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A column of news
About Government,
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with especial emphasis
on the Northwest

Again OPA is the object of attack, this time by the 'sheepmen' of the west who blame the restoring of the finer grades of lamb to rationing last July for the continued downward trend of prices for their market offerings. However, the probability is that the decline is more due to heavy selling brought about by the dark outlook for next year's wool prices. The forced selling is said to have resulted in the decimation of American flocks by 10 percent and the end is not yet in sight. Reason for the gloomy prospect facing woolgrowers is the enormous stock of wool on hand and the absence of any program calculated to sustain prices after this year.

The entire domestic wool clip was bought by Commodity Credit Corporation at prices averaging .15 cents a pound higher than the foreign market, but there is as yet nothing to indicate what will be done with the 1945 clip, and the accumulated stocks are so great that woolgrowers fear the worst. The wool stock pile held by OCC and commercial users as of the present is in excess of 400,000,000 pounds, an enormous quantity held by Defense Supplies Corporation and the British wool board, still stored in this county. A large part of the wool stocks held by Defense Supplies Corporation was imported at a time when wool needs were assumed to be greater than they later proved to be and an attempt has been made to unload by the holding of auction sales but with results that have not been particularly encouraging.

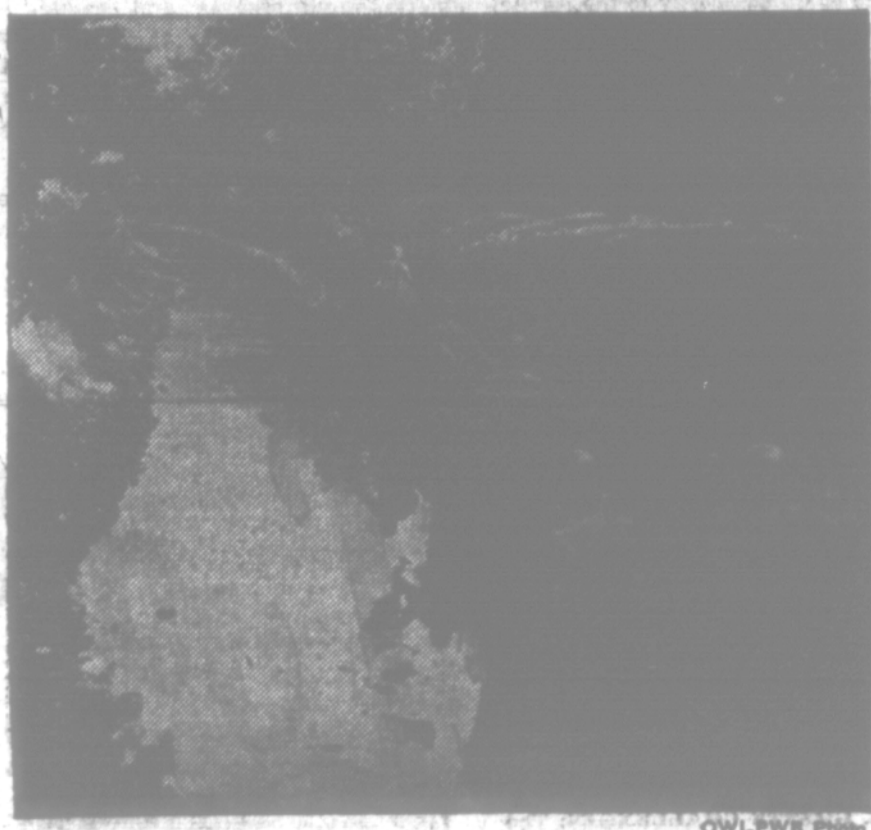
Some relief will come, of course, when all restrictions are removed from clothing manufacturers and the recent decision not to buy any more of the Argentine clip, but it cannot be hoped that the domestic demand will be sufficient materially to reduce the surplus. There will also be some relief through purchases made by UNRRA, but the really big home market will not come until there is general demobilization of American troops with its consequent demand for civilian clothing. All these outlets combined, however, will not be sufficient to take up the surplus, what with the spring clip coming on, and it is this situation which has persuaded woolgrowers that it is the part of wisdom to reduce their flocks.

It would surprise no one here in the national capital to hear that Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell is to be given command of all American troops in that area when the allies land on Chinese soil for the final attack on the Japanese. This tough commander who fought so hard in the China-Burma-India sector did not see eye to eye with the policies of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, and this really is the background of the clash which resulted in "Vinegar Joe" being withdrawn and brought back for a White House conference with the commander-in-chief.

It was General Stilwell's idea that the generalissimo should permit fuller cooperation with the Chinese so-called communists army. That army (which was furnished with supplies by Stalin before there was a break between Stalin and Hitler) is reportedly well trained, but Chiang Kai-shek objected to using more than a portion of these troops, and the "red" army had no respect for certain of Chiang's native high command, the members of which are notoriously reactionary.

Chiang Kai-shek, it is reported, Continued on Page Two

Yanks Head for Siegfried Line



Troops of the Seventh Army follow a slippery farmland irrigation ditch near Remiremont, France, before crossing the Moselle River in pursuit of the Nazis who are retreating toward the southern portion of the Siegfried line.

Bond Campaign Starts Nov. 20; Sales Count Now

The bond campaign will start officially November 20, Monday after next. Because so many have money that they are anxious to invest as soon as possible after the doors open for the drive it is probable that this county will buy thousands of dollars' worth of bonds before November 20.

It has been announced to the banks, postoffices and other issuing agencies that sales made in November and December will count on the county quota for the drive.

The quota for Sherman county will be \$100,000 in E bonds, \$120,000 in total individual bonds, which makes \$220,000 of F and G bonds for this county. The corporation quota is \$30,000, but this must be met largely by allotments from corporations doing business in this county but with residence elsewhere.

The same procedure for the sale of bonds will be followed this time as before as it has been successful in keeping this county first in the state and nation in per capita sale of E bonds.

Through Mrs. E. Amidon, president of the Moro Women's club the members have been soliciting bonds sales which will be credited to that organization. Women's clubs throughout Oregon are trying to sell enough bonds to buy a bomber. Bond sales credited to the club on this drive will also be credited to the county where the sale is made.

December 2 has been declared as American Legion Auxiliary bond day and it is understood by Mrs. Floye von Borstel that that organization will endeavor to make sales for organization credit before that day.

Material on the Sixth War Loan drive is arriving daily and the men who will solicit the funds in the drive may obtain it any time after it comes.

Andrew Thompsons Married 65 Years

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Thompson will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary next Saturday, November 11 and friends who wish to congratulate them on so long a period of conjugal bliss may call on them informally this week. No formal gathering will be held. It was back in 1879 and the place was Philomath when Andrew Thompson and Rosa Henkle were married and they have long been residents of this county. Sons are Claude and Dewey Thompson of Portland. Mrs. Martin Melzer of Moro is the only daughter of the Thompsons. Of grandchildren and great grandchildren there are a multitude, forming the Thompson clan that used to hold an annual picnic in the days of gas and tires.

Three Sherman Countians In Casualty Lists

Word was received by Mr. and Mrs. Amandus von Bostel that their son, Carsten, was missing in action in France. He was here but a few months ago on his pre-overseas furlough and has been in the battles but a short time.

The papers have carried news this week in the casualty lists of the wounding of Benton White and Harold Ireland of Wasco who are fighting in France. Both went to the army from this county. White is a son of Mrs. Grace Garland of Paisley and Roe B. White of The Dalles. Ireland is a son of Mrs. Herman Nichols of Cecil. Extent of their injuries is not known.

O. Eakin in N.E. I

With the 1180th Engr. Const. Group in the Netherlands East Indies, Owen C. Eakin, a technical supervisor of water supply and son of Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Eakin, for November 1.70. Therefore, Grass Valley, Oregon, has been promoted from Staff Sergeant to Technical Sergeant.

He entered the Army on January 6, 1942 and received his training at Fort Warren, Wyoming. He has completed 23 months of foreign service and is authorized to wear the Good Conduct Medal, the American Defense ribbon, the Asiatic Pacific Theater ribbon with two stars, and a Marksmanship Medal for rifle marksmanship. His unit had been formerly given a unit citation for meritorious work on the "Alcan Highway."

Technical Sergeant Eakin has the following to say: To good old Sherman County - Quote: "I am seeing a lot, but would much rather see some of that Good Old Oregon scenery. I sure wish we could get back there soon and help straighten out a few things such as: lack of laborers for farms."

I have spent about five months in Australia and now I am in the Dutch East Indies. The weather is fairly pleasant, although rather hot at times. There are a lot of coconuts, papayas, some bananas and pineapples to eat. This is a nice place, but I'd rather be in Northern Canada on the "Alcan" Highway where I spent my first sixteen months over seas."

Rain Comes To Relieve Farmer's Seeding Worry

Late Seeding Being Done; County Still Far Behind In Precipitation For Season

Enough rain has fallen to make the seeded wheat safe and its fall has brought a rush of seeding despite the lateness of the season. It is probable that well over half the land will be sown this fall.

The November rain really began on October 31 when .14 inch fell. Then there was .08 on the first and a big .84 on the third, which many spectators at the football game disapproved. Another .07 fell on the fourth and .14 on the sixth to make November's rain 1.27 to date.

Rain has been scanty this fall as almost none had fallen until the last of October. Normal for September is .71, for October .90 and for November 1.70. Therefore, we are still a long way from having our normal supply of moisture for the growing crop.

Quite a number of farmers were fortunate enough to finish seeding operations just about time the rain began which makes them feel pretty lucky.

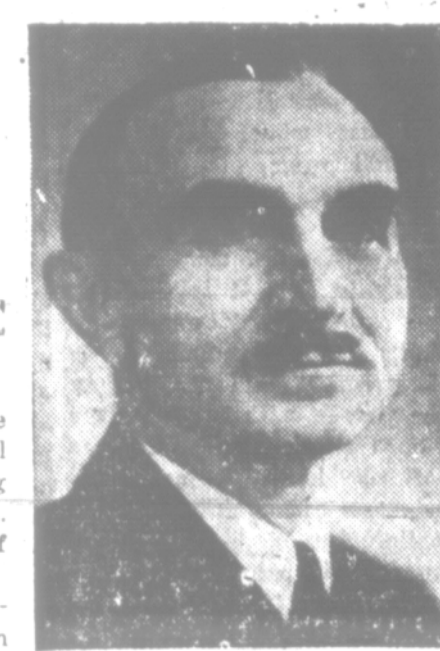
Some grain is up over the county and has a fairly even stand although seeded in the dust some weeks ago. Grain sown very deep has come up pretty good and prospects have brightened considerably since last week.

Continuing warm weather may bring up a good stand of wheat yet this fall.

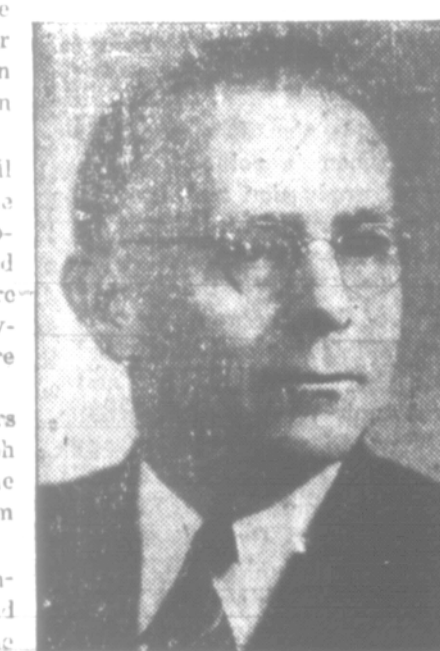
OPA District Agent Resigns Today

E. L. Coulter, OPA representative for this district, has resigned as of Friday night, November 10 and will hereafter direct his entire attention to management of his auto and tractor business in Hood River where he is building a new building. His son in law, who was reported as missing in the battle for St. Lo in June has now been reported as a prisoner in Germany.

Winners



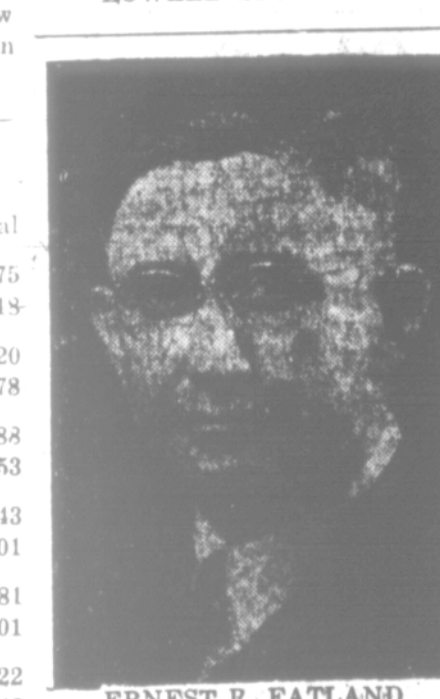
WAYNE L. MORSE



GUY CORDON



ERNEST R. FATLAND

T. LESTER JOHNSON
AS CITY MAYOR

Elected as city officials at Wasco were T. Lester Johnson, re-elected mayor, E. F. Feldman, re-elected recorder, Mrs. B. Estelle Haley re-elected treasurer and E. D. McKee, W. A. Nisbet, W. R. Reid, William Clothier, Lawrence Funk and Hal Shelton chosen councilmen for two years. Other offices are also for two years. No names were on the ballots, and there were many write-ins and close contests.

MORO VOTERS ELECT CITY TICKET

The city election resulted in election of the ticket named at the caucus held in October. Votes cast were as follows: Giles French for mayor 74, Harry Kunsman, council 89, Clyde Gilmor, council 100, Ernest Woods council 104, G. Douma council 105, Lawrence Kenny, council 105, LeRoy Wright council 101, C. V. Belknap, treasurer 107. There were a few scattering write in votes.

Sherman County Follows Cities To Favor Roosevelt

National and County Offices Go Democratic; State and District Go Republican

In voting for president Sherman county followed the national trend but differed from the pattern of rural communities by giving a slight majority to Roosevelt 511 to 475. Farm areas and farm states generally were for Dewey and the big cities and industrial sections for Roosevelt.

This county aided in building up the huge totals for Wayne Morse and Senator Guy Cordon who won handsily over Edgar Smith and Willis Mahoney for the two United States senatorships.

Lowell Stockman received a big vote in this county and we thus aided him in obtaining his second term in congress from the big eastern Oregon district.

Leslie Scott, state treasurer, won handsily over Lambert for a second term, but Bruce Spalding, son of a one time minister here carried the county 448 to 422 over George Neuner in the race for the attorney general position.

In the state senatorship Ernest Fatland of Condon had no opposition and was given a vote of 774 in this county. Gilliam and Wheeler counties are also in his 18th senatorial district.

Voting for the three candidates for state representative resulted in 637 for Giles French, 489 for Henry Peterson and 313 for Minnie McFarland. The first is from Sherman county and both the others from Morrow county.

The vote in the other counties for this contest was as follows:

	French	McFar	Pet
Sher.	697	313	482
Gill.	601	324	590
Wheel.	545	175	390
Morrow	560	562	1122
	2343	1374	3674

T. Lester Johnson, unopposed, received 783 votes for district attorney of the county. Ross Ornduff, also unopposed, for county clerk had 887 votes. David Reid, unopposed, for county commissioner had 843 votes and E. M. Alley, unopposed, for coroner was given 823 votes.

W. A. Wallan was elected justice of the peace for the Moro district, R. A. Stow for the Grass Valley district and W. A. Morris was elected by write in votes as justice at Rufus.

No contests for the non-partisan positions were on the ballot and the voting was light for them. Bailey was given 695 votes, Ray 568, Lusk 557 for the three places on the state supreme court. MacKay received 704 votes as circuit judge and Willy Knighton won another term as county school superintendent with 703 votes.

In the two contested races for county office Charles Ruggles, incumbent county assessor won over George Fox 629 to 348 and Charles Wilson, incumbent sheriff won over Percy Thompson 380 to 616.

In general Sherman county followed the state trend although there are exceptions. The bond amendment passed here, the county manager plan was defeated slightly, the loan for veterans as so lost, convicts may be given their voting privileges according to Sherman county voters. The also favored the veterans' education bill. The sales tax restricted almost a 4 to 1 defeat, the liquor bill to put hard wine in the liquor stores carried but the school bill lost by 2 to 1 and the Townsend plan also went down to defeat in county and state.

LEGION MEETS
The American Legion held a meeting at the court house Wednesday night to accept reports from the new officers who had been on a membership drive that netted 100 new members and many to be added. Discussion was held regarding date for a pie social and a joint meeting between all parts of the county at a later date.

How Sherman County Voted

Name	Ruf.	L.G.	Klon	Monk	Rut	Kent	G	V	Moro	Was.	Total
Dewey	21	50	35	35	23	44	73	128	66	475	
Roosevelt	75	47	47	37	8	54	78	101	71	511	
Cordon	88	60	52	54	27	62	91	156	80	620	
Mahoney	44	26	26	16	0	28	45	53	40	278	
Morse	74	58	42	51	25	55	94	154	75	588	
Smith	64	37	34	17	4	36	47	68	66	353	
Shorb	37	21	21	7	2	23	33	54	45	243	
Stockman	51	74	57	59	27	72	108	169	84	701	
Lambert	38	28	24	15	3	20	48	59	46	281	
Scott	42	42	45	50	25	62	88	150	77	601	
Neuner	24	42	29	36	21	39	70	99	62	422	
Spalding	56	46	39	31	7	40	60	108	62	448	
French	48	71	43	47	23	54	101	175	75	637	
McFarland	41	30	36	21	9	29	38	65	44	313	
Peterson	43	37	39	42	14	47	63	126	71	482	
Fox	43	26	43	25	11	35	33	51	73	345	
Ruggles	46	70	38	43	20	61	115	173	63	623	
Thompson	21	33	25	24	7	20	32	125	53	360	
Wilson	75	62	55	45	21	75	97	101	85	616	
Bank Yes	47	50	46	44	15	44	74	155	63	537	
Bank No	21	29	16	15	8	23	29	28	33	202	
Co. Mgr Yes	25	32	32	23	5	31	46	114	23	331	
Co. Mgr No	45	47	25	35	17	33	55	55	67	379	
Loan Yes	47	34	26	20	5	29	45	60	39	305	
Loan No	33	51	36	39	19	44	59	119	65	465	
Vote Yes	38	36	28	29	9	36	47	107	41	371	
Vote No	26	46	32	27	14	28	50	62	52	337	
Edu. Yes	49	47	37	37	15	47	61	116	62	471	
Edu. No	23	36	24	25	10	27	40	64	38	289	
S Tax Yes	16	12	9	16	2	10	28	46	20	159	
S Tax No	53	72	54	44	21	64	75	126	82	591	
Wine Yes	46	39	40	44	14	52	77	144	69	525	
Wine No	32	43	26	20	10	31	47	50	44	303	
School Yes	21	27	19	12	3	22	25	51	38	218	
School No	46	68	39	48	19	46	77	126	58	517	
\$60-60 Yes	28	18	17	10	7	23	32	43	47	225	
\$60-60 No	41	67	45	51	16	57	72	132	61	542	