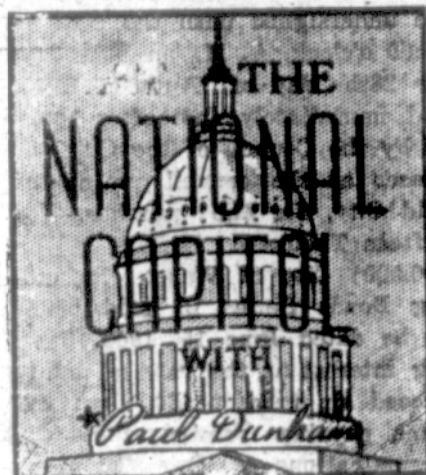


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Here are some of the reasons that congress is mad at the way OPA is run. The price executive for meat, fish, fats and oils is a professor from Iowa. without business for building materials is an oil experience. The price executive economist. A college professor is the price executive for steel and iron. The price executive for the paper division is a professor of political science. The price executive for the machinery division is an accountant, an economist and a professor. In charge of non-ferrous metals branch is professor with no business experience. Price executive over drugs and sor with part time work in the chemicals is a Harvard professor department. The chap who handles the restaurant division is an economist formerly with the Illinois emergency relief. To control solid fuel prices is young Harvard statistical economist who has been with the national planning board and has had no business experience. The man handling rents is a lawyer, has been special assistant to the secretary of agriculture, was an assistant to Triple A, was legal adviser to the national defense advisory council, worked with the federal communications commission and has had no special rent experience. The list could be expanded. To cure this state of affairs the house decided that anyone who formulates a price policy for some industry should have at least five years experience in that industry. One of the principal charges laid against OPA is that it has taken professors without practical business experience and permitted them to write the ticket for industries concerning which they had only a theoretical knowledge.

Reports from all parts of the country reaching back here from scores of congressmen who are busy visiting the home folks and building their political fences say that farmers are hopping mad at OPA and the war manpower commissioner, particularly the latter. Farmers are squawking loud and long because the war manpower commissioner didn't freeze farm hands on their jobs. Every farmer is short handed and to obtain experienced farm help seems to be out of the question. Northwest farmers say it hadn't been for the hundreds of school children and housewives who were recruited to help harvest the perishable fruit and berry crop a good part of this harvest would have been lost. These youngsters and housewives, plus the hundreds of Mexican farm hands who have been imported to work in Washington and Oregon harvest fields, saved the day for many farmers.

Several members of the house committee on military affairs have just completed a investigation of the food situation in several large military camps where upwards of half a million men are fed three times a day. Charges that the army has been guilty of an extravagant waste of food have been heard in many quarters for some time. The story has it that tons of food alone are wasted each week-end, when the same three heavy meals per day are prepared for thousands of soldiers who are not there to eat them, being away on week-end leave, and into the garbage cans it goes.

This subject will get a real good tiring when congress reconvenes next month. For the past year food administration has been grabbing a huge percentage of all

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Highway Group
Planning Post-
War ProgramTrips Over State
Being Made To
Determine Improvement

When Oregon's new highway commission visits Sherman county next Thursday, its members will be partly on a tour to acquaint themselves with the highway system of the state. They are new men on the job and, appropriately, want to know about the roads in their charge.

This is the fourth of such trips the new commission has taken. This one includes Grant, Morrow, Wheeler, Gilliam, Sherman, Jefferson and Crook, with minor visitations into nearby counties of those gone through on the trip. In addition to an inspection trip the present tour will be for the purpose of establishing appropriate work plans for after-the-war improvement to Oregon highways. Great sums of money are expected to be spent in the nation's rehabilitation period and a part of this will go on roads and highways. It is thought that the federal government will exercise control over where this money is spent inasmuch as a major part of it will come from the federal government.

Roads that receive the money will be those that are approved, as to need and location, etc. It is understood that the Federal Bureau of Public Roads engineer, W. H. Lynch, will be a member of the party which gives rise to local assumption that this highway may be being considered for material improvement. This will be the first time an entire highway commission has made such trips through this county and will probably be the best opportunity local citizens have had to inform the commission of the needs for the highway.

RUBBER FOR STEEL

Conversion of steel wheeled tractors and farm implements to rubber tires again can be authorized by county USDA war boards, R. B. Taylor, chairman, reported this week.

Conversions under the program which has been resumed after a month's suspension when the original quota was exhausted, will be limited in most instances to those cases where tires are needed for farm to farm movement of machinery engaged in custom work.

MORE FOOD COMING

Civilians will receive approximately 6 1-2 million cases more of canned apples, fruit cocktail, beets, sweet corn, pumpkin or squash, lima beans and tomato puree under an amendment to Director Food Distribution order 22.4 that reduces the quantity that canners are required to set aside from 1943 production to meet government requirements.

Ed Ball Buried
In The Dalles

Ed Ball, former Sherman county resident, died suddenly while seated at the desk of the Bank Hotel, which he has operated for years.

He was born in Iowa in 1881 and came to Sherman county in the first years of this century. With Alf Dillinger he operated a general merchandise store at Monkland for years and also taught school in that neighborhood before moving to The Dalles where he owned the Parlor Grocery before going into the hotel business.

He is survived by his widow, three sisters and three brothers, a majority of whom are still in Iowa.

Funeral services were held from St. Peter's church Wednesday at The Dalles.

Sherman County
X Residents Talk
Over Old Times

The annual Sherman county picnic was held at Laurelhurst park last Sunday with a crowd of 92 but proportionately fewer from Sherman county because of gas rationing. Many of those now employed in war industry in Portland came, however, to make the crowd a large one.

Elected as president for the coming year was C. W. Johnson of Aloha, and as secretary Mrs. R. C. Jones (Erma Barnum) of Portland. A basket dinner and much discourse on old times filled the afternoon.

Kenneth Sathers
Lucky To Be Alive

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sather overturned their truck and trailer early Wednesday morning just east of Dillon on the Columbia highway and luckily escaped with no serious injuries. They had worked on the truck until late before starting to Portland with a load of empty oil drums. Getting too close to the shoulder caused the trailer to pull the truck over into the ditch upsetting it. Damage to the equipment was limited to a ruined rack and other minor damage.

Alfalfa Does Well
In This County

Several Sherman county farmers have harvested excellent crops of dry land alfalfa this year, reports LeRoy C. Wright, county agent. A. Kaseberg harvested nearly 80 tons of good quality alfalfa on 35 acres. Wallace May and A. D. Richelderfer also obtained yields of from 1 3-4 to 2 tons to the acre. Ladak variety is the kind usually favored for dry land where practically all of the crop is in the first cutting.

Rum Hounds Given
Chance To Howl

The taste for hard liquor in Sherman county runs to whiskey, generally Bourbon. Lesser brands within the law are considered make-shifts to be used only in the utter absence of whiskey.

Rationing had developed no marked change in this taste until this week when hard liquor rationing was relaxed to permit the purchase of a bottle of rum without applying against quota. Liquor agents report a surprising number of people who thought more of the saving to the quota than of the saving of their tastes. Without experimental determination it is not known whether rum will serve in case of snake bite or not. Apparently general opinion is that it will.

CROPS MUST BE MADE
IN FOOD

The following comment on the August crop report was made recently by Marvin Jones, War Food administrator. "The July crop report made it clear that farmers in the face of many difficulties had substantially met, and in some cases exceeded, the crop acreage goals. During July, growing conditions were favorable and current indications are that yields per acre in 1943 will be the second largest on record. The progress of the year's production so far is gratifying. The hard work and the determination of farmers have placed us in a position to meet essential food needs, given average weather from now on."

"However, the crops are still to be harvested, marketed and processed, and in the case of the feed crops, fed to livestock. Farmers will need additional workers for harvest and food processing industries are short handed. Then wartime food problem is not solved, though present production prospects are encouraging."

Get Sick on Land to Stop Sea-Sickness



In a giant land, sea and air invasion, Allied military leaders must consider and plan for every emergency—including seasickness. To accumulate data on this subject, the army developed a sea-horse which gets soldiers as sick as they would be after several hours on rough water. As a result of these experiments, capsules to prevent motion-sickness are given to invasion troops an hour and a half before embarkation. Left: Sergt. Arthur F. Nichols after a session in the sea-horse. Right: The contraption in action.

Lois Melzer
Married Sunday
To D. H. Murphy

Miss Lois Melzer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Melzer became the bride of D. Harold Murphy, son of D. J. Murphy of Portland, Sunday in a pretty church wedding held at the Moro Community Church, Rev. J. D. Moberg officiating.

The church was decorated in white gladioli and sword ferns as the candle lighters, Mrs. Theodore Thompson and Miss Shirley Murphy came to light the candles on the altar. Priscilla Melzer and Jane French, bridesmaids, in aqua powder puff muslin and with bouquets of pink gladioli were followed by Mrs. Edmund Cushing, sister of the bride, who was matron of honor, in pink powder puff muslin and with gladioli and rosebud bouquet.

The bride in white satin with train and finger-tip veil, and carrying a white Bible was given in marriage by her father.

Best man was Pfc. Burton Murphy, brother of the groom and ushers were Charles Coate of Portland and Theodore Thompson assisted by Donald Thompson and Millard Melzer.

Pfc. Murphy and Miss Claudine Thompson sang, both being accompanied by Mrs. Carroll Sayrs.

After the ceremony the couple left for Portland and the Oregon beaches for a brief honeymoon after which they will make their home in Portland where he is employed by Commonwealth and she by the Coca-Cola company.

County Fair Gets
State Funds

Funds totaling \$123,700 were apportioned to Oregon counties for distribution from revenue derived from state racing commission it was announced by Secretary of State Bob Farrell.

The money goes to county fairs, livestock shows and the state fair. It represents the state's share—three percent—of the money wagered on races in Oregon.

Apportionments, compared to the apportionments for previous years are shown in the following table:

County fairs	1942	1943
E.O. stock show	3,970	5,000
Turkey show	1,191	1,200
Round-Up	3,970	5,000
Pac. Int.	25,209	35,000
State fair	25,209	35,000

The apportionments this year were the largest made under this act and represent the maximum allowed the various beneficiaries under the law.

County Court Proceedings and
Claims Recorded For August

CLAIMS-PRESENTED AGAINST STATE TREASURER \$600.00 as SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON, GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR JULY, 1943, AND APPROVED AT AUGUST TERM OF COUNTY COURT THEREOF

GENERAL FUND: First National Bank \$240.50, Ross Ornduff \$154.13, Marie Hoskinson \$110.40, C. A. Ruggles \$159.33, C. C. Wilson \$148.93, Rebekah Wilson \$128.03, J. M. Wilson \$74.31, Willy W. Knighten \$163.22, Clarence Mersinger \$98.56, Naomi VanGilder \$77.06, C. A. Bargenholt \$90.40, Clarence Mersinger \$8.64, Willy W. Knighten \$25.00, First National Bank \$88.52, Vernon I. Miller \$5.60, T. Ester Johnson \$8.35, May & Son \$2.33, West Coast Printing & Binding Co. \$26.75, F. L. Phipps, Ex. Sec. \$4.00, National Association of County Officials \$10.00, Department of Agriculture \$3.76, Sherman County Journal \$64.40, Mrs. L. L. Taylor \$3.00, Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. \$27.20, City of Moro \$13.60, Pacific Power & Light Co. \$40.22, Standard Oil Co. of California \$19.65, Sunset Motor Co. \$0.50, Foss & Co. \$16.60, State Industrial Accident Commission \$5.31, John H. Mallon \$25.00, W. R. Reid & Son \$24.50, C. C. Wilson \$17.63, E. M. Alley \$10.00, J. M. Wilson \$16.00, County Law Library Committee \$200.00, Leslie M. Scott, State Treasurer \$600.00.

GENERAL ROAD FUND: L. L. Peetz \$96.46, E. McPherson \$95.74, C. Bargenholt \$97.52, C. B. Hearing \$98.24, L. A. Olds \$18.31, L. L. Peetz \$106.16, E. McPherson \$106.16, C. Hearing \$98.96, C. Mersinger \$6.48, State Industrial Accident Commission \$25.61, National Hospital Association \$5.00, First National Bank \$89.97, C. A. Ruggles \$318.80, J. K. McKean \$20.70, May & Son \$1.65, Sherman County Journal \$6.00, Foss & Co. \$79.58, O'Meara Supply & Implement Co. \$20.84, Geo. B. Moon \$3.10, Stadelman-Bonn Hardware Co. \$6.75, Foss & Co. \$3.75, Union Oil Co. \$219.05, Standard Oil Co. \$60.44, City of Moro \$1.75, Pacific Power & Light Co. \$2.00, Shell Oil Co. \$0.60, Pike's Garage \$2.50, Walther-Williams Co. \$66.77.

Deed executed favor of W. E. and Helen Bruckert covering sale of tax foreclosed property consisting of forty acres located in Sec. 24, Twp. 1N, Range 18 E.W.M. Deed executed favor of W. E. Gunter covering sale of tax foreclosed property consisting of one town lot located in Kent. No further matters at issue, court adjourned.

1843 Caravan
Crosses Divide

Ten miles before reaching the summit of the Rockies, two bold landmarks guided the travelers to the "Pass". They were high, flat topped buttes standing at the south of the Trail, known today as "Oregon Buttes". The South Pass was not a pass as we naturally vision one as a narrow passage between high hills or cliffs. The Rockies flattened out at that point, presenting a wide, flat surface, covered by short sagebrush, over which many wagons could roll abreast.

So gentle was the ascent that it was hard to tell when they had reached the summit. On August 7, the wagons began trailing across the crest of the continent, at an elevation of 7,803 feet. Several days passed before the last wagon was across and history had been made for America.

Today a granite post marks the place, erected there by Ezra Meeker in 1906, and the ruins of the Old Trail are still visible after these many years.

Their first glimpse of the "Oregon Country" was not reassuring. It looked barren and rough far from the green valley of the Willamette, pictured in their minds. But, they consoled themselves with the thought that they were only in the suburbs of the Promised Land, and that things would look different when they really got to town.

Down the western slope of the Rockies the wagons rolled to Pacific Springs whose waters made the first trickle toward that receptacle of many waters, the great Pacific Ocean, the western border of the "Oregon Country."

County Crop
Estimates About
Equal to 1942'sCounty Average Probably
Near 30 bushels On
97,000 Acres of Wheat

Estimates of the size of Sherman county's wheat crop depend to a large degree on the part of the county the estimator lives.

In the north end of the county estimators say the crop will be a third less than last year. In the other end of the county many think it will be larger than in 1942.

These estimates indicate that the north end crop is smaller than expected and the south end crops larger than at first thought. And that is exactly the situation.

Some Crops Poor

North end wheat, particularly that stretch along the Columbia river, which has produced so much fine wheat in recent years, fell down very seriously, dropping from forty bushels and over to ten and fifteen.

The country west of Wasco, usually the most dependable part of the county is producing a very ordinary crop, probably 25 to 35 bushels, although there are reports of both more and less.

Receiving elevator with the best record for high producing wheat is Hay Canyon where the average is 35 bushels or above. At Moro it is a little less and Grass Valley reports are from 30 to 35 bushels in the main.

30 Bushels Indicated

So far the reports at Kent are good but most of the cutting is being done on winter wheat and yields may be considerably less when spring grain is cut.

Last year the county produced approximately 2,800,000 bushels. This year it will probably make about 2,750,000 bushels if the near 30 bushels per acre average is maintained to the end of harvest. Considering the increased price for the 1943 crop more money will be forthcoming from this crop than last.

More Doctors
Need of Army

To continue the standard of the U.S. Army the healthiest army in the world, 7,500 additional physicians and surgeons will be needed during the coming three months, and an additional 2,500 by January 1, 1944. Major General Norman T. Kirk, surgeon general says, "The casualty rate in the army to date has been very low, and one of the main reasons has been the availability of trained surgeons on the battlefields and in hospitals behind the lines to give our wounded men quick, efficient and expert care."

To strengthen U.S. wartime diets nutritionally, more than 12 times the quantity of soy products available last year has been allocated to civilians for the year ending June 30, 1944 by WFA. Civilians will get 27 out of every hundred pounds of soybean flour flakes and grits produced, a total of 362,500,000 pounds. It is estimated that 30 million pounds were used domestically last year.

Four Called To
Service From Here

Clarence Hensen of Grass Valley, Henry Richelderfer, Glen Van Gilder and Harold Ireland, registered from Wasco, left last Friday for induction into the army. VanGilder entered the navy after passing the examination for that branch of service. Hensen returned to Grass Valley not having passed. Actual service for those going into the army will begin September 3.