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The first sign of revolt of southern Democrats in the senate against a fourth term for Franklin D. Roosevelt is the plan to draft Senator Harry Byrd of Virginia. The Democrats of the south will not vote for a Republican but might vote for a candidate for president on a ticket other than the Democratic provided the name "Republican" is discarded. Republicans, however, are not inclined to change the name of their party even to win the south.

Senator Josiah Bailey is going forth as a missionary, or evangelist, in the crusade to draft his senatorial colleague, Byrd, and Bailey is no slouch as a campaign speaker. He can hold the senate at attention when he is engrossed in his subject and he has a background which provides him with an extensive vocabulary. The senator's father was a preacher. Associating with Bailey, but not actively on the stump, is "Cotton Ed" Smith, a Jeffersonian Democrat who uses plain but picturesque language. When the king of England was in Washington on a good will tour he recognized "Cotton Ed" from his photographs and addressed him as Cotton Ed.

Senator Byrd, former governor of his state, made a record for efficiency in that position and held down expenses. Byrd is one of the few men in the senate who is a businessman. He owns and operates the largest apple orchard on the Atlantic coast. His brother is the Antarctic explorer. At the 1932 Democratic convention Byrd was an aspirant for the presidential nomination, along with Franklin D. Roosevelt, Al Smith, Jack Garner and others. Byrd was shelved but went along with the new deal until he became aware there was reckless waste of money and the unnecessary building up of alphabetical agencies, and he then began trying to curb these activities. Through Byrd's committee the taxpayers have been saved several hundred million dollars and a half dozen new deal agencies have been liquidated.

The draft Byrd movement is designed to hamstring Mr. Roosevelt in the convention and there is a nucleus forming in most of the states of the south which promises real opposition to a fourth term. If these southerners can win to their cause a sufficient number of northern Democrats including Jim Farley, they will provide a riotous nominating convention and the new dealers, while they may win, cannot operate a steamroller, as was done in 1940.

In spite of the fact that the agricultural appropriation bill has been passed by the house with the school lunch program eliminated the subject is not closed and Representative Voorhis of California has announced that other bills will be brought in for authorization of the school lunch project. In a statement on the floor of the house he called attention to the fact that while congress approved the purchase of surplus foods as part of the price support program, it inconsistently refused to permit the food so purchased to be used for school lunches, a worthy cause for which federal appropriations had been made for many years. He expressed the belief that members will be subjected to such pressure by the folks at home that they will be disposed to reconsider their action. In reflecting the school lunch program it was argued in the house that this form of social welfare should be financed by school districts or other local agencies.

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Schools Approach Year End With Programs Made

Graduations Will Be Held
May 29 and 30; Tri-County
Field Meet April 28

The program for the end of the school year has about been made up by the principals and the school superintendent. Graduations of the Wasco High school and the Moro-Grass Valley High school will be held May 30 and 29 respectively. It is probable that Dean Duback of OSC will be the speaker at both graduations. Baccalaureate services will be held in both towns the previous Sunday, May 28, and the graduations will follow in the next two days.

Another event new to this county will be the tri-county track and field meet which will be held at Moro April 28. Wasco and Gilliam counties have been asked to participate and it is expected that schools from those counties will be represented although answers have not been received from all of them. Local boys are out each night working on the track and receiving instruction from Coach Preece who says he can develop a passing fair track team with the boys, although none of them have had previous experience on track or field.

Because the high school meet will require an entire day, a day has been set aside for grade school track meet and play day. This will be held at Moro May 19 and will be something new. Teams will be chosen from among those attending and these teams will compete against each other.

Elementary school graduation will be held at Grass Valley May 26th when most of the eighth grade graduates will receive their diplomas that signify their completion of elementary school work.

The Moro seniors will give their final dance April 22 at the school house. Wasco has given its dance.

Schools will close officially June 2 except Rufus which will end its work May 19.

Mrs Margaret Clark Buried At Wasco

Mrs Margaret E. Clark of Rufus died at the age of 71 yrs. 4 mo., April 7, 1944. She leaves one daughter, Mrs C. E. Coats of Wasco, one son Chas. Oliver Clark of Tigard, one sister Mrs C. A. Tom of Rufus and three brothers Rev. G. P. White of Portland, C. R. White of The Dalles and J. F. White of Willows. Also 14 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren.

She united with the Methodist church in 1908 at Enterprise and at her death was a member of The Dalles Methodist church.

She taught school for many years until her sight failed in 1929.

She was a member of the Eastern Star lodge at Arlington. Rev Pound conducted the services at the Rufus church Monday afternoon and interment was made at Wasco Sunrise cemetery. The pall bearers were Frank Bartholomew, John Matheson, I. E. Langford, Bruce Millard, David Reid and H. H. Brackett.

OSC ASSIGNED 17-YEAR-OLDS

First assignment of 17-year-old high school graduates to the campus under the revised Army Specialized Training program indicates a unit of 76 men to be added to the 120 advanced engineering trainees remaining for spring term. These students will receive from one to three terms of college work at army expense before they are induced for active service. While in this reserve status they will receive some military training and will wear R.O. T.C. uniforms.

McDermonds Buy Estate Land At End of Period

Dan and John McDermid have exercised their option to purchase the lands of the late John McDermid. The date on or before which they had to decide was April 10.

This land was bid in at a public sale in March by Tom Fraser, Marion Powell and Fred Hemagin at a total price of \$110,000. Decision of the McDermonds to buy the land themselves stops the other deals and gives them the land at the bid price. Two and a half sections are in the estate.

Tom Tells Totals of Civilian Casualties

C. A. Tom, first aid chairman of the Sherman county Red Cross, reports on comparative deaths from battle and from home accidents. "It has been said that seven accidental deaths occur on our home front for every war casualty and that one of three doctors has gone to war.

"For the period from Pearl Harbor to January 1, 1944, the national safety council says, war front deaths were 82,078; wounded 45,595; 32,478 missing and 29,709 prisoners.

"On the home front 190,000 have been killed, 18,500,000 injured, 45,000 traffic deaths. In the home 63,500 deaths have been caused from accidents. This is evidence that every citizen should encourage first aid training."

Women To Have Lessons On Living

Women of Sherman county are going to be told about the production and preservation of food in wartime by agents of the War Food Administration.

Eight young women who have been instructed in a special class at OSC will cover three counties each, making six appearances in each county on each of two subjects.

Miss Doris Crabtree, graduate of OSC last June, will give the lessons in Sherman, Gilliam and Morrow counties starting next Tuesday April 18, at Rufus, at the grange hall. Wednesday she will be at Wasco, Thursday at the Moro school, Friday at Harlandview grange, Saturday at Grass Valley and the following Tuesday at the Kent grange.

Dates for the second series of meetings will be announced later and will probably be late in May. Assisting Miss Crabtree to get the meetings arranged was Jennie Marie Warren, home demonstration agent.

Subject for the first series of meetings will be "Planning the Family Food Supply and Vegetable Preparation."

For the second series the topic will be, "Clinic in Preparation of Accidents in Canned, Frozen, Dried and Brined Foods."

NEED FOR MANPOWER CONTINUES

Although the United States Army has reached its planned peak strength of 7,700,000 persons, it will need 75,000 to 100,000 men monthly to maintain that strength, according to the War Department, and the Navy Department said it would need 400,000 additional personnel by September 1 to get the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard up to peak strength of 3,500,000. Meanwhile the National Selective Service System has abandoned the war unit plan for determining agricultural deferments. Provisions concerning a registrant's agricultural occupation or endeavor that will govern whether he is regularly engaged in it, whether that occupation or endeavor to the war effort and whether a replacement can be obtained.

Nazis Smile at Capture



These two Nazi soldiers, captured from the lines near Carroceto, Italy, were also caught by the camera of an alert signal corps photographer. Completely unconcerned at being taken prisoners, the pair smile broadly for the cameraman. Or perhaps at their pleasure at having been captured.

Moro Club Has Well Attended Benefit Tea; Hears Nutrition Talk

The annual benefit tea and guest day of the Moro Woman's club was held Friday April 7. Schaeffer presided at the tea. Concluding the business meeting the program for the afternoon was presented under the direction of Mrs Vernon Miller. Several musical selections were sung by the pupils from the first four grades of the Moro school, directed by Mrs. Mona Moore and accompanied by Mrs Charles Ruggles. The speaker for the afternoon, Miss Gertrude Hoppe, research assistant in nutrition from OSC talked on her findings in Sherman county from the blood tests for vitamin C given grade and high school students. Miss Frances Alexander, executive secretary of the Oregon nutrition committee, school of home economics at OSC, talked on nutrition problems with intent to organization of a nutrition committee in the county. Concluding the program musical selections by a vocal quartet composed of Mesdames Carl Melzer, Harry Pinkerton, Hazel Belshe and J B Mcberg and accompanied by Mrs Carroll Sayrs were given.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses for the afternoon, Mesdames Orman Weaver, Carroll Sayrs, Ted Thompson and Claude Thompson. Mrs E. H. Moore and Mrs Elizabeth Schaeffer presided at the table which was beautifully decorated with daffodils.

The date of the Mother and Daughter party has been changed to Friday evening April 21. A \$30 pot luck dinner will be served.

Hog Price Future Causes Concern

With the period at hand for planning for the full pig crop of 1944, farmers are asking about what the price of hogs will be after March 1945, say agricultural economists of the OSC extension service in reviewing the hog outlook. Most of the 1944 crop of fall pigs will be marketed after March next year. This year's price floor on hogs, which is \$12.50 at Chicago for 200-pound good and choice barrows and gilts, expires on March 30, 1945.

Congress has provided that certain commodities, including hogs are to be supported at 90 percent of parity for two years after the end of the war, under certain conditions, the economists point out. Just what the parity price of hogs will be a year ahead depends considerably on the index of prices paid for commodities, interest, and taxes at that time. This index has been going up at the rate of 10 to 12 point a year.

To compute the parity price of hogs, you take \$7.27, which was the United States average farm price in the 1910-1914 period, and multiply by the index of prices paid by farmers. With this index at 171 on March 15, 1944, the parity price of hogs was \$12.43, and 90 percent of that is \$11.19. If prices paid by farmers increase 10 points more, the parity price would be \$13.16, and 90 percent of that is \$11.84.

More definite information about the 1945-46 hog price support program would help farmers to plan production, as the post-war price support provisions are indefinite in other ways. The OSC men add. One of the qualifications is that the price support is to be provided until the secretary of agriculture has given sufficient public announcement to permit producers of such commodity to make a re-adjustment in the production of the commodity. Then too, any promise of support prices is certain of fulfillment only to the extent funds are made available. Provisions for supporting the six "basic" crops are more definite, within the range of 85 to 90 percent of parity through nonrecourse loans.

Shortage of gasoline, says the Department of Commerce, has led motorists to use fuel "Dopes", reputed to increase mileage and otherwise improve the automobile operation. The Bureau of Standards has tested hundreds of them without finding beneficial results in any case.

TEST MOTOR FUEL "DOPES"

Much Wheat Sold As Price Climbs Upward

A great deal of wheat was sold in Sherman county this week as the price was between 8 and 9 cents over the loan price. There have been other selling surges during the winter but none of them have seen as much wheat sold as has this one.

As much as 250,000 bushels have been sold in one day as farmers hurried to sell their wheat before the expiration of the loan date, April 30.

Buyers must have opportunity for immediate disposal of wheat for they are paying several cents above the loan price which will probably prevail after the end of April.

Kent Correspondents Find News Notes

Judge and Mrs George Potter from Klondike were visitors at the Luther Davis home Sunday.

Mrs Juanita Otten and her sister Dolores Simler returned to their home at Toledo last Thursday after visiting Mrs B. A. Hogue for a couple weeks.

Ray McKay was here to visit his parents, Mr and Mrs George McKay last week.

Jim Wilson, Durward Helyer and Wilber Helyer were dinner guests of Mr and Mrs George Wilson Sunday.

Volna Guyton has started working at the J J Decker ranch and his wife and family plan on moving into the Crocker house.

Mrs Ted von Borstel took Mrs B A Hogue and Gertrude to The Dalles Monday where they received medical attention.

Judge and Mrs Jerry Wilson and J H Wilson returned home Tuesday after spending a week at the coast.

Among those who attended church service in Grass Valley last Sunday afternoon were: Mr and Mrs Carl Schadewitz, Mrs Watterman, Mrs Torbet, Mrs Charles Bothwell and her two children, Mary Lou Lyons and Mary von Borstel.

George Witter came back from The Dalles last week end where he has been visiting his daughter, Mrs Gus Koepke.

Edgar Smith was a guest last Sunday at the home of his daughter and son in law, Mr and Mrs Lester Wilson.

A party was given at the J M Wilson home last Saturday night. Among those present were: Mr and Mrs Garth Walton, Ellen and Tommy, Mr and Mrs Kenneth Martin, Shron and LeRoy, Mr and Mrs Jerry Wilson, Jr., Mrs Geraldine Tatum, Carole Norton, Bud and Fuzzy Wilson, Sammie Jean Lyons and Virginia Smith.

Rita and Jack von Borstel left for OSC to resume their studies after having spent their spring vacation with their parents, Mr and Mrs Ted von Borstel and Mr and Mrs Frank von Borstel respectively.

Among those who were out at Decker's Dam Sunday were: Mr and Mrs Robert Schilling and family, Mr and Mrs John Decker, Mr and Mrs John Koepke, and family and Virginia Smith. Mr and Mrs Jay McKay and family and Volna Guyton.

Bob Gregg is now stationed at Shoemaker, California.

EARTH ANNOYER HERE

Joe Belanger is here to do his plowing or cultivating or soil tilling with his duck foot soil agitator. He will thus annoy some 60 acres of land on the Moore Brothers place along the highway south of Moro and a smaller piece on the Barnett estate land north of Wasco. Wheat is growing on land similarly tilled last year. It was sown with a 14 inch drill and can be observed by interested farmers. The 1942 stubble is still on top of the ground but is pretty well rotted by now. General opinion is that some new tillage method that will prevent soil erosion without reducing yields may come from these field experiments.

Rain Raises Hope For Wetter Summerfall

Crop Year Dry So Far But Rains Could Yet Help Summerfall Conditions

Rain has fallen in goodly quantities this week for the first time since last October when the county received its last good wetting. Observers have generally over estimated the amount of rainfall, but the rain gauge at the experiment station gives the official precipitation as .51 up to Thursday morning. Thirty six hundredth fell Tuesday.

Earlier in April .12 has fallen to give a total of .63 for this month. Average for April is .80 and there is still a chance that this may be reached as skies are still cloudy.

Rainfall has been scanty since the beginning of the crop year September 1. That first month was dry, no precipitation at all being recorded at the experiment station. Average is .71. October brought a gully washer when 2.78 inches fell to beat the average precipitation of .90 by three times.

We have been under normal in every month since October. November which generally sends us 1.70 inches had but .97; December usually brings 1.88 and settled for .81; January brings 1.61 on the average and sent but .72. February did better as the skies let down 1.18 inches when the average is 1.25. March reverted to the bad habit and gave up a mere .40 instead of the average of .88.

Rainfall Two Inches Short

At the end of March, with seven months of the crop year gone, the precipitation had been 6.86 instead of the average of 8.73, nearly two inches short.

Seeded ground that had the heavy rains of 1943 under it was wet enough for the production of a good crop. Land that had produced a crop in 1943 was pretty dry. It still is.

Wheat has grown remarkably since the warmer days of late March and early April. Farm work has progressed well and plowing is well along throughout the county. Continued rain will increase the good chances for a 1944 crop and make 1945 prospects brighter than their present dusky appearance.

Reid-Riley Wedding Held In The Dalles

The wedding of Miss Patricia Bernice Riley, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. A. Riley of La Grande and Cpl. Gordon Reid, son of Mr and Mrs David Reid of Rufus was solemnized Sunday afternoon at the Methodist parsonage in The Dalles with Rev. Dean C. Poindexter officiating. Mrs Poindexter played soft music throughout the ceremony.

Miss Veda Reid, sister of the groom was the brides only attendant. Pfc Frank Reid, brother of the groom, was best man.

The bride is a graduate of La Grande High School and the Oregon State college and affiliated with its Sigma Kappa sorority. The groom is a graduate of The Dalles High School, attending Willamette University and is now in training at Hunters Field, Ga.

After the ceremony a banquet was held in the banquet room of the Olympic Cafe in The Dalles with Mr and Mrs C. A. Riley and son, Jack, Miss Teresa Taber, Miss Edna Mae Burgess of La Grande, Mrs F. H. Williams, H. E. Greene and Miss Dorothy Greene of The Dalles, Pfc Frank Reid wife and baby of Portland, Mr and Mrs David Reid and daughter Mrs Veda Reid of Rufus and the newly weds attending.

On return from a short honeymoon trip, the bride will return to her parent's home in La Grande, while her husband returns to active training at Hunters Field, Ga.