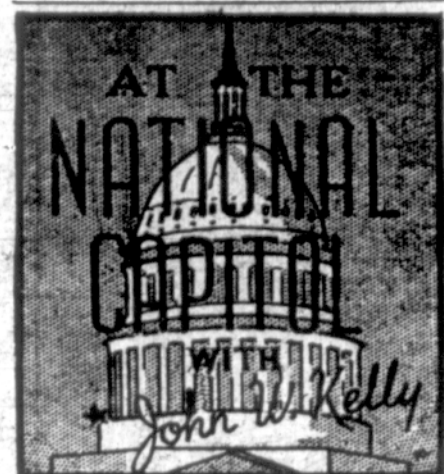


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Washington D.C.—Protests continue against the refusal of the Southern Pacific to restore train service between Grants Pass and San Francisco. The railroad now transfers passengers at Dunsmuir places them in a motor coach and ships them north. There is under construction a vast army cantonment at Medford and the refusal of the railroad to operate passenger train service into Medford and Grants Pass is regarded as a serious handicap. The subject has been taken up with the division of railroad transportation, office of emergency management, and this is the reply of the head of that division to a member of the Oregon delegation: "Don't you feel that the Southern Pacific is now rendering all of the service that should be required of the railroad between Medford and San Francisco?"

Latest WPA project held up in Oregon is to construct a water line in Yamhill. The project has been approved by the president as eligible for WPA funds, but the report is that there is a lack of needy workers and until there are sufficient of these the project will be delayed. (WPA projects are intended to furnish work for the needy). There is also the little matter of priorities for pipe, and Donald Nelson of the war production board is refusing priorities on pipe and other metal for civilian purposes.

It is practically certain that alien Japanese will not be used on the Deschutes project, which will soon be suspended because of the abolishment of the CCC, several hundred CCC boys having been engaged in clearing and other work. Not wishing the project to be suspended for the duration, a proposal had been made that the alien Japanese be located there and carry on the work of the CCC boys. Japanese are now working in the Klamath basin country on the dry bed of Tule lake; others are on a project in Idaho. The relocation commission, handling these aliens, investigated the Deschutes situation but has not arrived at a decision. Indications are, however, that the idea will be turned down.

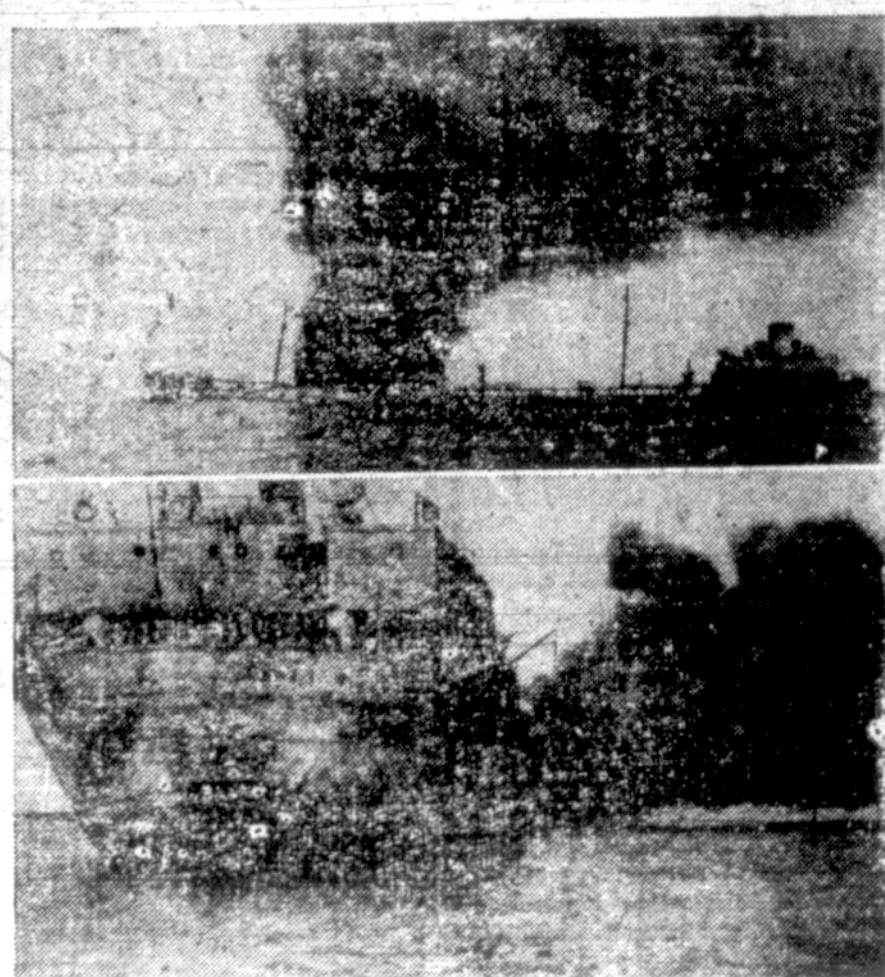
Growers of clover seed will do better this year than last. AAA has finally announced prices. Growers of hairy vetch and crimson clover will receive 10 cents a pound; price was 7.25 cents last year. Common vetch, ryegrass and Austrian winter peas will be 5 cents; was 3 cents last year. Willamette valley vetch will be 6.5; was 5 cents a pound last year. Handling charges allowed dealers will be 40 cents per 100 except for crimson, clover and hairy vetch, for which they will be allowed 45 cents per 100 pounds.

Government agencies have turned thumbs down on at least two new industries for the Portland area (government was to do the financing) on the grounds (1) that there is insufficient power available and (2) there is a shortage of labor. There is an abundance of power and there will be all the labor desired providing the federal housing administration will supply some several thousand dwellings portables or dormitories for the workers who now go to Portland but after a short time throw up their jobs in a shipyard because they can find no place to sleep. The housing problem will be solved although officials take their time.

Canned boysenberries from Marion county have been sent to Claude Wickard secretary of agriculture. Little is known of the boysenberry in the national capitol and the quartermaster department has no information on them. However, the quartermaster at San Francisco has agreed to take them instead of blackberries if Oregon canners meet the price quoted for blackberries. Secretary Wickard has been informed that the crop of boysenberries will

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Another Chapter in U-Boat Sinkings



These pictures of a sinking tanker were taken by the radio operator from a lifeboat. The tanker was blasted with shells fired almost at random as the men took to the boats, after the torpedo struck. Top: The flaming tanker wallows in the Atlantic, hundreds of miles from South America. Below: The tanker veers around in the wind as this picture was taken, just before its final plunge.

Railroads Want Cars To Stop At Main Line Grade Crossings

By A. L. Lindbeck.

SALEM, ORE.—The Oregon Railroad association has filed a petition with the State highway commission asking that grade crossings of main line railroad tracks be declared hazardous and motorists be required to come to a full stop before crossing.

The petition was filed in the interest of safety. It is pointed out that great quantities of war materials, including high explosives as well as numbers of troops are being rushed to coast points. This increased demand on the services of the railroads has also called for greater speed of trains. As a result the hazard at railroad crossings has been substantially increased.

Numerous wrecks have occurred as a result of grade crossing accidents with serious loss of valuable war materials as well as delay in delivery of important shipments. Idaho, it is said, has already taken steps to require motorists to stop at grade crossings and similar petitions are understood to have been filed in other states. The Oregon highway commission is expected to act on the requests at its meeting in Portland next week.

Collections from repayments on bonus loans, totalling \$226,986 in June set a new all-time monthly record in the history of the World War Veterans State Aid commission, according to Jerrold Owen, secretary of the commission. Many ex-service men are taking advantage of their new found prosperity to pay off their loans before they fall due, said Owen.

Engineers in the employ of the state highway department are being organized into a unit of the state guard and will be called into service to block roads leading from the coast to the interior in the event of invasion. The engineers will be called upon in this capacity only in case of a real emergency. It was explained. Brigadier General Ralph P. Cowgill, commander of the state guard, reported to Governor Sprague this week that more than 6000 men are now enrolled in his state organizations with new units constantly being formed.

Mrs. Fred Messinger Buried In Kelso

Mrs. Fred Messinger died last Saturday and was buried Monday at Kelso, Wash., according to a message received here by Mrs. Jack Noonan. Mrs. Messinger was a resident of this county in youth and middle age, coming here as Eunice Gibson. Her widower and two children, Ronald and Myrtis survive as well as several grandchildren.

Second Sugar Rationing Cards To Be Given

Women who expect to can some of the late fruit may apply for canning sugar for that purpose next week.

With Mrs. Martin Meizer in charge the library rooms will be used as a registration place as before. Hours will be from one to five in the afternoon. Days will be Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, July 20-21-22.

At Grass Valley Mrs. Arnold will be in charge of the registration.

Sunday School A's'n Gives To USO

Betty Juhnke, treasurer of the Sherman County Sunday School association has written to Viggo Haufelt, USO representative at Wasco, enclosing a check for \$6.10 which is half the collections made at the recent Sunday school rally. The money is being forwarded to USO headquarters in Portland to be used for the men in the service.

Miss Lucille Vale will attend the University of Oregon school for nurses which will begin July 20. In Portland. Care of mothers and newborn infants will be taught.

America Moore Dies In Portland Home

Mrs. America Moore, widow of Henry Moore, died of a heart attack at her home in Portland Wednesday night according to word sent to members of the family here.

Mrs. Moore, then America Cushman came to Sherman county in the spring of 1882 with members of the Moore family. She lived here until about 1916 before moving to the city. One son, Harry survives.

Hogs Continue Upward Climb

Monday's trading in the Portland livestock market was based on the following prices:

Cattle: Good grain fed steers \$13.00 to 13.85. Good grass steers, \$11.50 to 12.25. Good grass heifers \$10.50 to 11.25. Good beef cows \$8.50 to 9.25, medium \$7.25 to 8.25, common \$6.75 to 7.25. Canners \$5.00 to 5.75. Bulls, medium to good \$9.75 to 11.25, common \$8.00 to 9.25. Vealers, good to choice \$12.50 to 13.75. Odd head \$14.00 and 14.50.

Hogs: Good to choice carlots \$14.50 to 14.65; 170 to 215 pound truckings \$14.50 to 14.60; 230 to 285 lb butchers \$13.50 to 14.25; lightweight butchers \$13.50 to 14.00; packing sows \$11.00 to 12.50. Feeder pigs \$13.75 to 14.75.

Sheep: Good to choice spring lambs \$11.50 to 11.75; medium to good \$10.25 to 11.25; common \$9.00 to 10.00. Slaughter ewes, good to choice \$3.50 to 4.00. Feeder lambs, good to choice \$9.50 to 10.

LIVESTOCK FEEDING OF WHEAT HELD NEEDED

Government stored wheat for livestock feeding will continue to be available in Oregon through the month of July, the state USDA war board has announced. Under the feed wheat program nearly 12 million bushels of Oregon wheat has been sold for feeding livestock and poultry since last February.

Prices during the period will continue to be based on 1941 loan values. Orders may be placed through and county AAA committee.

The state war board heard from its technical committee at the latest meeting that continuation of the feed wheat program is a vital factor in whether Oregon farmers meet the goals set up under the food for freedom campaign.

The technical committee submitted a preliminary report on this and other related matters after completing an intensive statewide survey of 1942 farm production and prospects for 1943. Output of meat, milk and eggs are closely related to the availability of government owned wheat under some such plan as that now in operation, the committee pointed out. Large increases in these commodities have been encouraged to meet war time needs.

Harvest Delayed By Unseasonable Shower of Rain

Early Returns Indicate Good Crop; Government Report Optimistic

A quiet, warm, summer, rain fell Sunday night and Monday destroying the hopes of farmers who had hoped to start harvesting the first of the week. It was most unseasonable and did no little damage in the north end of the county where wheat was ready to cut. Farmers from the south end of the county expect to derive some benefit from the shower.

Cool weather of the past week has kept prospects good for a satisfactory yield and early reports are that the crop on the point are turning out well—30 bushels on first days cutting.

The department of agriculture expects a crop of 17,276,000 bushels of winter wheat in Oregon and 2,588,000 bushels of spring grain. The total is 19,864,000 bushels.

For the entire United States the July crop report estimates the yield to be 904,288,000 bushels or slightly smaller than the 946,937,000 bushel crop of 1941.

Unless further rains materialize from the everpresent clouds harvest will get under way here by the first of the week and more definite information on the 1942 crop can be obtained.

Down hay has been damaged slightly by the rain and some wheat and barley has gone down in the field, but the loss was not great.

Everybody Works At Our House

The butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker, or in more modern phraseology the marshall, the banker, the electric light maker are all aiding Wendell Balsiger get ready for harvest. A crew of them work at night until midnight or as long as they can stand it, nailing down flooring or cribbing up warehouses. In fact it is getting so common to have townsmen aid on the job that one who does not is a sort of economic misfit.

Danny Kaseberg Watch; Saves Life

Bob Kaseberg of Wasco is wearing a wrist watch that has been badly used. The crystal is broken and the works no longer revolve in time with the sun thus warning him of the passage of the hours.

On the back of the watch is written the story that makes it valuable, not as a watch, but as a memento. It was carried by Danny Kaseberg who was on the ill fated Yorktown in the battle off Midway Island last month. Danny was thrown into the water but was rescued. He was also on the Saratoga. Danny is in better shape than the watch and that is all that matters.

Grass Fat Steers Not Favored

Western grass fed steers aren't getting the break they deserve in army and navy purchases because the carotene in the grass made fat doesn't meet the specifications as to coloring of the fat, says Dr. W. H. Lytle, animal division chief of the state department of agriculture in an article written for the July Agriculture Bulletin.

This failure of grass fattened meat to meet the war purchase specifications, seems to be due to the coloring alone.

Grass fat meat has more carotene which gives it a yellowish color. But that very carotene is source of vitamin A, absence of which helps cause night blindness, dental decay, nervous tissue degeneration and decreases resistance to infection.

Ten Men To Go To Camp Next Sunday

Leaving for Fort George Wright, Spokane, Washington, next Sunday as the Sherman county contingent of the July draft will be John Austin Foss, Moro; Robert Norman White and James Yates O'Meara Wasco; Frank Alfred Lemley and Fred Koepke Peters of Grass Valley; Glen Franklin Payne, Biggs; Edward Bruce Millard, Rufus and Melvin Eugene Babb now working near Grass Valley. Richard Norman Bennett will go from Hood River and Dewey McKinley Adams from Condon. Leaving with the Sherman county group will be Richard Wallace Henderson who was registered in Olympia, Washington.

The men will have their examination and will be permitted to return home for 14 days to settle their affairs if they pass the army test.

Power Company Will Aid Moving

Helping to prevent accidents on the farm R. V. Lockhart, power company agent at Moro, has offered the help of company crews to farmers who must cross under the company's lines with hay derricks, combines, or other farm machinery. Lockhart said a request in advance by telephone or mail will bring a service man who will either raise electric wires to give safe clearance or will deaden the line until the machine is clear. The company makes no charge for this service.

1-B Men May Now Enlist

The local draft board has announced that men classified as 1-B may now volunteer for the army. Drafting of them will begin in August and the first of them will be taken that month. 1-B men are those who because of some physical defect can not pass the regular army examination for actual service.

They will be used to take the place of soldiers in jobs they can fill, and thus do their part in defense of the nation. There are 15 men in this county in the 1-B classification.

Curly DeMoss is now reported to be in Dutch Harbor by his father, John DeMoss.

County Court Sells Tax Foreclosed Property; Delays Road Action

COMMISSIONER'S COURT DOCKET JULY TERM, 1942

July 1, 1942 being the time for the regular term of the County Court of the County of Sherman, State of Oregon, the honorable County Court did so meet in regular session in the County Court Room in the Courthouse in Moro, Oregon, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. At which meeting the following members were present: George A. Potter, County Judge; J. M. Wilson, County Commissioner; David Reid, County Commissioner; Ross Ornduff, County Clerk. 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.

In the matter of the County Treasurer's monthly report for month ending June 30, 1942 submitted by County Treasurer Report approved and ordered filed.

In the matter of the Semi-Annual Report submitted by the County Treasurer covering the period from December 31, 1941 to June 30, 1942, inclusive. Report accepted and ordered filed.

In the matter of the Sheriff's report of tax collections covering current and delinquent tax collections made during the period from March 16th to June 15th, 1942. Report accepted and ordered filed.

In Re—Bid for purchase of tax foreclosed property—W. S. Powell submits bid in the sum of \$40.00 for the purchase of the following described tax foreclosed property: Lots 1, 2, 7 and 8 of Block 2 of Mowry's addition to the City of Moro, and Lots 4, 5, and 6 of Block 2 of Mowry's addition to the City of Moro, and Lot 8 of Block 1 of Mowry's addition to the City of Moro, Bid of \$40.00 accepted, clerk instructed to have a deed prepared for approval of Court.

Scrap Rubber Collection Ends At 37.2 Pounds

Per Capita Basis Gives County One of Best Ratings In Nation

With the scrap rubber drive concluded the final figures are available.

Discrepancies exist between the official Sherman county figures and those given out from The Dalles which is the headquarters for the mid-Columbia area. There this county is credited with some 30 pounds per capita. Here Austin Foss's figures show a total of 86, 271 pounds or 37.2 pounds per capita. The Kent rubber was apparently not credited to Sherman county, says Foss.

Correct figures on scrap rubber for localities are: Wasco 22,586; Moro 19,843; Grass Valley 23,657; and Kent 20,185.

It has been stated that the Wasco county per capita collection may be the highest in the nation. It was around 31 pounds.

Nevada was the state with the highest per capita collection, with around 25 pounds. Oregon was second. Figures for individual counties have not been released and may not be for some time—if ever. But Sherman countians may be assured that their efforts toward the rubber drive were among the best in the nation.

Crop Insurance May Be Cheaper

Oregon farmers who have participated in the federal all-risk crop insurance program since its introduction in 1939 may be eligible for a 50 percent reduction in premium rates on their 1943 wheat crops, the state AAA office has announced.

A premium reduction plan has been put into effect that will benefit the grower whose accumulated paid-in premiums equal or exceed his insured production for any crop year. Growers who qualify will receive a 50 percent cut in premium rates. If a farmer is not eligible for a reduced premium rate in 1943, he may become eligible in any subsequent year when premiums accumulated, minus indemnities, exceed the insured production for the year.

In Re—Certificate of appropriation of Funds—Court presented for their signatures and approval a Certificate of Appropriation of Funds for Agricultural or Farm Demonstration and Field Work in Sherman County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1942 and ending June 30, 1942. Certificate approved and signed.

In Re—Petition of tax-payers for repair of road—Petition presented to court signed by Victor Anderson et al for repair and conditioning of road from Scholl's corner to Biggs—Petition filed, no definite action taken.

In Re—Indemnity claim for slaughter of Bang's diseased cattle—Johnathan N. MacInnes presents claim in sum of \$18.00 covering claim for slaughter of three Bang's diseased cattle. Claim allowed and ordered paid.

In Re—Indemnity claim for slaughter of Bang's diseased cattle—Johnathan N. MacInnes presents claim in sum of \$6.00 covering claim for slaughter of one Bang's diseased cattle. Claim allowed and ordered paid.

In Re—Budget for fiscal year, July 1, 1942 to June 30, 1942. In the matter of final adoption of budget covering fiscal year beginning July 1, 1942 and ending June 30, 1943—Budget adopted in conformity with changes on file and of record.

In the matter of transfers of