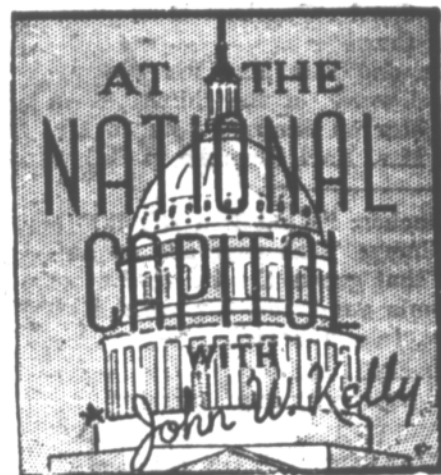


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Moro Women Entertain Their Husbands

The Moro Women's Club entertained their husbands and additional guests with a banquet at the hotel last Friday night. About 55 were in attendance. The tables were decorated with red carnations, holly, laurel leaves and white candles.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 22.—There is prospect of a training ship being established either on Puget Sound or Columbia river by Federal Maritime commission to provide crews for the cargo boats which are coming off the ways.

Finding crews for the 1200 freighters of the ugly duckling and C type boats is a problem being studied by the commission. For these vessels there will be required 51,600 officers and men, a number far exceeding present available masters and sailors. Each vessel will have 35 members before the mast and eight officers, a total of 43,000 sailors and 9,600 officers. To get the men the maritime commission will appeal to youths between 18 and 22 years. Between the selective service of the army, the CCC, NYA, the shipyards and aircraft factories and the navy, the maritime commission realizes that it is in for tough competition.

The commission now has five training ships, three steamers and sailing vessels. It is the intention to increase this number to nine, with accommodations for 300 students. Two of the new training ships will be of the ugly duckling type, equipped with machine shop. The course is for six months, during which students are paid \$21 a month plus "found," not much compared with what youngsters of the required age are drawing in defense industry. When graduated and assigned to ships students will be paid the higher rate which every seaman receives, plus insurance and bonus for venturing into war zones.

Less attention will be paid to training the men for sail than for mechanical parts of the new fleet—engines, hoists, machinery generally. Only educational test required is for those who wish to be radio operators, and these must have at least one year of high school. They will be urged to join the naval reserve, but will not be required to do so.

When a delegation of northwest lumbermen met with office of production management to protest against the ceiling on dwellings at \$6000, among other things, they said that nails are now as scarce as feathers on a frog. Even without the ceiling on the price of a house, a handicap to building is the scarcity of nails. OPM placed a ceiling on dwellings to conserve materials, such as plumbing materials, galvanized and copper gutters and drains, but overlooked that nails are essential in any priced house.

Steel mills which heretofore produced nails are turning their equipment to national defense and this has caused the shortage of nails. The lumber men pointed out that Canada is having no trouble on the nails issue and there are no priorities or allotments. No one has yet suggested a substitute for nails, although substitutes are suggested for other hardware.

Congress will be requested to make an appropriation for injured air raid wardens. No wardens have yet been injured, but to play safe congress is expected to provide for such a contingency. Wardens include volunteer firemen who extinguish incendiary bombs and those in demolition crews. It will amount to complete coverage for these war workers. The government has already announced war risk insurance where bombs demolish or damage dwellings, industrial plants or crops; applying the insurance to the Pacific northwest and the canneries of Alaska.

Probably next spring congress will receive a plan for development of phosphates submitted by Secretary of Interior Ickes. The secretary has already appointed a commission to make an investigation, and later this group will visit the northwest for a personal view. The tentative plan includes production of phosphates and their distribution to farmers. TVA has been manufacturing the soil-builder for several years and as there

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Putting Extra Stretch in Rubber



We will all have to do without new automobile tires for the present. Next best thing is a retreading job on your old ones, if they are too smooth for safety. At left you see a retreading operation in progress. A "camel back," or new rubber top, is vulcanized to the old casing to give a new gripping tread. At the right is shown how a worn-out tire compares with one that has just been given a face lift, or a new tread. The recapped tire is at left; the old "smoothy" beside it.

County Transacts Year End Business At January Meeting

COMMISSIONER'S COURT DOCKET, JANUARY TERM, 1942 January 7, 1942, being the time for the regular term of the County Court of Sherman County, Oregon, the honorable County Court did so meet on said date, in the County Courtroom, in the Courthouse, in Moro, Oregon, at 10:00 o'clock a. m.

The following being present: Geo. A. Potter, County Judge J. M. Wilson, County Commissioner David Reid, County Commissioner Ross Ornduff, County Clerk T. Lester Johnson, Dist. Attorney The following proceedings were had and taken to-wit:

In the matter of payment of claims against the General Fund. Claims allowed and ordered paid. In the matter of payment of claims against the Road Fund. Claims allowed and ordered paid.

B. Ross Evans of Hood River, Oregon submits application for purchase of the improvements only on Lots 9-10-11 and 12 of Block 18 in Biggs Second Addition to the City of Wasco and tenders check in sum of \$40.00 in support of such application. Bid of \$40.00 for improvements only accepted.

Ira Elizabeth Carlisle presents Court with application for renewal of 1942 Beer License of recommendation of Court. Recommended that License be issued.

Geo. F. McKay of Kent, presents Court with application for Beer License for 1942 for recommendation by Court. Recommended that License be issued.

Herbert Willard of Biggs, presents Court with application for Beer License for 1942, for recommendation of Court. Recommended that License be issued.

Fleck Orchard Company presents Court with application for Beer License for 1942, for recommendation of Court. Recommended that License be issued.

B. F. Hayley of Rufus presents Court with two applications for Beer and Liquor license for 1942 for recommendation of Court. Recommended that license be issued.

Clerk presents Court with Deed for approval and signatures conveying County owned Tax foreclosed property to Metta F. Kaseberg of Wasco, conveying: Southern 15 feet of Lots 1 and 2 and all of Lots 11 and 12 including Alley 20 feet in width lying between said lots, in Block 5 of Biggs addition to the City of Wasco, Oregon. Deed approved and signed and Clerk instructed to deliver same to purchaser.

Clerk presents Court with Deed for approval and signatures conveying County owned Tax foreclosed property to A. D. Edgington of Wasco, conveying: Southern 15 feet of Lots 1 and 2 and fraction of Lots 3 and 4 of Block 2 of the Original Town and City of Wasco, Oregon. Deed approved and signed and Clerk instructed to deliver same to purchaser.

Resolution and order relating to Salary of County Clerk and Deputy County Clerk. Resolution adopted and ordered issued. M. R. Schadewitz, Agent presents Court with fire insurance

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Defense Council Buys Bombs For Experiments

Waste Paper Gathering To Be Speeded When Weather Conditions Improve

Purchase of a dozen incendiary bombs with which to give exhibitions of methods of destroying them was voted by the defense council at the Wednesday meeting. It is contemplated that a series of meetings will be held in every section of the county at which approved methods of handling bombs will be shown. Lloyd Johnson, who took the instruction course in Portland, will conduct the tests, it is planned.

Although some discussion was held on the subject nothing was done about means of communication in case of air raids. The telephone system now used does not readily lend itself to community calls and it is the only means available.

Possibility of fires in wheat next summer was discussed and it is possible that some means of watching the fields from appropriate places will be devised.

Local depots for waste paper have been established in four of the communities. At Rufus paper may be brought to the school building, in Wasco to the Crossfield store, Moro the brick pump house although the Ritner garage may be available soon, in Grass Valley the old Valley Inn, now owned by the Masons.

Paper thus gathered will be shipped when 20 tons are on hand. The income derived therefrom will be used for defense council purposes such as practice bombs, office assistance, etc. A more active campaign will be started as soon as weather permits.

It was announced that 308 persons had started First Aid courses of which number 145 were juniors. As soon as enough people in any town have passed the course equipment will be set there for the unit. It was said that enough first aiders were available in Moro and that a station would be established here soon.

Agreement on siren signals for air raids, for fire and for all clear were agreed upon. They will be as follows:

For Fire - - - - -
Air Raid - - - - -
All Clear - - - - -
All signals for two minutes.

Ice Stops Electricity On Several Days

Ice which snapped a transmission line from Pacific Power & Light company's Tygh Valley generating plant in eastern Wasco county left Sherman county areas served by the company without electric service for approximately an hour and a half late last Wednesday night, according to R. V. Lockhart, local agent at Moro.

Company crews had to clear heavy ice which blanketed facilities at Dufur before the trouble area in the Tygh Ridge country could be isolated and service from other company power plants restored to other affected areas, Lockhart said.

Ice and heavy frost also built up heavy loads on Pacific transmission lines at exposed points like Nigger Ridge in Sherman county and the Olex-Condor area in Gilliam county but company crews were unable to prevent breaks in these areas.

An emergency crew from Kennewick, Washington commanded by C. S. Knowley, company superintendent of construction, was rushed to Arlington and held in readiness there Thursday and Friday to reinforce local line crews until the sleet trouble was dissipated, Lockhart said.

LOCAL GIRL HONORED

Eastern Oregon College of Education, LaGrande, Jan. 20.—Kathryn Fridley, daughter of C. L. Fridley, Wasco, is among the students who have just been initiated into Sigma Alpha Chi women's honorary of the Eastern Oregon College of Education.

To be eligible for membership, students must have two terms of high scholastic average and good school citizenship.

Paralysis Ball Tickets On Sale This Week

Tickets for the infantile paralysis dance to be held at Grass Valley the night of January 31 may be obtained from E. M. Alley and A. A. Dunlap of Grass Valley, Vern Mobley at Kent, W. T. Balsiger and J. K. McKean of Moro, Mrs. Hildred Zell, Mrs. Walter Blau and Steve McMillen of Wasco, Mrs. Leonard Fields of Rufus and George Potter at Klondike.

Music for the dance will be furnished by the Indian orchestra. Members of the American Legion Auxiliary will serve lunch at the dance.

Best Steers Worth \$13.00 On Market

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

CATTLE: Good to choice grain fed steers \$11.75 to 13.00. Good to choice grain fed heifers \$10.50 to 11.25. Good beef cows \$9.00 to 9.25. Medium \$8.00 to 8.75. Common \$6.75 to 7.50. Canners \$5.25 to 6.25. Bulls, medium to good \$8.75 to 10.00. Common \$7.50 to 8.50. Vealers, good to choice \$13.50 to 14.50.

HOGS: 170 to 215 lb. truckins \$11.90 to 12.00. A few to 12.10 and 12.15. 230 to 285 lb. butchers \$11.00 to 11.50. Lightweight butchers \$11.00 to 11.25. Packing sows \$9.25 to 10.00. Feeder pigs \$11.00 to 12.00, some unsold.

SHEEP: Good to choice lambs \$11.75 to 12.35. One lot of heavy lambs to \$11.40. Medium to good, \$10.75 to 11.25. Common \$9.00 to 10.00. Slaughter ewes, good to choice \$5.50 to 5.75. Shorn lambs \$10.50 to 10.75.

The Same, Yesterday, Today, For Evermore

Weather for the week has remained in the same monotonous notch with temperatures varying between 20 at night and 25 to 28 in the day time. Fog that froze onto the trees and wires has been frequent this week. Friday of last week the sun came out and was the first day of 1942 in which the snow thawed.

Weather reporters have had their regulations changed a little to permit them to report weather within 24 hours of date. With weather here remaining the same it matters little whether it is reported or not.

Those desiring either federal or state income tax blanks may obtain them from the local bank, says W. Ray Blake, manager.

Cigarette Tax Bill Now Before State Supreme Court

By A. L. Lindbeck
Salem, Or., Jan. 22.—The next move in the controversy over the cigarette tax is now up to the state supreme court. That tribunal has taken original jurisdiction in a mandamus suit brought by the State Retail Grocers Association in an effort to compel Secretary of State Snell to restore the referendum against the tax act to the November ballot. Arguments in this suit will be heard by the court Friday (January 23) and because of the importance of the case an early opinion is expected.

In the meantime the state tax commission which started to enforce collection of the tax on cigarettes on January 8 is continuing with this program with revenues from this source rolling in at the rate of more than \$1000 a day. Should the court grant the writ of mandamus as petitioned for by the Retail Grocers it is expected that collection of the tax will be halted immediately, at least until the voters pass judgment upon the legislative act next November.

In this connection the question has been raised as to what will be done with the taxes collected in the event the voters reject the act, assuming they get a chance at it. Some authorities argue that it would then be up to the state to refund the taxes paid. But this again raises the question to whom the taxes would be refunded. While the state holds the cigarette

Bond Pledges Being Signed All Over County

Minute Men Calling On Soliciting Financial Aid For Government At War

Twenty five men and women of Sherman county are working their way from house to house in the snow this week in volunteer service as minute men, 1942 model, and are interviewing their fellow citizens and asking them to sign pledge cards indicating how many defense bonds or stamps they expect to buy during the course of the war.

This volunteer patriotic service started Tuesday afternoon at a meeting of the defense bond committee and the public at the court house. LeRoy Wright, county agent, talked of the relationship between all government programs, agricultural and defense. T. Lester Johnson, head of the county speaker's bureau spoke of the need of buying bonds in this war time emergency and Giles French, in the absence of an expected speaker from Portland explained the pledge card plan.

Oregon First State

Oregon has been chosen as the lead off state in the union for a test on the signing of pledge cards because of the heretofore successful organization in this state. Buyers of defense bonds, the Secretary of Treasury says, must be increased to 35,000,000. The government must have money for war; it must either come from sale of bonds or taxes will of necessity be increased to most burdensome heights.

Division of the county into three districts, one from Gordon ridge north, one from Nigger ridge south and one including the central part of the county, was made and representatives from these districts present named their own minute men to visit their neighbors and solicit their aid in the financial program of fighting the war.

Purpose is not to have signers extend themselves in promising to buy bonds, but to have each signer indicate a specified amount he can buy each week, month or year, be it large or small. Each person with an income is to be approached. It is also permissible to sign for a specified percentage of income.

Success of the program—and success of the war—depends on the support the individual citizen gives his government and this message is being taken over snow covered roads by men and women who have volunteered their time and effort to their government in time of need.

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tax dealers responsible for payment of the tax these dealers act only as collection agencies for the state, passing the tax on to the consumer in the form of an increase in the price of cigarettes. Therefore there can hardly be said to be entitled to a refund of a tax which they have not paid. In all fairness any refund that might be made in any such a situation should be made to the people who pay the tax—the smokers but inasmuch as their number will run into thousands with no record of their purchases and tax payments the impracticability of any such a program is at once apparent.

Men of military age are no longer to be allowed to evade the draft because of marriage. New draft regulations just received by Lt. Col. Elmer V. Wooten, state director of selective service, show that men who married after the United States declared war on Japan on December 8 are not eligible to deferment. Furthermore men who married since the selective service act became effective on September 16, 1940, must prove that they did not take a wife in order to evade the draft to gain deferment. Neither will married men of military age whose wives are employed be eligible to deferment classification under the new regulations, which are expected to make thousands of men heretofore

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