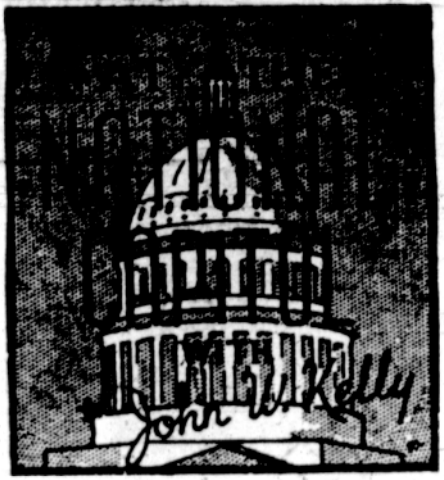


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I.C.C. Member Says Hearing Will Be Close

Claude R. Porter, chairman of the finance division of the Interstate Commerce commission, has informed members of the group working for the retention of the railroad line in Sherman county that when a hearing is called on the matter it will be held in some place convenient to the county so that interested persons may present their testimony.

It is not thought that the hearing will be held soon as the railroad company will be asked to present reasons for the petition and this may take some time. Information is being gathered for the hearing.

Gasoline Sales Down But Little

While gasoline consumption in Oregon decreased only four percent for the first five months of the year compared to the same period last year, the motor vehicle death rate decreased almost 29 percent, figures compiled at the office of the state traffic safety division disclosed today.

At the end of May motorists had used 104,117,270 gallons of gasoline which was four percent under the consumption of 108,881,566 gallons a year ago. Traffic deaths for the first five months totaled 89 compared to 130 for the same period last year.

U. S. Employment Office Opened

The Moro office of the U. S. employment service opened Wednesday morning, July 1, with J. D. Moberg in charge. Office space was finally obtained in the building that formerly housed the Douma meat market.

Eldon Cone, who has been in charge of the office in the Dalles has been transferred to Ontario and Emmett F. McGraw has replaced him. Mr. McGraw comes from Pendleton.

Farmers or others wanting men may report to Mr. Moberg who will try to find men able to do the required job. The U. S. employment service lists will be searched for available workers to fill the haying jobs.

Red Warehouse Di. gorges Wheat

The town side of the red warehouse, recently blown full of bulk wheat gave way Tuesday afternoon allowing several hundred bushels of grain to spill out between the cribbing breaks.

Reason for the break is that the cables holding the uprights were not tight enough to hold the pressure and gave way letting the cribbing split and release the grain. About three feet of cribbing holds below the break. Other cribbing houses at Hay Canyon and Eskine are holding with little bulging.

Little loss is expected from the break although many men hours will be needed to gather the wheat back into a house again. The pile has been fenced.

East Wind Dims Hope of Big Crop

Advent of the east wind, that meteorological misfit, has dimmed the hopes of some farmers for a 1942 crop the equal of that of 1941.

How much damage was done by the east wind of Monday and Tuesday cannot be known. Some farmers claim serious injury; others merely say it had to get hot to turn the grain sometime. It is entirely possible that enough damage was done to lighten the crop. Temperatures soared to above 90 for four days although the wind was not strong Wednesday or Thursday. This was a decided change from the first 28 days of June which established a new record as the coldest June since records have been kept.

Sherman County Gathers 37 lbs Rubber Per Capita

Expected Total Will Be In Excess of 40 lbs Per Capita

The scrap rubber drive in Sherman county is about over whether any more time is allowed for the job or not. Austin Foss, who has been visiting farmers asking them to bring in their rubber and iron, has computed the results of the drive and finds that since the service stations began taking rubber the citizens of the county have brought them 72,430 pounds of scrap.

In addition to this six tons of rubber were hauled away from the scrap iron piles when rubber was brought in along with iron some weeks ago.

These figures total 84,430 pounds which is nearly 37 pounds of rubber scrap per capita. Foss estimates that another seven tons will be brought in before the tenth of July. If this done the county will have turned in over 40 pounds per capita.

Original aim of the drive was to procure four pounds per capita from the people of the United States. This has not been realized so far.

The figures obtained by Foss, who checked the rubber for the county war board, are as follows: Wasco 17,832; Rufus 4,552; Moro 15,970; Grass Valley 20,290; Kent 12,786.

Per capita figures from other sections of the state have not been made available to date.

Students To Have Chance For Service

University of Oregon (special) The University of Oregon next year expects to enlist every qualified student in one of the military reserve programs now available at the university, and by enlistment enable the student to continue his education until called into active service. It was announced by Dr. Carl F. Kossack, chairman of the newly formed bureau of military information and placement.

This program is a direct outgrowth of a joint dequency by the army and the navy for the university to continue and also to expand its work in training officers and specialists for the war effort.

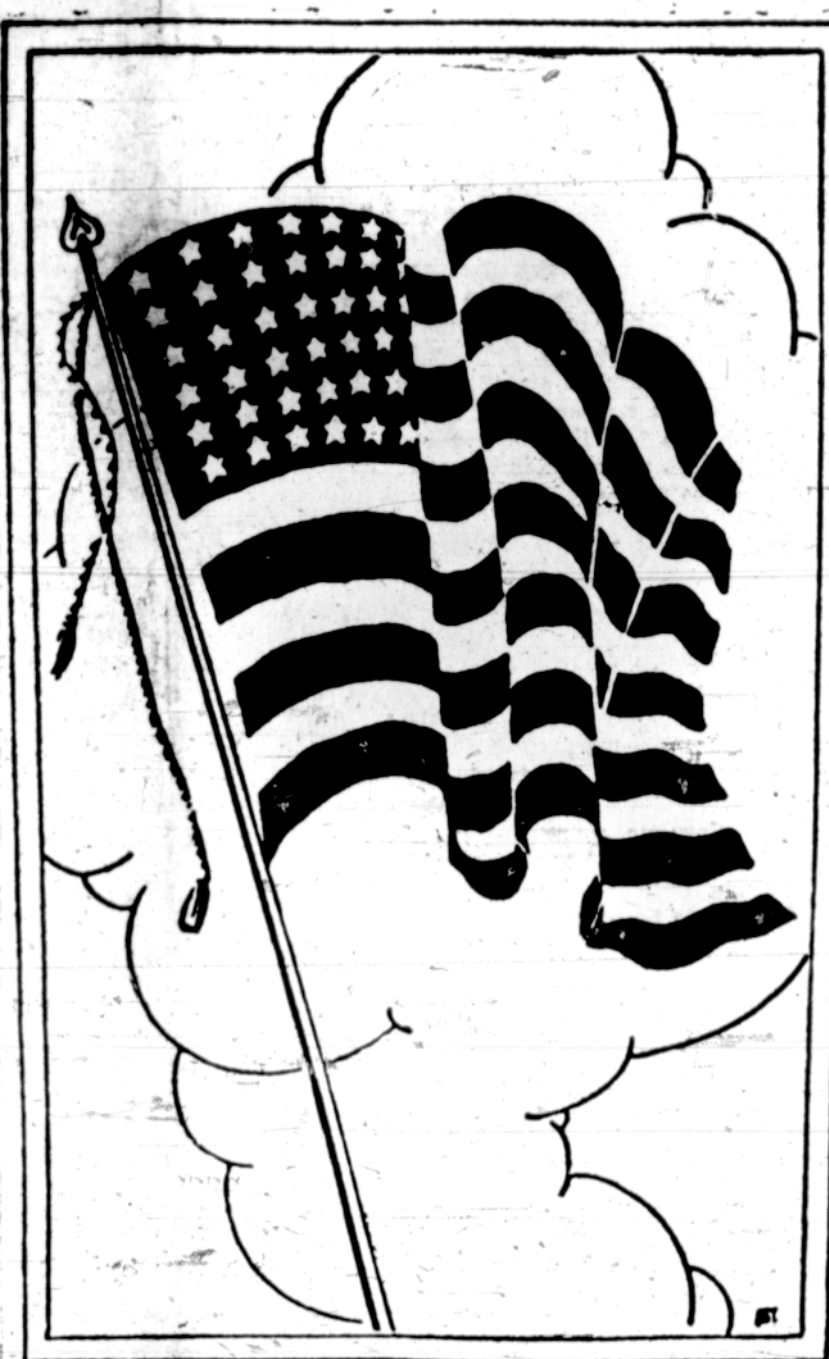
No Union For Oregon Farmers; E. O. W. League Must Tell All

By A. L. Lindbeck. SALEM, OR.—Unionization of Oregon's farmers as attempted by John L. Lewis, head of the United Mine Workers, is opposed by J. D. Mickle, state director of agriculture, as inimical to their best interests.

"Under the cooperative laws of Oregon they (the farmers) are given such rights as assure them of the privilege of contributing to their own welfare through their own collective efforts," Mickle said. "They have all the rights and privileges accorded by law to other organizations, corporate or individual. Therefore I fail to see where affiliation with a labor organization will strengthen their organization in any way."

Instead of benefitting by affiliation with a labor union, Mickle predicted that "many difficulties will arise from such connections." While he refused to point out these difficulties the agricultural director gave it as his opinion that farm organizations which have been in the habit of running their own affairs would not take kindly to dictation or overlordship by other organizations which have no common interest or farm-minded connections.

Advocates and opponents of initiative measures are required to file itemized statements of contributions as well as expenditures according to an opinion of the state supreme court this week. The opinion directed the Oregon Business Council, Associated Farmers of Oregon and Eastern Oregon Wheat League to file a list of the contributors of their campaign in support of the "anti-picketing" bill which was approved by the voters of Oregon in November.



O'Meara Family Wasco Boy Represented In All Registration Suffocates In Grain Bin

The O'Meara family of Wasco has had a name on every one of the five draft registrations. James signed up for the first one, Phil for the second, Stephen for the third, Pat, himself, registered in the fourth registration when those between 45 and 65 signed for service. And Richard and Patty put their signatures on a card Tuesday in the fifth registration.

James expects to enter the army this month. Phil has been in six months and Stephen has finished his training as a seaman at San Diego and is ready to ship out.

OLD SOLDIERS NEVER DIE

Wayne Hull was here last week from Portland. He has resigned his position in the city and will join the army again. He and Ralph Brubaker were soldiers together in the last war.

1938, but which was later held by the high court to be unconstitutional. "One of the chief purposes of the Corrupt Practices Act is to prevent fraud and insure purity of elections by limiting the amount of campaign expenses," Justice Bell wrote in presenting the court's view of this question. "People have the right to know—and it is so contemplated by the act—who is spending money and the amount thereof to secure the approval or rejection of any initiative measure."

Consumption of electricity in Oregon during 1941 increased by 7.2 percent over that for 1940 according to a compilation of electric utility reports just completed by O. R. Bean, public utilities commissioner.

Nearly 64,000 of the official voter's pamphlets mailed out prior to the recent primary election failed to reach the persons to whom addressed. This number represents approximately 12 percent of the total mailing and is in striking contrast to the 5 to 8 percent of returns of previous years. The large increase in undelivered pamphlets this year is accounted for by the large shift of voters to industrial centers.

The state of Oregon is doing its bit toward financing the war effort, State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott announced that approximately \$1,000,000 in state funds have been invested in war bonds.

Governor Sprague who attended the annual conference of governors

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Forty Boys Sign Up For Army

Forty local young men of the 18-19-20 year old class registered with the draft board Tuesday at Wasco, Moro and Grass Valley. In addition to the local lads six from outside the county registered here. Division was 13 at Grass Valley, 10 at Moro and 17 at Wasco. These boys will be given serial numbers this month and order numbers. The order in which they will be called has not been determined.

Final Tax Turnover Made For Six Months

The report of the sheriff and tax collector for the end of the six months period June 30, showed a collection of \$8,354.30 in current and delinquent taxes. Of this sum \$4,722.59 was in current taxes.

No great sums were received for any of the taxing units with the exception that the settlement of taxes prior to 1935 brought over \$700.00 to the city of Moro because of the payment of old taxes. School district 17 also benefited.

Republicans Elect Mrs. Howard Conlee

Organization of the Sherman county Republican central committee was completed Saturday when precinct committeemen and women met at the courthouse.

Mrs. Howard Conlee was elected chairman of the party for the county for the ensuing two year period. She was vice-chairman in the preceding two year period. D. L. Reynolds of Grass Valley was chosen vice-chairman and Gies L. French secretary.

State committeeman is Gies L. French, state committeewoman is Mrs. Collis Moore, congressional chairman is Mrs. T. M. Rolfe.

On the nominating committee are E. D. McKee, Fred Hennagin, Edgar Alley, Kenneth Martin and Wilford Halse. Walter Morris was chosen as committeeman of Rufus to decide an unbroken tie.

Stock Prices Climb Upward

The following quotations are based on prices being paid in Monday's trading session at the North Portland stockyards:

Cattle: Good grain-fed steers \$13.00 to 14.15. Good grass steers \$11.50 to 12.25. Good grain fed heifers \$12.00 to 12.50. Good grass heifers \$11.00 to 12.00. Good beef cows \$8.50 to 9.25. Medium \$7.50 to 8.25. Common \$6.50 to 7.25. Canners \$5.00 to 6.00. Bulls medium to good \$9.75 to 11.25. Common \$8.25 to 9.50. Vealers, good to choice \$13.00 to 14.00.

Hogs: Good to choice carlots \$14.50; 170 to 215 lb. truckins \$14.35 to 14.50; lightweight butchers \$13.25 to 13.75; packing sows \$10.50 to 11.75. Feeder pigs \$13.25 to 14.00.

Sheep: Good to choice spring lambs \$11.50 to 11.75; medium to good \$10.50 to 11.25; common \$9.50 to 10.50. Slaughter ewes good to choice \$8.00 to 4.00. Feeder lambs, good to choice \$9.50 to 10.00, one load to \$10.75.

Mrs. Grant Armworthy Dies At Seventy-two

Mrs. Grant Armworthy of Wasco died in The Dalles Tuesday night after an illness of several weeks. Mrs. Armworthy was a native Oregonian having been born near Bethel schoolhouse in 1869 of pioneer parents. She has been a resident of Wasco since pioneer days.

Surviving are her widower, W. G. Armworthy, two daughters, Mrs. Norma Hingsworth of The Dalles and Mrs. Florence Grant of Bremerton, Wash., three brothers, Clarence Harvey of Bend, Claude of Portland and Omer of Pendleton.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 p.m. from the Christian church in Wasco with interment in the Wasco cemetery.

Budget Approved At Slightly Lower Figure

County Millage Will Be Less Than Three Mills For 1942-43 Tax Year

The budget for Sherman county for the year beginning July 1, 1942 was officially approved at the Wednesday meeting of the county court. Action had been delayed since the June 26 meeting of the budget committee.

Only change in the budget was the reduction of the estimated sum of uncollected taxes. This item was put at \$4,464.34 in the proposed budget. The tax payers' committee objected because this estimate was for 20 percent of the proposed taxes whereas the uncollected taxes last year were less than 4 percent.

As finally approved the disputed item was cut in half to \$2,232.17. This makes the amount to be raised by taxation \$24,553.87.

On the basis of a total valuation of slightly over \$9,000,000 the county millage will be under 3 and probably not over 2.6 mills. Special school, non-high school and city taxes will be added to this where levied. The state tax commission has announced that there will be no state or elementary school tax for the coming tax year.

Other action of the court was minor. Arrangements were made with the state highway commission to construct a new road between the Fulton canyon road and Highway 30 to obviate the short turn where the two roads now meet. It will utilize the old railroad grade in part.

Breakfast Club Hears of AAA Plans

Dewey Thompson, office manager for the AAA, spoke to the members of the Breakfast club Wednesday morning and gave a resume of the activity of that organization in the county together with some new information about the 1943 program now being told to the farmers.

The agricultural conservation payment, for soil building practices, was 9.9 cents per bushel, said Mr. Thompson. Through an error this was reported as 8.3 in last week's issue. In 1943 this county may have slightly in excess of 97,000 acres in wheat, which is greater than the 1942 wheat acreage. Last fall 90 days were built in the county and only three of these went out in the winter and spring floods.

The crop insurance program is being changed to provide three years insurance in one policy. To date the county has paid in 43,000 bushels more wheat than it has received from crop insurance and a reduction in rates is possible.

Congress now, said Mr. Thompson, is debating the parity loan matter and also trying to decide whether wheat shall be sold below the loan price or not. Sherman county has the lowest rate of expense of any county in the state.

A review of what has been done about combating the petition of the railroad for abandonment of the track was given.

Mary Schadewitz Funeral Held

Mrs. Mary Ann Schadewitz, died in The Dalles Sunday and her funeral was held Wednesday afternoon from the Kent church with interment in the cemetery there.

Mrs. Schadewitz was the widow of Louis Schadewitz who died in 1932. Born Mary Ann Parks in 1869 she was married here in 1895. Her sister was the wife of Henry Schadewitz.

Until very recent years she had been a resident of Sherman county. Surviving are two sons, Oliver of Wamie, Virgil of Vancouver, Wash., two daughters, Mrs. Marie Hendricks of Battle Ground, Wash., and Mrs. J. S. Fritts of Grass Valley.

The yearly audit of the Sherman County Branch, First National Bank, was conducted July 1 and 2 by the inspection department of the main office. Ray L. Yarnes was in charge.

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