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After discovering by reference to Webster that "demographic" means a study of birth and mortality and that "ambivalent" refers to the emotion of experiencing love and hatred at the same time, Representative Cox of Georgia decided that he was opposed to a resolution brought out by the rules committee of the house. Use of these words was accredited to Representative Dickenstein of New York, author of the resolution, which would authorize the committee on immigration and naturalization to make a study of migration trends with relation to the future of the United States "to enable them to intelligently and fairly deal with legislation" on post-war immigration and naturalization.

The immigration question became a serious problem after world war I and as one means of solving it the quota system was set up by act of congress. It was contended by several representatives that the problem will reappear in an aggravated form after this war and that a sensible approach to its solution should be made by careful study of all its implications. As one example, it was asked what is to become of the estimated number of refugees who have been admitted by executive order; also, whether quotas should be changed or abolished for Germany and any other enemy country. More than 7,000 men and women are now being held in internment camps throughout the United States under the classification of alien enemies, including 3,621 Japanese and 2,289 Germans, with a scattering of Italians and other nationalities.

A registration made in 1941 showed approximately five million aliens in the United States, but it was stated that this number has now dwindled to about three and one-half million, less than one million of whom are classed as alien enemies. It is as much to determine what shall be done about these unwelcome guests as it is to legislate on future immigration that the study is justified, according to its proponents. This and kindred questions will not be decided by the investigating committee, but its report and recommendations are expected to form the basis for whatever action congress may wish to take. Those favoring the resolution urged that it should not be rejected because of threats over its use of unusual words and the argument obviously was effective since the recorded vote gave 382 for its adoption and 113 voting nay.

One of the minor casualties of the war promises to be the government's investment in plants to extract helium from natural gas. The venture is operated by the bureau of mines and the initial cost was \$18,000,000. So successful has been the process employed that now more helium is being produced than can be used or disposed of, and the demand will fall sharply with a cessation of hostilities. At one time it was thought such wide use of the blimp would be found that vast quantities of helium would be required, but the lighter-than-air balloon has not proved practical in modern warfare, and what to do with the helium is worrying bureau officials.

Who has all the \$50 and \$100 bills now in circulation is a question worrying more than one department of the federal government. Currency in circulation has increased more than ten billion dollars in the past two years.

## Seniors Splurge With KOIN Orchestra

The senior class of Moro High school have reached out ambitiously to obtain a well known orchestra for the annual senior ball, which will be an event of Saturday night, April 21, at Grass Valley Auditorium.

The orchestra will come from KOIN, The Journal, Portland which will send 6-pieces here to play for the graduating class and their friends in what will be the class's last appearance before graduation. George Burns, who has played for several big name bands is the leader of the orchestra.

## Few Drive At Suggested Speed

Only nine percent of the drivers using the Pacific highway during the month of March kept their speeds at or below the 35 mile wartime speed limit, Secretary of State Farrell disclosed today.

In February, the figure was 14 percent and in January, it was 15 percent. The March figure is the lowest since the period of April through September of 1942.

Since speed too great for existing conditions figures in every serious accident reported in Oregon during recent months, it was evident that many of these highway casualties could be prevented if drivers would reduce their speed.

## Bob Huck Wins Posthumous Honor

Bob Huck, who was killed in action in Germany, earlier in the year, was awarded one of the ten prizes given to 4-H club boys and girls by the Oregon State Bankers' association for 1944 club work. All of the ten were 19 years old or more and were all senior club members.

Huck was the only son of Mr and Mrs William Huck and had attended school at Rufus. Other winners were Ralph Cope, Langlois, Merton Bradshaw, Brownboro, Gerald Bauer, Neskonink and Huck, who was fourth. Marjorie Wright of Days Creek was first among the girls.

## County Agents Take Over Belanger's Job

At a meeting held in Arlington Monday night it was decided that hereafter the work on the trashy fallow plots will be done by the county agents of the three counties involved, that is, Sherman Gilliam and Morrow.

Joe Belanger has been doing the work and under the new management the Soil Conservation Service will furnish the equipment for tillage and the farmers will be expected to furnish the tractor.

Similar plots are being conducted in the other counties to that experimental one on the Moore Bros. farm south of Moro. This means the continuation of the work.

## LOIS COATS WINS

Miss Lois Irene Coats, daughter of Mr and Mrs Claud E. Coats of Wasco, earned a place on the second honor roll at Oregon College of Education for the winter term. The second honor roll requires a grade point average of 3.0 or better when 15 hours of credit are carried.

## SGT. VERNON MELZER HOME

Marine Sergeant Vernon C. Melzer, 23, son of Mr and Mrs Carl Melzer of Moro, is home on furlough. He recently returned from the Pacific where he was a mechanic with a dive bomber squadron of the fourth marine air wing, based in the Marshall and Gilbert islands.

## New Weed Killing Trick Trial Due For Test Here

Over Development Said To Kill Weeds After Short Period of Treatment

Trial of the new weed killing chemical "weedone" will be made in this county this year, says LeRoy Wright, county agent. This new chemical was developed in Maryland where it has been very successful. Instead of killing weeds directly it kills them by kindness. That is, it causes the weed to make a growth so great that it dies from lack of nutrition in a short time. It is put on by a 40 pound pressure spray and is used on Morning Glory and other root stock weeds.

Tests will be made on the Herb Root ranch on Morning Glory and on other farms Russians Knap weed and White Top if such can be found in the proper stage. All parts of the county will be tested. Chester Otis of the state college will be here to aid with the trials and is expected some time this month.

At Rufus where the fruit growers made a trial of the cultivation method of killing White Top last year, it is reported that none of the weed has made an appearance so far and indications are that the trial may have been more successful than could be hoped.

The county court has ordered a duckfoot cultivator for use by farmers who want to try the cultivation method on weeds. The cultivator will be leased to farmers at the rate of \$2.00 per acre. Delivery is expected at any time.

## AAA Committee Has Tough Problem

The county AAA committee will meet at the court house Friday at 10 o'clock and at that time will take up the subject of how to allocate the \$56,000 of this county's share of Agricultural Conservation Payments.

The funds have been seriously curtailed and the demands for payment for such work continue necessitating the establishment of a policy on the part of the AAA board. Merle Cummings, AAA field man, will be here.

## Breeding Stock, 4-H Club Stock Exempt

A new ruling makes it possible for owners of purebred beef to be used for breeding purposes to sell them without regard to OPA ceilings. The new regulation also makes it possible for 4-H club children and other groups of similar kind, to sell beef at prices without the control of the OPA if the sales are made at public sales at county fairs or the Pacific International.

## Boy Spy Gets Life



Karl Arno Fausler, 16, a Hitler youth leader, is shown as his sentence of death as a spy was changed to life imprisonment. Lt. Gen. Courtney Hodges changed the sentence.

## Moro Council Talks Streets, Club, Field, Bills

The Moro city council met Tuesday night in lengthy session at which several matters were decided.

An agreement was ordered signed between the city and the highway commission which gives the city the right to accumulate the highway funds for several years in order to properly oil the streets in the project that has already been approved. The 1944 payment is already being held in abeyance and the 1944 payment will be held also. Both are between \$400 and \$500. Work to be done includes oiling of First street between Main and Scott and grading and oiling Scott and Bigwell streets from Main to Fourth.

The budget meeting was set for May 8 and Wendell Balsiger, Paul May, J. K. McKean, Dewey Tompason, George Updegraff and Wily Knighten were named as budgeteers for the city.

There was lively discussion of the possibility of the city taking out a service license for the enforcement of residents of the community and possible city revenue for payment of the city debt. Councilmen Ernest Woods and Harry Kunsman were named to investigate further.

## Dust Treatment Due at Rufus

Departure of the soldiers from Camp Rufus left their camp site bare and because it was leveled and disturbed all winter, a serious blow has started that sometimes bleeds out the town. The U. S. Engineers, with the cooperation of the county extension service, are planning to spray the camp site with oil and have it planted to rye this fall.

## Nels Hansen's Death Reported Here

News of the death of Nels Hansen was received in Moro Wednesday night. He had died that day after a long illness. Mr. Hansen was born in Denmark and came here when a young man to settle and farm east of Moro. He later was owner of the Monkland store. For some twenty years he has lived in Portland in retirement, having sold his land in this county.

Surviving are his widow, Julia Woods Hansen, and four daughters, Mrs Roy Powell, Mrs Roy Kunsman, Mrs John Hardin and Mrs Margaret Wigle. Mrs Powell was with her father at the time of his death.

Funeral services have not been announced.

## Cancer Campaign Chairman Canvassing

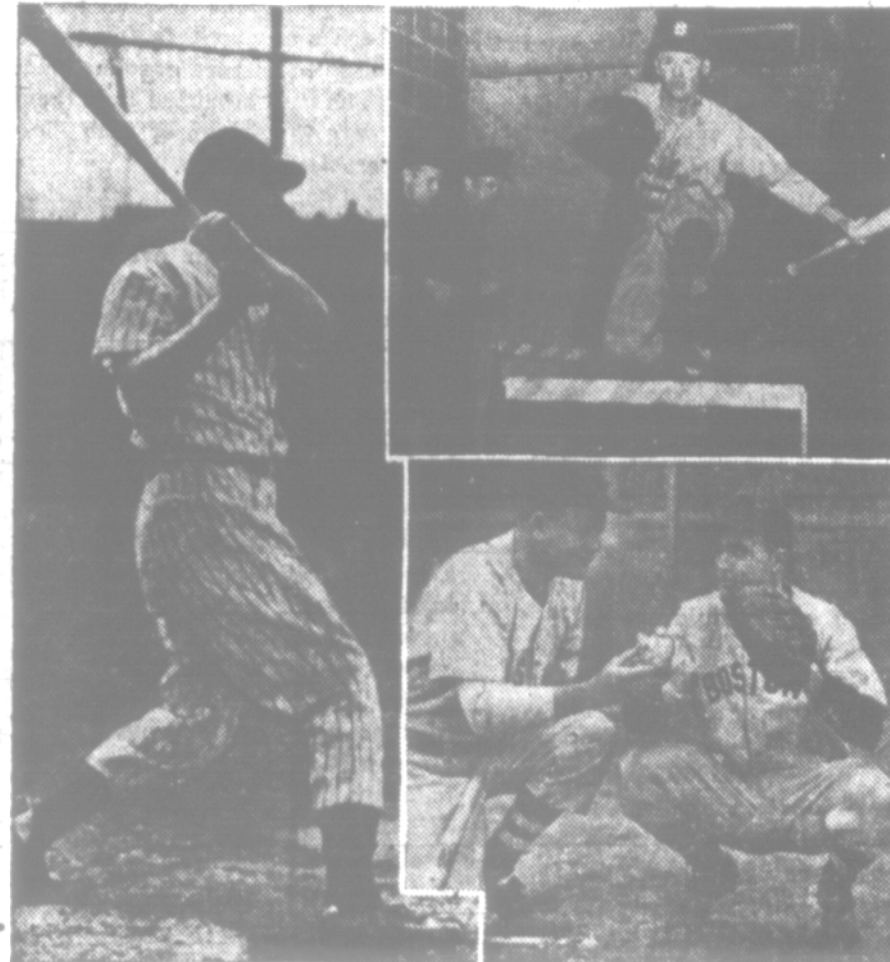
Mrs O.G. Hilderbrand has been named as county chairman of the cancer drive by David Simpson of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, who is state chairman.

The national quota for this campaign is \$5,000,000 of which 57 percent is to be used for education and service, 33 percent for research and 10 percent for the national program. The quota for Sherman county is \$100,750.

Mrs Hilderbrand in starting the campaign says that cancer has caused deaths in the United States second to heart disease, the total for the nation being 145,000. Of these 1496 were in Oregon in 1944. It is estimated that a third to a half of these could have been saved if they had had information about the early symptoms and treatment. Cancer kills more people under 20 than does infantile paralysis. Over 40,000 cases of cancer have been cured.

For these reasons Mrs Hilderbrand is working to raise the small quota for the benefit of increased knowledge about cancer. She will name assistants in every part of the county to aid in the campaign.

## Wounded Vets Join Ball Clubs



Left, Lt. Bert R. Shepard, who lost his right leg on his 34th mission over Germany, is shown as he batted them out at the Washington Senators' training camp. Upper right, Emer Durrett, discharged marine veteran of Guadalcanal, now a Brooklyn Dodgers' outfielder. Lower right, Bright Whiteside, Boston Red Sox catcher, received navy medical discharge, having been wounded in action.

## Woman's Club Meeting Becomes Show of Bell and Button Hobbies

An exceptionally interesting program was given by the Moro Women's club Friday afternoon in the club rooms which were brightened with bouquets of daffodils.

Guests from The Dalles Sorosis, the Tuesday afternoon and Study clubs from Wasco and women from Grass Valley were present to enjoy a program of music and "hobbies".

After a brief business session a few words of welcome were extended by the president of the club, Mrs E. H. Amidon.

Mrs E. T. Strong and Mrs Henry Barnum had arranged the program. Two songs "Floating With the Tide" and "Sundown" were sung by the club quartet composed of Mrs H. B. Pinkerton, Mrs James Moberg, Mrs Carl Melzer and Mrs Norma Cushing, accompanied by Mrs Helen Sayns.

Mrs Dorothy P. Johnston displayed a collection of "bells" which she had gathered in her travels to various antique shops in the United States. Many were originally from foreign countries and were shown with interesting stories of their origin and use. They were made of brass, silver, glass, copper and china.

Mrs Helen Ruggles played two piano solos, "Alpine Bells" and Bells of St. Mary's", which were very appropriate.

Mrs Neva Johnston showed her collection of 1500 buttons of all sizes, color and various materials from the commanding brass buttons of a Canadian mounty, to the dainty pearl buttons for flic trimmings, buttons from all types of uniforms, picture buttons, glass, bone, pearl, gold created shoe, shirtwaist, coat, ornamental, practical, modern and some at least 150 years old. She had one real jet which is very rare. She even had buttons from a German uniform.

Two vocal solos, "Oregon" and "America Invincible" by Florence Gentry were much enjoyed.

Several club members brought souvenirs from the different battle fronts.

The following club officials present were introduced by the director, Mrs Strong. Mrs T. Leifard Brown, State Chairman of Fine Arts, Mrs A. S. Johnson, President of The Dalles Sorosis, Mrs Nan Crawford, Junior Past President of Fourth District, Mrs Gladys Zell, 1st Vice-President of Fourth District, Mrs Ora Workman, President of Wasco Study club, Mrs F. L. Cannell, President of Tuesday Afternoon club, and Mrs Louis Scholl, State President of Bible Study.

The hostesses were Mrs Charles Burnet, Mrs Ordo Martin, Mrs R. W. Belshee and Mrs H. S. Conlee.

## School End Plans Indicate Another Year Near Gone

Roben Maaske To Speak At Both Moro and Wasco Graduations May 23, 24

Plans for the activities that accompany the end of the school year have been made by the principals and Superintendent Knighten this week.

First event will be the county wide Play Day which will be held in Moro, May 18, Friday, when the grade children from all districts will gather to take part in an athletic program similar to those of other years.

For the second year there will be no declamatory contest, that activity that lasted longer than any other in Sherman county schools. It began in 1907 and was continued until 1943.

Graduation ceremonies in the county will be held the last of May with the Wasco High school holding its first on May 23. The following night, Thursday, May 24 Moro will graduate its 1944 class. Roben J. Maaske, president of the Eastern Oregon College of Education will be the speaker at both events. Rufus graduation will be held May 31 and the name of the speaker has not been announced. Moro will graduate 17, Wasco 8 and Rufus 1 from high school.

Grade school graduations will be held at Wasco Monday, May 21. Kent, Grass Valley and Moro will graduate at Grass Valley the night of May 23 and Rufus will graduate eighth graders May 31. Programs have not been arranged. There will be two finish the eighth grade at Rufus, 6 at Wasco, 5 at Moro, 4 at Kent and 3 at Grass Valley.

Schools will close generally May 25 with Rufus a week later.

## Wage Hearing Called At Arlington

The public hearing for the establishment of wage rates for the wheat section of Oregon will be held at Arlington and Pendleton the 17th and 18th of this month. Wages for pea and hay workers will also be discussed. It has been stated that 51 percent of the growers have signed petitions for the hearing although figures have not been released substantiating it.

## Payments Being Made To Dairymen

Dairy payments amounting to \$184.30 have already been made by the county agent's office for the first quarter of 1945. These payments are made to every person who produces and sells milk or butter fat at the rate of 70 cents per hundred for raw milk and 10 cents per pound for butterfat.

Statements of quantities sold are presented to the county agent who has authority to write a draft in payment of the claim. The War Food Administration is in charge of the program.

## Donna Rae Knox Buried Tuesday

Funeral services for Donna Rae Knox were held Tuesday at 2:00 P. M. at the Wasco Methodist church. Rev. F. L. Cannell officiated, interment followed in the Evergreen cemetery in The Dalles. Donna was born in Wasco April 8, 1922. She was a graduate of the Wasco Grammar and High school. She was a member of the Wasco Methodist church and an active worker in the Sunday school and Epworth league. She died at the age of 22, on April 4, 1945, in Seattle, Washington due to severe burns. Surviving are her father, Frank Knox of Wasco, and two sisters, Mrs Dorothy Collins of Pasco, Washington and Mrs Jesse Anfang of Indiana.

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