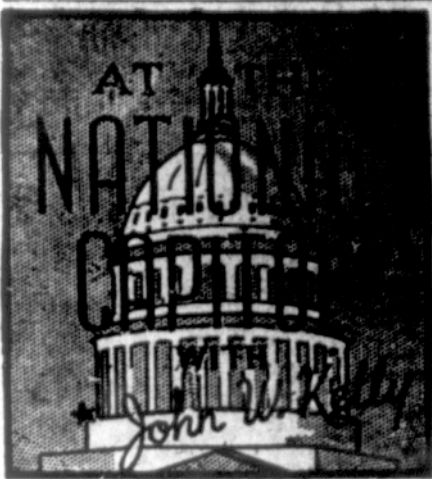


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Washington, D.C.—Housing situation is becoming so tight at the Clatsop navy air base that dwellings for 200 families and 40 couples are being arranged for. At Tongue Point the naval development has expanded so that 40 family dwellings and accommodations for 20 couples have been listed for construction. These will be paid for by the government. Additional dwelling units for war workers in the Portland area have been approved to shelter employees of Commercial Iron Works, which is building boats for the navy. There is a housing shortage in every community in the Willamette valley and Rogue river valley and in several towns in eastern Oregon. Government has already spent millions of dollars on units for war workers in Oregon.

Oregon cheese factories, producing cheddar cheese, will have a market for every pound they can produce in 1943. More than 50 per cent of all the cheddar cheese in the United States will be bought for the armed forces and the Allies. Later, when ex-Governor Lehman of New York has his relief machine organized to feed more than 300,000,000 people the drain on domestic cheese factories will be heavy, as most of the people of Europe are cheese eaters. Special types of cheese, such as Swiss, Italian, blue and brick, will not be rationed, although the cheddar will be to civilian consumers of this country.

One reason there is a shortage of farm help is that farm wages last year, according to the department of agriculture, averaged \$56 a month while in war industries workers drew down that much per week. Of course, this average wage for farm workers does not include the wages paid harvest hands, for many farmers paid as high as the shipyarders to save as much of their crop as possible.

'Dry' champions in Oregon have been writing to congress asking for national prohibition as a cure for absenteeism, otherwise called 'Monday sickness,' prevalent in war industries. An official of civilian supply division of war emergency board has made a report proposing that the sale of alcoholic drinks can be reduced to one per cent, and he lists alcohol as a non-essential. Another alternative is the suggestion that limits be placed on the amount of liquor that may be purchased at state liquor stores—a form of limitation now adopted by the Oregon liquor board. Whiskey is not being distilled at present, all distilleries being used for the production of industrial alcohol required for smokeless powder and high explosives. The warehouses, however, are said to have a stock sufficient for three years.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur has cabled a southwest state that he will return to the Philippines and release the national guardsmen who were captured on Bataan and Corregidor as soon as he can muster the military force. If MacArthur does this he will also release a number of Oregon troops who were captured by the Japanese. The story current in the national capital is that MacArthur only was persuaded to flee from the Philippines on the assurance that he would receive reinforcements and supplies in Australia and could then return to the islands.

Lend-lease in 1942 shipped more eggs produced in Oregon last year—in fact, there were exports.

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Womans Club Entertains District President

The Moro Woman's club entertained Mrs. W. E. Crawford and additional guests at a benefit tea at the clubhouse Wednesday afternoon, March 17. Mrs. Crawford is president of the fourth district of Oregon Federated clubs. She gave a short talk on club activities in this district and plans for future work.

The program was planned by the music and library committees, with Mrs. Darwin Van Gilder acting as director. Numbers presented included a reading by Mrs. Russell Hollinshead; a poem read by Mrs. Van Gilder; three musical numbers by the girls' sextet from the high school under the direction of Mrs. Kobow; two saxophone duets by George DeMoss and Lila Lee Alley, accompanied by Patricia Pinkerton; and vocal duets by Mrs. H. B. Pinkerton and Mrs. J. D. Moberg, also accompanied by Miss Pinkerton.

Several members of the Moro club attended a meeting of the Wasco Tuesday Afternoon Study club, at which Mrs. Crawford was also a guest, the previous afternoon.

The next meeting of the Moro club will be April 2, under the direction of the garden committee.

County Asked To Join Celebration

An effort is being made to have this county take some part in the Old Oregon Trail celebration that is to take place this year all over Oregon and especially in those counties through which the pioneers made their way into this state from the east.

Sherman is one of these counties, the old Emigrant trail running across the county and a branch of it running cornerwise across it. One of the famed stopping places on the western part of the trail is in this county. A committee was named last year by the county court to arrange for an observance of this occasion, and whatever program or programs are arranged will probably be under its direction.

Farm Material Red Tape Cut, Says Taylor

Farmers will get quick action on applications for materials and facilities needed for production as a result of the recent decentralization of war production board authority, believes R. B. Taylor, chairman of Oregon's USDA war board.

Applications for on-farm construction will continue to be filed with county USDA war boards, but final approval will be given by WPB regional offices instead of at Washington, D.C. Farmers' applications for copper wire and other materials under priorities will be filed with the Portland war production board office. A supporting statement from the county war board to accompany such applications may help, though this is not required.

No priorities are needed to purchase repair parts for farm machinery and equipment, Taylor reminded.

Rebekahs To Hold Annual Convention

The annual convention of the Rebekah lodges of district No. 21 will be held at the L.O.O.F. hall in Moro Friday, March 26, at 2:00 p.m. Following the afternoon session a pot-luck dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.

Miss Madeline Rossner, president of the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon will be present, and all Rebekahs are invited to attend the afternoon and evening sessions.

Victory Garden Meeting To Be Held Tonight

Breakfast Club Sponsors Meeting To Promote Interest In Gardening

A meeting has been called for Friday evening, March 19, for the purpose of promoting the Victory garden movement in Moro and vicinity. The committee of the Moro Breakfast club appointed for that purpose has called the meeting through James B. Adams, chairman.

Many questions are being asked by those interested in growing a garden this year, even by those who have long been growers of family gardens. This year it seems that for those who want to have vegetables next winter a garden, Victory or otherwise, is mandatory. Rationing regulations are so stringent that few cans of vegetables can be bought. They must be grown and canned or frozen.

As in the Victory garden campaign of last year there is interest in the proper varieties that should be sown in this section of the state. Information of this nature may be obtained from the state college of from seedsmen. Methods of preparing the soil and of using the one type of fertilizer permitted are also important.

The committee in making its request for a general community meeting formally states, "The Victory Garden committee of the Moro Breakfast club invites all Moro and vicinity citizens who are interested in promoting the Victory Garden movement to a meeting to be held in the Court House at 7:30 p.m. on Friday the 19th instant." The county agent, the school superintendent, both of whom are interested in promoting gardens by children, and Mr. Adams, chairman, will talk, and discussion will be general.

SHERMAN COUNTY YOUTHS VOLUNTEER FOR SERVICE

Four Sherman county youths have volunteered for the April call and will be ready to leave when that call is made. They are Linden Mersinger who wishes to join the marines and Max Barzee, both of Moro, Malcolm and Theron Richelderfer, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Richelderfer of Wasco, who would like to be aircraft mechanics.

Vernon Williams Sends Resume Of Legislative Activities

By Vernon Williams
State House, Salem—A week has passed since the president of the senate banged down his gavel, the night of March 10, at 11:30, announcing the senate had adjourned sine die. The chief clerk of the senate personally delivered the notification to the chief clerk of the house, and 12 minutes later, at 11:42, the speaker adjourned the house sine die, which wound up the 42nd regular legislative assembly. The lawmakers just missed going into the 60th day by 18 minutes, and the final day was a mighty long one for all concerned—over 14 hours.

It didn't take the lawmakers long to clear out their desks and hightail it for home. Last Thursday night saw but a few around the corridors of the capitol; the place looked deserted. Quite a contrast to the hustle and bustle of only the day before. A few remaining members stayed over to see the governor on political matters. Several have ambitions to be appointed to high ranking jobs. From now on, the governor will have one grand headache. Many are called, but few will be chosen. It has been suggested that a "walling wall" be erected for the disappointed pie counter boys, because the walls will be long and in-loud when some of the faithful are left at the post, which is bound to happen. Then it will be time to organize the hatchet



Symbolic of the role the Red Cross is again playing, the 1943 Red Cross War Fund poster depicts the organization as a mother ministering to the needs of the men of the United States armed forces and the victims of war throughout the world. The poster is an appeal to all men and women for contributions to the War Fund. Lawrence Wilbur, noted illustrator, designed the poster. Helen Mueller is the model.

Leroy H. Martin Legislation Buried In Portland Tuesday Affects Sherman County Schools

Leroy H. Martin died at Salem March 14 after a lengthy illness. He was one of the early residents of Sherman county having lived here for many years after coming from California where he was born October 16, 1858.

He is survived by three brothers, Wilbert J. Martin of Moro, Julius Martin of Moscow, Idaho, and Harvey Martin of The Dalles, a daughter, Mrs. C. C. Clelland of Portland and a son, Myles E. Martin of Lexington.

Funeral services were held in Portland Tuesday of this week and were attended by Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Martin jr. Mr. and Mrs. Randall Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Orlo Martin of this city.

Legislation Affects Sherman County Schools

School legislation that affects Sherman county was not very extensive in the recently adjourned legislature. The main school bill, HB 344, the amendments to the teachers' school bill passed by the people in November, will return some money to the school districts of the county, but these districts will receive less than the residents thereof will pay in income taxes.

This, however, was said before the bill was passed. Inasmuch as it carried in the county it seems probable that the voters expected to give more than they received. The \$5,000,000 to be distributed from income and excise taxes will be sent back to the school districts on the basis of pupil days attendance.

Sherman county has 312 total enrollment in grade and high school. This is .0015 per cent of the state's total of 206,715 grade and high school pupils. No figures are given as to what percentage of the income and excise tax Sherman county residents pay. It is probably a higher percentage than is paid for real property taxes. However, the excise tax payments would be small. This county pays .0077 per cent of the property tax for state purposes when such taxes are levied.

Senate Bill 275, now in the hands of the governor, changes the method of distributing the elementary school tax. Instead of distributing the money raised by the two mill tax in the counties in which it is raised it will be distributed in the state at large.

Sherman county now gets .0077 per cent of this tax and will receive but .004 if the bill is signed by the governor.

Teachers who have formerly had until 60 days before the opening of school to legally change their minds about accepting a contract now must decide 90 days previous to school opening. The law making it mandatory or school boards to notify teachers by March 15 as to whether they were to be offered contracts or not is still in effect.

The teacher's minimum salary bill passed which raises the minimum from \$765 to \$1200. Scarcity of teachers in Oregon make this law of little importance at this time for few boards expect to hire a teaching force at a lower rate next year anyway.

Red Cross Reports On Garments Made

Mrs. M. A. Bull, county production chairman for the American Red Cross, reports that the chapter has sent to the Ogden, Utah warehouse 89 gowns for girls from 4 to 10 years, 5 girls' dresses, 23 circular shawls and one boys shirt.

To Vancouver barracks has gone 14 cap mufflers, these being 2 yards long and 11 inches wide, and to Yakima four pair of wristlets. These are a part of the 1942 quota of the county chapter.

A letter from Albert Whale, field director for the Red Cross, gives thanks for the garments shipped and quotes General Marshall, Army chief of staff, as saying "To the thousands of workers in Red Cross chapters throughout the country, yours is the heaviest responsibility of all, and also the opportunity for the deepest satisfaction."

Colors Closely Related To Vitamins

Victory gardeners will do well to have a "color scheme" in mind in planting their gardens this year, because colors are closely related to food values, says Lucy A. Case, extension nutritionist at Oregon State college. Green leafy vegetables are especially high in minerals and vitamins, while yellow vegetables, such as carrots and squash, are good sources of vitamin A.

Among the many common green vegetables recommended by Miss Case, more cabbage is stressed as particularly important. One-half cup of plain shredded cabbage supplies more than a third of an active man's daily vitamin C requirement. From four to six dozen plants of early and five to 10 dozen plants of late cabbage are recommended for a family of five where space is available. For carrots, 50 feet of early planting and 100 feet for late supplies are recommended.

FORAGE SEED INCOME FOR 1942 DOUBLE THAT IN '41

Oregon's cash income from the production of forage crop seeds reached an all-time high figure estimated at \$12,235,000 in 1942, according to the current statistical yearbook on this phase of Oregon's specialty crop production just issued by the O.S.C. extension service. The statistics, covering alfalfa, clover, grass, pea, and vetch seeds, were prepared in cooperation with the Oregon office of the federal bureau of agricultural economics.

While the acreage devoted to these types of seed increased only from 380,515 to 454,850, the value of the products jumped from \$6,486,000 to \$12,235,000 in the one year. This was accounted for by higher per-acre yields and higher prices than in 1941.

Under war conditions the nation has depended primarily on Oregon farmers for Austrian pea and vetch seed, the bulletin points out. The only forage crop seed acreage lower in Oregon for 1942 than 1941 was alfalfa seed, which was reduced about one-sixth.

Weather Not So Cold As It Seems

Although the weather is not the most pleasant March weather that can be remembered it could be much worse. There were only three nights in the last record week that were frosty according to the record of the experiment station as here printed.

It is the wetness of the fields in most cases that is holding up farm work instead of the cold weather, according to reports in town.

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Mar. 11	49	33	
Mar. 12	51	32	
Mar. 13	45	35	.21
Mar. 14	42	26	.04
Mar. 15	44	24	
Mar. 16	42	32	.01
Mar. 17	42	28	

Farmers Advised To Keep Within Acreage Allotted

Effort Being Made To Increase Acreage of Peas Raised In This County

So far the recent ruling of the department of agriculture regarding the change in regulations about farmers has had no effect in Sherman county nor in the adjacent counties.

The county committees are apparently still puzzled as to what position the farmer would be in if he did follow the latest rule and plant all his acreage to wheat. If the farmer would lose all of his payments and his right to the loan then there will be little inclination to increase plantings.

Therefore a letter is being sent to all farmers advising them to keep within the wheat acreage allotments in order to make sure of obtaining payments and the loan and also advising them to have ten percent in Crested wheat grass or in other soil conserving crops.

Some effort is being made to have a greater acreage of peas grown in this county this year. The kind most generally planted will probably be the dry edible peas or some of the seed pea crops that are used for cover crop seed in the southern states. Some difficulty is experienced with these crops but they are needed by the government for food—directly or indirectly—and production of them is generally considered patriotic.

Production of anything has been seriously delayed by the coldness of the spring and as the ground freezes nearly every night over most of the county it is doubtful if farm work is general for another week. Some are seeding spring grain on land that has been worked in the afternoons but plowing has not started anywhere in the county so far.

Condition of livestock is not good as the feed put up for winter was in most cases insufficient to outlast the three months of winter experienced. The grass is still much too short to give any sustenance to cattle and most farmers are still feeding.

Deserter Arrested Here By Sheriff

Walter H. Whitehead was arrested by Sheriff C. C. Wilson here March 14 charged with being a deserter from the navy. He had gone AWOL from San Pedro ten days before and was taking a little unexplained vacation away from the wild, wild waves and the likewise non-coms. He was returned to Portland and to the navy.

License Examiner Coming Soon

A traveling examiner of operators and chauffeurs is scheduled to be in Moro Thursday, March 25, 1943, and will be on duty at the courthouse between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., according to a recent announcement released from the secretary of state's office. All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with the examiner during these hours.

County Road Damage Considerable

County roads are getting their spring going-over as the road crew grade and smooth up the ruts made by winter run-off of water on frozen ground. Gravel roads were in worse shape than usual this year because of the water and frost, and some of them had broken through, making more extensive repair than usual necessary before heavy hauling can be done.