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If suggestions made on the floor of the house during consideration of the revised crop insurance program are heeded, experienced insurance salesmen will be placed in the field on a commission basis to induce farmers in every state to sign up for a three-year period. Failure of the former crop insurance program was attributed to the fact that so few farmers were willing to pay the premium demanded for protection against drought, hail, and plant infestation, with the result that the federal treasury was out of pocket to the tune of \$69,000,000 before congress decided to call a halt and refused to make further appropriations.

Under the amended law now effective payment for loss will be limited to 75 percent on the basis of average yield for the preceding three years, and after an experimental period of five years the program is to be placed on a self-sustaining basis with payments pro rated to balance receipts from premiums collected. During the experimental period insurance coverage will be limited to wheat, cotton and flax, but after that time practically all farm produce will be eligible to come under the program. In addition to insurance protection, an appropriation of \$30,000,000 was voted as a subsidy to flaxgrowers to induce increased production for war purposes. This item will be of special interest to farmers in sections of Washington and Oregon where the growing of flax has attained important proportions. This encouragement to flaxgrowers was made necessary, it was asserted, because OPA has refused to raise the ceiling on flax and farmers have turned to other crops which promised more satisfactory returns.

An objectionable feature of the old law was its failure to limit administration expenses, which ran as high as 38 percent. Under the new program this cost cannot exceed 25 percent, and even this was regarded by many legislators as being exorbitant. It is assumed that the crop insurance program will be handled through the triple-A set-up as has been the case in previous years, but with a director in charge who will put on a high-powered selling campaign. It is recognized that the success of the program depends upon persuading the largest possible number of farmers to accept the protection it offers in favorable as well as unfavorable crop years.

Plans of the interior department to increase fees charged for the grazing of livestock on public lands aroused emphatic opposition in the senate and it is expected that the senate committee on public lands and surveys will take definite action shortly after the convening of the 79th congress. Announcement of the plan brought quick and indignant protest from livestock men in all western states and Senator McCarran introduced a resolution declaring it to be the sense of the senate that no increase in grazing fees should be imposed until the committee on public lands and surveys has an opportunity to make a complete study of the subject.

An administrative program to offset the efforts of Great Britain for control of trade in Europe is being studied and it is expected that definite proposals will be made in President Roosevelt's messages to congress. These are reported to be repeal of the Johnson act prohibiting credits to countries which have not repaid their first world war loans, increase of the lending power of the export-import bank and an arrangement to

## Rescued After 12 Days on Raft



Strong hands lift Lt. Comdr. Robert Hoyt Price, USN, of Shelbyville, Ill., aboard a carrier in Task Force 58. Price, an air group commander, was attacking a Japanese cargo ship when anti-aircraft fire clipped his oil line and forced him to land in the water. Price spent 5 hours in the water wearing his life jacket before another fighter pilot dropped him a one-man raft and a note promising that a Kingfisher OS2U plane would be sent out for him next morning. The Kingfisher came but failed to find him. Twelve days later a destroyer found him, picked him up, and rushed him to a carrier.

## New Year Makes Modest Debut

The new, nude and blushing 1945 was ushered in to Moro with a minor amount of fanfare although some of the great irresponsible horde gave the fire siren a practise buzz and the bells were rung for a few strokes to herald the year and give vent to the exuberance of some of those who had stayed up to welcome it. Dances at Kent and Wasco were held Saturday night as sort of a formal program for the year's beginning. Watch parties were held the final night of old, cold and disappointing 1944. The air was warm for a change and Happy New Years echoed around.

## Moro Wins Game From Maupin

The Moro High School basketball defeated Maupin in both the first and second team games. The second team game was rather slow with little scoring by either side. The final score was Moro 10 and Maupin 6. The second game was an open game with Moro's fast breaks and backboard play the highlight. The final score was Moro 35, Maupin 27.

## Review of News Stories of 1944 Discloses Effect of War on Sherman County: Men Lost In Action, Men To War, Bond Sales, Scarcities

The following is a review of news items of the past year.

Jan. 8. AAA elects Wallace May chairman of county AAA. Court makes annual appointments.

Jan. 14. Travel halted by frozen highway surfaces. 20 cars in ditch. School costs found high in county being \$214.80 as compared to state average of \$101.87. Proudfoot named head of Hyslop Memorial fund.

Jan. 21. Fourth War Loan campaign started toward goal of \$142,100. More wheat, less barley, fewer hogs asked of farmers by AAA.

Jan. 28. Schools planning to charge actual cost to districts transporting. Howard Conlee gets D.F.C. Nine men called for examinations for army.

Feb. 4. Sherman county passes E bond quota with \$123,447 on quota of \$80,400. Phillip O'Meara gets Purple Heart for wound. District Attorney holds expenditure for cricket control illegal.

Feb. 11. County reaches 117 percent of total bond quota. February starts with good rain. Erosion on exchanger land, say conservationists.

Feb. 18. 1943 wheat crop given

## Wallace May Again Heads County AAA

Election of officers for the Sherman county AAA was done last Thursday at the annual meeting of delegates from the community committee of the five AAA committees of the county. Wallace L. May of Grass Valley was elected and later made chairman. O.G. Hilderbrand of Wasco was chosen vice-chairman and Dewey Thompson is the new member of the board having succeeded Joe Peters who would serve no longer. In addition to the three members Roy Barnett was chosen first alternate and E.H. Watkins second alternate.

## Internal Revenue Collector Coming

Pursuant to the custom a representative of the Internal Revenue service will come to Sherman county to aid in making out income tax statements for farmers who must have the job done by January 15. The deputy collector will be in Moro January 9, Tuesday.

## Agricultural Census Head Wants Help

The 1945 census of agriculture is to be taken during the month of January. This census is taken every five years and covers all farms in the United States comprising of three or more acres of land, or if less than three acres, producing \$250 or more in farm products during 1944.

Men and women are needed in this district to work as enumerators. Persons in Klamath, Lake, Deschutes, Wheeler, Hood River, Jefferson, Sherman, Gilliam, Wasco and Crook counties who are interested in becoming farm enumerators should write, telephone or call at the office of the bureau of the census, 6006 Medical-Dental Bldg. Klamath Falls.

Enumerators must be over 18 years, have an automobile and be citizens of the United States. Instructions will be given before the work begins, after which they will work on their own time and be paid on a piece basis. Provision will be made for additional gasoline.

## Furniture For Army Asked By Red Cross

The Red Cross, through the committee in charge of aiding the Rufus camp, Lois Hilderbrand, chairman, is asking for furniture with which to help in furnishing nine day rooms, 30 x 100, for recreational purposes.

Furniture donated will become the property of the army. It may be listed with Mrs. Roscoe Moore at Moro, Mrs. Ed Alley at Grass Valley, Mrs. Tracy Fields at Rufus and Mrs. Joë Hilderbrand at Wasco.

Needed are davenport, easy and straight backed chairs, tables of all kinds, reading lamps, book cases, sheet music, pianos, phonographs, and records, musical instruments of any kind, radios, games such as pingpong, checkers, cards, dominos, pictures and curtains.

More collections may be left at the Freeman store building.

## PICTURE SHOW COMING

A moving picture show will be given in the Legion hall at Moro, (tonight), Friday, January 5, by the Hanson Picture show. "Small Town Boy" with Stuart Irwin, and "Western Songs and Bullets" with Fred Scott together with travelogues, comedies and cartoons will make up the show.

Mr. Hanson is considering locating in this territory if he can find a suitable circuit where he can come each week. He has regular 35 mm films and reports that he is able to obtain the latest films.

ton buys Wasco Bakery from Lewis Hastings who joins Seabees.

April 7. Mrs. Glen Perry hears from husband who is prisoner in Germany. Soil moisture better than expected. Gerking canyon road improved.

April 14. Rain comes to wet down crops. McDermids exercise option to buy estate land. Wheat being sold as deadline approaches.

April 21. Dan Morgan sentenced for confessed murder of Dewey Burrell, settling old case. Total bond sales for the war through March was \$988,665. First power company dividend paid.

April 23. Two candidates for circuit judge visit on same day. Harlow Parkins killed in Italy. North Central track meet scheduled.

May 5. Report of Bob Christenson's being missing sent to parents. Bend wins track meet. Moro second. County considers coyote bounty.

May 12. Primary election approach finds candidates striving against voter inertia. Five boys going to state track meet. Circuit court called off.

May 19. \$40,000 set aside for

## Camp Rufus Expands With New Group

Col. arhart Now Commanding Camp; Work On Bridge Begun

Lt.-Col. Rufus C. Carhart has arrived at the Rufus engineers camp and has assumed charge of the operations being conducted there. A company of light ponton engineers has been moved in to make a detachment of four units now in the camp. Major Schiltz is in charge of the heavy ponton battalion.

The job of throwing ponton bridges across the Columbia has started and the bridge is partially completed. The pontoons used are about 30 feet long and are composed of sausage shaped aluminum containers that float and hold the weight of passing vehicles. Experiments have been conducted recently in an effort to improve the type of ponton bridges used by the army and some of these new developments may be tried at Rufus during the period the detachment is camped there.

A great deal of equipment is being used and the parking lots are filled with light and heavy trucks, jeeps, tanks and other motorized monsters that serve more special purposes in the life of an army engineer.

## Cookie Campaign Dates Announced

Women of Sherman county have responded very well to the request of the Red Cross for cookies for the service men at Camp Rufus, according to Mrs. Lois Hilderbrand, who has been appointed chairman of the local chapter. Two hundred pounds of cookies were delivered at the camp December 24 for Christmas appetites and 100 pounds delivered December 30th from the Wasco community for New Years.

Further bakings of cookies will be picked up for delivery from the Douma's Grocery at 11:30 Saturday of this week; for next week Saturday January 13th from Alky's Confectionery at 11 o'clock donated from the Grass Valley and Kent district and from Mathieson's Garage at Rufus January 20th at 3 o'clock.

Martha Hastings of Wasco is chairman of the cookie detail of the Camp and Hospital committee.

Mrs. E. Amidon is home from Seattle after a month's visit there with relatives.

## Wasco Swears New Councilmen Into Office

New councilmen for the City of Wasco were sworn in Tuesday at the first meeting of the new year and the first gathering of the newly elected councilmen Mayor T. Lester Johnson named E. D. McKee, W. A. Nisbet and L. L. Funk to the Finance committee, William, Clothier, W. R. Reid and Hal Shelton to the street committee.

Approval of street improvement in accordance with regulations set forth by the highway department of the state was made. Work to be done is the macadamizing of Fulton street between Clark and Wilson. When the work will be done depends on the release of material to the state highway department which cannot now oil new sections of road because of lack of material.

Charles Everett was named marshal for another term.

## Moro Government Starts New Year

The Moro city council met Tuesday night to organize for the coming two years. Councilman Harry Kunsman, Clyde Gillmor, G. Douma, Ernest Woods, Lawrence Kenny and LeRoy Wright were sworn in as was C. V. Belknap as treasurer.

The council approved the selection of streets for next improvement that had been made previously and the proper forms were transmitted to the State Highway commission for approval. Work to be done includes oiling of First Street between Main and Scott and oiling of Scott street from Fourth to Bidwell and Bidwell from Scott to Main. This will provide a better street for school traffic.

A formal lease to take the place of the agreement by resolution was ordered signed between the city and Harry O. Kunsman. A. K. Axtell was rehired as marshal and water collector and C. A. Ruggles will continue to serve as recorder until a successor can be found. A card room license was granted Percy Thompson.

Committees were named as follows: Water: Ernest Woods, Lawrence Kenny, Clyde Gillmor; Finance: Harry Kunsman, G. Douma, LeRoy Wright; Street and Public Property: Clyde Gillmor, Harry Kunsman, LeRoy Wright.

## Bond Sale Totals Expected Soon

Available figures show a total war bond sale of \$333,159 in Sherman county during the Sixth War Loan drive. These figures are not complete and final figures will not be available for several days. The Oregon War Bond staff will compile the totals as far as it can obtain them from information coming from the Federal Reserve system.

Payroll deductions from corporations will be added to the above figures and sales made in other areas and credited to Oregon will be added also. Then from Washington D.C. will come the figures on sales made to the armed forces which sometimes adds quite a little to Oregon's total, and a few dollars to Sherman county's.

Population estimates are made by the OPA and on them is based the final per capita figures on sale of E bonds.

Sale of E bonds according to available figures is \$216,977.75. Sale of other bonds is \$116,182 and there is no change expected in this figure.

In total sales Sherman county is third according to the latest word from state headquarters. Polk county has 224 percent, Benton county 219 and Sherman 217. Above figures will give Sherman county 222 percent of quota.

A new shrink-preventive treatment has been developed to keep woolen socks issued American soldiers, from shrinking.

## Appointments Made To Fill County Positions

Same Men Selected For Jobs In Most Cases; Claims Paid And Jury List Drawn

The county court met Wednesday of this week for a long session of detailed appointments and other business that occurs at the beginning of a new year. Most of the appointments were routine.

The Sherman County Journal was named official county paper for 1945. Dr. Ethel Kessler was made county health officer; Sheriff C. C. Wilson was named as trust officer, the county court will continue as the DeMoss Park board, L. L. Peetz Roy Powell and Harry Pinkerton will continue as county road viewers, W. E. Brockert, Tom Douma and Kenneth Sather will serve as members of the Dog Fund committee and Tom Garrett will remain as county brand inspector.

A change was made in the county fair board due to the decision of Joe Peters to not serve longer in that capacity. O. G. Hilderbrand will act as chairman aided by Roy Barnett of Kent and Arthur Busholtz of Moro.

Claims were paid and the report of the county treasurer for December was accepted and placed on file.

Further details that required an afternoon's work was the selection of a jury list of 200 names. Discussion was had about the purchase of a power mower with which to keep noxious weeds clipped from road sides and it appeared that such a machine would be bought by time the weeds get high next spring.

## Red Cross Committee Formed To Aid

On Wednesday afternoon of last week, Mrs. Afton McIntyre, chairman of the Sherman County Red Cross Chapter and Miss Gene Jackson, General Field Representative for the chapter in eastern and central Oregon, visited the military camp at Rufus. While there they talked with the special services officer and his adjutant who expressed wholehearted appreciation for the many things done for them by the Red Cross during the short time they have been stationed in the county. The local county chapter of American Red Cross has organized a Camp and Hospital Committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. Lois Hilderbrand, the purpose of this committee is to supply day room and recreational needs and entertainment which cannot be supplied through military sources. This is a committee through which the resources of the county are developed giving various groups and individuals an opportunity to do something for the boys, but at the same time avoiding duplication of effort and resultant confusion.

On Saturday before Christmas 200 pounds of homemade cookies donated by housewives of Sherman county were delivered to the boys, and many boys were entertained in Sherman and Wasco county homes Christmas day.

So that these boys could have some Christmas gifts the Red Cross director in Portland shipped 1000 gift boxes to the camp—these gifts having been contributed by various individuals and groups in the Pacific area.

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