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on the Northwest

In a manner of speaking, Democrats in the recent campaign made Herbert Hoover the butt of their attack, but out of the Hoover cabinet the Roosevelt administration is now using two members. The first, of course, is Henry Stimson, a Republican, who is now secretary of war, and a good one. The other member of Hoover's cabinet working for the present administration is General Pat Hurley, secretary of war under Hoover and now ambassador to China for Roosevelt. There are other Republicans, but these came from the inner sanctum, the cabinet itself. Hurley was the war secretary when the bonus marchers converged on Washington, D. C., swarmed over the steps of the capitol building, camped in old buildings on Pennsylvania avenue and on Anacostia flats until they were driven out of town by the District of Columbia police and the troops from Fort Meyers, where two-gun General Patton performed at the society horse show.

The background of Hurley is interesting. An orphan, he grew up in Oklahoma, dabbled in oil and made a modest fortune. When he became a cabinet member the Hurleys were the handsomest couple in official circles. They were especially chummy with Andrew Mellon, the then secretary of the treasury. Mr. Mellon, despite his millions (he was head man in the aluminum trust and one of the oldest whiskey distilleries as well as being a banker), was a lonesome old man who rented an entire floor in an apartment house and there installed his collection of steel armor of knights of old and his fabulously valuable paintings. The young Hurleys delighted in it. With the money he had made in oil Hurley purchased a stone building on Pennsylvania avenue and leased it to the federal power commission.

When Mr. Roosevelt became president, Hurley opened a law office and once was paid a large fee for telephoning a congressional committee that a client wished to appear and make a statement. The Hurleys bought a horse estate near Bull's Bluff where Colonel Baker, then a senator from Oregon, was killed in his first engagement with the confederates. A bronze bust of Baker is in the rotunda of the capitol, sharing honors with a bust of Lincoln, but an inscription on the "Baker bust says he was from California. Washington was surprised when President Roosevelt resurrected Hurley from the obscurity to which everyone retires on leaving public office. First, Hurley was given a commission as a general and sent to Moscow as a military observer, but the Russians let him observe nothing. Then he flew to China for a look-see and upon his return there was a vacancy in the diplomatic service with that country and Hurley was appointed ambassador. He is still relatively young, active and enthusiastic, and as handsome as ever.

The Chinese embassy has taken pains to tell the Washington correspondents that all is sweetness and light, peace and harmony in the Chiang family, despite reports to the contrary. Chiang Kai-shek has been having family troubles with his "in laws," who do not see China as he sees it and who prefer the democracy which the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen planned rather than the one-man rule of the generalissimo. Madam Chiang this time came to America with the statement that she required medical treatment.

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## F. F. I. Fighting in Paris



Bearing the cross of Lorraine, of General Le Clerc's second armored division, men of the F. F. I. move against the Naal stronghold in the city, before Paris falls. In civilian clothes, they are armed with a large variety of weapons. Photo made by Carlos Madro, who served with the French underground in his native Paris during the occupation. His photos show underground history.

## Station "Tin Can Help Wanted To Farm" Subject Take Farm Census Of Bulletin

A greenhouse full of galvanized iron garbage cans filled with soil growing wheat has been maintained at the Sherman county branch station at Moro ever since 1912. Some of the facts revealed by these controlled experiments regarding the moisture requirements of wheat in the Columbia basin have now been recorded in a new station technical bulletin, No. 1, written by D. E. Stephens, former superintendent of the Moro station, Merrill M. Oveson, his successor, and George A. Mitchell, superintendent of the Pendleton branch station.

Throughout the 32-year period the results obtained in the cans have been compared closely with plot trials under normal outdoor conditions. The number of bushels of wheat produced from each inch of water used ranged from 1.5 to 4.4 bushels, with an average of 2.7 bushels under field conditions.

These and other experiments have shown that additional moisture alone would not make possible the production of wheat crops year after year on the lower rainfall Columbia basin lands. A year of summer fallow is needed for nitrate as well as moisture accumulation. The results also showed that the addition of nitrates, either in the form of manure or commercial fertilizers, would not increase yields in the lower rainfall areas without additional moisture.

In the higher rainfall sections, on the other hand, exhaustion of soil fertility is already becoming apparent, making necessary the use of some restoration practice if these soils are continued in exclusive wheat production, the authors point out. A plan of returning all crop residues and the addition of some commercial nitrogen fertilizer is suggested as a means of reducing erosion and maintaining fertility in the areas. The effect of the distribution of water in the soil, the daily requirements of wheat plants, and other similar facts obtained from the experiments are recorded in this bulletin.

## WARM, WET WEATHER WELCOMED WARMLY

Expectations of cold weather have been unrewarded so far this week as the weather has been moderate with frequent rains. Farmers who seeded this fall are pleased at the chance this has given the grain to sprout and come up. Little grain is actually above the ground but is reported coming although progress is slow. Rains have not brought moisture to normal so far.

## Moro Gets \$2000 Nearer Out of Old Debt

The Moro council met Tuesday night and voted to pay \$2000 in city bonds with interest before the call date of January 1. This will reduce the city's bonded indebtedness to \$18,000.

Discussion of the airport followed and decision was made to investigate possibilities of obtaining CAA support in making a field that will meet federal standards.

## Big Lawn Proposed

Advocates of the recreation area were present and told of the progress that had been made toward obtaining possession of the land up the creek from the parking field is too narrow, they said and some change in the creek direction was proposed to remedy this. Consent to begin cutting trees in the park was not given pending possession of other land, lease from the railroad and support of other agencies than the city that may be interested in the area.

## Court Hears Two Delegations' Pleas

The county court met Wednesday, as usual, and heard two delegations that appeared for information from the court. Delegation from Wasco, interested in the airport, asked the county to give the use of its machinery for grading the upper end of the strip. Consent was not given at the December meeting, but the delegation, comprised of Joe Hilderbrand, Pat Cody and Orlov Martin, was told to take further steps toward obtaining legal possession of the land.

LeRoy Wright and Giles French, representing the county planning board for veteran welfare, asked the court to plan its post-war road program as far as possible so it would be able to determine about the number of veterans that might be required. The court reported that planning was very difficult but that the intent was the repair of gravelled roads after the war and the work toward grading and graveling about a quarter of the dirt roads or about 130 miles. It is hoped to put 1000 yards per mile on them after grading at a cost that is now estimated at about \$3.00 per yard.

The expense budget of the county trapper was upped to \$50 per month and the bills were paid for the month of November before the court left for the day.

## Club Kids Calves Already On Feed

Twenty six youngsters in Sherman county will feed and show 4-H steers next year and that many steers are already in the hands of the boys and girls, according to LeRoy Wright, county agent. This will be a number greatly in excess of the number fed last winter and spring and indicates that more interest is being taken in livestock. Others will probably be added to the list if they are feeding locally produced calves.

## Many At Work

This list includes: Roy and Joe Harvey, each feeding a Hereford; Barbara Alley, two Angus; Clarence May, Hereford; Douglas Alley, Hereford; Larry Sayers, Hereford; Bob Martin and Dean Martin Herefords; Edwin Balsiger, Angus; David Wright, Hereford; Rodney, Rolfe, Hereford; Duane Eakin, Shorthorn; Larry Kaseberg, Shorthorn; Alfred Kock, Hereford and Shorthorn; Phil von Borstel Hereford; Fred von Borstel, Hereford; Terry Bucholtz, Hereford; Stephen Oveson, Hereford; Dick Oveson, Hereford; Scott Fritts, Hereford; Doran Fritts, Hereford; Harry Hartley, Hereford and Angus; James Hartley, Hereford; John Alley, Hereford; Carl Schwadewitz, Hereford; Donald Schilling, Hereford; Ed Fritts, Hereford.

## Wheat League Sub-Committees Recommend

Legislation Requested, Crested Wheat Praised As Soil Saver

Sherman county committees met this week to prepare resolutions for consideration at the annual meeting of the wheat league at Arlington this week end.

The federal agricultural program committee, with the job of revising the farm program before it, asked that crop insurance be based on county and farm yields rather than on national or area yields; that soil conservation features of the farm program be continued as is; that farmers be given an equitable share of the national income; that loan wheat owners receive the 15 additional price at maturity, that the certificate plan be adopted; that no new land be brought into production; that protected fallow or grass seeding is preferable to strip cropping; that more weed killing chemical be made available and that there be county, state and federal funds made available to farmers for weed control; that the \$10.00 per acre weed cultivation payment be continued and that crested wheat land be kept in that crop.

## Wheat Movement Asked

The production, marketing, handling and transportation committee recommended that steps be taken by all farmers to secure clean seed now difficult under the bulk harvesting method; ask continued standardization of varieties; better seed wheat treatment; praised the present loan rate; recommended that land in crested wheat grass be kept in that crop; praised the northwest crop improvement association; asked that steps be taken to move stored wheat out before April 30; favored rail transportation.

The taxation and legislation committee resolved against appropriating any money over the 6 percent limitation unless means of raising the money were provided; that any state educational and financial methods be forced when state funds are used for schools; that school taxes be equalized within counties; that the principle of the Walker plan be continued to limit income tax collections and surpluses; that no law or amendment be enacted that would result in taxes exceeding the 6 percent limitation.

These reports were taken to the league meeting by the secretary of the committees and presented for consideration by the committees of the league to meet the Friday and Saturday program.

## Frank vonBorstel jr. Now Officer

Frank von Borstel, Jr. of Grass Valley Oregon, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army of the United States today upon successful completion of the Officer Candidate Course at The Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga. Lieut. von Borstel is the son of Mr and Mrs Frank von Borstel of Grass Valley, Oregon.

He enlisted in the Army Aug. 4, 1942 and served with the 282 Field Artillery Bn., Fort Sill, Oklahoma before going to Officer Candidate School four months ago.

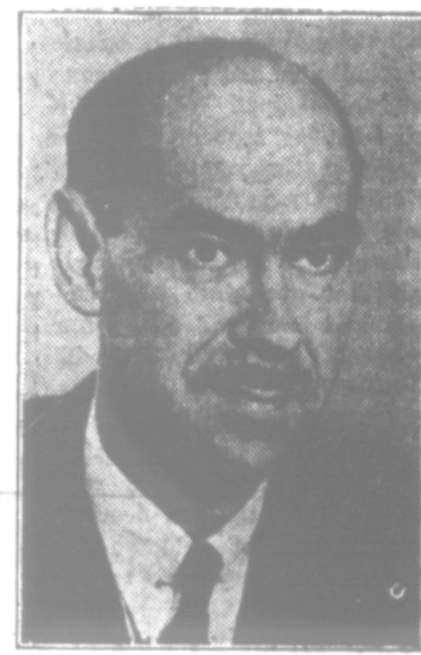
## GAME HEARING JANUARY 13

The annual hearing of the Oregon State Game Commission in regard to angling regulations will be held at ten o'clock, Saturday morning, January 13, 1945, as specified by statute.

At this time the Commission will consider the 1945 seasons, bag limits and other regulations affecting the taking of game fish in the state.

The hearing will be open to the general public.

## Speaker



J. L. ORR

## Wheat League Attracts Many Studious Farmers

Many of the Sherman countians who are interested in the broader aspects of the wheat business left Thursday forenoon for Arlington to attend the opening sessions of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League.

The first day of the three day meeting will be given over to meetings of the three league committees, the taxation and legislation which will discuss matters pertaining to the wheat grower and government; the production, marketing and handling, which will be concerned with the details of producing the grain, and the federal program wheat farmers want or can get.

## Speaking Program Friday

Friday the regular league program will begin with talks by men acquainted with different phases of the wheat growers problems. J. L. Orr of the AAA will speak in the morning, Wayne Morse is another morning speaker, E. J. Bell will inquire into the question of whether we shall keep wheat allotments, Olaf Stenberg of the U of Idaho will talk about "Industrial Uses for Wheat" and Dr. D. D. Hill of OSC will speak on the topic, "Looking Ahead". Governor Snell will speak at the banquet.

The Saturday program has Eugene Allen, Portland labor editor and David B. Simpson, of the Portland Chamber of Commerce as speakers.

## Service Need Many More Nurses

Of interest to American families everywhere is the fact that the Army must recruit 10,000 nurses immediately in order to care for wounded and sick soldiers, both at home and overseas. In addition, 1,000 nurses are needed by the Veterans Administration for its services. The Navy will need 500 nurses a month for several more months. In an effort to stimulate the interest of nurses in this indispensable service, Paul V. McNutt, War Manpower Chairman, has sent telegrams to all State Procurement and Assignment Committees requesting that additional names of nurses be made available to the American Red Cross for recruitment purposes. Nurses who enter the service are commissioned and will enjoy all rights extended to the Armed Forces under the G. I. Bill of Rights.

## Wasco Auxiliary Asks Bundles

The American Legion Auxiliary of Frank Brown Post at Wasco is preparing a shipment of gifts to American boys and girls who are in army and navy hospitals. Anyone wishing to donate a package or packages are urged to prepare and leave them at the Wasco Market where Auxiliary members will get them Saturday and Monday for shipment to the hospitals.

## County Tops E Bond Quota But Below Average

Corporation and Individual Quotas Not Reached At Latest Report

Sale of bonds during the week just passed has been speedier than at any time during the Sixth War Loan campaign in Sherman county, and this is probably due to activity of more solicitors, some of whom only started work after farm jobs were cared for.

The county is now over its quota of \$100,000 in E-bonds having \$135,974.50 to its credit, divided as follows: Wasco postoffice \$21,693.75, Grass Valley postoffice, \$23,118.75, Moro postoffice \$1650 and the First National bank \$89,512.00.

## Per capita Below Average

This total, however, is much below the county's normal per capita purchase of bonds which has averaged nearly \$100 in the last three drives. In order to reach this there must be sales of \$35,000 more before the end of the year.

In sales to individuals of other bonds than Es the county quota has not yet been reached. Sales reported are \$18,214 and the quota is \$20,000. Sales to corporations are also below quota unless sales have been made that are not yet reported. During the week the National Farm Loan association bought \$12,000, Shell Oil \$8,000 and the state \$4,500.

## Quota Not Goal

The bond committee does not consider the quota as an end in itself. More important object of the drive is to sell as many bonds to as many people as possible, in order that every citizen will have a share in the immense job of financing the war in which all are interested. In other words, the job is to sell bonds, not reach a quota.

## Womens Club Hears Talks On South America

The Moro Womens club held a most interesting meeting Friday afternoon with the International Relations department in charge. After the numerous business matters, the meeting was turned over to Mrs. Chas. Kenny, who with the help of Mrs. Theo. Johnston had arranged an instructive program, using as their subject, "Getting acquainted with our neighbors in Central and South America." The program was opened by singing "America the Beautiful". They then presented the following six ladies, who gave a few minutes talk on the countries assigned them, telling of the advancements made in their growth as a republic also how they had become more modern and Americanized. And of their resources, products and home life. Pointing out the reasons we should know more about them and the necessity of keeping them as our allies. Mrs. A. Douma—Republic of Panama. Mrs. J. Moberg—Brazil. Mrs. H. B. Pinkerton—Argentina. Mrs. J. Kenny—Ecuador. Mrs. M. M. Oveson—Venezuela. Mrs. D. Thompson—Chile.

Anyone wishing to send gifts of light weight, small color books, story books or small dolls or toys to The Children's Farm Home will please bring them to the next meeting. Mrs. H. B. Pinkerton and the Girl Scouts will have charge of sending them. Articles must be light in weight and easy for invalids or small children to handle.

Mrs. E. Amidon reports that the Moro Womens club had been awarded with selling a little better than \$50,000 in bonds. The next meeting will be the "Christmas Party" and silver tea. This meeting is open for anyone wishing to attend and will begin at 2 o'clock as will all meetings from now on until further notice.