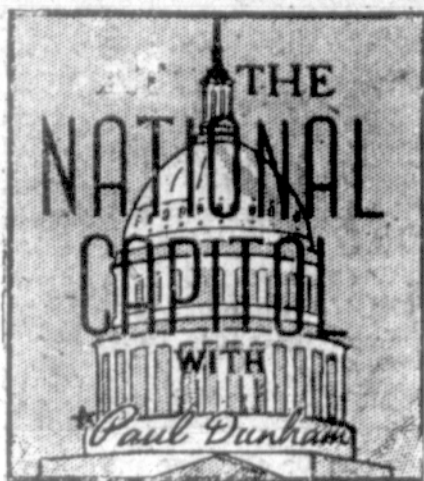


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A usually well-informed Washington state politico here on other business, has some interesting things to say concerning the politico complexion of his home state. It has been known for some time that the G.O.P. forces in the state of Washington have been grooming the dynamic and popular youthful Eric A. Johnson of Spokane, president of the United States chamber of commerce, as their best bet to capture the senate seat of Democrat Homer Bone. However, our informant says a large group of prominent Democrats will attempt to persuade ex-Governor Clarence Martin to try to snatch the party nomination from Senator Bone next year. This politico further predicts that if ex-Governor Martin is successful in such a race, and assuming that Eric Johnson did get the G.O.P. nod, the picture might change to a considerable degree. Martin would make material inroads on the Republican vote, says our friend, and would probably defeat young Eric Johnson. But on the other hand, should Senator Bone capture the nomination, he figures Johnson will defeat him. He also predicts that some of the Democratic congressmen who went down to defeat last year will again toss their hats in the ring against the incumbents, who are expected to seek re-election. Governor Langley will have a hard time to again capture the G.O.P. nomination, continues the politico, and if he does the governor will have a still tougher time defeating a good Democratic nominee. He is also of the opinion that the Democratic national committee will exert considerable effort in both Oregon and Washington in behalf of congressional candidates. The bourbon high command feel sure they can add several seats to their side of the aisle from the northwest.

The president has until Friday night to sign, file without his signature or veto the Connally-Harness anti-strike bill. Opinions were about evenly divided on his action until last Sunday, when the coal miners for the third time began walking out again. Now the prognosticators predict he will sign the bill. Public opinion they point out, will force such a move although the president may not have wanted to. Telegrams from labor leaders in both Oregon and Washington and all over the country have flooded the White House urging him to veto the bill. Incidentally, northwest congressmen, like others, are getting "hail Columbia" on the one hand and highest praise on the other for their vote on the measure.

The south bank of the Columbia river east of Arlington may be selected by the army engineers as the site of another large mystery plant. Somewhere between 150,000 and 200,000 acres will be required for the project which is thought, like the Yakima plant, will be erected for the manufacture of powder. The site will be fairly close to the big ammunition dumps located just outside Hermiston, Ore. The Hermiston ammunition igloos can store the entire output from both the Yakima plant and the proposed new one. Huge quantities of water are necessary for such manufacturing and the Columbia river answers that requirement. This particular region has only a few inhabitants and the majority of the land is owned by the government. Wide open spaces are needed for such manufacturing.

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OPA Says All Truck Owners Must Report

The local OPA office states that truck owners must have tire inspections made every two months, and that all truck operators whether fleet owners or individual truck owners must make a report to the ODT in Portland on miles traveled and gasoline used for the past two quarters. This report must be in the hands of the ODT before the gas permits for the third quarter can be issued.

The report should be made on forms that may be had from the ODT office at 1130 American Bank Bldg. in Portland.

Wheat-fed Steers Do Well In Test

Additional information about the steer feeding experiment conducted at the Union station last winter and spring has been received. Details of dressing percentages have not been received but estimates were that nearly all pens fed would dress out between 58 and 60 percent.

Feed cost was slightly higher for the green wheat fed steers, the figures being \$23.57 to \$20.95. This is accounted for by the \$2.70 worth of linseed meal fed the green wheat fed steers. Gain before this was added to their ration was slower than for the alfalfa fed steers.

Final report is that wheat hay cut green is an excellent roughage for young cattle being fed out that it produces good gains at a comparable cost.

Car Drivers Need No New License

Hundreds of Oregon drivers, apparently still unaware of the fact that their 1941-43 driver's licenses need not be renewed for the following two year period are sending applications and money to the state motor vehicle division every day, according to Secretary of State Bob Farrell.

"The 1943 session of the state legislature amended the Oregon driver's license law, extending for another two years the 1941-43 licenses," Farrell explained. "Therefore, if you now have a permit which has the expiration date of June 30, 1943, you may continue to drive on that permit for another two years. It will not be necessary to renew until June 30, 1945."

Money sent to the motor vehicle division for unnecessary renewals is refunded by the secretary of state.

Man Hired To Boss Meat Program

Responsibility for operation of the war meat program in Oregon will be in the hands of R. B. Tulley, Portland, whose appointment as state meat marketing supervisor was announced this week by the Oregon USDA war board.

Tulley has been in charge of the fruit and vegetable division of the Food Distribution administration's Portland office. He assumed his new duties immediately with headquarters in Portland. Through area meat supervisors to be selected soon, Tulley will work with county war meat committees to achieve control over all phases of livestock marketing, from farm to consumer.

Establishment of the county war meat committees, members of which will serve on a voluntary basis, is practically complete over the state, according to R. B. Tulley, war board chairman. The committees, working with county war boards, will have local direction of the slaughter permit and quota program, and will lead a concerted drive against black markets.

Three Key Chinese War Leaders



Pictured as they leave a meeting with the China Youth corps leaders are three of China's most influential men. Left to right, President Li Sen, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, and General Chang Chu-Chung, minister of military operations.

Rainfall Raises Hopes For Big Harvest Again

Rain in copious quantities has fallen in many spots in Sherman county during the past week to augment the already plentiful supply for the production of a crop of wheat.

Up to this time the distribution of the rain has been very spotted. Some fields have been drenched several times, others have merely had the dust laid in them.

The south end of the county has been most, according to reports, for the fields there are very wet, almost too wet to plow. While the wheat is late, much of it being spring grain, it is believed there is sufficient moisture under it to make it produce a bumper crop even if there is a normal supply of hot days. Some of it is not headed yet.

Rainfall Tuesday at Kent was .55 inches and this after other heavy rains. Rains came across the county Tuesday to follow down Grass Valley canyon and soak the country between there and the John Day. There was lightning and thunder in Moro but a small amount of rain. The high line telephone of the power company was burned out by one stroke.

The north end of the county has received less rainfall than other parts but as most everyone there has hay down the demand for rain was less than normal. Crops east of Wasco are good but those west and north of town are up to the high prospective value as those of other sections.

RATION BOOK NO. 2

June 30—Red stamps J.K.L.M. and N expire. Each weekly series good for 16 points.

August 15—Stamp No. 13, book No. 1, is good for five pounds of sugar, expiring at mid-night. Stamps No. 15 and No. 16 in war ration book one valid for 5 pounds of sugar each for home canning.

June 30—Stamp No. 24, book No. 1, good for one pound of coffee.

Oct. 31—Stamp No. 18, book No. 1, valid for one pair of shoes among family living in same household.

September 30—Period 5 coupons valid March 20 through September 30. Heating coupons one unit, value ten gallons; ten units, 100 gallons fuel oil.

July 21—"A" book expires. No. 6 stamps in "A" books valid for gasoline through this date.

Cars with B books must have tires inspected every 4 months; cars with C books, every 3 months; cars with A books, every 6 months.

Howard Conlee Sends Word From "Somewhere"

A letter from Howard Conlee, from "somewhere" tells a little about the adventures of this well-traveled citizen.

Since the termination of the North African campaign the censors are a little more lenient on us so I'll be able to tell you a little bit about the part I played in it. I can't tell you where I am stationed now but can tell you about some of the bombing raids I have been on. I was in on the push almost from the start. I flew as engineer and gunner on raids against convoys in the Mediterranean, raids on Tobruk harbor, Benghazi harbor, Tripoli, Tunisia and some other places that I won't mention yet. I may be able to tell you more about some of these raids when I find out just what the censors will let us tell.

I am considered an old timer in the outfit as I have been here longer than most of the men. A lot of my old buddies have already been sent home. Most of them got here a little ahead of me and had more combat time in than I have. I'm still on combat duty though so maybe I'll be coming home before too many months go by unless they change the present set-up. Out of the places that I helped bomb I have already visited Tobruk and Benghazi so you can see I have had a chance to see some of the results of our handiwork. I hope this letter doesn't cause you to worry unduly as things seem to be pretty well under control. We are living in tents but conditions are pretty good. It is comparatively cool and we can go swimming in the Mediterranean when it gets hot. I'm anxious to get home but can't complain so much about this place.

Sunday Schools Rally At Grass Valley

The annual Sherman County Sunday school rally was held at Grass Valley Sunday, June 20 in the Baptist church. More than 60 people attended the Bible school and program in the morning. At one o'clock a basket dinner was enjoyed.

In the afternoon another program was given by the Sunday schools of the county. William Gynther of Portland and Tom Fraser of Moro sang. Rev. Lloyd Anderson of The Dalles spoke in the afternoon. A short business session followed resulting in the election of Russel Belshe, president and Mac Hall, secretary.

No State Fair To Be Held This Year

Oregon will have no state fair in 1943, the state director of agriculture, E. L. Peterson, announced after an executive meeting with the state board of agriculture in Salem, when the matter was discussed from all angles and unanimous agreement reached that the war demands that all efforts of agriculture be directed toward the production of food.

The state board was reluctant to recommend that no fair be held and laid particular stress on the value of the fair to the younger exhibitors.

30 Hogs Proving Value of Different Feeding Methods

Second Year of Hog Feeding Being Tried With Other Pastures

For the second year an experiment in feeding hogs is being tried at the local station. Last year the three lots of ten hogs were fed in dry lot, on wheat pasture and wheat and on pens and wheat. This year the lots are being kept in dry lot where they can run to a feeder of chopped wheat, in a pasture of sweet clover and alfalfa with a feeder of wheat and in a similar pasture with a little feeding of grain.

At the time the hogs were delivered to the local station, May 14, the first lot—that in the dry lot—weighed 550 pounds or 55 pounds each. They have water and wheat.

The second lot weighed 548 pounds. They have a feeder of wheat and the run of a small pasture containing some very high sweet clover.

The third lot weighed 544 pounds. They are in a pasture about twice as large as that given the second lot and sown with the same crops. They are given about a pound of wheat per day or about 13 percent of their total weight. This means that it will be increased later.

In a couple of weeks, or about the eighth week of the test—the hogs on pasture will be moved into pea pasture; the ones fed wheat will have less of it than the ones given a small wheat ration.

After a month or six weeks on peas they will be moved to another pasture containing corn where they will remain until the first part of September when they will be shipped. The third lot will have their grain ration increased the last month. The dry lot hogs will stay there all summer.

Purpose of the test is to try out pastures that can be produced in this country as to their value for hog feeding and to obtain figures as to comparative gains and costs of gains made by dry lot, pasture and grain fed, and straight pasture fed hogs.

Results were very satisfactory last year as all pens made good gains and were profitable. Hogs used are rather ordinary Duroc Jerseys.

Blood Donors Must Go To Portland

Further information regarding the possibility of a mobile unit for taking of blood for the Red Cross is contained in a letter received by Mrs. F. L. Cannell from Mrs. Ray Matson, director of the donor service in Portland.

The letter states that Portland is the only service center close enough to Sherman county where local donors might give their blood. The blood must be shipped to California and must be on the train at 4:45 each afternoon. This limits the distance from Portland to 60 miles for the unit as the blood must be in the center by 3:45 each day.

If a group is going to Portland arrangements can be made for blood donations at that time.

School Elections Make Few New Officers

Election of school officers in Sherman county caused little activity as the vote was generally light with old officers being continued if they were available and new ones being chosen without competition.

The Kent district, 9, elected J. J. Decker director and Frank von Borstel, clerk.

Erskineville, 16, elected two directors, Mrs. Edith Sayrs for a two year term and Lamer Sayrs for a three year term. Willy Knighten is clerk.

Moro, 17, chose Vernon Miller as director and Lela French as clerk.

Monkland, 19, elected Ted Thompson as director and Florence Thompson as clerk.

Harmony, 20, elected Irving Hart director and Russell Belshe as clerk.

Klondike, 30, reelected Ellsworth Woods director and George Potter clerk.

Mrs. Tirpin Hill Buried In Grass Valley

Graveside services were held at Grass Valley Saturday afternoon for Mrs. Tirpin Hill, who died at Forest Grove. The Rev. Lloyd T. Anderson of The Dalles officiated.

Mrs. Hill was a resident of this county for many years; her husband being a farmer near Bourbon. They later lived in town to educate their family of two daughters, Elsie, now Mrs. Claud Eslinger, and Faye.

Pallbearers were Sam Stark, Harold Eakin, Ernest Blaylock, Herman Peters, Edgar Alley and Herman Ziegler. Out of town relatives and friends attending were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Eslinger and Miss Faye Hill of Forest Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Eslinger and Mrs. W. C. Patterson of The Dalles.

Two Lads Advance In Army Life

William Ball, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Ball of Grass Valley is a recent graduate of the Army Air Forces Flexible Gunnery school at Kingman, Arizona.

Staff Sgt. Melvin D. Balzer, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Balzer of Grass Valley has been awarded a good conduct medal on orders of the commanding officer at Paine Field, Everett, Wash. The award limited to enlisted men, was for merly given only after three years of continuous service, but is now given after a year's continuous war service. To win this medal, the soldier must have shown exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity. The ribbon of the medal is scarlet with three white vertical stripes at each side.

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Annal Field Day To Be Held Saturday

Farmers Invited To View Experiments At Station Again This Year

Saturday, June 26, is to be field day at the experiment station, according to an announcement made today by Merrill Oveson, superintendent.

Program of the day will follow those that have gone before although there are new things to see every year at the station. The trip over the grounds is to start from the office at 1:30.

The experiment in feeding hogs will be looked over and the trees around the buildings observed. The actual field trip will stop at the trashy fallow plots whereon the soil conservation service is trying to find out the long time effects of that type of fallow, as compared to the regular brand.

A stop will be made at the grass plots where many different kinds of forage crops are being grown, with results varying from the good to the plainly unsuited to this climate. This year many of the grasses are fine.

The nursery trials, with the various kinds of wheat always draw a great deal of interest from those who spend their lifetime growing that cereal. While the season is late the wheats are all headed and the probable yield can be forecast, weather being normal.

The mixed hay trials have been cut and the yields were very good. It has been reported as the season was favorable to alfalfa.

Tillage plots are used to test the proper time for plowing and other types of cultivation and are observed each year by farmers who want to know the results of different plowing dates.

This year the rotation plots are especially interesting in view of the expected demand for other crops than wheat after a few years. The pea and wheat rotation may become common and, if the demand for meat continues some of the other rotations may make history.

Farmers are always interested in new varieties of wheat and the most valuable in the northwest have been developed in the station trials at Moro. More are being tested and they may be better. Assisting Mr. Oveson will be the regular staff, D. D. Hill of Corvallis, Joe Belanger and LeRoy Wright.

Vaccine May Lose Potency In Time

Extreme care should be taken of vaccine used in the vaccination of animals against Bang's disease because it is sensitive to both age and temperature. Deterioration due to the time element and exposure to temperature destroy and kill the vaccine organisms, points out Dr. W. H. Lytle of the state department of agriculture, division of animal industry, in cautioning all vaccine users to be sure that the material they use is fresh and is kept at the proper temperature.

The department officials point out that experiments in California proved that fresh vaccine left out of the refrigerator over night in California summer temperature lost over half the live organisms. In a test made by the federal bureau of animal industry, Bang's disease live organisms were all dead in three months under ordinary room temperature.

W. F. McLeod left Tuesday morning, following Mrs. McLeod and Kenny who left Sunday. Although are hotel has not been rented for operation to anyone it is still possible to rent rooms there, as the work is being done by the city.