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When the shooting stops, the government must (or should) return for settlement or other public use 16,000,000 acres of land which was withdrawn from the public domain, the national forests and parks. In addition the war department acquired six million acres either by condemnation or purchase. The latter acreage should be returned to the tax rolls by disposal to the previous owners or to others. This is one of the big problems in the disposing of government property which has been designated as surplus.

The task of acquiring all this real estate has been in the hands of the corps of engineers. The land in the Pacific northwest and other far western states, has been used for airfields, landing strips, ordnance plants, hospitals, target ranges, barracks, etc. Throughout eastern Washington, east of the Cascades in Oregon and on the sage brush plains of Idaho, there are bombing ranges where fliers have been on the public domain, as have a number of airfields and flight strips. The fliers, in training, have considered it a lark to drop a bomb near some sheepherder to see him scold for safety and have disorganized bands of sheep. This was quite a practice east of the Cascades until those in command of trainees discovered a way to check fliers and decide who was guilty. There is now warning of bombs to scare sheepherders or start grass fires.

While no statistics have been made available by states as to the acreage acquired by war department, it is believed that Idaho, Oregon and Washington have contributed approximately one million acres. In one instance 200,000 acres of waste land in eastern Washington was taken, and that is but one of many tracts. Negotiations had to be conducted with owners on a lease basis of outright purchase. All told, the engineers made 21,000 leases and are paying \$56,000,000 a year in rental and in addition \$14,000,000 has been expended in construction and repairs. This latter sum includes the many hotels which were leased, maintained and ultimately must be returned to their owners.

Although a few thousand acres are now being offered for sale by the engineers in the northwest, the major task of restoring the land to the tax rolls is still to come. Directing that 20 points be collected for every pound of butter sold, the office of price administration is giving the oleo makers a "break." With the advance warning that there would be an increase in points, housewives were encouraged to go marketing for butter and according to word that comes to the national capital they went in a big way so that the day before the new point system was inaugurated butter was no longer available.

Some funny things resulted from this situation. One retailer said that he could have bought 400 pounds of butter, which was offered to him, while his competitors either had none or were doing it out in quarter pound lots. This occurred in a city in the Pacific northwest. OPA insists that there is a butter shortage, the greatest shortage in 50 years, yet tons of butter are being sent lend lease. The country's marketing lend-lease do not want oleo—they insist upon having butter. The high point values for butter is driving many people to the lower point oleo and dairymen are apprehensive that many customers will become so accustomed to the use of oleo that they will not go back to butter. Oleo production and consumption are attaining new high levels.

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Wasco Masons Honor Grand Lodge Members

A reception honoring Grand Officers of Taylor Lodge No. 99 A.F. & A.M. and Annie Fulton Chapter No. 124 was held at Fraternity Hall, Wasco on Saturday evening October 28, 1944 with about 275 present.

Grand Officers present for the occasion were as follows: Harry Proudfoot, M.W. Grand Master, Fred Hartman, D.G.M., Edward Beatty, S.G.W., Lloyd McRae, S.G.D., Shalor Eldridge, J.G.D., Hildred Zell S.G.S., Oran Felthouse J.G.S., Clifford Benson G.S.B., Charles Weekes G.P. and W. Sherman Burgoyne G.O., Harold Eakin G.R. Rep. of Nova Scotia and visiting Worshipful Masters, Hazel Foster, W.G.M., Oliver Hurtig W.G.P., Hazel Graham A.G.M., Isabella Low, G.Treas., Catherine Felger A.G.Cand., Esther Proudfoot G.R. Ruth, Dorothy Hurtig G.R. Esther, Grand Representatives Gladys Zell of Utah, Doris McRae of Manitoba and Grace Wilson of Missouri, also Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of visiting Chapters.

A candle degree was conferred for Esther Proudfoot and Gladys Zell after which a gift was presented to each of the honored guests. The program for the evening consisted of a piano solo by Mrs. Gertrude Edwards, trumpet duet by Catherine Fridley and Frank Fitzpatrick accompanied by Mrs. Edwards and a magician act by Paul McCulloch of The Dalles and speeches by Grand Officers present. Gifts were also presented to the honor guests of the Masonic Lodge. Oran Felthouse made the presentation of an electric emblem to the Grand Master Harry Proudfoot for his lodge.

Following the conclusion of the meeting refreshments were served. Among the many out of town guests who were in Wasco on Saturday to attend the Masonic reception were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gerlach of Spokane, Wash., and Harry Bischoff of Tacoma, Wash., former Wasco residents.

Paper Drive Starts In South End

Every family in the south end of the county is urged to bring their waste paper to town before November 12. Those in the Kent community may leave paper at the Tum-a-lum shed. Grass Valley families may use the little room next door to the Union Oil office. Bundles may be of newspapers and magazines, mixed, any convenient size, but they must be securely tied. Paper may be packed in cartons if securely tied or wired.

Proceeds from the sale of this paper will be used to purchase records for the service men reports. Millie von Borstel for the American Legion Auxiliary.

Sugar Stocks To Be Lower At Year End

Despite a 12 percent increase in sugar beet production in the United States, sugar stocks on hand next January will be smaller than they were one year ago, according to the best obtainable estimates by the department of agriculture because of labor shortage in domestic refineries which handle the offshore product. During the first seven months of 1944 imports of raw sugar were 510,000 tons more than for the like period in 1943, but in spite of the apparent abundance, stocks of sugar in the hands of importers, refiners and distributors are nearly 800,000 tons less than one year ago, and it is suspected a considerable quantity of sugar has been bootlegged into the manufacture of wines and beverage alcohol. Officials do not believe, however, that there will be necessity for further reduction in sugar allowances this year, although they frankly admit that there is prospect of further restrictions in the use of sugar in 1945.

Moro Wins Over Condon; Prepares For Arlington

Championship of North Central Oregon B Schools At Stake ere Friday

The Moro High school football squad broke out of its lethargy last Friday afternoon and administered a defeat to the Condon boys by a 44 to 0 score.

The locals made three touchdowns in the first quarter before a list of substitutes were put in the line-up. After that the first string was never in the game at one time, but so aggressive was the squad that even the smaller lads continued to make yardage against the green boys from Gilliam county.

The Condon boys had size and were willing, but had not enough coaching to make them dangerous to the Moro team. They are mostly freshmen and sophomores.

This Friday the Moro boys play Arlington for the championship of north central Oregon B schools. The game will be played at the fair grounds at 1:15 p.m. Winner will go to Grant county to play the winner of that district. Arlington has beaten Goldendale 19 to 0 and has a 67 to 0 win over Condon. It boasts that no scores have been made against it this year.

Line-up of the Moro Condon game:

Moro	LER	J. Holland
Bayer	LTR	Bottemiller
Hartley	LGR	Weimer
Melzer	C	Thomas
Ziegler	RGL	Ellsworth
Brisbane	RTL	Cushman
Melzer	RKL	Cooney
Wilcox	Q	Butler
Lawrence	F	Macfarlane
Roberson	LHR	Potter
Fritte	RHL	R. Hollenc
Foster		

All the Moro squad substituted at some part of the game.

County Treasurer's Sister Buried Thursday

Funeral services for Mrs. Z. A. Watkins, 59, were held Thursday afternoon at Wamic, following her death in a Portland hospital Tuesday. She had been ill for several months.

Mrs. Watkins was born Mary Young, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Young, formerly Moro residents where he was county treasurer, surviving are the widow, Zene Watkins, three daughters, Mrs. Zeta Cooper of Redmond, Mrs. Zella Snyder and Mrs. Bonita Carter both of Albany, two sisters Mrs. F. E. Fagan of McMinville and Mrs. Darwin Van Gilder of Moro and five grandchildren.

District Club Women Meet For Annual Convention At Arlington

The Fourth District convention of Women's clubs was held at Arlington October 27, with representative of clubs from Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam and Wheeler counties attending.

The morning session convened at 10:30 with Mrs. Margaret Arvon of the Kinzua club, president of the Fourth District in charge. Reports of the clubs activities for the past year, and plans for the coming year were given and highly approved by Mrs. George Morehead, State Federation president.

Mrs. H. R. Weatherford of the Arlington club sang two solos. A delicious luncheon was served at the Vendome hotel to about 35 members.

The afternoon session opened with a very impressive memorial service, in honor of Mrs. Maud Akers, conducted by the Wasco Study club with Mrs. F. L. Cannell as leader.

"The True Way of Life" a short play written by Mrs. Louise Scholl of Wasco was presented by members of the Arlington club. After hearing the various committee reports the district president presented Mrs. George Morehead, State President of Federated clubs who gave a most interesting account of her trip by plane east to New York, Philadelphia and Washington D.C. where she attended board meeting and other General Federated Women's club sessions. She also gave an interesting report of each of the departments of the General Federation.

Little Rain Brings No Cheer To Farmers

The long awaited rain, much heralded by radio, brought less than a quarter of an inch of moisture to Sherman county fields that have not yet gotten over their summer parching. Prospects Thursday do not look like more rain will come but weather reports are fairly optimistic.

Quite a bit of seeding has been done but no one is pleased about the chances of the wheat growing this fall or living through to spring unless moisture conditions change soon. Late sown grain, seeded on top of the ground may be damaged by the last shower and early sown grain, sown deep, cannot benefit. What seeding was done was reported heavy which means that enough may come up, or that the stand will be thick for the anticipated moisture.

Pension Amendment Held Dangerous

It seems hardly necessary to discuss editorially the last measure on the ballot. It has no support except from one group.

It provides for a 3 to 5 percent transaction tax for old age pension purposes. No one knows how much money such a tax would raise for it would be levied on all exchanges of money except purely banking transactions, fraternal orders, churches, labor unions, chambers of commerce and hospitals.

It would be levied regardless of profit. Farmers would pay on their sales of crops. The tax would pyramid and some have estimated that there would be a 40 percent tax on goods before they reached the consumer.

It is a constitutional amendment which means that if passed it could not be changed until an election was held.

Any resident of the state who has lived here five years is eligible to receive at least \$60 per month from the fund raised by the tax. Totally disabled and blind would also qualify. Ability to care for ones self would be no bar to obtaining the pension provided.

It is a very dangerous amendment. It should not be put into the constitution.

Hallow'en Sane

Hallow'en was observed with propriety in Moro Tuesday night and little change was made in the appearance of the town. Windows were soaped and some paper scattered but the children were thoughtful of the elders this time and did not cause much extra work.

Bryan VanGilder Dies While Goose Hunting

Wasco Farmer Succumbs To Heart Attack When Alone After Geese

Bryan VanGilder was found dead in a wheat field belonging to Frank Medler Monday morning after relatives and friends had searched for him for several hours.

Sheriff Wilson, Coroner Alley and District Attorney Johnson were called and they reached the conclusion that VanGilder had been running after a wounded goose and that he had died suddenly of a heart attack. He had told friends in Wasco he was going after a goose.

When he was missed Monday morning his sister, Mrs. Arthur Sargent and Mr. Sargent, Walter Eaton and Mr. VanGilder's daughter in law, Vera VanGilder went in search of him. They found his pick-up and then the body lying in the stubble.

Byran VanGilder was 48, a native son of Sherman county. He served in the army in World War I. He is survived by a son, Raymond, now in England in the army, who was born in 1922. Mrs. VanGilder died in 1928 and Byran has been farming the home place and living alone since the departure of his son.

Other survivors besides his son and wife are his sister, Mrs. Sargent, and three brothers, Harry and Vernon of Wasco and Darwin, now with the army airforce engineers someplace in the Pacific.

The body is at Galloways awaiting word from relatives before funeral services are set.

CONGRESSMAN VISITS

Congressman and Mrs. Lowell Stockman stopped in Moro briefly Monday evening while on their way to Klamath Falls. Stockman recently returned from a trip to England and the continent and is now doing a bit of going around over his district before the election.

Jocelle Peters was taken to the hospital for an emergency appendectomy last Wednesday and is reported to be doing very well without it.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Barnum returned last Wednesday from Bend where they had spent the summer with their son, Cleo. They expect to remain for the winter.

Mrs. Paul Wilson left last Thursday for Los Angeles to visit with her husband and her brother, Charles. Her mother, Mrs. A. A. Dunlap, accompanied her. Sunday Mrs. Jerry Wilson Jr. left for California to visit her husband. Both boys are in the service, Paul in the navy and Jerry in the marines.

F. L. Beardsley is now the janitor of the school house having succeeded William Thornton last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Schadowitz and son, Orrin and daughter, Janet, and Mrs. Delpha Ramsey were here last Saturday and Sunday on business and pleasure.

Mrs. Jennie Blackwood, 82, wife of Harry Blackwood and mother of Mrs. Clara Pyburn, died at Lebanon Monday after a long illness. Interment was in the Wasco cemetery Thursday morning. She had long been a resident of the Wasco community.

Anson Woods from Walla Walla and grandson, James Anson Kuhn, who is on furlough from service in the navy, were in town Monday and Tuesday calling on relatives and friends. They brought Mr. and Mrs. Wallan home from their trip to Walla Walla, Washington.

Ernest Woods and brother, Clifford, and a friend from Portland left Saturday on a hunting trip of a week.

Lester Barnum bought a couple car loads of steers from Tony Connolly at Maup'n last week and brought them home across the canyon.

May Hurst was here from Hood River over the weekend to visit friends in Moro.

Hyslop Memorial Election Day Committee Gets Set To Go

The Sherman county committee to obtain contributions for the G. R. Hyslop Agriculture Research Memorial will soon begin an active campaign to obtain this county's share in the proposed \$200,000 permanent endowment, planned by the friends of the late head of the plant industries department at Oregon State college, announces J. B. Adams, county chairman.

Preliminary work has already been completed with the setting up of the county group consisting also of J. L. Davis and Frank von Borstel of Kent; Millard Eakin and Lester Barnum of Grass Valley; Joe Peters, Clarence Sparling, H. B. Pinkerton, Art Bucholtz and Carroll Sayers of Moro; Walter Bruckert, Ormand Hilderbrand, G. H. Root and Paulen Kaseberg of Wasco and C. A. Tim and David Reid of Rufus.

Active work in raising the fund launched last year was purposely delayed until after harvest here and throughout the state.

The idea of creating such a fund, to perpetuate both the memory and the work of the man recognized as probably the greatest single benefactor of Oregon agriculture, was officially endorsed by the Eastern Oregon Wheat League at its last annual meeting. H. D. Proudfoot, Wasco a past president of the wheat league, is state chairman of the memorial fund committee. Portland business firms and individuals as well as the organized seed and feed dealers of the northwest are also backing the plan both with substantial gifts and work, says Adams.

Those in charge of the Sherman county fund do not plan any high pressure campaign in any sense, but they do hope to acquaint every farmer and business man with the plan. Any who may be missed or who wish to save the committee that much calling may leave contributions at the County Agent's office. Gifts already received by the state committee have ranged from \$10 to \$2000 each.

SERVICE UNITS INSTALL

Members of the American Legion and the Auxiliary met at Kent Sunday afternoon and after a bounteous dinner held installation of officers for the posts and units represented. Barney Martin of The Dalles, district commander, installed the Legion officers and Mrs. C. Richmond of Bonneville installed the Auxiliary officers.

Erny Remington was in the county visiting Thursday. He now lives in Portland where he is superintendent of the track maintenance into Oregon Ship. He reports his wife as being much improved in health.

The new city boiler for the hotel has arrived in The Dalles but will have to be brought to Moro by train as it could not be loaded on the freight truck. It will be installed by next week.

Mrs. Vie Race, formerly of Bingen, Washington is here visiting her mother, Mrs. Emma Sayers and other relatives.

Mrs. Lawrence Kenny and her sister, Louella Welch left Wednesday for a few days in Portland.

Additional recruits to the group state senatorship Ernest R. Fatt of hunters who have a cabin in land of Gilliam county having both nominations. He is a former representative from this district. Oveson, Clarence Sparling, Joe Peters, Blaine Damon this week. Already there were Harry Kunsman, Free Crwts, Tom Striker, Seral Searcy and others.

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Election Day Bringing Problem Of Government

Decisions Must Be Made On Federal, State, District and County Affairs

Probably most of the voters have settled on their votes by this time as far as their interest goes. This year, however, the ballot is rather diversified in that there are candidates for office from president of the United States to justice of the peace. Also there are 9 measures, three supreme court justices, a circuit judge and a county school superintendent to be chosen.

There are four candidates for president and vice-president, Dewey and Bricker for the Republicans, Roosevelt and Truman for the Democrats, Thomas and Hoopes for the Socialists (listed in Oregon as Independents) and Watson and Johnson for the Prohibitionists (also listed in Oregon as Independents).

For the unexpired term of Charles McNary, Guy Cordon is the Republican candidate for the four year term. He is a Roseburg lawyer, born in Texas, largely self educated, aggressive, has made a good record since his appointment by Governor Snell last March. Democratic candidate is Willie Mahoney, many times candidate for senator, one time mayor of Klamath Falls, who has spent little time in Oregon since 1936.

For the long senatorial term Wayne Morse and Edgar Smith are contestants, being Republican and Democrat respectively. Morse, like Cordon, has been in this county and many have had an opportunity to appraise him. Former dean of the University of Oregon law school, public representative on War Labor Board, Morse has conducted a campaign by answering all questions very frankly. Smith is a Portland business man who came from Umatilla county originally and is now managing a farm there in addition to his wheat land in Washington. He was a member of the milk control board and was appointed a member of the board of higher education by Governor Martin.

For congressman, C. J. Shorb is opposing Lowell Stockman, incumbent. Shorb is a publisher and stationer in LaGrande, who has been active politically in the Democratic party. Stockman, Republican, is from Umatilla county where he is a wheat farmer. He has served one term in Washington ably and has made friends doing it.

For state treasurer William Lambert, Democrat, opposes the incumbent, Leslie Scott. Scott is known because of his long public service in Portland, on the highway commission and as treasurer. Lambert's name is new to Oregon politics.

George Neuner, former Douglas county attorney, and federal attorney, was appointed by Governor Snell to be attorney general. He is a Republican. Opposing him is Bruce Spalding, son of an early day preacher of this county who has been district attorney of Polk county.

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