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In presenting arguments before the interstate commerce commission hearing for immediate application of freight rate increases, which were granted them more than one year ago and then postponed, the railroad men depicted a situation that may properly be regarded with alarm. Along with the rumblings of new wage increase demands by railway workers the management is confronted with the fact of a disconcerting decrease in freight tonnage and steadily mounting tax burden. As early as last August ton-mile revenues had fallen below the level of one year ago and this decrease was further accentuated in September. The outlook for the future does not justify a hope for betterment. With the defeat of Germany there will be another rapid drop in earnings to a point where the situation of the roads can only be regarded with apprehension.

Stress also was laid on the obvious fact that equipment has deteriorated rapidly during the emergency, with material for repairs practically unobtainable and opportunities for purchasing replacements completely out of the picture. Tracks and rolling stock need attention which cannot be given them because of manpower shortage and lack of access to manufacturing facilities. Some west coast roads have been able to obtain a measure of relief by the employment of Mexican workers, but these are admitted to the United States only on a short-time basis and provide no solution for the future. These difficulties are further emphasized by lack of provision in existing tax laws which would permit the railroads to build up a reserve for repairs and the purchasing of new equipment after the war.

Back of all this is the fact that many of the railroads were practically insolvent prior to the abnormal prosperity occasioned by the war as a result of the depression years. Many of them were being operated under receiverships pending reorganization and some of them have not been able to place themselves on a firm financial footing. Indebtedness has been reduced, but the future is not assured and it will become even more gloomy if earnings continue to follow their present downward trend. It was contended that the small freight rate increase previously authorized is necessary to the continued efficient operation of the roads.

Most people have forgotten—if they ever knew—that Henry Ford built a robot bomb engine in 1918 similar in many respects to the one he is turning out now for army experiments with an implement of warfare not unlike the pitiless bomb with which England is being attacked. The first world war ended before Ford's engine could be used. To day, the Ford company is turning out a dozen impulse engines a day, according to report, and they are being installed in an American type robot at Wright field, Dayton, Ohio. The Wright robot is not a hit-and-miss affair and it does not require a special launching device to get it into the air. Whether it can be perfected in time for use against Japan is yet to be determined.

With the certainty that the vast irrigation project at Grand Coulee dam will be brought to completion immediately after the war with three equally large projects being surveyed in Arizona, and with plans now before congress for extensive use of waters of the

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Veteran Aid Program Is Furthered Here

At two meetings this week the problems of making a place for returning veterans was discussed. Friday some of the land use plans committee met with Charley Smith of the extension service to hear the plans the department of agriculture has for veterans. Mr. Smith explained the method to be followed in obtaining the benefits coming to the returned soldier. He was told that the committee felt that opportunities for veterans who had no former family connection with wheat farms in this county would be few, and that if the size of farms continued to grow less instead of more labor would be needed on them.

Monday night the Sherman County Post-War Planning committee met and made up a questionnaire that will be sent to each farmer and each property owner in the county in an effort to find out what work will be available in the post-war period.

Plans were also made to obtain from the county, the cities, the school districts and other public and private bodies how much and what kind of work will be available for the years immediately following the end of the war.

The information will be catalogued and filed and used as veterans return. The selective service, the agricultural agency and all other bureaus charged with a part of veteran welfare are expected to cooperate so that all details of aiding the return soldier can be handled in one office. This would make it much easier and more convenient for the veteran to obtain information about what he can do and how.

I.O.O.F. Master Here For Annual Visit

Frank Russell of Roseburg, grand master of the Odd-Fellows lodge of Oregon, paid his official visit to the Moro lodge last Friday night and at the same time met the members of that lodge and those from Grass Valley and Kent lodges as well. Rebekahs from Moro, Wasco, Kent, and Grass Valley also attended. After the official meeting, which was also attended by W.B. Rice of Ione, district deputy, the group played 500. Lunch was served before the party broke up for the evening.

Womans Club Meets With Husbands

An enjoyable meeting of the Woman's club was the one held last Saturday night at the Masonic hall when the women entertained their husbands and the school teachers and other special guests at a bounteous dinner.

Mrs. E. Amidon, president, extended words of welcome and Mrs. Clarence Sparling, director of the program, who, with Mrs. Arthur Christianson, had arranged it, announced the numbers.

There was group singing of the Star Spangled Banner, a cleverly written address of welcome by Mrs. Tom Fraser, to which Clarence Sparling responded. Two vocal solos, "In the Garden of Tomorrow" and "I'll Walk Beside You" were given by Tom Fraser accompanied by Mrs. Carroll Sayrs. Ansel Knighten gave a reading "Taint Nethin" To Laugh At". Marion Crews played two piano solos, "Dance American" and "Your Land and Mine" and a girls quartet, composed of Pat Pinkerton, Mary Sayrs, Patty French and Doris Jones sang "Put On Your Old Grey Bonnet" and "South of the Border". Moving pictures of South of the Border with Disney were shown.

Next meeting of the club will be held December 1 with the International Relations department in charge.

Three Boys Held For Stealing and Transporting Car

Doona Truck Ruined By Trio of Youthful Offenders From California

Three boys from Redding, California were arrested at Wasco by state police officers Saturday evening on a charge of car theft. They readily confessed to the officers, Sheriff Wilson and District Attorney Johnson.

Jack Ferguson, 19, who is on parole for a former car theft during which he crossed state lines, James Lee Williams, 17, who had escaped from reform school in California and Glen Wesley Prosser 16, had stolen the Ford cabriolet at Redding, Calif., Nov. 16 and drove to Klamath Falls where they bought 10 gallons of gas from a station, neither paying for them or giving up any coupons. When they ran out of gas at Redmond they were given a coupon, and bought 4 gallons of gas which brought them to Kent.

There they bought 61.2 gallons without giving money or coupons to the Kent station. They were reported and left the high way at the top of Nigger ridge and left the car near Erskine when it would not run longer. The boys apparently made their way on foot to the A. Doona ranch where they ransacked the house, Doona's being in town, and stole Mrs. Doona's watch, a class ring and a dollar.

They then took the Doona pickup and drove it to the Delmoos hill where it stalled, having no water in the radiator. The boys met Doona returning home. The truck motor is said to be ruined.

From Delmoos hill the boys walked west and north and were picked up west of Wasco by Roy Gilman who brought them to Wasco where the officers found them eating dinner.

Federal and California authorities have been notified but have not decided whether to assume charge of the culprits or not. In the meantime they are in the county jail being watched by Sheriff Wilson.

Elmer Hansen Buried In The Dalles

The funeral for Elmer Hansen was held at Goldendale, Wash., last Monday at 1:30 in the afternoon and was attended by many friends from Sherman county. His death occurred last Friday night about ten o'clock after an illness of over a week.

Elmer Hansen was born at Eugene, March 17 1902. With his family he moved to Sherman county when a child and attended schools here. He had been an employee of the Pacific Power & Light company for 20 years and had moved to Goldendale from Moro in 1933.

Surviving are his widow, Glena, one daughter, Sally Ann, his mother, Mrs. Soren Hansen of Moro, Moro and a brother, Ove, of Wasco.

Masons from Goldendale gave the rites at the funeral and the Moro lodge presided at the graveside services which were held in The Dalles.

HARPER BADLY HURT

A serious accident occurred on the road west of Wasco Thursday of last week when R.R. Harper, manager of the Standard Oil Company in The Dalles, was injured when his car collided with the Standard Oil truck from the Wasco station. Mr. Harper suffered two fractures of his leg and a break in the pelvic bone so serious that the steering wheel had to be cut out of the car before he could be removed. Jack Wilson, manager of the Wasco Standard Oil station, was injured but not seriously. Fog was given as the cause of the accident.

Aviation Conference Underway



Adolph Berle, assistant secretary of state, and temporary chairman, is shown as he made the opening address of the International Civil Aviation conference held in Chicago. Delegates representing 50 countries met in first conference of its kind, hoping to work out a plan for world air transportation. The conference has dedicated itself to world wide peacetime aviation development.

Young Men Go To Army and Others Prepare

Sherman county sent more soldiers to be to the training camps this week when Herman Ziegler and Ted Thompson left Monday for a second physical to be followed by induction. Wilford Lutje, Henry Richelderfer, David Bayer, and Elton Medler left the same day for pre physicals, which if passed will put these boys ready for succeeding calls. Tuesday Ronald Powell left for immediate induction. Jackie von Borstel was also in the Tuesday call and will leave from Benton county soon.

New Club Formed To Promote Park

A meeting, called for Tuesday night at the court house, for the purpose of organizing a Booster's club to promote a recreation field for his vicinity, made the first steps toward that goal.

Election resulted in Ernest Woods being chosen president, LeRoy Wright, secretary and Wendell Balseiger, treasurer. An advisory committee will be chosen by the president at a later date. Decision was made to utilize the strip of ground immediately above the city park for the site of a football field and recreation play ground instead of other proposed sites. This property is owned by Sherman county, the Union Pacific, Nellie Pike, J.T. Jackson and the city. If the project is trees in the upper end of the park will be cut down.

The proposal, as planned, is to acquire, level, pack and seed the field to turf and to maintain it perpetually so it can be used as a public playground. Problems to be met, as outlined by the officers, in addition to those mentioned above, are to arrange for care by some responsible body or organization, to obtain the water needed and to raise the necessary money. At the Tuesday meeting \$375 was raised to start the fund.

EXAMINATIONS DATED

The public welfare commission is in need of workers; case workers who have completed college, accountants with high school education, clerks, stenographers and typists.

Information about the jobs available may be obtained from any county public welfare office. Miss Lola Martin is in charge of the Sherman county office. Examinations will be held December 16 on applications received by December 8. Positions are permanent, have tenure rights, sick leave and vacations.

Electricity For Farms Possibility From Two Plans

At a meeting held in October the Locust Grove Electric voted to sell to the Pacific Power & Light company. Details of making the exchange were being worked out until earlier this month when officials of the Wasco county Rural Electrification Administration called a meeting in Wasco and asked that that organization be given the right to buy the line in order that connection might be made into Sherman county.

To date, all proceedings are in abeyance because of this request. REA's contention is that Wasco county has a line across the Deschutes river from the Locust Grove line heavy enough to carry electricity for Sherman county. Permission has been obtained from an official of the REA to spend \$10,000 for material with which to build the line to make connection with the Locust Grove line, it is claimed.

A survey of the county's rural area has been made by an engineer of the PP&L company and also by the REA engineers. Whether the power company will release owners of the line from their agreement, said to be verbal, or not is unknown. An REA official has said that this opportunity is the last that will be given for Sherman county to obtain REA power here but power company officials say that the opportunity is continuous and can be realized at any time material is available for construction.

Cit Problems Take Officials To Meeting

Mayors A. A. Dunlap and Giles French of Grass Valley and Moro attended the meeting of the League of Oregon Cities at The Dalles Tuesday night. Mrs. Dunlap accompanied her husband. Discussed at the meeting were the league's legislative program for the coming session at which time bills providing for the retirement of public employees will be presented. Amendment of the budget law will also be asked so that municipal bodies can be permitted to carry over funds from the end of the fiscal year until taxpaying time in November.

Fred Inkster of Oswego, president of the league presided and Herman Kehrl, executive secretary, talked and gave opinions on discussions of league problems. Mayor George Stadelman of The Dalles opened the meeting and welcomed the visiting city officials.

Nylons 'Banked' For Bond Buy Winner

Girls, a pair of nylon hose will be given to the purchaser of the largest amount of war bonds during the Sixth War Loan campaign. That is just for Sherman county.

Fearful of creating a riot the chairman put them in the vault of the First National as soon as they arrived. Shade, good; size 9 1/2. The real McCoy. When the war loan drive ends with the old year some girl can be glamorous with nylons to welcome in the new year.

Mrs. Leo Moore of The Dalles donated the hose to the campaign in the hope that Sherman county would continue, or better, its prize winning gait in the purchase of war bonds.

Auxiliaries To Meet In The Dalles

A district meeting of the officers and members of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held in The Dalles Tuesday evening, November 28. Mrs. Merrill Richmond of Bonneville will preside. Mrs. Charles Lemons, Department President; Mrs. Mae Whitcomb, Dept. Sec.; Mrs. Frank von Borstel, Nat'l. Committeewoman and Mrs. Earl Templar, Dept. Vice-President will appear on the program. All members, also those eligible because of present war are urged to attend to hear plans for rehabilitation of World War II Veterans in addition to the regular American Legion Auxiliary program.

Hereford Breeders Buy New Stock

Hereford breeders of the Grass Valley district brought home a number of white faces from the show and sale held at LaGrande earlier this month.

L. K. Smith bought the grand champion bull of the show, an animal bred by Herbert Chandler, a Domino calf, born in April of last year.

Harold Eakin not only bought the champion heifer of the show but the reserve champion as well, giving him a pair of young heifers of undoubted quality.

Ted Ball brought home the first prize bull in the older classes when he bought Beau Promino, a half brother to the Jaeger Bros. bull of Gilliam county.

Don Cox bought a bull of the same good breeding as the Wyoming Hereford cow that recently was sold for \$20,000.

Elton Eakin bought two bulls and a cow at the sale. These purchases of this high type breeding stock add to the already excellent stock owned in Sherman county.

ESSAY CONTEST ANNOUNCED BY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Now comes the annual Oregon Historical Society's essay contest. The society offers four prizes ranging from \$60 for first to \$30 for fourth or the best essays written on "The Constitutional Convention of 1857."

Boys and girls over 15 and under 18 may compete. March 17, 1945 is the final date for delivery to the society at Portland.

Essays must not be over 2000 words, may be either hand or type written on one side of the sheet and be accompanied by biographical data and evidence showing that the writer is a bonfide student of an Oregon school.

WASCO COUNTY MAPPED

A published report of a detailed soil survey of The Dalles orchard area in Wasco county has just been issued as Oregon State college bulletin 424. A map is included showing the different types of soil in the area, while the text of the bulletin describes these soils and discusses their specific characteristics and management. The bulletin may be obtained from the Wasco county extension office or direct from Corvallis.

County Quota \$150,000 In Sixth War Loan Drive

For Fighting Funds

Sale of war bonds in Sherman county for the Sixth War Loan is getting started early despite the fact that Thanksgiving comes in the first week of the drive.

Some have been waiting for November and the first day of the drive to buy bonds and several purchases were made early in the week.

Supplies have been given to solicitors over most of the county and they are calling on purchasers with every prospect that when they are finished the county will have a larger figure of purchases than in any of the previous drives.

Inasmuch as the date for farmers to pay income tax has been set up to January 15, it is possible for those tax payers to buy C bonds in November and pay them to pay income taxes in January.

November Best For C Bonds

Date of the C-bonds bought in November is the first of that month. Two months must elapse before this type of bonds can be used for tax purposes. Changing the date makes it possible to obtain a small rate of interest on such bonds before tax paying time.

The familiar E-bond will probably continue to be the most popular with Sherman county buyers. A new regulation makes it possible for a man to buy \$20,000 of this type of bonds if he has two children. He may obtain \$10,000 with his wife as co-owner with him. This ruling was just made this week and offers a method of increasing bond purchases for those who have bought heavily earlier in the year.

Few Changes In Salesmen

At Wasco Ormand Hildebrand and Art Smith, Claud Coats, George Potter will take their usual districts. Rev. F. L. Connell will cover the territory south of the Wasco west road to the top of Gordon ridge.

In the south end of the county the job of selling the bonds will be under the direction of the American Legion. Many of the same solicitors will work, being members of the Legion or Auxiliary, and the territory will be covered as before.

The crew of the Moro district will be much the same as before and work has already begun.

Teachers To Be Taught At School

Children of the Moro school are having something of a vacation. The closing of school Wednesday night classes stopped until next week for Thanksgiving holiday and the following Friday for reorganization and indigestion, then the weekend, on which there can be no school.

In addition to that the first two days of next week are to be used by the teachers to go to school themselves. A so-called work-along course in the speech arts is to be given Monday and Tuesday by a "faculty" sent from the state's higher education institutions. Dr. Ivan C. Millhouse, supervisor of elementary training, Miss Emma Henkle of Oregon College of Education (Monmouth Normal), Miss Eva Wear of EOCE (LaGrande Normal) and Mrs. Elizabeth Norris of EOCE will give the course.

Dr. Winston D. Purinton, state supervisor of information and guidance from the vocational education department, will also be here to work on a plan whereby teachers can give aid to students who are in doubt about what profession or job they may wish to follow after school, and also aid in planning education for that profession or job.