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In the next few weeks selective service headquarters will go after some of the 700,000 single farmers who now have agriculture deferments. These orders have been prepared and will go forward to the many draft boards soon. The draft boards will be instructed to resurvey the farm situation in their districts, taking particular notice of the present deferred list. Selective service headquarters believes tighter interpretation of the rules will pull a good many of these men into service. No attempt will be made to campaign for repeal of the Tydings amendment to the selective service act, which makes mandatory the deferment of farm workers. However, officials are confident that thousands of so-called farm workers are not following the law, and it's these men the draft boards will go after. Washington and Oregon have approximately 26,500 men so deferred and it is thought several thousand of that number will be in uniform when their local draft boards get through giving them the "once over" again.

The new tax bill now "getting the works" before the house committee on ways and means, will be drastically changed before it is enacted into law, say the best guessers around here. It is expected the house will wrestle with the bill for the best part of two months before the measure is ready for the house hopper. In the meantime an array of authorities on tax matters, both for and against the bill, will parade before the committee with their arguments.

A strong bipartisan group, which backed by a flock of labor organizations and others, will attempt to put President Roosevelt's cherished idea of a \$25,000 salary ceiling on individual incomes, after taxes, back in the bill. Another group are also set to spring a sales tax as the best way to get a good part of the \$50 billion Mr. Morgenthau expects to raise next year. No one believes the bill, as now written, will get by which, among other things, socks the middle class with stiff additional taxes. Most congressmen are very cagey on stiffer taxes at this particular time. Reason—election time is not very far away, and the middle class are the ones who do the larger part of the voting.

The one man who could, and did, give many orders to President Roosevelt which were always obeyed is about to pass from the Washington scene. Col. Edward W. Starling, chief of the White House secret service and No. 1 protector to five presidents during the past thirty years, is about to retire. The six-foot-two 67 years old veteran secret service agent was always on hand to carefully look over the flock of newspaper men in the ante-room prior to each weekly presidential conference with the press. The colonel, always popular with the men of the fourth estate, had a larger acquaintance among the newshawks than the president. Starling has visited almost every city in the nation as advance agent and protector to presidents. During the almost eleven years of the present administration the colonel has traveled by far more miles with President Roosevelt than the combined distance traveled with his four predecessors.

The report requested by Senator McNary from the army engineers on the further development of the Columbia river and its tributaries will be made available.

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Local Football Team Learning Game Hard Way

In dust six inches deep two full teams of Moro High school boys are hastily learning the rudiments of football. Hastily is right for Coach Preece keeps them moving every minute of the practice period. Few of the boys have played football and the first game is but a week away so speed is necessary.

There is enough weight on the squad to make a good high school team if it can be directed to the proper spots. Playing the half back spots at the present time are Duane Lemley and Donald Thompson, who also calls signal. Dale Younger in the quarter position and Herman Ziegler at full back. In the line it is probable that the line-up for the game against Maupin here October 15 will be Bon Christianson center, Bill Flatt and Bob Brinsbine guards, Wayne Melzer and Dave Bayer tackles, Lloyd Kelley and Dean Wilcox ends, although there may be some changes as Jim Ziegler at tackle, Carroll Noonan at guard or Harry Hartley may take over one or more of the line jobs.

The scrub team takes the defensive at practice and may develop some players that will be valuable when the opposing team has the ball. Besides the sub mentioned Bob Robinson plays back as do Keith Bayer, Alan Pinkerton and Herb Lawrence. Other linemen are Bob Hoskinson, Jimmy Garrett, James Lamb and Harold Melzer.

Bob Flatt and Corlies McLeod are team managers.

Sheriff Mails Tax Notices Thutsday

Sheriff Wilson mailed the tax notices Thursday insuring that each property owner in the county will receive some mail before the week is out. Taxes will be somewhat larger over most of the county this year than last but will overall be probably smaller than for any other county in the state. Taxes are due on or before November 15 and early payment will aid the sheriff's office.

Moro Teachers Officially Received

Teachers of the Moro schools, all new to the community, were introduced and made to feel welcome at a reception in their honor held last Friday night at the school auditorium.

After two solos by Tom Fraser and two piano solos by Mrs. Charles Ruggles groups were formed to write timetricks. Best of these, as judged by the crowd was one read by B H Robertson that had to do with Tom Preece, his build and his discipline in school.

Sandwiches and coffee were served by members of the Women's club committee, others having arranged the program.

American Leginnaires To Confer Monday

The district conferences of the American Legion and Auxiliary will begin next Sunday with a meeting for the north end of District 5 will be held in The Dalles. It will be an afternoon and evening meeting.

Speakers will be Dan McDade, commander, Penn Crum, W E Kletzer, Richard Smurthwaite, Ed Eggen, Fritz Nissen, new adjutant, Mrs Frank vonBorstel, Auxiliary president and Mrs Mac Whitcomb, department secretary.

To be discussed principally are: 1) conservation, 2) liaison with World War II veterans, 3) child welfare and maternity care, 4) employment, as well as other phases of Legion work.

Club Fair Held With Few Entries, Small Audience

Livestock and Other Exhibits Made Despite War and Transportation Difficulty

The annual 4-H club fair was held last Saturday on hasty notice which restricted the attendance somewhat and also the number of exhibits. Fewer numbers of livestock were shown than in previous years.

In the beef division Merle Eakin was first, Harry Hartley second and Duane Eakin third. In beef showmanship Harry Hartley was first, Duane Eakin second and Merle Eakin third.

Dick Oveson won in the yearling ewe class. Clarence May won with ewe lamb and Dick Oveson for ram. The fat crossbred class was won by Joan Oveson with Willy Knighten jr. second and Clarence May third. In sheep showmanship Bob Hoskinson was first, Willy Knighten jr. second, Joan Oveson third, Dick Oveson fourth and Clarence May fifth.

In the swine class Dick Oveson was first with fat barrow, Ed Fritts with sow pig, Doran Fritts second and Scott Fritts third. In pig showmanship Scott Fritts was first, Doran Fritts second, Ed Fritts third and Dick Oveson fourth.

In the dairy class Ed Fritts and Scott Fritts won with Guernsey and Jersey, respectively and Ed Fritts, Clarence May, Scott Fritts and Doran Fritts placed in that order in the showmanship contest.

In the garden divisions Ed Fritts and Willy Knighten Jr. had the best early potatoes and Doran Fritts, Scott Fritts and Ed Fritts won in the late potato class. Willy Knighten Jr. was adjudged to have the best garden.

For New Hampshire Reds Ed Fritts was first, Doran Fritts second, Joan Oveson third, Scott Fritts fourth and Willy Knighten Jr. fifth.

Donna Kay Sparling and Diane Christianson tied in the ice-box cookie contest in Cooking I and Priscilla Melzer won with drop cookies. In Cooking III Anajean Knighten won first and also had the best bread. In Clothing I Donna Sparling was first as was Anajean Knighten in Canning.

Bonneville Dam Now At Capacity

Bonneville dam's 18 huge spillway gates have been closed by W.S. Army Engineers, and the entire flow of the Columbia river is being diverted through the Bonneville powerhouse in an effort to keep the nine generators now in service near their peak production.

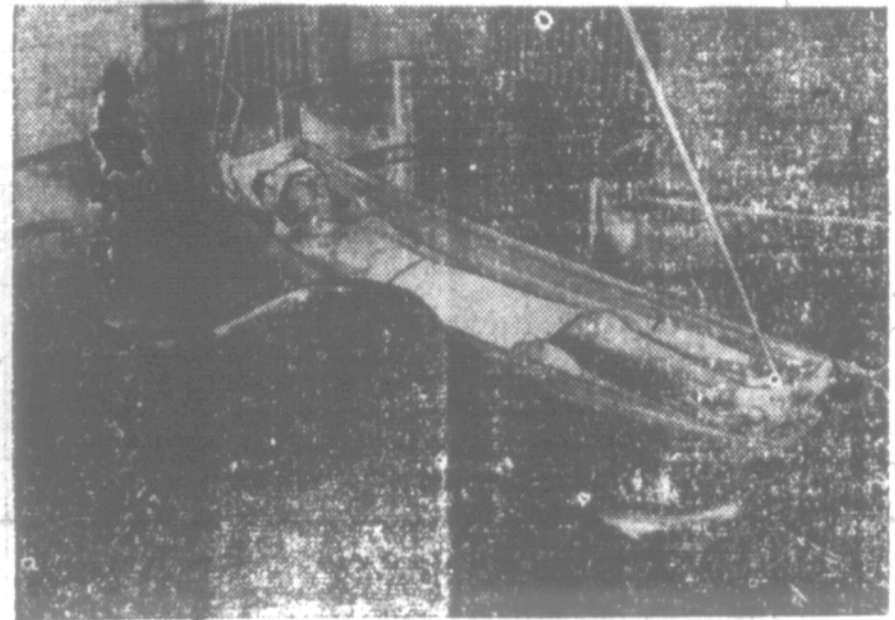
This has been necessary to meet power demands on the Bonneville-Grand Coulee system which have reached as high as 1,146,000 kilowatts-100,000 kw above the rated capacity of the two plants, Bonneville Power Administrator Paul J. Raver said.

At Grand Coulee dam one new generator will be ready for service in November and a second unit will be ready early in 1944. In addition to the increased capacity made available by these new installations, Bonneville engineers believe it may be necessary to use some storage from the Grand Coulee reservoir in order to carry peak loads this winter.

TEACHERS TO MEET

The teachers' institute for the north central district of Oregon will be held in The Dalles October 25-26 according to Willy Knighten, county school superintendent. All teachers will be expected to attend the two day session.

Keyhole Shaped Bath Tub Heals Heroes



This bath tub, which is a keyhole is one of the many modern refinements of the massive Halloran general hospital. Located at St. Paul, Minn., the bath shown here is designed to aid in the treatment of leg and arm amputees.

Howard Conlee Finds Flak Worse Than Enemy Fighter Planes

Sgt. Howard Conlee arrived Thursday night for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Conlee. He had spent as much time confining from Mississippi to Moro as he required to come from his North African base to Miami, Florida.

Howard had been overseas for 14 months and away from Moro for 22 months when he arrived home for his furlough. He has been based in Palestine and in Africa as a member of the Ninth Air Force and has made missions over Crete, Italy and many other places when the Germans were retreating across the northern rim of that continent.

Although pictured as waist gunner on a Liberator, Sgt. Conlee is a top turret gunner when at his regular post. Flights are made at height of above 20,000 feet to evade the anti-aircraft fire which is the greatest menace to airmen, he says. Fighter planes are not so bad, but flak can be thrown fast enough from a well protected spot to make a curtain of metal through which the plane must go to reach the spot over the target.

Enemy cannon on fighters are short range guns and are not effective at a distance of over 500 yards and the 50 caliber machine guns used on bombers are dangerous for a greater distance than enemy fighter's cannon. Hitting an enemy plane is quite a trick but new equipment is being put into use that makes the job easier and much more certain, says Howard.

Sgt. Conlee will leave in about a week to return to Mississippi from where he will start training as an air cadet which will take 15 months after which he will be a pilot if successful.

Fort Hall Once Celebrated Spot

In 1846 the boundary line between the United States and the British possessions to the north and Fort Hall was in American territory. The Hudson's Bay banner, however, continued to wave over the old fort until 1856 when the company deserted it.

In 1849 Colonel Loring left two companies of mounted riflemen there, who built Cantonment Loring a few miles northwest of the old post.

At old Fort Hall occurred many historic events. It was there that Jason Lee on July 27, 1834, preached the first sermon west of the Rocky Mountains. It was there that the emigrants decided to go to Oregon or California. It was there that they decided to leave their wagons or try to pull them through to the Willamette Valley.

In 1859 and 1860 U.S. troops and Oregon Volunteers were stationed at Fort Hall to protect emigrants on the Old Oregon Trail. In 1862 and 1864 high water covered the site and caved in the adobe walls. The woodwork was carried away by settlers and Fort Hall lost its identity. Grass grew where once activity existed. With the passing of the years, the location of the old fort became unknown. But in 1906 the memory of it was revived by Ezra Meeker, then seventy-six years of age, who had passed that way in 1852. He stirred up an interest in the historic outpost, and its original location was discovered and marked.

Man, however, plays havoc with old landmarks, and the site of Fort Hall has been inundated by the backwaters of the American Falls dam—but neither fire nor flood can erase memories, and old Fort Hall lives on in the annals of history.

LICENSE ISSUED
A marriage license was granted Monday to George Alfred Meritt and Agnes P. Duncan, both of Klondike.

Two Sherman County Families Have 5 In Service

With the induction of Patty O'Meara into the navy last week Sherman county has two families with five sons each in the armed forces.

The Macnab family has had five sons in service for nearly a year and three of them are overseas. Tom is in Australia in a hospital, Bob and Pete are in the Pacific zone in the navy, George is in Indiana and John is a major in the dental corps at McChord Field, Washington.

Of the O'Meara boys Phil and Richard are in Africa or Italy. James is in Texas, Steve, and now Patty, in the navy.

Value of Crested Wheat Studied

A three weeks' study of the experience of farmers with crested wheat grass in eastern Oregon has just been completed by G W Kuhlman, associate economist in farm management, and H L Thomas, agricultural economist with the Soil Conservation service.

Farmers in most of the localities visited have no intention of plowing up any acreage of the crested wheat grass as a means of increasing wheat acreage, the investigators found, as they find wheat grass fits in well with combined wheat and livestock operations, especially when planted, as most of it is, on land least adaptable to wheat production.

War Ration Book Coming Thru Schools

School teachers will distribute War Ration Book 4. This job will be done October 27-28 in Sherman county with office hours from 3 o'clock until 7:30 in the afternoon. Those who obtain Book 4 will have to present their War Ration Book 3 in order to get it. All of the five schools of the county will be open for the purpose of distributing the new books.

Wheat Loans Made On Third of Crop

As of the end of September there were 387 wheat loans made in this county which accounted for 1,209,970 bushels of the 1943 wheat crop. Money loaned the farmers through these loans totaled \$1,583,443. Since the first of the month an additional 44 loans have been made. Loaning on wheat is slowing up a little now as some farmers prefer to wait until later in the year for their loans and nearly everyone has at least one loan made if he desired one at this time.

MILK SUPPLY SERIOUS

War Food Administrator Marvin Jones has his hands full trying to figure out a remedy for the acute milk supply situation which is getting worse each day. Milk producers are screaming to the high heavens and demanding that something be done immediately to relieve them of the squeeze they are in. The only way out seems to be a subsidy on feed for whole milk producers. It is estimated that such a subsidy will cost over \$100 million and many farm organizations, including flocks of milk producers, have been battling anything that smacks of general subsidy. However, competent observers firmly believe subsidy is the only way out. In order to give some farm groups a chance to gracefully back up on their attitude on subsidies some flossy names will be suggested for this new program, such as "processor subsidy, producer subsidy," or "transportation subsidy"—anything to get away from the fact or name of a consumer subsidy.

Individual Bond Quota Raised 2 & a Half Times

Final Computation Expected Within Week On Nation's Biggest Loan

Official figures have not been compiled by the Oregon headquarters in charge of the treasury's third war loan drive which makes it impossible to give Sherman county's comparative position in the state.

The amount of bonds sold in the county has been added locally although it is probable that some others will be credited to this county through the federal reserve bank by purchases made in other places by residents of this county.

Incomplete figures show that Sherman county citizens bought \$173,806.25 in "E" bonds and the total may be slightly higher than this. This is 243 percent of the county "bond" quota.

In other bonds which are to count on the county's individual quota \$39,235 were sold in the county. The quota for this type of bonds was \$14,000. The percentage of these bonds sold was 278.

The total amount of bonds sold of "E" and other bonds in the individual quota was \$213,041.25 which is slightly under 250 percent of the individual quota given the county, which is made up of the quota for all kinds of bonds except corporation bonds.

The individual quota is all that the county is responsible for selling as the corporation quota in nearly every case in Oregon comes from outside the county in allotments made from purchases made by national corporations.

The county quota for corporation bonds was \$51,800. Bought in the county by corporations was \$14,000 and allotments have been made of \$23,100 by the state committee. These are, however, far from complete. Figures published Wednesday indicated that the corporation quota in the state was 180 percent of quota and individual quota were still well under 100 percent.

If Sherman county's corporation sales is 180 percent of the quota of \$51,800 there would be another \$93,240 to add to the \$213,041 to give the county a total bond sale of \$306,000 or 223 percent of the total quota given the county.

While these figures are based on known information as far as it is possible full knowledge of sales will not be complete until the state headquarters makes its report, probably next week. Final results, however, will not be far distant from the above figures.

Speeding Near Held Dangerous

Oregon law requires motorists to observe a maximum speed of 20 miles an hour while passing school buildings and grounds during recess or while children are in evidence. Secretary of State Bob Farrel reminded Oregon drivers today, as schools in this state start their fall terms.

School safety patrols are in operation at many street crossings in the vicinity of schools in this state and Farrel urges drivers to cooperate with these patrols in the interests of accident prevention.

"It is up to drivers to be on the alert while passing school buildings and grounds."

Farrell pointed out that during the first six months of this year, there were two pedestrians killed in the vicinity of schools on rural highways. These fatalities could have been prevented, he said, had pedestrians and motorists alike observed safe walking and driving rules.