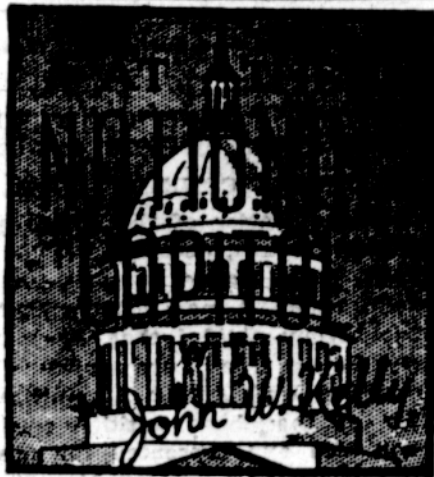


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Washington D.C. May 28—Considering the possibility of saboteurs setting fire to Oregon forests or Japanese raiders dropping incendiary bombs, the forest service is now up on its toes and every look out station is manned. There were 965 fires in private and state lands in Oregon last year, a decrease of 390 under the total of 1940. Area burned last year totaled 9,281 acres compared with 29,272 in 1940. Principal causes of fires in Oregon, according to the report of the chief forester, is lightning, which accounted for 584. Deliberately set fires were 64; smokers set 99 fires; debris burning 59, lumbering 39, railroads 12, campers 46 and not classified 62.

This year and next, and as long as the duration, there will be more people on the watch for fires in the woods than ever before. In addition to the CCC troops, the forest service and camps, there will be many thousands of civilian volunteers. From Montana to the Pacific shore and from British Columbia deep into California a network of watchers and alert men and women will be on the job until the fall rains.

Creeping down from the Puget valley in Washington is a parasite which is destroying cover crops and threatening the 400,000 acres of vetch, Austrian peas and rye grass in Oregon. Oregon farmers are alarmed and Washington farmers are working desperately to protect their crops. Washington officials are making a survey to determine the limits of the pest and government scientists are trying to determine the life history of this new menace. The cover crop in Oregon will bring in about \$10,000,000 unless the parasite reaches the fields and begins its work of destruction.

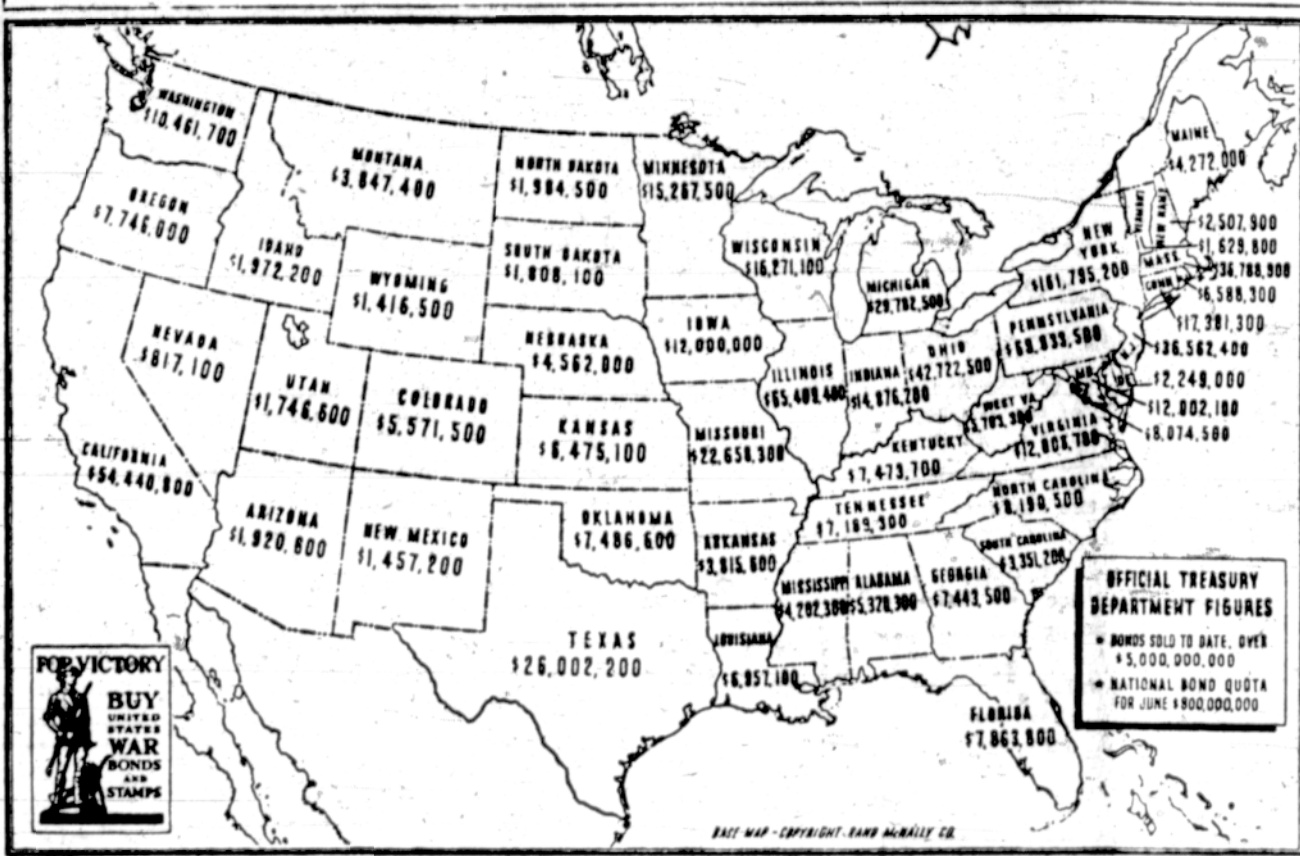
In the rush to ration 130,000, 000 pounds with sugar canids, the office of price administration forgot about the practice of Oregon housewives who "put up" a variety of fruit and berries as jams, jellies and preserves. The housewives have written to Senator McNary and he has conferred with Leon Henderson (who always smokes a five cent cigar). Henderson says that his staff will work out some arrangement by which housewives will have sufficient sugar to meet their requirements. Still to be determined, however, is what the housewives can use to seal their Mason jars, the rubber rings being no longer made, although there are, presumably, some in the stores.

Owing to the shortage of copper wire it is probable that no more PUDs will be started in Oregon for the duration. Every pound of copper is required for warships, freighters, tanks, anti-aircraft guns etc., and there is none to spare, according to war production board for civilian purposes. It is a fight now for the government power dams on Columbia river to obtain copper wire they require for planned transmission lines, and this may not be sufficient to connect with some of the newly formed utility districts. WPA has already decided that wire for rural electrification program cannot be spared from war work.

There are 170 contractors in Douglas county who operate 300 trucks hauling logs and they fear they will have to quit unless they can obtain new tires and re-caps. Reports from Coos, Lane and Linn counties say that loggers in those sections are in need of tires. WPB will put out an order curtailing shipment from sawmills for a couple of months, except for mills having government orders which must be moved. Retail yards, it is explained, have sufficient lumber to take care of regular business until the emergency has passed. The emergency is a matter of transportation, for all available rolling stock is being pressed into service to handle the urgent

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Official U. S. Treasury War Bond Quotas for June



The above map of the country shows the War Bond Quota by states for the month of June totalling \$800,000,000. Everybody every pay day is expected to invest at least ten per cent of his income in War Bonds to aid in financing America's offensive against the Axis powers.

The ultimate quota for the nation will be on a basis of one billion dollars per month effective in July. This sum is necessary to provide for all-out production of planes, guns, ships and munitions adequate to arm our fighting men with the tools necessary to win the war.

Nineteen Going To Annual 4-H Summer School

Nineteen of Sherman county's young people are leaving June 2 for Corvallis to spend ten days at the annual 4-H summer school.

Nearly all of them are going on scholarships of one kind or another as the practice of giving scholarships has become common in this county.

Scholarships Many

Jack von Borstel and Don King have scholarships from the state fair, Annalee Knighten from club funds for best quality of work among girls, Merrill Sather for best quality of work among boys, Clyde Fridley for showmanship, Gloria Douma for the style Revue, Betty Payne has the Alex Marshall scholarship for cookery. Cluo funds are sending Janet Schade-witz for clothing ability and Genevieve Oestreich for canning ability. Bob Hoskinson won the Har-andview Grange scholarship for sheep, Bobby Huch the U. S. National bank one for turkeys, Leland Barnett has the First National bank scholarship for beef, Harry Hartley goes with club funds for poultry. Elton Medler was declared the most deserving individual by the Moro Breakfast club, Shelton Fritts Jr. the most outstanding clubber by the Pomona grange. Ed Fritts is going as a guest of Millard Eakin for his work with Shorthorns and Carsten von Borstel for raising the best bred calf in the county. Glen Sather and Lee Barnett are going also when the train leaves The Dalles at 1:15 June 2. All will have to pay their own fare on the train and may take no more than two pieces of luggage.

Kent Graduates Two and Two

The Kent School and eighth grade held its graduation ceremonies Tuesday, May 19 in High School auditorium, following a three act comedy, "The Great Ben Allah," with Jack von Borstel and Helen von Borstel playing the leading roles. Others in the cast were Carsten von Borstel, Earl Lyons, Thelda Beyers, Norma Helver, Cleo Luffon, Doris Styles, Jean Wallace and Shelton Fritts.

Following the play, Amundson von Borstel, chairman of the school board, presented the diploma to his daughter Helen, and to Earl Lyons graduating from high school; and to his daughter Mary Louise, and to Mary Lou Lyons, graduating from the 8th grade. Mr. William Jones, principal, presented the following awards: letters to Earl Lyons and Helen von Borstel for athletic work—their names were also placed on a senior plaque for outstanding work during the four years of high school; the Senior Scholarship award to Helen von Borstel; annual athletic award and scholarship award to Jack von Borstel

Emergency Board Refuses Funds To Interim Development Group

By A. L. Lindbeck.

Salem, Ore., May 28.—At its meeting here Saturday the State Emergency Board turned down a request for \$15,000 with which to finance an "expert" investigation into Oregon's tax system. This was the second time this interim legislature has turned thumbs down on such a request.

In expressing his opposition to the proposal Dean Walker, president of the state senate, pointed out that in the past 20 years the state had financed a number of such investigations only to have the findings and recommendations which they produced consigned to the legislative waste basket. Senators Ronald Jones of Marion county and Howard Belton of Clackamas joined with Walker in voting against the appropriation. House Speaker Robert S. Farrell, Jr., and Representatives Harry Belvin of Klamath county and C. C. Bradley of Multnomah county, supported the proposal.

The board in a three hour session, gave its official approval to deficiency appropriations aggregating \$50,260.40. Of this amount \$28,760 is to come out of the \$100,000 emergency fund set aside by the last legislature and \$21,500 is to be transferred from the national guard appropriation to the civilian defense bureau and the state police.

A total of \$30,000 was appropriated for the civilian defense bureau to cover salaries, wages and general operating and maintenance expense. Next largest item was an appropriation of \$7500 for the newly organized state guard. The boys' training school was granted a deficiency appropriation of \$4000 to carry it along until the legislature meets in January and \$3000 was granted to the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society to meet the increased cost of boarding out the youthful wards of this state-aided private organization.

Hundreds of seasonal workers who filed claims but were denied unemployment benefits from 1933 to 1941 are having their claims reconsidered by the Unemployment Compensation commission now as a result of the supreme court decision in the Layman case. Already more than \$30,000 in back benefits has been paid to workmen directly affected by this decision and a review of the payroll records of more than 800 additional employers declared seasonal in the four year period is well under way the commission has announced.

Oregon's industrial payroll continues to grow by leaps and bounds according to records of the state industrial accident commission. Industrial payrolls in this state for the first four months of this year totalled \$88,055,034 compared to \$60,377,655 for the same period of 1941; the commission's records show. The April payroll alone totalled \$22,731,503 compared to \$16,300,004 for April, 1941.

Oregon has "gone over the top" again with more than 31,000 tons of scrap iron and steel sent into

Unofficial Reports Indicate Rain During May

May Brings Dampness To Make Prospects Good For Crop

In unofficial circles it is rumored that there has been rain during the past few weeks. Events of this nature that are not too recent can be, and have been confirmed, by official tenders of the measuring can.

May is an erratic month. In 1937 it rained but a feeble .03 inch, giving it a record for the least rain in 1913. This year we had, at the latest reportable period, 1.17 inches with chances that more might be forth coming.

Crop Year Wet

The crop year rainfall, at the same time was 12.14 inches which compares rather favorably with other years since 1911. The crop year average is 11.09 inches. Last year we had 13.01, a figure that may still be reached before August 31.

Sunday was a day of general rainfall all over the county. A rain of cloudburst proportions fell over the south end of the county, a rain and hail storm descended on Moro and brought better than half an inch in ten minutes. Heavy rains fell on the north end of the county as well.

Wheat is pretty well headed in the north end of the county but much later farther south. The rain came at an opportune time and crop conditions have been improved.

Wasco Boy Ends School At Linfield

James Y. O'Meara, son of Mr. P. G. O'Meara of Wasco, was among those receiving diplomas at the Linfield College commencement exercises May 24. A star football and baseball player at McMinnville school, Mr. O'Meara was co-coach of freshman football last fall, and this spring assumed the presidency of his fraternity, Totia Omega Mu. Phil, one of his two brothers who has attended Linfield, would have graduated with him, except that he was drafted into the army, and at last report was in Camp Elliott.

John Patjens Buried at Grass Valley

John Dietrich Patjens, a resident of the Grass Valley country for nearly fifty years, died last Friday at his home. He was born in Hanover, Germany August 23 1863 and came to America when a young man. He settled northwest of Kent and has remained there. He had been ill for many months.

Mr. Patjens is survived by his widow, Margaret, a son, Andrew, a daughter, Mrs. Katherine Andrews all of Grass Valley and 4 sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Strange and Mrs. Emma Holman of Portland, Mrs. Margaret Schassen of The Dalles and Mrs. Tom Smith of Yakima.

Funeral services were held in Grass Valley Monday afternoon with Rev. W. I. Eck officiating. Interment was in the Grass Valley Odd-Fellows cemetery.

Rationing Board Lets Citizens Ride

The tire rationing board has permitted the following to buy passenger tires: George Fox, one tube, 1 recap; Mrs. O. W. Lyman, 1 tube; George Howell 2 recaps; Claude Thompson, 2 recaps; Wm. Harder, 1 tire.

Truck tires permitted were to the following: A. T. Striker, 2 tires; O. T. Hansen 1 tire; Jewel Herin 1 tire; H. C. Ginn 1 tire; A. C. Kaseberg 1 tube; W. E. Bruckert 1 tube; L. E. Kaseberg 1 tube; George Howell 2 recaps; V. B. Eakin 2 recaps; Marion Howell 1 recap; Millard Eakin 1 recap.

Talk on Draft Scheduled For Breakfast Club

Willy Knighten, chairman of the county draft board, will speak at the Moro Breakfast club meeting next Wednesday morning using as his topic an explanation of the draft regulations.

This is a subject that has been of primary interest for about a year, or since the government began taking men to army camps. Now that single men have nearly all gone others below the age of 45 are becoming more interested in the regulations that may affect them.

As usual, any one in the county may attend a meeting of the club, which starts at 6:30 Wednesday morning, June 3.

Two Annexes To Be Built If Possible

Plans are under way for the building of two annexes to the newly constructed elevators at Wasco and Biggs. Officials of the Sherman Co-operative Grain Growers are seeking a priority which will enable them to obtain lumber and nails for the additions.

Inability to move the 1941 crop stored in flat houses and the prospects for a good crop again this year have made more storage an apparent necessity. It is thought that if material can be obtained enough labor can be recruited to finish the additions by harvest.

Singer To Appear In Recital

Those who heard Mr. William Gynther sing some time ago liked his work and he has been requested to give a concert at the Moro Community church so the public might be given an opportunity to hear him. He is one of the leading dramatic baritones of the west. Miss Sybil Belshe will accompany him. Tom Fraser, Bass with William Clothier will also assist him. The public is invited. A small offering will be taken for the use of the church.

Date of the concert will be Saturday night, June 6.

Two To Graduate From Oregon State

Oregon State College—Sherman county is represented by 2 students among the 751 receiving degrees at the seventy-third annual commencement Saturday, May 30.

The graduating class this year is one of the largest in the history of the college and includes 101 receiving graduate degrees and 650 the baccalaureate degrees of either bachelor of science or bachelor of arts. Of those completing graduate work, six have earned doctor of philosophy degrees, three master of forestry, three master of arts, ten master of education, and 79 master of science degrees in the various schools.

Those from Sherman county are Vernon Francis Futter, Moro, BS in agriculture, and Jack Dillard Sather, Kent, BS in agriculture, who was also one of 23 students pledged to Sigma Xi, national honor society for science.

Sherman County; Quo. a Is \$21,200

Sherman county's quota for war bonds for June has been set at \$21,200. The May quota was \$13,500 which was reached last week. State quota for June is \$7,746,000 a raise of over \$2,000,000 over May.

The June quota is nearly ten dollars for each person in the county making it easy to figure. It is recognized that this is not the best time for Sherman county citizens to buy bonds and the quota is comparatively low for that reason. Multnomah county's quota is \$4,121,000 out of the total of \$7,746,000 in the state. Later in the season the upstate quotas will probably be proportionately raised.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Thompson and family spent Memorial week end at Camp Sherman.

Sherman County Budget Made For Fiscal Year

Village Will Be About 3 for County and Road Purposes

Sherman county's first fiscal year budget has been made. At least a set of figures giving preliminary estimates of expenditures and receipts is in the hands of the clerk being made ready for publication next week.

Members of the county court, assisted by Tom Alley, Perry Axteill and Fred Hennagin as budgeters and other citizens, members of the tax league and kibitzers spent Tuesday in the laborious process of compilation.

In the main items the budget is not greatly different from those that have gone before. County offices are to be supported in the usual manner, the county agent's office will receive more and pay more rent to balance. The fair appropriation occasioned no little argument based on differences of opinion arising from the change in budget time. The janitor will get a raise in pay.

For the first time in several years the budget for public welfare was reduced. Instead of being increased at every session without apparent relation to announced costs, the requests from that department were based on estimated needs.

The appropriations for the five charitable institutions on the county budget was increased from \$50 per year each to \$100.

An item of \$100 was put in the fund for the civilian defense work and the emergency fund was increased for further contingencies that might come under this head. No one was able to say what might be demanded of the county in this work.

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The budget committee also granted \$300 for the United Service Organizations, the national group that provides relaxation and entertainment for the men in service.

Weed control drew \$250 which will be used for the purchase of at least a ton of weed killer to destroy weeds along the county roads. Another item of \$500 was appropriated for the control of Mormon Crickets that have been becoming more numerous and destructive in the north-east section of the county.

The road fund totals \$25,000.00, a considerable reduction. It also includes \$2500 for purchase and operation of fire fighting equipment.

Receipts of the county are expected to be \$11,408.33 and on hand as available cash was nearly \$40,000, the total being estimated at \$50,000 at the end of June. The amount to be raised by taxation under the proposed budget will be \$22,321.70, one of the smallest sums of any year except the no levy six month period of the first half of 1942. Millage for county and road purposes will be about 2.5 for the county.

With an addition of 20 percent for uncollected taxes the budget as published will call for \$26,786.04 which will be nearly three mills.

Stock Prices Still At Top In Portland

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

CATTLE: Good grain fed steers \$11.75 to 13.50. Good grass steers \$10.75 to 11.75. Good grain fed heifers \$11.75 to 12.65. Good beef cows \$9.50 to 10.25. Medium \$8.75 to 9.25. Common \$7.50 to 8.50. Canners \$6.00 to \$7.00. Bulls, medium to good \$8.50 to 11.00. Odd head \$11.25. Common \$8.50 to 9.25. Vealers good to choice \$14.00 to 14.50.

HOGS: 170 to 115 lb truckins \$14.10 to 14.25; 2 lots to \$14.35; 230 to 285 lb butchers \$13.50 to 13.50; packing sows \$9.50 to 11.00. Feeder pigs \$12.50 to 13.50.

SHEEP: Good to choice spring lambs \$13.50 to 13.75; medium to good, \$12.00 to 13.00. Common \$10.00 to 11.00. Slaughter ewes, good to choice shorn \$5.00 to 5.50. Shorn lambs \$9.00 to 10.25.