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Shortly after the new congress meets in January there will be a highly controversial bill for the house military affairs committee to handle. This is a proposed plan to require compulsory military training. Andrew Jackson May of Kentucky, chairman of the committee, will call the members together soon after the committee members, some of whom are still abroad looking over actual battle conditions in Europe, have returned to Washington. The army wants a straight-out military training law for all able-bodied youths of 18 years. The army wants material that can be called to arms instantly; an army ready to fight. Organizations of veterans have expressed a similar idea. Opposed are a substantial group of churches which swing considerable influence. Between the pressure by these contending forces congressmen will have a hard time until the matter is settled one way or the other.

It is the opinion of Washington observers that if a compulsory military training law is enacted it must be accomplished before the end of the war, while the people are still war conscious. After the war such a proposal would not get to first base, for there will be millions of people who have lost relatives in this war and who will be thoroughly fed up on war. Now, argue the army, is the time to strike. President Roosevelt favors the idea that youths of the 18-year class should contribute one year to the service of their country but the president has not come out openly for compulsory military training. He has discussed the matter, but he has also inquired what military training consists of; and from his own statements military training might include anything from learning to cook to squads right.

There is also a nebulous idea as to how the eightenners might be selected—whether by a selective service, with draft boards; volunteers, or just soon in everyone's regardless of physical condition. That a year of military training would teach the youngsters discipline and give them time to mature before they go to college and so enable them to make up their minds what they wish to do in later life (few college students have a definite objective for the first two years) is generally conceded. On the other hand, opponents to military training assert that it would place the youth of America in the same class as the youth of Germany, inculcating war like thoughts.

Between 11,000 and 14,000 American service men who have married Australian girls include an undetermined number who are under 21 years. Under existing naturalization laws the children of such marriages, if born abroad and whose father is a minor are not American citizens and cannot enter the United States except on a quota basis. These facts were brought out on the floor of the house in considering a bill the purpose of which is to amend the naturalization laws so that children of such citizens may have the full rights of citizenship. Strongly enough, the only house member to object to passage of the bill was Congressman Sumner (unmarried) of Illinois, who believed the right solution is a law to prevent these underage service men from marrying while in a foreign country. Male members of congress very quick to resent this suggested interference with a natural right and the bill was read a third time and passed without further argument.

Red Cross Quota Set At \$5000

Miss Grace Jackson, general field representative, of the Red Cross for eastern Oregon was in the county this week making plans for the annual roll call for funds next March. The quota for Sherman county will be \$5000, Miss Jackson said. This is a larger quota than was requested last year and the reason given for the raise is a greater demand on the part of the local chapter. In 1944 the county had a quota of \$4200 and raised in excess of \$5000 during the drive.

Frees-French Wed In Rhode Island

Miss Jane French, daughter of Mr and Mrs Giles L. French, was married Sunday night, December 24, at 7 P. M. to Lt. Norman William Frees, U.S.N.R. at Quonset Point near Providence, Rhode Island. The bride is a graduate of Moro High school and Eastern Oregon College of Education. The groom, son of Mr and Mrs N. W. Frees of Salem, formerly of La Granda, is a torpedo bomber pilot in the Navy, who has served 18 months in the South Pacific.

LAND BOOM ON

Land prices in Oregon are now at about the same level as the World War I land boom peak, according to a discussion of the trend in land values contained in the current issue of the Agricultural Situation and Outlook issued by the OSC extension service. The Oregon index stands at level 163 percent of the 1935-50 level. The index was 91 at the bottom of the "bust" in 1930-34 the report shows.

County Court Pays Election Bills, Officers' Convention Expenses and Other Accounts of Heavy Month of November

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON, GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR NOVEMBER 1944, AND APPROVED DECEMBER, 1944 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT THEREOF

GENERAL FUND:

First National Bank, General Assistance \$38.62; First National Bank, Old Age Assistance \$133.00; First National Bank, Aid to Dependent Children \$30.40; S.A.Wilson, chairman Rufus precinct, mileage and rent of hall \$15.71; H.H.Brackett, Judge Rufus precinct, \$5.91; Bernice Morris, clerk Rufus precinct, \$5.91; Adeline McDonald, clerk Rufus precinct, \$5.91; Paul F. Alley, chairman Locust Grove precinct, mileage, rent of hall and janitor \$12.41; W.H. Carls, Judge Locust Grove precinct, \$5.91; Zetta R. Beach, clerk Locust Grove precinct, \$5.91; Gladys M. Zell, clerk Locust Grove precinct, \$5.91; Amelia C. Root, clerk Locust Grove precinct, \$5.91; E.L. Woods, chairman Klondike precinct, mileage, rent of hall and janitor \$18.52; A.B. Potter, judge Klondike precinct, \$5.52; Geo. W. Drinkard, clerk Klondike precinct, \$5.52; R.M. Johnson, clerk Klondike precinct, \$5.52; V.W. Dutton, clerk Klondike precinct, \$5.52; Blaine C. Miller, chairman Monkland precinct, \$5.19; Max K. Belshe, judge Monkland precinct, \$5.19; R.J. Brueker, clerk Monkland precinct, mileage, rent of hall and janitor \$12.19; Irving Hart, clerk Monkland precinct, \$5.19; Harvey Thompson, clerk Monkland precinct, \$5.19; Jas. W. Blagg, Chairman Rutledge precinct and mileage \$7.03; E.R. Blivlock, Judge Rutledge precinct, \$3.93; L.D. Eakinn, clerk Rutledge precinct, \$3.93; D.L. Raynolds, clerk Rutledge precinct, \$3.93; A.J. Payne, Clerk Rutledge precinct, \$3.93; Kenneth E. Martin, Chairman Kent precinct, \$5.97; J.C. Wilson, Judge Kent precinct, mileage, rent of hall and janitor \$15.37; J.C. Helver, Clerk Kent precinct, \$5.97; J.L. Davis, Clerk Kent precinct, \$5.97; G.C. Young, Clerk Kent precinct, \$5.97; Roy G. Schilling, Chairman Grass Valley precinct, \$7.62; T.M. Garrett, Judge Grass

Bond Sales Up To 217.4 percent As End Nears

E Bond Record Thought Secure With Over \$123 per capita Purchases

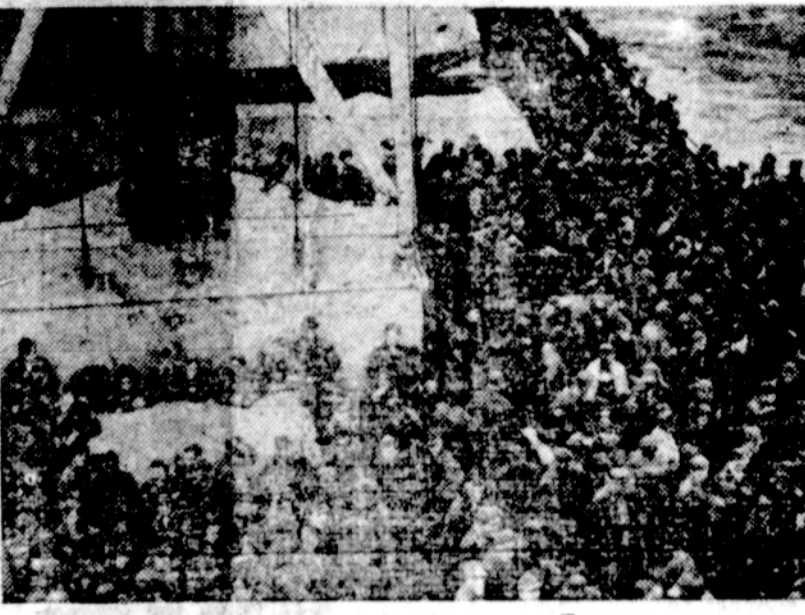
Incomplete figures give Sherman county a total bond sale of \$26,185, which is 217.4 percent of the total quota of \$150,000. Latest compilation of returns from all Oregon counties shows that Polk county led with 217 percent, Benton county followed with 215 and Sherman was third with 213 percent on figures available as of last Saturday. It is probable that percentages have grown in Polk and Benton as well as in Sherman. In the sale of E bonds Sherman county holds undisputed first place with \$210,197.75 sold on a quota of \$100,000. This 210 percent may be increased slightly by late sales. This gives the county a per capita response to E bonds sale of \$123, a figure much higher than any other county can reach in this drive. It retains for this county the long lead in purchase of E bonds.

It is not now expected that the State of Oregon will reach its E bond quota unless Christmas sales, as yet unreported, add nearly two million dollars to the present totals.

ROADMASTER HURA

Roadmaster L. L. Peetz suffered a broken rib last Friday when cranking a small motor on one of the county graders. He slipped on the stand and fell against the frame. Lou is now taped up until his rib gets stronger.

Nazis Headed for United States



Hundreds of German soldiers, captured in the Allied drive across France and into the Reich, jam the deck of a coast guard manned troop transport headed for America. The prisoners of war will be held in internment camps in the United States until peace clears the way for their return to their homeland.

Hans Koepke Buried At Grass Valley Oregon Gets Returns From Experiments

Funeral services for Hans Koepke were held at Grass Valley Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 following his death at Pendleton December 22.

Hans Koepke came to Sherman county in the early days of the middle west where he had lived as a boy. He married Mary Peters, who preceded him in death by several years. Until a few years ago Mr. Koepke farmed in Kent and Grass Valley district.

Surviving is a daughter, Mrs. Frank Pike of Grass Valley and a son, John, of Redmond and two grandchildren, a sister still lives in Iowa.

Cold Weather Weakens After Chilly Month

After a month of temperatures below freezing and foggy and damp weather and an overcast that constantly obscured the sun there were indications of a break-up and warmer days.

The smoke came straight out of the chimneys Thursday morning felt the air and slowly turned toward the east. After morning temperatures of 19 and 20 the 26 of Thursday's dawn seemed balmy and almost spring-like. There was a blue patch in the sky instead of the usual unrelieved gray and men going to work whistled instead of shuddered. These may only be indications that will fail to foretell warmer days of they may be as certain an indication of modernation as the bawl of a cow when the chinook rustles her winter's hair.

No damage has resulted from the month's unpleasant weather except that to wires of telephone, telegraph and electric companies which have been down a part of the time although service has not been seriously disrupted. A wire in the PP&L system broke near Erskine Wednesday morning and service was off for two or three hours and rural phone lines are out in many spots, but no serious breaks have occurred.

W.W. Nichols Dies At Albany

The funeral of Wharton Wadsworth Nichols was held in Wasco December 26 and interment made in Sunrise-bemetery there. Mr. Nichols died at Albany December 22. He was born in Woodford county, Illinois, March 30, 1861 and was married to Laura Mary Watrous in Wichita, Kansas, in 1885. They came to Salem in 1889 and to Sherman county in 1913 where he bought land that has remained in the family.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Gladys Doy of Albany, Mrs. Iva Thomas of Salem, Mrs. Loretta Anderson of Orlans Pass, four sons, Herman of Cecil, Eyer, et of Lewiston, Idaho, Arthur of Spokane, Wash., and Wesley of Moro, seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Mr. Nichols was a member of the Evangelical church. Since leaving the ranch east of Moro he has lived with his daughters in Medford and Albany.

County AAA Elects Officers For New Year

Many Changes Made In Personnel of Groups That Manage Program

Election of members of the five community committees was held last Friday, December 22 and several changes were made in the personnel of the groups that will be in charge of the federal farm programs in this county.

At Kent Roy Barnett is delegate to the county convention and Frank vonBorstel is alternate; Roy Barnett is chairman and Frank vonBorstel vice chairman. George Wilson is the regular member of the community committee and Kenneth Martin is first alternate and Harry Howell second alternate. Kenneth Sather is secretary.

At Grass Valley George Wilcox is the delegate, Millard Eakin, alternate delegate, George Wilcox chairman and Millard Eakin, vice chairman; J.B. Coon is the regular member, Roy Schilling first alternate, Willard Barnett, second alternate and J.E. Alley secretary.

At Moro Carroll Sayers is delegate to the county convention. Irving Hart is alternate. Carril Sayers is chairman and Irving Hart vice chairman; Clarence Sparling is the regular member with John DeMoss first alternate and Russell Belshee second alternate. A.B. Christiansen is secretary.

At Wasco L.P. Haven was chosen delegate and A.J. Smith alternate delegate; Marvin Thomas is chairman and L.P. Haven, vice chairman, regular member is A.J. Smith and Kenneth Fridley the first alternate and Leland Medler second alternate. O.G. Hilderbrand is secretary.

The Locust Grove community chose A.C. Kaseberg as delegate, F.H. Watkins alternate, H.D. Proudfoot, chairman and Paulen Kaseberg vice chairman; regular member is Hildred Zell, first alternate Lowell Burres and second alternate E.H. Watkins. Lowell Burres is secretary.

County delegates met Thursday, December 28 to elect the county committee.

Moro Women Hold Christmas Program

A pleasant afternoon was spent by the members of the Moro Women's club and guests at a silver tea and Christmas program last Friday.

After a brief business meeting with Mrs. J. Kenney, president presiding, the meeting was turned over to the chairman Mrs. J. Moberg, who had arranged an interesting program, with the assistance of Mrs. M. Melzer. Verses from the Bible were read telling of the birth of Christ. Mrs. H.E. Pinkerton, read two appropriate poems for the occasion.

Group singing of Christmas hymns was enjoyed, until the first and second grade pupils from school arrived to give a pleasing number. Georgia Moberg sang two songs.

A short play with the setting in the Inn in Bethlehem was presented by a cast made up of the following ladies: Mrs. J. Moberg, Mrs. L. Kenney, Mrs. D. Van Olander, Mrs. C. Coats, Mrs. A.H. Barnerum and Mrs. Carroll Sayers.

Mrs. J.C. McKean favored with a vocal solo "The Lord's Prayer." The tea table was attractively decorated with miniature Christmas trees, deer and red and green candles in silver holders.

Mrs. E. Schaffer and Mrs. J. Kenney presided.

Hostesses were Mrs. C. Kenney, Mrs. T. Strong and Mrs. J. DeMoss. The tea was for the benefit of the Children's Farm Home, and the numerous gifts for the Dornbecher hospital.

The next meeting will be at two o'clock on January 5th.

Two telephone crews are here to repair the lines damaged by the heavy frost of the past few weeks.

Service Men May Trade For Bonds

There are approximately \$25,000,000 waiting to be picked up by some 30,000 veterans of the last war at the Veteran's Administration if they will apply for it before the maturity date of their service certificates (Bonus), which in most cases is January 1, 1945, it is stated by Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hine, Administrator of Veterans Affairs.

All these veterans have to do to collect this money is to exercise their rights in connection with their adjusted service certificates. Some 15,000 veterans can collect up to \$625 each, part of which is interest they are now being charged on loans and part interest they are losing by not having applied for the bonds that were issued in exchange for certificates. The others can collect in addition to the face value of their certificates an average of \$250 each in bond interest by exchanging their certificates for bonds now.

Seven percent of the men now in the Army have definite plans for operating a business and five percent plan on farms, according to a survey conducted among troops in the United States and overseas by the Information and Education Division, Army Services Forces. For the most part they are interested primarily in relatively small enterprise with half of these having definite plans saying they will invest \$4,000 or less.

ROAD FUND—ROAD EMPLOYEES PAY ROLL: L.L. Peetz \$99.19; E. McPherson \$95.10; Bargenholt, \$95.20; J. Gentry, \$18.60; Earl Rehr, \$92.48; L.L. Peetz \$88.80; E. McPherson \$94.40; C. Bargenholt \$94.40; Earl Rehr \$85.60; G. McLachlan \$62.46.

ACCOUNT: State Indus. Aer. Comm., miscellaneous \$24.16; National Hospital Association, wages account \$5.00; Pike's Garage, repairs \$16.20; O'Meara Supply & Imp. Co., repairs \$24.66; Howard Cooper Corp. repairs \$18.22; Foss & Co., repairs \$0.50; J.K. McKean repairs \$76.31; Service Garage, repairs \$54.88; Sunset Motor Co., repairs \$327.42; Columbia Machine Co., repairs \$1.82; First National Bank, withholding tax \$90.26; Columbia Motor Service, repairs \$3.65; Walter Williams Co., tires and tubes \$55.65; Nelson Equipment Co., miscellaneous account \$255.00; Pacific Power & Light Co., miscellaneous account \$2.00; Mrs. Mabel White, miscellaneous account \$30.00; Geo. B. Moon, miscellaneous account \$15.20; City of

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