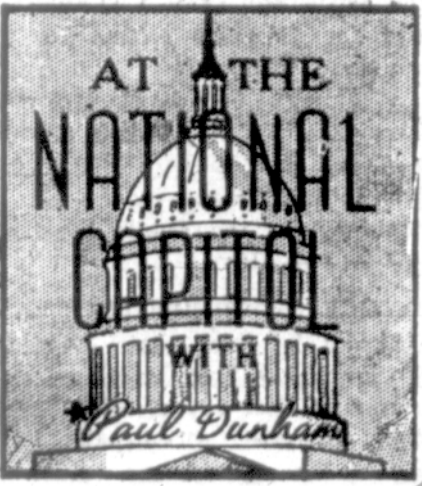


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It is becoming more and more evident to candidates of both parties that a union labor endorsement for any political office is almost equivalent to the kiss of death, so say the politicians who keep their ears to the ground. Many candidates up for election and re-election have told their campaign managers to turn "thumbs down" on any idea of having union labor organizations come out actively for them. Any such open support and publicity, they believe, will work to the detriment of any candidate, in fact, it is agreed by the wise boys that, to have union labor come out openly against a candidate is one of the best bets he has for election.

Many labor leaders know such to be the truth. They also know a large percentage of the rank and file of their membership will not follow organized labor's political endorsements but, on the contrary, will vote the other way, which has been proved in past elections. A good 75 percent of all union members belong to the union because they have to, so to speak. When they get in the election booth it's one of the few times they are accorded an opportunity to register their dislike and the antagonism they hold toward certain union leaders.

Top flight labor leaders know that the public is fed up on war-time strikes. William Green, president of AFL, has taken the lead in attempting to smooth over the bad relations existing between organized labor and the public by again reiterating his pledge of no strikes for the duration, regardless of any grievance labor may have. "No matter how great the grievance or how aggravated a situation might be there can be no justification for local strikes or local stoppages of work. Our soldiers are meeting their situations in a courageous way," said Green.

This word has been passed on by the big chief of the AFL to his subordinates in no uncertain terms. It is expected Philip Murray, president of CIO, will come out with a like statement very soon. Labor leaders know their political influence at present is at an all-time low. It's the intention of both organizations to make every possible effort to build up good will before the fall elections. Organized labor would like to make its voting strength count this year. But competent observers say labor has a huge amount of fence building to do pronto if they expect to get back in the good graces of John Q. Public.

Judging from reports received back here, the high command of the Democratic party is pleased with the political outlook in the northwest. After Vice President Henry A. Wallace, Robert E. Hannagan, national chairman, and Oscar R. Ewing, vice chairman, broke bread with the faithful last Tuesday in Portland at the annual Jackson day banquet, they held some long pow-pows on the strategy to be used in the coming campaign. The party war horses predicted both states are in the bag for a fourth term. The trio stopped off in Seattle for a day on their way east to talk shop with the Washington state bigwigs, who assured them "everything was safe for Democracy" around those parts. Wendell Willkie, accompanied by Ralph Cate, his western political Moses, will now take up where the Democrats left off by feasting with the boys and girls in Tacoma and Portland the last of the week.

It is predicted the coming campaign will see many prominent Democrats on the Republican band wagon, who are against a fourth

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Nazis Preparing for 'H' Hour



Field Marshal Von Rundstedt, who commands German forces in western Europe, is shown as he inspected a sector of the "Atlantic wall" defenses recently. The entire war psychology of Germany apparently has passed from the offensive to the defensive and constant predictions were being made by Nazis as to the date of an Allied invasion from England.

Electrical Gadgets For Convenient Living Industry's Post-war Promise

Precipitrons that will prevent the tiniest particle of dust, soot, smoke or dirt from entering the households they guard, and home laundry equipment that does the family wash with the push of a button are but samples of new electrical conveniences that await users in the post-war world, according to D. B. Leonard, Pacific Power & Light Co., commercial manager, and chairman of that company's postwar planning committee, who has returned from Pittsburgh.

Though manufacturing facilities are devoted to war goods, and peace-time products are still in the blue-print stage, post-war development plans are now so complete that a five-fold national increase in the average home use of electricity has been predicted, he said.

Leonard was one of more than 200 representatives of the nation's major electric utility companies invited to attend a post-war power use forum conducted by the Westinghouse Manufacturing Co. in the Pennsylvania city.

New developments in lighting will deliver almost double the foot-candles of illumination that pre-war uses of electricity provided.

A lesser application of electronics will enable you to open your garage doors with push-button control from your approaching car.

A sterilamp will kill harmful bacteria in sickrooms, safeguard baby's bottle and increase the days that food may be held in household refrigerator. A versatile lamp will be equally adapted to handling factory fumes or ridding the kitchen of cooking odors. Floor lamps in your living room will utilize improved fluorescent lighting.

Most post-war homes will have complete automatic laundry equipment and an economical electric clothes dryer will dispel the inconvenience of rainy wash days.

Quantities of new household electrical equipment will become available five or six months after the close of the war, Leonard predicted. Manufacturers will first produce 1942 and what would have been 1943 models as they convert their factories to peace-time pursuits and turn to post-war blueprints.

ASTP and Navy V12 Test Available Here

The third Qualifying Test for the Army Specialized Training Program and the Navy V-12 program will be given Wednesday, March 15, at 9:00 A. M. at the Moro High school. Tom Preece has announced. A leaflet of general information which contains an admission-identification form may be obtained at the school. This form properly filled out will admit to the test students between the ages of 17 and 21 inclusive who are high school graduates or who will be graduates by July 1, 1944. Intent to take the test should be made known immediately to the principal in order that the necessary test supplies may be ordered.

The Army Specialized Training Program is aimed to meet the Army's needs for specialists and technicians in certain critical fields of study. Academic work is at the college level at government expense.

The Navy College Program also enables students to continue academic training at government expense.

Woman's Club Has Discussion Of Constitution

The regular meeting of the Moro Woman's club was held Friday February 4th with the president, Mrs. B. H. Roberson, presiding. At the conclusion of the business session a program on the Constitution of the United States was presented under the direction of Mrs. Wily Knighten and assisted by Mrs. Howard Conlee and Mrs. C. W. Kenny. Opening the program the flag was presented and the Pledge of Allegiance given under the leadership of Girl Scouts, Joan Oveson, Donna Kay Sparling and Priscilla Melzer. Patriotic songs were sung at the opening and closing with music arrangement by Mrs. H. B. Pinkerton and piano accompaniment by Mrs. Charles Ruggles. Mrs. E. A. Amidon and Mrs. Ida Davis were hostesses for the afternoon.

The next meeting of the Woman's club will be the sewing meeting with the Red Cross Wednesday February 16th at the home of Mrs. Dewey Thompson. All members are urged to attend.

On March 3 the regular monthly meeting will be held at the club house with Mrs. C. W. Kenny and Mrs. M. A. Bull hostesses for the afternoon. The program "American Home and Consumer's Guide" will be given under the direction of Mrs. M. M. Oveson, assisted by Mrs. Floyd Platt and Mrs. M. A. Bull.

BETTER BINDER TWINE

A new binder twine made of a henequin-jute combination has been developed for 1944 use to replace that made of manila and sisal used before supplies were cut off by the Pacific war. Last year's henequin cotton mixture was used which will now be replaced by the new material.

Erosion Losses One-Third On Wheat Land Say Investigators

Definite figures on the extent and effect of soil erosion on wheat yields in eastern Oregon have just been compiled and published which show that if the present rate of soil erosion on unprotected Columbia basin land is allowed to continue, the region will lose its value as a profitable wheat-producing area within 100 to 150 years.

These facts, with many pages of supporting data, are contained in new station circular, No. 157, authorized jointly by five members of the OSC and the federal Soil Conservation service staffs.

The report is based on scientific studies made in the Wild Horse area in Umatilla county and the Rock Creek area in a lower rainfall district near Condon in Gilliam county. Measurements of soil in wheat fields were compared with measurements made in nearby uncultivated lands to determine the extent of erosion on the various slopes or flat lands.

These measurements reveal that in the Wild Horse area an average of 6.6 inches, or more than one-third of the top soil,

February Starts Wetter Than Past Month

Moisture Lost Almost Entirely Because of Frozen Earth; Fall Below Normal

The first nine days of February have brought nearly as much precipitation to Sherman county as did the entire month of January. Already .64 has fallen as every February day had some precipitation either in the form of snow, sleet or rain. January brought .72 inch.

Any comparison between the two months is strictly academic, however, as little of the precipitation of either month has gotten into the soil where it can be used by the crop. The earth has been tightly frozen when moisture fell and there has been a run-off with every thaw.

The rain of last week end fell on frozen ground and did some washing on summerfallow fields.

Normal for January is 1.59 and less than half that amount fell. The average for February is 1.25, of which we have over half already.

Weather forecasters have reported that a cold wave is coming to the northwestern part of the United States which may include this section. Temperatures of around zero are prophesied or Friday or Saturday.

Those who have dug in the ground, for fun or fencing, say there is well over two feet of moisture in stubble ground. The crop land is also wet, making 1944 crop prospects good.

Old timers say there is still time to get plenty of moisture to fill the deep soil.

Central County School Boards Discuss Costs

School board members of Moro, Erskine, Boardman, Harmony, Fairview-Gorman and DeMoss met Monday night to discuss ways and means of maintaining the type of school now being held. The proposition of raising the grade school tuition paid by the rural districts met with little opposition after the Moro board explained the financial troubles caused by modern school costs.

No definite action was taken although it is probable that the rural districts will be billed for a larger annual tuition sum than the \$80 now paid by them. Actual cost has not been determined for this year.

Less Grain Tested; More Imported

In the last six months of 1942 inspections of wheat totaled 5,475,571 bushels or 200,000 bushels less than in the corresponding period a year ago, according to figures compiled by the state department of agriculture's division of grain inspection in Portland. Nearly 92 percent of the wheat arrived in bulk shipments. Inspections of import receipts were small but still that much over a year ago. These were 23,722 bushels of oats and 2,038 bushels of wheat, all from Canada.

The report shows nearly a 100 percent increase in barley inspections and a jump in oat inspections from 764,629 bushels in the last half of 1942 to 1,036,141 bushels. Inspections of hay climbed from 165 cars to 248 cars.

Reflecting the larger pea deal in the Pendleton area, the division's office at Pendleton made 624 inspections of peas compared with 231 in 1942. Incoming grain inspected at the Astoria office was 1,509,602 bushels, or nearly 200,000 bushels more than the 1942 comparative figure.

Grain receipts from east of the Rocky mountains were 1,172 cars compared with 992 in the earlier period.

School Children Salvaging Paper

A group of school children have been having lots of fun for the past week gathering waste paper. Big and small, with little wagons and arms, they have covered the town and packed a quantity of salvage paper into the Odd-Fellows building sufficient to pack the shells for a good sized battle.

Not only have they gathered the paper but they have done the harder job: sorting and packing it into neat bundles so it can be handled by the freighters and the mills. Handling waste paper has been a chore not liked by elders. Whoever started the youngsters on the job did well for the work is being done thoroughly.

February 11: Still time to buy bonds and help bring victory.

Bond Sales Put County Over Top With 117 percent

Other Than E Bond Sales Slow Despite Investment Values of Issues Offered

According to the official statement of the sale of bonds made by the state war bond staff as of February 5 Sherman county has exceeded its \$142,100 quota by 117.3 percent by selling \$166,700 in bonds.

This sum has been reached by selling \$129,400 in E bonds, \$5,000 in other bonds than Es to individuals, \$32,300 to corporations. Quota for E bonds was \$89,400, for corporation bonds was \$15,700. Both of these figures are well over the top.

The quota for other bonds than E to individuals is lagging. Only \$5000 of this type of bonds has been certified by the state and few sales have been made here. Men who contemplate buying Series C bonds as a backlog against income tax payments have but a few more days to purchase them.

Organizations that desire F and G bonds must get them by the 15th or wait until the next drive or pay the premium.

Jefferson Tops Other Counties

Work in Sherman county has been pretty well completed although some sections have not been entirely worked as yet. This is being taken care of each day. However, it is not considered likely that sales here will be large between now and the end of the drive and counties now behind may be expected to catch up with Sherman county.

Jefferson was highest in the state in sale of E bonds in percentage of quota, having 163.2 percent of a quota of \$69,000.

Good news from Wasco is that total sales there since January 1, are \$37,950 which indicates that coverage in that section has been nearly complete. Slightly over \$40,000 in E bonds was sold at Wasco in September and this \$37,950 shows a high percentage of that sum.

Mrs. Mary Barzee Buried In Portland

The funeral of Mrs. Mary P. Howell Barzee was held in Portland Saturday, February 5, following her death Wednesday at her home there. Mrs. Barzee was born in 1855 in Jasper county, Iowa and crossed the plains with her parents when a girl.

She was married in 1872 near Salem to William S. Barzee, who died in 1939. They lived or many years in Sherman county farming and raising stock. Later years were spent in Portland. Their 65th wedding anniversary was observed in 1937.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Everett McQuellin and seven sons, W. L., H. A., and Eugene of Portland, Clifford of Corvallis, Earl of Wenatchee; Charles of Toledo; and Arthur of Pocatello and many grandchildren and great grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

School District Enlargement Sought

A petition has been filed by residents of that part of Wasco county that joins the Kent school district on the south, asking that 9 sections of land be made a part of the Kent school district thus forming a joint district between the two counties. Wasco county's court, it is understood, has rejected the petition and the Sherman county court, acting as the boundary board, has called for a hearing on the petition. The land in question is the farm formerly belonging to Walter Byers and now occupied by Vern Mobley, whose children are attending the school.

"We Are Buying War Bonds—Are You?"



Part of Sgt. Edward Straube's left foot was shot away at Ferryville, near Bizerte, North Africa. At Halloran General Hospital, Staten Island, N. Y., they are building up his foot again. Sgt. Straube, from Perth Amboy, N. J., buys War Bonds regularly.



Sgt. Bernard Rello, 22, of New York, was wounded by snipers during the Sicilian campaign. His grandparents live in Naples, and he has a brother in the army. Both buy War Bonds regularly. Do you do as much?



Technician 5th Grade John A. Wisniewski, 25, of Deer, Mich., lost his right eye, three fingers and suffered chest wounds from shrapnel in the fight to capture Tunis. He is now recovering at Halloran and is a regular War Bond purchaser.



Pvt. Bernard Heldemann's left leg will be two inches shorter when he is discharged from Halloran. He was wounded by a German bullet during the operations in Sicily last August. His home is Chicago. He has been in traction since Sept. He's buying bonds.



The nickname of Pvt. Milton Lieberman, 27, of Brooklyn, is "Clark Gable." He was wounded in Sicily last August and has been at Halloran since October. Every payday \$12.50 is taken out for War Bonds Lieberman is buying. How many do you buy?