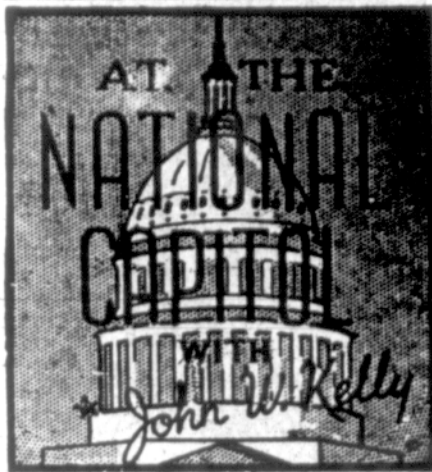


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Washington, D.C.—Here is what Triple A has established as goals for Oregon to shoot at in 1943: White potatoes 44,000 acres, dried field peas 28,000, dry edible beans 5,000, flaxseed 2,000; sows, spring farrowed, 49,000; fall farrowed 34,000. Marketings, cattle and calves 4,220,000 head; sheep and lambs 774,000.

The goal for milk is 1,500,000-000 pounds; chickens 19,130,000 pounds; turkeys 35,945,000 pounds; eggs 4,775,000 dozen. In announcing these goals Triple A says it will give the farmers, within the limits of authority, all possible assistance in obtaining loans, equipment, help, or whatever is needed to insure production.

Demand for home loans in Oregon dropped last year to \$3,669,800 from \$5,620,656. This is attributed to war conditions. However, the amount of loans on the books of insured loan associations reached \$16,793,000 on December 31. As the demand for loans fell off the associations invested their idle funds in government bonds and now have in the pouch \$1,771,000.

Labor camps in Oregon are at Nyssa, Athena, Merrill, Maline, Tule lake, Hood River, The Dalles, West-Stayton, Coburg, Turner, Medford and Yamhill. Farmers in the vicinity of these camps are hoping congress will see that migratory labor is available. These camps are so located that they can serve almost any crop in the state. Rep. Lowell Stockman appeared before an appropriations subcommittee and made a plea for sufficient funds to provide the labor this year. Sugar beet, onion, pea and potato growers are especially anxious to have their labor requirements taken care of. (Over-all appropriation requested for the entire country for this purpose is \$65,000,000).

Drivers of the common carrier trucks up and down the highways, and the mechanics have been declared part of an essential industry. The classification came too late to give general satisfaction and there has been a large shift from the trucks to the army or to the shipyards. The life of the interior of Oregon depends upon truck transportation, and with the shortage of drivers and mechanics some communities are expected to run into difficulties before the end of this year.

Request of the U.S. bureau of mines for money with which to build a sponge iron plant in the vicinity of Scappoose to experiment with the iron ore in Columbia county has been placed on a file. The bureau was given an appropriation of \$300,000 last year to make these experiments, but says that it has difficulty in obtaining the materials for a plant and that nothing can be done at Scappoose or elsewhere until later in the indefinite future. The charge has been made on the senate floor that the big steel companies have done all they could to discourage development of sponge iron as this would be competition with their elaborate blast furnaces which use another method. In the first world war everything was ready for a new steel plant in the vicinity of Portland until a steel executive was placed in charge of steel production for the nation, and he promptly vetoed the Portland plan, asserting it was unnecessary.

Although a house guest of the president of the United States, both at Hyde Park and at the White House, Madame Chiang Kai-shek did not hesitate to differ from him on his foreign policy.

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Planting Spree Under New Rule Not Wanted

Removal of acreage allotment and marketing quota, restrictions on wheat production is not a "go signal" for a wheat-planting spree similar to that in world war one, says R. B. Taylor, chairman of the state AAA committee, and William L. Teutsch, assistant director of extension service, in a joint statement discussing the action recently taken by Secretary of Agriculture Claud Wickard.

On the contrary, they recommend that Oregon growers adhere closely to the various production goals decided upon in each county recently at farmers' meetings, and included in 1943 farm plans. Growers who have the land and facilities adapted to war crops such as dry edible peas, potatoes, dry beans, flax and vegetables, will make a far greater contribution to the nation's war food needs by growing these crops instead of wheat, they point out.

While the amount of wheat planted will not affect a farmer's eligibility for AAA wheat payments or crop loans, full payments will not be made unless 90 per cent of each farm's war crop goal, as established on the farm plan, is met.

Removal of the restrictions which were designed to assist growers to adjust wheat production to a shrinking market were not prompted by any impending wheat shortage, Teutsch and Taylor emphasized. Rather, the action was taken to encourage every farm to make a maximum contribution to war food production. In some areas, such as the more arid district in the Columbia basin counties, wheat yields greater production per acre than any other crop. Farmers in such areas can produce plenty of wheat to meet food and feed needs, they said.

Pointing out that there's still an extra year's supply of wheat in storage, these farm leaders warned that large-scale plantings of spring wheat could easily result in a repetition of last year's extremely tight storage situation. While seven million bushels of Oregon wheat were being moved through the feed wheat program this past year, another 14 million bushels moved into storage under government loan in the state.

MORO SCHOOL NOTES

The Winter Wonderland dance held last Friday was well attended by people from all over the county, and was greatly enjoyed by all. Mrs. Timmerman and the girls' physical education class deserve credit for the well-planned evening. Harry Pinkerton, who crowned King Donald and Queen Lila as rulers of the festival, did justice to the occasion in his coronation address. Veda Belshee sang two solos, the boys' and girls' choruses sang a group of songs, and the tap dancing trio, Patty French, Anjaney Knighten, and Mary Sayrs gave two specialty numbers. The evening was concluded with dancing to the music of the DeMoss Melodians.

Moro high school lost two students the past week. Betty Coffman has transferred to The Dalles and Jim Robinson has quit to go to work.

Students have been busy the past week taking six weeks' exams, and the seniors are practicing for their three-act play, under the direction of Miss Catherine Hathaway.

The school show this Friday stars Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour in a laugh-provoking comedy "Caught in the draft."

COUNTY COURT HAS REGULAR MEETING

The county court met Wednesday, March 3, for their regular monthly meeting. The usual bills were ordered paid, and the court members spent the afternoon in viewing the roads, since requests had been received for more improvement of various roads.



State House, Salem—With both houses trying their level best to wind up the session not later than next Saturday, these well laid plans might go astray. There is a possibility that the lawmakers might have to stay in session for a few days next week, all on account of taxes. The house passed a bill calling for a 10 per cent reduction in state income taxes, which the senate evidently thinks is the bunk. Not enough reduction, say many senators, and it looks like the house bill will be amended by the senate and sent back calling for a greater tax reduction than 10 per cent. If so, the battle on the tax question, with which the house wrestled most of last week, will be staged all over again. The senate received the bill last Saturday and have been pondering it for five days with the issue still undecided. The majority of the house members have their backs arched on a reduction of anything more than 10 per cent. So therein lies the tale of why the boys and girls might have to work for a few days next week. Someone will have to unbend on the question if both houses are to get together on the subject, and if they "stay put" on the bill as they are now it might be spring before they call it quits and go home.

Gov. Snell's laudable efforts to increase old-age assistance to \$40 a month seems impossible to many lawmakers unless a way is found to obtain more money for this purpose. The governor thinks the net profits now obtained from liquor revenues will be increased about \$2,000,000 this year through more sales, which is approximately the extra amount needed if the pensioners are to receive \$40. The governor further stated that none of this additional money should be taken from the general fund but must come solely from liquor sales. The lawmakers are skeptical about obtaining very much more money from liquor revenues than was received last year. All of the legislators who are for "bigger and better" pensions had pinned their hopes on the Steelhammer bill, which would tax pin-ball games \$25 per annum and juke boxes \$10. It was estimated that this additional revenue would amount to at least \$2,000,000, and under the bill would be earmarked for pensions. However, after the measure passed the house the senate killed it. Now a move is on to revive the bill since the governor made his pension statement; otherwise, say the lawmakers, \$40 for the oldsters is out because more money is absolutely necessary than they expect to receive from liquor.

Here's a hot one for you. Senate bill 274, if passed, would tax all confectioneries, restaurants and grocery stores 75 cents per employee, or a minimum of \$2 a year to a maximum of \$25 a year for all such businesses outside of Multnomah county. The amounts would be paid to the state department of agriculture as an inspection fee, and the money would go to their fund. As if to say that such businesses in the small towns of Oregon didn't have trouble enough already. Many cities now tax such concerns to augment their local revenues and also have a sanitary inspection system; so why is such additional legislation necessary, say many of the lawmakers.

We told you in this column several weeks ago, long before the measures came to a vote, that in

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COMMANDER OF ALLIED FORCES IN NORTH AFRICA—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, promoted to the highest U. S. military rank on February 11, directs the operations of the combined American, British and French armies in ousting the Axis from Africa. He was born in Tyler, Texas, in 1890, graduated from the U. S. Military Academy at West Point in 1915, and during the World War was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for "his unusual zeal, foresight and marked administrative ability" while commanding officer of the Tank Corps Training Center at Camp Colt, Gettysburg, Pa. He has filled many important posts in the War Department and while serving as Assistant Chief of Staff in charge of the operations division, Office of the Chief of Staff, Washington, D. C., in June, 1942, he was designated as commanding general of the European theater with headquarters in London. He organized and commanded the American forces in landing in North Africa November 8, 1942.

Non-Highway Gas Rationing Periods Changed

Farmers may obtain gasoline for their tractors, engines and other non-highway equipment for a period of six months instead of three months under a change in rationing regulations announced by the office of price administration.

The change is being made, OPA said, because of the variability of farming operations, which frequently make it difficult for farmers to estimate their requirements for only a three-month period. The new provision is also designed to save the farmers time in obtaining rations for operations which are so essential to the war effort, it was said.

A procedure is being worked out through county war boards of the department of agriculture for assisting farmers in making their applications for non-highway gasoline. The review thus afforded will be a safeguard against inflation of rations, it is thought, and make it possible to issue rations for longer periods.

RATIONING INFORMATION

The Sherman county war price and rationing board announces that it has granted the applications for two new truck tires, 26 truck recaps, and one truck tube.

Eighteen passenger car tire recaps were authorized, five new grade I passenger car tires, 11 new grade III passenger tires, and eight passenger car tubes.

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.

The board announces that applications for war book No. 2 may not be accepted until after March 15.

Fuel oil ration stamps will be mailed out by the board as soon as the applications can be processed.

IMMUNIZATION SHOTS WILL BE GIVEN

At the child health conference held Tuesday afternoon, March 2, at the court house, plans were made for the next meeting on April 6, when immunization shots for diphtheria, vaccinations for smallpox, and Schick tests will be given. It is planned to give tick shots as a protection against Rocky mountain spotted fever, at each meeting of the conference.

Representative Sends News From Salem

The so-called big bills come out of committee, are reported on the floor, come up for vote and often go down to defeat, thus bringing the session nearer to an end. Most of them are not so important to the people of a state in a nation engaged in a serious war. That isn't the reason they are beaten, directly, but it does have a bearing.

Last week it was the truck bill that was beaten. This week it has already been the civil service bill, which went down to defeat Monday, after having been carefully studied and well lobbied for some six weeks. The members of the house seemed to feel that this war year of 1943 was no time to close the doors on those who might return from army service.

The tax program is getting along and the committee, so far, has been able to pass the bills that have been brought to the floor. These have included the school bills, the income tax bills and the bill for the reduction of the excise tax. These make a balanced program of tax reduction for all three major classes of taxpayers, each of whom get about ten per cent reduction in their taxes.

Whether this sort of a program will stand up or not cannot be foretold at this time. The senate so far has not made any serious changes in the school bills, having only offered amendments to further insure the preservation of the fund for the main property taxes. It is probable that the bills in their main wording will stand.

What the senate will do to the income tax bill is another matter. It is doubtful if it will keep it as it is because of the information that has been given out since its passage in the house. This is to the effect that a vast majority of the checks that are to be returned under the proposition of giving back ten per cent this year will be very small ones that will cost more to return than the value of the checks themselves.

It is very likely that the senate will change this part of the bill so that there will be no reduction in income taxes this year at all. Then, in future years a reduction can be made in the income taxes that will be similar to that given to other kinds of taxes.

Income Tax Returns Coming In Slowly

J. W. Maloney, collector of internal revenue, reports that the number of income tax returns filed to date is below the number which could reasonably be expected at this time. He pointed out that an income tax return must be filed by every single person whose gross income from all sources was \$500 or more for 1942, and that a return must be filed by every married person living with husband or wife if their combined gross income was \$1,200 or more for the year 1942.

The collector said that possibly the delay in filing returns may be attributed in part to an erroneous impression that legislative proposals before the Congress, commonly known as "pay-as-you-go" plans, will relieve taxpayers from filing their income tax returns for 1942 and paying the first quarterly installment on or before March 15. He urges taxpayers to file their returns as soon as possible. Those who file their returns promptly assist themselves as well as their government, he said.

By paying your taxes on or before March 15 you have nothing to fear, he added, as your payment will be credited to your account, reducing by so much the taxes you will later have to pay.

Auxiliaries To Sponsor Poppy Poster Contest

Plans were made by the Moro American Legion Auxiliary at a meeting Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Paulina Baller to sponsor a poppy poster contest and Americanism essay contest for school pupils. Mrs. Theodore Johnston heads the committee in charge of the contest. Entries should be in the hands of the committee before April 1.

An official article on the proper way to salute the flag was read by Mrs. Willy Knighten. The Auxiliary president, Mrs. Floyd Platt, announced the committees appointed for the coming year.

Prospective SPARS Invited To Meeting

Sherman county women who are interested in joining the "SPARS" the women's branch of the coast guard, are invited to attend a meeting to be held at The Dalles City Hall on Saturday night, March 6, at 7:30 p.m.

Prospective "SPAR" candidates must be between the ages of 18 and 38 years, in good health, and must possess certain other qualifications. "SPARS" will be paid up to \$165.00 a month, and will not be called to serve outside the continental United States, according to information we have received.

STUDENT WHO JOIN SERVICE MAY GET FEE REFUND

University of Oregon—Students registered in the university spring term who are called to military duty will be given credit for their work or have their fees refunded, officials announced this week. The move, breaking a long-established rule, was made to encourage students to return.

Students who file with the registrar official documentary evidence of entering the service before the last four weeks of the term, will have all fees refunded. Those who leave within the last four weeks will have a choice of receiving credit or fees returned.

Chiefly concerned are students in the enlisted reserve corps and the army air corps. Recent notice from the ninth service command has ordered all junior and senior R.O.T.C. students to remain in school until the close of the current school year on June 1.

SCOUTS WILL GIVE PROGRAM

The Moro Girl Scouts will have charge of the program at the Moro Woman's club meeting at the clubhouse this afternoon.

Red Cross Board Starts Drive For Funds

Secretary Explains Method Of Distribution Of Red Cross Benefits and Funds

Monday afternoon, March 1, the executive board of the Sherman County Chapter, American Red Cross, met at the courthouse in Moro for their first meeting of the current year. They re-elected Mrs. Naomi Van Gilder executive secretary, and the chairman, Rev. F. L. Cannell, named George Potter, Dr. Viggo Haufelt, and Roy Powell to the auditing committee.

Members of the war fund campaign committee, with their chairman, Roy Powell, adjourned to another room to discuss plans for the drive for funds which began that day.

Chairmen for the regular service departments of the Red Cross were selected by the executive board as follows:

Home service, Willy Knighten. First aid and life saving, C. A. Tom. Junior Red Cross, Mrs. George Wilson. Home nursing, Mrs. Aften McIntyre. Nutrition, Miss Catherine Hathaway. Disaster and civilian relief, Mrs. T. Lester Johnson. Farm and home accident prevention, Wallace May. Volunteer and special services, Mrs. Carl Melzer. Publicity, Mrs. Darwin Van Gilder.

Due to the tire and gasoline situation, a new plan was worked out for the production department. The county was divided into five districts and each district placed under the charge of a supervisor. These supervisors are: Mrs. J. E. Norton, at Kent; Mrs. Herman Ziegler, at Grass Valley; Mrs. Lila Bull, at Moro; Mrs. Ida Everett, at Wasco; and Mrs. Edith Hoggard, at Rufus. Miss May Hurst, whose work takes her into each of these communities, will act as county co-ordinator.

At the close of the business session Chairman Cannell presented the past chairman, C. A. Tom, with a certificate of award and service medal for his outstanding work in first aid and life saving. These awards were sent to this chapter for presentation, by Edwin H. Carroll, director of first aid. Mr. Tom responded with a speech of appreciation.

Inquiries have been made recently concerning Red Cross funds and their distribution. Some have expressed the opinion that all of the money should be sent to the national war fund and no money should be retained by the county chapter. In explanation of this, the National Red Cross asks that the local chapter retain a certain amount for specific uses. Among these items the greatest amount is spent by the production department.

The county chapter is given a quota of various articles needed for the armed services or disaster relief. This material must be purchased with the money kept in the county. The work is all volunteer, and the finished garments made in the work are sent to the field directors in the service camps, or to a supply depot for issuance where they are needed when disaster strikes.

Next week the Sherman county chapter will present facts concerning the home service department and the work that department performs for the boys in service.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Feb. 25	45	23	
Feb. 26	47	22	
Feb. 27	52	26	
Feb. 28	56	32	
Mar. 1	51	28	
Mar. 2	46	22	
Mar. 3	45	23	