really better this year than last fall at this time, although no one expects the 1942 crop to equal that of 1941.

Mrs. C. E. Johnson Buried Tuesday

Mrs. Curtis E. Johnson, 53, died at her home in Canby Sunday after an illness of several weeks. Mrs. Johnson, with her husband, lived in Moro from 1912 to 1919 when they moved to Gresham and later to Canby where he is manager of the bank.

Surviving are the widower, a son, C. E. Jr., two daughters, Janet and Mrs. John E. Fergus of Brinnville, New York and three sisters all living in Portland.

The funeral was held Tuesday at two o'clock interment being made in the Rose City cemetery in Portland.

Breakfast Club Hears Horse Breeders Talk

The Breakfast club met Wednesday morning and heard a report closing the work of the committee that was responsible for the brief made to the government about the funds for the experiment station. With other agencies the committee had ended a successful campaign and \$5000 are now available for the uses of the station.

A request was made for other activities in which the club might become interested. Two were made: to inaugurate a program for tree planting and general beautification of the city and the country around it by planting trees and shrubbery and aiding the tearing down of unused shacks and encouraging the painting of other buildings, and to arrange for greater use of the Legion hall as sort of a club or exercise room for those who would like to play volley ball, handball or other sports. Both are waiting further action by the club which, meanwhile, is desirous of more suggestions.

A committee made up of Wendell Balsiger, LeRoy Wright and Dewey Thompson was named to see about the feasibility of sponsoring a 4-H club dinner this month.

Tom Fraser and T. M. Rolfe were guests of the club and each was given an opportunity to express his disdain for the other's breed of horse and his appreciation for the local people who had praised their efforts. Both won top awards at the Pacific International for their herds.

4-H Calves Coming Into County

Although 26 head of calves have been bought for the club workers of the county it is estimated that 23 more will be needed to fill the demand.

Angus calves have been delivered to Lee and Leland Barnett, John Schadewitz, Merrill and Glen Sather, Henry Richelderfer 2, Elton Medler, John and Gordon Hilderbrand, Darrel McLachlin, Harry Hartley, Shelton Fritts 2, Ed Fritts. Those getting Herefords are Lee and Leland Barnett, Merrill and Glen Sather, Henry Richelderfer, Elton Medler 2, Harry Hartley, Shelton Fritts, Scott Fritts, and Ed Fritts.

About 15 more Herefords are wanted and 8 Shorthorns.

Special Session Being Asked By Some Tax Groups And Interested Politicians of Multnomah County

Salem, Or. Nov. 6.—Demand for a special session of the legislature appears to be confined to a few political demagogues in Portland. Certainly there is no special session sentiment to be found around the state house and all comment coming from up-state senators and representatives has been opposed to the move.

Dean Walker, senate president from Polk county, has expressed opposition to a special session unless and until a definite program has been worked out for its consideration and Robert Farrell, Jr., speaker of the House who has been repeatedly quoted in the Portland press as urging the session told capital newsmen this week that he was only lukewarm toward the proposal.

The Governor has refused to comment on the proposal except to admit that he is being urged to convene the lawmakers. The governor's political advisors, however, have let it be known that he does not favor the session. Among the reasons the governor is disinclined to call the lawmakers into session is the fact that no one appears to know just what good could be accomplished thereby. While the Portland agitators for the session are clamoring for relief for the small home owner and for the small income tax payer those who are most active in support of the session have not yet suggested how this relief is to be provided. Neither does any one around the capitol have any well developed ideas on this subject. Until some such program is developed, it is pointed out, it would be futile to convene the legislators and expect anything to be accomplished in the 20 days allotted to a special session.

Attention is also called to the fact that an interim committee

created by the last legislature is now at work on a study of a number of tax experts as well as veteran members of the legislature. Unless this committee can agree on a definite program of tax reform it is felt that it would be hopeless to expect the 90 members of the legislature to get together starting from scratch and with no definite goal to shoot at.

Furthermore state officials are not inclined to view the situation growing out of the assessment controversy in Multnomah county or the prospective surplus in the income tax fund as emergencies which cannot await the next regular session for attention by the lawmakers.

The cash balance in the state treasury at the beginning of the current fiscal year, July 1, was \$3,500,000 greater than at the beginning of the previous fiscal year, according to a report by State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott—\$15,111,470 compared to \$11,592,621. Receipts for the treasury department for the fiscal year just ended totaled \$86,715,367.59 against disbursements of \$83,196,618. Scott's report shows. Largest single source of revenue was the gasoline tax which poured \$13,741,906.13 into the state's coffers during the year. Next largest was the state's liquor monopoly with liquor sales and licenses bringing in a total of \$12,179,070.28. Other major sources of state's revenue included: Income and excise taxes, \$7,100,000; inheritance and gift taxes, \$693,283.81; employer contributions to unemployment compensation trust fund, \$7,150,652.38; contributions to industrial accident fund, \$5,327,864.32; motor vehicle registration and license fees, \$3,630,114.86; motor carrier account (trucks and buss-

es) \$1,560,970.50; World War Veterans' State Aid commission, repayment of loans and sale of property, \$2,581,355.36; federal contributions for public assistance \$3,128,309.16; federal aid for highways, \$2,659,137.11; insurance department fees, \$939,877; corporation department fees, \$322,277; game commission from licenses, fees and fines, \$800,835.

Fifteen of Oregon's 36 counties are now free of debt. This was revealed this week in a survey by State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott. Three counties—Jefferson, Lincoln and Yamhill—joined the list of debt free counties during the past year. Counties which had previously qualified for a place in this list include Clatsop, Columbia, Lake, Linn, Marion, Polk, Sherman, Tillamook, Umatilla, Union, and Washington.

The debt net of the counties as of June 30 last, aggregated \$13,321,328 as compared to \$15,551,451 on June 30, 1940,—a reduction of \$2,230,123 in the past year. Every county in the state made progress in the attack against the debt burden during the year with the exception of Malheur whose debt load increased by more than \$14,000 in the 12-month period.

If Attorney General Van Winkle gives his "okey" to plans for construction of an armory at Astoria the state board of control is ready to contribute \$40,000 as the state's share of the construction cost. Under the plan as submitted to the board the city of Astoria is ready to donate a site for the armory estimated to be worth \$15,000. The county court of Clatsop county will contribute \$25,000 in cash toward the project, the federal government \$45,000.

Seal Sale Starts With Enthusiastic Dinner Meeting

Sadie Orr Dunbar Tells of Need For Funds For Tuberculosis Prevention

Although the death rate from tuberculosis has dropped until it is slightly more than a quarter of the 1900 rate the work of the public health department is combatting this disease and has just reached its most important stage, was the burden of the word brought to the Sherman-Wasco counties kick-off dinner Monday night in Wasco by Mrs. Sadie Orr Dunbar, executive secretary of the state tuberculosis association.

Mrs. Dunbar, who was both school girl and school teacher in Sherman county, spoke to nearly a hundred men and women who attended the dinner and by their very presence indicated that the campaign in this county is going to be successful.

In 1900, the speaker said, the death rate from tuberculosis was 201 per hundred thousand. Now eleven states has reduced that rate to less than 40. Oregon's rate is 28, but is expected to rise this year.

We are through with the "shot-gun" period of combatting the disease, the period when ordinary methods will bring results, and are now in the "rifle" stage when more intensive methods must be used. We must now find the reasons why each individual case contracted tuberculosis for as long as anyone is infected all are endangered.

We need, she said, a more complete testing program to find symptoms early, a greater bed capacity in many states, although Oregon has an ample supply at present and we will have to develop a rehabilitation program for those who are cured and still unable to resume their normal occupation.

We need 95,000 hospital beds in the United States to care for tuberculosis victims. Oregon pays out \$1000 per day for care of tuberculosis patients.

There is need for an educational program to bring people to the hospitals for testing and to cause them to accept treatment before the disease becomes acute. We will have 300 deaths or more this year in this state.

Young women have always been susceptible to tuberculosis, negroes make up many of its victims and now men in industry are being found with well developed cases. In 1940 more men than women have the disease for the first time.

The purpose of the annual campaign to sell Christmas seals is to raise money for local health units and the national tuberculosis association to combat the white plague. Wasco and Sherman counties have rated high in the Oregon list in past years and have one of the well developed health units in the entire United States said Mrs. Dunbar and continued success is hoped for by the leaders in the work.

Mrs. Arthur McIntyre, president of the county health association and by her activity was responsible for a considerable part of the crowd present. Rex Miles, president of the Wasco county association, introduced guests from that county. Mrs. W. A. Mills, local chairman told of the work already done toward the sale, Judge George Potter gave the welcoming address, Larry Nisbet presented a trumpet solo, Judge Kirk of Wasco county and Donald Bourg talked briefly.

Within a few weeks each family in the county will receive a letter telling of the work and enclosing a number of stamps with a request that the money be sent for them.

Farmers Signing Plans For 1942

Farmers are meeting with officials from the county agent's office this week at Grass Valley, Moro and Wasco to sign planning sheets for the 1942 crop. All are asked to increase their production of milk and meat to reach the goals set by the federal government.

Robert N. White and Max Williams of Wasco and Donald J. Howell of Kent left Monday morning for Portland to be inducted into the United States army.

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