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

Marvin Jones, the war food administrator, has proposed to a house committee that the FBI make an investigation of his agency to determine the truth or the falsity of rumors concerning it. The rumors are that a high official has been holding a secret party at his home, and that war foodmen have attended. It has been admitted that the party was held, but it is denied that war foodmen have attended, and the further assertion is made that the stakes were quite low.

Rumor circulating has always been an important game in this national city. Back in the days of President Harding he played poker in the little green house on a street which is now an insurance office and next door to a fire station. Nick Longworth then speaker of the house and Jack Garner, later speaker, were confirmed poker players and their games were frequent. Charles Curtis, of Kansas, when vice-president, was a wizard with a poker hand and was so consistently that several senators refused to play with him. There were high poker games in the Willard when, on one occasion, a western senator "cleaned up" and when he cleaned his coat he was handed a flock of I. O. U.s. he had signed in other games. This led to a row, and black eyes decorated several of the players when they departed. A former member of the house still today carries a "promise to pay" given by a senator from a western state who is no longer a member of congress.

The theory behind the current rumor concerning WPA games is that the war foodmen "lost money" to the officials of that agency. This is an old trick which has been resorted to from one end of the nation to the other as a polite method of paying for favors or votes. Among assertions, such as that of the spillage of food in warehouses and immense quantities purchased which cannot be warehoused for lack of space, is the story of 20,000,000 pounds of land-war food administration bought this year when the packers wished to get rid of it. The food was stored, and it was held so long that it became rancid and unfit for human consumption. It finally was sold to soap manufacturers, as the army said soap is almost as important as food. The story of the way the food was handled has caused even more comment than have rumors about the poker party.

Discussion in the house of requests in the deficiency appropriation bill brought renewed attacks upon the federal housing authority for its alleged extravagance and lack of judgment in selecting housing projects for war industry workers. Cited as an example was the west end apartments project at Hartford, Conn., where more than 200 houses were built at a cost of \$2,000,000 and not a solitary dwelling has ever been occupied. They stand idle today as they did on the day they were completed. It was suggested by one senator that perhaps the buildings might serve as lodgings for German war prisoners since they seem not to be needed for housing war industry workers. War housing authority reported that it had applications for housing projects with an estimated cost of \$13,000,000.

Before the war, in December, 1941, there were 61,646 beds in veterans' hospitals. By the end of 1944 there will be 120,000 beds. The number of beds which will be required is unpredictable, but that is the present figure planned by the veterans' administration. Congress has appropriated \$84,000,000

Seek Enlistments of Women in New Medical Unit

First interviews in the campaign to enlist a medical unit of the Women's Army Corps from Sherman county were held here Monday by Lieutenant Mary E. Herring of the Women's Army Corps headquarters at Portland. The interviews were held at the office of School Superintendent Willy Knighten who has been named chairman of the campaign for this county.

In addition to those who have taken the first steps toward enlistment in the medical unit, several others have expressed interest in the organization and it is expected that a sizeable local group will be enrolled to take the training course and enter hospital work together. The recruits, Mr. Knighten said Tuesday, may select any one of the eleven general Army hospitals in the Western states for duty after they have finished their training.

Preliminary basic training is given all recruits at the medical training center at Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia. Following this they will receive specialized training either as medical or surgical technicians. Each of these courses extend over twelve weeks. An additional four weeks of training will be given before active duty at the hospital of their choice. Information as to eligibility and physical requirements for this special medical service in the Women's Army Corps may be obtained from Mr. Knighten or from members of the county committee, consisting of Mrs. Frank VonBorch, Mrs. Dorothy Perry of Grass Valley, Mrs. Tom Douma of Moro, and Mrs. Ormand Hilderbrand and Mrs. George L. Fox of Wasco.

Health Clinics Next Wednesday

The county health department has announced plans for a series of health clinics to be held in Sherman county communities Wednesday, March 21. A special feature of the clinics will be the giving of booster shots for whooping cough where they may be required. The hours at which the clinics are scheduled for the communities are as follows: Wasco 10:00 a. m.; Moro 11:00 a. m.; Grass Valley 1:00 p. m.; Kent 2:30 p. m. Anyone wishing to attend one of the clinics should make advance appointment with the local committee representative. These representatives are Mrs. Afton McIntyre, Wasco; Mrs. M. M. Ovens, Moro; Mrs. Art Bibby, Grass Valley; and Mrs. Bill Jefferies.

RED CROSS WEEK AT MOVIE THEATRES

During March 15 through March 21, 16,000 motion picture theatres throughout the nation observe "Red Cross War Fund Week," lending time and effort to aiding the Red Cross. The time and effort spent by the American Red Cross in aiding others is well known. Over forty million suffering human beings were helped by Red Cross Foreign War Relief last year. Almost half of this relief, made available through the American Red Cross, represents contributions of funds and chapter-produced clothing. The balance represents supplies purchased by the United States government and by various relief agencies, and turned over to the Red Cross for shipment and distribution.

The public can continue this admirable work by continuing support of the Red Cross during "Red Cross War Fund Week" at any motion picture theatre, announces L. T. Hanson, manager of the Grass Valley theatre.

A vital factor in the U. S. Army medical department's achievement of saving the lives of 97 percent of the wounded who pass through its hospitals has been the speedy evacuation of thousands of the injured to general hospitals in the United States.

TONS OF CLOTHING SENT FROM WEST TO RUSSIA

Through the Port of Portland, Ore., they have shipped, direct to Russia, more than eleven million pounds of clothing and shoes, collected in the western part of the United States.

This clothing collection has demonstrated that the entire state is alive to the needs of our ally, Russia, for relief of all kinds.

Word Received of the Death of Wyman French

"The Secretary of War regrets to inform you that your son, Private First Class Wyman J. French was killed in action twenty seven February in Holland. Confirming letter follows" is the text of a telegram received last Friday by Mr. and Mrs. Giles French of Moro.

Wyman John French was born near Grass Valley September 30, 1922, and attended school at Grass Valley and Moro before going to the University of Oregon where he was nearly ready to finish pre-law course when his enlistment into the army became effective. He served at Fort Custer, Naperville, Illinois, and at Camp Polk, where he became a machine gunner in the 8th armored division. He left for Europe in November and his division went into active combat a few days before he was killed.

Besides his parents, he leaves two sisters of his immediate family, Mrs. Jane French, now of Hood River and Patty of Moro. Further details have not been received.

\$30 GIFT FOR RED CROSS

A contribution of \$30.00 was received by the Red Cross Chapter Monday from the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company. It was a part of the total \$130,000.00 given by the company to the various community units in the territory in which it operates.

Range schools to help stockmen to better utilize their range grass are being held in Arlington and Condon this week.

Four Moro Teachers Probably Will Return

Beginning the task of selecting teachers for the Moro schools for 1945-46, the school board voted at the last meeting to offer teaching contracts to four members of the present faculty. The others had already indicated that they had other plans and did not expect to return to Moro. Those receiving contracts were Mrs. B. H. Robertson, third and fourth grades; Mrs. M. Letson, seventh and eighth grades; Maurice Letson, high school manual training instructor; and Vades Koontz, high school instructor in English and stenography.

Action will be taken later by the board to fill the places of teachers who are leaving.

WAR BONDS In Action

Official U. S. Navy Photo
WAVE artist Betta Brown, Hollywood, Calif., airbrushes photo at U. S. Naval Laboratory at Annapolis, D. C. War Bonds buy vital photographic equipment utilized in Navy operations.
U. S. Treasury Department

Army Nurse Directs Removal of Patient From Plane



Lieutenant Rial Smith, U. S. Army flight nurse from Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania, supervises the removal of a wounded soldier from a transport plane at Guadalcanal. Ten thousand more registered nurses are needed in the Army Nurse Corps.

February Claims Allowed by County Court

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON, GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR FEBRUARY 1945, AND APPROVED MARCH 15, TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT

General Fund
First National Bank, Old Age Assistance \$133.00, Aid to Dependent Children \$30.40, \$163.40; Clarence Mersinger, janitor's salary less tax, \$101.00; James W. Jones, expense of Government Trapper, \$50.00; David Reid, County Commissioner \$9.00; Vernon I. Miller, County Commissioner, \$11.50; T. Lester Johnson, District Attorney expense, \$23.95; City of Moro, water for courthouse \$1.95; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., telephones, \$30.96; Foss & Co., official car expense, \$3.00; Roy J. Baker, premium on Justice of Peace Bond, \$10.00; Sherman County Journal, County Printing \$62.60; Richard M. Hart, clerk's office expense, \$4; Drs. Reuter, Thompson, Coberth and Griffith, examination and treatment of delinquent girls \$12.50; Department of Agriculture, sealer, weights and measures, \$3.76; D. H. Wright, bounty, 1 male coyote, \$3.00; West Coast Printing & Binding Co., Assessor's office expense \$48.40; State Industrial Accident Commission, Peace Officer's protection \$4.56; First National Bank, with-holding tax, \$100.80; J. C. Freeman, P. M. stamps Clerk's office \$5.00; Charles R. Logan, Audit of County Books \$105.00; First National Bank, General Assistance \$43.00; May & Son, Board of prisoners, \$6.64; Wasco County, keep of prisoners 26 days @ \$6.00 per, \$156.00; R. A. Twiss, Official car expense, \$3.60; Standard Oil Company of California, Official car expense, \$11.89; C. C. Wilson, Sheriff's office expense \$13.25; J. L. Murray, Clerk's office expense, \$37.50; General Road Fund
Road Employees Pay Roll—L. L. Peetz, \$99.20; C. Bargenholt, \$89.60; Earl Rehr, \$84.70; Alton Olds, \$71.80; L. L. Peetz, \$80.80; C. Bargenholt, \$76.80; Earl Rehr, \$77.90; Alton Olds, \$20.65.

ACCOUNT: Union Pacific R. R. Co., miscellaneous, \$7.24; State Indus. Acc. Comm., miscellaneous, \$18.07; National Hospital Ass'n. wages account \$2.50; First National Bank, with-holding tax \$83.95; L. L. Peetz, miscellaneous \$7.55; Nelson Equipment Co., bridge account \$59.00; W. G. Armsworthy, miscellaneous account \$1.16; Pacific Power & Light, lights machine shed, \$2.65; City of Moro, water machine shed, \$1.75; J. K. McKean, repairs, \$180.46; O'Meara Supply & Imp. Wasco Repair Shop, repairs, \$53.00; Farm Equipment Co., repairs \$1.80; Foss & Co., repairs, \$6.50; Howard Cooper Corp., repairs \$331.23; Walther-Williams Co. tires and tubes \$46.39; Andrews Equipment Service, general supplies \$137.00; Moro Lumber & Fuel Yard, general supplies, \$0.50; Sherman County Revolving Fund.

No further matters being at issue court adjourned subject to call by County Judge.

Christmas Seal Sale Totalled \$993.75

The close of the Christmas Seal sale on March 1, showed the total receipts for Sherman county to be \$993.75 for the 1944 Christmas season. This was a substantial increase over 1943 when sales totalled \$959.80. Since the county stood first in the nation last year in per capita sales, it is expected that the gain shown will again put us in top place. Seal sales in the Moro community amounted to \$304.40 compared with \$290.75 last year. Totals for the other communities of the county are given below with comparative figures for last year.

Kent \$88.50, (1943, \$68.00)
Grass Valley, \$223.35 (1943, \$224.05)
Wasco \$299.00 (1943, \$286.86)
Rufus \$98.50 (1943, \$96.14)

HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES MAY BE EMPLOYED SOON

The Oregon Merit System council is making possible immediate employment of high school and college students upon graduation this spring. Examinations will be given approximately April 14, '45 for the clerical, casework, and telephone operator positions in the state unemployment compensation commission, public welfare commissions, state and county boards of health, and the crippled children's division of the University of Oregon medical school. At that time all prospective graduates will be admitted if otherwise qualified. The examinations will have been graded and the appointments can be made immediately upon graduation.

The farm labor committee of Gilliam county has approved the opening of a farm labor office in Condon during July and August.

FAT COLLECTION NEEDS TO BE INCREASED

All fats and oils that are a product of cooking—meats, poultry, fish frying, skimming of stews and soup, and melted fats from trimmings—are wanted by the government. Regardless of color or smell these fats are usable. Surveys show that only one out of seven women is doing a hundred percent job of salvaging fats. If every woman participated and scraped to save each drop, three times the present amount would be collected.

Students Enter Navy and Cadet Nurse Training

Four members of the Moro high school student body have recently joined up for cadet nurse training and the Navy according to Principal Tom Preece. Mary Sayrs and Veda Belash will take training as cadet nurses while Dwane Lemley and Bon Christianson have been accepted for the Navy and are awaiting call.

The girls, who are high school seniors, left Wednesday for The Dalles to take their physical examinations for nurse's training. From there they will go to Eastern Oregon College of Education at La Grande for the first part of their course. Later they will be assigned to a hospital for practical training. They will receive high school credit on their work and will return to Moro to graduate with their class.

Dwane Lemley is expecting to leave for the Naval training station at San Diego this week while Bon Christianson expects to be called before April 1.

A new batch of Job's Daughters was organized in Prineville Mar. 3.

Declaration of Income Explained

About one out of every five individual taxpayers in the Oregon district is required to file a Declaration of estimated tax in addition to the filing of an income tax return for 1944, according to J. W. Maloney, Collector of Internal Revenue.

Declarations are required in general from business and professional people, landlords, investors and others who expect to get more than \$100 of income this year from sources outside of wages from which tax is withheld, and who expect that their total income from all sources will be \$500 or more.

A declaration must also be filed by a wageearner who expects to earn this year more than \$5,000 plus \$500 for every exemption except his own. For example, a wageearner supporting two dependents must file if he expects to earn more than \$6,000. However, if a person expects more than \$100 of income outside of wages from which tax is withheld, his total income being \$500 or more, he must file a declaration regardless of the size of his wages.

Under these provisions, the majority of wageearners are excused from filing declarations, for the reason that their taxes are kept substantially paid up by the tax which is withheld from their wages every payday.

Declarations are also required from farmers who expect to have \$500 or more this year, but farmers—meaning persons who get more than two-thirds of their income from farming—may postpone their 1945 declarations until January 15, 1946.

A Tax Declaration should be accompanied by a payment of at least one-fourth of the tax estimated to be due over and above 1:00 o'clock and a program followed by the Sunday schools of taxpayer's wages. The remainder of the tax is due in equal installments on June 16 and Sept. 15, 1945, and Jan. 15, 1946.

Special forms and instructions manding the Declaration, Regional for the making of declarations army hospital, has designed, plans have been mailed to all persons for a new wrist joint permit who filed declarations last year. Direct rotary control of artificial Additional copies are available from the office of the collector at son of Mrs. Wilda Belknap of the United States Custom House, Prineville.

Lawmakers Pass Education, Liquor and Tax Bills

The major programs of the legislature are shaping up satisfactorily and it seems probable that by the time this is published the members of the legislature will be packing up their baggage and getting ready to go home and settle down to some work for themselves.

There is no certainty that this will happen and the session may go on until the end of the week. However, the tax program has passed the house with few dissenting votes which is an indication that the senate, also, will accept its major provision and give the weary legislators a chance to go home.

The ways and means bills are ready for the house and there is usually very little debate on them for there is full confidence in the work of that group. Besides it is very dangerous to actually defeat ways and means bills for every one carries an appropriation for some state activity that cannot be stopped. The bills may be sent back for amendment—not defeated.

There is some debate in the senate over the Bang's disease bills but there is generally a feeling that something must be done to safeguard the public health even if it does cost the hard pressed dairyman some time and money. In fact a reputation for pure milk might be one of their best assets which they could afford to pay well for.

The liquor bills seem to be on the way to eventual defeat or passage, and the result all indicates that this legislature is more bent on stiffening the Knox law than in relaxing its provisions. The boys from upstate are somewhat concerned over the laxity of liquor law enforcement in Portland and are insisting that the liquor commission be given full authority to act. It is argued, perhaps truthfully, that the added precautions are unnecessary, but law enforcement has not been satisfactory and if other agencies of government will not control the matter the legislature seems willing to give sufficient power to the liquor commission to do it.

The tax program will give \$6,000,000 a year for two years for public buildings both in Salem for the state hospitals and for the schools of higher learning. The money will be a tax only in name for it will be paid out of the income taxes. A vote of the people is necessary to insure the legality of this move. The demand on the part of the people for a better set of state buildings to house the state wards and the demand that there be sufficient buildings at the schools to house the returning veterans who may wish to attend the schools is considered large enough to pass the measure, especially when it is considered that income tax funds will pay the bill and that the election is only a validating act.

The elementary schools will get an additional \$3,000,000 to give them \$8,000,000 per year, slightly larger than the amount actually needed. The cushion will be enlarged to take care of most of the possible surplus in case the building levy is possibly defeated and in addition the county school fund, tax of \$10 per census school child will be taken from income tax. Possibility of refunds is reduced, but there is a chance that 10 or 15 percent may be returned if income and excise taxes are very high this year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY AT GRASS VALLEY MARCH 18

The rally of Sherman County Sunday schools will be held Sunday afternoon, March 18, at the Baptist church in Grass Valley. There will be a basket dinner at 1:00 o'clock and a program followed by the Sunday schools of the county.

Russel Belash, President.

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