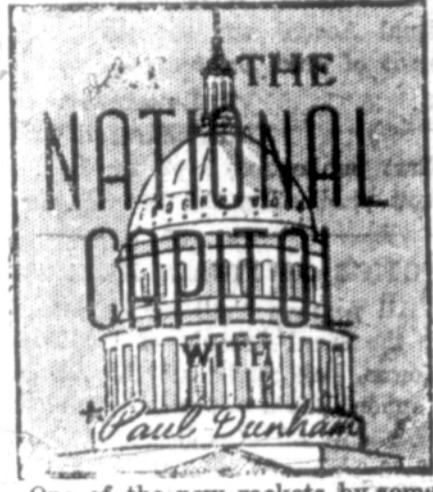


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One of the new rackets by some citizens and slick lawyers continues while congress is attempting to curb them. This racket is the "informer" by which a "citizen" or lawyer, who knows nothing about an attempt to defraud the government brings a civil suit knowing that under an old law, passed in 1865, he will receive 50 percent of the judgment. At this time there are 35 such suits and they involve millions of dollars. Two suits of this character have been filed against a western railroad and an oil company for a sum representing \$1,200,000,000.

The department of justice is asking a curb on these racketeers, for on the floor of the senate the activity of these lawyers has been called a racket. It stated back in January, this year, when the supreme court upheld a judgment for \$315,000. The so-called "informer" receives half the money under the law. But it is declared that the "informer" contributed nothing to the case; he had simply copied the indictment which had been drawn by the department of justice.

Recently there was testimony before the Truman committee that a certain war contract firm had chiseled the government. The department of justice investigated and found the testimony was insufficient to bring a suit. However, based on newspaper reports of the Truman committee testimony, three different people in the midwest filed suit. Beyond the newspaper reports they knew nothing.

The senate is attempting to change this ancient law and proposals have been made to reduce the "informer" cut from 50 percent to 25 percent, or even 10 percent. Even a 10 percent slice of a few million dollars would not be "hay." On the other hand, there is a desire to retain sufficient features of the old act to enable a person who by his own investigation has "something" on an alleged crooked war contractor and yet at the same time discourage the racketeers.

As the situation stands, any war contractor can be sued by an "informer" if some witness tells the Truman or other investigating committee that the such-and-such shipbuilding company of Puget sound or Columbia river hornswoggled the government. The tanker "Schenectady," which split and sank at the outfitting dock in the Vancouver-Portland area after its test run, is now the subject of an "informer" suit against the Carnegie-Illinois Steel corporation which supplies the steel, in which the "informer" writes Senator Langer he hopes to recover \$25,000,000 for the government.

Northwest members of congress are hopping mad over the so-called shortage of wood fuel in Washington and Oregon. They can't see eye to eye with OPA's Joet Dean, national fuel administrator, who predicts a critical wood and coal fuel shortage this winter for the northwest. Mr. Dean cites the manpower shortage as the real factor behind the coming fuel shortage. The many lumber mills of the northwest, which are operating at capacity have trainloads of slabwood, mill ends and sawdust stacked around their plants waiting for customers in both states, hence, the train, truck or large haul in many cases would not be over 50 miles, and seldom more than 100 miles.

While the lawmakers admit transportation facilities are not always ample to move this fuel to the larger cities on schedule,

Teachers To Be Welcomed At School Tonight

A reception to welcome the teachers of the Moro schools to the community will be held Friday night at the school auditorium with the woman's club as sponsor. Mrs. Collis Moore is chairman of the reception committee.

Inasmuch as all the teachers are new to the community this will be an opportunity for parents of school children to meet the new instructors. Patrons of the school are invited to come as well as patrons who live at Grass Valley.

Mrs. vonBorstel From Legion Meet

Mrs. Frank von Borstel returned Sunday from Omaha, Nebraska, after attending the annual National Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary held there the previous week.

While there she acted as chairman of the Oregon delegation and served on the Permanent Organization, Junior Activities and Publication committees and attended the Americanism committee. She reports that although the convention was streamlined due to war conditions, over 4000 delegates of the Legion, Auxiliary and their honor societies attended. And that highlights of the convention were addresses by the National President, Ruth Mathebat, National Commander Roane Waring, General George Marshall, Admiral Ernest King, Paul McNutt, General Hines, Father Flanagan, founder of the nearby Boys Town, and Mrs. Edith Joynes, President of the National Education Association. The social affairs were limited to breakfasts, dinners, receptions and a carnival.

High School Football Schedule Made

Football schedule for the Moro high school team has been partially arranged by Tom Preece, principal and coach. It includes games with Arlington, Maupin and The Dalles Paposes.

A full team of eleven men will be played in all games although Coach Preece will play six man football if he can schedule a game for that number.

Games here will begin October 15th when Maupin comes for the first game. Next game will be October 29th when the Paposes from The Dalles will be opponents and November 5th when Arlington sends its team over. Games away from home will be October 22nd at The Dalles and November 11th at Maupin.

Good Farming Pays Best On Station Plots

Clean Cultivation Outyields Weedy Fallow; Early Work Better Than Late

Results of tillage experiments at the station again show the value of proper seasonal farm operations. Some years the tests indicate that late plowing and no cultivation produce about as well as properly performed operations. Not so in 1943.

On all plots under the test the April plowing, that is, plowed early in that month, made an average of 38.4 bushels per acre. May plowing produced 34.6 and the June plowing 27.3.

Where the land was disked before plowing there was some change. The April plowing made 38.1 bushels, a slight drop from the yields on the land not disked. The May plowing that was previously disked made 34.9, a slight increase but not enough to pay for disked. June plowing disked in the spring before plowing made 35.1 bushels. This has been the overall result of years of these experiments, that if land is to be plowed late it will produce better crops if disked.

The annual experiment to determine which is better deep, ten inch plowing, or shallow, five inch plowing. This year in this experiment the results were 38.2 bushels for each. All were early plowed.

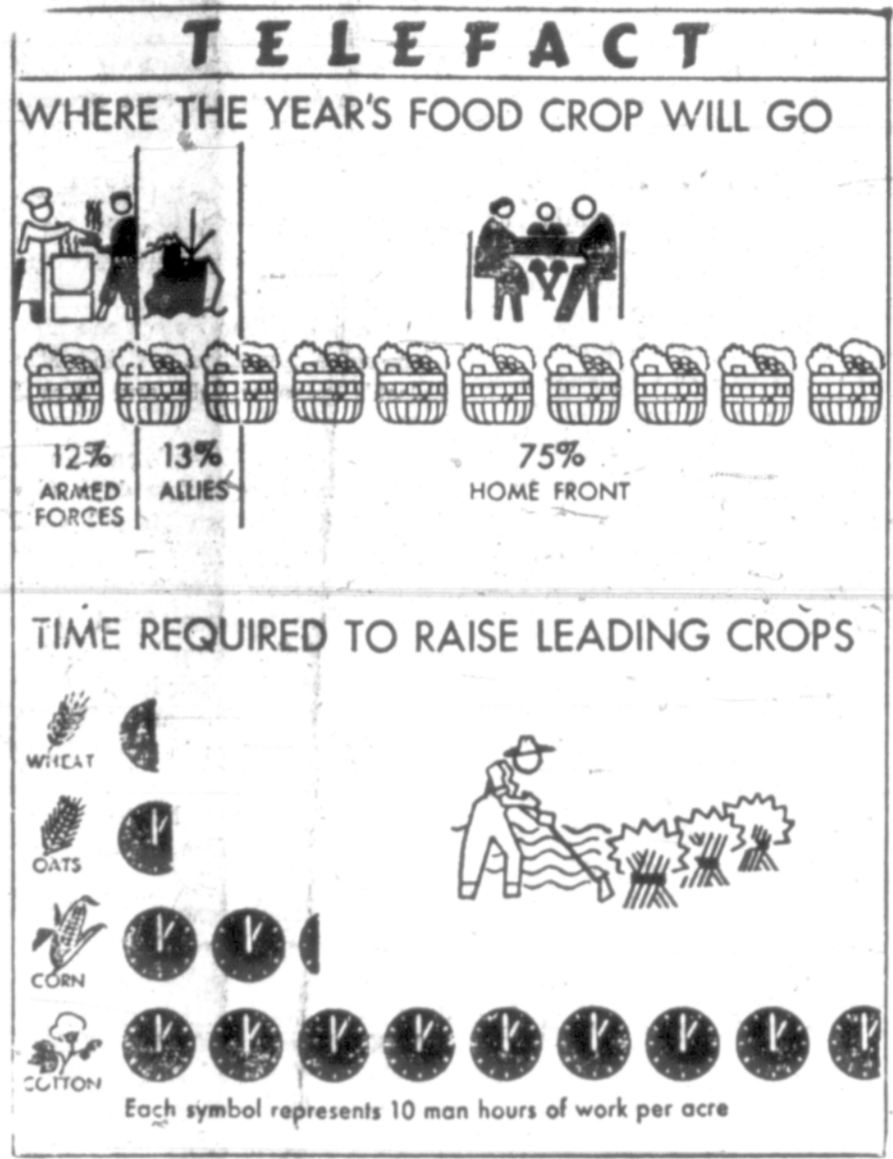
Clean summerfallow again showed its value as all plots that were kept clean produced better than those that were allowed to grow weeds, and the cleaner the better.

April plowing, uncultivated, made 35.5 bushels, with delayed cultivation 38.9 and when kept clean all the time made 41.1 bushels.

May plowing uncultivated made 32.6 bushels, with delayed cultivation 35.1 and when kept clean made 35.1.

The June plowing left uncultivated made 26.5. There is no delayed cultivation on the June plots as June is delayed to begin with. The land kept clean made 25.5 bushels. This demonstrates the truth of an old saying that if one plows in June it doesn't make any difference what he does afterward for the damage has been done.

TO ISSUE RATION BOOK 4
War Ration Book Four, which will last approximately two years will be issued to more than 120 million persons through schoolhouse distributions during the last 10 days of October, OPA has announced. The book combines point and unit stamps. It has 8 pages containing 384 stamps, printed in blue, red, green and black.



Army Adopts Arab Lad In Africa Demonstrating Friendliness

"Joe Araby" is an orphan whose parents were killed near Casablanca in North Africa several years ago. He had lived from hand to mouth until a few months ago, when he became the mascot of a United States unit of the Northwest African Air Service Command.

Begging work, any sort of job for which he would receive food,

Joe was taken on by Staff Sergeant John Fricker, of Perth Amboy, N. J. The squadron supply sergeant, Eugene J. Rois of San Luis Obispo, California, gave him an outfit of salvaged clothing. First Lieut. Roderick Dougherty of Chicago gave him his name. When Lieut. Dougherty sent in a sample of the youngster's blood for testing, he labelled it "Joe Araby" and the name stuck.

Joe digs ditches, washes clothes, and helps police the tent area. The squadron reports that the boy is a model of soldierly discipline. He obeys orders promptly and cheerfully, sterilizes his mess kit after each meal, and maintains a personal appearance ever ready for rigid inspection.

When the squadron moved to a new station, the problem of what to do about the mascot was solved by Joe himself. He awaited the commanding officer, Captain Manuel A. deBettencourt of Houston, Texas, saluted smartly and asked in his best English if he might accompany the troops. Captain deBettencourt, knowing no regulations covering "detached service" for natives, was willing to say nothing and see nothing. Joe moved with the squadron.

The boy has a steadily growing bank account, into which as much as \$20 a month is placed by the men in the squadron for special services rendered.

As soon as the war is over Joe Araby hopes to come to the United States with his friends in the squadron. His pup tent bears the legend, "Broadway and 42nd St."

OPA Says Food Will Be Cheaper

Charles Bowles, General Manager of the Office of Price Administration, after consulting with many business and trade groups has announced a new program for OPA to reduce food and other living costs to American housewives.

Since May of this year food prices have gradually decreased and today living costs are approximately only 5.6 per cent above the level of September 1942. This is a reduction of 1 1-2 percent in the last three months.

Mr. Bowles announced that apples will drop to approximately nine cents a pound on a national average. This will represent at least a seventeen percent decrease. However, in some localities apples are selling for around 15 cents a pound. This would mean an even greater decrease in these communities.

Onion prices will be reduced approximately twenty-five per cent to an average of six cents a pound for top grade.

Potatoes, now selling for four cents a pound will be reduced to an average of 3 1-2 cents.

Oranges will be reduced from an annual average of 11.2 cents a pound to about 9.7 cents a pound.

Peanut butter now averaging 33 1-3 cents a pound should be reduced to 26 1-2 cents.

Lard and vegetable oils are expected to be reduced one cent a pound for each item.

This prompt reduction in the price of apples, oranges, potatoes, lard, vegetable oil and peanut butter will mean a saving of millions of dollars to our American consuming public. Other plans will soon be completed on an over-all winter vegetable program which will bring the cost of practically all vegetables below the price level of last winter by about 15 per cent.

These moves furthering OPA's "Hold the Line" drive are certain to prove beneficial to every American's pocketbook and his daily menu. This is especially true if he heads wholeheartedly the OPA rationing provisions and price ceilings.

Pioneers Plant Posts Marking Old Oregon Trail

A small group of pioneers and others interested in perpetuating the memory of pioneers and boy scouts set two temporary markers Sunday along the route of the Old Oregon Trail.

One was placed near the bank of the John Day river at the road which is a short distance above the old crossing near McDonald Ferry or Leonard's. This ferry site was used after the wagon trains stopped as a crossing for stage route between The Dalles and Walla Walla.

Another post was placed along the Sherman highway just south of the Asa Richelderfer buildings north of Wasco. Other markers will be placed at other road crossings later and some will also be put along the route of the Barlow trail across Sherman county.

In the post planting party were: A.H. Barnum and Mrs. Barnum, Roy Powell, president of the Wasco county pioneers, E.E. Barnum, county pioneers, E.E. Barnum, Wily Knighten and Mrs. Knighten and Wily Jr. and Anajean; Merrill Oveson and two sons; Dick and Steve, Carroll Noonan, Bob Hoskinson, Alan Pinkerton, C.A. Harp, Mrs. Agnes Duncan, Miss C. Allen, William Meyers, Mr. and Mrs. Giles French and Patty.

Sherman County Doubles Quota For War Bonds

County Total Climbs Rapidly As Wheat Loans Come In After Late Harvest

Figures on the county's position in the Third War Bond drive according to a compilation made as of Wednesday night, show a total sale of E bonds of \$157,487.50 which is more than twice the quota of \$71,300 for that type of bonds.

Also computed is the sale of F and G and other bonds that will count in the county's individual quota. These totaled \$34,198. Of this total about \$18,000 were in Series C treasury notes indicating that the F & G quota of \$14,100 was not exceeded very much by sales of that type of bonds.

The county's individual quota was \$85,400. Sold up to Wednesday night were \$191,875.50 thereby putting the county over the top with a percentage of 223.

In addition to this the county had a quota of \$51,800 in corporation bonds. Known to the local headquarters are sales of over \$37,100 in this category. However, the greater part of this quota is generally raised outside the county by corporations doing business here who buy bonds at one place in the state and divide the quota to the several counties. The corporation quota in the state has been raised, according to report, indicating that this county's quota will also be over the top. Corporation bonds sold locally total \$14,900.

Still uncounted are the E bonds sold through banks in other counties and for which provision is made that credit be given to Sherman county. This total is not known but from promises made to solicitors there should be in excess of \$10,000 from this source. Also there is at least another day of bond buying to be counted and it is possible that the county will reach a percentage of 250 in the drive, probably sufficient to make it the highest county in the state if not the nation.

Seal Sale Chairmen Named For Drive

Appointments of local chairmen of the Christmas Seal Sale committee of the Oregon Tuberculosis Association were announced today by Mrs. Afton McIntyre, county chairman of the committee. The Seal Sale will open on Monday, November 22, and continue until Christmas. The funds from the sale finance the year-round work of the association.

Accepting appointments are: Mrs. R. S. Macnab, Rufus Mrs. Elvis Rich, Wasco Mrs. Carroll Sayrs, Moro Mrs. Art Bibby, Grass Valley Mrs. James Matthes, Kent

Each chairman will appoint a local committee which will be responsible for all local arrangements for the campaign.

"We are happy," said Mrs. McIntyre, "to have so many of the workers of other years volunteer for the campaign this year. As soon as possible, we expect to hold our Christmas Seal Sale conferences and plan our campaign. Our local chairmen will follow the procedure of past years in asking for help from local clubs and other organizations. Too much credit cannot be given to these groups which, year after year, assist in the work of the tuberculosis association."

Those who will volunteer to help in the local arrangements are urged to call the local chairman.

Deer Hunters To Get No Gas

No special allotments of gasoline can be permitted motorists for deer hunting, Richard G. Montgomery, OPA district director, announced today in response to many inquiries from sportsmen and vacationists who are eager to take advantage of the deer season's official opening Friday, September 30th.

"We sympathize with the desire of these motorists to get out in the woods and bag their deer," Montgomery declared, "but in view of the critical tire situation and the need to save rubber for essential uses, there can be no relaxation of the mileage rationing regulations for this purpose."

By the end of 1943, there will be a shortage of 8,000,000 passenger tires, Montgomery pointed out, and every precaution must be taken to conserve the present "rolling stock" of tires. There are eight motorists for every new tire available, he declared, and the demand for used tires is five to one.

The policy announced by the Portland district OPA is in line with that already established by the Seattle and Spokane district OPA offices for Washington, Montgomery explained.

Reports reaching the district office indicate that some motorists intend to go deer hunting regardless of official sanction. He emphasized that B and C gasoline allotments were issued for essential occupational uses and cannot be diverted for vacation or pleasure use save for 90 miles a month.

Reports Needed On All Car Accidents

Oregon law requires reports on any traffic accident that involves personal injury, death or property damage in any amount. Secretary of State Bob Farrell said in reminding drivers involved in accidents to file these reports within twenty four hours.

There is no minimum property damage clause in the Oregon accident reporting law, as there is in some states, he said. Newcomers in Oregon sometimes think they are not required to report an accident in which the damage is \$25 or under, but the law in this state requires the reporting of every accident, no matter how minor the damage.

Accidents in rural areas must be reported to the sheriff of the county in which they occur. These reports are required by law within 24 hours of the time the accident occurs.

DRY PEAS NEEDED

Oregon growers who undertook large scale production of dry edible peas for the first time this year may plan 1944 plantings with the assurance that war need for this high-protein food crop will continue high next year, reports R.B. Taylor, chairman of the Oregon USDA war board.

Indications are that 1944 needs will call for still larger production than this year's bumper crop, he said. Most of this year's record crop was grown in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Around 50,000 acres were harvested in Oregon with Umatilla county growing the largest amount.

GRANGE TO SELL BONDS

Harlandview Grange will hold an auction Friday night at the hall. Various items grown and used on farms will be sold for the benefit of the war bond drive. All bids will be in bonds. This is part of a drive on the part of the grange to aid the war effort and the Third War Bond campaign.

YOUR TAX- AND BOND-DOLLAR
HOW THE GOVERNMENT SPENDS IT
(First Half of 1943)

Aircraft	13¢
Ground ordnance and signal equipment	12¢
Navy and Army vessels	10¢
Merchant vessels	4¢
Miscellaneous munitions*	11¢
War construction	14¢
Non-munitions war items**	25¢
Non-war expenditures	5¢

* Automotive vehicles and equipment, clothing and personal equipment and other expenses
** Pay, subsistence, travel for armed forces and civilians agricultural commodities for export and miscellaneous expenses

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