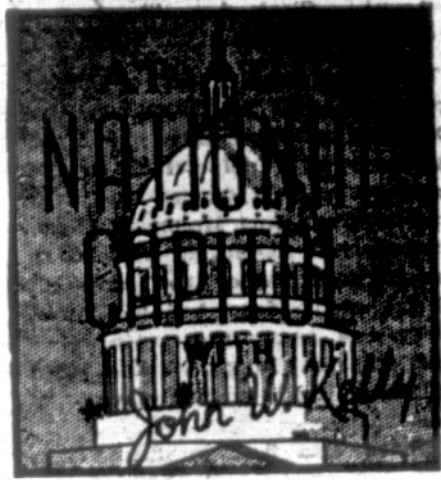


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Wheat Growers To Talk About Making Rubber

A meeting of wheat men of the Inland Empire has been called for September 4 at Pendleton to discuss, and learn about, the possibilities of making rubber from the surplus wheat now stored in country elevators.

The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and last all day, the Vert Memorial building being used to house the visitors. Some one is expected from the Gillette committee, a group of senators who are urging the manufacture of rubber from wheat made alcohol.

Fulton Lewis Jr. is also expected.

The meeting has been arranged by and for wheat farmers, the Wheat League, the cooperatives and other farm agencies.

Care of Clothes Now Patriotic

It is patriotic, profitable, and really "the thing to do" these days—doing everything you can to make your present wardrobe last as long as possible, says Miss Lucy R. Lane, specialist in clothing and textiles at OSC.

When plenty of materials were available to get new garments whenever one's whim dictated, or pocketbook permitted, clothing conservation methods were not so important, but all that is changed now, she says. Here are some of her suggestions, some new and some old, for making clothing last and retain its good looks.

Rayon hose now on the market need special washing care because rayon becomes weak when wet. Lay these on a towel to dry and never put them on until thoroughly dry. As this may take longer than just overnight, extra pairs to use are an economy. Stockings of any kind last longer when put on the right way, which means rolling them from top to toe before putting them on.

Harvesting the spuds in Klamath basin presents a labor problem and an appeal has been made to permit the hiring of Japanese evacuees, of whom there are 16,000 in the re-location camp near General DeWitt. Refuses to permit the Japanese to go outside the center to work. Potato growers are wondering where they can find 3000 or 4000 workers to dig the spuds. It is known that one citizen in the basin who has lost two sons, one at Wake Island and the other on Bataan peninsula, says he will shoot the first Jap who leaves the center, and this threat may lead to further complications.

Molalla may become an important supply base for clay containing alumina, which is processed into aluminum. The deposit, which has been known for years, is now attracting the interest of the interior department and the bureau of mines has shipped samples to a laboratory or pilot plant in Utah to determine the amount of alumina content. Off the record, the report is that the Molalla clay is tops, richer than the proven deposit at Castle Rock, Wash., or a clay mountain near Cottage Grove. The Molalla deposit increases in importance as German submarines continue sinking cargoes of bauxite enroute from Dutch Guiana, making it inevitable that domestic clays must be substituted for the imported bauxite unless the pigboats are disposed of.

Umatilla county will have a new housing project, to be announced sometime in September, according to advices. The new munitions plant at Hermiston and the air base at Pendleton have made it imperative that more dwellings be provided. Statement is made that the houses will be located where they will benefit surrounding communities.

Office of defense transportation is preparing directive aimed at school buses. As proposed, the school bus will not pick up any pupil who lives within three miles of the school. Argument: A three mile walk will not hurt any youngster, and three miles of hiking is what most of the parents and grandparents had to do when they were going to school and the bus had not yet been invented.

Hop growers who thought they might solve the picking problem by having soldiers from Camp Adair given a furlough long enough to go into the fields counted without Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson. Writes the secretary, a furlough will be granted for a death or similar emergency in the family of a soldier, but no furlough to harvest crops. A soldier's job, says Stimson, is to train for the work ahead.

Leon Henderson announces that office of price administration is taking "no present action to place a ceiling on fresh fruit and vegetables." This was his reply to fruit and vegetable growers in Oregon who said that a ceiling would injure their market. As already reported in this column, there will be national meat rationing and from present indications it will come sooner than predicted. The talk is that the ration on meat will be about three pounds per person per week. And Secretary of Agriculture Wick

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Queen Mother at 'Ack Ack' Station



Dowager Queen Mary, mother of the reigning King George of England, is shown watching a gunner operate his heavy anti-aircraft gun at a post in the British capital. These "ack-ack" crews drill every day to keep hand and eye in time for action, in case a Stuka or a Messerschmidt should venture within range.

Sherman County Scrap Drive Date Set

Sherman county's scrap drive will be held September 18-19 according to the salvage committee members who are in charge of the job.

A great many tons of scrap iron steel, rubber and clothing have been gathered already in this county. There are still a great many more to gather. Some is still along the sidings waiting shipment that is being delayed because of congested freight movement.

It is readily apparent that if the scrap is not gathered into central points in the fall it will be impossible in the winter when roads and weather conditions are not favorable to hauling. The War Production Board is anxious that scrap be concentrated in places where it can be reached by transportation services so it can be moved in a steady stream to factories throughout the year.

State Scrap Harvest Dated

A statewide "scrap harvest" designed to produce Oregon's share of the scrap metals needed to keep America's war industries rolling, is scheduled to start September 7, Robert Taylor, chairman of the state USDA war board announced this week.

Date set for Sherman county is the following week. Although 70,000 tons of scrap iron have moved from Oregon farms since Pearl Harbor, war board surveys show that at least that much more remains on farms, Taylor said. Much of the remaining scrap is largely in remote places and will be more difficult to get.

Every farmer will be contacted during the coming drive, which will be jointly directed by farm implement dealers, county USDA war boards and county salvage committees.

The program will be inaugurated in each county by the chairman of the county war board, the chairman of the salvage committee and the county agent. A meeting will be held in each instance to be attended by members of the war board and representatives of the county and state salvage committees who will make final detailed plans suited to each county situation.

PUREBRED RAMS BOUGHT FOR USE HERE

LeRoy Wright and Collis Moore were in Pendleton last Friday to attend the annual ram sale. Collis bought five Rambouillet rams for himself, Art Christianson and Mrs. Frances King. Price paid was \$77.50 each. Top ram of the sale was one that sold for \$380.

Grass Valley, Moro Schools May Consolidate

Lack of Teachers Make Fewer Schools Almost Absolutely Necessary

Probability that the high schools of Grass Valley and Moro will be combined for the coming year was the result of a joint meeting at Grass Valley Sunday between officers of the schools concerned.

Before action for consolidation can be made official, reports Willy Knighten, county school superintendent, an election must be held by the Grass Valley district in order to get approval for high school closing. This election will be held September 8, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Immediate reason for the proposed consolidation is the lack of high school teachers, Moro has two teachers and Grass Valley has a principal. That is the minimum required for one school of the size of either of the schools.

It will be necessary to obtain the permission of the Buckley and Rosebush districts to use their buses to bring children to Moro from Grass Valley.

At Wasco the school board is still troubled by lack of high school teachers. One has been hired but another one cannot be found and may be entirely impossible to find at this time. Efforts are being made to effect a consolidation between the Wasco and Rufus schools. Were buses available it is possible that Wasco's high school pupils would come to Moro to join the other consolidation and make one reasonably good high school in the county.

Wheat Market Outlook Report Made At OSC

The 1943-44 wheat market outlook is complicated and difficult to weigh, despite important known facts, according to the annual wheat outlook report of the Oregon State college extension service. "With the supply of wheat at record breaking proportions, the old questions of what to plant on surplus wheat-acres and what to do with the surplus wheat on hand are still problems," says the report.

Stock Prices Hold Steady

The following quotations are based on prices being paid in Monday trading session.

Cattle: Good grass fed steers \$14.35, good grass steers \$12.00 to \$13.75. Good grass heifers \$11.00 to \$11.50. Good beef cows \$9.25 to \$10.00, medium \$8.25 to \$9.00, common \$7.00 to \$8.00, canners \$5.75 to \$7.00. Bulls, medium to good \$9.50 to \$11.00, odd head \$11.25, common \$8.00 to \$9.00. Vealers, good to choice \$14.50 to \$15.50.

Hogs: Good to choice carlots \$11.50; 170 to 215 lb truckins \$15.35 to \$15.50; 230 to 285 lb butchers \$14.75 to \$15.00; lightweight butchers \$14.50 to \$14.75; packing sows \$14.00 to \$14.50. Feeder pigs \$15.00 to \$16.00.

Sheep: Good to choice spring lambs \$11.75 to \$12.00; medium to good \$10.50 to \$11.50; common \$9.00 to \$10.00. Slaughter ewes, good to choice \$4.00 to \$4.50. Feeder lambs, good to choice \$3.00 to \$3.50. Shorn yearlings \$8.00 to \$8.50.

Harvest Nearly Over In County

Harvest has progressed very well this week and a majority of the farmers are through combining although some will be in the field for two weeks or more.

Remaining on many farms is the job of hauling hay and straw. Shortage of hay hands made it necessary to leave much hay out in the hay strips. The straw hauling job will be the farmer's own chore this fall, it appears.

Elevators are now able to care for the flow of wheat that is coming in with few exceptions but delay on some varieties of wheat is experienced. All available storage space will be used before the final load of wheat is delivered to the elevators.

Two McKinneys Die In Week, Both Tragically

Death came twice this week to the McKinney family, both times quickly. Robert S. McKinney, who had been living with his daughter, Mrs. George Smith, south of Moro, committed suicide Sunday morning by shooting himself. He had been in poor health for several months.

Monday night his son, Charles W. McKinney was killed on Highway 97 in Klamath county while hurrying to attend the funeral of his father. He was in the United States navy and was riding with three friends, none of whom were hurt seriously.

Robert S. McKinney was born at Spruce Pine, North Carolina, May 2, 1877 being 65 years of age at the time of his death. Survivors are his widow, Hattie, two daughters, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Tolbert Daugherty of Lexington, two sisters, Mrs. Edith Little of Walla Walla and Mrs. Hulda Solveter of The Dalles.

More Families Have 2 In Service

Omitted when a compilation of multiple service families in Sherman county was made were the two sons of Wiley McDonald, who are serving in the navy. Harry has been in for over two years and Keith for a little less than a year. Both have seen service in the southern Pacific. Two sons of J. J. Pape are also in the service, not going from Sherman county but serving just the same. Earl is in the army and John in the navy.

Crop Insurance Deadline Sept. 30

Only one month remains in which Oregon winter wheat growers can insure their wheat crops against all risks for the next 3 years, the state AAA office reminded yesterday. Closing date for insuring fall-seeded wheat is September 30.

The large number of applications for three-year federal crop insurance received to date indicate that most growers do not want to take chances with crop failure despite two years of bumper crops, according to Clyde Kiddle, state crop insurance assistant.

Government Offers Advice On Duties of Citizens In Wartime

Office of Price Information Don't take it personally if your other types of containers. However dry cleaner or laundry expects a deposit of from one to five cents for a wire coat hanger, as no more will be produced until after the war.

War Production Board

Study of the tire situation in relation to log production in the west received foremost attention of the log and lumber division of WPB. These Oregon state highway commission figures indicate the seriousness of the situation: 269 logging trucks in 17 counties have been laid up because there are no tires for these vehicles! Use of steel rails and steam motive power wherever possible is essential if we are to keep the necessary trucks on the highway.

Coffee will be scarcer. Here's the data, coffee consumers beginning September 1, the base coffee quota for the whole sales and retailers will be reduced from 75 percent to 65 percent of the average monthly amount a roaster delivered, or a wholesale receiver accepted, during the corresponding quarter of 1941.

Office of War Information

Are you turning in all the used collapsible tubes around your house so the tin can be reclaimed from them? The turn in of old tubes when buying new tubes of tooth paste or shaving cream is bringing in 40 tons of critical materials each month. But WPB officials declare the amount isn't satisfactory. Of course, ever since the WPB order limiting use of tin in containers, many tubed products now are being packaged in

Traffic Ass'n Starts Work On Abandonment

Attorney Hired To Conduct Case For County Group

Arrangements for opposing the petition asking abandonment of the Shaniko branch line have been made this week by the committee named for that purpose, William C. McCulloch of Portland has been retained to represent the county and all local groups opposing the removal.

Officers of the Sherman County Traffic association have talked with several groups and individuals who are willing to aid in the fight against the removal of the rails and are in Portland today for further conferences.

Local fear that the rails might be removed through order of the War Production Board has no present basis of fact although it would be possible for the WPB to do so if conditions warranted. However, the Interstate Commerce commission is the governmental agency in charge of railroads and unless changes are made the ruling of the commission will be final.

The hearing will be held in The Dalles September 8, at 9:30 in the morning at the council rooms in the city hall. Examiner Boyden will be in charge of the hearing. He will also hear the case of the Progan branch beginning September 4.

It will be necessary to obtain the cooperation of many citizens of the county as witnesses in all probability and the association is anxious that those who can do so, and are interested, attend the hearing.

V-Mail Now Speeds Service

The post office department is now using its new V-mail. These letters are photographed on microfilm by automatic machines at the rate of 2000 to 2500 per hour. Each film roll contains 1500 letters which are then sent to their destination. Reproduction machines there reprint them and they are delivered to the addressee. Saved is weight, space and time, all necessary when millions of men overseas are to be kept in contact with their families at home.

Stamp Number 8 In Your War Ration Book Will Be Good For The Purchase Of Five Pounds Of Sugar At Any Time In The Ten Week Period Between August 23rd and October 31, The Amount Obtainable By This Stamp Will Make It Possible For Your Corner Grocer To Dispose Of His Stocks Of Five, Ten And 25 Pound Packages Of Sugar.

While on the subject of sugar let's consider some benefits of price controlling this commodity. Granulated sugar climbed from 56 cents a pound in 1914 to 27 cents a pound in 1920. During the war, government controls held prices at 10 cents a pound, but when the control was taken away after the war, it shot up to an average of 18 cents, later in 1920 it went to 27 and a half cents. The following year, 1921, deflation brought the price down to 6 and a half cents. During this war sugar has had a low price of five cents in December, 1940 and a high price of 7 cents a pound in March of 1942, when the general ceiling went into effect.

The student loose-leaf notebook—long a familiar item in the equipment of many a school boy or girl—is on its way out. Its manufacture is forbidden by a WPB order which eliminates certain styles of notebooks using iron and steel. Pocket memorandum books also are on the list to go.