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Not all sectors of the country are as prosperous and busy as the Pacific northwest, where the highest wages ever recorded in that region are being paid in the war industries. Despite the complaint that there is a shortage of manpower and that jobs are going begging at good wages, an attempt has been made to revive the old food stamp program for a large segment of the national population.

The way to hold down the cost of living (food) is to issue food stamps, as a subsidy, it was argued in the senate. Cost of food has soared to the point where the men and women on a stationary, fixed, income are unable to buy foods with sufficient nutritional values. The committee on banking and currency listed the number of people on fixed income by type as follows. Old-age assistance-2,170,000, aid to dependent children 310,000, aid to blind 80,000, receiving general relief 280,000. Other fixed incomes are 1,340,000 in the federal service, excluding the military; in state and local governments 1,920,000; in the public educational group 1,320,000. There are 860,000 receiving veteran pensions and 4,750,000 receiving military allotments; another 10,000 receiving lump-sum old-age and survivors pensions and 680,000 in that category receiving monthly payments. Under the railroad retirement act there are 160,000 on fixed income, with 70,000 drawing civil service pensions. All these aggregate 14,000,000 receiving fixed income. It is this group which suffers most with the increase cost of living, for they cannot stretch their income, and it is this group for which it was proposed to issue food stamps.

According to the bureau of human nutrition and home economics, the basic low cost for an adequate diet for a family of four is \$646 a year. Senator LaFollette says there are 18,000,000 families in the United States whose incomes will not permit that expenditure without robbing other needs. There are 3,488,000 families and single consumers whose income is less than \$500 a year, and 6,652,000 families and single consumers whose cash income is between \$1000 and \$5,000. In all these categories—various types of pensions, old-age assistance, low incomes, etc.—the states of Washington, Idaho and Oregon are represented.

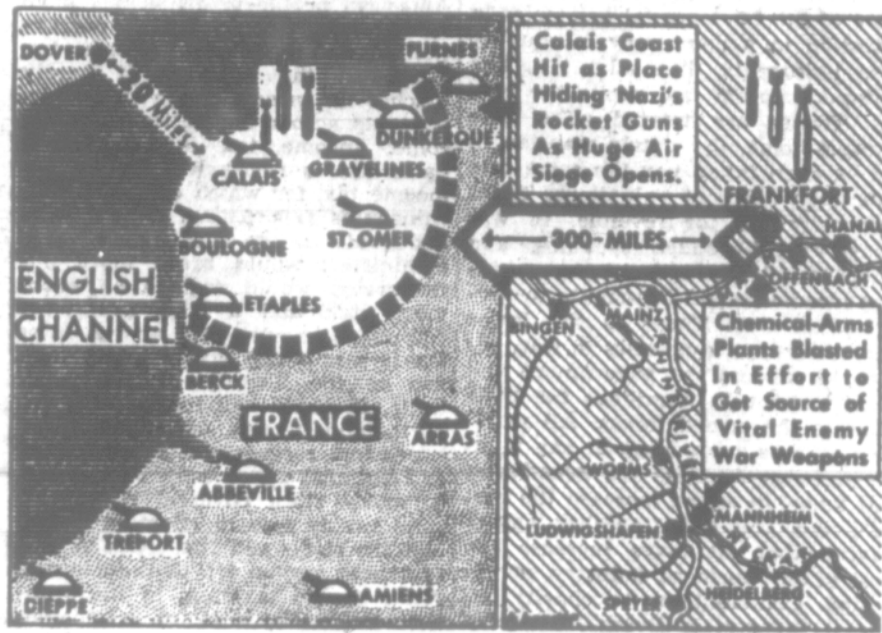
While it is true that everyone has a ration book, the cash income of millions of people is too low to permit them to make purchases at current prices and many of their coupons are given away.

Mortgage loan companies are still fighting to liquidate Home Owners Loan Corp., and they have a high paid lobbyist camping in Washington D. C. Now, however, HOLC is receiving support as the plan to liquidate becomes clearer. HOLC was created in the early days of the new deal to take over distressed mortgages and make new loans on the property in peril. Hundreds of thousands of citizens would have lost their homes had HOLC not come to their rescue. HOLC also bailed out many private mortgage companies by enabling these concerns to shove the sour loans off on Uncle Sam's agency. Since 1936 no loans have been made and HOLC has been a servicing agency, seeing that interest was collected, taxes paid and property kept up. The record for the northwest in repayment of loans has been unsurpassed.

Private lending companies are determined to wipe out HOLC and force it to dispose of the good loans and be "stuck" with the unprofitable ones. They say that

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Where Bombs Are Stopping Rockets



It's Allied bombs against German "rockets" in area at left where the Germans are believed to have mounted emplacements from which to launch their 50 ton projectiles at England. Right: Points in Germany that have been heavily bombed by Allies to wreck sources of these rockets.

Top Price 4-H Calf



This calf, owned by Robert Jargo of Andover, Iowa, brought \$455.90 at the Quad County 4-H Baby Beef show. This is reported to be the highest price ever paid for a calf in Iowa.

Farm Worker Class Being Investigated

Local Selective Service Boards have been ordered to review promptly "deferments of agricultural workers because of the sharp curtailment of available manpower for the Armed Forces. Selective Service has announced. "It is not expected that local boards will defer or continue to defer a registrant as necessary to and regularly engaged in agriculture unless by his own personal and direct efforts he produces 16 or more war units each year." Selective Service asserted. About 1,700,000 men in agriculture were deferred in Class II-C and Class III-C as of January 1, 1944. Of this total, 100,000 are single men below 22 years of age and more than one million are non-farmers. In all other war production and war supporting activities less than 125,000 non-farmers below the age of 22 were deferred as of January 1.

Telephone Rates More Inclusive

The starting time of the night reduced rate period on intrastate long distance calls in Oregon will be advanced from 7 P. M. to 6 P. M., effective March 1. F. A. Dresslar, Oregon Vice President and General Manager of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company announced today.

Designed primarily to spread the evening traffic load and to assist service men and women in their night long distance calls, with a resultant annual saving to Oregon telephone customers estimated at \$40,000, the extension of the night rate period in Oregon was taken following the approval of George H. Flagg, State Public Utilities Commissioner and is in line with a similar step to be taken nationally March 1 on interstate calls.

Red Cross To Plan Campaign Tuesday Night

The annual meeting of the Sherman county chapter, American Red Cross, will be held at the Wasco school house next Tuesday night, February 29, according to Gordon Harper, acting secretary. Election will be held and final plans made for the drive for funds which begins March first.

Many Activities Listed

Expenditures of the Red Cross for the last year, actual to January 1 and estimated for the final two months, show \$15,980,000 spent in service hospitals, \$31,166,000 in service camps and stations, \$4,300,000 in blood donor service, \$5,333,000 in production of garments etc. \$3,494,000 in emergency supplies in combat zones, \$2,995,000 in disaster relief, \$2,160,000 in foreign war relief, \$4,265,000 in health, education and safety service, \$7,175,000 in assistance to chapters, and \$1,900,000 in executive and finance operations.

Chapters expend \$45,000,000 and there are other smaller items of expenditure. National and chapters spent \$142,670,000 in the past year.

Mrs McIntyre Praises Christmas Seal Buyers

Mrs A. H. McIntyre, president of the Sherman County Tuberculosis association, said "that returns from the seal sale in Sherman county although not final, were sufficient so that the local association could go ahead on its program for the year. During the Christmas drive \$948.77 was received by the local association and if some of those who still have their letters unanswered would send in the money the total might reach \$1000."

Nursing Class Starts Soon At LaGrande

Eastern Oregon College will begin a second class in the U. S. Cadet Nurse Corps Tuesday, March 14th. After 8 to 9 months pre-clinical training, here the girls selected will transfer to the Deaconess Hospital in Spokane to complete their clinical training.

Registrar at the college announced that about 40 girls will be selected for this class and applications will be accepted in the order of their receipt at his office with due consideration given to their high school record.

To be eligible a girl must be a graduate from high school, between 17 1/2 and 35 years of age and must be physically able to carry on the duties of a nurse. All expenses are paid by the government, plus \$15.00 per month. Attractive uniforms will be furnished. Any girl accepted must agree to finish the course which lasts from 80 to 36 months.

Polish Missionary Will Talk At Wasco Sunday

Rev. Karl Faulkner, now residing in Portland will speak Sunday morning and evening at the Wasco Christian church.

Rev. Faulkner went to Poland in 1937, as a missionary to the Polish Jews. During his four and one half years in Europe he witnessed the Nazi invasion of Poland and the persecution of the Jews.

Before he was forced to come home he went from Poland to Czechoslovakia, to Hungary to Yugoslavia. All this travel of no avail for he was interned in a concentration camp with 100 other American nationals. He was one of the 13 of this 100 to be released to return home.

He witnessed the German army as it marched past his door against Yugoslavia. Saw much of the Jewish persecution of the Hungarian Jews.

The public is invited to both services morning 11 A. M. and Evening 7:45 P. M.

Legionnaires Meet With Vice Commander

Chris Schultz post, American Legion, was host Wednesday night to veterans of two world wars from Kent, The Dalles, Mosier and Dufur. District vice commander Barney Martin of The Dalles, accompanied by George Caldwell and Roger Wilhelm, talked on the legion program, making the principal speech of the meeting.

Gene Lockett, veteran of World War II was elected vice-commander of the post to replace Floyd Platt, who moved out to command on the death of W. J. Martin. Refreshments were served before the meeting adjourned.

College Work May Be Used For Credit

To help meet the shortage in fully trained elementary and junior high school teachers, Oregon's colleges of education will speed up the period of training for enrollees who have already had a year or more of college work. A liberalized policy of substituting courses taken elsewhere for courses in the teacher training curriculum, and a program of four full quarters a year are the features of the plan.

"There are undoubtedly many men and women in Oregon with some college training, many of them graduates, who would like to teach if college credits already earned could be applied toward meeting standard requirements in this field," states Dr. C. A. Howard, State Director of Elementary Teacher Training. "It is with the hope of bringing these people into teaching that certain internal curricular adjustments have been made at Ashland LaGrande and Moomouth. A student who has had a year of college work can register in any of the three colleges of education for the spring quarter beginning March 14, and by remaining in school straight through the following year, be ready for a position in September 1945, as a fully certified elementary or junior high school teacher. For those with more than a year of college work, this period can be shortened by as much as three terms. Authorities say that the greatest single reservoir of post-war jobs in Oregon will be in the teaching field."

GASOLINE SAVED
Oregon state employees have saved 761,075 miles in travel over a two-year period, joint announcement by Floyd J. Cook, Oregon State Government Mileage Administrator, and the district OPA reveals. This amounts to an 18 percent reduction in official travel, due partly to ride-sharing enforcement, it was explained. "We still have a long way to go, however, to achieve the national goal of 40 percent reduction," Cook declared.

Assessor Passes Army Test; Commissioner Quitting; Sheriff To Try Again

Questions about the county political situation have become rife this week as it became apparent that Charles Ruggles, assessor appointed about ten months ago, will probably be figuring for the army instead of Sherman county before primary date.

Who will run his office, whether he will have legal hold on it because he was appointed instead of elected, and, even, who might be interested in taking it, have all been prominent and pertinent questions.

Hennagin Suggested

It is understood that David Reid, who has been county commissioner for nearly eight years, will retire from that position by not filing for reelection. Because of the geographical divisions that are well understood throughout the county his successor will come from the north end. Name most often mentioned is that of Fred Hennagin, who has had county experience by serving on the budget committee for years.

Sheriff Wilson announced last fall that he was not going to be a candidate as he was wanted to develop his farm at Rufus. He has since changed his mind and says he will be a candidate at the May primaries.

The term of Ross Ornduff, county clerk, will also expire with this year and he reported that he will file for another term before the April 4 deadline. Willy Knighten, non-partisan county school superintendent, will need to run again this year.

In the district one senator and two representatives will be elected. Whether Senator Steiwer will be a candidate again is not known. Henry Peterson has already filed for another term as representative and it is expected that Giles French will also file some time next month.

Lowell Stockman, member of congress, now serving his first term is understood to like the job and therefore will file again. No opposition has so far appeared.

Senator Holman will be opposed in the Republican primaries by Wayne Morse, formerly dean of the law school at the University of Oregon. Leslie Scott, state treasurer, is expected to be a candidate for re-election to the only state office of importance.

Sherman County Paper Makes Cases

Recent shipment to Portland of 20.6 tons of waste paper gathered by Sherman county schools was announced this week by Joe Peters, chairman of the county salvage committee.

Based on the estimated population of Sherman county as of April 1, 1943 - 1,736 persons - the total amount of paper gathered in the drive, Peters said, averaged 23.6 pounds per every resident of the county.

Schools were responsible for the collections and participated in the successful campaign under the direction of Superintendent Willy Knighten. First and second prizes also were put up by the salvage committee to the schools which collected the most paper and to the schools which did the best job of tying and bundling the paper prior to shipment.

All paper so collected has been sent to consuming mills in the northwest where it is being used for purposes essential to the War Effort.

Sherman county's most recent contribution, Peters pointed out, has made available enough paper to produce 40,000 75-millimeter shell containers for the armed services.

Bond Sales Pass Quota 152 percent

Latest report of the state war bond staff, written as of Saturday February 19, gives Sherman county a percentage of 152. But two counties of the state have higher overall percentages, those being Jefferson with 213.1 and Grant with 187.

Jefferson has raised its quota by sales of E bonds and also has been doing well in sales of other individual bonds. Its corporation bond sale has not been comparatively great. Grant's percentage comes from sales of other individual bonds than the Es.

Sherman county, according to the report has bought \$164,200 in E bonds on a quota of \$89,400; has bought \$14,600 in other than Es on a quota of \$37,000 and corporations have bought \$37,200 on a quota of \$15,700. E bonds have sold well here. Other bonds not so well.

At that Jefferson county with its sales of \$151,500 of E bonds has bought less than Sherman county and in per capita purchase is far behind. This county seems likely to purchase \$100 per capita in E bonds before the end of the month if buyers do not lose interest in the campaign.

Shaniko Branch Now Kent Branch

The Shaniko branch is now officially shortened. It runs from Biggs to Kent, the 17 miles of rail to Shaniko having been taken up and shipped to California. The work has been completed several days although the ties and the trestles are not fully removed and may not be until the ground settles so they can be removed with trucks. Most of the wheat that was stored at Shaniko was hauled out before demolition began and trucks will be called upon to take out the wool and steers and bring in the salt and supplies hereafter. Use of trucks has been common.

NFLAs Elect Officers At Joint Meeting

"The Wasco-Sherman and The Dalles-Condon National Farm Loan Association held their annual meeting at the Civic Auditorium, The Dalles, Oregon, last Saturday, February 19th," Secretary-Treasurer Victor G. Peterson reported today. "The Wasco-Sherman National Farm Loan Association elected a full Board of Directors as follows: Lester Wilson, Kent; Leo Hammel, Dufur, for three year terms; Geo. McDonald, Moro, and Warren Stanley, Dufur, for two year terms; and C. P. Williams, The Dalles, to the one year term. At the organization meeting held immediately following the stockholders' meeting, C. P. Williams was elected President and Leo Hammel was elected Vice President.

"The Dalles-Condon National Farm Loan Association also elected a full Board of Directors at this time. They are as follows: A. S. Johnson, Wasco, and William Steuber, Dufur, for three year terms; William Ketchum, The Dalles, and Carl Anderson, Blaylock, for two year terms; James G. Woods, Moro, for a one year term. At the organization meeting A. S. Johnson was reelected President and Wm. Ketchum Vice President. Victor G. Peterson was reelected as Secretary-Treasurer and Miss Bethel Bolton, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, of both associations.

"Full financial reports were all so presented to the members which showed a considerable decrease in the loan volume during the past year which is to be expected during times when crops are good and prices are favorable. The reports also showed a good volume of new business and a considerable gain in the cash reserve of the associations," Mr. Peterson reported.

County Agent's Annual Report Shows Activities

Work Has Grown Since Early Days In Sherman County When First Agent Hired

The report of the county agent of Sherman county for the year 1943, which ends officially December 1 and begins at that time the previous year, is a detailed statement of the work done by his office.

There is information on county agent work since it was first started here in 1918 with a history of what was done and the costs entailed.

Actual farm aid work is divided into 12 classifications: Soil improvement; Rodent and predator control; Dairy husbandry; Animal husbandry; Horticulture; Agriculture; Crop improvement; Home economics; 4-H club work; Agricultural conservation; War activities and Employment.

Recommendations made

The agent notes that large scale operations are affecting stable progress and reducing efficiency. Smaller operations would permit greater diversification and cause a more stable farm income.

He finds that use of more machinery is creating a gap in our enterprise that must be taken up with production of cheap feed, such as lower grades of wheat, crested wheat and grass.

Water and wind erosion, he observes, are on the increase due to tillage methods, which must be changed to obtain the best results from the land. He recommends that gullies be seeded to a permanent crop; a thousand acres should be kept in crested wheat grass for seed; more stock will necessitate the production of more oats, barley and legumes.

Agricultural History Written

During the year the agent called on 366 farms, met 3491 persons in his office, answered the telephone 1808 times. He was in the field 139 days and in the office 111 days.

The report tells of the AAA program, the rationing of farm machinery and, in fact, about nearly everything that the agent has to do with in his official capacity. How many farmers and who seeded peas, how many and who seeded alfalfa, who wanted to buy a tractor, how many truck tires, how many man days labor was hired by months, how to smash tin cans, how to handle erosion lands, and how many other things all giving evidence of the varied work done even in a county of small variation in agricultural practices.

H. H. Hendricks Dies At 83 Years

H. H. Hendricks, well known Fossil lawyer, died in The Dalles last Thursday night at the age of almost 83 after an eventful life.

Born in Roseburg, Mr. Hendricks left home early to engage in newspaper work, attended the University of Oregon in one of the first classes, became associated with early day publishers and politicians around Salem before studying law and moving to eastern Oregon for his health. He taught school and practiced law for over 40 years in Gilliam and Wheeler counties.

Judge Hendrick's Father

He was father of Carl Hendricks, circuit judge of this district who was killed little over a year ago while hunting, and of four other sons. W. G. of Portland, Robert of Kinross, Winlock of Portland and Ford of Los Angeles and a daughter, Mrs. Harry Moore of Alaska and one brother in Cottage Grove.

The funeral was held Sunday in Fossil and interment made in the Odd-Fellows cemetery there.