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Washington D. C., Nov. 20.—Dave Beck of Seattle, who was charged with Al Rosser with being a conspirator in the operation of "goon squads" in Oregon, has called on his teamsters union to boycott Yukima valley fruit because he wants a closed shop, which is what John L. Lewis demanded of the captive coal mines. Mr. Beck (Rosser is now serving a term in the Oregon penitentiary for his part in the conspiracy) will probably soon find himself up against labor legislation which will curb strikes and the closed shop movement until after the duration.

Part of the program initiated in Yakima valley is to extend operations into Oregon, if the Washington affair is successful, and after the fruit of Hood River, The Dalles, Medford and Willamette valley. Beck, himself, will not enter Oregon territory; his activities with the goons are on record in the office of the governor and he has avoided the state since his henchmen were put in prison.

The revolt in the house of representatives over repeal of the neutrality bill (arming merchant ships and sending them into combat waters) was only curbed by President Roosevelt sending the house a letter in which many members understood him to mean that he would support bills to stop strikes in defense plants if they would vote for repeal. This repeal finally carried by a bare 18 votes.

Insiders assert that price control legislation will not be passed on by the senate until late in December, probably not before January. There is dissatisfaction with the price fixing bill brought in by the ways and means committee, which held hearings for months. Neither the administration nor congressmen like the bill and before a vote is taken it will be so amended that its authors will not recognize it. One group in congress wishes to slap a lid on farm products, but the farm bloc objects to tampering with farm prices until there is a ceiling on wages, arguing that everything the farmer buys is high and getting higher because of the labor market. Farmers explain that they would be satisfied with present prices if they had the old cost of production. For the time being the major legislation to be disposed of is the price fixing bill.

There is considerable resentment in the national capital at the number of British who have come to the United States—dukes, lords, knights and just plain subjects. Feeling is against the British because of their supposed unpopularity and their preference for playing on their own tennis courts and golf courses, and their repeated assertions that "This is our war; why don't you get in?" Lord Halifax, British ambassador, has sensed this feeling of Americans and is trying to overcome it. Once a week, in the embassy, all of the British who can crowd into the place are given a lecture on the history of the United States, its geography, industries, recreations and the various types of people. Young cadets who are being trained for the RAF have been furnished with a book written for the purpose of explaining that the Americans are not Englishmen; that there are all sorts of Europeans in the United States, and because English and Americans speak the same language their ideas are not necessarily the same nor their cause common.

The book for RAF fliers advises that when an American inquires "How do you like us?" it is not diplomatic to begin telling the things the Britisher does not like; the thing to do is to discuss the points the visitor appreciates. In the book and at the embassy stress is laid that Americans must not be judged by motion pictures; that these pictures are as far wrong in depicting Americans as the screen is in showing a true Britisher.

Secretary Morgenthau's proposal for saving one billion dollars a year for the duration contains one (Continued on Page Two)

Committees For Wheat League Discussion Named

Three Groups To Meet Next Week For Talks on Problem

The meetings of the local, county committees organized for the purpose of making resolutions about subjects to be discussed at the wheat league meeting in Heppner early in December are to meet next week at the court house.

First committee to hold a session will be the Transportation, Taxation and Legislation group of which H. D. Proudfoot is chairman. Members are: D. L. Belshe, LeRoy C. Wright, W. T. Balsiger, T. H. Fraser, E. P. Rich, M. G. Melzer, Giles French, Harry B. Pinkerton, Arzell Lemley, George Wilson, J. J. Decker, J. C. Wilson, Louis Sather, A. A. Dunlap, Ted M. Ball, L. K. Smith, Herman Schilling, Fred Cox, J. B. Adams, W. S. Powell, A. D. Richelderfer, Deway Thompson, C. A. Tom, H. A. Walker. This committee will meet Monday next at 1:30 in the afternoon.

Tuesday morning at 9:30 the Federal Agricultural and Conservation Programs committee will meet. Joe Peters is chairman of this group and A. J. Smith, LeRoy C. Wright, L. E. Clark, Roy P. Barnett, George Wilcox, Carroll Sayrs, Harvey Thompson, Clarence Sparling, L. E. Dehler, A. T. Striker, L. P. Haven, Wallace L. May, Carl Anderson, W. C. Schilling, Chas. Burnet, Howard Conlee, John Wilson, O. G. Hilderbrand, Fred Hennagin, Gordon Harper, Vernon Miller, Arvid Anderson, L. W. Amick, Harold Eakin are members.

That afternoon the Land Use and Weed Control committee will meet at 1:30 with Kenneth Martin as chairman. Members are: Wallace L. May, LeRoy C. Wright, Geo. A. Potter, A. C. Kaseberg, A. J. Smith, Clyde Fridley, O. G. Hilderbrand, J. M. Wilson, G. H. Root, Joe Peters, David Reid, J. E. Norton, Fred Hennagin, Roscoe Moore, Luther Davis, Carl Adams, J. B. Adams, Harvey Thompson, L. P. Haven, V. B. Eakin, Roy J. Baker, Roy Powell, Dean Reynolds, M. M. Oveson.

Those who have some problem that they wish to have taken up for discussion before the local group and the wheat league session will have this opportunity of expression.

Seal Sale Drive Now Under Way

Preparations for the 35th Annual Seal Sale are virtually completed. The sale opens officially November 24th and will continue until Christmas.

Several hundred little messengers of health will carry their appeal into every home in Sherman county when they go "stamping" through the mail to you the last week in November.

Be ready to buy your share.

Top Hogs at \$10.75 On Portland Market

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

CATTLE: Good grain fed steers \$11.00 to 12.50. Good grass steers \$9.50 to 10.65. Good grain fed heifers \$9.50 to 10.75. Good grass heifers \$8.50 to 9.50. Good beef cows \$7.25 to 8.00. Medium \$6.75 to 7.25. Common \$5.75 to 6.50. Canners \$4.50 to 5.50. Bulls, medium to good \$7.50 to 8.50. Common \$6.50 to 7.25. Vealers good to choice \$11.00 to 12.00.

HOGS: 170 to 215 lb truckins \$10.65 to 10.75; 290 to 285 lb butchers \$9.75 to 10.15; light-weight butchers \$9.50 to 10.00; packing sows \$7.25 to 8.00. Feeder pigs \$9.00 to 9.75.

SHEEP: Good to choice spring lambs \$9.75 to 10.50; medium to good \$9.25 to 9.50; common \$8.00 to 9.00. Slaughter ewes, good to choice \$4.50 to 5.50. Feeder lambs good to choice \$8.00 to 9.00. Shorn lambs \$9.00 to 9.50.

J. B. Adams went to Portland Wednesday to be on hand when the turkey is passed at his home.

Biddy Goes to Work Early



America will need millions of eggs this winter, as part of the "defense food" production. Kathryn Hines, pretty 4-H club girl, shows Biddy that soldier hours will be expected. Many poultry producers follow this practice of turning on electric lights in laying houses early in the morning during winter months. The practice compensates for the fewer hours of daylight and gives hens a full day of eating and laying.

Oregon Logger Out Of Work Because of OPM Rulings

Salem, Ore., Nov. 20.—More than 23,000 Oregon workmen now employed in logging camps, lumber mills and building trades will be out of work by March 15 unless OPM can be persuaded to ease up on its recent priorities ruling striking at non-defense construction L. C. Stoll, director of the state employment service declared at a conference here last week called by Governor Sprague to consider the threatened curtailment of the state's lumber and building industry.

The OPM order, which is being protested by Governor Sprague, freezes essential materials such as nails, wire and plumbing hardware, for defense uses. Announcement of the freezing order, it was testified resulted in an immediate slump in orders for lumber. Lumber operators from the Coos Bay, Columbia river and Willamette valley areas declared that the effect of the order was already resulting in curtailment of operations with some mills discontinuing the night shift while others plan to shorten their work week to three or four days.

Judge Greenman, Vernonia lumberman and member of the governor's Economic Council, criticized the OPM order as bureaucratic bungling and declared that there was plenty of the restricted essential materials for all needs.

At a meeting in Portland Tuesday an eight-man committee appointed by the governor made plans for carrying the fight against the OPM order to Washington.

There may be a threatened shortage of paper in this country but apparently Uncle Sam's bureaucrats are not aware of it. Last week just as national defense week was drawing to a close the state office of civilian defense received from the Washington office of the OPM a box weighing 240 pounds. Opened it was found to contain several thousand large posters printed on heavy paper advertising "National Defense Week." Too late to use the shipment represents a total loss—an example of extravagance and waste that is typical of federal bureaus.

Fred Ruckman Has Narrow Escape

Fred Ruckman came close to death Friday night when a freight car loaded with tractors moved down the track from near the stockyards and struck his car as he was crossing the track at the elevator.

The car is understood to have started of its own accord because the brake didn't hold. It hit Ruckman's car on the left front side and pretty well demolished that vehicle. Outside of a few bruises and a cut or two and a body full of sore muscles, Ruckman wasn't hurt.

New Elevator And Addition To Be Built

Grass Valley Grain Growers Contract To Build New Storage Facilities

After a directors meeting held Monday it was announced that contracts had been let for the construction of a grain elevator at Bourbon, railroad station between Grass Valley and Kent, and an addition to the Kent elevator by the Grass Valley Grain Growers.

The elevator at Bourbon will be built to hold 80,000 bushels of grain and the addition at Kent will hold 10,000 bushels said A. A. Dunlap, manager. The cost will be \$34,300 and the work will be done by the Mid-State Construction company of The Dalles which has been given the contract.

In addition to this construction the grain growers will have to build an electric line to bring power to the new storage houses because the Pacific Power & Light company cannot get priority for the necessary wire. It is understood that the farmers can obtain the material.

This contract, it is estimated, will increase the storage capacity of the county's elevators to about 1,500,000 bushels or double the capacity of a few years ago. Within the last two years additional storage has been built at Hay Canyon and Moro and Grass Valley and a new elevator put up at Erskine to replace one burned. Work is expected to begin on new elevators at Wasco and Biggs.

Cause of the building is the probability that country storage of grain may need to be expanded to house the grain crops during the period of surplus and because it is difficult to obtain grain bags under present shipping conditions and their price is high.

AAA Head Will Attend Wheat League

The annual meeting of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League December 4 to 6 has attained regional prominence with the assurance recently received that three top men of the U. S. department of agriculture, and possibly four, will attend the session, coming direct to Heppner from Washington, D. C.

The three men certain to attend are R. A. "Spike" Evans, national administrator of the AAA; N. E. Dodd, director of the western division of the AAA, and formerly chairman of the Oregon committee, and Leroy Smith, president of the Federal Crop Insurance corporation.

Long considered one of the most important meetings of wheat growers in the United States, the EOWL session has in recent years been made the occasion a number of times for important announcements of national farm policy related to this industry. Such is expected to be the case this time, as both Dodd and Evans are scheduled to deliver major addresses.

Dodd will speak on the world wheat situation, including a special report on the international wheat conference to be held in Regina, Canada, just prior to the wheat league meeting. Evans, who has recently returned from England, where he studied the food needs of the country, will speak Saturday morning, stressing the food-for-defense program. Smith is not now scheduled to appear on the general program but will take part in committee sessions to be held all day Thursday prior to the opening of the regular program meetings.

The annual banquet on Friday night will have as principal speaker Joseph K. Carson, civilian defense coordinator for the Pacific Coast, and department commander of the American Legion.

With prospects of a considerable number of wheat growers attending from neighboring states as well as from Oregon, the local entertainment committee is preparing adequate housing and meal service for all, according to reports obtained by S. C. Culley, Weston, president of the league.

Double Wedding Unites Sherman County Families

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Powell was the scene Saturday night at eight o'clock of the wedding of their daughters Jean and Betty to John H. Reckmann and Wayne Thompson, respectively. John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Friedrich Reckmann of Boring and Wayne Thompson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Thompson of Donald. Rev. James Moberg officiated with the ring ceremony.

Mary Lou Sayrs lighted the candles. Mrs. Ronald Powell sang "Because" and "At Dawning" accompanied by Mrs. Roy Kunsman of Arlington, aunt-of the brides, who also played Mendelssohn's wedding march, with Jean coming in on the arm of her father, and Betty on the arm of her brother Ronald Powell.

The brides wore white satin dresses with lace yokes, and finger tip veils. They carried arm bouquets of white chrysanthemums and orchids. They were given in marriage by their father.

About seventy guests were present. Helping about the rooms were Mrs. C. O. Burnett, Mrs. Lyle Woods, Mrs. Ronald Powell and Mrs. Stanley Coelsch. Mrs. W. T. Balsiger poured and Mrs. E. H. Moore cut the brides cake which was decorated with two miniature brides and grooms. Little Carol Ann Burnett and Edwin Balsiger passed the wedding cake in baskets.

Jean's going away suit was of grey blue with matching top coat with an orchid corsage, and Betty wore a blue dress and coat with orchid corsage.

Kent Auxiliary To Hold Carnival

The American Legion Auxiliary held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Dunlap in Grass Valley Wednesday afternoon.

Plans were made for a Carnival to be held at Grass Valley Saturday night, December 13. A shower of gifts for the Gift Shop at the Veteran's hospital was held. Also a shower for Mrs. Bob LeBlou. Refreshments were served by the hostess. The next meeting will be a joint evening meeting Tuesday night, November 25.

Word from Department Headquarters has been received by Mrs. Floy von Borstel that all the Legion and Auxiliary Conferences scheduled for the latter part of November, except the one in Portland November 23, have been postponed until after the first of the year.

Library Has New, Modern Books

New books recently received by the Moro Public Library are: Hotel Hostess, Baldwin; Long Way Back, Comstock; Boot Heel Doctor, Cook; No Lief for a Lady, Cleveland; Sergeant York, Dowan; Wakefields Course, De La Roche; Matchlock Gun, Edmonds; Broad Stripes and Bright Stars, Grover; Inside Latin America, Gunther; Back Street, Hurst; Sarah Deborahs Day, Jackson; All That Glitters, Keyes; The Venables, Norris; Fartherest Reach, Ross; Bright Scalpel, Seifert; Soap; Behind the Ears, Skinner; Sixpence For Luck, Sharp; Time is Now, Van Paassen.

Willamette University, Salem, Nov. 20.—Marion Crews of Wasco was among the students who began classes in Willamette University's new music hall this week. The opening of the building marked the near completion of an \$18,000 remodeling job which transformed the former science building into a new campus music center.

Eastern Oregon College of Education, LaGrande, Nov. 15.—(Special) Two Sherman county students, Katherine Tom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Tom, Rufus, and Margaret McDermid, daughter of D. McDermid, Wasco, have recently been made members of the Student Police at the Eastern Oregon College of Education and will assist with the tickets at the athletic events and other functions of the college.

Tax Federation Mee s To Talk About Budget

J. B. Adams Relected President and Committee Named To Attend Meeting

The annual meeting of the Sherman County Taxpayer's Federation was held Wednesday at the court house with J. B. Adams, president, handling the meeting.

He briefly reviewed the purposes of the federation, which are to study taxes and work for lower taxes on property, and gave a resume of the work of the year including the legislative work done during the 1941 session and the tax clinic held in Portland this fall.

Members held a brief discussion of the reasons for and against holding a special session this winter without voting on their conclusions.

The six months budget of the county was taken up and its several items talked about with the result that a committee composed of the president and at least one director from each section of the county and the director at large was named to attend the budget hearing and request information about portions of the budget. The committee is not to be instructed as to protests but is to use its own judgment in an effort to keep taxes as low as is compatible with good county government.

Election of officers resulted in the re-election of Mr. Adams as president, Millard Eakin as secretary-treasurer and the following as directors: A. C. Kaseberg, H. A. Walker, O. G. Sayrs, W. S. Powell, J. E. Norton, T. W. Alley, V. B. Eakin. The board of directors are empowered by the by-laws to select three vice-presidents. The president will name three delegates to the annual meeting which will be held in Portland December 2.

Navy Makes Fresh Milks, Sans Cow

Sitka, Alaska, Nov. 15.—No contented mooring of homeward bound Guernseys rises above the clamor at the Navy's bustling air station on Japonski Island near here.

But that's no sign the Navy's officers and enlisted men stationed there don't have milk that at least tastes as though it were no more than a couple of hours from the hoof.

The secret is the "iron cow" recently installed as part of the regular galley gear. Every day it turns out gallons and gallons of seeming fresh milk and cream for hundreds of hungry bluejackets, and not in cans, either.

How? Well, powdered skimmed milk, water, and large quantities of butterfat in the form of sweet unsalted butter are poured down the iron maw of this mechanical substitute for peaceful meadows and long, lush grass. Wheels turn. Something happens. Finally out comes a stream of wholesome fresh milk with the taste of the dew still on it. It's raced to the station messhall, and from then on the bluejackets and marines take over.

Straw Ballot Shows Minority for Session

Portland, Ore., Nov. 20, 1941. (Special)—More than three hundred replies to a recent Oregon Business and Tax Research Inc. survey of taxpayer opinion as to a special session of the state legislature to consider various tax problems showed sentiment about two to one against extra session for that purpose.

Total state vote was divided 66.3% against, 33.7% for a special session. In Portland opinion was divided 48.3% for, 51.7% against. Up-state opinion, outside of Portland, was 27.3% for a special session and 72.7% against.

Eighteen newspaper editors responded to the inquiry. Four favored and fourteen opposed a special tax session of the Oregon legislature, or 22.2% for and 77.8% against.