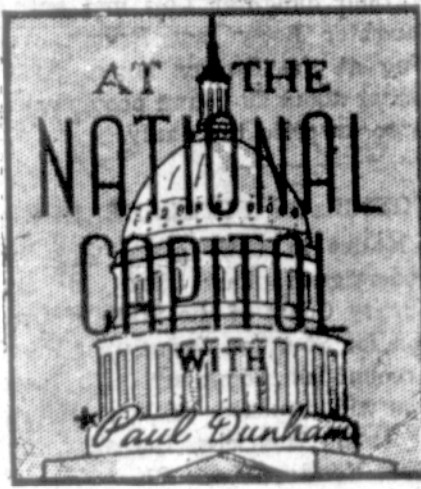


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Washington, D. C., May -- Two consequences of the war production announcement that there is enough industrial alcohol on hand to meet all requirements through 1944 are of direct interest to Oregon. First, is the statement that because of this ample supply the five new grain alcohol plants have been deferred, thus putting a hiatus to Arlington's hope that it would secure such a plant; and, second, the prospect that distilleries will be permitted to resume for 60 days the production of whiskey, the growing scarcity of which brought about rationing in Oregon and a threat that the states old-age pension set-up would be disturbed. Revenue derived from the sale of alcoholic beverages through state-owned stores has been the principal source of this fund and the demand upon it was increased by action of the last legislature in increasing monthly allowances for the older.

Ever since the grain alcohol program was initiated Arlington has been an active candidate as a site for one of these plants to handle surplus wheat grown in the state and for a time the prospect that it would be selected was highly encouraging.

Independent merchants in Oregon engaged in the sale of food-stuffs are protesting to their congressmen, individually, against the latest order of office of price administration fixing a higher ceiling for them than for the operators of chain stores. They resent the intimation that they are unable to compete and blame OPA for creating the impression that their prices are higher than those charged by the chains. Such discrimination by an agency of the government is declared to be unjust and that it operates to their injury.

One of the letters of protest, which is a sample of many received from the state, closes with this statement: "We are called upon to buy bonds, solicit for Red Cross funds, take our part in civilian defense, and carry the load of community activities, and we do not like to be discriminated against by our government officials whom we are supposed to stand behind." OPA price ceilings effective as of May 15 permit a differential of from two to four cents between independent and chain stores, presumably on the assumption that the latter are able to undersell. This assumption, the protests declare, "is not only false, generally speaking, but it creates in the mind of the public a feeling that independent stores cannot compete." The protests are being filed with OPA but it remains to be seen whether any action will be taken.

Regarded as a straw in the wind of what the future holds for the Japanese is the retaking of Attu island and the repeated bombing of Kiska in the Aleutians. High command has explained that Kiska could be retaken from the enemy whenever it was necessary by paying the price. The assumption is that this may be considered the opportune time to clean out the Japs and remove that obstacle on the road to Tokyo. All in all, the general picture of the Pacific looks as though Uncle Sam will be increasing his forces in that theater and put forth a strong effort before the year's end although, at the same time, throwing most of his strength into Europe to engage the Germans.

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Chicago Cubs' Mascot to Be Goat



It's a goat instead of a bear that Manager Jimmie Wilson of the Chicago Cubs (left) will use for a mascot this spring, as his charges play exhibitions in and about their French Lick, Ind., training camp. Manager Jimmie Dykes of the White Sox (right) will have a similar talisman. The goats' names are "Bunt" and "Homer."

County Did Above Average In Bond Sale

Final report of the state war bond committee about the campaign to sell thirteen billion dollars worth of bonds during April shows the actual standing of Sherman county in that effort.

Sherman county was given a quota of \$57,400 for sales exclusive of commercial banks. Sales were \$81,892 for a percentage of 142.7 percent. The state sold \$66,066,785 on a quota of \$49,862,300 for a percentage of 132.5 percent. Wasco county made huge sales but a large part were from banks as its percentage of sales outside of banks was 87.0.

The county's quota for May was set at \$10,000 and up to the 15th \$10,762.50 had been sold.

More Meat Not Asked; No Feed

No further expansion of commercial production by the navy, as the War Food administration advised hog producers not to increase breeding for 1943 fall farrowings by more than 15 percent above the 1942 level. A situation is growing throughout the country which calls for an adjustment of livestock and poultry production to feed supplies, says Bennion. This condition is being felt in some of the western states where prospective hay and feed grain supplies are not keeping pace with increase in livestock numbers.

No Examination For Drivers

Oregon citizens who have current driver's licenses will not be required to renew them this summer, under a new law enacted by the last session of the state legislature and which becomes effective June 9th.

Many Oregon citizens, thinking they would be required to renew their licenses after June 30th of this year, which is the expiration date printed on the card, are sending applications for renewals to the driver's license division, Farrell said. These people are being informed that the legislature extended the period the present licenses are valid to June 30, 1945.

As a result of this change in the law, drivers who now have a valid Oregon license, may operate on that till June 30, 1945, without paying fees or taking further examinations.

Ernie Moores Have Golden Wedding

Fifty years, May 24 in the old Powell home west of Moro at the head of Harris grade Anna, daughter of the Powells, was married to a young farmer from south of town named, Ernie Moore, a be-moustached young blade who starred on the local ball team.

The Powells had come down from Prineville and the Moores up from California to settle in this new land of tall bunchgrass. Last Sunday with greetings of over 200 of their friends they celebrated the fifty years of that marriage in their home in Moro. Presiding at the serving table were Mrs. Mary Southwick, sister of Mrs. Moore, and Mrs. Margaret Huff Moore, who made the wedding dress for the bride back in 1893 in the Huff home across the road from the Powells.

Others serving were Mrs. Roy Powell, Mrs. L. V. Moore, Mrs. A. Rose, Mrs. May Belshie, Mrs. C. L. Poley, Mrs. Elizabeth Schaeffer, Mrs. Bernice Wilt, Mrs. M. G. Melzer, Mrs. J. C. Huntley, and Mrs. Loy Cochran. Serving the guests were Mrs. Collis Moore, Mrs. Roscoe Moore, Mrs. Marvin Miller, Miss Dorothy Miller, Mrs. Lyle Woods, Mrs. Charles Burnett, Mrs. J. K. McKean and Mrs. Wendell Balsiger.

Those who came from out of the county to greet the Moores on their golden wedding were Mrs. Mary Southwick, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Powell, Mrs. Doris Connelley, Mr. and Mrs. A. Rose, Miss Maybel Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Loy Cochran of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ragsdale, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Woods, Mrs. Greta Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. M. Z. Donnell, Edward C. Pease, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Zell, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Robinson and Mrs. Etha Schilling of The Dalles. Mrs. Margaret Huff Moore of Spokane, who was the only one outside the family who was present at the wedding, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Huntley of Tacoma, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Woods of Centerville, Wn., Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Stephens of Pullman Wn., Mrs. Price Coshaw of Prineville, Rose E. Roberts of Seattle, L. A. Huff of Arlington.

City Pump From Bigger Well

The first of the city's wells in the flat could not furnish the requirements of the citizens for irrigation the first of this week so the second and larger well was started. The four inch centrifugal pump was started to clean it out but a spillway had to be built to let the water run away. Between the two wells it is thought there will be enough water to satisfy the needs of the city until the new pump is received sometime within a month or two.

Wheat-fed Steers To Be Shown At Biggs

The steers that have been fed out on green wheat hay from Sherman county will be at Biggs Saturday morning at 9:30, according to word from Merrill Oveson, superintendent of the experiment station, who was active in getting the feeding done.

There are nine of these steers. With them will be nine other steers that were fed on alfalfa instead of the green cut wheat. These are for comparative purposes only.

Dick Richards, superintendent of the Union station, where the stock was fed, will have it unloaded at the Biggs yard and will tell of the feeding conditions of both lots.

The stock will be reloaded after being shown for about an hour and will be taken on to the Portland market. Later complete information about weights, shrinkage, meat percentages, etc. will be available for those interested.

Wheat fed the steers was cut on the Pat Kaseberg farm last summer when heading.

End of An Era; Warehouse Razed

Ross Ornduff, who bought the old Ginn Coleman warehouse, began tearing it down Sunday. The property was owned jointly by the city and county. The county took the building and the city takes the lots which squares out its land near the wells.

J. E. Coleman remembers of buying the warehouse when he came here in May of 1912 and says it was an old building then. Frame construction, tin covered, it has housed horse plows, flying Dutchman and maybe Cassidy headers, Hodge and McCormick wagons, Bain and Mitchell, in a day now remembered as an era of hard work when compared to modern farming.

Bins that held machinery parts for almost forgotten implements still stand along its walls, there is a washing machine adapted from the old wash board. The part of the building that succumbed to a snow a few years ago is gone and its place a luxurious stand of grass has already covered the traces of man's temporary victory over nature.

Soon it will be gone and grass will spring up over its ashes as grass is already growing over those of most of the men who sat in its shade and talked now long forgotten subjects.

City Water Softening Up Say Citizens

A soft answer turneth away wrath is an observation ascribed to Solomon who made something of a reputation for wisdom in his day. (He didn't have to guess about what the government was going to do). The city fathers of Moro have occasion to observe that soft water is a pretty good turner away of wrath itself.

Since the bigger well has been used there are numerous comments that the water from it is softer, that it doesn't curdle in the dishpan, nor solidify the joints as the other well water was held guilty of doing.

It is no little relief to the council who were being called hard water Charleys.

The wells are less than 100 feet apart.

GET 50 GALS. ANYTIME

Farmers will benefit from a change made in petroleum administration order no. 4 which allows bulk deliveries in quantities of 50 gallons or more to be made at any time. This will be particularly helpful to farmers who drive to town after work and buy gasoline in steel drums of 50 gallons.

County Budget Calls For Same Costs; More Tax

County Tax Base Depends On One Year's Figure

The county budget committee, Perry C. Axtel, Tom Alley, and Fred Hennagin and the county court, Monday made up the budget list for the county for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944.

If this proposed budget is approved at the final hearing by the people and the court the taxpayers will be charged about the same for county purposes as they were last year, with the prospect that expenses may be reduced later unless unforeseen matters arise.

Major changes made in the budget are: the breakdown of the road items into more understandable sections and the elimination of the market road item entirely, and the budgeting of a \$15,000 sinking fund for road repair or building after the war.

Changes in budgeting of the road fund were agreed upon by the county and budgeters after a study of the departmentalization made by Clerk Ross Ornduff in his bookkeeping. Road fund items will now be wages, repairs, gas, oil, tires, rock and sand, supplies insurance and miscellaneous, weeds, bridges and machinery.

Elimination of the market road fund item was done because from a practical standpoint there are no market roads in this county any more. Since 1931 when the state appropriation was discontinued the purpose of retaining a market road fund is not apparent. Any aid or work done on market roads can be done for regular county roads which all non-highway arteries will now be designated.

Increases were granted in salaries of county officials in keeping with the laws passed last winter on request of the county court. These give the clerk, sheriff, superintendent and assessor each \$2,000 per year and the treasurer \$1,000 until June 30, 1945. Deputy clerk's salary was made \$1,500 and deputy sheriff \$1,700. Increases of \$225 was made for old age pensioners. Other increases were small.

Decreases occurred in assessor's and superintendent's office help, the health nurse program, the county fair and 4-H fair, fire equipment purchase—which was finished last year.

The tax levying base of the county, based on 1940 is \$67,367.50 which will permit the tax levy for 1943-44 of \$71,212.29. Possible tax bases for others of the three permitted years would cut county levies to less than \$30,000 and make special elections necessary for a number of years until the base was again built up.

Publication of the budget will be made June 11 and 18 and the final hearing is dated for July 7, date of the July court meeting.

Woman's Club Installs Officers

The Moro Woman's club held its last meeting of the year on Friday, May 21 preceded by a dinner at noon in the club house which was attended by the husbands and families of the members.

Mrs. Eugene Amidon was director of the meeting in the afternoon. The main feature of the program was three short moving pictures shown by Russell Holmshead with the school's machine. One of these was a film made by the government entitled "Swim and Live" which showed how our men in the service are taught to swim under any conditions.

The program ended with the installation of the new officers by Mrs. Amidon.

Traffic Ass'n Makes Final (?) Accounting

Railroad talk has been scarce in the county of late and there is a possibility that neither the railroad company nor the government will continue in efforts to have the branch line removed.

With the case apparently nearly closed the traffic association officers figured up their costs this week for the benefit of the stockholders, who are each and every person in the county.

Income of the association came from moneys collected before the hearing in The Dalles and at the meeting in September before the first trip to Washington. On the first occasion each of the cooperatives paid \$300 and the county \$300 for a total of \$1400. The second assessment was for \$400 from county and each of the cooperatives for \$1600. V. B. Eakin and sons paid \$150 to make the gross income of the association \$3150.

Expenses were roughly \$1250 for attorney's fees, \$121.48 for expenses of attorney, trip to Washington in October \$771.88, trip to Washington in December \$750.59, incidental expenses, meals, hotel, telegrams, telephone, etc., \$150.65. Remaining on hand is \$105.40.

Checks were written for every expense and signed by both officers. Trips were paid by traveler's checks, bought at start. Wendell Balsiger's expenses were paid by the cooperatives and did not come out of the association funds.

If no further action seems imminent the remaining \$105.40 will be divided on a percentage basis, among the organizations contributing, which will give the county \$30.14, each cooperative \$23.40 and Eakin and Sons \$5.06.

4-H Children Leaving for School

Seventeen youngsters who have won distinction in Sherman county 4-H club work will leave Monday for Corvallis, via school bus, to attend the annual summer school.

The school period is from June 1 to 11 and instruction will be given in many subjects with which is interspersed time for play.

Going are Keith Thompson with an Alex Marshall scholarship; Dick Oveson, Harlandview; Scott Fritts, U. S. National Bank; Leiland Barnett, First National Bank; Lee Barnett, Millard Eakin; Bob Hoskinson, Moro Breakfast club; Shelton Fritts Jr., Pomona Grange.

Club funds are sending Janet Schadewitz, Orren Schadewitz, John Schadewitz, Betty Payne, Elton Medler, Wily Knighten, Ed Fritts, Phyllis Medler, Anajean Knighten and Harry Hartley.

RATION REGULATIONS

Sugar—Coupon no. 12, good for 5lb, must last through May 31. Coupon no. 13 becomes valid June 1, and will be good for 5lb thru August 15. Coupons no. 15 and 16 became good May 24 for 5lb each for home canning purposes. Housewives may apply to their local boards for additional rations if necessary.

Coffee—Stamp no. 23 (1lb) good through May 30.

Fuel Oil—Period 5 coupons valid in all zones until Sept. 30.

Shoes—No. 17 stamp in war ration book good for one pair through June 15. Stamp no. 18 will become good June 16.

Meats—Red stamps E, F, G, H, J remain valid through May.

Processed Foods—Blue stamps G, H, J remain valid through June 7. K, L, M became valid May 24.

MEAT WITHOUT POINTS

Farmers and consumers are permitted to have meats and fats smoked, sure rendered, frozen, packaged or otherwise processed by a recent OPA amendment to rationing regulations. No points need to be transferred, but the processor must keep adequate records.

High Schools Graduated Small 1943 Classes

Exercises Held For All As Year's School Work Ends This Week

Sherman county's four high schools graduated 22 youngsters into the world of higher learning of adult work this week, one of the smallest county classes for years. The Moro-Grass Valley school had the largest class with eight, Lila Lee Alley, Betty Jo Barnett, Lois Irene Platt, Mary Anna Kenny, Betty Jean Payne, John W. Buecher, Gordon Lemley, and Frank Payne.

Graduation exercises were held Tuesday, May 26 when Rev. Lloyd Anderson of The Dalles talked to the graduates in the formal ceremony.

The Wasco school had six, Lois Irene Coats, Lavelle Maxine Guy, Elizabeth Mae Junke, Jesse Lou Knox, Eulalie May Morehouse and Laurence Robert Nisbet. Graduation was held Tuesday night, May 25, with Judge Fred Wilson of The Dalles giving the address.

Kent High school graduated six this year. Programs for the Kentschool are featured by a program made by the graduates themselves. Diplomas were given Thursday night at the school house after the ceremonies. Receiving them were Hans Klaus Bardenhagen, Thelda R. Beyer, Glenn Sather, Doris Lorraine Stiles Wilson, Carsten vonBorstel, and Jack vonBorstel.

The Rufus school held graduating exercises Monday night of this week of both high and grade there being two of each. Rev. F. L. Cannell of Wasco delivered the address. Finishing high school there were Roger Blackburne and Willard Leff. Ending eighth grade work were Wilma Aulman and Stacy Wilson.

Eighth grades are now graduated with more ceremony than in former years. The Wasco class by themselves prepared a program worthy of a high school senior class when they finished grade work Friday night, May 18. The musical part of the program was by the class members as well as the recitations: Glen L. French of Moro made a short address. Finishing grade work were Billy Sheets, Patricia Hildebrand, Gordon Hildebrand, Romona Boice, Donna Watkins, Joe Hines, William Scott and Charles Gray.

The same night eight boys finished the eighth grade at Moro and were addressed by Frank Brumbaugh, Wasco county school superintendent. Graduates were Bill Platt, Tommy Foster, Bob Hoskinson, Corlies McLeod, James Lamb, Allan Pinkerton, Dale Thompson and Herbert Lawrence.

Grass Valley held graduating exercises for a class of four eighth graders Wednesday when Keith Clayton Bayer, William Riley Garrett, Carole Jean Clodfelter and Minnie Lue Mallon finished. The Kent class of Carl vonBorstel, Edwin Fritts and Richard Wilson finished work at the same time as the high school seniors.

Chlorate Ready For Delivery

Sodium chlorate will be received by the county agent this week and may be had by farmers who have ordered it. The price will be slightly over ten cents per pound. Those who apply it according to directions may receive payment of ten cents per pound up to the limit of their soil conserving allotment. It should be applied in the fall, dry to prevent as much loss as possible. The county agent also has a 50 gallon drum of carbon bisulfide which is also a potent weed killer to be applied in the spring.