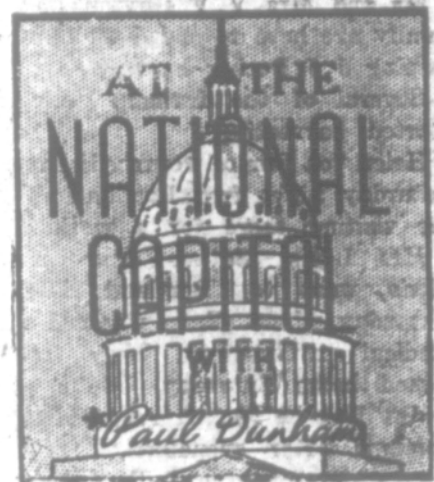


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1944 Program Regulations Now Ready

USDA Wants More Wheat Planted

Washington D.C.—With the re-assembling of congress on September 14 there will be a renewal of the battle between representatives of organized farmers and union labor to reshape the policies of OPA with respect to the fixing of prices on farm products and the freezing of wages. This has been made clear by the action of the national grange in protesting the demands of labor for a roll-back in food prices. The grange is particularly strong in Oregon and Washington and is politically influential in 37 states. What it has to say will, therefore, be given serious consideration by members of congress from agricultural districts who compose the so-called farm bloc and they will not rest content until some changes have been made in OPA policies.

The grange protest asserts that labor's demand for increased wages is inflationary and therefore to be resisted; that the difference between living costs and workers' income is increasing at the rate of about \$2,000,000,000 a month, and that a continuance of this disparity will bring about a further shortage in farm production. The grange agrees with labor on only one point, and that is the necessity of paying subsidies to producers sufficient to cover the difference between cost of production and the prices fixed by OPA. Leaders of organized labor favored this plan when President Roosevelt's subsidy program was being discussed in congress and to it the grange has now given unqualified endorsement. It remains to be seen whether this combined pressure will be strong enough to induce a reversal of congressional attitude.

Recent polls show Wendell Willkie matched against President Roosevelt not so strong as a GOP presidential candidate as he was four years ago. This recent survey will be used by the Governor Dewey forces and flocks of the old guard as another argument to draft Dewey, "who does not choose to run". Politicians who think they know all the answers say this behind the scenes battle against Willkie being engineered by potential members of the old guard will add water to the wheel of Ohio's Governor Bricker, who so far is the real GOP dark horse. All the big shots in these parts privately say Dewey can't make it for the No. 1 spot. But they all agree he would be an ideal candidate for the No. 2 position. The boys who know their electoral college stuff are not overlooking the fact that New York state with its 46 electoral votes ain't hay and Governor Dewey, they believe, is the one and only man to capture it against Mr Roosevelt, also from New York.

The recent report of the department of agriculture, which has it that a bumper crop even 4 percent higher than last year, is assured barring unforeseen weather conditions, will not make any difference in food rationing. Agriculture department was mighty gloomy a few months ago over the prospects for this year's crop. Unseasonable weather plus devastating floods cast a dark shadow over the entire crop situation, and caused the department to predict a far below average yield this year. The thousands of victory gardens planted by amateur farmers have proved more than successful and materially aided in bringing up the food score. However, much of the bumper crop will have to go overseas for both army and civilian needs, which will make it necessary for the home folks to take another hitch in the belt.

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Army Officers Quarters in Metal



These metal buildings in Iran were formerly used for storing grain. Now they serve as officers' quarters for U. S. forces in that country. Three tenants standing outside of their peculiar homes are, left to right, Captains E. R. Setzinger, Fairfield, Iowa; J. W. Coffey, Louisville, Ky.; and E. L. Clayton, Minneapolis, Minn.

Ration Stamp Expiration Dates Given For Current Month

SUGAR—Stamp No. 13 good for 5lb through August 15. Stamp No. 14 good for 5lb, becomes valid August 16, and remains good through October. Stamps Nos. 15 and 16 are good through October 31 for 5lb, each for home canning purposes. Housewives may apply to their local ration boards for more if necessary.

COFFEE—Ration stamps no longer required.

FUEL OIL—Period 5 coupons in old rations valid in all zones through September 30; Period 1 coupons in new rations are now valid. Occupants of oil heated homes are urged to return their applications for next year's fuel oil rations to their War Price & Ration boards promptly.

SHOES—Stamp No. 18 (1 pair) is valid through October 31.

STOVES—Purchase certificates now issued and normally valid for 30 days from date of issuance, will be invalid after August 23, 1943.

which time it is expected the new nationwide store ration plan will be in effect.

MEAT—Red stamps T and U is valid August 8, expires August 31; W is valid August 15, expires August 31.

PROCESSED FOODS—Blue stamps N, P, Q remain valid through August 7. Blue stamps R, S, T become valid August and will be good through September 20.

County Meat Committee Gets Rules

The county meat committee met Monday night with Louis A. Nichols, of Redmond, district supervisor for the state committee.

Mr. Nichols explained some of regulations now governing the killing of animals, especially as they concern farmers. If a farmer slaughters animals for sale or for gift he should have a permit which he can obtain from the county committee. Not over three animals can be killed on such a permit and only one of them can be beef.

If a farmer wishes to kill more than three or more than one beef he must have a permit from the district supervisor, which must also be approved by the county committee. The district supervisor may not turn down a permit bearing county committee approval but he can send it to regional headquarters in San Francisco for approval or rejection.

Anyone killing meat for others should have a custom killers license which may be issued by the county committee. If, as is the case in some Sherman county towns, a new butcher is killing meat, he must obtain a transfer of the quota of a former killer. This can be done by affidavit and approval of the county committee and district supervisor.

Whether meat is sold or given away stamps must be given for it and turned in through regular channels. Killers of 4000 pounds of meat in a year may obtain the subsidy payment.

Canning Powder Users Warned

Home canners have been warned by the U.S. Department of Agriculture against the use of canning powders and other chemical preservatives. W.G. Campbell, Commissioner of the Federal Food and Drug Administration, said that use of some of the canning powders constitutes a definite health hazard. The term canning powders includes boric acid and its compounds and substances like metabisulfite which yield sulphur dioxide when brought in contact with an acid-reacting food product. The safe way for the home canner is to process foods adequately with heat and not use chemical preservatives. For safety's sake, rely on thorough heat sterilization.

Valuation of Public Utilities Now \$1,790,711.

County Valuation Now Nearly \$10,000,000 As Stock Increases

The state tax commission has notified Assessor Charles Ruggles that the public utility assessment for Sherman county for the 1943-44 tax year is \$1,790,711.42, slightly higher than it was for the previous tax year.

As the valuation of real and personal property assessed by the county assessor was \$7,785,230.00 the total valuation of the county for taxation purposes is \$9,575,941.42 which may be compared to that of 1942-43 of \$9,189,703.00.

Cause of the greatest increase is the valuation of machinery and cattle.

The Union Pacific railroad is owner of the largest amount of public utility property in Sherman county, having \$1,428,898.68 of the total. The Pacific Power & Light company properties are valued at \$194,688.00 and those of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company at \$115,028.10.

Other owners of public utilities of considerable value are the Western Union with \$14,898.96, the Oregon Trunk railway with \$8,115.36, the Locust Grove Co-operative Electric with \$4290.00 and the Railway Express with \$1,757.65. Small telephone lines in Sherman county that have never met the requirements of the tax commission by paying back taxes so as to be given tax exemption are valued at \$778.14.

A breakdown of the valuation of the Union Pacific railroad is interesting in light of the recent railroad case. The 14.79 miles of main line are valued at \$39,600 per mile; for a total of \$585,684. The 60.49 miles of the Shaniko branch are valued at \$9,768 per mile for a total of \$590,866.32.

Yard and sidings on the main line are valued at \$218,592 and yard and sidings on the Shaniko branch are valued at \$24,224.64. Total value placed on the main line by the tax commission is \$704,276 and on the Shaniko branch is \$615,110.96.

Better Recapping Material Available

Recapping of farm service tires be permitted after August 6, the OPA announced today following recent action by the War Production board authorizing use of truck-type recapping material for that purpose. Persons wishing to get tires of this kind recapped must get rationing certificates for the service.

The previous ban on farm service tire recapping with truck-type cambeback was in effect because of the shortage of such material. Recapping with passenger-type cambeback, however, was permitted without certificate.

The present supply of truck-type cambeback, although not yet adequate to warrant further loosening of rationing restrictions, is sufficient to permit the recapping of farm service tires.

Ration Books Still Available

Approximately 122,000,000 copies of the War Ration Book Three had been mailed by the first of last week. OPA announced that: 1) anyone who does not receive his War Ration Book Three should apply at his local board between August 1 and 10, 2) a plan is now being set up to distribute War Ration Book Three to members of the armed services who are eligible for ration books; 3) persons receiving War Ration Book Three should sign their names and addresses in the spaces reserved for that purpose on the cover.

Rain Halts Spotted Harvest; Crops Vary

Over half an inch of rain, falling Wednesday night, stopped harvest completely in Sherman county. At Moro the rain measured .55 inches.

A heavy rain in harvest is only one indication of the peculiar harvest this has been so far. Some farmers are all through, some have not even started, some of the best land has poor crops and some of the land called poor has a bumper crop.

Lester Conlee has finished cutting a crop that made 40 bushels per acre. Peters & Ginn report a field that made 38 bushels, and there are other reports of good yields. On the other side there are reports of good land returning but 10 bushels and expressed fears of serious damage to spring wheat around Kent.

Nearly all elevators are open and receiving wheat and yet harvest can hardly be said to be general at any station in the county.

War Workers Raise Accident List

Forty-three percent of the accidents reported in the city of Portland during the first six months 1943 involved war production workers, according to a survey made by the accident statistical division of the secretary of state's office.

During the first half of the year there were 3,575 accidents involving war workers in Portland. The workers either drove the vehicles involved, or were killed or injured in the accidents. War workers constituted 46 percent of the persons injured in traffic accidents and 43 percent of the persons killed during the six months.

Many To Be Aided By War Fund

Upwards of 60,000,000 persons will receive some degree of aid from the war services which will be financed through the National War Fund, which is receiving a portion of the funds raised by the Oregon War Chest, according to Charles A. Sprague, Chairman.

This estimate of 60,000,000 beneficiaries of the National War Fund is in addition to those aided by home front services for health, welfare and recreation, supported through local united campaigns such as the Oregon War Chest.

"At least 18,200,000 persons will receive personal services on the military front from National War Fund member agencies such as USO, United Seamen's Service and War Prisoners Aid.

"Relief services administered to the remaining more than 41,800,000 on the United Nations front, would come from: British War Relief Society; United China Relief; Queen Wilhelmina Fund; Greek War Relief Association; Polish War Relief; Russian War Relief; United Yugoslav Relief Fund; U.S. Committee for Care of European Children; French Relief Fund; Norwegian Relief; United Czechoslovak Relief Fund; Belgian War Relief Society and Refugee Relief Trustees."

ARMY EXCHANGES SELL STRANGE MERCHANDISE

Army exchanges, which follow American troops wherever they go, are now dealing in such items as kangaroo rugs, grass skirts, and native-made jewelry, in addition to their staple line of cigarettes, candy, soft drinks and other home commodities, the War Department has been informed. Since many of the soldiers want to send such things home, the exchange service buys them from the natives at a reasonable price and resells them to the soldiers. The natives were inclined to jack up the price on direct sales. Grass skirts sell for approximately \$1.50 while a good kangaroo rug may cost \$20.

I. C. C. Permits Abandonment of Kent-South Line

Decision Prevents Removal of Biggs-Kent Part of Shaniko Branch

The decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission on the abandonment proceedings instituted by the Union Pacific railroad against the Shaniko branch was made known last Friday.

It denies the railroad the privilege to take up the track between Biggs and Kent but gives permission to remove the track between Kent and Shaniko, a distance of 17.17 miles. Remaining will be 52.31 miles.

In addition to abandonment proceeding the War Production board also filed a requisition for the metal in the line.

A hearing was held in The Dalles last September on the abandonment and the requisition matter was carried to Washington by the Sherman County Traffic Association. The requisition was abandoned last November.

The abandonment decision has been delayed because the commission asked the railroad company to produce figures showing the respective income and cost of operation for the different sectors of the line. These showed that the part of the line north of Kent had made a profit of \$31,078 in 1937, \$28,379 in 1938, \$31,760 in 1939, \$12,491 in 1940 and \$6,110 in the first six months of 1942. There would have been a deficit of \$1908 in 1941. (Little wheat was shipped out in 1941.)

The certificate will take effect in 40 days from the date of the ICC order, which was July 26, 1943. Tariffs on the part to be abandoned may be canceled on ten days notice.

Of the part of the line to be abandoned 8.90 miles are in Wasco county and 8.18 miles in Sherman county. At the assessed figure of \$9768 per mile this will remove \$1,538.24 from the rolls.

The concluding summary of the report states:

"The record herein supports the conclusion that the public need for rail-transportation facilities is sufficient to warrant the retention of the portion of the branch extending southerly from Biggs, through Grass Valley to Kent, which serves practically all the grain-producing area dependent upon the branch. The evidence is convincing that the enormous volume of wheat produced in that area cannot be handled successfully by motor trucks and that the grain-growing interests of Sherman county would suffer irreparable injury through the loss of the railroad upon which they have depended for many years. In our opinion, the volume of traffic in the territory south of Kent is insufficient to warrant the retention of that portion of the branch and continued operation thereof would impose an undue and unnecessary burden upon the applicants and upon interstate commerce."

OSC Will Open In October

A change in opening and closing dates for the Oregon State college terms here starting this fall has been announced to make these dates coincide with those used by the army for the 1400 ASTP students on the campus.

Under the new schedule opening of freshmen week will be postponed to October 5, with registration of old students October 9. Winter term registration will be January 11 and spring term April 11. The change will also permit students to work longer in harvests this fall before returning to college.

Highway Commission Scheduled Aug. 26

The county court was notified Wednesday that the state highway commission and party will be in Moro Thursday, August 26 arriving at 10:30 a.m. for the purpose of conferring with members of the court, going over highways about which there is local interest and viewing the highways of this section.

Plans are being made to arrange a luncheon for them which, weather permitting, will be held in the city park under the auspices of the Moro Breakfast club.

Erwin Lemon Promoted At OSC

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—E B Lemon, for 11 years registrar here and prior to that on the instructional staff, has assumed his new position of dean of administration for which he was selected by President A. L. Strand. He also continues as registrar, with Dr. D. T. Ordeman of the English staff as part time associate registrar.

In his new position Dean Lemon will serve also as coordinator of the military educational programs here and will assist the president in details of campus administration. As soon as possible he will give attention to improvement of organization in the instructional division.

Erwin B Lemon was one of Sherman county's first students at OAC.

Draft Nears For Married Men

"Commencing October 1, 1944, it will be necessary for local boards to be prepared to fill a portion of their calls from registrants now properly classified in Class III-A. It is not desirable to reclassify such registrants out of Class III-A any faster than they are needed, but in order to have the required number available for induction by October 1, 1943, local boards should start reclassifying immediately."

Such is a portion of the wording of an order made by the director of Selective Service in directing local boards. Such men will be grouped in four classes: 1) with no dependents, 2) with collateral dependents, 3) with wives married since Dec. 8, 1941, 4) with children born prior to Dec. 8, 1941.

Legion Still Wants More Records

The American Legion is still interested in obtaining phonograph records which may be transmitted to soldiers and sailors stationed in places where other amusement or music is not available.

Records may be left at the Journal office in Moro, at Alley's at Grass Valley and at Norton's at Kent. The Wasco Pharmacy will care for them at Wasco.

Third War Loan Ask 15 Billion

Fifteen billion dollars is the goal for the Third War Loan which President Roosevelt has proclaimed will be launched September 9. In his proclamation the president said, "Our need for money now is greater than ever, and will continue to grow until the very day that victory is won; so we must ask far more sacrifices, far more cooperation than ever before."