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Washington D. C., Jan. 15.—War department's proposal to locate the aluminum rolling mill back of the mountains to protect it from Japanese bombers raised the hopes of communities east of the Cascades. The department was quite determined notwithstanding that four squadrons of planes are located within 10 miles of Troutdale, a matter of three or four minutes' flight. The Dalles had Ralph E. Moody see Senator McNary to learn what could be done to locate the mill there; The Dalles being east of the Cascades, or as the war department says, "behind the mountains." Pendleton sent its Major Leuallen and E. B. Aldrich zipping back by airplane. LaGrande had Fred E. Kiddle, former president of Oregon state senate, look into the situation.

Portland labor unions wired William Green, president of AFL, to stop the transfer if possible, and Green beat a path to the White House. Mayor Riley and dozens of citizens wired or telephoned to Senator McNary and Senator Holman. The senator saw everyone who might be able to prevent the transfer in war department, in RFC and OPM. The chief of staff Gen. George C. Marshall, was appealed to.

Small fry in the war department became tough; declared that not another government dollar would go for a war contract in any city west of the mountains, nor for plant expansion. The alarm spread to California, until it appeared as though half the population of San Francisco and Los Angeles flew to the national capital or came by streamliner. The Californians wanted to form an alliance with Oregon and Washington and insist that the war department change its policy.

Brass hats of the war department asserted that the safest place for war industries is back of the mountains; they wished to use every precaution. The people on the west coast inquired whether the present military forces are capable of defending the coast, and if the army could not do the job it was time everyone was told.

War department expressed no concern over the ship building yards. The yards on Columbia river and Puget sound are working on contracts for the navy and maritime commission, and war department does not consider them its responsibility.

Hint of what is to come in interior towns and cross roads stores is contained in a statement by John B. Eastman, in charge of transportation. He says that after March there will be no more new trucks as factories will be giving undivided attention to trucks for the army. He also says there is no large stockpile of parts. The tire question has been solved, but the gradual elimination of common carriers on the highways offers a serious situation in Oregon.

Truck transportation has developed into a vital factor in the northwest. They carry fuel, oil and gasoline into the most remote regions. They are essential in handling the wheat crop, fruit and berry crops, in moving merchandise to interior towns. Most of the communities served by trucks are not reached by rail, and Eastman predicts that rail traffic is developing to the point where priorities will have to be given, with first call on space for war goods. It may be necessary to re-arrange the routes of truck lines to stretch available carrier service as far as possible; if so, this will be the job of Eastman's office of transportation.

Hundreds of workers from Oregon, Washington and Idaho have been building navy installations on Wake, Midway, Guam and Palmyra islands in the South Pacific for Morrison-Knudsen, who were contractors on Grand Coulee dam and highways in Oregon and Washington. The workers on Palmyra finished their job and came to the mainland but when the Japanese attacked the other islands these men were still working. The state department is inquiring where they

Scrap Iron Price Goes Up; Demand Good

Joe Peters, county chairman for the department of agriculture defense board, has received notice that the price of scrap iron has gone up. The Alaska Junk company will pay \$10.50 per ton for No. 2 scrap wherever the freight is under \$5.00 per ton to Seattle.

For cast iron the price is \$17.50 per ton but it is hard to classify in most cases.

Mr. Peters says that he expects that this county will obtain a freight car and load it with scrap iron with each person taking his share of the receipts when payment it made. This is being done in counties that have no junk dealers.

Nancy Jane Dunlop Dies At Age of 88

Nancy Jane Dunlop, widow of Clark Dunlop, and pioneer of Sherman county since 1882, died in the Mid-Columbia hospital last Friday, January 9, after a lingering illness.

Mrs. Dunlop was born, Nancy Jane Chapman, at Eola, in Polk county, Oregon November 8, 1853 and moved to Wheeler county when a girl. There she married Mr. Dunlop at Bridge Creek in 1874.

They came to Sherman county and he took up land adjoining what is now the town of Wasco. A part of that town was built on his acres.

Mrs. Dunlop is survived by three daughters, Mrs. E. D. McKee of Wasco, Mrs. George Van Gaasbeck of Blaylock, Mrs. Roy Marshall of Portland and one son, C. I. Dunlop of Tumalo, four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon from the Methodist church in Wasco with Rev. F. L. Cannell officiating. Pallbearers were three grandsons, M. E. McKee, Clark Van Gaasbeck, and Hal Shelton and three sons in law Ed McKee, Roy Marshall and George Van Gaasbeck. Interment was made in the Wasco cemetery.

Red Cross Support More Than Enough

Red Cross workers in this county who went out after the \$1000 levy made on this county by the national association following Pearl Harbor, report a heavy over-subscription. Instead of \$1000 they obtained \$1367.

Of this amount \$850 has been sent in to headquarters in San Francisco, \$150 kept here for local use such as establishment of first aid stations and purchasing supplies to be made up and \$367 has been set aside for a start on the next drive.

Officers To Be Chosen

Donations by districts were: Wasco, \$388.75; Rufus, \$158.50; Grass Valley, \$318.50; Kent \$123.50. Moro \$377.75.

A county wide meeting of the Red Cross will be held at the court house Wednesday at 1:30, January 21 for the purpose of electing officers for the year. C. A. Tom is now president and A. A. Dunlap treasurer and acting secretary.

Meat Prices Stay High Through Week

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

Cattle: Good grain fed steers \$11.65 to 12.00. Good beef cows \$8.75 to 9.00. Medium \$7.75 to 8.50. Common \$6.75 to 7.50. Canners \$5.75 to 6.50. Bulls, medium to good \$8.50 to 10.00, common \$7.50 to 8.25. Vealers, good to choice \$13.00 to 14.00.

HOGS: 170 to 215 lb trucks \$12.00 to 12.10; a few to 12.15, with medium grades \$11.75 to 11.85. 230 to 285 lb butchers \$11.25 to 11.50; lightweight butchers \$11.00 to 11.50; packing sows \$9.00 to 10.25. Feeder pigs \$12.00 to 12.25.

SHEEP: Good to choice lambs \$11.75 to 12.25; medium to good, \$10.75 to 11.50; common \$8.50 to 10.25. Slaughter ewes, good to choice \$5.50 to 5.90.

New Ordinance Makes Rule For Blackout

Regulations Set Forth In New Law Passed By All County Towns

Cities of Sherman county are in the process of passing new ordinances regarding blackouts. First reading has been accomplished and there is every reason to believe that there will be no variation from the ordinance in any of the towns. It is identical with the Portland ordinance and is being used by many towns in order that blackout provisions will be the same all over the state.

The first section sets forth that it may be necessary to blackout the towns on order of civil or military authorities; that it shall be unlawful to disobey the lawful orders of any civil, military or special officers named to enforce blackout provisions.

These are the general provisions.

1. Turn out all exterior lights.
2. See that no lighting in your house, room or apartment is visible from the outside.
3. If you cannot obscure your windows with dark materials turn off your lights, but do not use main switch.
4. Listen to your radio.
5. Managements of hotels and apartment houses are responsible for exterior lighting.

MOTOR VEHICLES, INCLUDING PRIVATE AUTOMOBILES, STREET CARS AND TROLLEY COACHES OR BUSES.

1. Motor vehicles, including private automobiles, street cars and trolley coaches or buses, not equipped with lights in accordance with blackout regulations promulgated by proper authorities and authorized shall not be operated during a blackout.
2. Motor vehicles, including private automobiles, street cars, etc., equipped with lights in accordance with blackout regulations, may be operated for necessary travel at a speed not to exceed 20 miles per hour.
3. Headlights shall be operated only on dim or parking beam.
4. No interior lights shall be permitted in any motor car.
5. Do not drive with lights out.
6. Do not park in front of fire exits, fire plug, hospital entrance or at a street intersection.
7. Clear all bridges.

STORES, MANUFACTURING COMPANIES, AND INDUSTRIAL PLANTS

1. Have district watchman or some other person on duty during the blackout.
2. Be sure exterior lights are out including signs.
3. See that interior lights are not visible from the outside.

IF UNAVOIDABLY OUTDOORS

1. Proceed with caution. Keep to the right. Do not run—walk. Use extreme caution in crossing street. Carry a flashlight.

MAIN SWITCHES

1. Should not be turned off.

IF YOU MUST BE AWAY FROM YOUR PREMISES DO NOT LEAVE ANY LIGHT VISIBLE FROM THE OUTSIDE.

Penalty for violation is set at a maximum of \$500 fine and not to exceed six months in jail.

A test blackout will probably be tried in this county when this ordinance is passed and as soon as some means of warning rural dwellers of the blackout is perfected.

Decision to go ahead with preliminary plans for giving a benefit basket social within the next few weeks was made at the January meeting of the Moro-Breakfast club held Friday noon. Carroll Savers, M. M. Oveson and Paul May were named on the committee in charge of the event. It is presumed that other organizations will aid in the management of the social and provide program numbers.

Election of officers resulted in the election of Giles French as president for 1942. W. T. Balsiger was made vice president, W. F. McLeod re-elected secretary. On the executive committee were placed J. K. McKean and M. M. Oveson for the two year terms and Willy Knighton for the one year term.

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Librarian Resigns; Books Bought

Mrs. Clyde Gillmor has tendered her resignation as librarian of the Moro Public Library. She has served in this capacity for several years, giving much time and energy outside of regular library hours and it is with real regret that her decision is announced. Mrs. M. A. Bull will act as librarian until such time as a meeting of the entire board can be held and action taken toward securing the services of a new librarian.

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The city will pay off \$1000 in bonds to the state which reduces the civic indebtedness to \$21,000 and pays all bonds that will be due up to July 1, 1947.

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County Has Big Surplus, Report Shows

The report of Naomi Van Gilder, county treasurer, is published in this issue of the Sherman County Journal. It shows evidence of the healthy financial condition of the county.

In the general fund the county has \$54,832.53 in cash and in the road fund there is \$41,597.91 in cash. Total funds in the hands of the treasurer at the first of the year were \$137,551.05 but a part of this sum belongs to the other taxing units of the county, cities, school districts, etc.

Cash available for county uses at the first of the year is \$96,436.44. Of this amount \$64,012.00 will be taken up by the six months budget leaving \$32,418.44 in the county treasury June 30 if the budget is spent as estimated.

Court Appoints 1942 Officeholders

The county court at the January meeting made several appointments to county positions. Among them were county health officer who will be Dr. Donald Bourg for 1942. C. C. Wilson was named transient officer, the Sherman County Journal was made county official paper, Joe Peters was re-named to the fair board for three years.

L. L. Peetz, Roy Powell and Hugh Walker were appointed as road viewers for the year and Mr. Peetz was made road boss for another year.

Beer licenses were granted to Mrs. Ida Carlisle, George McKay, Herb Willard, Fleck Orchard and H. F. Hailey. When the jury list was drawn women as well as men were placed thereon breaking one of the old traditions of jury duty in this county. Although many other counties of the state name women on the jury lists Sherman has never done so before. Women may be excused upon application if they desire.

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Relief Driver Killed In Truck Mishap

Myron Grigsby Strangled By Settling Truck On DeMoss Hill

Myron Grigsby, 22, of Ellensburg, was killed on DeMoss hill Sunday morning about 8 o'clock when a heavily loaded truck body settled on his neck before he could be removed from a wreck.

Grigsby, relief driver for Persinger freight line, making his first trip, accompanied one of the Persingers. Brakes on his big fruit truck were found to be wanting at the Maryhill ferry and when it started down DeMoss hill it could not be handled.

Truck Overturned

Persinger, at the wheel, banked the big six-wheeler without success. Shortly below the shortest turn on the hill his middle wheels left the road throwing the tractor into the bank. Grigsby was asleep in a compartment bolted onto the tractor body.

He could not be extricated by Persinger alone and no one came along until the mail truck made its trip and by that time Grigsby had died of suffocation, although he had been able to talk for some time after the accident. The body could not be removed until heavy railroad jacks were obtained from Moro with which to lift the truck.

The sheriff and coroner were called to investigate. The body was sent to Zells Funeral home and from there to Yakima where the deceased had parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Grigsby, a wife, Pauline, and a 20 month old son.

The badly twisted truck tractor was removed from the highway Tuesday and taken home for repairs.

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Allied Chief



Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell, who assumes supreme command of the Allies in the Southwest Pacific area, one of the greatest battle fronts of history. American, British, Australian, Dutch, Chinese, Indian and Malayan units make up his command.

Ball For Polio Sufferers Due January 31.

The annual ball to raise funds for the fight against infantile paralysis will be held January 31, at the Grass Valley auditorium, announces Roy Powell, county chairman of the president's ball committee.

Tickets will be printed and sales made to everyone in order to raise funds for research on this disease, for aid to those having it and for the national hospital at Warm Springs, Georgia.

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Governor Sprague this week gave his endorsement to the Victory Book campaign which is designed to supply millions of good books to Uncle Sam's fighting men. Miss Eleanor Stephens, state li-

brarian, who is directing the campaign in Oregon urges every citizen to make a contribution of at least one good book. Up to date technical books, as well as books on travel, biography, history and fiction are all acceptable. Contributions may be left with local libraries, the Red Cross of the United Service organizations. Starting last Monday, January 12, the drive will continue for several weeks, Miss Stephens said.

Budget director David Eccles was subjected to a lot of ribbing around the capitol last week. Setting, an example in automobile and tire conservation for other state officials and employees Eccles rode to work one morning on a new bicycle. Then the silver thaw hit Salem. The streets were coated with ice making motoring hazardous and bicycling impossible, especially to one living at the top of Salem's highest hill as does Eccles. So the budget master parked his car in the capitol lobby and took a taxi to his home. The storm continued for several days and Eccles two-wheeler remained parked. In the meantime some practical joker had attached a "For Sale" sign on the bike but Eccles insists that he has no intention of disposing of the machine which he expects to use as transportation between home and office for the duration.

Decision of the state highway commission to confine new road construction during the war emergency to army approved projects does not mean that there will be no new construction attempted this year, according to R. H. Baldock, highway engineer.

Bond Pledge Card Signing Starts Tuesday

County's Part of National Campaign To Begin With Meeting Jan. 20

A general public meeting will be held at the court house next Tuesday afternoon, January 20, at 2 o'clock for the purpose of starting the campaign for the signing of defense bond pledge cards.

Members of the defense bond sale committee for the county have been sent letters about the meeting and asked to bring others with them to the meeting.

This may well be a most important meeting to gauge Sherman county's participation in the war effort. The pledge card campaign is nation wide. Oregon's campaign starts January 19th with talks by public officials over the radio.

The secretary of the treasury has said that it is absolutely necessary that more bonds be sold. About 3,000,000 persons now own defense bonds; Morgenthau wants 35,000,000 to own them.

Fifty Billions Needed

It is estimated that half of the national income must be turned to war preparation in 1942. This means \$50,000,000,000 for—guns, bullets, tanks and ships. Every American has a part in this program. The money must come from sale of defense bonds or from taxes.

The state organization will send a speaker to Sherman county for the meeting Tuesday and local citizens will handle the remainder of the program.

Sherman county's record in purchase of defense bonds is very good to date.

Pledge cards may be signed to purchase by the week, month, year or any other acceptable period of time. They are not binding but are indications of willingness to aid the government win this war.

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