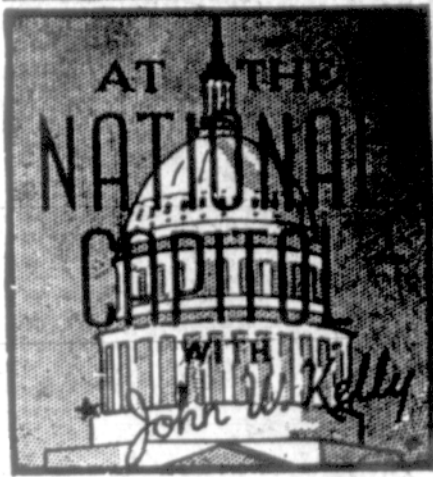


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Washington, D.C.—Next year there would be 10,000 acres ready to farm on the Deschutes project in central Oregon if congress would make an appropriation of \$1,000,000 and the war production board would revoke its order prohibiting construction work of all kinds. There would be an additional 35,000 acres ready for the project in 1945, and so on to the completion of the project. This is one of a number of reclamation jobs which have been held up by WPB, but since this stop order was given the question of food for soldiers, lend-lease and the civilian population has assumed serious proportions.

In a land of plenty, food will be scarce this year, the next and on through to the duration's end, and thereafter, for following the war the policy of the United States is to feed several hundred millions of starving peoples in the countries comprising Europe and in north Africa. Shortage of manpower and shortage of machinery is handicapping farmers of this country, and there is no assurance that they will raise as much food as they did in 1942, although the orders of the administration are to exceed the harvest of last year.

Married men with children will be marshaled into the army some time during the summer. Selective service declares that the unmarried and married men without children will be exhausted within a few months, the exceptions being those in key positions in war industries and those not physically fit. All the calculations of selective service show that if the army is to have 11,000,000 men at the end of this year they must draft the fathers, if they are less than 35 years of age. What this will mean in Oregon is uncertain, as statistics are not available.

Everything is "set" for two shipyards near Astoria to build wooden boats, barges or other wood vessels, provided contracts are available. The Astoria yards are part of a group of some six to be located in coast states. The promoters have an abundance of capital and skilled executives and are trying to obtain contracts that smaller companies have tried for and failed to receive. The project is actually a combination of small companies. Navy and army procurement officers have side-tracked all small yards and favored only the large ones. This policy has been denounced on the floor of the senate, but Donald Nelson, chief of WPB, says that small enterprises must succumb.

Plans are under way to register inmates of Oregon state penitentiary for the draft. At present an inmate must register with his local board within five days of his release. It is estimated that there are about 175,000 inmates of penal institutions in the country and most of these are within the draft age, and thousands are ready to fight for their country. If, after the inmates have registered, the pressure for more troops becomes greater it is possible that some arrangement will be made with pardon boards to release the more suitable prisoners and put them in uniform. It is argued that because a man is in prison is no reason to question his patriotism or his usefulness on the battle front.

A special committee has been appointed to visit the relocation centers where the Japanese are confined in Oregon and elsewhere. (Largest group in Oregon is in the Klamath basin.) There is complaint that too many of these camps are in charge of starry-

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Services Held For Local Farmer Sunday

Funeral services were held here Sunday afternoon for Bart Burrell, 43, who has been active in local farming ventures for the past 25 years. He is survived by his widow, Leota, whom he married Sept. 16, 1927, and by four sisters: Mrs. Alice Speer of Sweet Home; Mrs. Stella Tolbert, Mrs. Elsie Hobson and Mrs. Goldia Bellinger, all of Lebanon.

Bart Burrell was born in Lebanon, Sept. 11, 1899. He died in a hospital in The Dalles, Feb. 19, 1943, following an operation. He was a member of the Elks lodge in The Dalles.

Services were conducted from the Moro Community church with Rev. James D. Moberg officiating. Burial was in the I.O.O.F. cemetery in The Dalles, with graveside services conducted by The Dalles Elks. C. R. Calloway & Son were in charge.

Moro Woman Buried In The Dalles

Funeral services for Mrs. Eliza Coffman were held Tuesday afternoon at the chapel of C. R. Calloway & Son at The Dalles. Interment was in the I.O.O.F. cemetery at The Dalles.

She was born at Sayre, Okla., Sept. 9, 1874, and died in The Dalles Feb. 20, 1943, after a very short illness. She was 68 years of age at the time of her death.

Survivors include a son, Joseph Franklin Riter, now in the U.S. navy; three daughters, Mrs. Forne Ronspiev and Mrs. Ella Ronspiev, both of Oklauchee, Okla., and Mrs. Leta Coffman of The Dalles; one stepson, Grover C. Coffman, of Moro; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Minnie Stark of Tygh Valley; 14 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Change Announced In Mail Schedule

Due to the change in the mail truck schedule the post office windows now close at four o'clock and all out-going mail must be mailed before that time in order to leave town the same day. The postmaster reports that the mail must be made up and be ready for the truck at 5:00 p.m. sharp, and that no delays will be permitted. This new schedule comes under the heading of "something new has been taken away," as it will delay all outgoing mail put in the post office after four o'clock, until the next evening. The Sherman County Journal may thus be a day later than heretofore to many of its subscribers.

STLYE SHOW FEATURE OF WOMAN'S CLUB PROGRAM

A "style show" by the girls of the high school home-making department, under the direction of Miss Catherine Hathaway, was a feature of the Moro Woman's club meeting last Friday afternoon. A group of girls from the school, directed by Mrs. Kobow, sang two numbers. Mrs. T. H. Fraser, club president, told of the need for blood donors, and said that it is hoped to have a mobile plasma unit come to Sherman county if enough people are willing to become blood donors for the Red Cross plasma bank. An article on blood donating, taken from a recent issue of the Reader's Digest, was read by Mrs. Orval Thompson.

Mrs. Merrill Oveson of the American home department of the club, which had charge of the program, read an interesting article on meat, especially appropriate with the approach of meat rationing. Mrs. James Kenny of that department read a number of household hints, and distributed others for the clubmembers to read.

The next meeting of the club, March 5, will feature a Girl Scout program.



State House, Salem—The forty-second regular session of the legislature is drawing to a close. All things being equal, the presiding officers of both houses hope to bang down their gavels for the sine die adjournment not later than a week from next Saturday, which will be March 6. If such can be accomplished it will be the shortest session in many years, namely 55 days. Next Monday, March 1, will mark the end of the 50-day session.

From them on the lawmakers will work for love and glory, because their pay stops, regardless of how much longer they remain on the job. Everyone is anxious to get home, except the rest of the hired help, who continue to draw down their \$5 to \$8 per day as long as the legislature remains in session. The closing days will see many of the several remaining hot bills before both houses for final action. Tempers are on edge from the long grind and some of the boys are beginning to indulge in personalities when they engage in debate on the different measures.

Speaking of the open and closed seasons on hunting and fishing, it looks very much like some groups have decided to declare an all-year open season on farmers. Senate Bill 115 would give any group of farmers the right to establish a bird game preserve on their land. The farmers would raise their own birds, such as pheasants, grouse and quail, paying for all such propagation, and in turn would be privileged to charge a fee to sportsmen who came to shoot on their land. The bill further provides that the farmer shall be licensed by the state and must propagate 25 per cent more birds than he will be licensed to kill. However, several sportsmen from a swanky Salem gun club appeared before the senate committee where the bill was under consideration and hollered their heads off. The very idea—to even think the farmers of Oregon would ask for such a law. But, of course, it's absolutely all O.K. for the sportsmen to have such clubs, which they do—and many of them, too. These protesting gun club members apparently overlooked the fact that the bill also provides that each farmer applicant shall pay a license fee of \$10 which shall go to the game commission and become a part of its funds for the benefit of the sportsmen.

Just before the close of any legislative session the politically ambitious always start their campaigns for two years hence, especially those who aspire to be president of the senate and speaker of the house. Both honors were accorded up-state candidates this session, so it's only natural for Portland lawmakers to be casting an eagle eye in the direction of the chairs. Senator Corbett in 1935 was the last Portland legislator to head the upper house. Dorothy McCullough Lee, who ran a dead heat with the present incumbent, President Steiwer, and then withdrew on the 45th ballot, will be urged by her supporters to again be a candidate. However, Dorothy must be re-elected first, as her term expires before the next session. Then we hear that Senators Coe McKenna and Marshall Cornett have the same idea. Over in the house Stanhope Fier, Portland; Earl Hill, Cushman; Carl Engdahl, Pendleton; John Steelhammer, Salem; and H. H. Chindgren, Molalla, are being groomed by their supporters for

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Grounded Heinkel Vulture Examined



This bird of prey just didn't get out of its nest quickly enough. United States army officers are shown inspecting an intact Heinkel HMD plane which was captured when the Allied forces took an African airport.

Wickard Orders Wheat Quotas Suspended

Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard suspended AAA marketing quotas on wheat Tuesday in what he called a move to insure adequate wartime supplies of the cereal for human food and livestock feed. The order affected quotas imposed on the 1942 crop as well as those on the 1943 production.

Wickard also changed the 1943 farm program to allow farmers to increase wheat plantings without being penalized under the benefit payment and crop loans program provided they meet 90 per cent of their war crop goals this year.

Wickard, in asking Congress for a "clear mandate" on 1944 farm plans, said, "If we are going to get vital production, we must have programs which either through purchase or loan operations or through incentive payments will enable farmers to cover the cost of their extra efforts."

Kent Auxiliary Has Americanism Program

An Americanism program sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary was held in the Kent school auditorium on the afternoon of Feb. 22. The program was presented by Mr. Tom Preece, the school principal. The Kent school band, directed by Clyde Simpson, played four patriotic numbers, followed by the singing of the national anthem and the pledge of allegiance to the flag by all Olga Reed of Shaniko in a Martha Washington costume gave a reading.

Awards to the winners in the Americanism essay contests for high and grade school pupils sponsored by the auxiliary were presented by Mrs. Floye von Borstel, vice-president of the state organization. The 33 essays entered in the contest had been judged by Mrs. C. L. Poley and assistants in The Dalles.

Winners in the high school contest were: First, Mary Louise Zevely; second, Thelda Beyer; third, Bob Gregg; honorable mention, Jack von Borstel, Shelton Fritts, and Mary Lou von Borstel. Winners from the grade schools of Shaniko, Antelope and Kent were: First, Mary Ada McCullough; second, Jean Zevely; third, Martha Bardenhagen; fourth, Margaret Olsen; fifth, a tie between Carole Norton and David Hastings; honorable mention, Sharon Martin, Marie von Borstel and Billy Hastings.

The program was concluded by patriotic news films shown on the movie machine which was purchased by the Kent student body with money received by the sale of scrap iron.

The Sherman County Journal will publish the essay written by Martha Bardenhagen in our next issue.

Representative Sends News From Salem

The big truck bill is out of the way, having gone down to ignominious defeat after making a final fling by calling in the army to aid its passage. The only trouble was that no one believed the story but felt sorry for the army officers who were at the hearing on orders but who knew little or nothing about the bill or the reasons therefor. Who started the move to bring in the patriotic motif, who caused ODT Commissioner Eastman to telegraph house and senate heads, who caused the army to descend on the legislature may not be known for some months. Enough it is now to know that the bill is dead, very dead, and the defeat was decisive. No one was paying much attention to it anyway, as this seems to be one year in which no one could get much excited about such things as trucks.

The civil service bill will probably be dead before this column reaches the readers, if any, for, although it has been well worked over by the house committee and made into a much more workable bill than when it was presented in all its 33-page glory, there is little sentiment for perpetrating a new type of hiring state employees. It will probably be done some day, but very likely not this time.

The major unemployment compensation bills were out on the floor with a do not pass report this week and it is likely that this will result in speeding up the session to a great extent unless the report is beaten, which does not seem likely.

Committees are cleaning up their work and the speed of the session has been considerably increased since the first of the week. There is a faster tempo, a sense of hurrying to accomplish what must be done before the end is at hand, which may be sooner than now generally thought.

Taxation matters are getting along very well, the school bills having passed the house and well through the senate. The income tax amendments will be out before the end of the week, the majority side favoring a minor cut of 11.62 per cent through the use of a new set of rates that eliminate the split bracket (the 2 and 3 per cent in the first thousand).

The minority wants a cut of 20.81 per cent by reducing all rates by one per cent. Both will be for the 1944 tax year and later ones, if passed. There seems to be good evidence that income and especially excise taxes will be smaller this year and next for the simple reason that the federal taxes are going to be so much greater.

The thing that is about to break out into the open and create a small storm hereabouts is the bill to tax municipal electric

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Tax Turnover Reported By Sheriff's Office

Reports from the sheriff's office indicate that in the period from November 15, 1942 to February 15, 1943, the total current taxes collected were \$3,701.97, and the delinquent taxes collected, including interest, totaled \$5,001.79. Thus the total tax collections for that period were \$8,703.76. This fund has been turned over to the county treasurer and is to be apportioned in the following manner:

County fund for general purposes	\$1,287.04
Market road fund	277.39
Per capita school fund	357.53
Road District No. 1	330.51
Moro Road District	23.04
Wasco road district	22.31
Grass Valley road district	10.63
Non-high school district	426.16
High school tuition	148.55
State fund for general purposes	491.51
State fund for elementary schools	371.45
City of Moro special tax	527.96
City of Wasco special tax	565.23
City of Grass Valley sp. tax	260.69
Moro school district	261.88
Wasco school district	761.56
Grass Valley school district	682.66
Rufus school district	291.64
Kent school district	511.99

Other school districts will receive smaller amounts, varying in accordance with tax levies made. Other funds receiving small apportionments are the bridge fund and the sinking fund for road bonds.

1943 Farm Labor Problems Studied

A study of 1943 farm labor conditions and needs in every county in the state, to be accompanied by concrete plans for meeting the local situations, will be made in a series of county farm-labor program-planning meetings that began February 25 and will continue through March 16. Representatives from Sherman county will attend a meeting at Arlington on March 15.

The meetings have been arranged jointly by the O.S.C. extension service and United States employment service in cooperation with the state agricultural advisory committee and the Oregon USDA war board, says L. R. Brothaupt, extension project leader for farm labor.

Attending the meetings will be all members of the county farm labor subcommittees, as well as state representatives of the selective service, employment service, and the extension service and war board. Invitations have also been extended to all members of the state and county USDA war boards, selective service boards, state and local school officials, and to the farmer sub-committees on crops and livestock in each county.

These county farm-labor subcommittees last year aided the employment service in handling farm labor problems better in Oregon than occurred in many agricultural states, but greater efforts will be necessary for this year. It is hoped to review 1942 results, analyze the 1943 situation, and devise ways and means for meeting the farm labor problems of the coming year as effectively as possible under the stress of war conditions. In the meantime, farmers who need help can make full use of the employment service by registering their needs early.

RATIONING INFORMATION

Rationing certificates are no longer necessary to obtain recaps for passenger car tires. However, tire inspections are still required, and the tire inspector must recommend the recapping.

Cars with B and C mileage rationing books must have tires inspected prior to February 28, and cars with A books must have tires inspected before March 31.

All C coupon books, and most B books must be renewed before March 1.

Red Cross Chapter To Meet Monday

People Interested In Becoming Blood Donors May Contact Mrs. Fraser

Rev. F. L. Cannell, chairman of the Sherman chapter, American Red Cross, and Roy Powell, war fund campaign chairman, announce that there will be a meeting of the chapter at the courthouse at Moro, Monday, March 1, at 2:00 p.m. as the start of the 1943 drive for funds. The quota for Sherman county is larger this year than before, but this is only in proportion to the larger national quota and the greater need for funds.

Money collected during the March drive will be used for all functions of the Red Cross in civilian relief and the vastly increased war work. This year floods, fires, and other disasters have not been publicized, but nevertheless, they have occurred, reminded Mr. Powell. More than \$30,000 was spent in the Willamette valley caring for refugees, and providing food, clothing, and household goods to families that had lost everything in the flood.

Another large item on the budget this year is the blood plasma. The Red Cross has been asked for four million units of the plasma for the armed forces. The cost of preparing one unit ready for use in the field is \$3.00, which means that \$12,000,000 will be needed for this year alone.

At the meeting Monday sub-chairmen will receive instructions and materials needed for work in their local districts.

Mrs. T. H. Fraser is making a list of persons interested in becoming blood donors for the Red Cross blood plasma bank. If enough interested people can be found, it is hoped to have a mobile plasma unit sent here. Anyone interested is asked to get in touch with Mrs. Fraser.

Donors must be between 18 and 60 years old and in good health. Those between 18 and 21 years of age must have parents' or guardian's permission. A fast-free diet must be adhered to for six hours before donating blood. Dry toast, black coffee, fruit juice or fresh fruit may be taken, but no food at all may be taken for an hour before donating.

The present Red Cross program is to get 3,000,000 pints of blood. So far there have been only a few more than 1,000,000 donors in a country of 140,000,000 people.

Perhaps many persons are not aware of the urgent need for the plasma. It is said to be just as positive a lifesaver in cases of shock as insulin is to sufferers from diabetes, and with the war covering such a large area with fighting in so many theatres, it is important to have a reserve of plasma on hand.

FARMERS WISHING FOR LARGER TIRES

Local farmers and truck owners generally are looking for larger tires for their trucks. The reason is ODT order No. 17 which further restricts the weight that may be placed on tires. The weight allowed varies according to the size and number of plies of the tires actually used. Allowable gross weight is figured by multiplying weight allowed per tire by the number of running wheels. Pounds allowed per tire for some of the more commonly used tire sizes are: 6.50-20, 8-ply, 1,950; 7.00-20, 8-ply, 1,950; 8.25-20, 10-ply, 2,750.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

Feb. 18	38	31
Feb. 19	40	28
Feb. 20	37	30
Feb. 21	35	30
Feb. 22	45	26
Feb. 23	47	25
Feb. 24	46	26