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on the Northwest

Several members of the northwest delegations in congress have introduced bills during the past year which, if enacted into law, will cause the government to pay taxes to the many counties for the large amount of land the federal government has acquired for military purposes. These lands have been taken off the local tax rolls which, in turn, has worked a financial hardship on many communities in both Washington and Oregon.

One such bill (S.249) was introduced by the late Senator Charles L. McNary, who had labored long and hard for the many counties and other subdivisions which have lost substantial tax revenues. Senator McNary was deeply interested in this bill, now on the senate calendar, which provides that all real property acquired by the government for war purposes since January, 1940, shall remain subject to taxation by the states and counties in which it is located.

Senator Guy Cordon, who has been actively interested in tax matters for many years and who is regarded as an authority on taxes, will take over the reins on the McNary bill. Senator Cordon believes the measure has a good chance to pass. If so, it will mean substantial relief for many counties in the two states.

Two nationally known bottlers of mineral and sparkling waters are looking over sites in the north west for plants they intend to establish after the war. The north west has many mineral springs which produce several kinds of excellent waters. These easterners are amazed at the lack of promotion and development of western springs, which they compare favorably with any others in the nation. Analysis of these northwest springs prove them to be tops of their kind. A large eastern glass and bottle manufacturer is also interested in the deal. If these industries are established it will mean enormous national advertising for the northwest and its mineral waters.

All hands agree that a much simpler tax form will come out of the new tax mess, especially one for the little fellow. The last federal form was as bad as a Chinese puzzle, which a Philadelphia lawyer couldn't figure out properly. Congressmen were deluged with letters from their constituents, screaming their heads off about the terrible tax forms, etc. Early returns from all over the nation indicate the sum Mr. Whiskers will receive from income taxes will be much more than had been expected by the treasury department.

The Democratic cloakrooms are buzzing with rumors which say that Al Smith, the 'happy warrior' of New York who has been on the outs with his former friend, FDR, ever since the 1932 convention, will go all out for Roosevelt for a fourth term. Those in the know say the love feast was engineered by Bob Hannegan, the Bourbon's national chairman. If such is the case, Hannegan has accomplished something no one else could do during the past eleven years. Smith, who is still a power in New York politics, vigorously opposed FDR for a third term and the anti thought he was a cinch to again be on the warpath against "that man". It begins to look like Mr. Hannegan knows his business and many politicians openly predict the boy wonder will develop into another Jim Farley, who was recognized as tops when it came to politics.

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Candidate



Wayne Morse, Thursday, filed for the Republican nomination for the 6-year term in the United States Senate.

Morse, who was Dean of the University of Oregon School of Law, served as the public member of the War Labor Board and wrote a dissenting opinion and resigned when the Board bowed to the will of John L. Lewis in the Coal Case.

Morse is campaigning against inflation, demands that industry be permitted to accumulate reserves that will allow post-war conversion to normal production, demands that government be decentralized, opposes spending for "bureaucratic tomfoolery", insists on a more fair distribution of the tax load, would amend the Wagner Act to give employers and workers equal rights, urges that the American farmer be relieved from the sovietizing dictates of the regulation writers, and rejects isolationism as a policy bound to bring on future wars.

Born and reared on a Wisconsin farm, Morse knows the problems of stockmen and farmers. He now resides on a small farm near Eugene with his wife and three children.

Red Cross Workers
Top Huge Quota

Over \$4200 are in the bank as collections from the Red Cross campaign that is ended except for those missed heretofore. The county's quota was \$4100, highest per capita quota in the state. It is expected that when the totals are all in the county will have gone over the top by some \$500 or perhaps \$800.

Roy Powell, chairman of the drive, wishes to give his thanks to the members of the committee and local workers who worked to gather the money for the nation's relief agency. A meeting will be held early in April to determine the chapter's policy on financial matters.

CASH WHEAT
MARKET SLOW

The cash wheat market situation at Portland was featured by an extremely slow demand from all classes of buyers. Values ranged from about unchanged on ordinary classes to slightly higher on protein qualities of Hard Winter and Hard White as compared with a week ago. Local supply and demand conditions accounted for price variations on the various classes of wheat. Mill inquiry for cash wheat was negligible except for special quality lots, principally reflecting lack of new flour business. Inquiry from the Midwest for soft wheats from this area showed further slackening. Country offerings were not heavy but were fully sufficient for the small market needs. All these factors made for an extremely quiet week in Pacific Northwest cash wheat markets. West receipts at Puget Sound and Columbia River terminals amounting to 409 cars of which Portland had 127 compared with 410 and 130, respectively, a week ago, reflected the light trading in cash wheat being most deliveries on earlier sales. Trade reports continued to indicate generally favorable conditions for the Pacific Northwest winter wheat crop with moisture conditions considered good and growing conditions favorable.

Wasco County
Pioneers Will
Hold No Meeting

The executive committee of the Wasco County Pioneer association decided last week to suspend the 1944 meeting of the old timers. It is usually held the first Saturday in May.

Roy Powell is president of the association and with other officers will hold over until a meeting can be held.

Reason given by Mr. Powell for the action of the board, was the lack of transportation and the desire to give every aid to the nation in time of emergency.

Winter Wheat Crop
Bigger Than Spring

The Pacific Northwest Crop Improvement association reports that moisture so far since September 1 has been close to normal in the wheat belt of the northwest with the exception of the Walla Walla district.

According to this source there is 70 to 75 percent of the area sown to winter wheat. Baart and Federation will be planted on the remaining 25 percent.

Rex, says the association, is giving way to Alicel and Elgin in Umatilla county and Elgin seems to be due for a large increase over most of the northwest. The association is offering contracts for the production of pure seed, details of which may be had from county agents.

Funds Available
For Post-war Plans

John Kelley, secretary of the state's post-war planning committee, reports that Oregon now has planned projects for the expenditure of \$317,000,000 after the war. Federal projects total \$233,280,000 state \$68,920,000, county \$3,160,000 and city \$1,370,000.

Only about half of the counties have completed their plans and many of the state's 190 cities have no projects prepared. Counties generally plan to take care of their own residents who return from the service or from industrial jobs.

At best, the committee says, public employment is only to serve until private industry can find permanent jobs for the men and women who have served.

AAA Allowances
Aid Soil Conservation

Pooling provisions of the 1944 AAA program afford an exceptional opportunity for soil building and conservation work that will benefit an entire community, points out John Shepherd of Scio, member of the state AAA committee.

The unlimited farm allowance for the 1944 program eliminates the need for pooling agreements to provide for sufficient allowance to cover a community project, Shepard said. Pooling agreements, however, will provide an operational basis for cooperative performance of projects of a community nature or which benefit a group of producers, he explained. The principal use of the agreement will be to obtain permission from land owners and all parties interested in the development for carrying out the practice, the committeeman continued. Payment will be made to those entering into the pooling agreement in the proportion they contribute to the project.

Practices which are particularly adaptable to use of pooling agreements were listed by Shepherd as drainage ditches, reorganization of farm irrigation systems, water spreading, riprap, fireguards and weed control. Ratios of payment and other information concerning these practices and the pooling agreements may be obtained from county AAA committeemen.

McDermid Estate
Land Sold By
Trustee Monday

Fraser, Powell, Hennagin
Successful Bidders On
Well Known Estate

Sale of the land belonging to the John McDermid estate was completed here Monday night, that day at midnight being the deadline for bids set by Lester Barnum, trustee for the estate.

There were three pieces of land in the estate, the home place on the highway between Moro and Wasco, occupied by John McDermid, a half section just south and west of Klondike and a section in the Locust Grove district.

Because of the high quality of the land the bidding was spirited at times during the two months the sale has been going on. However, bids were all in except on the home place by six o'clock Monday.

Tom Fraser and Sons were the successful bidders on the home place, paying \$49,500 for the section. J. K. McKean and wife were his highest opposition.

Marion Powell bought the Locust Grove section for \$39,000 after raising the bid of Hugh White Monday afternoon.

The Klondike half was bought by Fred Hennagin for \$21,500.

The heirs of the late Mr. McDermid have a short time in which to match the high bids and take the land. There was no information as to whether or not they expected to do so.

Although the top per acre price was nearly \$77 per acre the land did not sell as high as during the other world war when wheat had prices went to \$125 per acre.

The estate land brought a total of \$110,000.

Luncheon To
Start Hyslop
Memorial Fund

Harry D. Proudfoot, state and county chairman of the George R. Hyslop Agricultural Research Memorial committee, will attend a luncheon at the Imperial Hotel in Portland April 6, when the drive for the memorial will be formally launched, reports Dr. D. D. Hill, secretary of the state committee and successor to Professor Hyslop. No solicitation will be made at the luncheon, however.

Mr. Proudfoot and Wade Newbegin, chairman of the agricultural committee of the Portland chamber of commerce, are planning to make the luncheon one of the outstanding events of the year, with Governor Snell and other state and civic officials attending.

They report enthusiastic response to the idea of creating a large fund, the income from which will be used to perpetuate the work of the late Professor Hyslop, who died suddenly last summer. The money will be used largely to finance research scholarships in farm crops.

Principal speaker at the luncheon will be Phil Parrish, editor of the editorial page of the Oregonian and a life-long friend of Professor Hyslop since his student days at Oregon State.

HE NEEDED HELP

The postmaster at Slippery Rock recently was slightly disconcerted at the following note which a rural carrier found in a mail box on his route: "Dear Mailman--Attached is a check for \$5 for which will you kindly get me a stamp to make our flivver a legal means of transportation for the purpose of going to the ration board for a permit to get gas to have our machine inspected so that we may visit the ration board to get authority to buy a new tire so that our car may be in suitable condition to go to pay our withholding tax."

Divers Clear Naples Harbor



The U. S. Navy is now clearing up the Bay of Naples for Allied shipping. The Nazis attempted to block every berth by sinking ships and barges and torpedoing cranes and even nearby buildings into the water. The harbor is now a Navy diver, F. F. Garrigues, of Camden, N. J., is working on the harbor. (Official OWI photo—Rural Press Section)

County's March Business Has
Much About Mormon Crickets

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR FEBRUARY 1944, AND APPROVED AT MARCH TERM 1944 OF THE COUNTY COURT THEREOF.

GENERAL FUND

First National Bank, General Assistance, \$90.82; First National Bank, Aid to the Blind \$7.60; First National Bank, Aid to Dependent Children \$60.80; First National Bank, Old Age Assistance \$113.60; David Reid, County Commissioner \$10.80; Vernon I. Miller, County Commissioner \$5.00; T. Lester Johnson, District Attorney expense \$8.50; Shepard's Citations \$10.00; Porter-Wilson Automotive Service, ambulance for Mrs. Stone \$25.00; Drs. Reuter, Thompson, Coberth & Griffith examination of Pierson body at Zell's by Dr. C. L. Poley \$5.00; Department of Agriculture, sealer weights and measures \$3.76; Bushong & Co., Assessor's office \$8.48; Sheriff's office \$8.40; 16.88; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., Telephones all offices \$24.30; City of Moro, water for courthouse for February \$1.75; Sherman County Branch First National Bank, withholding tax on county employees salaries \$79.16; State Industrial Accident Commission \$5.27; J. C. Freeman, P. M., stamps for clerk's office \$10.00; C. C. Wilson, Sheriff's expense \$10.50; E. M. Alley, Coroner's expense \$9.00; R. A. Twiss, Official Car expense \$6.65; Sunset Motor Co., Official Car expense \$19.70; Mrs. L. L. Taylor, Veterinarian's field helper \$30.00;

Sherman County Journal, County printing \$5.90; Building America, Supt. office expense \$2.25; Willy Knighten, Office help less tax \$9.60; West Publishing Co., 1944 Packet Parts for Oregon digests, including pamphlet service \$10.00.

GENERAL ROAD FUND

ROAD EMPLOYEES PAY ROLL

L. L. Peetz \$85.66; E. McPherson \$38.98; C. Bargenholt \$79.52; D. J. McLachlan \$45.08; Clifford May \$82.12; L. L. Peetz \$88.56; E. McPherson \$49.36; C. Bargenholt \$64.40; D. J. McLachlan \$32.20; Clifford May \$20.54; J. R. Yocum \$13.56; W. E. Kelley \$51.41; Alton Olds \$42.70; ACCOUNT: State Indus. Acc. Comm, Insurance \$24.07; National Hospital Ass'n., Insurance \$5.00; West Coast Print. & Bind. Co., miscellaneous \$59.80; Pacific Power & Light Co., miscellaneous \$2.39; S. A. Wilson, miscellaneous \$12.50; O'Meara Supply & Imp. Co., repairs \$157.53; J. K. McKean, repairs \$200.24; C. F. Kuypers, repairs \$47.75; Sunset Motor Co., repairs \$8.05; Union Oil Co., gas & oil \$72.70; Howard Cooper, repairs \$6.57; First National Bank with-holding tax \$66.81; City of Moro, water \$1.75; Interstate Tractor & Equip Co., repairs, \$91.62.

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNTY

COURT DURING MARCH 1, 1944 MEETING

In re: Bills presented against County General and County Roads funds: Bills allowed excepting one road fund bill which action was deferred.

Monthly statement of County Treasurer examined, approved and ordered filed.

Semi-annual and quarterly reports of Sheriff relative to tax collections examined, approved and filed.

Bid rejected for purchase of Tax Foreclosed property located at Wasco.

Four appointments made relative to Election Board members.

Court Order issued directing Clerk relative to salaries of Deputy County Clerk and Deputy Sheriff.

In re: Cricket Control; Court directs District Attorney prepare a resolution and Court Order relative thereto: designating the amount of funds to be spent for such purpose and enumerating the items of expense claims to be passed upon by court for approval of payment.

Irregular tract of land adjacent to Eastern Oregon Experimental Station, consisting of undetermined fraction of one acre, purchased by county from A. H. Barnum et ux, and District Attorney directed to prepare deed.

No further matters being at issue Court duly adjourned.

Candidates Filling
Tickets Slowly
So Far

Full Slates Expected By
End of Filing Period As
Interest Grows

Filings for nominations at the primaries to be held May 19 are coming in rather slow at the county clerk's office although some candidates have arranged to have their name put on the ballot.

George Fox of Wasco filed for the Republican nomination for county assessor last Friday. He is a stockman in the northeast section of the county, has lived in the county over 40 years and has been a taxpayer for the last 25 years. He is married and has four school age children, has attended business college and was deputy assessor in 1941.

Ross Ornduff, Democratic county clerk, has filed his papers with himself and his name will be on the ballot in May. So far no competition in either party has appeared to contest for the office.

David Reid's filing was made complete this week for county commissioner. It is not known who, if anyone, will run against him. Several have been mentioned but nothing has been heard of them lately.

Charles Wilson has said he will again be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for sheriff, but has not filed. Charles Ruggles has not announced whether he will run for office or not. He is in the limited service group and may be called to the army. If he left while in office the court would have to find a successor to appoint. This might be difficult as the successor would only serve until Ruggles' return.

There is some activity toward obtaining a full slate of precinct committeemen and women and several has been made although neither ticket is full. The confusion of write-ins overworks election boards and often results in the election of persons not at all interested in party political work.

The term of Judge George Updegraff will expire with 1944 and if he wants to continue as circuit judge he will have to file on the non-partisan ballot by April 4. He has indicated that he might not file as he is very anxious to get into the service. Willy Knighten, will be another candidate on the non-partisan ballot, running for another term as school superintendent. T. Lester Johnson, county attorney must file with the secretary of state if he runs.

It is understood that Henry Peterson has filed for state representative and Giles French filed early this week. State Senator Steiwer has not announced his intention.

On the state ticket election will choose a U. S. senator for a six year term, a U. S. senator for the four years remaining of the McNary term, four congressmen and a state treasurer as well as three judges of the supreme court.

MORE INCOME TAX
INFORMATION

While the majority of the Nation's 50 million taxpayers will find their 1944 Federal Income Tax obligations taken care of through withholding by their employers, an estimated 15 million will be required to file declarations their estimated 1944 tax by April 15. Declaration forms are being mailed by the Bureau of Internal Revenue to all persons who filed declarations last Fall. The first quarterly payment of estimated tax should be due on the declaration should be made at the time the declaration is filed, the other payments to be made on or before June 15, September 15, and December 15. Farmers who receive more than 80 percent of their income from farming, may postpone filing their declarations until December 15. However, if they wait until December they must pay all of their estimated tax at that time.