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on the Northwest

Sheepmen of Washington and Oregon are not the only people who regard with some uneasiness the mounting hold-over supply of wool in the United States. Officials of war food administration, which buys through the Commodity Credit Corporation the total American production, are pondering the problem of how they will dispose of the huge stockpile after the war. WFA is committed to the policy of not selling below the ceiling price, and it is inevitable that this should be higher than the market price when peace comes. The bulk of all the wool in the world will be owned by the British and American governments and surplus stocks are accumulating at a rapid rate.

War food administration has on hand 185,000,000 pounds of wool left over from 1943 and expects to buy 420,000,000 pounds of domestic wool this year. There is no prospect that anything like this 600,000,000 pounds will be needed by military forces in 1944 and the stockpile next January 1 will be larger than it was one year ago. There is good reason to believe that if the war lasts through 1945 the surplus will be even greater. But whatever the situation with respect to the war there is no hope that the surplus can be disposed of for civilian use. In the days before the war Europe and Japan provided markets for a billion pounds of wool a year, but neither will be in position to resume purchases after their defeat by the allies.

It is estimated that the world supply of wool in 1944-1945 will be in excess of seven billion pounds, about one billion pounds more than the 1943-1944 production, and the world's consumption this year is not expected to exceed 3,300,000,000 pounds. While United States markets will have tariff protection against this excess its existence will operate to discourage exports of wool from this country and leave the entire domestic production to be consumed at home. In the event price support agencies are abolished by congress after the war, and with a surplus stock on hand, it is difficult to see how a rapid price decline can be averted, unless the policy of government buying is continued during the period of readjustment.

While office of price administration worries over its assigned task to hold prices down, war food administration is worrying over the prospect that next fall's marketing of cattle will cause a break in prices which will bring disaster to the livestock industry. The cattle population has swollen beyond the feed and range possibilities this summer and fall and it is feared that this will bring a rush of autumn marketing at about the same time as shipments of this spring's record hog production are at their height. The only suggested relief is that the cattle men undertake an orderly marketing of their surplus stock during the summer at a sustained level of 30 to 35 percent of the 1943 volume. Government proposal of a bonus to sustain prices is not acceptable to the livestock men, who prefer to manage their own business without federal interference.

Last year the farmers were asked to increase their acreage planted to potatoes. It was to be a war effort. The farmers complied, and today there are such quantities of potatoes on hand that their growers view with suspicion the government agricultural program for 1944. To dispose of the surplus, it is now proposed that the potatoes be transformed into

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## Circuit Judge Candidates Visit Voters On Same Day

Both candidates for circuit judge were in Sherman county Tuesday of this week. D. N. Mackay came over from Condon with Hollis Bull and went over a good part of the county that day. Fred Finlay of Fossil spent a couple of days here seeing voters.

Robert B. Fallon, chief quartermaster U.S. Navy, now on recruiting duty at The Dalles, was here Tuesday getting acquainted with possible recruits for the Waves and the Navy.

Lloyd Henrichs has been promoted to captain and is on duty in the Gilbert Islands.

Judge George Updegraff was in Fossil Monday to open the spring term of circuit court.

Merrill Oveson left Tuesday for Corvallis on business for the experimental station.

Young Neveval Lane started a mild excitement this week when he broke out with red spots all over. A community catastrophe was prophesied and the ailment was diagnosed as scarlet fever until a doctor arrived and said it was hives.

Marvin Miller writes that he is leaving Portland for Seattle the 25th and expects to sail from there the last of the week for Valdez, Alaska where he will be employed on road construction for the government, as he was last spring and summer.

Mrs Maud Akers has received word that her son, Wayne Akers, has been promoted to the rank of Major.

Mrs Edith Sayrs returned home Saturday after spending some time with her daughter Mrs Ross Hart, in Beaverton.

Mrs. Helen Kruger returned Tuesday from Denver, Colorado, where she was with her sister, Mrs Alvin Wagonblast for several months. Mr and Mrs Wagonblast have gone to Des Moines, Iowa, where he will enter Drake University. Helen expects to go into Portland for employment after a brief visit with relatives here.

Grandma Ruggles returned the first of the week from a visit with relatives in the Valley.

Howard Conlee writes that he has finished his preliminary training and is now at Camp Maxwell, Alabama for flight training.

## Kent Couple Are Parents of Son

Mr and Mrs William Jefferies are the parents of a baby boy born on the 23 of April at the Dalles hospital.

Connie Wilson was taken to the hospital Monday as it was thought she had appendicitis, but discovered that an operation was not necessary at this time so she returned home Tuesday.

Jack McKay, Mrs Ben Leatherwood and daughter, Sherry, Mr and Mrs Harley McKay from Sweet Home were here to visit their mother, Mrs George McKay, who is ill.

Mr and Mrs Kenneth Martin and family were in Portland Monday.

In a program which was presented Sunday morning over the radio station KEX, Mrs Frank von Borstel, department president of the Auxiliary, introduced Mrs Smith from Racine, Wisconsin, the national president.

An oyster feed was given by the I.O.O.F. lodge and during the evening several jewels were presented to members who have belonged for twenty-five years or more. Among those receiving jewels for 35 years membership were: A. A. Dunlap and W. G. Helyer; 30 years, W. C. Halver; 25 years, Elmer Helyer and Fred Justesen.

Mr and Mrs Wily Knighten were in Kent on business Tuesday afternoon.

Jerry Wilson Jr. has enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and is awaiting his call.

Lloyd Kelley has been home on leave from Farragut, Idaho for the past couple weeks.

Mrs Max Plamack is here visiting friends and relatives from her home in Portland.

## Harlow Parkins Reported Killed In Action

Mr and Mrs Jack Huffman are moving to the Belshee house recently bought by her father, Chris Thomson.

Mrs W. D. Wallan fell last Friday night while returning home from the Mother's and Daughter's banquet and broke both bones in her ankle. She was taken to the hospital in The Dalles where it was necessary to reduce the swelling before a cast could be applied.

George DeMoss spent a week here with his parents, Mr and Mrs John M. DeMoss and friends, while on a furlough from his Seabee base in California.

During the first half of April Sherman countians have bought 51 percent of their quota of bonds. Sales have been \$5100 of the \$10,000 quota. This gives the county a rating of eighth in the state and if continued throughout the month will put the county over the top.

Mrs Lucille McLachlan Harrington is here to visit her parents, Mr and Mrs Dag McLachlan. Her husband is in the army overseas.

Tom Stephens is now stationed at Fort Ord, California having been discharged from Barnes hospital.

Mrs Tom Preece made a trip to Eugene, leaving last Thursday and returning Sunday night.

Friday afternoon several teachers of this county will leave for Monmouth after the track meet. Purpose is to attend a teacher's convention.

Bob Flatt was in Portland the first of the week.

Mrs B. H. Roberson is in a hospital in The Dalles recovering from an appendectomy. She entered the hospital Sunday and expects to be home next week.

Rain last week end brought the April total to more than an inch, beating the average for that month for the first time this year.

CARD OF THANKS  
We wish to thank the friends and neighbors who aided us with their help and sympathy at the time of the death and funeral of our mother, Mrs Gerhardine Johnson.

Jack and Mary Eva

## Draft Board Makes Classification Changes

The Sherman county draft board Wednesday made the following changes in classification of registered men. Paul K. Wilson, now in I-A has volunteered for induction.

Edward Graves II-A to I-A; Paul K. Wilson III-C to I-A; Geo. H. Jensen II-B to I-A; Herman Ziegler Jr. O to I-A; Keith L. Simms O to I-A; Frank P. Waltemire I-A to I-A-L; John Roth to I-A to I-C; Newton Fuller I-A to IV-F; Joseph F. Morris I-A to IV-F.

## Mrs. G. Johnson Buried Wednesday

Mrs Gerhardine Johnson died Sunday after a lingering illness and her funeral was held Wednesday afternoon from the Moro Community church with Rev. Moberg officiating.

She was born near Bremen, Germany, June 29, 1862 and came to America when a girl. She stayed for a short time near Chicago and moved to Oregon in 1883. Within a few months of her arrival here she was married to John Johnson who preceded her in death. Two sons have also died, leaving one daughter, Mrs Mary Johnson Eva, as the only direct survivor.

For nearly 60 years Mrs. Johnson lived on the farm near town and took an active interest in all that happened there, caring for stock and garden until incapacitated.

She was a member of the Lutheran church and the Eastern Star. A brother still lives in Germany and a niece, Mrs A. W. Pruhmeier lives in Portland. Interment was in the Odd-Fellows cemetery.

## Former Soil Conservation Project Manager Killed On Italian Front

Harlow Parkins, former OCO head here and officer in the engineer corp, was killed in action in Italy, according to a war department telegram received Thursday morning by his wife, who is living here with her parents, Mr and Mrs W. S. Powell.

Parkins came here to organize the OCO camp and the soil conservation work and remained for several months before being put in charge of a soil erosion experiment near Athens. He joined the engineers early in the war and has been in Africa since the American troops landed there.

Word is that he was killed in a plane crash somewhere in Italy, April 8, but details of his death are lacking.

## Moro Women and Daughters Dine

The annual Mother and Daughter banquet sponsored by the Moro Women's club, was held at the Community church Friday night with about 100 mothers and daughters in attendance.

After a sumptuous banquet the following program was presented. Group singing; Welcome, Mrs Roberson club president; toast to our daughters, Mrs Jas. Kenny; Response, Anajean Knighten; solos Mrs Myrtle Schmidt, music director of The Dalles High; readings Mrs C. L. Poley of The Dalles: "A Tribute to our Mothers" was the subject chosen by our guest speaker, Miss Eleanor Stephens, state librarian of Salem. Miss Stephens is especially interested in the pioneer mothers of Oregon and told many interesting stories of her own mothers early days, which she has compiled into a book.

Mrs Tom Fraser was program director with Mesdames Henry Barnum, Wily Knighten, Eugene Amidon, Truman Strong, Mac Bull and Charles Ruggles in charge of the banquet.

The next meeting will be May 5th when the election of new officers will take place. The girl scouts will have charge of the program.

## Breakfast Club Plans May Meeting In Park

The Moro Breakfast club, which has been sleeping somewhat fretfully of late, is about to awaken, says LeRoy Wright, president. There will be a meeting at the park Wednesday morning in early May, he reports, and it is possible that the club will again sponsor a clean-up day to brighten the town and give vent to individual efforts to make the place look bigger and better.

## Miss Jessie Hull's Funeral Today

Miss Jessie Hull, a resident of Sherman county since the early nineties, died suddenly Tuesday morning while washing on her back porch in Wasco.

Miss Hull was born in Illinois and came to Sherman county when a girl. She was a member of a numerous family that has lived here since pioneer days. She leaves many nieces and nephews. Three sisters, Mrs Emma Shearer, Mrs. Josie Underhill and Mrs. Carrie Morrow, and one brother, Charles survive.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Christian church in Wasco with the Rev. Keith Fields giving the sermon. Interment will be in Sunrise cemetery.

## Army's M8 Car Makes Debut



This is the armored car, M8, latest combat vehicle addition to the army's mechanized equipment. Designed by ordnance department to combine speed of the auto and punch and protection of the tank, debut discloses M8 as six-wheeled, weighing eight tons. It mounts 37-mm. cannon and .30-caliber machine gun and is manned by a crew of four.

## County Court Handles April Business In Short Session

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

General Fund

First National Bank, Old Age Assistance \$100.40; First National Bank, Aid to Dependent Children \$50.80; First National Bank, Aid to the Blind, \$7.60; David Reid, County Commissioner \$11.50; Vernon I. Miller, County Commissioner \$16.00; T. Lester Johnson, District Attorney expenses \$56.33; Stevens-Ness Law Publishing Co., 4-1-1944 subscriptions to O.C.L.A. Annotations \$2.50; R. A. Twiss, official car expense \$3.15; Foss & Co., official car expense \$6.50; Standard Oil Company of California, official car expense \$72.43; West Coats Printing & Binding Co., Treas. \$4.75, Clerk \$35.85, Election \$25.20, Sheriff \$3.60, Total \$69.40; Bushong & Co., Sheriff \$12.78, Assessor \$30.93, Total \$43.71; Charles R. Logan, audit of Co. books \$135.00; Mrs L. L. Taylor, Veterinarian's field helper \$12.00; W. R. Taylor, M.D. insane examination \$5.00; Jon I. Moore & Co., 4 Sherman County Atlases at \$4.00, \$16.00; Department of Agriculture, sealer of weights and measures \$3.76; Pacific Paint & Chemical Co., Janiter's supplies \$1.99; Pacific Power & Light Co., lights courthouse \$36.78; City of Moro, water for courthouse, \$1.80; Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co., telephones for all offices \$24.30; Hammond & Stephens Co., Supt's office supplies \$5.50; Ericksons Stationery & Office supply, Supt's office supplies \$5.50; J.C. Freeman P.M., Box rent due \$3.15; J.C. Freeman, P.M., stamps Clerk's office \$10.00; State Industrial Ac. Comm., peace officers protection \$6.31; First National Bank, withholding tax Co. employees salaries \$87.34; Sherman County Journal, County printing \$9.80; Sheriff's office \$19.00, Supt's office \$4.00, Assessor's office \$65.00, total \$97.80; Education Digest, Supt's office expense \$3.00; Wily Knighten, office help less tax \$42.00; Walther-Williams Co., official car expense \$36.00.

Earl Olds Hardware, general supplies \$8.33; Mid-Columbia Supply & Equip Co., general supplies \$7.75; Pike's Garage, repairs \$5.00; Service Garage, repairs \$9.83; O'Meara Supply & Imp. Co., repairs \$10.41; City of Moro, insurance & miscellaneous \$1.75; J.K. McKean gas & oil account \$76.06, repair \$30.41, total \$106.47; Geo. B. Moon, repairs \$3.50; Union Oil Co., gas and oil \$202.76; Standard Oil Co., gas & oil, \$128.80; Columbia Machine Co., repairs \$4.05; Pacific Power & Light Co. miscellaneous \$1.00; R.T. Morgan, miscellaneous \$5.00; John Buether general supplies, \$17.54.

PROCEEDINGS OF MEETING OF COUNTY COURT AT APRIL 5th TERM.

In re: Claims against county general fund: Claims allowed as presented excepting claim for indemnity covering Bang's diseased cattle slaughtered, upon which action was deferred.

In re: Claims against county Road Funds: Claims allowed as presented.

Monthly statement of County Treasurer presented showing fund balances: Statement approved and clerk directed to file same.

In re: Bid of \$50.00 submitted by Arthur F. Miller for purchase of Tax foreclosed property consisting of 40 acres in Sec. 28 Twp 2N. R. 19 E.W.M.: Bid accepted.

Zetta Fields appointed as clerk of Election Board of Rufus No. 1 precinct.

Vivian Ball appointed as clerk of Election Board of Grass Valley No. 9 precinct.

Union Pacific Railroad Company presents to court, for sanction and approval of court, a petition of Union Pacific Railroad Company to Public Utilities Commission for permit covering construction of track across County Road for purpose of serving the Eakin Elevator: Court sanctions and approves construction of track and recommends to Public Utilities Commission that permit be issued.

Action deferred, pending further developments, on formal application for appointment as County Assessor pro-tem during absence of Charles A. Ruggles, if and when inducted into military service.

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

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## Rufus To Hold Transporting Election

An election will be held at Rufus the third Monday in June because of a resolution passed by the school board of that district for the abandonment of school there for the 1944-45 school year. According to the resolution both grade and high school pupils would be transported to Wasco.

For the past year no high school has been held at Rufus and pupils have gone to The Dalles or to Wasco. Grade school had too few pupils, in the opinion of a majority of the school board, to make a school efficient.

## Track & Field Meet Due Here This Afternoon

Seven Schools From Bend To Goldendale Will Compete; New Marks Expected

Coch Preece is putting the finishing touches on plans for a district track meet to be held at the fair grounds today, Friday, April 28.

Although the meet began as a tri-county meet, comprising Gilham, Wasco and Sherman counties the entry list grew as other schools asked for a chance to compete. Expected at latest report are Bend, Hood River, Goldendale, Arlington, Condon and the Sherman county schools. This list insures some of the best track events of this part of the state. Few schools in the north central district have track teams other than those mentioned.

Events will include the usual track and field events except the hurdles for which there is no equipment available in sufficient quantities.

On the track there will be the 100 yard dash, the 220 yard dash, the 440 dash, the 880 yard run and the half mile relay. On the field there will be competition in the broad jump, the high jump, the pole vault, the discus, the javelin and the shot put.

The meet will begin at one o'clock and an effort will be made to run it off in good time with few delays.

While many of the schools are larger than those of this district few of them have experienced track men because of the war. Hood River, for example, has but one letterman in track out for the team. Bend usually fields a strong track team. Arlington has produced some good runners in recent times.

The local school has not had a track team for some time but the number of boys is larger than before and this meet may turn out some good material for running and jumping.

After the meet the visitors will be entertained and dined at the school cafeteria and the sophomore class will give an informal dance for them at 7 p.m.

Officials have been chosen, a loud speaking system has been arranged for and every effort is being made to bring the events to the crowd in an interesting and complete manner.

## Soil Building To Be Practised This Year

Oregon farmers intend to make extensive use of soil building and conservation aids in meeting 1944 production goals, according to reports from county and community AAA committeemen and indications from farm plan sheets completed for more than 30,000 Oregon farms.

AAA payments this year are being made exclusively for soil building practices, but farmers who participate in the 1944 program will be able to receive payment for all practices performed, points out V. Shepherd of Scio, member of the state AAA committee.

Elimination of farm allowance provisions which limited amount of payments under previous programs is stimulating widespread interest in practices that make a direct contribution to increased production, Shepherd said. Indications now are that farmers will earn a high percentage of the \$2,320,000 allotted the state for soil building work under the 1944 program.

More weed control practices are expected under the 1944 program than ever before. Interest is also high in range and pasture improvement practices, including seeding, stock water developments, pasture clearing and destructive plant control.