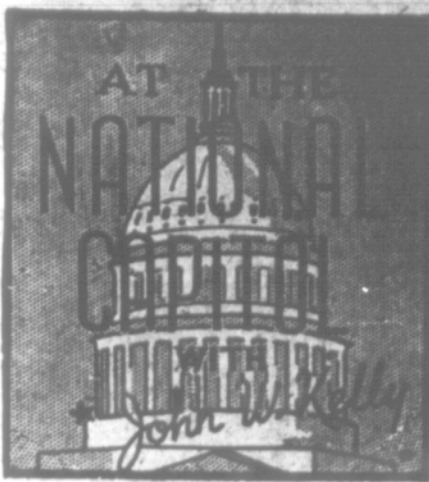


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WASHINGTON, D. C.—An estimated 10,000 troops will be established at Camp Abbott, a few miles from Bend. The disposal of sewage from such a city (it will be almost as large as Bend) presented a problem which the army engineers have solved to their satisfaction by giving the sewage a treatment and then pouring it into the Deschutes river. This does not please the stockmen and other settlers who depend upon the Deschutes river for their domestic water supply.

Scores of people have signed a petition of protest and forwarded it to Washington. Some of these petitioners assert that if the sewage from Camp Abbott is permitted to pollute the river there will be an epidemic; that the condition of the stream will be such that a number of farmers now engaged in raising potatoes and other vegetables will be compelled to abandon their ranches. Army engineers reply that there is sufficient flow in the Deschutes to dissipate the sewage and that actually there is 15 times more than is necessary. The engineers also explain that the plan has been approved by the state sanitary engineer of Oregon.

In the area of Bend and Reimond the sewage is disposed of by using the underground caverns of that region. The army engineers do not approve of this plan, explaining that the water in the caverns eventually makes its way into the river.

New fuel rationing regulations have been mimeographed and distributed to congressmen with the notation that they are "secret". The most important feature of these to-be-announced regulations is that whatever the allotment granted, the consumer should fill his oil tank in the summer months. Formula for rationing will be published almost any day now. A simple plan is devised for the small consumers, the people who are chiefly dependent on kerosene. These would be the ruralists who are not in position to illuminate their homes with electricity. The coupon system for fuel cards will be streamlined and generally stripped of red tape and delays.

It is no military secret, however, that next year there will be an actual shortage of fuel oil and gasoline in the Pacific northwest, for by that time the war with the Japanese will be so intense that millions of gallons of high octane for fliers and fuel oil for the destroyers, cruisers, battleships, landing boats, escort vessels, etc., will be diverted from civilians and fuel oil will be scarce.

In the eastern Oregon country the bombers are setting fires with tracer bullets and many thousands of acres have already been burned over. The tracers are as effective as the incendiary bombs and can ignite anything of a combustible character that they hit. The fires have been caused, assert the settlers, by the bombers firing tracers at cow hands and shepherds to see how close they can come to them and make them jump—all in a spirit of fun. Complaints have reached the war department and instructions have been given that the planes be numbered to enable settlers to know what bombers are doing the dirty work. For punishment, when the guilty fliers are located, will be the loss of half a month's pay. The bombers are based at Boise, Walla Walla, Spokane and Pendleton. It is alleged.

One reason raised against the location of an aluminum extrusion plant in Oregon is the alleged

First Radiotelephoto From African Front



A gun crew digs in and is on the alert during the battle for Gafsa, in Tunisia. U. S. armored forces under command of Lieut. Gen. George Patton Jr. in two days advanced 30 miles to recapture Gafsa and to go 12 miles beyond. Photo was flown to Algiers and transmitted from that point in seven minutes to Washington in the new two-way radio transmission system put to its first practical test by the U. S. army signal corps with the transmission of these radiotelephotos.

Roy Powell Elected Head Pioneers' Ass'n

Roy Powell, who had served as vice-president of the Old Wasco County Pioneers for the past year, was chosen as president at the annual meeting last Saturday in The Dalles. John Silvertooth of Antelope is now vice-president and Viv Bolton of The Dalles is second vice-president.

Quite a number were down from Sherman county for the program and meeting with friends of long standing.

Junior Class Presents "Spring Fever"

The Junior class of the Moro-Grass Valley high school gave a well-received play Friday night. "Spring Fever" was the story of three college boys, Donald Thompson, Herman Ziegler and George DeMoss who gave their bothersome aid toward the graduation of the former who was having troubles with a Prof. Bean (Clair Balzer) and the college president (Duane Lemley). An aunt, Lila Lee Alley, proved to be helpful in a method not exactly collegiate. Doris Newcomb's parents, David Baver and Patty French, had several uncomfortable experiences although Doris' friend, Eileen Lemley, was helpful in planning ways and means of getting things done. All scenes occurred in the college boarding house of Daisy Garrett. And, yes, the path to graduation was made clear.

Moro School To Give Musical Program of Songs and Dances

Friday, May 7 is to be Music day for Moro. The program starts at 10 a.m. with a Maypole dance to be followed by the band concerts. Both grade and high school bands will play and there is a possibility that the Grass Valley band will also play several numbers. After a basket lunch at noon the program, Songs and Dances of Many lands will be presented. Weather permitting, the entire program will be given in the city park, otherwise in the school gym.

THE PROGRAM
Jimmie's Dream, reader Dick Oveson, Little Boy, Jimmie Robertson, The Trip, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th grades.
PACIFIC AREA
Hawaii "In Hawaii" Girls Glee club, Philippines "The Papaya Tree" Grades 5 and 6, China, "Chinese Lullaby", Girls Sextet.
EUROPE
Finland (Eastern Star) "Finlandia" Mrs. Helen Ruggles, Sweden (Legion and Auxiliary) Tap dance, Mary Sayre, Ansel Knighten

Charles Ruggles Named Assessor By County Court

Charles Ruggles, deputy assessor for the past month, was named county assessor Wednesday by the county court. He replaces Margaret W. Peetz who died April 24 after a long illness.

Mr. Ruggles is a native of the county, who has served as deputy sheriff for the past year.

The budget committee who will meet with members of the court to prepare the 1943-44 budget was appointed at the meeting. They are P. C. Axtell, Fred Hennagin and T. W. Alley, all experienced budgeteers who have served, often before. The budget meeting will be held May 24 at the court house. The court sold a parcel of range land along the John Day to Gordon Hall, some Wasco town property to Ed Dutton, and the building on the old Gim-Coleman property, the warehouse, which was owned jointly by the city and the county, to Ross Ornduff. In this latter deal the city will become the owner of the lots when the building is removed.

Bills for the month of April were ordered paid.

Charles Boardman was here Tuesday night having come from California after being discharged from the army after a tour of duty in the south Pacific zone because of illness. He does not know where he will again start the practice of law.

Jury List Drawn For May Term Of Circuit Court

The following panel of jurors for the May 17 term of court was chosen May 6 by the county clerk and sheriff. No important cases are scheduled on the docket.

George Fox, Klondike; Ross Guilford, Rufus; Frank A. Lemley, Grass Valley; Theodore Johnston, Moro; Cyril Kruger, Wasco; Hildred Zell, Wasco; Mildred Norton, Kent; Carl Schadewitz, Grass Valley; H. O. McKee, Moro; Shelton Fritts, Grass Valley; A. B. Christianson, Moro; Ted Ball, Grass Valley; A. Douma, Moro; Walter Morris, Rufus; Fay Brackett, Rufus; Carl Anderson, Wasco; Lester K. Smith, Grass Valley; Lela French, Moro; Nellie Fields, Rufus; Eddie Alley, Grass Valley; Harold Ginn, Moro; Wren Hogue, Grass Valley; Verne E. Mobley, Kent; W. H. Andrews, Rufus; Carl Everett, Rufus; Clide L. Fridley, Wasco; Chester W. Smith, Moro; A. S. Johnson, Rufus; Guy C. Andrews, Wasco; Paul F. Alley, Wasco; J. L. Davis, Kent.

Mrs. Lilah Hall Buried Sunday

Mrs. Lilah Hall died in a hospital in The Dalles Friday morning, April 30, after an operation which she had undergone a little over a week previously.

Mrs. Hall was born in Corvallis, January 2, 1890, the daughter of Alexander Nish and Harriet Thomson Nish. She was married November 27, 1912, to Sereno Hall, who preceded her in death by a few months, having died last fall.

She had been a member of the Moro Presbyterian church for many years and of the Monkland church before the time of the Moro church.

Funeral services were conducted from the Moro Presbyterian church Sunday, May 2, with Caloway's in charge. Interment was in the Rose cemetery beside her husband.

Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Hope Belashee; a son, Mac Hall; a brother, Charles Nish of Mikkaloo; and her mother Harriett Nish of The Dalles.

Gasoline Use Lower This Spring

Gasoline consumption in Oregon during the first quarter of 1943 totaled 46,604,734 gallons, a decrease of 21 per cent from the consumption for the same period last year, according to figures compiled in the office of Robert S. Farrell Jr., secretary of state. Tax paid on the gasoline used in this state during the first 3 months of the year amounted to \$2,330,236.82, compared to \$2,979,152.92 last year.

During the month of March the gasoline used totaled 18,979,293 gallons, compared to a consumption of 22,332,700 gallons for the same month a year ago. Thus, March consumption this year was 15 per cent below the use a year ago.

The March decrease was the least of any month this year. The January gas use dropped 29 per cent while February use dropped 22 per cent.

Two Local Boys Reported Injured

The war department announced Wednesday that of eight men from Oregon wounded in the Pacific fighting zone two were from Sherman county. They are Benny Payne of Grass Valley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Payne, and Clarence O. Spencer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Spencer of Wasco. Parents of these men have been previously notified of their sons' wounds. Payne has written since without mentioning his. Both boys left Sherman county in April of 1942.

County Agent Reports On Many Farm Matters

Government's Commodity Credit To Handle Wool Crop On Direct Basis

The county agent's office reports on several matters of importance to the farmers of the county.

The Commodity Credit Corporation is going to handle the wool of the land, it appears. Wool that has not previously been bought by local dealers will be turned to the CCC. The price paid will be the Boston clearing house price less an appraisal charge of 1 and 1-8 cents, less freight and handling of 5 1-2 to 7 cents.

Dealers who have bought wool may turn it to the Commodity Credit and obtain 2 1-4 cents per pound for quantities under 5000 pounds and 1 and 1-2 cents per pound for larger quantities.

Farm Wheat Called

Notices have been sent out to those who have farm stored wheat that all 1941 wheat must be shipped this year and that 1942 wheat may be shipped. In this county this affects 15,000 bushels of which 95,000 bushels is 1942 wheat. 1942 wheat may either be resailed or shipped. Shipment must be made through farm cooperatives or by track loading which is not possible except for a few individuals who are equipped therefor.

The garden meeting to be held tonight, Friday, May 7, is to have a talking picture as a feature. It is to be about Victory gardens.

Crop Insurance About Done

The crop insurance program now depends on the three year policies written last fall or one year policies written at that time. No new insurance is being written now. Ordinarily this insurance opportunity stops March 1, but the probability that congress may stop this insurance altogether has closed the door more completely than usual.

Of the 43 three year policies in this county 30 are in the north end where yields are ordinarily pretty fair at worst.

Four Boys Go To Army-Navy

Three Sherman county school bands were in The Dalles Wednesday to take part in the annual mid-Columbia band festival which was held in the afternoon and evening of that day. Wishram, Kent, Rufus, Arlington, and Goldendale bands played in the afternoon and Dufur, Moro, and The Dalles in the evening. Carl Severinson, of Arlington, played a trumpet solo during the program.

Bands Play At The Dalles Wednesday

Four more young men left Thursday morning for the service according to the officials of the draft board. They are Eugene Norton, Marion Crews, Vurl Blackburne and Jean Dutton. Dutton has been working in Portland for the past year since stopping his work at the University of Oregon.

Third Quarter Taxes Due

Sheriff Wilson calls attention to the fact that the third quarter of taxes will be due May 15 and delinquent thereafter. He also says that there are very few delinquent personal property taxes of 1935 and prior years which have to be collected by August 15 of this year. Tax collection has been very good in this county in recent years.

City Well Tests Indicate Water Pretty Fair

Three tests have been received from the state board of health on the water in the wells in the flat which are now being used as a source of city water.

The first one was a green slip indicating that the water was not fit for human consumption. Of the twelve tests taken for each test three were bad.

The next two were white slips indicating that the water was fit for human consumption. One had two bad marks out of the twelve and the other had three. Accompanying the two latter slips was a note saying "Inasmuch as the water sample tested shows the presence of gas in the presumptive test, yet fails to confirm for coliform organisms the water supply should be regarded as questionable until at least two more consecutive analyses show the supply to be acceptable, that is, free of coliform organisms."

Further tests will be sent in. At present the above report is the best information that can be given about the purity of the city water supply.

Ellen Eakin Weds Idaho Man In Formal Ceremony

Ellen Eakin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Eakin, and Gerold Haskin, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Haskin, of Boise, Idaho, were married Sunday, May 2, at the Methodist church in Grass Valley. Rev. F. L. Cannell of Wasco officiated. Mrs. Elton Eakin played the wedding march and Mrs. Ormand Hilderbrand of Wasco sang "At Dawning" and "Because" accompanied by Mrs. Eakin.

The bride, given away by her father, wore a green wool suit with brown accessories and an orchid corsage.

Roommate Bridesmaid

Miss Pauline Olson of Portland, a college room mate of the bride, was the bridesmaid. She wore a yellow suit with black accessories and a corsage of pink carnations and lilies of the valley.

Elton Eakin, brother of the bride, was best man, and Millard and Ralph Eakin, also brothers of the bride, were ushers.

About 75 relatives and friends attended the reception that was held later in the afternoon of the church. The table was decorated with a lace cloth and bore a three-tiered wedding cake.

Relatives Assist

Mrs. Millard Eakin, sister-in-law of the bride, cut the cake. Mrs. Harold Eakin, Mrs. Ralph Eakin, and Mrs. Alva Eakin, all sisters-in-law of the bride, served the ices and cake, and Mrs. Myrtle Smith, cousin of the bride, served the punch.

Among those attending were Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Eakin; Mr. and Mrs. Dell Eakin and granddaughter, Leota, and their daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Smith of Louisville, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Eakin and small son; Mr. and Mrs. Elton Eakin; Mr. and Mrs. Millard Eakin and family; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Eakin and family; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Eakin and family of Moro; Mr. and Mrs. Alva Eakin and family of Dufur; Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Haskin of Boise, Idaho; Mrs. Earl Ordway of Hood River; Mrs. Louis Dillinger and son Joyce of Dufur, and her daughter, Mrs. Ben Smith from California; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Blacklock; Mrs. Jennie Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Reynolds; Mrs. Lucy Ruggles of Moro and Mr. and Mrs. Ormand Hilderbrand of Wasco.

The young couple left after the reception for The Dalles. They will be gone a week before going to their home in Boise, Idaho.

Clean-up Day Sees Citizens Labor In Rain

Park Cleaned Up, Trees Cut and Trimmed, Streets Whitewashed

They whitened the trees along the street, they cut down the surplus trees in the park, they burned up the surplus material along the highway, they hauled the timber away. It was clean-up day.

It began with a breakfast by the Breakfast club, traditional sponsor of the annual clean-up day. After eggs and potatoes at the hotel the members of the club foregathered at their appointed places and went to work, hard work. The crew detailed to paint the trees along the streets did a smooth job by bringing into service some spray equipment with which they whitened the trees without the ordinary manual labor usually entailed.

The park crew cut down some surplus trees, cleaned up the park of wood cut down in previous years, trimmed the dead wood out of the good trees, and hauled all the material away to a pile where it will be burned unless some one sensitive to the points allowed for fuel asks for it and uses it. There is about two cords of reasonably good wood to be had for the asking, flat asked, first served. That is the history of the 1943 clean-up day without frills or details.

There was a goodly crowd out, the club gave the departing Mac McLeod a good hand, and went to their labors. J. B. Adams was in charge of the park crew; Martin Melser in charge of the whitewash crew, Wendell Balsiger master of the food gang which arranged for a dinner in the hotel dining room because of rain that dampened the ardor for food in the park.

Of the clean-up days in the old style perhaps this is the last, and if it be the last, it is one worth remembering. Much work was done, the park is prettier, the main street is bright with newly whitened trees, the townsmen have fraternized in a community endeavor, all of which makes the town physically and spiritually better.

The women repaid the workers for their labors with a bountiful lunch at noon.

Another City Well Being Cleaned

The second of the shallow wells in the flat has been opened by the city and is being pumped out with the new centrifugal pump. This is a slow job as the water runs in about as fast as the 100 gallon per minute pump will remove it. If progress is not faster another, bigger pump will be installed to clean out the well.

Budget Committee Meets Tuesday

The city budget committee met Tuesday night with the city council and made up the budget for the city for the fiscal year July 1, 1943 to June 30, 1944.

While the city saved over \$400 in interest for the year it arranged to buy a new pump at a cost of nearly \$1000. Estimated expenditures were cut to make the purchase possible.

According to the budget the city will set aside a sinking fund for bond purchase when the city bonds are callable. The millage will probably be reduced slightly for taxpayers although the city will be enabled to buy new equipment. Members of the budget committee present were Paul May, who served as chairman, R. B. Hoskinson, who served as secretary, W. S. Powell and Willy Knighten together with members of the council.