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Conflicting policies pursued by war food administration and office of price administration have brought about an alarming situation in the feed supply, according to reports reaching the national capital. Stocks of corn and wheat the staples for livestock feed, are being decimated so rapidly that shortages are appearing in all parts of the country and particularly in the northwest where a deficit has existed even in normal years. The available supply of feed wheat will be practically exhausted before another harvest and the situation with respect to corn is almost as serious. As of April 1 the available supply of livestock feed was approximately one million bushels less than on the same date one year ago.

Before the war and in the period of the so-called ever normal granary the United States had a carry-over supply of feed grains amounting to about one year's requirements. Because of the greatly increased livestock population in the past three years feed has been disappearing at the rate of one and a third crops a year, so that its ultimate exhaustion became a mathematical certainty within a given period. Imposition of price ceilings by OPA and urging by WPA for greater livestock production have operated to aggravate this condition to such an extent as to make a feed shortage inevitable.

Lack of cargo vessels available for that purpose curtails possible augmentation of feed supplies by importation of corn from Argentina and while there is a small reservoir of surplus wheat in Canada, there is a disposition in government circles to conserve this supply against the time when it may be needed for human consumption. If unfavorable conditions develop in United States wheat fields there will be urgent need for this grain even at the sacrifice of the livestock industry. The situation has now become so serious that one high government official is quoted as saying that it is possible the newspapers will be carrying true stories of entire poultry flocks being killed off for lack of feed.

Recent removal of rationing points from certain cuts of meat was for the purpose of encouraging sales of meat, thereby reducing the livestock population and relieving the feed situation, but less meat is consumed during the summer months and the effect has not been up to expectations of OPA. Nor is the situation improved by the OPA announcement that full rationing of meat may be resumed at an early date.

Members of the house were undecided whether to become hilarious or indignant over complaints received from grocers and other retail dealers because of a suggestion from office of price administration that they wash ration tokens before handing them back to customers in making change for ration stamps. The suggestion reads, "Retailers can please customers by handing out clean, fresh-looking tokens in change for stamps." As hundreds of millions of these tokens are in circulation and the daily take by a retailer may run into the thousands it is somewhat discouraging to contemplate the waste of manpower which would be involved in washing each individual token in order that it might be kept "clean and fresh-looking."

Back of the filing of an anti-trust suit against American match companies is a much more serious matter.

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County's Bond Quota Set At \$176,000

Quota Higher Than Before But Under Amounts Sold In Each of Two Previous Drives

Sherman county has received a quota of \$176,000 for the Fifth War Loan drive which begins June 12. This is a higher quota than the county has ever had in the previous four drives. The quota of the state is also higher than before although the national goal is \$18,000,000,000, a little higher than ever asked of the people before.

At the meeting held recently at which state quotas were given out Oregon was one state that did not ask for a smaller quota and made no protest when its quota was raised \$24,000,000.

The series E quota for Sherman county was set at \$108,000 by a state committee according to a wire received here Tuesday. Other individual sales of \$37,000 are asked to bring the total for sales to individuals to \$145,000. The corporation quota is set at \$31,000.

In the last campaign for war funds this county bought \$172,400 in E bonds, \$14,800 in other individual bonds and \$37,700 in corporation bonds to make a total of \$224,700 on a quota of \$142,100. Reports indicate that there is practically the same amount of money in the local and adjacent banks now as when the third and fourth war loan drives started.

Poster Contest Winners Announced

Winners in the American Legion Auxiliary poster contest for the Moro school have been announced by Mrs. Theodore Johnston, chairman for the unit. Posters were judged by Miss Helen Whitcomb of The Dalles High school art department.

John Lovell was first, Juanita Tonkins, second; Wily Knight, third, winning prizes of \$12.50, \$1.00 and \$0.75 in war stamps respectively. Honorable mention and a 25 cent war stamp was given to Bobby Newbill and Ronnie May.

Rose Amidon 'New Woman's Club Head

The Moro Woman's club held its final meeting of the year last Friday. Families of the members and the teachers as guests enjoyed a bounteous potluck dinner in the club rooms.

After a short business session the officers for next year were installed as follows: Mrs. E. H. Amidon president, Mrs. James Kent vice-president, Mrs. M. A. Bull secretary, Mrs. Clarence Sparling treasurer, Mrs. B. H. Roberson director for the three year term. Each officer was presented with a lovely corsage made by Mrs. Truman Strong.

Mrs. A. Douma was appointed press correspondent.

The next meeting will be in September. Further notice will be in the local paper.

SALES DO NOT MEAN WAR IS OVER

The fact that sales of surplus consumer goods are now running around \$12,000,000 a month has given the erroneous impression that high government officials are counting on an early end of the war. As a matter of fact these sales have no connection whatever with prolongation of the military effort. Disposal of surpluses accumulated for military purposes will be through other agencies and it will not occur until the fighting has ceased or the war has reached a stage where the inevitable end is in sight.

Triple Headaches for the Axis



Top: Albert, Herbert and Gilbert Gieris, 10-year-old triplets from River Grove, Ill., who are studying to be ground observers at Farmingdale, N. Y. Below: This trio earned the sobriquet of "The Three Musketeers" as a result of their scouting patrols on Bougainville. They proudly display the array of decorations they have garnered in the campaign.

Memorial Day Bickleton Men Service Arranged Come To See By Legionnaires Agitated Acres

Chris Schultz Post, American Legion, together with aid from other posts, is sponsoring a Memorial service to be held Tuesday morning at 10 a. m. at the Moro Community church. Rev. Connell of Wasco will speak and members of the legion will have a part in giving honor to all men in service and particularly those who have given their life for their country and the things for which it stands.

The choir of the church has practiced special music for the occasion. Families of the men who have been killed in service have been invited by the adjutant of the local post and all others are asked to come and attend the service.

Precinct Officers Chosen Regularly

The campaign of local political committees to obtain candidates for precinct committeemen and women resulted in the election of a nearly full slate of these party officers. It also saved the election boards much trouble with write-ins although there were a number of these for other offices.

Elected to precinct office were on the Republican ticket, Rufus C. A. Tom; Locust Grove, Amelia Root and Harry VanGilder; Klondike, C. E. Coats and Wilma Hansen; Monklund, Sarah Belle Conlee and P. C. Axtell; Rutledge, Dean Reynolds and Ellen Reynolds; Kent, Frank vonBorstel and Floye vonBorstel; Grass Valley, A. A. Dunlap and Clara E. Rolfe; Moro, Dorothy Moore and Giles French; Wasco, B. Estelle Hailey and E. D. McKee.

Democrats elected, Rufus: H. H. Brackett and Pearl Brackett; Locust Grove, Gordon Harper and Gladys Zell; Klondike, Helen Bruckert and George Potter; Monklund, Harvey Thompson and Leona Douma; Rutledge, Cecil Eakin; Kent, Arthur Justesen and Wynona Wilson; Grass Valley, Tom Garrett; Moro, W. S. Powell and Clara Houston; Wasco, Dell Wright and Mrs. A. H. McIntyre.

GAME HEARING SET

The annual hearing of the Oregon State Game Commission regarding prospective hunting regulations will be held at ten a. m. June 10, at the Commission offices in 616 Oregon Building, Portland.

Under consideration will be seasons, bag limits and other regulations concerning game birds and game animals, and anyone interested is invited to attend.

A group of five farmers came over from the Bickleton, Wn., district Wednesday to spend the day looking at Joe Belanger's trashy fallow experiments and the work of the experiment station. The men were Don Wilson, who is in charge of the soil conservation district there, M. E. Larson, Chester Binns, Nelson Binns and A. W. Donoho.

They have been following a trashy method of raising wheat for about ten years they reported, using a disc tiller mostly. Crops have increased under this practice and use of tractors, which makes earlier plowing possible, and the trashy fallow method are given the credit. All Bickleton farmers also grow cattle, they said.

Adoption of the type of tillage used by Mr. Belanger will be done on their ranches as soon as machinery is available to make it practical according to the men who were here.

ICE SHOW SPETACULAR

Take the best features of the most spectacular stage productions, and original and brilliant showmanship, a wealth of gorgeous costumes, a sprinkling with laugh-provoking comedians, garnish with beautiful music—then put the whole dish on skates and you have the ICE FOLLIES of 1944.

The all-new edition of the Shipstads and Johnson ice extravaganza comes to the new Portland Arena for a limited engagement starting May 30.

This year's production overflows all its predecessors in the veritable magnitude of production. More than 130 skaters and 33 featured acts comprise the entourage.

Accent of the show is an eye-filling and breath-taking sequence. The extravaganza opens with a magnificent ballet titled "18th Century Garden", wherein bevy of dazzling dancing skaters pay homage to "Terpsichore", in the person of Jeanne Sook, prima ballerina. This enchanting sequence set to original music introduces a new star of the Ice Follies—Michael Kirby, Canadian champion, teamed with Norah McCarty in a mobile depiction of a "Knight and His Lady" at the royal court of old France.

Another fabulous and fantastic episode in the fast-moving musical revue on ice is "Candyland", introducing the world's only girl skater, Phyllis Legg, and the Canadian star, Osborne Colson.

Graduation All Remaining Of School Year

Two Schools Have Seniors To Finish High School Work Next Week

Graduation is the pressing matter that concerns all school children in Sherman county this week except for the Rufus eighth grade which finished last Friday.

Wasco and Moro high schools will graduate classes of nine and six respectively, making the county high school graduates number 16, the smallest ever.

Exercises will be held at Moro Monday night, May 29, with J. W. Ellison of Oregon State as speaker. Graduating are Clair Balzer, Dave Bayer, Loyd Kelley, Doris Newcomb, Donald Thompson and Herman Ziegler Jr. Saturday night the juniors will give a banquet at the school house for the seniors their parents and the school board, after which class night program will be given. Sunday Rev. Moberg will give the baccalaureate sermon at the Baptist church at Grass Valley.

The Wasco class will graduate Tuesday night, May 30, with Mr. Ellison making the address. Baccalaureate will be an event of Sunday. In the class finishing high school work are Clyde Fridley, Shirley Ann Juhnke, Wilford Lutje, Robert Martin Nesbet, Douglas Everett Shull, Vera VanGilder, Betty Ruth Kidner, Gerald Nesbet, and Leland J. Schwendel.

Several of the boys in both of the classes will not be present as they are already in the services.

Eighth grade graduation will be held in the Grass Valley auditorium with Rev. Seth Huntington of The Dalles making the address. Graduates from Moro, Kent and Grass Valley will be present as Rufus has already graduated the Audrey Blackburne, Billy McDonald, Velda Guilford, Dona Smith, Dolores Fox, and Benny Brooks. The Wasco class of Patricia Kaebberg, James White, Lew's Lutje and Dean Ruzic will have their services with the high school.

Valley will be Jean Zevely, Herman Peters, James Estell Hartley and Carl Ziegler of Grass Valley. Samuel B. Holmes, Philip Theodore, Sammie Jean Lyons, Sharon Arlene Martin and Louise Ellen Walton of Kent and Richard Merrill Oveson, Katherine Moberg, Leila McLachlan and Rex Younger of Moro.

Robert Evans Buried In Wasco Cemetery

Robert F. Evans, resident of Moro for the past two years and for many years a Sherman county man, died at his home here Sunday evening after a long illness.

Mr. Evans was born in Port Carven, Pennsylvania November 6, 1881. He came to Wasco in 1901 and later moved to Portland where he was married in 1912. He later returned to Sherman county. For the past two years he has been janitor of the Moro school building.

Surviving are his widow Etta, a brother James of Phonerville, Penn., and a sister, Mrs. J. J. Fassemecht of Patterson, New Jersey. Funeral services were held Wednesday from the Methodist church at Wasco with the Rev. J. D. Moberg in charge. Interment was made in Sunrise cemetery at Wasco.

ABSTRACT CO. EXPANDS

Mr and Mrs Dan McLoughlin were here last week end from Yakima where Mr. McLoughlin is an attorney for the government employed in settling claims on the Hanford project. With George Updegraff, Mr. McLoughlin has bought the abstract companies working in Gilliam and Wheeler counties and expect to write title insurance in all three counties. The McLoughlins will move to Condon early next month.

Winners



Senator Guy Cordon, who won the nomination for the short term



Wayne Morse, who defeated incumbent Senator Rufus Holman for the nomination to the U. S. Senate.

'Dutch' Belshee Home On Furlough

Harold (Dutch) Belshee is home after five years in the navy. He is on a furlough for a short time. Since leaving here he has been in Hawaii and other islands of the Pacific most of the time and is well browned to show or his experience. Although married and the father of a daughter, he did not bring his family home as they would not have been able to return to Hawaii with him.

Mrs. Gladys Morrison left last week for Portland from where she joined her daughter. Mrs. Doris Coelach, for a trip to California to visit her other daughter, Helen Morrison Dawson, who is a marine. Mr and Mrs Leon Moore are living on the ranch during her absence.

Lawrence Allen Wagner, son of John L. Wagner of Wasco applied for enlistment in the U.S. Navy and was accepted as apprentice seaman. He will leave the first part of June for Camp Furratt, Idaho for recruit training.

Mr and Mrs Earl Kuskie were here Monday to visit with his sister, Mrs. Earl Gentry and family. He has been in the navy in the South Pacific for a year and a half and was recently married on his return to the states.

R O McElroy, special agent for the Union Pacific at Pendleton and R L Cogburn, who holds a similar position at Portland, were guests of Mr and Mrs C C Wilson Saturday evening.

Word was received here Thursday that Edgar Miller, former resident of Moro, had died at his home near Sisters. He was the father of Marvin Miller, who is now in Alaska.

Pupils of Miss Vivian Trounce will appear in recital at the following places and on the following dates: Grass Valley May 31, Wasco June 1 and Moro June 2.

Mrs. Carroll Sayre left Wednesday for Portland expecting to be gone for the remainder of the week.

Mrs. G. A. Williams received word that her brother, Murdo Smith of Druid, Saskatchewan, died May 14th. He was a veteran of World War I.

A H Barnum has finished grading and leveling on his place and the bull dozer crew left this week for home.

Election Brings Few Surprises In This County

Cordon, Holman and Mackay Carry County; All Local Officers Renominated

Sherman county voters, that is, sixty percent of them sided the pluralities of most of the winning candidates last Friday. Notable exception was the local victory of Senator Rufus Holman who was defeated in the state by Wayne Morse. Senator Guy Cordon received a majority here comparable to his statewide vote.

The only local contest was a last minute write-in campaign for Percy Thompson for sheriff on the Republican ticket. He received 114 Republican votes and 34 on the Democratic side. He has the Republican nomination when he cares to accept it which need not be until late September if he wishes to delay that long.

The contest between Fred Finsley and D. N. Mackay for the circuit judgeship caused some local interest although the men are from Wheeler and Gilliam counties respectively. Mackay won the county with 325 votes to 321 for Finsley and latest reports indicate that Mackay also won the position with 1001 votes to 885 for his opponent.

Unofficial figures, but complete gave Mackay 137 in Wheeler, 539 in Gilliam and 326 in Sherman. Finsley 392 in Wheeler, 172 in Gilliam and 321 in Sherman.

There was less interest in the Democratic ticket, less than half of the registered Democrats voting in the election. No contests are thought to have held the vote lower. Clarence Hyde won the county for national committeeman although being beaten in the remainder of the state by Lew Wallace. Mrs. Robinson was elected national committeewoman over Emily Edson.

Edgar Smith won the nomination for U.S. Senator for the long term over Walter Whitebeck and Willis Mahoney won the short term nomination.

Ross Ornduff, county clerk, received the highest number of votes on the Democratic ticket, getting 220 to 18 for Roosevelt.

On the Republican side George Neuner was nominated as attorney general over Leroy Lomax, Ernest Fatland was nominated as state senator, Giles French and Henry Peterson for state representatives, George Fox for assessor, David Reid for county commissioner, Ed Alvey for coroner and William Wallan for justice of the peace.

Democrats nominated for local offices were T. Lester Johnson for district attorney, Ornduff for clerk, Charley Wilson for sheriff, Charles Ruggles for assessor. Unless there are independent candidates there will be competition for no county office except assessor. It is thought likely, however, that Thompson will accept the nomination for sheriff.

Equalization Board Sets Hearing Dates

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING

NOTICE: There will be a meeting of the County Board of Equalization of Sherman County, Oregon, at the Court House, Moro, Oregon, on the second Monday in June, that being the 15th day of June, 1944, to publicly examine the Assessment rolls, correct all errors in valuation, descriptions of lands or other property assessed by me, and it shall be the duty of persons interested to appear at the time and place appointed (appearance is by petition). All petitions must be in writing and verified by the oath of the applicant and filed with the board within the first week it is by law required to be in session.

CHARLES A. RUGGLES
20-31 County Assessor