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No member of either the Washington or Oregon delegations in the senate is a member of the advisory committee on post-war planning and foreign policy recently appointed and which will hold its first meeting in a few days. Senate members of the committee were named on a nonpartisan basis, but the powers that be failed to recognize anyone from the Pacific coast. As a matter of fact, not a single member of the committee is from a state farther west than Iowa and the only states represented are Texas, Georgia, Kentucky, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, Maine and Vermont. The great plains, Rocky mountain area and the Pacific coast were completely ignored by the senate powers that be.

No protest against this lop-sided committee was made in the senate, but when news of its appointment reached the house a long and loud wail went up, not only because such vast sections of the country were unrepresented but also because the house representatives were ignored in the composition of the body which will have a voice in post-war planning and determination of American foreign policy after the war. Representative Mundt of South Dakota was especially critical in his comments on the senate action and he gave notice that he intended to introduce a resolution providing for the appointment of eight members of the house to serve with the senate committee—four Republicans and four Democrats—and that on this committee the plains states, the Rocky mountain area and the Pacific coast should be represented.

Resentment over the action of the senate has given encouragement to the house members who for many months have been wanting that both branches of the congress should have a voice in the ratification of treaties, and immediate steps will be taken to bring about this equality of authority. It can only be done, of course, by constitutional amendment, and this is the procedure which will be followed. Nothing can be done in this matter in time to affect ratification of treaties growing out of the present war, but house members are determined that they shall have a voice in planning for post-war conditions and advising on foreign policies, insofar as such matters may be influenced by an advisory committee.

On the theory that social and economic views are influenced by geographical location and that all sections of the country should be represented on the U.S. supreme court, Representative Gossett of Texas has introduced a bill in the house providing that hereafter at least three members of the high court shall be from states west of the Mississippi river, and at least two from the ten states commonly referred to as the Old South. Mr. Gossett believes that residents of the industrialized east are more likely to hold social and economic views in conflict with the thoughts and aspirations of the south and west. There is not believed to be much prospect that the measure can win any considerable support.

One reason why it became necessary for OPA to remove rationing restrictions on meat, with two exceptions, is OPA's order freezing the sale of corn according to expressions of opinion in the house. It was stated that feeders in the mid-west are making more and poultry to market because they are unable to buy feed and

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Major Bong's Favorite Interests



Maj. Richard Bong, leading ace in the South Pacific, is posed here standing beside his favorite plane. On the nose of the fighter ship is another of his favorites—his sweetheart, Marge Vattendahl. Also pictured are 25 of the 27 flags of the Rising Sun brought down by the major, which completes the pictorial trilogy—as hanging Japs is Bong's favorite pastime.

Clarence Spencer Five Local Lads Recovering From Win State Track Battle Wounds Meet Trip

Friends of Pvt. Clarence O. Spencer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Spencer, Wasco, will be glad to know that he is undergoing skin grafting and is improving. He has been hospitalized over eleven months in Bushnell General Hospital in Brigham City, Utah recovering from wounds received in Guadalcanal. He was in a hospital in the South Pacific before going to Utah. His brother Lt. Eugene Spencer, who saw action in the North African and Sicilian invasion, is now stationed in Port Chicago, California.

Sherman County Second For Paper

Sherman county is second in per capita collection of waste paper according to the latest bulletin sent from the state salvage office by Rod Finney, secretary. First is Benton county which shipped 166 tons of paper during April. Sherman county has made no shipment since February. Benton's per capita collection is 44.5; Sherman's is 31.6. Wasco county is third and Gilliam county fourth. The average for the state is 12.7 pounds.

Dorothy Ball Heads LaGrande Students

The associated women students of Eastern Oregon College held an election Wednesday, May 3, to determine the officers for next year. Dorothy Ball of Grass Valley was elected president; Leone Cavanaugh of La Grande, vice-president; Nina Wells of Puyallup, Washington, secretary and Marion Snider of La Grande, treasurer.

Miss Ball was also elected secretary-treasurer for the Art Honorary Alpha Rho Tau.

Miss Dorothy Scholl, a sister of Miss Emma Jean Scholl, a teacher in the local grade school, was elected secretary of the Student Body of the Eastern Oregon College of Education in La Grande.

MORE CHEESE FOR CIVILIANS

PENDLETON, OREGON, May 11, 1944: The Regional Office of Distribution, WFA, has announced that all cheddar cheese manufacturers will be required to set aside 60 per cent of their product during the months of May and June, reported Lewis A. Nichols, in charge of the Area Office in Pendleton.

Civilian consumers will still have about 10,000,000 pounds per month more than was available to them in the months since last July, Nichols pointed out.

Bob and Bill Axtell are home again on a furlough from the army and are visiting relatives and friends here. Their father, Clair Axtell, was over from Durfur last week end.

Health Unit To Hold Conferences Next Tuesday

A child health conference will be held in Sherman county next Tuesday, May 16, which will be attended by Dr. Ethel Reuter and nurses of the Wasco-Sherman health unit.

The conference will open at the Moro Woman's club building at 9:30. Those wishing to make appointments may call Mrs. M. M. Oveson. In the afternoon at 2:00 it will open at the Wasco school and appointment may be made through Mrs. A. H. McInyre.

Immunization for whooping cough, diphtheria and small pox will be given and it is suggested that those who had whooping cough immunizations last year return for another shot.

AAA Committeemen Doing More Work

AAA community committeemen are taking a much greater part in the operations of the 1944 agricultural conservation and related farm programs under a plan of delegating more duties and responsibilities to them to save time and travel for farmers, announces John Shepherd of Scio, member of the state committee.

In Sherman as in some other counties community committeemen have divided their territory so that each one has responsibility in his district for operation of the soil building practice program and other programs administered by the AAA.

Under this arrangement farmers contact the committeemen in their district for information, to get approval of soil building practices and to sign a farm plan or report practices performed.

In addition, the community committeemen act as neighborhood contact points for the county committee in gathering information concerning rationing and allocation of farm machinery and supplies, applications for farm trucks and gasoline, and commodity loan and purchase programs.

Senior Class Presents Final Comedy

The senior class of the high school presented a three act comedy Wednesday night to a houseful of friends and patrons. The play, "No Women Wanted", had to do with the experiences of three men, Angus McDougall (Clair Balzer), a confirmed (?) bachelor, Allard Anthony (Herman Ziegler), a quiet elderly gentleman, and his son Jimmy (Donald Thompson) who had no objections to women at all.

While on a hunting trip in the north woods they were forced to play hosts to a group of women whose plane had been wrecked while traveling between shows. There was Lolita de la Fuente (Eileen Lemley) a Mexican dancer, who was engaged to Jimmy, Valer's Valencourt (Gloria Douma) a girl from the chorus Mary Jones (Doris Newcomb) another show girl and Patricia Jones (Patty French) a forbidden looking female who kept snakes. Because Gus (Bob Hoskinson) did not return with the boat, which was the only way to leave the island, the girls had to stay in the cabin for two weeks with the result that the men decided they wanted women after all.

Red Cross Quota Exceeded Nationally

The Red Cross has sent out a letter saying that the 1944 fund has grown to \$211,200,000 as of April 30. This exceeds the quota of \$200,000,000 asked of the nation.

In the northwest the quota was \$22,233,250 and \$24,328,015 has been raised. Of the 3749 chapters in the United States 3180 have passed their quota and the others are still working to that end.

King Says Plow Is Useful But Wasteful Tool

Soil Specialist Says Both Sides Partly Right In Plowing Controversy

The current nationwide argument over plowing, started by publication of the book, "Plowman's Folly," which advocates complete elimination of the moldboard plow, finds both sides right as to principle but neither side always right as to practice, in the opinion of Art King, extension soils specialist at OSC.

"Both sides are right and their points can be proved, both by scientific facts and practical experience," says King. "There may be those who prefer to be right and go broke because of poor yield but farming can be more pleasant and profitable if based on production instead of principle."

King points out that, while the plowers and non-plowers are right about what happens to the soil under both methods, the latter apparently forget that any wealth created by farming comes from the soil. When nature supported only nature, nothing was removed or added. A farmer in making a living, on the other hand, sells fertility from the farm in the form of crops. Therefore, while plowing may deplete land, it does so only as an aid to high production.

Plowing, by stopping plant growth and mixing surface organic matter with the soil, does start the destruction of the soil, but such destruction is necessary to make plant food available, both from plant material and from soil minerals, King explains. There comes a time after continued, intensive plowing when there is no more fuel to burn and the soil may be completely worn out.

Far sighted farmers avert this by planning a farming system for the continued renewal of organic matter, either through rotation with soil building crops or annual addition from cover or green manure crops, or from spreading straw or barnyard manure. King adds, however, that a number of successful tillage implements are urged instead of the moldboard plow, either periodical or under certain soil and cropping conditions, as in trashy fallow farming in eastern Oregon.

Trained Dogs For Blind Aim of Blinded Veteran of World War I

Col. Stewart P. Arnold was in town last week, led by his faithful collie, McDougall. Col. Arnold was a one time resident of this county having worked here in 1916, before he went to war and was made blind by an explosion.

He is travelling about the state to see members of the county courts and obtain their assistance in raising a fund for Oregon Guiding Friends, a non-profit, charitable organization, with headquarters at Tillamook where it will train dogs to aid blind soldiers get about.

Col. Arnold and wife have donated property on which the headquarters and kennels are to be located. It is a short distance north of Tillamook. It is estimated that it will require three and a half months to train the dogs and an additional month to train them with their master.

The plan is to raise money enough so that there will be no cost to the blind at all, neither for training nor for the dog. Ex-soldiers will have priority, but civilians will also be helped. Col. Arnold explained that there are already many soldiers returning who are blind, and many industrial workers who are losing their sight.

The project has been endorsed by the governor and state officials and by the county judges association, veterinarian's association, the Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, service organizations and both the big labor groups.

Case Settled Out Of Court; No Circuit Court Primary Election To Decide Fate Of Candidates

There will be no case handled at the May term of the circuit court as the one civil case on the docket has been settled. Judge Updegraff has issued an order to not call the jurors and retaining the old grand jury in service until November. The case that was to come up was over a matter of less than \$200.

Budget Making Makes Officials Busy

The city of Moro had its budget made last Tuesday night. If the preliminary figures are approved at the final meeting the city tax for next year will be almost identical to that of the last year which was 12.4. The budget committee placed an appropriation for \$1000 in the budget for purchase of fire equipment. A bond fund of \$1500 was allowed. Wasco made its budget the first of the month and it showed little change from that of the previous year.

Next week the county budget will be made and that is the only place that tax reductions may be looked for this year as school district taxes will probably increase again.

WOMEN TO MILK COWS

Additional spring classes to train women dairy workers are being arranged by the OSC extension service in response to calls from Oregon dairymen for help, announces Mrs. Mabel Mack, assistant state farm labor supervisor in charge of recruiting for the women's land army. Each course lasts from one to three weeks, according to previous experience of students.

Applicants found suitable will have all expenses paid while taking the course, including transportation to Corvallis. Those who take the training agree to stay in dairy work at least three months when suitable jobs are available.

Mrs. Mack is also recruiting ranch cooks to meet a keen demand from many parts of the state. Anyone with past experience and interested may get details direct from her. Both of these war important jobs pay high wages, she says.

Parties To Pick Nominees For Interparty Battle In November

Next Friday, May 19, voters of Oregon will go to the polls to decide several contests that have been attracting more or less attention for the past two months. Interest is not high, voters are busy, local contests are few. All of which is expected to keep the voting percentage low. Sherman county has a record of casting a large percentage of eligible votes, however, and may not follow the apparent trend of little interest.

Electors will choose candidates for president and vice president, national committeemen and women, delegates to the national conventions, electors of the president and vice-president (a honorary office usually), candidates for U. S. Senator for six years and a U. S. Senator for four years, a state treasurer, a representative in congress, an attorney general for the state, a state senator, two state representatives, a district attorney for the county, assessor, clerk, sheriff, commissioner, coroner, justice of the peace and precinct committeemen and women. It is a long ballot.

Two Senators To Be Elected

Voting will be conducted from eight in the morning until eight in the evening of May 19 at the usual polling places of which there are nine in Sherman county.

Republicans have a choice of two for national committeemen, Ralph Calk of Portland and Charles Paine of Eugene. Mrs. George Cerlinger is the only candidate for the national committeewoman's post.

There are 17 candidates for delegate to the national Republican convention at large and seven are to be elected. Two delegates are to be chosen from each of the four congressional districts and this second district has five candidates.

No Presidential Candidate

No names appear on the Oregon ballot for presidential preference since the name of Wendell Willkie was withdrawn. Voters may write in the name of anyone they choose but unless someone obtains a considerable majority the write-ins will count for little.

Senator Guy Cordon, who was appointed by Governor Snell to serve in place of Senator Charles McNary, is being opposed by former governor Charles Sprague. There are also two other candidates on the ballot for this nomination.

For the six year term Wayne Morse and Senator Holman are contesting and state senator Earl Fisher is also a candidate.

Lowell Stockman of Pendleton has no competition for the nomination as congressman from this district and neither has Leslie Scott as state treasurer.

George Neuner, who was appointed by Governor Snell to be attorney general to succeed the late I. H. VanWinkle, is being opposed by Leroy Lomax, a Portland attorney.

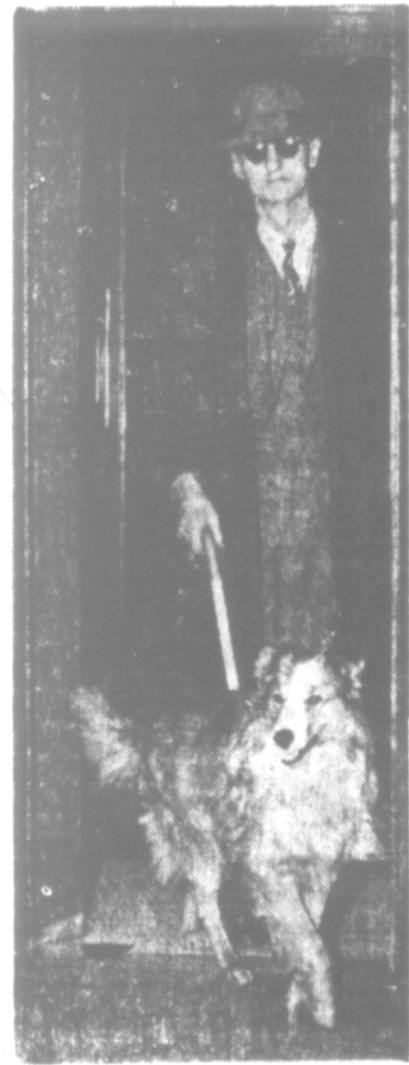
Few Offices Contested

Ernest Fatland of Condon is unopposed for the nomination for state senator as are Henry Peterson and Giles French of Ione and Moro, respectively, who are running for the state house of representatives.

Republicans have no candidates for district attorney, clerk or sheriff, although George Fox is running for assessor, David Reid for county commissioner and Ed Alley for coroner. W. D. Wallan is out for justice of peace for the Moro district.

Because of local party activity there are some candidates for precinct committeemen and women on both the Republican and Democratic tickets. This means that

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If the program is completed \$150,000 will be available for the first year and \$100,000 each year after that. This will make it possible to send out 150 dogs per year to aid blind persons to get around the streets to safety and keep them from becoming entirely dependent on others.