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PRO PATRIA

One of the reasons why Oregon
is ahead in defense matters in the
nation and why Sherman county
is among the leaders was demon-
strated Tuesday at the meeting
held for starting the pledge card
campaign for stimulation of sales
of defense bonds and stamps.

There were more volunteers than
material available for their use.
And many of them volunteered
knowing that the job entailed
many miles of travel over snow
covered roads in pretty chilly
weather; knowing that they were
embarking on a job that had no
remuneration other than the sense
of a patriotic service well done.

This is the spirit that must be
constantly reassuring to the na-
tion's leaders for people who take
their citizenship as a duty as well
as a privilege will not fail in time
of stress, of war or sudden
attack.

It is not likely that the job of
the minute men will entail much
of persuasion to sign the pledge
cards. The main job will be one
of getting over the sparsely settled
country. In this county where
everyone listens to the radio and
reads the papers, the seriousness
of the situation is apparent to all.

We have seen national demands
for money for armaments go
from 15 or 20 billion to over a
hundred and know that that
means cash in bonds or taxes
from everyone. We have seen the
army climb in numbers from 500-
000 to nearly 2,000,000 with plans
for twice that number already
made, and know that young men
from every family need arms and
ammunition with which to fight
the nation's battles.

Nearly everyone has a personal
interest in the war in addition to
his interest as a citizen. It is but
natural therefore, that all should
want to have a financial interest
in the war. It cannot be won oth-
erwise.

DAYLIGHT SAVING

The few years after a war are
pleasant years. We can then talk
over the foolish things we did dur-
ing the stress of war time and get
no little pleasure out of recalling
them.

One of the things America,
especially rural America, can
laugh about after the war will be
the daylight saving plan now in
process of becoming law.

For a man whose hours of work
are set by the rising of the sun,
daylight saving is absolutely silly.
Farmers aren't going to arise an
hour earlier to do spring work for
they get up before daylight any-
way.

It may be questioned whether
daylight saving is of much use to
city people or not since most of
the defense work is on 24 hour
shifts. It would have been so much
simpler to require industry to
start an hour earlier each morning
and this would not have disrupted
the schedules of farmers.

But it is practically done now
and sometime next month we can
set the clocks ahead and go to
using electricity in the mornings
instead of so much at night. Thus
does puny man endeavor to reform
the solar system.

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Of all the federal organizations
that need an overhauling the civil-
ian defense program is probably
the worst. It has been a stepchild
since its inception, a hit-and-miss
proposition that had to take
scraps of time given it by those
who already had too much to do.

The appointment of James
Laidis might better the situation
if he had been given power to act.
Congress had appropriated \$100-
000,000 for civilian defense but no
one apparently knows what it is
to be spent for. There have been
announcements that some towns
would receive fire fighting equip-
ment, some gas masks.

To date the program has fol-
lowed the British program al-
though no one thinks that civilian

defense in this country will be
much like it is in crowded, badly
bombed Britain. It must be plain
to everyone that a different pro-
gram will be needed here. The
war, itself, is in a different stage.
Oregon is said to have one of
the most satisfactory civilian de-
fense units in the nation. There
has been a great deal of work
done on it by a capable bunch of
men. While it suffers from lack
of knowledge of what is to be the
burden put upon it, it has made
progress along the lines suggested
by the national office.

In Sherman county the defense
council has met with fair regu-
larity since June. There has been
discussion of many matters. Men
have been named to posts as raid
wardens, fire officials, disaster
workers. A test blackout will be
tried soon. Information as to the
duties of officers under civilian
defense has been supplied.

It seems that in this county the
work is well in hand. The co-ordi-
nator is in touch with all phases
of the job. Maybe the conditions
that makes it appear that the de-
fense council is doing little is
caused by the very fact that de-
fense in all things is a matter of
waiting after readiness is achiev-
ed. Any other course would be
offensive and that is the job of
the army and navy.

TOUCH OF SUN

He's getting tired of the cold
weather and says he would trade a
week of below zero just to see the
sun again. Yes, he's a native.

Odd how Sherman countians get
homesick for the sun when it is
hidden behind a bank of fog. The
only time they enjoy a sunless day
is when it presages a June rain
for the wheat.

Like the morning glory that
opens its blossom when the sun
strikes it in the morning or the
sun flower whose bloom follows the
sun all day, the Sherman countian
is a worshipper of the sun. Some-
thing is lacking in us when it is
cloudy. We are gloomy and dis-
pirited.

That is the reason we do not
transplant well. When we move to
rainier climes we immediately
settle into reminiscence about the
good old days in the sun when
life was better, freer, gay, and
more worth while.

The sun will shine again, the
chink will blow, and faces grown
pale will tan and life will be zest-
ful once more.

The government will need half
the income of the nation in 1942;
half the gross, not net.

In Other Days

From the Observer Jan. 30, 1903
Moro is preparing for the base-
ball season, a permanent organi-
zation being formed at the Elrod
& Moore office Wednesday. Dr.
Logan is chairman, C. H. Skinner,
secretary, J. O. Elrod, manager
W. B. McCoy, E. M. Meach and
E. H. Moore the committee.

This region had 36 hours of
steady rain last Friday and Satur-
day then it cooled off and about 3
or four inches of snow fell to
make the second winter.
E. E. Barnum left for Walla
Walla to be with Mrs. Barnum
who is there visiting a sister.

A home talent play will be given
by the high school early in Feb-
ruary. Among the cast are: Ray
Rugsdale, Ernest Webb, Guy
Hulse, Arthur Smith, Lee Mc-
Ginnis, Jack Hickson, Lillian Stan-
ley, Ita Webb and Sadie Ruggles.
From the Observer, Jan. 24, 1913

A successful basket social was
held at the Boardman school house
last week. Fred Hennagin auc-
tioned off the baskets obtaining
\$83.80 therefrom.

The passenger and the freight
trains were both stuck in a cut
a few miles this side of Grass Val-
ley for nearly a whole day before
recovered by a relief train from The
Dalles.

The young people are certainly
enjoying the sleighing these days.
Roads are good, snow is plentiful
and the moon bright.

Friday Arthur Phillips lost his
purse containing \$35. George Tom-
lin found it receiving the reward.
From the Observer, Jan. 26, 1923

The location of the highway in-
to Kent was decided last week
when members of the county court
found out that property owners
north of Kent would permit the
road to go through their land.

A deal was closed last week
wherein W. M. Walker sells his in-
terest in the hotel to F. W.
Chindlund of Hood River.

Miss Frances Morrissey's music
class will appear in recital Satur-
day. It includes Evelyn Byers,
Lloyd and Frances Hennagin,
Gwendolyn and Dorothy Foss,
Velma Powell, Georgia McKeen,
Marie Axtell.

Virgil Cushman and wife drove
over from Condon for a visit and
became snow bound and their visit
is now of an indefinite time.
A moonshine still made from a
large milk cap was found at Grass
Valley last week. The operator
was said to have posed as a veter-
inarian, but he has gone.

Kelly's Column

(Continued from page one)
are projects on Columbia river
larger than TVA, it is desired to
turn them to this business. The
ore can be processed at Spokane
or anywhere in the Grand Coulee
or Bonneville area. Expense of the
investigation is paid from appro-
priations for the interior depart-
ment, but as there is a large
amount of data available on the
northwest deposits the cost of the
probe will be reduced.

Suggestion comes from the west
that selectees who were rejected
by local draft boards because they
were defective in some particular
be assigned to guard public prop-
erty, such as reclamation dams,
where they would not be subjected
to the arduous training for combat
troops. Cited are a long list of
reclamation projects many of them
now guarded by men hired by the
reclamation bureau, but not by
troopers. War department officials
contend that guarding public
works requires a physical condi-
tion equal to that demanded in the
army and that while a few selec-
tees might be reconitioned to do
guard duty, the army doesn't
think much of the idea.

Statehouse Gossip

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fore listed in class 3 available for
immediate induction into the army.

The Board of Control has ap-
proved the plans for the new
medical center and treatment dor-
mitory at the state hospital at
Salem. Immediate construction of
the building, however, is now up
to the contractors. If the building
can be constructed within the cost
limits set by the legislative ap-
propriation of \$325,000 the board is
ready to go ahead with the job.
Otherwise it will probably have
to wait until labor and material
costs return to normal unless the
next legislature is willing to in-
crease the appropriation. The
building, a two and three-story
fire proof structure will serve as
the medical center for the entire
institution which now houses more
than 2500 inmates. In addition it
will provide dormitory space for
50 additional beds.

Women and children must be
prepared to volunteer for service
in the harvest fields of Oregon
this year to take the places left
vacant by men entering military
service and the defense industries.
Governor Sprague told a confer-
ence of agriculturalists here last
week. Plans were made at the
conference for a house to house
cavass of the state to enroll
300,000 women for farm work, the
survey to begin February 16.

For the first time in many years
the assessed valuation of property
in Oregon is again on the up-
grade. Valuations on the 1941
roll show an increase of approxi-
mately six per cent over those of
1940 according to a summary just
released by the state tax commis-
sion. This summary shows the
assessed value of all property in
Oregon on the 1941 roll to be
\$960,944,739.66 compared to \$896-
787,005.96 in 1940.

The valuation of property as-
sessed by the county assessors in-
creased from \$736,802,585.50 in
1940 to \$92,083,486.50 in 1941
while that of public utility prop-
erty assessed by the state tax com-
mission increased from \$159,984-
420.45 to \$168,861,253.16.

While the valuation of tillable
and timber lands for tax purposes
show sharp decreases, valuation of
all other classes of property show
increases.

Plans for securing more federal
funds for public lands counties
were considered at a conference in
Salem this week attended by dele-
gates from most of the western
states. The conference gave its
endorsement to a bill introduced
by Senator McNary which provides
for the payment of two percent
of the fair value of public lands
in lieu of taxes that would be
paid for these lands if in private
ownership.

Employer contributions to the
unemployment insurance fund in
1941 were 27 per cent greater than
for 1940 while at the same time
benefit payments to jobless work-
ers were reduced by 39 per cent.
As a result the unemployment
compensation trust fund increased
during the year by \$6,222,229 to
reach a total of \$16,378,531 at the
close of the year.

There are plenty of certified
teachers in Oregon, according to
Rex Putnam, state superintendent
of public instruction; but so many
of them are being attracted to de-
fense jobs and other positions of-
fering high pay that public educa-
tion in this state is facing a
serious situation. If the schools
are to hold competent teachers,
Putnam points out, salaries must
be increased to somewhere near a
parity with those paid in other

**Abstract of Taxes Payable in 1942 on the Assessment Rolls
for the year 1941, Sherman County, Oregon**

SPECIAL SCHOOL TAX

One Year

District	Value	Levy	Tax	Total Levy
1 Biglow	\$188,220	none	\$ none	1.7
3 Rufus	1,215,802	10.2	12,401.13	10.2
3A Rufus	187,247	7.3	1,366.90	7.3
4 Emigrant Springs	63,580	none	none	1.7
5 Locust Grove	443,266	2.3	1,019.51	4.0
7 Wasco	989,565	8.0	7,916.52	*8.0
9 Kent	933,785	none	none	none
11 Germain	126,173	none	none	1.7
13 DeMoss	295,331	none	none	1.7
15 GordonRidge	337,860	4.5	1,520.37	6.2
16 Erskine	417,541	none	none	1.7
17 Moro	722,163	7.7	5,560.66	*7.7
19 Monkland	240,869	3.5	843.04	5.2
20 Harmony	352,871	none	none	1.7
21 Fairview	202,679	none	none	1.7
22 Boardman	223,680	1.7	380.26	3.4
23 Grass Valley	537,497	7.2	3,869.98	*7.2
24 Rutledge	297,970	.8	238.38	2.5
32 Klondike	600,587	.1	60.06	1.8
33 Rosebush	249,945	1.8	449.94	3.5
33 Buckley	388,226	3.4	1,319.97	5.1
	9,014,857		36,946.68	

* outside town

Non-high School District Fund levy is 1.7 mills and applies to
all school districts except 3, 3A, 7, 9, 17 and 23;
Valuation \$4,428,798; Tax 7,289.96

SPECIAL CITY TAX

Six Months

City	Value	Levy	Tax	Total Levy
Wasco	\$189,922	12.5	\$3,323.64	25.5
Moro	170,684	7.8	1,331.34	15.5
Grass Valley	125,451	8.6	1,078.88	15.8

General Road Dist.	District Tax	General Fund	Mills
1	\$8,528,800	none	none
2W	189,922	none	none
3M	170,684	none	none
4G	125,451	none	none

Average consolidated levy for county 5.55mills

Total valuation of taxable property in Sherman County \$9,014,857.00
The levy for the General Fund is NO mills, producing none
State Tax and Elementary School Tax provided by state surplus
Elementary School to be paid into county by state 7,421.96

Partial segregation of items on county budget:

Market Road	2,500.00
Bridges	3,750.00
Road Machinery (and insurance)	7,000.00
Rock Crusher or crushed rock or road improvement	14,000.00
Weed Control	250.00
Emergency Fund	3,500.00
County & children's industrial fair, well & insurance	1,175.00
Per-capita school fund	2,450.00
School library	49.00
Elections, circuit court, justice court	1,190.00
County health officer, county nurse	765.00
Relief, Public, Old Age and Blind assis.; aid to dep. ch.	2,860.00
Remainder for other county expenses	12,973.00
	52,462.00
General road district fund	11,550.00
	64,012.00
Less fees and balances	64,012.00

RECAPITULATION

General Fund	\$ none
General Road Fund	none
Special School Tax	36,946.68
Non-high School Dist. Fund	7,528.96
Special City Tax	6,733.86
Overplus fractional extentionts	1.07
Grand Total Tax	50,210.57

Advance Tax \$141.62 and rebates credited \$4.37 145.99
Amount to be collected by Tax Collector 50,064.50

I, Margaret W. Peetz, County Assessor of Sherman County,
Oregon, hereby certify that the assessed valuations, tax levies and
taxes set forth herein are the full and complete true copies of the
originals as the same appear in this office and in my custody.
Witness my hand and seal this 5th day of January, 1942.
Margaret W. Peetz, County Assessor.

VALUATION AND TAX COMPARISONS

Assessment Year	State Ratio	Valuation	State & County Tax	Total Tax
1926	86	\$14,676,503.00	\$174,650.38	\$303,026.09
1927	85	14,187,456.00	171,668.22	312,899.91
1928	85	14,214,817.00	181,949.65	348,450.19
1929	84	14,251,591.00	169,503.93	319,735.51
1930	80	13,950,660.00	146,481.93	256,844.53
*1931	73	*11,637,743.00	*91,968.17	*192,372.34
1932	73	11,145,873.00	112,573.32	199,822.31
1933	69	10,023,830.00	116,276.43	216,993.64
1934	70	9,760,525.00	111,269.99	208,603.74
1935	72	9,551,542.00	115,573.66	204,591.39
1936	72	9,298,331.00	102,281.64	187,229.32
*1937	72	*9,137,200.00	*96,854.32	*158,138.89
1938	71	9,006,592.00	81,950.89	154,110.46
1939	70	8,990,154.00	63,830.09	149,886.93
*1940	69	*8,936,968.00	*58,983.99	*141,213.69
*1941	67	*9,014,857.00	*none	*50,210.57

* There was no state tax for state purposes on the 1931, 1937,
1938, 1940 and 1941 assessment rolls: only \$2,421.68 on the 1939
rolls. In 1929 and 1931 intangible, corporation and income tax laws
passed which made these taxes an offset on real property taxes.
** In 1939 a law passed further extending the offset to elemen-
tary school tax.

lines of employment.

The reputation of Oregon's
civilian defense program has pene-
trated to the far corners of the
nation. This week two high plac-
ed Nebraska state officials came to
Salem to confer with Jerrold
Owen, state defense director, about
the civilian defense organization.
Walter F. Roberts, Nebraska's
civilian defense coordinator, told
Owen that he had been informed
that Oregon led the nation in its
preparedness for protection of the
civilian population in the event of
an attack.

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A-F & A-M
Meets on the 1st and
3rd Thursday even-
ings of each month.
Visiting members are
cordially invited to
meet with us.
Darwin Van Gilder, W. M.
C. V. Belknap, Secretary

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116
Moro, Oregon
Meets 2d & 4th Tues-
day of each month.
Visiting members wel-
come.

Helen Martin N. G.
Florence Johnston, Sec.

**Kent Lodges
Install Officers
At Large Meeting**

Kent lodge No. 185 and Wheat-
land Rebekah lodge held joint in-
stallation Thursday evening at the
I. O. O. F. hall. Lola Barnett and
A. A. Dunlap acted as grand marsh-
als. Ollie Helyer and R. P.
Barnet were the installing officers.
The installation teams were as
follows: Grand wardens, Floye von
Borstel and W. G. Helyer; Grand
secretaries, Dorothy Dunlap and
Frank von Borstel; Grand treasur-
ers, Richard Abell and E. M.
Helyer; Grand Chaplin, Louis
Sather. Those installed were:
Noble Grands, Ada Guyton and
Robert Schilling; Vice Grands,
Edna Schilling and Lester Wilson;
Secretaries, Margaret Mobley and
E. Nerton; Treasurers, Clara
Helyer and Richard Abell. Ap-
pointive officers were: Wardens,
Laura Sather and E. M. Helyer;
Conductors, Marguerite Decker
and J. M. Wilson; Chaplins, Pho-
e M-Kay and Louis Sather; I. G.
Nan Wilson and W. C. Guyton;
O. G., Edith Loyns and Frank von
Borstel; RSVG, Lola and Roy Bar-
net; LSVG, Floye and Amandus
von Borstel; RSVG, Ollie and W.
G. Helyer; LSVG, Dorothy Dun-
lap and Jesse Helyer; musician,
Ollie Helyer.

Plans for a card party were
made for February 7th at the
IOOF hall. Refreshments were
served and a birthday party held
for Dorothy Dunlap and Ollie
Helyer.

Mrs. Floye von Borstel assisted
the American Legion Auxiliary
Tuesday, January 13th, at The
Dalles by broadcasting a fifteen
minute radio talk over KODL.
This is the beginning of a series
of regular broadcasting of the
American Legion Auxiliary on
Tuesdays from 3:30 to 3:45 p. m.
Word has been received by re-
latives of the marriage of Lorena
Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
William Young of Gresham, to
O. E. Smith of Portland, Saturday,
January 17th. The Youngs are
former residents of Kent and since
graduating from the Kent high
school in 1934 Miss Young has
spent most of her time in Port-
land where she has been em-
ployed.

Mrs. J. M. Wilson left Tuesday
for Hood River where she will
spend several days at the home of
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bothwell and
family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Helyer went
to The Dalles Monday when Jesse
entered the Mid-Columbia hospital
for an operation on his knee which
was injured during haying season.
Mrs. Helyer remained there for
a few days.

Kent Grange No. 688 will hold
its regular meeting Saturday,
January 24. Several candidates
will be initiated by the degree
team.

Mrs. Blanche Baker of Portland
is visiting at the home of Mr. and
Mrs. Robert Mitchell.
Mr. and Mrs. Gus Kopke of
Condon were brief callers here
Friday.
The hunt which was arranged

a week ago with Paul Wilson and
Eugene Norton as captains, ended
Friday evening with the former's
team winning. An oyster supper
and dance was held at the grange
hall Saturday night for the win-
ning side. Music was furnished
by Mobley's orchestra. Mr. and
Mrs. Orville Ruggles of Grass Val-
ley were out of town guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wilson and
daughter spent Sunday at the
home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar
Smith in Dufur.

Mrs. Grace Gregg is staying in
The Dalles while her daughter,
Mrs. Charles Purchase is in a hos-
pital there.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Pluemke re-
ceived word of the birth of a
daughter on January 18th to Mr.
and Mrs. Karl Pluemke in Salem.

Teacher: "What is a rabbit?"
Johnny: "Dad says it's an animal
that grows the fur that other
animals get credit for when it is
made into a coat."

**IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
THE STATE OF OREGON FOR
THE COUNTY OF SHERMAN
CITATION**