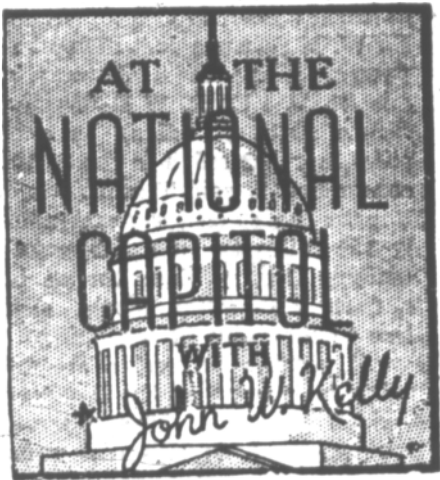


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Sudden Floods Wash Moro As Snow Leaves

Most of Snow Believed To Have Gone Into Ground, However

Washington D. C. Feb. 5.—Stubborn Commissioner Vickery of the maritime commission has had to back up on his invitation for bids for hundreds of barges for the Tigris river. The war department engineer now at Basra preparing an American base requested that the barges be shipped "knocked down," to be assembled on the Persian gulf. Mr. Vickery called for bids that the barges should be built complete and delivered at one or two ports in the south. This shut out bidders from Oregon and Washington, who could not get the barges floated through the Panama canal nor shipped by rail. Mr. Vickery's idea was to load the barges on decks of freighters going to the Persian gulf, but the barges are so large that it might be a year before all had been unloaded. Re-advertising for bids Mr. Vickery now follows the request of the engineer at Basra, wants them in knocked-down condition, and this gives builders in the northwest a chance to connect with a contract. About 25,000,000 feet of lumber will be required to fill the order, approximately five shiploads, as the lumber can be stored in the hold as well as on deck. Cut and numbered, the lumber will be assembled by key men and probably native labor at the destination.

General Hershey, chief of selective service, says that the boys in Oregon have not been taken from farms in any large numbers. Farmers engaged in raising canning peas, many operating 800 to 1200 acres, are worried about the labor situation and their troubles have been placed on the desk of General Hershey. That official has caused a survey to be made in sample counties, such as Umatilla, Deschutes, etc., and discovered that the loss of agricultural labor is due to other causes than the selective service. The young men have voluntarily enlisted or have been attracted by the high wages in war industries. For example, of 110 men inducted in Deschutes county only 12 were associated with some form of agriculture. County by county, Hershey revealed figures on the number of farm boys inducted, usually about 10 percent of the total. The general sums up with the declaration that there is sufficient farm labor in Oregon but that the workers must receive at least \$50 a month, plus board and lodging.

Since office of civilian defense was given \$100,000,000 with which to buy fire equipment, gas masks, asbestos suits and steel helmets there has been a rush of applicants for fire apparatus, many towns believing they saw an opportunity to acquire new fire engines without cost. OGD, however, has already made a survey and has decided where it will distribute the apparatus. A questionnaire was sent out to every city in the United States of more than 5000 population, and the equipment is to be scattered among them. Towns and hamlets of less than 5000 are ignored, although many are in as much danger as any metropolitan area which has its paid fire department. For example, a very small town next to one of the big munitions dumps is not considered eligible by OGD, and no consideration is given towns along the coast which are adjacent to forests. All these of less than 5000 have just one protection: they can collect damages to property from RFC war risk insurance if a bomb drops on them. The insurance is for property damage, not the snuffing out of life unless it is a cow, horse or sheep.

Any member of congress who has served five or more years and has reached the age of 65 years may now retire on an annuity if he so elects; the longer the member has served the higher the annuity. To be eligible for immediate retirement the member must pay his contribution under the civil service law for the entire

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You Pays Your Money An' Takes Your Choice



Gov. Charles A. Sprague



Earl W. Snell



Sen. Lew Wallace



Howard Latourette

With the entrance of Earl Snell into the race for gubernatorial nomination last Saturday the expected entries are in for the May primary race. Charles A. Sprague, Republican, governor is

Rufus Leads County Race In Basketball

When the Rufus high school basketball team edged out the Moro team by a score of 19-18 last Friday it established itself so strongly in first place that it will be hard to head before the end of the season.

The Wolves had beaten Grass Valley 24-15 Tuesday of that week.

Games of this week end, when Kent and Wasco play each other, will have an important bearing on the race. Grass Valley and Moro will tangle while Rufus draws a bye and will play St. Mary's of The Dalles.

Standings now are as follows:

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Rufus	5	2	.714
Kent	4	2	.667
Wasco	3	3	.500
Moro	2	4	.333
Grass Valley	2	5	.285

A Golden Jubilee game between Rufus and Kent, leaders of the Sherman County league, will be played at Rufus February 13. This

Official Family Changing In State House As War Demands Increase

By A. L. Lindbeck
Salem, Ore., Feb. 5.—Promotion, transfers and resignations in the state's official family have come thick and fast this past week.

First there was the assignment of David W. Eccles, executive secretary to the governor, to be state coordinator of war time industrial production. Simultaneously with this announcement came the announcement that Roy H. Mills, business representative for state institutions was being lifted out of the board of control and placed at the head of the state budget division. Then out of a clear sky came the resignation of Daniel J. Fry, as secretary to the board of control and state purchasing agent, and with the announcement that the board had accepted Fry's resignation came the further announce-

County Pledges Average \$172.91 In Bond Drive

Work of the defense bond minute men is practically finished in Sherman county and the report has been sent in. Remaining is but the job of taking the pledges of the few who were not seen in the regular campaign.

Total figures for Sherman county is \$87,492, actually pledged. This is an average of \$172.91 for the 506 pledges forwarded to the state headquarters.

News reports indicate that the rural average per pledge will be about \$80 and for Portland \$130. Final figures will not be known for several days although every effort is being made to complete the job immediately.

Next Tuesday similar campaigns will be started in the other 47 states.

game is in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the invention of the game.

Two games will be played, first and second teams. There will be a fashion parade of women's athletic dress from the gay nineties to the present.

Registration For Men Under 45 Set For Feb. 16

Those Who Registered In First or Second Groups Need Not Repeat

Registration day for all men between the ages of 20 and 45 will be held Monday, February 16, according to Wily Knighten, chairman of the local draft board.

Men who have registered in either of the two former registrations will not be compelled to sign up again. Men of 20 and those of 21 who have reached that age since last July 1 will register as will men between the previous top age of 35 and 45. Those who reach their 45th birthday before February 16 will be excused.

Five boards will handle the work in this county, one at each of the community centers. The registration places will be open from 7 a. m. until 9 p. m. according to federal edict. As this will come after the change of time the 7 a. m. opening will be normally six o'clock, made probably for those who want to register before daylight.

At Wasco the board will be in the council rooms with Cap. R. O. Scott and Charles Everett in charge. At Moro registration will be done at the court house with Percy Thompson and Theodore Johnston taking the names. At Grass Valley the board will sit in the library and George Wilcox and A. M. Zevely will be in charge; at Kent Mrs. Floye von Borstel, Mrs. Mae Hoskinson and Mrs. Winnie Wilson will take the names; at Rufus Carl Thompson, Russell Hollinshead and Martha Hoover will register the men in the school house.

Breakfast Club Selects Secretary

The Moro Breakfast club held its February meeting Wednesday morning at the usual hour of 6:30. Omer Sayrs, Vernon Platt and Harry Kunsman were responsible for a program of fun, impromptu singing and guessing on the weight of a lamb which Sayrs presented to the club. Guessing on the weight of the lamb will be a feature of the next two meetings, after which the lamb will be shipped.

Contention of W. F. McLeod that he was ineligible to serve a second year as secretary was upheld by the club membership and W. H. Close was chosen to fill the office for the year.

Cities To Get Bigger Share of Tax

The county court, in a generous mood, Wednesday morning decided to give the cities of the county the entire road funds paid in 1941 and delinquent. This amounts to \$602.27 for Moro, \$556.74 for Wasco and \$383.92 for Grass Valley. W. A. Nisbet and G. G. Updegraff, Wasco city officials, made the request.

According to law prior to June 14, 1941 the county had to return 50 percent to the cities of all funds raised by the general road tax within the cities. This the cities have been getting. An amendment to the law now permits the county to give back an amount which shall be at least 50 percent of the tax raised.

Because of the need for street improvement the court voted to aid the cities. The apportionment must be made each year.

LINFIELD HONORS O'MEARA

Philip O'Meara, star tackle on the Linfield College football team, from Wasco, recently was named to the second little All-Coast team in a poll of coaches, sports writers and scouts. O'Meara has also been given honorable mention on the Associated Press Little All American squad. He was recently called to army duty under the selective service system. Mr. O'Meara, whose brother James is still at Linfield, was put in charge of the 42 other men inducted with him. His name will be added to the school's honor flag of men in service.

Three Going To Army In February Call Farmers Due For Some Heavy Thinking Today

Tom Macnab, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Macnab of Rufus, Francis J. Hammond and Woodrow Carl Riggs of Grass Valley will take off next Monday for the army being the February contingent from this county. All men are in the younger group as no men above 28 have been called in this county so far.

Meeting Called For Talks On Many Farm Problems At Moro Today

The farm meeting scheduled for today, Friday, February 6, is hailed as one of the most important of the year by county agent Wright, who points out that problems that are or will be of major importance by harvest time will be discussed by men who should be familiar with them. Among the problems will be:

Labor. How are farmers to get their crops harvested with farm boys being drafted into the army, with defense work taking the mechanics at high wages?

Sacks. It is now pretty generally recognized that grain bags will be hard to get by harvest and a quota of 10 or 15 percent of last year's requirements is expected to be about the maximum.

Storage. Without sacks bulk storage is needed. The county is building an additional 425,000 bushel capacity but at best it is likely that some place to 1,500,000 bushels of wheat will be a need at harvest time. Farmers can still get priority for elevators it is said if they will apply.

Surplus. The Commodity Credit corporation is trying to move wheat for feed or sale to Russia. It is handicapped to some extent because its loans do not expire until April 30. Unless farmers turn loose enough wheat to fill requirements the outlet is dammed until too late to get storage space for 1942 wheat.

Repairs. It is possible to get repairs for farm machines but it may not be within a few months. Repair now is to be stressed.

New Machinery. This may not concern this county as much as it does some others but new machinery is hard to get with the plants being taken over for war work.

The United States Department of Agriculture County War Board a new name for the agricultural Defense Board, will meet in the morning of Friday for preliminary discussions.

Coming for the meeting are Emory Worth, farm placement supervisor of the employment service, E. L. Ludwick, of the AAA, W. A. Richards of CCC, R. B. Taylor, state chairman of the USDACWB, and Clyde Kiddie, now of the AAA and the crop insurance board.

The meeting will be held in the Legion hall and will begin at 1:30 in the afternoon. As several speakers are listed the meeting must begin on time, says Mr. Wright.

Price of Electricity Drops Steadily

Average price received by the Pacific Power & Light Company for residential electric service dropped from 2.51 cents a kilowatt hour in 1940 down to 2.35 cents in 1941, reported Paul B. McKee, president, in his February letter to preferred stockholders. This was a decrease of 6.4 per cent for the year.

Average annual use per residential customer on the system increased 113 kilowatt-hours to a new high of 1,802 kilowatt-hours, approximately double the national average.

Direct taxes also hit a new peak, passing the million dollar mark for the first time and totaling \$1,005,810 for the year. This was an increase of \$105,436 over the company's 1940 tax bill, and was \$306,000 more than it paid five years ago.

Taxes in 1941 were equivalent to 35.5 per cent of the company's operating revenues.

The company's operating revenues for 1941 were up 6.6 per cent and kilowatt-hour sales increased 8 per cent, but net income was down \$113,472 in comparison with 1940.

CONVICTS BUY BONDS

Inmates of the state prison may be set to cutting wood for state institutions if the fuel problem becomes any more serious than it already is. Institutions depending on wood for fuel are finding it almost impossible to replenish their rapidly dwindling supply.

Government Raises Cost of Driving

Federal excise taxes on motor vehicles, tires, parts and accessories, gasoline, and lubricating oils, reached an all time high of \$568,225,176 in 1941, according to Bureau of Internal Revenue figures collected by the Oregon State Motor Association.

The 1941 figure represents an increase of 37.5 per cent over the \$413,313,536 collected from the same sources during 1940, the association said. Largest single item was the federal gasoline tax, aggregating \$334,022,203 in 1941.

Total state gasoline taxes for 1941 are estimated at nearly \$1,000,000, or about half of all tax revenue derived from the nation's motor vehicles. It has been computed that more than 200 per cent of the average value of motor vehicles is paid in taxes throughout their average life, which is set at eight and one half years.

Judge Hendricks Sentences Two

Judge Carl Hendricks of Fossil was here Monday for some special circuit work during which time he sentenced Kenneth Wilde to serve two years in the penitentiary after he had pled guilty to forgery. Roy Fauskebee pled guilty to killing a hog he had been placed in charge of and was fined \$50, which he paid.