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It was the midnight hour when the news came that Gen. Douglas MacArthur had landed in the Philippines. Washington has developed into a night as well as a day city, with cocktail lounges scattered everywhere, and the news spread with lightning like rapidity. What had occurred was a foretaste of what can be expected when the Germans surrender. If the lid was not off it was at least raised a few inches. Lights popped up in the White House and across the street in the somber building which houses the state department. There was sufficient whoopee in the streets to be reminiscent of New Year's eve, and as for the newspaper offices things boiled, for the communique came so late that front pages had to be torn open and remade.

General MacArthur has many somnolent in this town (outside of army circles) and he is remembered for the two years he was chief of staff. He is also remembered for appearing in full dress uniform when he called out the troops to quell the disturbances created by the "bonus army", and some of the veterans were used rather roughly. There were literally thousands of veterans and others—packed around the steps of the capitol building and filling the plaza between the senate and the house office buildings.

General MacArthur is a show man as well as a brilliant strategist (some say the bet strategist ever graduated from West Point) and that he headed the amphibious force that landed on the island of Leyte after his well advertised declaration when he escaped from Corregidor with his wife, child servant and a few Filipino officials, that "I will return" was to be expected. The original announcement came direct from MacArthur's headquarters and not from one of the naval battlewagons nor the fleet of supply ships. Release of the news was made personally by the general.

Landing in the Philippines is only the first step. There will be many battles in the weeks to come before the Americans have retaken Manila and disposed of the Japanese on the island of Luzon. There are thousands of islands in the archipelago, with Japanese troops guarding every one. The Philippines adventure is far from being the end of the war. There is yet to be accomplished the task of taking beachheads on the coast of China and the capture and possession of Formosa before attack can be concentrated on the home land of the Japanese. All these movements require time, men, unlimited supplies and patience.

In a broadcast from radio Tokyo heard immediately after the MacArthur communique, the speaker said that damage to the installations at Formosa had "taught the Japanese a lesson" and this was followed by the broadcasting of an American record of a popular song. The Tokyo broadcast came over the waters of the Pacific more distinctly than did the communique from MacArthur's headquarters.

Well, it was a great night in the national capital, in the National Press club and in the army and navy club.

If all goes according to present program, the courts martial of General Short and Admiral Kimmel will be ordered in about three weeks. The latest scouting commission, assembling data, has returned to Washington and has submitted its report, but nothing will be done until after the election November 7. One reason given for holding the report secret is that the administration does not want Pearl Harbor to be injected before the close of the campaign.

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County Court Pays For Dead Coyotes

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON, GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR SEPTEMBER 1944, AND APPROVED AT OCTOBER 1944 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT General Fund.

First National Bank, Old Age Assistance \$137; First National Bank, Aid to Dependent Children \$62; Robert S. Farrell, Jr., Secretary of State, filing of audit for Sherman Co., for period ending 6-30-44 \$10; First National Bank General Assistance \$80.00; Frank E. Bennett, tax collector, taxes on Shiel property in Gilliam County \$16.33; James W. Jones, expense of government trapper, \$12.50; T. Lester Johnson, district attorney expenses \$12.50; Gilliam County Casket Control, balance of Sherman Co's share of casket control program \$92.17; Foss Co., official car expense \$5.45; Clarence Mersinger, labor on septic tank, courthouse \$21.60; W. A. May, labor in courthouse yard \$5.00; Mid-Columbia Sand & Gravel Co., supplies for septic tank \$9.20; Pacific Paint and Chemical Co., janitor's supplies \$3.47; Bureau of Labor, inspection of boiler courthouse \$5.00; Pacific Power & Light Co., lights courthouse, two months, \$54.06; DeMoss Park, two months, \$3.86; total \$67.92; City of Moro, water for courthouse \$13.55; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., telephone courthouse \$29.80; National Association of County Officials 5 renewal subscriptions to "County Officer" \$10.00; Department of Agriculture, sealer, weights and measures \$3.76; C. A. Ruggles, expenses to Assessor's convention \$15.00; Sherman County Journal Assessor's office \$12.00. Election supplies \$17.00, County Printing \$12.00, Clerk's office expense \$4.00, total \$61.00; West Coast Printing and Binding Co., Sheriff's office \$281.06, Election supplies \$123.00, total \$404.95; T. W. Alley, coyote bounty \$4.00; G. A. Merritt, coyote bounty \$11.00; Russell Belshie, coyote bounty \$3.00; Rodney Roffe, coyote bounty \$3.00; R. M. Johnson, coyote bounty \$3.00; Vernon I. Miller, coyote bounty \$4.00; H. M. Zell, coyote bounty \$4.00; B. F. Payne, coyote bounty \$19.00; J. C. Freeman, P. M., stamps for election \$10.00; J. C. Freeman, P. M., box rent due for quarter ending 12-31-44 \$3.15; State Industrial Accident Commission, Peace officer's protection \$4.60; Jonathan N. MacInnes, indemnity for Bang gressed cattle slaughtered \$6.00; First National Bank, withholding tax \$98.89; Wiley W. Knighten, office help less tax \$37.20; Bruce Publishing Co., Superintendent's office supplies \$3.00; Moro Lumber and Fuel Yard, supplies septic tank \$26.45; Model Laundry, county jail expense \$0.61; Standard Oil Co. of Calif., official car expense \$16.15; Merle Beckett, treasurer, budgeted item for Sherman County, U.S.O. \$1000.00.

General Road Fund—Road Employees Pay Roll—
L. L. Peetz \$100.70; E. McPherson \$101.50; C. Bargenholt \$104.00; L. L. Peetz \$102.40; E. McPherson \$90.40; C. Bargenholt \$90.40.

ACCOUNT: State Industrial Accident Commission, insurance \$17.37; National Hospital Association, wages \$5.00; First National Bank withholding tax \$70.60; Moro Garage, repair \$13.35; O'Meara Supply Imp. Co., repairs \$0.49; Howard Cooper Corp., repairs \$28.13; Columbia Motor Service, repairs \$2.90; J. K. McKean, repairs \$24.60; Valvoline Oil Co., gas & oil \$48.42; Geo. B. Moon, general supplies \$18.03; Pacific Power & Light Co., lights \$3.00; W. A. May, miscellaneous \$6.00; Nelson Equipment Co., miscellaneous \$7.78; City of Moro, water \$1.75; Union Oil Co., gas and oil \$48.53; Wes Wilde, repairs \$12.00; Standard Oil Co., gas and oil \$4.42.

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS OF MEETING HELD OCTOBER 4, 1944

In the matter of claims presented against General County Fund and County Road Fund:

Committeemen Named For Wheat Discussion

Three Groups Picked To Start Committee Work

The following men have been named to serve on the Sherman county committees for preparation of the agenda of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League meeting to be held at Arlington December 7-8-9. Secretary of all committees is LeRoy Wright, as county agent.

Federal Agricultural Programs and Land Use: W. L. May chairman, Joe Peters, vice chairman, O. G. Hilderbrand, Paulen Kaseberg, Harry Proudfoot, W. L. Blasi, Hildred Zell, G. H. Root, T. L. Fields, R. N. Guilford, Marvin Thomas, I. E. Dehler, Roy Barnett, Kenneth Martin, Carroll Sayre, Clarence Sparling, Irving Hart, Harvey Thompson, A. B. Christanson, Roy Schilling, George Wilcox, Millard Eakin, Willard Barnett, J. B. Coon, Frank vonBorstel, Elmer Helyer.

Production, Marketing and Transportation: Millard Eakin, chairman, W. T. Balsiger vice-chairman, George Harris, A. A. Dunlap, O. G. Hilderbrand, C. L. Sparling, Harvey Thompson, F. L. Watkins, George Wilcox, Luther Davis, L. E. Kaseberg, W. C. Schilling, Chas. Burnet, G. H. Root, M. M. Oveson.

Taxation and Legislation: J. B. Adams chairman, Harry Proudfoot, P. C. Axtell, A. H. Barnum, C. A. Tom, George Potter, V. B. Eakin, A. A. Dunlap, George Fox, Fred Hennagin, A. C. Kaseberg, R. S. Macnab, Vernon Miller, David Reid, J. M. Wilson, G. H. Root, Gordon Harper, Giles French.

E.O.W.L. TO MEET

The Eastern Oregon Wheat League has selected Arlington as the place for holding its seventeenth annual meeting December 7, 8 and 9, reports C. W. Smith, OSC secretary. Business men and residents there promise to provide true western hospitality for the large attendance even though the city is relatively small. Post war prospects for the wheat industry will be the theme of this year's meeting.

Claims allowed as presented and Clerk directed to pay same.

In the matter of the payment of a budgeted item for benefit of Service Organizations in the amount of \$1000.00: Clerk directed to pay same.

Re: Bid presented for purchase of Tax Foreclosed property: Bid rejected conditionally.

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

School Bill Would Be Dangerous When Taxpaying Becomes Burden To Property Owners Again

The constitutional amendment increasing the state tax fund for public school support is the topic of this week's editorial on the measures on the November election ballot.

This is a constitutional amendment.

These are prosperous times. Nearly all voters have money and taxes are of minor importance to them. Therefore it is a good time for those who want more tax money to inaugurate measures—and worse still, constitutional amendments—that will raise more taxes. The people may vote them and find their taxes raised in times when taxes do mean something. All voters can remember ten years ago when paying taxes was an effort and the sheriff and the grocer ran a close race for the few dollars in pocket.

The principle that the state could properly raise a greater percentage of the money needed for schools is not in dispute. Even when that is granted there remains, always, the question of how it should be done.

Signal Corpsmen Swim Moselle



When communication lines laid across the Moselle river, France, by the signal corps battalion were broken three times, the men decided to swim the lines across the river. The signal corps work has been outstanding in this war in keeping open all lines of communication, many times under heavy fire.

Sherman County Children Drink More Milk Than Others In Study

Sherman county school children drink more milk than do similar children in Tillamook county, which is renowned as a milk producing county, according to the preliminary results of the survey made in four Oregon counties last spring and fall.

School children were not found to be anemic but a lack of vitamin C was evident according to the tests.

Four mimeographed progress reports have just been issued concerning the studies made in Josephine, Tillamook, Sherman and Malheur counties. A previous report was issued about a year ago on a similar study in Marion county.

The research project was carried out by Gertrude N. Hoppe, research assistant in nutrition, and Dr. Margaret L. Enche, head of the department of foods and nutrition in the school of home economics. The project was a cooperative one with the agricultural experiment station and the general research council of the Oregon system of higher education also participating.

In each county a representative group of presumably healthy high school and grade school children were used in the tests. Blood samples were tested and complete

food record for each child were kept for a week in the spring and again in the fall. In all cases the average hemoglobin count showed that anemia is not a problem. Vitamin C values obtained from the blood plasma, however, varied greatly, with well over half of the children showing values below the recognized standard considered to indicate enough of the vitamin.

Only in Malheur county was there a significant difference between spring and fall conditions in this regard. While in the spring 90 percent of vitamin C values were below the level there, in the fall only 31 percent were deficient, the difference being attributed to high fall consumption of melons, peaches, and other locally grown fruits.

GOVERNMENT TO LET MORE SHOES OUT

Airplane stamp No. 3 in war ration book 3 may be used for buying one pair of rationed shoes beginning November 1, 1944, Glen Fox, district OPA shoe rationing executive, announced today.

The new stamp, like airplane stamps 1 and 2 now in use, will be valid indefinitely.

Woman's Club Hears Political Discussions

The Moro Women's club met October 20th with the American Citizenship and Legislation Department in charge of the program.

Mrs. H. S. Conlee read two articles, one entitled, "Prunes, Prisms and Politics" written by Mrs. Dickinson, president of G.F.W.C. It advocates the need of women taking an active part in politics, especially at this coming election. Also "Keep Liberty's Light Burning" by Edw. A. O'Neal, which is a message to all Farm Bureau members urging every citizen to vote.

Mrs. A. H. Barnum read, "Why I Oppose the Fourth Term" by Robert Moses an article in the Saturday Evening Post.

A thorough explanation of the measures to be voted on at the November election was given by Mr. Giles French. All members present greatly appreciated this help to understand that most difficult part of the ballot.

The names of Mrs. James Lamb and Mrs. J. Brazzel were added to the membership list.

Hostesses for the afternoon were Mr. R. C. Byers and Mrs. Aden Axtell.

New Compliance Basis Established

Farmers in Oregon who have completed their performance of production practices for which payment is made under the AAA program are asked by the state and county AAA officials to make their reports just as promptly as possible. With more than 80 percent of Oregon farmers signed up under the AAA this year, the task of checking is a big one at best, therefore the need for early reporting to avoid a last minute rush that couldn't be handled.

This year the honor system of reporting is being used again, which means that the farmer brings in his own data rather than having a supervisor visit the farm to measure acreages and check compliance. This method has saved a lot of manpower and transportation costs. County committees will make only a few spot checks, especially in connection with practices that require prior approval such as weed control, land clearing, and pasture improvement, according to N. C. Donaldson, state executive assistant.

Donaldson lists the following information and evidence which any farmer will need to make a report, either to the county office, or at community meetings that are being called in some instances:

- (1) The acreage of all crops grown in 1944, whether eligible for payment or not.
 - (2) A list of the amount and kind of soil building practices performed.
 - (3) Receipts for any lime, phosphate, landplaster, sulphur, or borax applied during the growing year.
 - (4) Receipts for seed used in reseeded pastures, showing kinds and amount.
 - (5) Receipts for any chemicals used in weed control.
 - (6) Figures on acreage and production of wheat grown.
- If all of this information is available it shouldn't take more than 15 minutes to complete the report, says Donaldson.

Service Units To Meet

Members of the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary of Kent will hold the county installation of officers in the Kent Legion hall Sunday afternoon, October 29, following a pot luck dinner at two p.m. and have invited the members of the Moro and Wasco posts and units to participate. In addition all those eligible, through World War II are cordially invited to attend.

Wayne Morse Tells of Labor Mediation Cases

Senatorial Candidate Pleases Listeners With Frank Statement of Beliefs

Wayne Morse, Republican candidate for United States Senator, spoke here Sunday afternoon to a group of voters that comfortably filled the court room.

He used the larger part of an hour long address on his labor record which has continued from 1938 until his resignation in March to become a senatorial candidate. Through it all, he said, he has consistently held that labor disputes must be settled by judicial processes instead of coercion. He has never permitted cases to come into his court unless the workers were working.

Laborer and employers who have been before boards on which he has been a member are in favor of his candidacy.

He resigned from the labor board shortly after he criticized the decision in which the administration gave in to John Lewis in the coal case.

Although many charges have been made against him, the speaker said, that not one cent of funds had been contributed to his campaign by labor associations or employer associations, both of which have asked to help.

On more general subjects the University of Oregon law dean, said that congress was largely at fault for giving away their right to legislate to the executive and should regain it. Executive orders should not have the force and strength of law, as they now have.

There are so many agencies having authority over the people that they are in each others' way, Morse said, and a good deal of consolidation could be effected that would reduce the cost of government as well as improve its efficiency. A recent case gave away the right of judicial review to those who are affected by the ruling and this means the loss of an important American right.

The speaker asked that when we made trade agreements the farmer be a primary consideration. He cited one such agreement that makes it possible for Canadian lumber to out compete American lumber in foreign markets.

After the meeting Morse and his eastern Oregon manager, Marvin Klemme left for The Dalles, going by way of Tygh Valley and Dufur.

MORE LOCAL NEWS

Mr and Mrs Frank Emerson of The Dalles are parents of a son born Sunday October 22 at The Dalles hospital. Mr and Mrs Ben Payne are grandparents again.

Dell Eakin and Marcus Esslinger took a truck load of stock to Portland Sunday returning Monday stopping at Hood River to bring Ernest Esslinger's household keeping equipment.

Mr and Mrs Edgar Alley were hosts at a party at their home Saturday evening. Those present were Mr and Mrs Willard Barnett, Mr and Mrs Orville Ruggles and Mr and Mrs Chester Anderson. Pinnocchio was in play at two tables with high score being held by Mr and Mrs Anderson and low by Mrs Ruggles and Willard Barnett. Refreshments were served.

McC. Benny Payne left Sunday for Santa Barbara Cal. after spending his furlough here with his parents and friends.

Report on the physical examination taken by probable inductees last week is that Ronald Powell and Frank Payne passed successfully and Harley McKay failed to pass.

The speech of Warren Atherton, until recently commander of the American Legion, will be rebroadcast over station KODL today, October 27, at 10:45 A.M.