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WASHINGTON, D. C.—Opposition of organized labor to plans for universal manpower regimentation has resulted in a change of administration policy on this question, for the time being at least. Even without the active opposition of union officials it is doubtful if congress at this time would pass legislation giving bureaucrats final and complete say over the lives of all the men and women of the nation.

In theory, draft of all manpower is just as fair as the drafting of the men for military service. Actually, however, it is very doubtful that enough wisdom would prevail among the officials designated to administer such a program to prevent unnecessary hardship and to avoid wrecking national economy, or so leading members of congress feel. Even war and patriotism cannot entirely remove the human element of factors, and trouble would develop once officials were given absolute power to rule the lives of their fellow citizens.

If the voluntary system can meet the labor problem John Jones may willingly transfer jobs and do his best to make good on this new one. If some official had the power to order John to take a certain job, Mr. Jones, for purely personal reason might be unhappy in his regimented job and be far less efficient and productive.

In place of the draft labor plan President Roosevelt is expected to attempt to deal with the labor shortage by executive order. In this event it is considered likely that voluntary enlistments in the armed forces will cease after Jan. 1, leaving the selective service to provide the men needed for the army, navy and coast guard. Also being considered as a part of the order is a requirement that all hiring be done through the U.S. employment service, which in effect will set up priority standards for manpower, just as such standards are now in effect for materials.

A companion problem that will have to be faced sooner or later is the question of what is to become of the small businesses no longer permitted to operate by virtue of their loss of priorities for both manpower and materials or either. Just why the men who have built up businesses that are important enough to the peacetime economy should be penalized because their businesses are not adaptable to conversion for war production while other plants more easily converted are permitted profitable operation raises a pertinent question.

Probably the most these closed plant owners can hope for in the way of legislation is some provision for freezing their indebtedness for the duration, thus giving them a fighting chance to save their investment or equity after the war. Employees of such plants will have little trouble finding jobs and the hope has been expressed that plant owners can find employment in administrative capacities either in government service or industry. Even with such protection the closed plant owner will suffer heavy loss.

One of the most cosmopolitan schools in the country is now operating in the national capital. It is the Red Cross school for training men and women for field work and it is drawing from the four corners of the country prospective employees of both sexes for a short intensive training course in the duties of paid Red Cross staff members in such jobs as field director, psychiatric social worker, program director, hospital staff social worker and kindred tasks performed by the Red Cross. Students are enthusiastic as to many it offers a chance to "do something" in the war effort after they have failed to secure a place in the armed forces because of

## General Eisenhower Confers with Staff



Major Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, commander of the American forces in the European theater of war, is shown (center) conferring on military problems with two members of his staff at headquarters in London. Pictured at left is Capt. Ernest E. Lee, and at right, Lieut. Com. Harry C. Butcher.

## U. S. Signs Aid Pacts With Great Britain



In a move designed to strengthen the bonds of unity between the U. S. and four of its Allies, a series of agreements was signed with Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand and the Fighting French. Shown, left to right, are: Sir Owen Dixon, minister of Australia; British Ambassador Halifax, Secretary Cordell Hull and Walter Nash, minister of New Zealand.

## Moro Council Votes To Refund Bonds

Moro's city council met Tuesday night in regular session and passed an ordinance authorizing the refunding of all outstanding city bonds, which will be \$18,000 at the end of the year when the new issue will be dated.

Agreement has been reached making it possible for the city to obtain an interest rate of 3 percent instead of the present 4. This will make a saving of \$180, the first year unless some bonds are paid before that time.

The new issue will call for the payment of \$1600 each year for 12 years or until January 1, 1955 when the city will be entirely out of debt. However, the bonds will be callable after five years giving an opportunity to pay out sooner if funds are available.

## High School Students On Roll

The Moro high school students who made the honor roll for the first six weeks of school are: Donald Thompson, Jr.; Betty Robinson soph. 1.2; Dean Wilcox soph. 1.25; Dorothy Miller, Jr. 1.6; Patty Pinkerton soph. 1.6.

Those making honorable mention are: Eileen Lemley, fresh; James Zeigler, fresh; Dorothy Barnett, soph.; Duane Lemley, soph.; Anajean Knighten, soph.; Doris Payne, soph.; Lila Lee Alley, sr.; Betty Barnett, sr.

The first movie show with the new school projector will be given Thursday, November 19, at 7:30 p.m.

No definite admission will be charged this time. Donate what you wish. Money taken in will be used to pay for accessories and rental charges of this show and future shows. The picture will be The Count of Monte Cristo with a cartoon and a reel of government film.

## BABB AT FORT KNOX

Melvin Babb, formerly of Grass Valley is now at Fort Knox, Ky., learning how to keep an army tank in battle trim. These technicians are learning how to tear down and rebuild tanks in preparation for field work.

## Woman's Club Entertains Guests For Day

The Moro Woman's club held its annual guest day Friday. Mrs. Tom Fraser, the president welcomed the guests and Mrs. Orval Thompson was director of the program.

Mrs. Carroll Sayers told of her trip to Chicago and the work being done for the men in service. Mrs. Naomi VanGilder read several poems from Ted Malone's scrap book. Mrs. J. K. McKean sang two solos, "At Dawning" and "The Land of the Sky Blue Water".

Mrs. Russell Hollinshead told of the junior literary guild and reviewed one of the books issued by that company.

The next meeting will be the party for the husbands which will be held at 8 p.m. November 21 at the Masonic hall. Each member will be asked for 25 cents to cover party expenses.

## Gas Rationing Delay Not For Trucks

The registration of farm trucks and pick-ups in the county has brought to light some figures on the use of them inasmuch as all trucks must be registered before the owners can obtain gasoline for them.

Herman Sites, state director, states that the postponement of gasoline rationing does not affect trucks and that registration must be completed by Sunday if trucks are to be used.

Trucks in the county are driven an average of 7 to 9 thousand miles per year. Average consumption of gasoline is 7 miles to the gallon. Tires last from a minimum of 12,500 to 30,000 miles as a maximum.

Hereafter applications for truck registration may be obtained in Portland by filling out a form that can be obtained at the county agent's office.

## Oregon Sends Cover Crop Seed To South

Twelve hundred carloads of Oregon grown cover crop seed have been shipped to southern and east central states under the government's 1942 seed purchase program, the state AAA office announced this week. This is more than 17 70 car trainloads.

While this is by far the largest volume shipped since the government's purchase program was started three years ago, southern states growers could have used much more seed had been ready for shipment earlier, N. C. Donaldson reports.

Lateness of Oregon's harvest, the shortage of help in warehouses and cleaning plants, and transportation problems all combined to delay deliveries this year.

The cover crop planting season has ended throughout most of the southern states, Donaldson pointed out. Only hairy vetch, annual rye grass and common vetch are being shipped now, but the government will continue to buy all varieties of seed on the purchase schedule that is offered by eligible growers.

Seed that is not cleaned, tested and fumigated in time for shipment this year will be held in storage and shipped next spring, the AAA official said. To avoid congestion in Willamette valley warehouses, storage space has been arranged in other states for any overflow.

Donaldson attributes the greatly increased demand for cover crop seed to scarcity of commercial nitrates—now needed for munitions—and to a growing awareness throughout the south of the value of cover cropping to build soils and check erosion.

He reported that hairy vetch is the variety most in demand for cover cropping in the southern states. To meet this demand, Oregon growers are asked to increase production of this seed by 50 percent next year. More annual rye grass is also wanted. The 1943 purchase program will include the same varieties of seed at the same prices as this year, but with pea and Willamette vetch acreage limited as to eligibility.

## Men Named For Wheat League Preparation

Committees have been named to make up the resolutions from this county to the annual meeting of the Eastern Oregon Wheat league to be held in LaGrande in early December. These committees will be called together by the chairmen within a two week period before the league meeting.

Transportation and Labor: W. T. Balsiger, chairman, A. A. Dunlap, B. H. Grady, Will Huck, Herb Root, James Adams, L. P. Haven, Pardee Rich, Millard Eakin, Joe Petree, J. E. Norton, J. K. McKean.

Taxation and Legislation: Harry Proudfoot, chairman, D. L. Belshe, W. T. Balsiger, Tom Fraser, Martin Melzer, Giles French, Harry Pinkerton, Arzell Lemley, A. A. Dunlap, Ted Ball, L. K. Smith, Fred Cox, James Adams, W. S. Powell, Asa Richelderfer, Dewey Thompson, Hugh Walker, Millard Eakin, George Wilson, John Decker.

Federal Agricultural Programs: Joe Peters, chairman, Art Smith, Roy Barnett, George Wilcox, Carroll Sayers, Harvey Thompson, L. E. Dehlar, Clarence Sparling, A. T. Striker, L. P. Haven, Wallace May, Carl Anderson, Howard Conlee, Ormond Hilderbrand, Gordon Harper, Vernon Miller, Arvid Anderson, Harold Eakin, W. C. Schilling, Charles Burnett, Fred Hennagin.

Land Use, Weed Control, Production and Marketing: Kenneth Martin, chairman, Wallace May, Albert Kaseberg, Arthur Smith, George Potter, Clyde Fridley, Ormond Hilderbrand, Jerry Wilson, Herb Root, Joe Peters, David Reid, J. E. Norton, Fred Hennagin, Roscoe Moore, Luther Davis, Carl Adams, James Adams, Harvey Thompson, L. P. Haven, V. E. Eakin, Roy Baker, Roy Powell, Dean Reynolds, Merrill Oveson.

## AUXILIARY TO MEET

The American Legion auxiliary will meet next Wednesday, Nov. 18 with Mrs. Vernon Platt. Each member is requested to bring a gift valued at about 25 cents and 25 cents in cash with which to buy a gift. The money thus raised will be sent to the child welfare chairman who will make her purchases from the fund.

## Jenkins Explains Economics of Bond Buying Here

Wasco Band and Local Entertainers Make Evening Enjoyable

Frank Jenkins of Klamath Falls addressed a meeting of citizens at the Moro school auditorium Friday evening and urged his listeners to buy war bonds and more war bonds.

The Wasco school band played between all numbers on the program and while its director, Andrew Landies, protested that the band was inexperienced, it roused the audience by its stirring rendition of patriotic tunes of America.

Mrs. Velma McKean opened the program by singing "The Star Spangled Banner" as a solo and Misses Anajean Knighten and Mary Sayers danced a lively tune.

Mr. Jenkins based his argument on three points. First: that war bonds are the very best investment that can be made because nothing can be of more value to Americans than the security of their government, and if bonds decrease in value everything else will also decline.

Second: that the purchase of war bonds is necessary to prevent inflation which would ruin our domestic economy. There is much more money now available for purchase of consumer goods than there is goods to buy. This may cause inflation unless the people who have the money restrain their normal purchases and invest in bonds. The war will be financed anyway, he said, and bonds are the safe way to do it. Otherwise bank credit which is very inflationary, will be used by necessity and prices will soar to ruin all business and wipe out savings.

Third: the purchase of war bonds is the only way the average citizen can pay his debt of honor to the young men who are going to war to offer their lives to keep the United States a free nation. They are entitled to be able to come back to a nation as stable as the one they left and should be able to find the same opportunities as when they left. Those who remain are duty bound to see that this happens and we can only do so by buying bonds.

The meeting was on a somewhat similar plan as are the Victory center meetings held in larger cities.

## Used Stockings Needed By Army

Any color, shade or size of women's stockings can be used for powder bags and other military purposes if they contain any silk or nylon. So, Mrs. America, wash and save discarded hosiery until the WPB conservation division launches its collection on Nov. 16. Collection centers are to be established at the stocking counters of all retail stores having a women's and misses' hosiery department. The stores will make shipments of 100 pounds each to Defense Supplies corporation, a subsidiary of the Reconstruction Finance corporation. It takes 1500 pairs of silk stockings or 2300 pairs of nylon hose to make up 100 pounds.

And on the subject of stockings every pair of nylons offered for sale must have a tag or label containing important information for shoppers. The marking should give not only the ceiling price but also information as to the type and grade of stockings. OPA regulations also mean that the new selling prices on nylon hose must be posted. And, incidentally, this OPA regulation is the first which sets a universal price on a commodity. In other words, whether you're a shopper in Portland, Seattle or Los Angeles, the prices on nylon hose will be the same.

Bye, bye Baby Bunting, when daddy goes hunting in war time, he'll bring home more than food, For Uncle Sam is asking sportsmen to save the short down feathers of wild ducks and geese they shoot. The down goes into garments for airmen flying at high altitudes. And that's not all the sportsmen can contribute from their hunting trips. They are also asked to collect for scrap all their discharged shotgun shells.

## Breakfast Club Goes Calling After Meeting

The Moro Breakfast club met Wednesday morning and, after breaking the fast of the members present set out in search of absent ones. They awoke the still sleeping president who served them coffee for his dereliction to duty.

The program, which was to have been a review of the 1942 findings of the experiment station by Merrill Oveson, was thereby postponed and will be given at the December meeting.

## Light Company To Pay Taxes

A check in payment of 1942-43 real and personal property taxes assessed at \$2924.31 on Pacific Power & Light company property will be turned over to Sherman county this weekend, according to R. V. Lockhart, local manager.

Total of such taxes on the company's properties in Oregon, due now is a little over \$226,000, the manager said.

While this total is slightly less than the amount paid by the company last year, Lockhart said that rapidly mounting federal taxes will boost the company's total direct tax bill for the year to a new all-time high estimated at \$1,185,000, more than 12 percent above the record breaking tax bill of last year.

## Christmas Seal Sale Plans Now Made

The Christmas seal letters which the Wasco high school students have typed will be in the mail November 23, according to Mrs. Afton McIntyre, president of the Sherman County Tuberculosis Association.

Volunteer workers will shortly be folding the seals in preparation for mailing. The annual seal sale is the only support of the association and is the only appeal for funds made during the entire year. Five hundred dollars must be realized from the sale if the expanded program is to be carried out.

This year's Christmas seal was designed by Dale Nichols, one of America's outstanding artists, whose paintings of red barns have been famous. The seal pictures a snowy country scene with typical Nichols red barn and white farmhouse in the background and in the foreground a sleigh on a drift lined road.

## Kenny-Quinn Wedding Held

Miss Zeila Quinn, daughter of Mrs. Alfred Quinn of Portland, was married Sunday at the home of Mrs. Frances King in The Dalles, to Charles Lawrence Kenny, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Kenny of Moro. Rev. E. J. Blenker of the Lutheran church read the ceremony.

Miss Quinn was attended by Miss Mary Childs and the groom by his cousin, Clifford Kenny; on furlough from the navy. Robert King gave the bride away.

After a wedding trip to the coast the newlyweds will make their home in Wasco where Mr. Kenny is employed by the Standard Oil company although he has farming interests east of town.

## Compliance Checking Taken To Town

The ruling has been made that no gasoline will be available for the men who check compliance on farms.

Therefore the compliance supervisors will send out notices to farmers who will meet them in town with figures of production and acreage for checking by the supervisors. Days for the towns of Kent, Grass Valley, Moro and Wasco will be announced. Supervisors are Gordon Harper, Vernon Miller and Willard Barnett.

## Abandonment Denied U.P. By I.C.C. Examiner

Petition To Remove Rails From Shaniko Branch Not Allowed Railroad Company

News agencies Saturday released a story from Washington D.C. that the examiner, before whom the hearing on the Shaniko branch was held in The Dalles, September 8 and 9, had made his report opposing the abandonment of that line.

The report briefly reviewed the testimony given by both the railroad officials and the witnesses for Sherman and Wasco counties. Loss from operation of the line was held to be temporary and not large considering the trend of wheat shipments.

Company May Protest

The railroad company will have 25 days after issuance of the report in which to make exceptions if it wishes to continue the effort to abandon the line. After the railroad list of exceptions has been filed the defendants will have 15 days in which to answer.

Considering that the railroad line has now been ruled as necessary for the war effort inasmuch as it hauls necessary feed grain to grow and fatten the millions of head of livestock and poultry needed to feed the army, navy and civilian populations of America and her allies it is not thought likely that the railroad officials will make serious effort to have the examiner's report changed.

In case the railroad did make answer to the report and the defendants did likewise, the entire Interstate Commerce commission, or one division of it, would hear the arguments, either orally or in brief form.

Battle Now Heating

This phase of the battle ends with Sherman and Wasco counties in complete control of all objectives, with the enemy routed on all fronts and with powerful allies aligned with the defence since the battle was originally joined last June.

Whether there will be further attacks or whether the railroad company will withdraw under a flag of truce cannot be known at present. It is possible that attempts may be made toward an armistice (this being the season for armistices) or even a peace treaty satisfactory to both sides may be forthcoming if opposing generals and diplomats arrange a meeting on neutral grounds.

## Oregon Business Very Good

University of Oregon—General business activity in Oregon, as measured by debts to accounts of 85 banks and branches throughout the state, continued its upward climb in September for the sixth consecutive month, according to statistics released in the October issue of the Oregon Business Review, published by the bureau of business research. All areas shared in the increase with the upper Columbia river and Pendleton areas leading by substantial margins.

At the same time sales of 594 independent retailers in Oregon showed an increase of 12.1 percent in September as compared with August. September, 1942 sales were 13.3 percent above September 1941 sales and sales for the first nine months of 1942 were 7 percent higher than for the corresponding period of last year. Independent retailers in Portland reported a gain of 21 percent over September 1941. Highest increase over 1941 was recorded by the eating and drinking places with a 52.6 percent gain.

Southern Oregon showed the greatest increase of retail sales by areas as compared to last year with a jump of 28.1 percent. On the other hand, in comparison to August figures southern Oregon had the smallest increase.