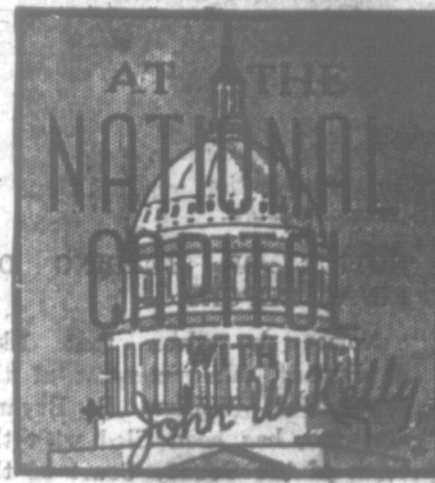


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Washington, D. C.—The senate committee on agriculture has been listening to arguments for the past several days on Senator Rufus Holman's amendment to the emergency forest fire control bill which would appropriate close to \$8,000,000 for forest fire protection. The house had deleted the sum of \$6,500,000 from the bill as an unnecessary expenditure and a waste of funds. The house members who eliminated the forest fire protection fund come largely from the prairie states, where forestry, lumber and forest fires are a foreign subject because there just isn't any such thing. However after hearing the roar of Senator Holman and others from the Pacific northwest who know how important such a fund is for the protection of Oregon's huge stand of timber from fire hazard it is believed house members have changed their minds and that at least a large part of the money asked for by Senator Holman will be allowed.

While senators express the opinion that nothing more serious than a nuisance raid need be anticipated in the northwest, with possibly some property damage and loss of life, the real danger is that enemy raiders may drop bombs in the forests and thus cause a conflagration which would be terribly destructive and set back the lumber industry for a century. It is difficult to obtain men to go into the woods and prepare against such a fire. Manpower shortage is keenly felt in the campaign for protection against fires and failure to obtain adequate fire fighting fund would further complicate the situation.

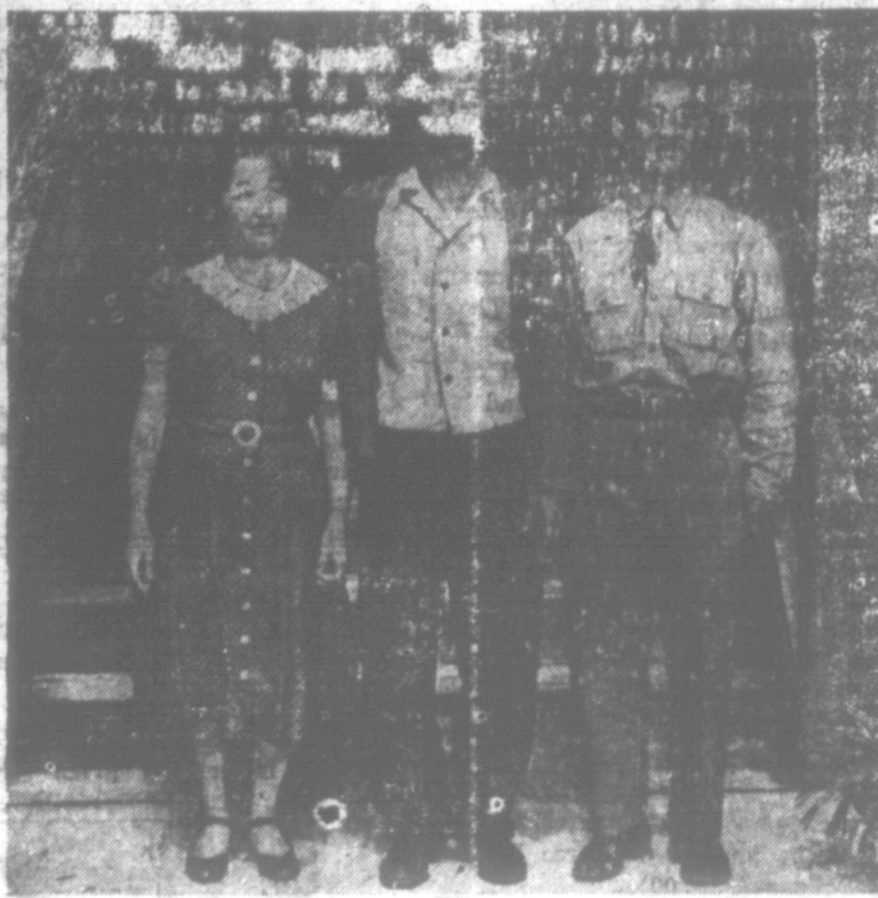
The farm labor crisis has caused concern of northwest farmers to the less snicky about the source and they are renewing their request that relocated Japanese, conscientious objectors and prisoners of war, be given an opportunity to do agricultural work. It is asserted that thousands of prisoners of war, Italians and Germans, have an agricultural background and would be willing to work and that they could be winnowed from their undesirable associates, and that several thousand former growers of vegetables and fruit among the Japanese could be made available, leaving the trouble makers in the centers. It would be better, say these farmers, if the prisoners and evacuees are given an opportunity to do farm work than to "eat their heads off" at the expense of American taxpayers while held in camps.

There are 2,000,000 cases of canned fruit and vegetables, taken by the government from the 1941 pack, which will be released for civilian use. There are 12,000,000 cases reserved to the government from the 1942 pack and these will also be released. Plan is to sell the food back to the canneries that packed it, if they wish to take it. From many sources in the northwest have come suggestions that the 1941 pack be not sold for less than the 1942 ceiling in order not to disturb the market, as the 1941 prices were considerably lower than the 1942 or than will be the 1943. If the government sells back to the canneries at the 1942 price the government will make a very satisfactory profit.

Complaint has been registered in the national capital that there are no church facilities at Vancouver, the housing development prepared for Henry Kaiser's employees between Vancouver and Portland. This will be a community of about 40,000 population and it is

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Sends Son to Fight Against Homeland



Stricken by the Jap attack upon Pearl Harbor, James S. Kende, 51, a Jap-born resident of the Hawaiian Islands, was gratified when the army permitted his son, Herbert, 18, to join a special combat regiment made up of Americans of Japanese ancestry. Herbert is shown in the center with his mother and father, who wears his American Legion cap. He is a veteran of World War I.

Farm Loan Groups Merge Into One

Approval has just been received from the governor of the Farm Credit Administration at Washington of the consolidation of the Moro National Farm Loan association of Sherman county and the Fort Dalles association of Wasco county to form the Wasco Sherman National Farm Loan association with headquarters at the Dalles, 212 U. S. National Bank building. Secretary-treasurer Victor Peterson announced today. This consolidation was voted by the stockholders of the two associations at their annual meeting held recently.

The new association has approximately 90 stockholders with capital stock of \$40,900 and cash reserves of \$8753.46. Loans outstanding amount to approximately \$890,000. Officers are Elwood Adkisson, Boyd; president; J. M. Wilson, vice president; Kent; A. M. Huckle; Wasco; Nicholas Fax and C. C. Moore, The Dalles, directors.

"The stock of this association is being retired at par value when loans are paid and at present no loans are delinquent. Cash reserves are continually being built up so it would appear that even though another depression should follow this war the association will be in position to take care of any losses without impairment of the capital stock," secretary-treasurer Peterson stated. "In the five counties served by The Dalles group office all farms acquired by the Federal Land bank of Spokane have now been sold and are owned by actual farmers. Delinquent loans have been almost entirely eliminated which shows that the farmers are getting their financial houses in order during the period of satisfactory farm income."

WORKERS FROZEN

All war workers in the west are now under control of the new manpower policies as a result of orders issued today by William K. Hopkins, regional director of the war manpower commission, establishing stabilization plans in areas not heretofore covered.

Job controls now in effect are aimed at reducing loss of man hours through switching of jobs. Changes of jobs can be made only when clearance is granted through prescribed channels, with certification by means of a "certificate of availability" or transfer slip.

A worker who was most recently engaged in agriculture may be hired for work in a non-agricultural activity only upon referral by the U. S. employment service or to agricultural work without regard to the restrictions set forth in this plan.

No Priority Needed For Pipe, Fencing

Farmers do not need priority ratings to purchase such items as pipe, water well casing, nails, staples, wire or fencing, the state USDA war board reports.

The War Production board's controlled materials plan permits dealers to sell up to \$10 of any of these pipe or wire items to any one without restriction. Amounts up to 4000 pounds may be sold to one purchaser in any calendar quarter if a specified certification is furnished the dealer.

Farmers whose quarterly needs exceed 4000 pounds of either pipe or wire products may apply to their county farm rationing committee for a purchase certificate.

Farm Labor Ruling Enforced By C.

Necessary organization work in each county to put into effect the new farm labor law passed by congress is now under way by the OSC extension service, following a series of district conferences at which the provisions of the new law were explained.

The present successful Oregon plan of close cooperation among all agencies concerned in the farm labor problem will be continued, with every effort being made to avoid any unnecessary interruption of present working relationships, says William Schoenfeld, dean and director of agriculture.

The new law signed by the president in the closing days of April, puts Chester E. Davis, food administrator, in supervisory charge of the farm labor program, and transfers major responsibility for procurement, training and placement into the hands of the Federal Cooperative Extension service. As the extension service is given considerable latitude in the actual details of carrying out its assignment, the plan in Oregon will be to continue present cooperative relationships to the full extent possible, says Schoenfeld. This means the continued utilization of the various county US employment offices in the handling of farm labor.

The farm labor program, already complicated somewhat by a shift in responsibility this late in the season, is being tackled as the number one job of the extension service, says the dean.

EXAMINER COMING

A traveling examiner of licenses, operators and chauffeurs will be in Moro, Thursday May 20 at the courthouse from 9 to 11 a.m.

Mrs. Thompson New Head Of Woman's Club

Election of officers for the coming year for the Moro Women's club last Thursday afternoon resulted in the selection of Mrs. Orval Thompson as president, Mrs. Darwin Van Gilder as vice-president, Mrs. Walter Ruggles as secretary and Mrs. L. V. Moore as treasurer.

Features of the afternoon's program were the telling of stories of pioneer days by Mrs. Lucy Ruggles, the reading of an article on the history of patriotic songs by Mrs. James Kenny and a discussion on club work in relation to post-war planning by Mrs. Orval Thompson. Two Mother's Day poems were also read by Mrs. Thompson.

The final meeting for this club year will be held at the clubhouse Friday, May 21, beginning with a pot luck lunch at noon for members and their families. Mrs. E. Amidon will have charge of installation of officers. Mrs. B. H. Roberson will give a review of the recent best-seller "The Robe" by Lloyd C. Douglas.

NEW AGENCY FOR CIVILIANS

The Office of Civilian Requirements empowered to provide civilians with essential goods and services, has been set up in WPB. The new agency supercedes the Office of Civilian Supply. "It shall be the objective of the War Production Board," the order states, "to provide consumer goods and services adequate to maintain essential civilian life and the highest productive efficiency."

(Editor's note: Capitals ours.)

County Court Pays Basket Full Of Bills Just Like Individual

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON, GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR APRIL, 1943, AND APPROVED AT MAY TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT THEREOF

Claimant	Account	Amount
First National Bank	General Assistance	\$158.25
Collector of Internal Revenue	Victory Tax withheld for quarter ending March 31, 1943	98.24
First National Bank	Aid to Dependent Children	36.40
First National Bank	Aid to the Blind	5.00
First National Bank	Old Age Assistance	140.20
Clarence Messinger	janitor salary less V tax	97.80
David Reid	county com.	18.00
Vernon I. Miller	county com.	11.20
T. Lester Johnson	District Attorney expenses	10.35
Wily W. Knighten	sup't office help, less V tax	52.25
Moro Hotel	luncheons for county court and visitors	11.20
Pacific Power & Light Co.	April courthouse lights	26.38
City of Moro	April water	2.80
Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co.	telephones for all offices	29.05
May & Son	courthouse supplies	25
Paulsen & Roles	courthouse supplies	13.52
C. L. Montgomery	borrowing courthouse grounds	2.00
W. R. Reid & Son	switch at courthouse	.50
Moro Lumber & Fuel Yard	Coal for courthouse & bath	163.23
Sherman County Journal	County Printing	7.35
Assessor's office	Assessor's office	4.00
Burrough's Add. Mach. Co.	Assessor's office	4.90
Assessor's office	Sup't's office	2.75
C. A. Ruggles	payment of ribbon for adding machine	45
West Coast Printing & Bind Co.	Justice Docket & Sup.	14.90
Clerk's office	Clerk's office	22.10
Sheriff's office	Sheriff's office	11.70
Jonathan N. MacInnes	Bang's diseased cattle killed	24.00
Roy Powell & Son	Bang's diseased cattle killed	6.00
Mrs. L. L. Taylor	Veterinarian's field helper (cow tests)	3.00

Cold Spring All Imagination; April Warm

Only Four Aprils Warmer Than Last One; March Below Normal

Everybody has heard of the mule cultivating the popcorn patch on a hot day. The corn popped, the mule thought it was snow and laid down and froze to death.

Don't laugh at that joke. Nearly everybody in Sherman county has been doing the same thing. On every hand we have all heard about the cold spring, the bad growing weather, the cold and disagreeable days.

Despite the fact that it did hail and snow up around Kent this very week this has not been a cold spring. March was somewhat cooler than usual. The mean temperature was 40.6, a bit lower than the 42.4 degrees we normally get.

In April our normal mean temperature is 48.3 degrees. This year it was 51.6 degrees. In fact, it was one of the warmest Aprils on record since the weather began to be regularly observed at the experiment station. Since 1911 there have been but four Aprils that averaged warmer than did the one just passed. Those were in 1926-30-34-36.

SOCIETY MEETS

The Moro Women's Missionary society met at the home of Mrs. Russell Hollinshead Tuesday afternoon. Discussion on Spanish speaking Americans and the "good neighbor" policy was led by Mrs. Hollinshead.

Poppy Sales To Be Made This Month

The Poppy—America's tribute to those who have died for America—This year of all years, every American should understand the meaning of the Poppy. The petals of the poppy have been dyed afresh by the blood of young Americans—yes, by the blood of our own Sherman county boys. Reverently the Poppy must be worn in honor of those young men and in memory of those who made the same sacrifice twenty-five years ago.

The three Sherman county Units of the American Legion Auxiliary are making extensive preparations for the observance of Poppy Day here under the leadership of Mrs. Sergeant, Mrs. Floyd Platt and Mrs. Kook, presidents of the three units. The flowers made of crepe paper in replica of the wild Flanders poppy, have arrived from the Veterans hospital in Roseburg where disabled veterans manufacture them.

Contributions given to the Auxiliary's volunteer poppy workers will go in their entirety to the rehabilitation and child welfare funds of the American Legion and Auxiliary, where they will help support the Legion's and Auxiliary's efforts for the disabled fighting men of both wars, and for the children of the dead and disabled.

Few War Bonds Being Cashed In

States treasury reports on redemptions of bonds by purchasers within the past two years. Since May 1, 1941 when E, F and G bonds were first offered for sale redemptions have been under 31 percent of the total sales. During March this year when the federal taxes were due but eight-seven hundredths of one percent of the bonds were cashed. Actual bond sales during March were greater than in February of this year and 65 percent more than in March of 1942.

"That's a record that all Americans can well be proud of. What it shows is that we as a nation fully realize the privilege that is ours to do our part in helping finance the tremendous costs of total war. It shows that as a people we understand the necessity not only of buying War Bonds but also for keeping them," said Mr. Sloan.

Oregon Farmers Plant Big Crops Despite Troubles

Uncertainty over the amount of labor, machinery and supplies that will be available is not stopping Oregon farmers from an all-out effort to meet 1943 war production goals, final tabulations of the farm mobilization survey, as reported by the state AAA office, disclose.

A summary of the 1943 farm plans for 52,543 of the state's approximately 60,000 farms shows that Oregon farmers intend to grow more of the needed crops and raise more livestock and poultry than they did last year. The survey, covering 18,500,000 acres of crop, pasture and range land, was made by 1200 AAA community committeemen during February and March.

Less than one-half of one percent of Oregon's cropland will be idle this year, the farm plan summary shows. The report on 1943 intentions also shows that state goals for three vital war crops will be met, plantings of nearly all important crops will be increased, more livestock will be raised than ever before and poultry production, both for eggs and meat, will be increased sharply.

County Raises Over \$200,000 In Bond Drive

Individuals Buy \$53,488; Lack of Quota From Corporation Cuts Total

Final calculation of the amount of bonds sold during the drive to obtain \$13,000,000 by the U. S. treasury shows that individuals in Sherman county bought \$53,488.12 in bonds.

This was divided as follows: First National Bank branch, \$21,613.12, Wasco postoffice \$13,200, Moro postoffice \$8,700, Grass Valley postoffice \$9,975. In addition to this the bank took \$56,160 of one kind of bonds and \$78,000 of another kind, our share of the state's bond purchase of \$5,000,000 should be \$11,805 and we were credited with \$2000 of the purchase of the Standard Oil company.

It has not been learned by the men in charge of the local campaign whether this county will get credit for purchase by other corporations that do business here or not. If we do the total will be considerably larger than the \$201,253.12 we are now assured of having.

The bond quota for May has been given as \$10,000 for this county and is considerably the smallest quota the county has been given since the start of the campaign. Governor Snell has called for an African Victory Day on May 19 to celebrate the allied defeat of the axis in Tunisia and this increased war interest will certainly result in sales of bonds greater than the county's original quota.

Helen Dawson Now New York Marine

Private Helen Dawson, U.S. M. C.W.R., of Moro, this week was ordered to report May 18 to Hunter College, New York City, for her basic training in the Marine Corps Women's Reserve.

Upon completion of her six-week indoctrination course, Private Dawson will be assigned to a Marine base to release a male Leatherneck for combat duty, or sent to a specialists' school for technical training.

Game Commission Announces Meeting

The Oregon State Game Commission will meet at ten o'clock Saturday morning, June 12, at its offices in 616 Oregon Building, Portland, for the purpose of holding a public hearing and making findings relative to the 1943 hunting regulations as specified by law.

Consideration will be given at that time to seasons, bag limits and other regulations governing the taking of big game, game birds and fur-bearing animals.

NOTICE OF BUDGET MEETING FOR PREPARATION OF COUNTY BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that the County Budget Committee will be in session at the Courthouse in Moro, Oregon, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on Monday, May 24, 1943 for the purpose of making the original estimates of county expenditures for all county purposes for the period from July 1, 1943 to June 30, 1944 inclusive. Any taxpayer or group of taxpayers wishing to have changes made in the proposed budget, appropriations for new items, the elimination of any item, or an increase or reduction in any item are requested to attend this meeting and make such wishes known.

No increases can be made to exceed ten percent of the proposed budget at the final hearing and adoption.

Ross Ornduff
County Clerk