



## Farm Goods To Be Given Out In January

### Wheat Farmers Must Plant 90 Percent Of Alloted Acres

WASHINGTON D. C.—A Harney county rancher made a mistake in applying for his "certificate of necessity" and asked for 40,000 gallons of gasoline. The strangest thing about it is that the bureau in Detroit authorized him to use 36,000 gallons. Others who did not make an error have not fared so well. One cattle outfit asked for 18,000 gallons and was allowed 4980; another asked for 12,000 and was given 5360; another asked for 5000 gallons and received 2000; one settler who applied for only 500 gallons was cut to 150 gallons.

Unless, wrote the association of settlers in Harney county to the department of agriculture, farmers can get enough gas to carry on their operations. Harney county will not be able to attain the food goals which have been set for that section by the food administrator.

Harney county is one of the open spaces. The 400 farmers on the 6,500,000 acres produced this year 16,000,000 pounds of beef, 600,000 pounds of wool and almost 4,000,000 pounds of mutton. If these ranchers follow the suggestions of Wickard—these figures must be increased by 10 percent in 1943, but this can be done only by providing sufficient gasoline. No dinky little farms are in Harney—they are robust affairs, 400 acres of cultivated land and 2400 acres of pasture; that is the average ranch. A books, given motorists would provide only sufficient gas to enable a farmer to drive from the farmhouse to the mailbox three or more miles away.

Administrator Wickard is responsible for something else—reducing the ice cream wanted by the troops. At Camp White in Jackson county, the consumption of ice cream is 27,019 gallons and Wickard has reduced this supply to 5490. At Camp Adair the consumption is 18,812 gallons and the amount that can be sold is only 1334. And they said that ice cream would not be rationed.

Chicken raisers of Oregon state that they will be able to produce the increase of eggs and poultry in 1943—if the government will see that they can buy the proper feed. The demand, it appears, is for meat scrap from Argentina. The department of agriculture explains that owing to the scarcity of cargo carriers due to the activities of German submarines, no space is available for scrap meat at this time, although the subject is being studied. Chicken growers are advised to feed soy bean cake meal and cotton cake meal while the Argentine matter is under survey. At present the principal items brought from Argentina are leather and vegetable oils, which have been considered of greater importance in the war effort.

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"Rationing acres" for production of the most essential crops is the description given to production adjustment features of the 1943 farm program by John Shepherd, Seio farmer and member of the state AAA committee. Farmers will find it both profitable and patriotic to adjust their plans to produce most needed products.

Wheat, the principal "war crop" of World War I, is in plentiful supply this time. Shepherd points out. Instead, the need is for concentrated foods, oil crops, and fibers to replace war-lost imports. As a means of putting every available acre to work for the war effort, payments made to wheat growers for reducing acreage with in allotments will be closely connected with production of essential crops.

Individual farm goals will be established for nine special war crops, including dry beans, potatoes, dry edible peas, peas for canning, tomatoes for processing, seed flax, vetch for seed and fibre flax. Each farm's resources, as shown by the farm plan which farmers will be asked to fill out during the every farmer canvass in January, will be taken into account in setting war crop goals. Wheat payments for 1943 will be conditioned on the farm's war crop goals being met.

Second condition to earning a full wheat payment provides that at least 90 percent of the farm's wheat acreage allotment be planted in 1943 to either wheat, special war crops or designated substitute crops. These substitutes include barley in areas where it will produce more feed value than wheat, and Austrian winter peas up to the farm's allotted acreage of that crop. More substitute crops will be added later, Shepherd said.

These substitute crops, in other words, are more needed than wheat, but they are not the vitally needed war crops for which farm goals are set. Objective of conditioning payments on war crop goals and on 90 percent of allotments, Shepherd said, is to insure that land taken out of wheat will not stay idle and will be devoted to production of needed essential crops.

## Game Commission Hearing January 9th

The Oregon State Game commission will hold its annual hearing relative to angling regulations at its offices in 616 Oregon building Portland on Saturday, January 9, 1943, at ten o'clock a.m. The meeting will be open to the public and those interested are invited to attend. Seasons, bag limits and other regulations governing the taking of game fish during 1943 will be considered by the commission.

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## We Can't Equal Their Sacrifices, but We Might Try



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## Mrs. America Instructed In How To Meet Food Rationing

Mark down for changes in Mrs. America's home during 1943—the new appearance of her pantry shelves. Her old standby—tinned goods—will be wearing new dress for a WPB order largely restricts the use of tin cans for putting up foods except for our armed forces. Some of the old dependables still will be available for civilian but in limited quantities. There will be no more cans of vegetable mixtures, orange juice or Vienna sausage, for example, and baking powder will be in a new container, which is not of its present tin content. The amount of soup to be canned for civilians is restricted to one half of the 1942 pack. Spinach and other greens may be packed to the extent of 80 percent of the 1942 supply. However, it will take about six months before the change is felt and by then new containers will be available.

If your best friend has a new baby, write, don't wire congratulations. For the Board of War Communications has ruled that wires of congratulations or felicitations are out for the duration to make way for war business. Dig out your photograph albums if they contain pictures made during peacetime travels in Europe, Africa, Asia or the far East for they may be of help to the war effort. The Pictorial Records division of the Office of Strategic Services needs the following types of pictorial records of fighting fronts of the world: aerial views, industrial installations, airfields, highways, docks, harbors, coast line, beaches, canals, rivers. Films postcards and photos of these may yield helpful information, and the Office of Strategic Services will return them promptly in the same condition received. However, before sending in materials, apply for a questionnaire form by writing: Col. L. E. Norris, Strategic Photos, Box 46, Station G, New York City.

And on the subject of snapshots, camera enthusiasts will find it advisable to slow down on the hobby for the duration. The amount of film available for snapshots has been cut 50 percent below last year's output because of the heavy military demand for films and r.w. materials. The same order affects the film available to moving picture amateurs. So baby's first year may not be so realistically and pictorially recorded by fond parents as in previous years. One of these days if the matches you buy are about a quarter of an inch shorter, that will mean seven million board feet of wood saved. Shortening of match sticks is being considered by match manufacturers and the WPB to conserve the supply. Meantime, the WPB is asking us to think twice before striking matches wastefully.

## Breakfast Club Meets At Noon

The Moro Breakfast club will hold its January meeting next Wednesday noon at the Moro Hotel. Inasmuch as that is the day for the meeting of the county court, those officials will be present at the club meeting. A brief report on the status of the railroad case and the 1942 work of the club will be made and new officers will be elected. Minor business is to be transacted.

## BUCHOLTZ NOW COUNCILMAN

Moro's city council met Wednesday night to pass a validating ordinance for Ordinances 117 and 118 which were passed without a full council. In order to bring the council to full strength Arthur Bucholtz was named to succeed L. R. Conley, absent member. The city's new bonds are being printed and funds to pay those being refunded are available.

## AAA Elects Officers For New Year

### Many Committeemen Retained In Office By Farm Cooperators

New officers for the Sherman county AAA organization were chosen Monday in community elections held in each of the five districts into which the county is divided.

The Locust Grove district elected A. C. Kaseberg chairman; H. D. Proudfoot vice-chairman; W. L. Blau, member, and L. P. Haven, first alternate. In the Wasco district O. G. Hildebrand is chairman; T. L. Fields, vice-chairman; C. N. Fridley, member; and Geo. Drinkard Jr., first alternate.

The Moro district elected Carroll Sayers chairman; Clarence Sparling vice-chairman; Harvey Thompson member; and Irving Hart first alternate.

In the Grass Valley district Geo. Wilcox is chairman; M. R. Eakin vice-chairman; J. B. Coon, member; and Willard Barnett, first alternate.

The Kent district elected Roy P. Barnett chairman; Frank von Borstel vice-chairman; Kenneth Martin member; and E. M. Helver first alternate.

The county committee is composed of the following: Joe Peters, Art Smith, Wallace May, first alternate Roy P. Barnett and second alternate A. C. Kaseberg.

The first county committee meeting was held Wednesday for organization and to make preliminary plans for the general information meetings to be held early in January. At that time the complete 1943 program for farm compliance in the food for freedom campaign will be given.

## John Bell Dies In California

John Hulbert Bell, former resident of Kent, died Dec. 25, 1942 in Los Angeles. He was born Jan. 30, 1894 near Boyd where he remained during his boyhood. He lived in Sherman county about 13 years, graduated from the grade school at Kent and moved to Colorado.

He served in the U.S. Army in the first World War and was a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He leaves to mourn his loss, two sisters, Mrs. W. C. Guyton of Dufur, Mrs. Irene Sandman of Brea, Cal. and five brothers, L. I. of Moro, Alfred of Arvada, Colo., Ray of Boulder, Colo., Roy and Paul addresses unknown. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bell were early day pioneers of Wasco county.

## Pedestrians Die Faster In Country

With 44 per cent of the pedestrian fatalities in Oregon during the first eleven months of 1942 resulting from accidents in rural areas, the state traffic safety division today urged Oregon citizens to help cut this death toll by walking more carefully when on rural highways.

Of the 59 pedestrians killed in traffic accidents during the first eleven months of the year, 26 were killed as a result of accidents in rural areas. Of these 26, 21 occurred in accidents in the Willamette valley area.

Unsafe pedestrian practices such as walking on the right side of the road, with traffic instead of on the left side, facing oncoming traffic, crossing highways when cars are approaching, walking on the highway at night without showing a light or without wearing something white are the chief factors contributing to the rural pedestrian toll, according to the safety division.

Corp. Austin Foss was here for Christmas from Tacoma, where he is stationed in a receiving center. He had dinner with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Foss.

## Masons and Star Railroad Case Called Biggest 1942 News Story

### Members of the Masonic and Eastern Star lodges held their annual installation of new officers Tuesday night and the following were placed in charge of lodge affairs. For the Masons: W. F. McLeod, W.M. R. P. Brisbane S.W. C. A. Ruggles J.W. Clarence Sparling, Treas. C. V. Belknap, Sec. LeRoy Wright S.D. W. J. Martin Jr. J.D. E. E. Barzee S.S., Geo. Irving Hart J.S. D. A. VanGilder Mar., H. B. Pinkerton, Chap., J. H. McCune, Tiler. Clarence Sparling was the installing officer.

### For the Eastern Star: The outgoing worthy matron opened the meeting and introduced the installing officer, Mrs. Naomi VanGilder. Norma Balsiger, W.M., Wendell Balsiger, W.P. Alice Ornduff, Associate Matron. Clarence Sparling, Associate Patron, Naomi VanGilder Con., Edith Burnett, Associate Con., Marie Hoskinson, Sec., Irene Fraser, Treas., Genevieve Powell, Adah Linnie Hart, Ruth; Dorothy Moore Eather; Pauline Douma, Martha; Rose Amidon, Electa; Ruth Sparling, Warder.

### The ladies wore V bougainvilles and the men had V boutonniere. Mrs. Balsiger, incoming worthy matron was presented with a beautiful bouquet of red rose buds in an impressive floral degree.

### Luncheon was served at the close of the installation ceremony.

## OSC Youths To Continue Study

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—Campus instructional work will continue here on practically the same basis as in the past during the winter term which started December 29 and ends March 11 according to clarification of army and navy educational plans received by President A. L. Strand.

At the close of the winter term students in the army enlisted reserve corps are to be called up for active duty, at least for a time. Those in the navy reserve programs are also to be called up but at an as yet undesignated date. Both the army and navy are preparing to assign students to selected colleges for continued work after they are called, where they will be in uniform and on pay. Some differences are being noted in the plans for selecting these students by the army as compared with navy procedure.

Clarification of the standing of students not in the reserve programs has also been received. In general, officials here say that all students will be able to continue through the coming term with the possible exception of men called by selective service boards who are not enrolled in courses in which deferments are now granted.

A considerable number of entering freshmen have applied for admission to the college this term. These will go through a "one day Freshman week".

Meanwhile the college is also preparing to adapt its training program for women to fit them as rapidly as possible for the almost unlimited fields now open to them, either in specialized services or to replace men called to military duty. Urgent appeals are being constantly received for more women trained in fields such as pre-medic, home nursing, nursery school work and many others included in the college curricula.

## OPA Chief To Explain Control

The meeting of the Moro Woman's club January 8 will be an open meeting with all women in the county, whether club members not, and all men as well, invited to attend and hear Ernest C. Davis, state trade relations officer of the Office of Price Administration, speak on "Consumer Relations and Price Control".

Mr. Davis is coming from Portland to speak before the women and all who are interested in price regulation in this county.

The meeting will begin at 2:30 and will be held at the club rooms. Mrs. Edna Melzer is director of the program.

## Second Successive Big Wheat Crop Is Next Story of Past Year

Biggest, and most persistent, news story of the year for Sherman county was the abandonment and requisition proceedings that started in June with the Union Pacific's formal application for abandonment and is still not ended.

It has been a matter of news and public concern from the time it became known until the end of the year. The county made a strong fight against abandonment at the hearing in The Dalles and caused the examiner to favor the retention of the rails in his report. The railroad appealed for an oral hearing which was granted and held in Washington D.C. in December. Decision from Division F, Interstate Commerce Commission has not been received.

Requisition proceedings were started at about the time of the hearing, original action being filed in August. The Shanks branch was formally requisitioned September 16. Action on this matter has been delayed to the present time although no one knows the final outcome, which probably depends on the need of the nation for scrap metal.

Second biggest news of 1942 was the second huge wheat crop. In fact, the second in succession. An occurrence that has not happened before in the history of the county.

In Sherman county the 1942 crop was not as large as the 1941 crop because of a smaller acreage and a few hot days that hurt some of the wheat. Instead of the 3,250,000 bushels of 1941 the county produced a little less than 3,000,000 or nearly 30 bushels per acre.

Deletion of the county fair because of the war, the constant draft of men into the army, war time restrictions on living conditions, the county election were other matters that made news, good and bad, during the year just ended.

## Moro Confectionery Closes For Time

When the Moro Confectionery closed Thursday night with the old year, it was for an indefinite time. Mr. Ruggles has taken over the management of the local Shell distribution station and will devote his time to that enterprise. Difficulty in getting things to sell, cutting of quotas on ice cream, candy and other articles sold are given as the cause. When these conditions change the store may be opened again. The stock will be kept in the building until final decision is made about its disposal or the reopening.

## County Over Quota In Bond Sale

Latest report on the sale of war bonds in Sherman county for December is that from December first to eighth \$6,075.00 in bonds were sold. The second quarter of the month local citizens bought \$3962.50 and for the third period, for which the news has just been released, \$12,818.75 worth was bought. This is a total of \$23,856.25 for the three quarters of the month, which is about one and a half times the December quota.

The state has made the self-imposed total of \$100,000,000 in bonds for 1942 of a quota of \$73,000,000. Cooperation of nearly every agency in the state was needed to bring Oregon to a top position in the nation in the sale of war bonds.

Bits of wood from the Battle of Oregon as souvenirs for those who bought war bonds in the last half of December did not arrive in this county and it may be possible to obtain them later.

Tick shots are available at the court house January 5 between ten o'clock and noon, according to the county health nurse.