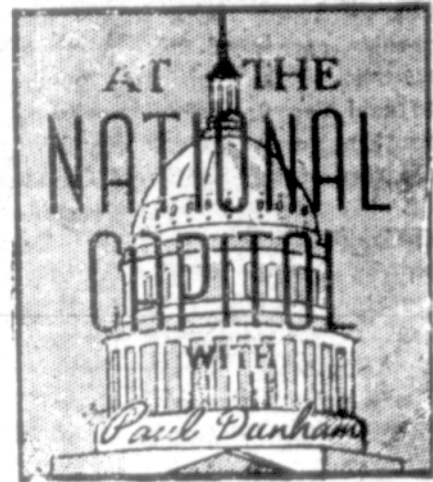


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Warm Days Unseasonable, Drive Out Frost

Moisture Below Normal And Winter Slipping Along Toward Spring

For the first time in 11 years the new deal has lost its majority in the lower house of the congress. This has been brought about by death, by resignations and by appointments to federal jobs. Today there are 217 Democrats in the house, and a majority of 218. Nor have the Republicans a majority. The gradual extinction of Democrats of the new deal variety has been progressing. From time to time, when there was a whopping Democratic majority, President Roosevelt would reward some faithful house member by appointing him to a federal judgeship or some political job, usually with a lifetime tenure. These appointments did not matter, because of the tremendous majority, until the last two years when the places of the 100-percenters were captured by Republicans. Oregon removed its one Democratic house member by electing a Republican and Washington Republicans made inroads on its solid Democratic delegation.

Whatever may be the outcome on the presidency, it is now freely predicted that the Republican party will be in control of the house following the November election. Of the 217 Democrats remaining not all are new dealers and, in fact, many of them are as opposed to the political policies of the administration as are the most reactionary Republicans. Take the case of Representative Smith of Virginia, an old-line Democrat, who demands that the department of justice take proceedings against Philip Murray of CIO, contending that CIO is violating the law in collecting an \$800,000 campaign fund to be used for Mr. Roosevelt. Mr. Smith and Senator Tom Connally of Texas are sponsors of a bill prohibiting labor unions from contributing money to political campaigns. Members of the CIO in the northwest have been chipping in to the fund, as heretofore reported in this column.

There promises to be plenty of work for the AMG (allied military government) in the liberated countries of Europe—work which will be far from agreeable and which will test the administrative ability of members to the utmost. A number of prominent Oregon and Washington men have been assigned to these duties, among them former Mayor Joseph K. Carson of Portland and former Multnomah county district Judge Donald S. Long. Some of the men from the Pacific northwest are already on duty in North Africa and Sicily and others will be given assignments as rapidly as territory is released from German bondage.

What in the beginning seemed to be a comparatively easy undertaking has been rendered vastly more difficult by the development of fractional divisions in Poland, Italy, France, Greece, Yugoslavia and others of the smaller countries conquered by Hitler, each faction claiming to represent a majority of the people and each demanding recognition by the United Nations. In Italy, Greece and Yugoslavia these domestic differences have reached the stage of open hostilities, and a similar situation is rapidly developing in France. In Poland the government in exile is being discredited by its controversy with Russia, over the boundary question, and even Norway is not free from domestic turmoil.

The prospect of setting up democratic forms of government under such conditions is not encouraging.

For the past week the weather has been very much unlike January. The days have been warm. This week for instance Monday's top was recorded as 47, Tuesday as 54 and Wednesday at 56. Earlier in the month there were some days that were warm also. Coldest weather for the month has been 14 which is not very cold for the normally coldest month of the year.

The temperature, however, is not what is worrying the farmers who stand on the street corners in the sunshine and hope for a big snow. What they want is moisture.

Moisture lacking The summerfall in which the 1944 crop is planted is wet clear down, because of 1943 crop year moisture and the big rains of last October. Almost no precipitation has fallen since then. November was drier than usual, December among the lowest and so far in January but .54 inch has fallen and most of that dissipated because of frost in the ground. Normal for January is 1.59.

Stories that the midwest is dry are not so important as is the lack of moisture here. The mid-west normally receives most of its precipitation in the spring and summer anyway. We either get ours in the winter or not at all.

The frost has nearly all been taken out of the ground by the mild chinook and the warm sunshine putting the ground in excellent condition for a snow for the first time since the first of December when freezing began.

Mrs. Eliza Dingle Dies of Heart Attack

Mrs. Eliza Dingle of Wasco died in a hospital in The Dalles Sunday evening after a few hours illness. She had suffered a heart attack at her Wasco home earlier in the day and succumbed shortly after reaching the hospital.

Mrs. Dingle was born in Indiana, January 24, 1863 and came to Oregon in the 90s where she married John McDermid who died in 1920. In 1925 she was married to Richard Dingle who passed away in 1930.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Julia Brown of Westport, Ky., a brother Alfred Smith of Pomona, California and a nephew, Clyde Ogle in The Dalles. Richard Dingle, Mrs. Nellie Fields and Mrs. Prudence Fields of Rufus are step children.

Mrs. Dingle has long been interested in church work and has been the giver of many benevolences. She traveled extensively until recent years making a trip to England and Palestine before the war.

Funeral services were held Thursday from the Christian church in Wasco of which she was a long time member. Interment was made in Sunrise cemetery.

Lois Coats Honor Student at EGCE

Miss Lois Coats, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Coats of Wasco, is on the second honor roll for fall term at the Oregon College of Education at Monmouth. This honor goes to those who have earned a grade-point average of 3.0 or better while carrying a minimum of 15 term hours. Miss Coats graduated from Wasco high school with the class of 1943 and is now a freshman on the campus.

Marshall Inspects Oahu Jungle Fighters



Gen. George C. Marshall, U. S. army chief of staff, and Lieut. John H. Ferguson (left) of the infantry, watch a well trained jungle fighter crash a barbed wire obstacle with a fast charge. Lieutenant Ferguson, an instructor in jungle fighting, was the first married man to be drafted from San Antonio, Texas.

January Court Session Finds Many Yearly Jobs That Need Attention

PROCEEDINGS OF JANUARY 5, 1944 MEETING OF COUNTY COURT

In re: Claims presented against county general and road funds; claims allowed as presented and ordered paid.

County Treasurer presents monthly statement of fund balances as of December 31, 1943; Statement examined, approved and ordered filed.

Application presented by H. H. Willard for recommendation of court for renewal of Beer License; Recommended that license be issued.

Court approved and signed two deeds wherein County conveys delinquent tax foreclosed property located in Hay's Addition to Moro to Charles and Myra Ballard.

H. B. Pinkerton and Dewey Thompson conferred with court relative to cattle crossing and crossing and Road culvert respectively; Action referred pending further investigation.

Court made report to Local Selective Board showing efforts having been made relative to replacement of present District Attorney.

Union Oil Company presented contract for signature of court pertaining to Gas & Oil purchases for 1944; Action deferred pending further consideration.

Delegation appeared before the court, submitting a budget and proposed cooperative program for control of Mormon Crickets during summer of 1944; Court expresses willingness to cooperate pending further developments.

County Treasurer presents court with semi-annual report covering period from July 1, 1943 to January 1, 1944; Report approved and filed.

Court issues order directing County Treasurer to purchase year bonds to the extent of \$300,000, which were from Post War Sinking Fund.

In re: Official Assignments for year of 1944, the following appointments were made:

Sherman County Journal designated as County Official newspaper.

County Health Officer, Dr. Ethel Reuter.

County Trust Officer: Sheriff C. C. Wilson.

County Fair Board Member for 3 year term: Roy P. Barnett, retiring member, reappointed for 3 year term.

DeMoss Memorial Park Board: County Court.

Board of County Road Viewers: L. L. Peetz, Roy Powell and H. B. Pinkerton.

County Road Foreman: L. L. Peetz.

Board to Administer Dam Damage Indemnity Fund: W. E. Bruckert, Tom Douma, Louis Sather.

County Brand Inspector: Tom Garrett.

In re: Appointment of Election Boards of all county voting precincts for years of 1944 and 1945. Board so appointed subject to revisions.

Circuit court jury panel comprising 200 names, selected for 1944 and list thereof compiled.

No further matters being at issue court adjourned subject to call of County Judge.

Attest: ROSS ORNDUFF Clerk of Court

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR DECEMBER, 1943, AND APPROVED AT JANUARY 10, 1944 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT THEREOF

General Fund:

First National Bank, General Assistance \$161.16; Bancroft-Whitney Co., 1943 Cumulative Pocket parts for O.C.L.A. \$40.00; First National Bank, Old Age Assistance \$115.00; First National Bank, aid to the blind \$7.60; First National Bank, aid to dependent children \$50.80; David Reid, County Commissioner \$9.00; Vernon I. Miller, County Commissioner \$5.60; T. Lester Johnson, District Attorney expense \$7.50; May & Son, County Jail expense \$1.01; West Coast Printing & Binding Co., Assessor's office expense \$189.40; W. T. Balsler, Insurance on furniture and fixtures courthouse \$152.26; Mid-Columbia Typewriter Co., assessor's office expense \$12.50; Oregon State Agricultural College, second half of 1943-44 budget appropriation for Agricultural Agent \$1,105.00; Sherman County Journal, county printing \$7.25; Giles L. French, premiums on officers' bonds \$100.00; Department of Agriculture, sealer, weights and measures, \$3.76; Pac. Tel. & T. I. telephones all offices \$28.95; City of Moro, water for courthouse \$1.85; Pac. Power & Light Co., light for December \$43.55; State Industrial Accident Commission, peace officer's protection \$5.31; J. C. Freeman, P.M. box rent due quarter ending March 31, 1944 \$3.75; J. C. Freeman P.M. stamps clerk's office \$10.00; Mrs. L. L. Taylor, veterinarians field labor \$9.00; First National Bank, withholding tax, county employees \$81.38; Freeland's Stationery & Office Supply, Sun's office expense \$9.45; T. McMillan Co., Sun's office

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William Holdaway Dies Here Friday

William M. Holdaway, 61, died at the home of his son in Moro Friday morning, January 14 from tuberculosis. He has been here this winter but had not been seriously ill until recent weeks.

Mr. Holdaway was born in Texas March 12, 1882 and came to Washington when a baby, living for many years at Glenwood. He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Jack Roberts of Portland, two sons, Cpl. Charles I. with the U. S. Engineers in the south Pacific, and Pvt. Richard, now thought to be in the European war zone, with the air corps engineers. Friends from Glenwood and Roosevelt, Wn., attended the funeral as did Horace White a life long friend from Portland.

Funeral services were conducted from Calloways in The Dalles Tuesday with interment in the Odd-Fellows cemetery there.

Farmers, AAA, Extension Men Plan 1944 Crops

More Wheat, Less Barley, Fewer Hogs Asked of Farmers This Year

The meeting with farmers and representatives of the extension service and AAA was held last Friday for a general discussion of the program to be followed by Sherman county producers during 1944.

Charley Smith said there was to be little change from 1943 in the labor situation, little improvement in machinery supplies and possibly a better stock of extras available.

There is less demand for pork, OPA not relenting, as local packing houses have closed. The demand is for cereals, he said. Dry adobe peas are wanted by the government.

At one time, he reported, the state had around 4,000,000 acres under plow. In 1943 2,965,300 acres was cropped. If the national goal is achieved there should be 3,116,400 acres in crop in 1944. There is already 802,000 in fall wheat.

He recommended no change in the long time program.

Clyde Kiddie said Sherman county had 121,000 acres available for crop in 1944, normally had 134,500 acres in on even years and 136,000 in odd years. He asked for increased marketings of cattle in 1944 to reduce the total numbers to 13 percent less than at present.

LeRoy Wright said the wheat crop south of Gordon ridge was equal to that of 1942 but had fallen down north of that ridge making the total crop slightly under the previous year. The county now had 15,000 head of cattle as compared to 3000 in 1935.

In the afternoon the visitors endeavored to determine percentages of certain crops that would be produced in relation to 1943. They were told the county would produce as many potatoes, as many dry peas (350 acres) as many oats, 110 percent as much wheat, 25 percent as much barley, as much hay (16,000 acres). Right of way makes up from 5 to 6 percent of the total acreage, it was explained.

This will make the county acreage division roughly as follows: 106,700 acres of wheat, 4,500 acres of oats and barley and 10,000 acres of hay. The remainder of the crop land is in crested wheat grass, little of which will be disturbed.

Also the men present said it was their opinion that cattle would be reduced the requested 13 percent, sheep would remain about the same in numbers and hogs would be cut to 40 percent, poultry and victory gardens to remain about the same.

Red Cross Quota \$4100 This Year

The county's Red Cross quota has been set at \$4,100 for the March drive, the largest quota the county has ever had. The per capita quota is \$2.40 according to the population figures released this week which give the county 1708 citizens, an increase of 65 since the fall count.

The Red Cross campaign will start in March. It is expected that the annual meeting of the county association will be held in a few weeks and plans made to conduct the work of obtaining the funds requested.

Paralysis Ball Scheduled For January 29

The dance that has been given annually to raise money for the treatment and prevention of Infantile Paralysis will be given this year at the Moro Legion Hall January 29th. Mrs. Lawrence Kenney is chairman. Tickets are on sale at McMillan's in Wasco, Bucholtz Confectionery in Moro, Ed Alleys in Grass Valley and Norton's in Kent.

The quotas for the March of Dimes, another feature of the campaign against Infantile Paralysis are higher this year than before. At Grass Valley A A Dunlap is collecting funds for the campaign.

Juniors Present Play To Large Crowd

It all happened at Mrs. Skipworth's (Doris Payne) boarding house in Chicago. Her place was practically infested with working girls who did everything from working in the five and ten to reporting. There was Dorothy Brill (Patricia Pinkerton) Peggy Walters (Mary Sayrs), Gladys Herman (Patty French) Nancy Lane (Veda Belshee) Kate Roberts (Anajan Knighten) Rosina Blanshish (Doris Jones) Minnie Peters (Dorothy Barnett) and Marcella Turner (Margie Barnett). The comedy part, that of the awkward maid Imogene, fell to Gloria Douma.

It seems that Kate's brother Bob (Dean Wilcox) had gotten himself into some difficulty by driving through a stop light and killing a pedestrian. He was arrested by Sergeant Kelly (Wayne Melzer) and put on trial while all the girls tried to find means of proving his story that he had been forced to drive recklessly by a gangster.

All Right In The End

Ken Howard (Duane Lemley) reporter on an opposition paper also aided but was scorned by the girls, including Kate, until he proven himself valuable. Henry Banks (Bob Brisbane), who came to see Nancy, picked up a hanger-on, Limpy (Bob Platt) who told about it and thus the release of the youth was accomplished. Hank (Harold Melzer) quarreled with the maid and the landlady on his frequent trips for the laundry. Barry Richards (Tommy Foster) married Rosina to add another interest to the play.

Mrs. Tom Preece coached the Juniors in their play and cast them in parts so skillfully that the play held the interest of a large crowd every minute the curtain was up.

J. J. Wiley Buried In Portland

Julius J. Wiley, long time resident of this section, died Sunday in Portland after an illness of about a month. He has been a resident of the city for about 15 years.

When a young man Mr. Wiley worked in the old Umatilla house in The Dalles until he came to Shaniko where he built the first building when that town was started in 1900. He was later in business in Kent and Grass Valley before buying a farm east of that town. He farmed a few years before his retirement to the insurance and real estate business in Portland.

Surviving are his wife, Alata, a son Ed and a grand daughter, Mrs. Gus Koepke of The Dalles and a step son, Herman Praag.

Funeral services were conducted in Portland Wednesday with interment in Lincoln Memorial Park.

Glen McLachlan returned from the hospital late last week and is recuperating at home.

Bond Sale Starts Toward County Goal of \$142,100

Salesmen Working Daily To Sell Bonds To Neighbors In Fourth War Loan

Sales of \$14,850 in war bonds were made the first day of the Fourth War Loan campaign in Moro to give a start toward the goal of \$142,000 which this county is expected to raise before February 15, when the drive closes.

Possibility of raising this fund is strengthened by the information that there is more money in the local bank than in September as there is more money on deposit throughout the state than at the beginning of the Third War Loan drive.

Because of the success of the local efforts in the former drive few changes have been made in the local organization and then only when necessary. In a general way the same men will cover the same territory.

Joe Peters started work in the Moro and west district Tuesday and has already reported sales of above \$12,000. Collis Moore and Art Bucholtz are in the Hay Canyon district today and Clarence Sparling and Merrill Oveson will work the Lone Rock and upper Hay Canyon country.

H. D. Proffoot will sell bonds in the district southwest of Wasco, that bounded on the north by the Wasco west road, the west by the Deschutes river, by Gordon ridge on the south and the Sherman Highway on the east. Ormand Hildebrand and Art Smith will take their old district from the Wasco west road to the highway. It is expected that ex-Judge Potter will again cover the Klondike district. Because of illness of Alex Macnab another will have to be obtained to take the northeast district with C. E. Coats.

At Grass Valley a meeting will be held Sunday to determine who will see their neighbors and take orders for the government bonds.

Arthur Justesen and Dick Abell will solicit in the Kent district, from Bourbon south.

No quotas are established for the several sections of the county although there is competition to see that each showing is as good as any.

The campaign runs from January 18th until February 15, a period of four weeks.

New System Gives Few More Points

Mrs. America's point stamps still will bring her about the same amount of rationed foods after the new ration token plan goes into effect the latter part of February. At the present time consumers get ration stamps in the amount of 64 points per month for meats and fats, and 48 points for processed foods. When the new plan goes into effect, all stamps will be worth 10 points each. Three stamps will become valid at the beginning of each two-week period for meats and fats, making a monthly total of 60 points. Five processed food stamps will be validated each month, making a total of 50 points. Meats and fats points are expected to be dropped slightly and processed foods points probably will be upped. So Mrs. America should come out about the same—except she'll get tokens worth one point in change, and these tokens will have no expiration date.

Members of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary met at the Odd Fellows hall Wednesday night for a pot-luck dinner. A welcome was given to four discharged from the armed forces of the present war, Gene Lockett, Loyal Zell, Clifford May and Max Belshe who are eligible to become Legionnaires.