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Cost of living in 1939 was noticeably lower in 1944, and civilians now would like to return to the "good old days." Donald Nelson, who is still boss of WPB despite his mission to China, has been desirous of going back to the prices of 1939 and was making moves to bring this about. A few days ago Nelson, who was a Sears-Roebuck executive before coming to the national capital, announced that as soon as the war in Europe folded production would start on civilian goods—not all, but on many of the heretofore hard-to-get, and that the prices would be those of 1939. Mr. Nelson had, according to signs, won his fight against the brass hats.

When Nelson announced, a few months ago, that a little material would be released to permit manufacturers to prepare models or samples to be sold to the public after the war, he met with hostile opposition from the war department. Nelson argued that the war department has stockpiles to provide for their needs and that he would divert a small portion to the manufacturers, but the brass has refused to admit that they have a sufficiency of anything.

Came the showdown, and Nelson came out on top. If there is a particular war item that may be regarded as short it will not be disturbed, but there is not shortage of aluminum or magnesium and these metals can be fabricated into innumerable articles. In addition to the war department, Nelson had the opposition of certain of the big industries now engaged in war production. These concerns did not want to continue working on government contracts and see little manufacturers get the jump on articles which the big companies hope to produce but which they cannot touch until their contracts have been completed and they can re-tool.

If the proposal and promise of Donald Nelson become a fact there should be a stirring in peace industry before the end of this year. Inasmuch as the general impression seems to be that Germany will cave in within two or three months, Nelson said that he wants civilian goods produced regardless of how long it takes to exterminate the Japanese in the Pacific. This policy would place the Pacific coast at a disadvantage in some respects, as the coast must continue to produce for the war against Japan and wait while the industrial east is back in peace production.

It is apparent that the resolution introduced by Senator McClellan for retention of islands in the Pacific recovered from Japan was intended merely as a gesture and is not taken seriously at this time. Its immediate consideration was not asked and it was referred to the committee on foreign relations. The resolution covers all of the islands in the Pacific held by or mandated to Japan, as well as Bermuda and the West Indies. So far as the Bermudas and British holdings in the West Indies are concerned, Mr. Churchill has made it clear that Great Britain will not relinquish title to any part of the empire, and there is no prospect that this issue will be raised in the senate.

As to the islands in the Pacific, it is certain that the old cry of imperialism will be heard if the United States attempts to hold anything more than Japan captured from this country after Pearl Harbor, and the congress is already pledged to relinquish the Philippines as soon as the Japs are driven out. There has been no indication

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Preliminary Plan Made For Ship Launching

Forrest Cooper, of Lakeview, who has been aiding the state War Bond Staff for two years as director of sales in the eastern Oregon territory, was in Moro Monday night and part of Tuesday on a swing through this part of the state.

Mr. Cooper is making arrangements for launching a troop carrier sometime in October by a group partially made up of residents of this county. Mrs. Giles French will sponsor the ship and women from Morrow and Grant counties will act as matrons of honor. Morrow county was second in the fifth war loan drive when Sherman county was first and Grant county was first in E bond sales in percentage of quota. The Grant county chairman is Mrs. Bertha Dixon.

The sales force in Sherman county during the fifth war loan drive will be invited to attend the launching, the date for which has not been definitely set and will not be until later this month.

New Food Element To Be Studied

A research grant of \$7700 a year to aid scientists here in the study of a new food element known as far as the anti-stiffness factor, has been renewed by the Research Corporation of New York, President A. L. Strand has announced. The work is done by Dr. Rosalind Wulzen, discoverer of the new factor, and Dr. W. J. van Wageningen who is studying its chemical aspects.

Support from the national foundation has continued since 1941 when the possible importance to human nutrition of the discovery was recognized by officials of the corporation.

Dr. Wulzen discovered that guinea pigs fed what appeared to be adequate diets, but which were later found deficient in this new factor or vitamin, developed stiff joints and excessive calcium deposits throughout the body. When fed raw cream or certain kinds of grains over long enough periods they recovered completely. A rich source of the substance than raw cream has now been found.

Additional research elsewhere will be undertaken to study the possibility of using this food factor in helping overcome some of the ancient ills of man that closely resemble the condition developed by the guinea pigs.

New 'A' Books Due Sept. 21

A streamlined plan for handling renewal of "A" gasoline ration books was announced today by McDannell Brown, district director, Office of Price Administration. Present "A" ration expires on September 21.

Motorists can obtain their renewal forms at local service stations and garages, except for workers in industries which have plant transportation committees. They will get their forms from the committees and return them to the committees instead of to the local OPA boards. Brown explained.

All other motorists should get their renewal blanks now, fill them out properly, and mail the form to their own local OPA board accompanied by the signed back cover of the present "A" book, and the tire inspection record. If the back cover has been lost or destroyed, the applicant must be able to prove to the satisfaction of the board that the car is actually in use and that no other application has been made for a basic "A" ration.

Mrs. Lena Seary came up from Portland with her daughter in law Mrs. John Seary and children to visit here several days with relatives and friends.

Charles Wilson Held For Murder Of Stepdaughter

Antelope Scene of Fatal Shooting Scrape And Man Hunt

Charles Wilson, 45, resident of Antelope and The Dalles, was lodged in the Sherman county jail Monday night after having been arrested that afternoon for the murder of his stepdaughter, Genevieve Fulkerson at Antelope, last Saturday night.

The story as told by police is that Wilson had returned from The Dalles to Antelope arriving just before midnight. He was reportedly drunk and quarrelsome. After two threats to shoot his wife, from which she dissuaded him, he arose from the bed on which he was lying and started shooting.

Genevieve had come into her mother's room to be with her during the quarrel and was in bed with her. One of the bullets wounded Mrs. Wilson in a finger and went on through the heart of the 13 year old girl killing her almost instantly.

Wilson then left for the hills although he did take a few shots at the Fulkerson boy, who had been sent to his grandmother's house for aid. Sheriff Sexton of Wasco county and state police and Sheriff Wilson of Sherman county took up the trail but the culprit was not discovered until he crawled out of a haystack on the Brogan farm Monday afternoon and surrendered to James Brogan and George McDonald who were building fence nearby.

Wilson has been a resident of this district for several years having come from Tennessee. Several brothers are also living here.

The dead girl had four sisters, LaVerne, Rosie and Geraldine Fulkerson and Christine Wilson and a brother, Roy Fulkerson. Funeral services were held at Antelope Wednesday afternoon at 2:30.

Wilson was bound over to the grand jury at a hearing in the Wasco county circuit court in The Dalles Wednesday.

Burma Route Carries Bristles

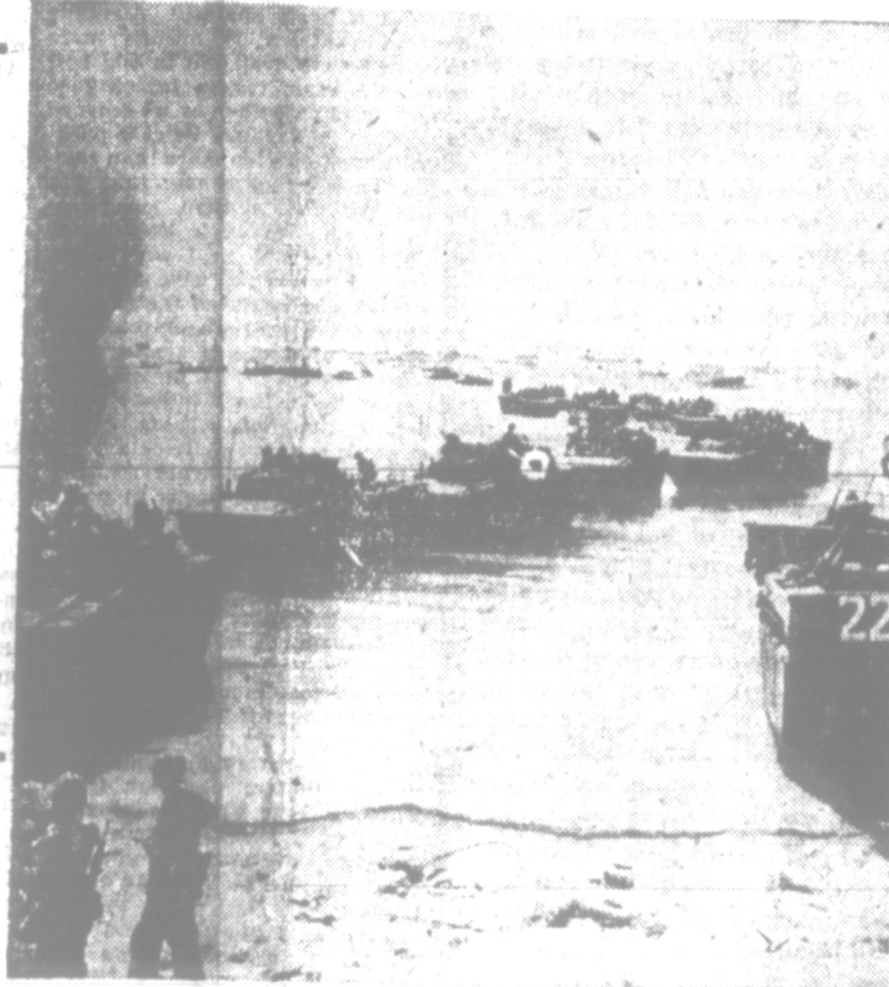
Most dangerous air route in the world, by general admission, is the flight from India to China over the Himalayan Mountains. This run, known as flying "the hump", is used for hauling vital war cargoes to China. On the equally dangerous return flight, Chinese hog bristles make up part of the cargoes, the Foreign Economic Administration reports. American pigs are killed too young to have time to grow the long, strong bristles characteristic of Chinese pigs—in reality boars. These hog bristles from China are very important in the making of paint brushes for the Navy and U. S. Maritime Commission, as well as for brushes used in wool combing machines.

Omar and Winnie



Prime Minister Winston Churchill of Great Britain pays an unexpected visit to Lt. Gen. Omar Bradley at his headquarters somewhere in France. Winnie waits as General Bradley gives phone instructions.

Tractors on Tinian Excursion



A long line of marine and army amphibious tractors, coming into the beach at Tinian Island, looks like a holiday excursion train, one after Tokyo and when the island fell it proved the GIs and Leathernecks were more than a match for the best that Tokyo could give.

Veteran Voting Almost As Easy As Going To Polls At Home

Veterans are now concerned about how to obtain ballots in order to vote under the Oregon law. From the county clerk's office the following information has been obtained to aid that effort.

The veteran obtains a card from his company clerk or personnel officer or other officer designated to handle the balloting. This card when filled out is sent to the secretary of state for his state.

On the veteran states his date and place of birth, the number of years a resident of the precinct he wishes to vote in and for primary elections the party. These cards are used as registration cards by the county clerks. These cards must be signed before a commissioned officer who countersigns them.

The secretary of state forwards these cards to the proper county clerk. Anytime after the ballots are

printed the clerk sends one to the service man. In his county ballots are expected about October 6.

On the envelope in which the ballot is enclosed for return to the county clerk is the usual affidavit form which must be signed before a commissioned officer, who, in this case, acts as notary public. Ballots must be received by the county clerk by November 7, election day. Authority has been given to include them in the counting if received up to that time, whereas, civilian ballots must be received five days before the election.

Cards and ballots are carried air mail and can be delivered any place in the world on time if service men obtain their mail quickly. Men in the services can request ballots now and already 30 have made such a request in this county.

1944 Crops Good; Plans Now Making For Bigger Next Year

With extensive farm production operations about to begin throughout Oregon and the nation generally on crop and animal products to be harvested and marketed in 1944 and 1945, the agricultural extension service of Oregon has again prepared important factual information bearing on the outlook for fall-sown crops, dairies, poultry, and livestock to assist farmers in planning their production and marketing operations for the year ahead.

A summary of the general United States farm production situation indicates a total volume of crop and animal products, especially of food items, considerably greater than last year.

Crops used directly for food will show sizable increases, although the grain output of crops probably will be only slightly larger than last year, even if the corn crop holds up somewhere near the August 1 estimate in spite of severe drought in some sections. A huge wheat crop is being harvested and prospects are for large crops of fruits, nuts, and truck crops. Other food products are generally abundant, but the supply of feed grains and hay will be smaller.

The section of the report on fall-sown crops includes more detailed analysis of the wheat outlook, the feed grain outlook, the hay outlook and the outlook for fall-sown forage and cover crop seeds. Another section is devoted to the farm price, cost, and demand situation and outlook.

Owing to reduction in hogs and chickens, it is not expected that the total number of grain-consuming animals and poultry will be so great next January 1 as last,

but the reduction in hay-consuming animals is not expected to be marked.

As of January 1, 1944, the total number of animals and poultry on hand was at a high level. The nation had 132 per cent as many chickens per 1,000 persons as the 1935-1939 average, milk cows 104 per cent, all cattle combined 115, stock sheep 94, and hogs 178.

Any farmer in Oregon may obtain a copy of the eight-page outlook circular free from the county agricultural agent or direct from the college.

State U.C.C. To Care For Veterans

With returning veterans eligible for unemployment allowances beginning the week of September 10-16, the State Unemployment Compensation Commission is preparing to take claims in 22 local employment offices. The commission has signed an agreement with the Veterans Administration for administering the unemployment provisions of the GI Bill of Rights.

Men and women who have served in the armed forces 90 days, at least one day of which must have been after September 16, 1940, may draw up to \$20 a week for 52 weeks if they cannot find suitable work. Maximum benefits go to veterans who have served at least 10 1-2 months. Duration provisions do not apply to those discharged by reason of injury or disability in line of duty.

—BUY BONDS TODAY—

Harvest Nearly Over For All Farmers

Harvest is practically over in Sherman county and only those farmers who had a big acreage or who had trouble are still in the field. Wheat is still coming in but the elevators are generally free enough to care for the haulers easily.

As of last Friday there was 1,034,000 bushels in the Wasco district elevators and already shipped, Sunday night there was 860,000 bushels in the Moro district elevators and probably as many in the Grass Valley district. About 1,300,000 are expected at Wasco, slightly over 900,000 at Moro and Grass Valley should warehouse a million bushels. Farm storage will care for around 400,000 bushels exclusive of feed and seed.

Loans had been obtained on 750,000 bushels the first of the week and farmers are getting loans very rapidly, indicating an intention to hold wheat until spring. Loan price is well above market at present.

Mrs. Minnie Blau Buried In Wasco

Mrs. Minnie Blau died at her home in Portland Friday, August 25 and funeral services for her were held Tuesday at Wasco.

Mrs. Blau was born in Waterloo, Oregon November 14, 1878 and came when a girl to Wasco with her father, James Gibson. She was married in November 1897 to Fred Blau and continued to live on the farm near Wasco until 1917 when the family moved to Portland, which remained her home until death.

Surviving are a son, Walter of Wasco, two grand children Kenneth, in the air force in Pensacola, Fla., and Helen at home, three brothers, Omar and Charles Gibson of Yakima, John of Sacramento, and one sister, Mrs. Harold Staniels of Portland.

Cash Wheat Drops In Portland Market

Cash wheat prices at Portland continued on a downward trend the past week and at the close, bids for ordinary classes were down 1c to 3c per bushel compared with a week ago. The market tone appeared weak and unsettled as the period ended. Weakness in cash wheat here was generally attributed to the extremely slow demand from all classes of buyers at Coast terminals. Mills are not actively in the market for wheat except high protein Hard Whites which are reported difficult to obtain. The CCC was in the market with support prices of \$1.45 but this was not sufficient to maintain values. Growers on the other hand, are not selling appreciable amounts of wheat since current bids are now under loan levels. Considerable grain was reported being placed under loan. Wheat receipts at Puget Sound and Columbia River terminals were seasonally heavy at about 1,285 cars of which Portland had 505. These receipts were reported as including largely CCC and wheat for terminal storage since the CCC support price is based on wheat in storage of terminals with Coast transit.

MORE SHELLS COMING

If you have a few moments to spare, you may begin to oil up the family fletch. WPB has taken cognizance of the fact that animals and birds are causing widespread destruction to crops and livestock all over the country. The ban on the sale of ammunition to hunters will be removed temporarily in the near future. Available for nimrods will be 240 million rim fire cartridges, 8 million center fire cartridges and 130 million shotgun shells. Wolves, coyotes, foxes, weasels, wild ducks, crows and pheasants shouldn't be told of this regulation. Happy hunting.

Most Schools To Open On September 11

Teachers Secured For All Places But One or Two Rooms

The larger part of the school children of Sherman county still end their summer vacation this morning of September 1. The school bells go into action to gain. The Kent-Grass Valley, Moro and Wasco schools begin their studies will delay school opening until September 18.

Faculties have been obtained for nearly all teaching positions in the county although there are a few vacancies not reported as filled. There will be three high schools at Moro, where the addition of Grass Valley and Kent, will make about 50 enrollments at which which will have about 35 and at Rufus where four or five are expected.

Teachers at Kent will be Mrs. Maggie Lamm of Hall, Montana. Mrs. J.E. Torbet and probably Eugene Knott of Wisconsin, who still must obtain a release from the Manpower commission to accept.

At Grass Valley, Mrs. Frances Velly will be principal. Frances Pritts and Dorothy Coyne will teach and a primary instructor is still to be hired.

At Moro Tom Prosser will be principal assisted by Mrs. John Waterman, Yvonne Kooner and Marie Letson in high school. Grade teachers will be Mrs. Letson, Minnie Davis, Mrs. B.H. Robinson, Ruth Caterson, all released from regular on September 18.

At Wasco Frank G. Fitzpatrick, lately of Amity, will be principal. Gertrude C. Edwards and E. Mae To be hired will aid in high school. In the grades Catherine Frazier, Frances Emigh, Mrs. Fitzpatrick and Mrs. Catherine Sonnenberg will instruct.

No list of teachers at Rufus has been given the county school superintendent but it is expected that there will be two high school and two grade school teachers, some of whom are already hired.

Despite the graduation of a large number of the Moro high school football team it is expected that this athletic activity will begin soon after the start of school and a full schedule is expected.

Oregon Cars Decreasing Slowly

There are 130 less private passenger cars in Oregon today than there were a year ago, according to registration figures compiled in the office of Bob Farrell, secretary of state, at Salem.

At the end of the first seven months of the year, there were 323,543 private passenger cars registered in the state, a drop of 130 from the registration figure a year ago.

The reduction in the number of passenger cars operating on Oregon highways and streets is attributable to individuals leaving the state, cars not registered due to gasoline and tire restrictions, and to natural wear and tear. Over the nation as a whole, motor vehicles go off the road at the rate of 5,000 a day, as a result of normal scrapage, the said.

In Oregon, this figure amounts to 80 vehicles per day. Every veteran, upon being discharged, will receive a booklet entitled "Your Rights and Benefits. A Handy Guide for Veterans of The Armed Forces and Their Dependents." The booklet was prepared by the Retraining and employment Administration of the Office of War Mobilization and is now available. Veterans who have already been discharged will be able to obtain copies from their boards, Offices of Veterans Administration, USDS or Community Veterans' Information Centers.