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## A column of news About Government, Politics and People with especial emphasis on the Northwest

Now that Franklin D. Roosevelt has been inaugurated for the fourth term, he confronts the most trying and desperate years of his experiences in the White House. When he was inaugurated first in 1933, the United States was in a depression and he heartened the people by assuring them in his message that there was nothing to fear but fear. Mr. Roosevelt did not whip the depression and full scale prosperity came only with the war government checks which their women in the armed services today were supported by the meager federal government checks which their fathers received for relief work done by the food stamp system of distributing surpluses to the distressed people.

Today, Mr. Roosevelt has another problem to solve. He is the head of a government with the greatest military power of any nation in the world and is waging a war which has already rolled up a national debt of almost one-third of a trillion (not billion) dollars and which cannot be liquidated for generations, unless some form of cancellation is devised in the coming years. In the fourth term the war must be won and will take the lives of America's young manhood. The big risks in the national capital are not a matter of when the "crisis" will be over; some pessimistically predict that the war will still be active in the Pacific for most of the next four years.

One thing is certain: The top men of the military are becoming anxious as to replacements. Casualties are heavy and additional men must be fed into the ranks. Manpower is claiming millions of workers in war industries; the available material for combat duty is not inexhaustible. There can be no let down in the production of war materials. Guns and ammunition have been expended lavishly; mountainous quantities must be supplied and stockpiled. So serious is this need that the release of materials for civilian production has ceased in order to save material for war and give an encouragement to iron essential employment.

As the war continues in Europe and the Pacific, there is the international relief program making donations. Italy, Greece and other countries in the path of war are asking for food and materials for reconstruction of the battle-torn towns and the rehabilitation of the people. America must clothe as well as feed these war victims. China, too, must be provided to start that nation on an industrial career.

Mr. Roosevelt is also faced with the problem of peace as a member of the "big three," and this problem began in the closing months of his third term. In every country there are groups contending for control, and each is seeking the favor of Stalin, Churchill or Roosevelt. A wrong guess by any one of the big three will be a serious matter, notwithstanding Churchill's statement in parliament that the trio are working in harmony and that the coming conference, whenever it is to be held, will iron out such minor differences as may have developed.

Mr. Roosevelt is not as young as he was. He is a dozen years older than when he was inaugurated, in 1933, and the strain he has been under in the past three years is apparent to the public from photographs in the press and magazines. The load he is to carry in the immediate future will be sufficient to break down almost any man, and he will eventually result in forcing him to relinquish control over many policies and come taking personal pride in supervising and directing all of the major and most of the minor problems of government.

The United States today is a far

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## Club Considered Child Health at Friday Meeting

The Moro Womens Club met last Friday at the club room to hear a very interesting meeting arranged by the Child Welfare and Health department.

The program consisted of color films given by Mr. Preece. Two songs were sung by a trio composed of Mrs. C. Melzer, Mrs. H. B. Pinkerton and Mrs. J. D. Moberg. Miss Lola Martin then explained her work as Public Welfare Commissioner and also told how the Child Health Department helps crippled children and child guidance clinics.

Miss Sybil Belshe, a guest of the club, talked about her work in the WAC as instructor in Link training at Meridian, Miss. The program closed with a song from the trio.

During the business session it was decided to give \$5 to the Infantile Paralysis Fund. Mrs. T. H. Fraser was elected to finish out the year as secretary.

Mrs. Hazel Belshe was hostess for the afternoon. The next meeting will be Feb. 2nd, at 2 o'clock, with the Health Department in charge.

## Enumerators Trained For Farm Census

Mr. Igl, assistant district supervisor from Klamath Falls, was here Thursday to give instructions to the various people in the county who are to take the farm census. The following people will have charge of the districts over the county: Mrs. LeRoy Wright, Moro, Eskline and Monkland; Gordon Harper, Locust Grove, Klondike and Wasco; Marcus Eslinger, Grass Valley and Rutledge; Jake Wilson, Michigan and Kent and Hugh Walker, Rufus.

## Torque Club at Wasco Airport Extends Activity

Work on the hangar and office building at the Wasco airport has been progressing quite rapidly this week. Building material has been obtained for the completion of the hangar room. The club rooms of the Torque Club has undergone a period of renovation and will be ready for occupation soon. The planning and decoration of the club rooms is being handled by Mrs. Paul May, Mrs. Orlo Martin and Mrs. Pat Cody.

The first Torque Club meeting of the new year was held by the election of new officers. They are as follows: Joe Hilderbrand, president, Stan Sweet, vice-president, Theima Cody, secretary, Flora Conlee, treasurer. Leland Schwendel was appointed club reporter.

New students at the airport are Dick Mikkelsen, Elva Simms, Ray F. Johnson, Joyce Hoberg, Charlotte Gossler, all of Portland, and Roy E. Johnson of Vancouver, Wash. There will also be new students from Condon and Heppner.

There has been only one solo student, Chuck Lindner, of Portland.

It has been going around that there may be a couple of new planes at the field before long.

Pat Cody, Joe Hilderbrand, Stan Sweet and Patricia Hilderbrand flew to Dufur Saturday.

The Torque Club basketball team "acrimaged" with the high school team this week to gain some practice.

Any of the boys in the service ordinarily living in this vicinity, who are interested in flying, will be made honorary members of the Torque Club by request. Mail them to Mrs. L. D. Cody, Wasco, Oregon, P. O. Box 318.

The Legion-Auxiliary is sponsoring a benefit card party and picnic social January 31st, at the IOOF hall at 8 p. m.

## Weather Nippy-- But Not Bad-- Moisture Lacking

Weather Makes Possible Prospects of Another Bumper Crop

Sherman county has finally settled down to a quiet and peaceful winter this week with little snow, occasional showers and some ice, to the delight of slushers.

Although signs of spring have been evident, a late cold snap has removed all possibilities of an early spring. The cold snap started in the latter part of last week with cold east winds bringing temperatures down to 25 degrees Saturday night, 20 Sunday night, 23 Monday night, 25 Tuesday night, and 18 Wednesday night. However, this weather has not yet approached the 13 degrees above made December 23, 1944, as recorded at the station.

Although troubled with fog the first part of the winter, it seems to have left us with overcast days and clear, cold nights. The wheat crop has been undamaged as yet by cold weather. The prospects for another bumper crop at this time shape up well, with little moisture so far the big drawback.

## OPA Workers Mark Third Anniversary

The third anniversary of the establishment of the O. P. A. will be marked by a dinner meeting of the members of the O. P. A. staff for Sherman county. The meeting will be held at The Dalles hotel Friday evening at 7 o'clock. Husbands and wives will attend with the staff members.

George A. Potter of Klondike, chairman of the board, has had charge of arrangements for the affair. Other besides Mr. and Mrs. Potter who expect to be present are Messrs. and Mesdames A. B. Christensen, T. H. Fraser, Wm. Nisbet, Albert Kaseberg, Hal Shelton, Lee Dehler; also James Maddox, Georgia and Gordon Harper, E. Estrella Hailey, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Barnett and Glenn Anderson.

Most of the work of the O. P. A. is done on a volunteer basis and these workers are to be commended for the fine record they have made in Sherman county.

## Camp Rufus Com'der Writes Appreciation

The appreciation of the military personnel at the Rufus engineer camp is expressed in a letter released this week by Lt. Col. Rufus C. Corhart, commanding officer.

Many Sherman county residents have cooperated in helping make life more comfortable and enjoyable for the men at Rufus and some organizations, like the county Red Cross chapter have made a regular project of it.

Lt. Col. Corhart's letter follows: To the People of Wasco, Sherman, and Gilliam Counties: On behalf of the officers and men of this organization, I would like to express my appreciation for the many kindnesses and favors you have shown during our stay at Rufus.

We came here to an undeveloped camp without any of the usual garrison comforts and recreational facilities. Your hospitality and neighborliness helped us through the trying days of organization. Through gifts of furniture and supplies you are making our day rooms livable, furnishing the boys with a touch of home.

Your efforts are helping us immeasurably and we wish you to know that they are deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours  
RUFUS C. CORHART,  
Lt. Colonel, O.E.  
Commanding.

## Life-Saving U. S. Pilot Uniform



These pneumatic pants prevent U. S. fighter pilots from blacking out in aerial maneuvers by applying pressure to the pilot's abdomen and legs during a pullout or turn, preventing the blood from pooling to the lower extremities and aiding the heart to maintain circulation to the brain. They are inflated by lung power or by mechanical devices. Many civilian accidents as well as military resulted from blacking out. The new pneumatic pants will largely do away with the condition, often fatal in war as well as peace.

## Bills Allowed by County Court; Appointments Made for 1945

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON, GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR DECEMBER 1944, AND APPROVED JANUARY 1945 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT

GENERAL FUND  
First National Bank, General Assistance, \$54.90; D. V. Bolton, County Clerk Wasco County, photostatic copies re: assignment of J. E. Love \$6.50; First National Bank, Old Age Assistance \$122.80, Aid to Dependent Children \$30.40, \$153.20; Clarence Mersinger, janitor's salary less tax \$112.80; James W. Jones, expense of government trapper \$50.00; David Reid, County Commissioner \$28.00; Vernon I. Miller, County Commissioner, \$9.00; T. Lester Johnson, District Attorney expense \$8.50; Pacific Power & Light Co., Lights copthouse \$30.88; City of Moro, water courthouse \$1.90; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., telephones all offices \$41.24; First National Bank, with-holding tax \$84.19; Giles L. French, premiums on officer's bonds \$125.00; Sherman County Journal, County printing \$12.90, Election supplies \$5.00, Assessor's office supplies \$14.50, \$32.40; Mid-Columbia Typewriter Co., Assessor's office supplies \$2.00; West Coast Printing & Binding Co., Clerk's office \$30.40, Assessor's office \$33.95, Assessor's office \$189.40, \$253.75; J. C. Freeman, P. M. Stamps Assessor's office \$15.00; Weigelt Bros. Book Store, Clerk's office expense \$1.68; County Clerk's Association, Association dues 1945, \$5.00; California Test Bureau, Sup't. office expense \$22.46; The J. K. Gill Co., Sup't office expense \$7.07; W. E. Nichols, 1 male coyote \$3.00; Donald DeMoss, 1 male coyote \$3.00; Russel H. Belshe, 1 male coyote \$3.00; C. M. Clevenger, official car expense \$34.40; Foss & Co., official car expense \$3.00; E. M. Alley, Coroner's expense \$10.00; J. C. Freeman, P. M. Stamps Clerk's office \$5.00; State Industrial Accident Commission, peace officer's protection \$4.62; J. C. Freeman, P. M., box rent due quarter ending 3-31-45 \$3.15; C. C. Wilson, Sheriff's expense \$10.45; Charles R. Logan, Audit of County Books \$75.00; T. Lester Johnson, premium on officer's bonds \$160.00.

National Hospital Association, wages \$5.00; Sherman County First National Bank with-holding tax \$54.12; O'Meara Supply & Imp. Co. repairs \$221.15; Foss & Co., general supplies \$11.00; Pacific Power & Light Co., miscellaneous \$1.00; C. F. Kuypers, repairs \$12.85; Sunset Motor Co., repairs \$171.76; City of Moro, miscellaneous \$1.75; Mrs. L. L. Peetz, telephone bill to January 1, 1945 \$9.22; J. K. McKean, general supplies \$59.92.

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNTY COURT JANUARY 3, 1945 TERM

Claims against County General Road Fund approved.

Monthly Statement of County Treasurer approved and filed.  
Bid of LeRoy C. Wright for purchase of Tax Foreclosed Property in Moro, received and accepted.  
Bid of Kent Christian Church for purchase of Tax Foreclosed property in Kent, received and accepted.  
Following appointments made for year 1945:

County Official paper—Sherman County Journal.  
Health Officer—Dr. Ethel Reuter.  
Truant Officer—Sheriff C. C. Wilson.  
DeMoss Park—Administrative Board, County Court  
County Road Viewers—L. L. Peetz, Roy Powell and H. B. Pinkerton.  
County Road Foreman—L. L. Peetz.  
County Dog Damage Indemnity Fund—Administrative Board: W. E. Bruckert, Tom Douma and Kenneth Sather.  
County Brand Inspector—Tom Garrett.  
County Fair Board Member for term of 3 years, term commencing January 1945, ending December 31, 1947—A. J. Bucholtz.  
Circuit Court Jury list consisting of 200 names, drawn and filed.  
Resolution adopted and court order increasing monthly expense account allowance to Government Trapper from \$25.00 to \$50.00 monthly; increase effective forthwith.  
Semi-annual report of County Treasurer examined, approved and filed.  
Bonds of E. M. Alley, County Coroner and W. D. Wallan, Justice of Peace, approved and filed.

Court adopts Resolution that the present annual salaries of County officials be and remain the same as at present for the ensuing two years, or from July 1, 1945 to June 30, 1947 and that a recommendation to and request be made of the 1945 State legislature for enactment into law.

No further matters being at issue court adjourned.

## Legislators Discuss Bills Of Various Kinds

The county manager plan is being written, the proposed amendments to the industrial accident law and the unemployment compensation laws are in and it is likely that heavy committee work will be going on from this week until the close of the session.

A bill of interest to farmers of the 22nd district has been introduced in the house. It provides that employers of less than three workmen may pay premiums for industrial compensation once a year. If passed this will obviate monthly reports by farmers in the 22nd district few of whom often hire many men, especially in these days when few men are obtainable.

A bill is being written that will give the state sole ownership of all slot machines, pinball machines and other similar devices for snaring the unwary nickel, dime or dollar. The state would be empowered to lease such machines on somewhat the same basis as at present giving the owners of pool halls, restaurants, taverns, etc., a percentage comparable to the present owners of the machines. The income so derived would go 25 percent to cities, 25 percent to counties and 50 percent to the state for aid to aged citizens. It is not expected that the present owners of these machines will agree to let the machines get out of their possession without a struggle.

## Red Cross Drive Changed To Feb.

The Red Cross drive, which was to be held in March, has been changed to February, as reported by Roy Powell, chairman. The quota for Sherman county is \$5500.

The annual meeting will be held Monday, February 28th, at the Moro school house with special speakers presenting Red Cross activities.

## Basketball Teams Win 2 From Wasco

During the past week the Moro Huskies have played four games, each having been victorious for them. Friday night Moro played two games with Wasco. The first team won by a margin of 36-16. The second team won their game with a lead of 36 to 8.

Tuesday night the second team challenged Rufus to a good game with Moro coming out on top with a score of 24-18. The same night, the first team went into action against the Papposes and played a fast game leading at the end with a score of 33-18.

Next week they will play games with Fossil, Condon and Wasco.

## PALS MEET IN ENGLAND

A letter received by Mr. and Mrs. Carroll says tells us that Carl Peetz and Wyman French got together overnight in England after not having seen each other for nearly two years. Carl said it was the biggest surprise he has had yet—when Wyman looked in his window while he was writing a letter home.

## SYBIL BELSHE HOME

Miss Sybil Belshe has been visiting with her mother the past week. She is an instructor in Link training at Meridian, Miss. Miss Belshe is a WAC in the 3rd Air Force there.

## SOLDIERS NEED MORE

Compared to the average civilian, need of 20 pounds of cotton annually, the average soldier requires 250 pounds, the Ninth Service Command Quartermaster says.

## Legislators Plan Tax Changes For Schools

Education and Taxation Committees Study on Bills

The legislature that started slowly is taking on speed with each day and members who failed to get their legislative business in shape in the comparative quiet of the first two weeks now wish they had.

Things are going to happen. Last week the bills on education came in, probably most of them having to do with finance of education. The taxation and revenue committee of the house introduced the first of these two bills that provide for equalization of school taxes within the counties. This week the education committee introduced three that were discussed last week. These bills provide for an additional \$5,000,000 which is divided in several ways.

The taxation committee bill that is receiving the greatest attention is the one that will equalize taxes for schools within counties. There is growing sentiment that something of this sort must be done and there is a proposal in the senate that all schools of the state should be thrown into one district and equalize all taxes over the entire state. That sounds pretty drastic, but indicates the thinking.

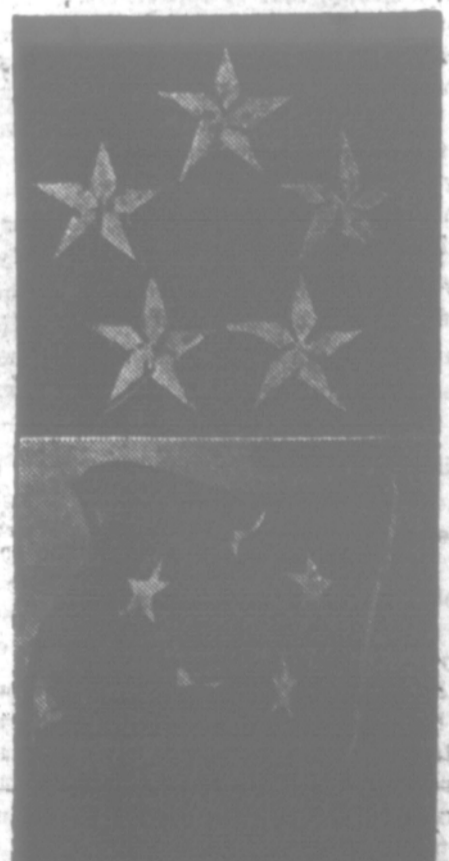
It is the contention of the principal sponsors of this bill that the state must arrange for some reformation in the present school system in order to be justified in continuing to appropriate state money for school districts. In this regard it must be remembered that until 1942 schools were entirely financed by local districts. One of the purposes of state equalization is to give the state authority to better the schools financial set-up.

The other taxation bill would give an additional \$3,000,000 to the schools which, with the present school support fund of \$6,000,000 would be distributed on a basis of 27 cents per pupil day.

The education committee's bills provide \$5,000,000 divided on a district basis and on pupil basis and also provide funds for other purposes that might lead to lack of use of the money. For instance \$80,000 would go to a sort of disaster fund that could only be used in case the assessed valuation of a district was wiped out by fire, flood, etc. Such money might become unusable if there was no fire or flood.

It seems possible that some combination of the bills may be made although it is too early to prophesy much support for such a procedure.

## Five-Star Insignia



Pictured above is the five-star insignia to be worn on the shoulders of Generals Marshall, Arnold, Hap Arnold and MacArthur, denoting their rank of "General of the Army." Below, the five-star flag of Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King.