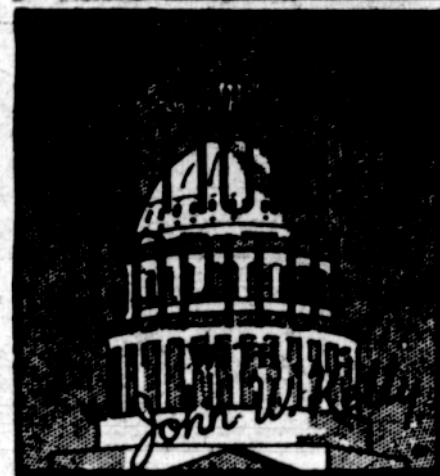


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Wright Talks On Committees To Club

The Moro Breakfast club met Wednesday morning and listened to a talk by LeRoy Wright, county agent, who told of the work of various committees appointed through request of the federal government for war work within the county.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—While it had been supposed that an artillery range would be located somewhere between Bend and Burns, it has now been decided that some 50,000 acres are wanted east of Harrisburg and Halsey, in Lane county. This is to be used in connection with Camp Adair, near Corvallis. Protests to the army engineers have been unavailing. The engineers say the target range is an integral part of the cantonment and while they regret that there is opposition by numbers of farmers in the affected area, the range will be located as planned.

Business men of Burns are on the rampage against the federal bureau of mines; think a congressional investigation should be made and a petition has been received at the White House, by Vice President Wallace, and by members of the Oregon delegation. Burns people are convinced that there is a deposit of tin at Squaw Butte. Much publicity was given the Squaw Butte "find" last year, for if there was tin it is just what the government wants, tin being so scarce that it cannot be used on bottle tops and tin allocated to canneries has been reduced to a minimum. (In the east tin cans are being saved and sent to detinning plants). The Squaw Butte area has been examined and tested by every known method of disclosing tin and none has been found. Bureau of mines has assayed samples and has used a machine that unerringly discloses the smallest trace of any known mineral or metal, but there has never been the slightest sign of tin in the bureau samples taken from Squaw Butte. A dozen scientists have made individual studies and still no tin. In the face of all this, Burns insists that tin exists in quantity at Squaw Butte and wants the president or congress to do something about it.

The plywood industry of Oregon was given a substantial boost when Gunderson Bros. of Portland sold the government on the idea of making lifeboats of this material for the maritime commission. The contract recently signed calls for the construction of 1000 such boats in the Gunderson plant, involving more than \$1,300,000. Heretofore lifeboats for the Liberty ships have been made of steel. Tests have proved that the plywood boats are much stronger and lighter than boats made of steel, and more than 1000 tons of this metal which heretofore has gone into the construction of lifeboats will now be available for other purposes. Much opposition was overcome to induce the maritime commission to accept lifeboats made of plywood but the Gundersons doggedly stuck to the task, spent thousands of dollars proving the practicability of plywood and months of engineering before they finally convinced skeptical naval officers of the merits of their plan. Not only does their contract open the way to wider use of Oregon lumber but its immediate effect is greatly to increase state payrolls.

Between Medford and Ashland, in Rogue river valley, there is a deposit of low grade coal. Bureau of mines has directed one of its engineers to make a survey of this coalbed to determine its depth extent and the quality of the coal. Army is interested, for the White cantonment in the Rogue river valley will require 80,000 tons of coal and the army always prefers obtaining coal as close to an army post as possible. If the coal proves satisfactory this Jackson county fuel will be almost in the heart of the cantonment.

War production board has been advised by the local granite and shippers that the Brogan branch of the Union Pacific in Willow creek valley, Harney county, will handle 2100 head of cattle and 6000 lambs this fall, and the only way to market is over this railroad. War production board, how-

After a review of the AAA organization Mr. Wright told of the purpose and membership of the war board, the salvage board, the labor board, the transportation committee and the newly formed neighborhood information groups. J. B. Adams told of what had been done to prepare for the hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission September 8, in The Dalles about the proposed abandonment of the Shaniko line.

Mrs. Schaeffer Draws Party To Prineville

Fifteen Sherman countians went to Prineville Sunday to attend the Crook county picnic and see Mrs. Elizabeth Schaeffer crowned as the sixth queen of the annual pioneer's day.

The program included songs by Tom Fraser, accompanied by Miss Vivian Trowne, the address of C. W. Foster, president, and the actual crowning of the queen by her daughter, Mrs. E. R. Barzee.

Moro Council Decides Street Improvement

Moro's city council met Tuesday night and discussed the matter of changing the location of electric light poles on the street running from the Lester Conlee house to Bidwell street. The company has agreed to put them in a different location in order to obviate a traffic hazard at the corner of Lincoln and Weaver streets.

Next improvement of city streets will be on First street between Main and Scott and will include the intersection of First and Scott. The marshal was granted a vacation to be ended by the middle of September. Sale of lots was discussed and agreed upon.

No decision was definitely reached regarding the hotel.

Miss Vera Jean Henrichs is now clerk in the local office of the Pacific Power and Light company.

Government Reports On Various Activities Of War Effort and Part of Civilians

Editor's Note: While Mr. Lindbeck is on vacation releases from various governmental agencies will be used in his column.

Office of War Information says: In a special war production report covering the first six months of 1942, War Production Board chair man Donald M. Nelson states that despite a three-fold increase since November in naval and military production, "The biggest part of the job is still ahead. Serious raw material shortages are looming up ahead, many bottlenecks are being broken, but some new ones are forming."

Facing the way for development of large, untouched reserves of domestic ores, the Bureau of Mines will establish a \$350,000 pilot plant and laboratory to conduct commercial scale tests of a gas reduction process developed by the bureau for the production of metal zinc.

Fuel oil deliveries to consumers on the Atlantic coast will be further restricted until September 15 in order to build up reserve stocks against next winter's needs.

War Production Board: Plants

County Bond Quota for July Not Reached

County Producers Too Busy To Buy Bonds; August Quota Lower

Sale of war bonds in Sherman county during the month of July was slightly under \$6000. The quota was \$16,800 for the month. Sales reported by post offices were: \$826.00 at Grass Valley; \$1425.00 at Wasco; \$487.50 at Moro. The bank sold \$3187.50 to make a total of \$5925.00, a little more than a third of the quota. July was also probably the month in which the United Nations appeared in the worst light so far during this war.

The August quota for Sherman county has been set by the United States Treasury in Washington at \$16,100. The state August quota is slightly under that for July.

Understanding was reached earlier in the year that the wheat counties would not be pressed for large purchases of war bonds during the summer months when preparations for harvest were under way. There has therefore been no pressure on farmers to extend themselves during this period. However, it was also agreed that the fall months would be months in which large sales could and would be made.

Workers in defense plants near Portland have recently stepped up their purchases from ten percent of their wages to as much as 15 percent at the Vancouver yard and ten percent is now a minimum requirement over a large part of the United States.

On that basis it appears likely that unless much heavier debt payments are made than usual this county can buy in excess of \$200,000 in bonds between now and the first of the year.

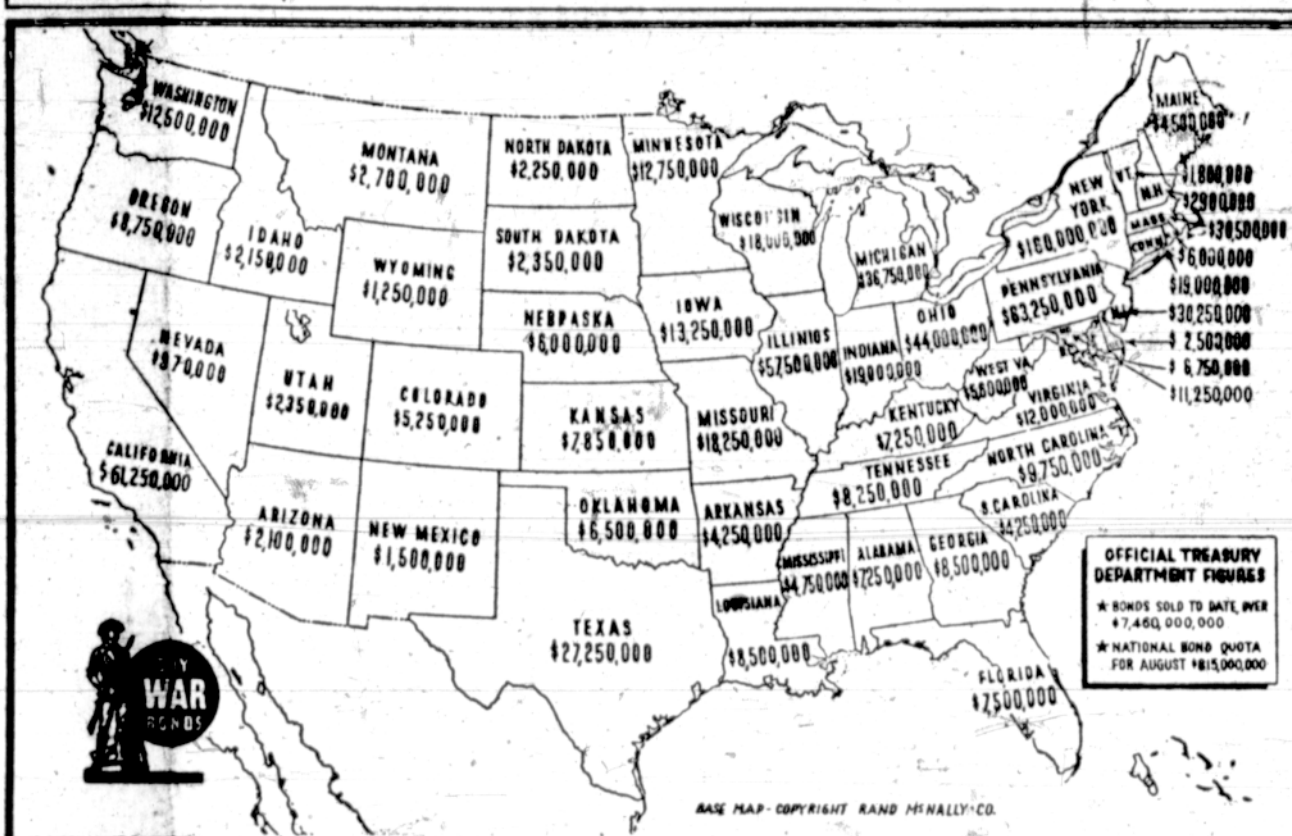
Payment of farm debt has been urged by the president and the treasury and the land bank has pledged itself to purchase bonds with at least a part of the prepayments so received.

The first employing agency in the county to receive the U. S. Treasury award for having 90 percent of its employees enrolled in the ten percent class is the Sherman Co-operative Grain Growers of Wasco. B. H. Grady, manager, stated that the credit for this record belonged to the employees themselves as they had made the pledge and kept it without pressure from the company.

Combine Overturns Dick Overson Hurt

Bob Belsh's combine overturned Wednesday, doing little injury to the combine but causing a cut on the arm of Dick Overson who was doing his first harvest job. Dick's injury will prevent him from continuing on the job about which he is concerned more than about his hurt.

Official U. S. Treasury War Bond Quotas for August



Washington, D. C., August 5.—While maintaining a tentative annual level of twelve billion dollars as its goal, the Treasury Department today fixed the August quota for the sale of War Bonds at \$815,000,000 as shown by the accompanying map by states. In lowering the quota from a billion dollars in July to \$815,000,000 in August, the Treasury has given recognition to certain factors which may be expected to result in variations in sales over the 12-month period, such as the seasonal character of farm income.

These factors have been taken into account in determining each state's share for the national quota for August and will be given consideration in fixing quotas for subsequent months.

In addition to the state quotas as set out in the map there is a federal payroll allotment quota of \$9,750,000 and territorial quotas as follows: Alaska, \$760,000; Canal Zone, \$213,000; Hawaii, \$4,800,000; Puerto Rico, \$440,000, and the Virgin Islands, \$17,000.

Fraser Loses Vengeur, Grand Champion Horse

Vengeur, the big sorrel Belgian stallion, last year's grand champion at the Puyallup fair and the Pacific International, died last Saturday morning of acute indigestion.

Vengeur was purchased by Tom Fraser as a yearling from the Michigan State college. He was shown as a two year old, three year old and four year old at all the big shows in the Pacific northwest and was never defeated by a horse his own age. Out of 18 tries for grand champion he won 14 times. In each case he came back later to defeat the horse that won over him at least twice.

Vengeur was five years old and just reaching his prime as a show horse. His mother was grand champion at Chicago, twice and his sire won "get of sire" at Chicago three times.

Fire Truck Number 652, Moro

The county fire truck, driven by Chester Bagenholt, has responded to calls to many small fires so far this season. No fires have gotten out of control.

The truck is kept near the Moro Grain Growers office and Mr. Bagenholt may be reached by calling 652, Moro, the grain growers' number. At night the truck is driven to Wasco and if it is needed after six o'clock the driver may be reached by calling 314, Wasco.

Draft Deferments Sherman County People To Picnic In Portland

The annual Sherman county picnic that is held in Laurelhurst park in Portland in August of each year, will be held August 16 Sunday, according to information received from Mrs. Roy J. Baker, secretary of the picnic and J. M. Wiley, president.

The Sherman countians and ex-Sherman countians meet at one o'clock in the park and spend the afternoon—visiting and talking over the good old days when they and the county were young.

Quite a number from here usually go down and all are invited to bring their lunch and spend the afternoon with friends.

That is the theory on which the draft boards will have to work. As a practical matter comparatively few young men working in defense industry have been deferred and these only until older men can be trained to fill their places.

Men with dependents and also with defense industry jobs will, in all probability, be deferred for some months. To date, the greatest need of the nation is transportation. Our bottleneck is shipping. Therefore men building ships may be doing as much for the nation as if they were in the army.

Production of food is also important especially if the farm on which the man is working produces food commercially. The amount of food produced, it has been stated, will have an effect on deferment. Thus a man on a subsistence farm would be of little use as a producer.

The kind of food produced also has a bearing. The nation needs meat, milk, vegetables. There is a lesser need for wheat.

The local draft board is the judge of deferments guided by the regulations made by the national board. It is obvious that non-essential industry should give more men than essential industry; that younger unattached men should go before older ones with responsibilities of family.

Boys Volunteer For Service

Bob King has been sworn in as a private first class in the Marine reserves, Gene Reynolds went down Monday to take the oath in the same organization. Both boys will be able to continue their school work at OSC for two years. Charles Allen Tom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curt Tom, who has been working for the Farm Security administration since graduation, has entered the naval reserve as ensign. Word has also been received that Frank vonBorstel Jr. has joined the army which removes him from the available list for draft purposes. Others of the twenty age group are expected to volunteer before they are called, which might be next month.

Paint Brushes Worth Saving

Buying a paint brush for the duration is going to be very hard. First the cost is way up, and second there are not many to find at any price. Taking care of old ones may be the only way to get the kitchen painted.

Stiff, hard brushes may be reclaimed by soaking overnight in paint thinner, or, if not too hard in gasoline or turpentine. Then the old paint can be scraped off with a putty knife or combed out with a steel comb. Shellac brushes may be cleaned in alcohol.

After the paint is out the brush is best washed in warm water and mild laundry soap. Shake out the excess water and hang up to dry.

Brushes left in the can become warped. They can be suspended by a long nail or wire to keep them straight and usable.

New SCS Men Appointed Recently

Fullest possible service to Oregon farmers in meeting their wartime production job was given today as the immediate objective in the appointment of men to fill vacancies in the Soil Conservation service staff of Oregon.

The SCS announced the appointment of Leo L. Anderson as state conservationist, succeeding the late Solon T. White, and the SCS and OSC extension service jointly announced the appointment of Gerold T. Newcomb as extension soil conservationist, both with headquarters at Corvallis.

Electric Storm Damages Lines Brings Rain

Harvesting Delayed By Sudden Rain; Electric, Telephone Lines Out

An electric storm of much greater intensity than usually experienced in this county came at dusk Monday night and kept sending lightning flashes all night, with the accompanying roll of thunder. It brought rain, too, in sufficient quantity to prevent harvesting in the northern part of the county until Wednesday. Around Grass Valley where the rainfall was lighter, harvesting was done Tuesday afternoon by some farmers.

While damage was slight, many parts of the county report hits. Wasco was entirely without lights from one o'clock until morning when fuses were replaced. The local crew could not be reached as the telephone lines were also out of commission.

A telephone pole near the L. P. Haven farm was completely destroyed by a bolt of lightning and where the line entered the house the plaster was knocked from the wall and a small fire started in the wall paper.

A few small wheat and grass fires were started but the rain kept them from spreading to serious proportions. Fred Cole lost a few acres of barley.

A switch was blown off a pole in Hay Canyon cutting off the electricity from the Shull home until repaired. Telephone lines were out over a part of the county until Wednesday when they were repaired.

Loss to the wheat crop was minor the rain not being heavy enough or the wheat remaining wet long enough to cause serious bleaching of red wheats. None was reported knocked down.

County Court Has Inactive Session

County court session for August was one of the lightest of the year as the judge and commissioners were nearly done by noon.

A few sales of county foreclosed property were made to bidders and the claims against the county were paid. It was decided that it would be legally impossible for the county to invest any funds in war bonds inasmuch as the county has no sinking fund for debts. 1942 is ready for publication although many items are being removed through payment.

The tax foreclosure list for

U of O Students May Join ROTC

Colonel C. L. Sampson, head of the ROTC department at the University of Oregon, has just announced that university students over 20 years of age who are likely to be called by their selective service boards during the summer could be enlisted at once in the army reserve corps without waiting until the opening of the new school year in September.

Students must be able to meet the physical and scholastic requirements under the army enlisted reserves and also show the necessary personal attributes to make good army officers, the colonel said.

Enlistments will be made at the ROTC offices in Eugene.

Wasco Auxiliary Makes Report

The report of the Auxiliary of the Wasco Legion post for the year just passed is as follows: Cash on hand \$11.59, Savings account \$37.00, Defense Bond \$100.00. Contributions made during the year were: Christmas gifts \$15.15; Christmas baskets \$15.00; Christmas cheer \$2.50; Child welfare \$5.00; Salvation Army used clothing \$20.00; Roadside counsel \$1.00; Easter outfit \$5.00; Mahala unit \$1.00; Child welfare \$5.00; Boys and girls aid society \$2.50; Three quilts (value) \$11.00; Poppo, majo and dimes for disabled veterans \$10.75, making a total of \$189.55. The Legion Auxiliary will not meet until later in the month as everyone is busy harvesting.