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During the presidential campaign last year, when he was a candidate for vice-president, Harry Truman said in a Missouri address that he was loyal to the people who placed him in office. There has been little comment about it, but one of the first public officials he removed was Maurice M. Milligan as United States attorney for Missouri. Milligan is the man who sent Boss Tom Pendergast of Kansas City to prison, and Pendergast aided in sending Truman to the United States senate. After he became a senator, Truman delivered a blistering attack from the senate floor against Milligan. When Milligan came up for reappointment, Truman went to the White House and endeavored to have the prosecutor's name withdrawn, but President Roosevelt refused and Milligan was named for another four years.

However, upon the death of Mr. Roosevelt the new president lost no time in demonstrating that he is loyal to the party organization and ousted Milligan from office, appointing in his stead a member of Mr. Truman's old field artillery of World War I. The revenge came too late to console Pendergast, who died a few months ago after his release from the penitentiary.

Now in production is B-32, a giant bomber, so large that it makes the superfortress B-29 look like a pigmy. The new Goliath of the skies is being prepared for the war in the Pacific. It is already on the assembly line and has been tested. These latest battleships of the clouds are far beyond anything that has heretofore left the runways and they will be supplemented by the superfortresses in aerial operations. From the European theater 2,400 American bombers and 200,000 men and women are being transferred to the Pacific and will be in action in a matter of weeks. Taking a cue from the European scene, stress will be laid on bombing Japan and its outposts, for German generals stated after their surrender that the American air power was most devastating and responsible for the destruction of Germany's industrial plants, and that with the wrecking of these plants there was a diminishing quantity of supplies at the very time they were most needed.

An estimated 2,283,500 tons will be moved to the Pacific by the navy for the fiscal year 1946 (starts July 1, 1945). The breakdown is 2,129,000 tons for advance bases; 100,000 for civilian affairs; 64,000 tons for outlying bases. Some of this tonnage will go to installations in Alaska, the Aleutians and to the Hawaiian islands. It requires 1,255 tons of material and equipment per month for each construction battalion, 125 tons a month for each stevedore battalion, and 425 tons a month for maintenance battalions and detachments. This comes under the head of logistics, which is the science of moving things, and logistics will play an important role in the battle for the Pacific. Not all the millions of tons the navy proposes to move will be sent from the Pacific coast, but a substantial part will. Much of the material will be sent from the Atlantic coast to the Pacific via the Panama canal.

Rain Assures Wheat of Months Moisture At Least

Farmers can be assured of enough moisture to get the wheat crop well headed and at least part way through June since the rains of the past week. Every part of the county has had an inch of rain and some sections have had two or three times that much.

We had had 7.71 inches at the end of April instead of the normal of 9.52 making us 1.81 inches short. At the station the rainfall for the week has been 1.27 so we are only .54 inches short. Normal for May is .78 and if we receive no more during the month we will be 1.32 inches short May 31.

Cool weather during June might get the wheat through to make an average crop and as stands are generally lighter than usual there are hopes that this may happen.

Grass Valley really received the heavy part of the storm when hail and rain flooded that town Saturday evening. It probably rained two inches in half an hour, according to estimates of those who watched it fill the street and wash out bridges.

The rain gauge at Ted Trimble's and at Henry Peters showed greater precipitation than at Moro at the end of the week and it is likely that more rain fell there during the entire storm. At Wasco reports indicate about the same as at the station.

Work On Park Project Progresses

A crew of men has been putting up the forms and pouring the concrete for the new city pump house a miniature structure 8x8 that will house the centrifugal pump and motor that will be used to put water on the new playing field and also as a standby pump to be used by the city in case of shortage in the hill well or in case of fire when the lower wells are in demand.

The pump house is some three feet in the ground, the machinery will be 18 inches from the floor and it will be connected with both of the big wells so either or both can be pumped from. The pump will throw around 100 gallons per minute against low pressure. The three inch main line to the field will be laid this week if the plans of the men working on it materialize and the seed will be sown this week also, weather and opportunity permitting. The field has been plowed and needs some leveling and smoothing before seeding is done.

SMALL BOY HURT

Three year old Henry Byers Norton (Skippy) fell from a moving car driven by Lewis McKee Wednesday afternoon and was rendered unconscious for an hour or more. At the hospital it was found that his head was badly cut with gravel but there was probably no concussion. His mother, Marjorie Byers Norton is visiting here with relatives.

City marshal, Aden Axtell, was knocked out and off the road last Saturday on the street near the stock yards when hit by some timbers protruding from a passing truck. Aden also lost some teeth and some skin off his face. Charles Ogle of Klamath Falls, director of the Keep Oregon Green campaign for 1945 was in Moro Tuesday while passing through eastern Oregon on an organization trip for the association that tries to prevent forest fires during the warm months.

John Robert McClure, son of John E. McClure, formerly of Wasco will graduate from Jefferson High school in Portland June 1 and will then enter radar school at Chicago Great Lakes station where he will be trained. He may enter Chicago university.

Grass Valley Flooded By Rain and Hail Storm; Damage Minor

Grass Valley experienced a near cloudburst Saturday afternoon about four o'clock. It had rained all morning and had quit about noon and showered during the early part of the afternoon and then it started to rain and hail and to thunder and lightning and it poured until the ditches were full and overflowing carrying debris over roads and sidewalks, fields and gardens which were washed out in places. Chickens were drowned. The storm lasted an hour and a half but damage was light except where fields were washed. George Wilcox reported damage to his Rex wheat and a field of barley.

Grass Valley had another hard rain and hail storm Tuesday about four o'clock for 15 minutes and the ditches and gutters were filled again. Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Blagg and daughter, Marie, and Miss Dorothy Cole went to Bingen, Wash., Sunday to spend Mother's day with their son and daughter in law, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Blagg and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Engstrom, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Eakin and children and Mr. and Mrs. Norris Gilkison were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Coyle Mothers day.

James Easter came up from Portland Wednesday and is staying at the Art Bibby home while he is getting the house where Edgar Alley lived ready for his family who will be here some time in June.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Harvey and son, Joe, and Mrs. Maude Garrett went to Portland Tuesday to be gone for several days on business.

A number of Grass Valley people attended the Mother's day dinner and church services at Kent Sunday. Among the out of town residents of Kent were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harbin of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. L.W. Amick, Ernest Amick and Jake Wilson all of The Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. James Phifer and daughter came from Maupin Sunday and spent Mother's day at the home of Mrs. Don Smith. Mr. Phifer returned home and Mrs. Phifer and daughter will spend a week visiting Mrs. Charles Perri 60.

The Ladies Social Service club met at the home of Miss Anna Schwartz Thursday afternoon with 14 present. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

Dean Wilcox went to Portland Friday to take the radar test for the navy passing that. He took his physical examination Monday and passed that also.

Moro Woman's Ending Year With Busy Month

The ladies of the Moro Woman's club entertained their own daughters or borrowed ones at a potluck dinner in the church basement last Friday evening.

The committee used the club colors, purple and gold, as the color scheme in flowers for the tables, with gold flowered napkins. After everyone had indulged to their greatest capacity the following program with Mrs. W.W. Knighten as director, was presented in the church rooms.

Mrs. Eugene Amidon welcomed the daughters by citing interesting customs of the earlier days in comparison to the modern times. Gloria Douma responded with thanks and words of appreciation to the mothers and recited a poem entitled "Mother".

The High school girls then sang "Wonderful Mother of Mine".

An arrangement by Mrs. Tom Fraser and Mrs. Carroll Sayrs, showing the changes in styles from 1890 to the present time was the feature of the evening. These dresses dated back to grandmother Sayrs' wedding dress which was modeled by her granddaughter, Mrs. Reatha Coats. There were other wedding dresses, suits, afternoon and party models, sport costumes, riding clothes and ma-

Mrs. Lillian Nunn of Sweet Home and Chet Peterson of Bend arrived Saturday to spend Mothers day at the home of Mrs. Amelia Peterson. Chet returned Sunday evening and Mrs. Nunn will remain a week here with relatives.

Mrs. Wallace May returned home Thursday from Portland where she spent several days with her mother, Mrs. J.A. Walter from Hood River.

Parents and friends attended the assembly held at the school house Friday afternoon when the primary pupils put on a program under the direction of their teacher, Mrs. Margaret Lannen. Several numbers were furnished by the upper grades. The winners of the poppy poster contest were: 7&8 grades, Robert Crawford 1st; Joe Harvey 2nd; Marie vonBorstel 3rd; Bob Schulz 4th; Jacqueline Rust 5th. 5&6: Carl Schilling and John Alley 1st; Peggy McKay and Leota Snider 2nd; Roy Harvey and Dickie Rust 3rd and Barbara Alley and Dorothy Kelley 4th. After the program the visitors went to the different rooms to see the exhibits. The special school room work exhibit in the primary room was very nice and amazed the visitors. Mrs. Lannen served lunch in the lunch room for the mothers and grandmothers and few invited friends of the pupils and to the pupils of her room.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bayer and son, Keith, took their son, Pvt. David to The Dalles Wednesday evening when he left for Fort Meade, after spending about ten days here with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. A.F. Balzer and son, Clair, Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Bruckert of Moro, Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Bruckert of Klondike and Mr. and Mrs. Gus Hartmann of Wasco spent Mother's day in The Dalles at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Bruckert. Pfc. Bennie Payne arrived in The Dalles Sunday from Camp Howie, Texas and will spend his ten day furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Payne. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Payne and daughter, Doris, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Payne and children went to The Dalles Sunday to spend Mother's day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Con Rust. All the Payne children were there but Frank, who is in the army at Camp Roberts, California.

Mrs. Ted Ball left Friday for La Grande to visit her daughter, Miss Dorothy Ball, who is president of the Associated Women Students, was general chairman of the Mother's day week end. Mrs. Ball returned home Sunday.

One important change in policy was made. Instead of levying a bare \$10 per capita for the county school fund, an appropriation that usually yields around \$9, the budget board boosted the levy to \$20. The effect will be to make full use of the contemplated absorption of this appropriation from income tax receipts and to equalize the school tax throughout the county.

The budget will be published in the May 25 and June 1 issues of the Sherman County Journal and the date for final hearing will be June 15.

County Raises Levy Full 6 per cent; Roads Up

A budget calling for total expenditure of \$68,035.15, the full six percent above the 1944-45 budget, was approved by the budget committee at the meeting Wednesday. Of this amount \$48,223.10 will go into the general fund and \$43,600 will be used by the road fund. To make the budget total cash balances of \$17,606.59 and receipts of \$10,492.94 must be deducted from the total of \$91,823.10.

The budgeteers were more careful than usual with appropriations for the general fund, although no slashes of importance were made. There was tendency to be conservative. But the road fund, that was held to a low figure last year in order to build up a big sinking fund for future road improvement, was more than doubled. This was done on the theory that the time will soon arrive when the county can spend money on the roads instead of planning for future expenditures.

Wages were raised from \$10.00 to \$15.00, general supplies doubled to \$3000, and the road machinery fund was set at \$15,000 instead of a token \$1000 for 1944-45. The court reported that it had contracted for \$7000 worth of machinery and needed more. There was no dispute about the \$15,000. This gives the court \$43,600 to spend for roads in the coming fiscal year instead of \$21,400 last year. No addition was made to the sinking fund which remains at \$55,000 and can only be spent at the end of the war.

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Several members of the Girls Glee club from Wasco furnished entertainment for the observance of National Music Week. They were accompanied by Mrs. Gertrude Edwards. The following numbers were given: Duet "The End of a Perfect Day" by Dorothy Patey and Lorraine Gosson; piano solo by Mrs. Edwards; Glee club sang, "Just a Cottage Small and Bells of St. Mary's"; vocal solo "The Desert Song" by Janet Kaseberg; clarinet solo by Lorraine Gosson, accompanied by Dorothy Patey.

At the end of the program refreshments of punch and cookies were served by the mothers of the Girl Scouts.

At the business session the following officers were elected for next year: President—Mrs. James Kenny; vice-president—Mrs. Lewis McKee; secretary—Mrs. Charles Burnett; treasurer—Mrs. Jennie Martin; 3-year director—Mrs. E. Amidon.

Delegates to the 4th District meeting to be held at Kinzua were: Mrs. J. Kenny, Mrs. Tom Fraser, Mrs. Charles Burnett and Mrs. Eugene Amidon. This meeting has been postponed indefinitely but the delegates will be notified of the date to attend.

Jury List Chosen War Bond Drive Not To Be Used Calls For Effort Of All Citizens

A jury list for May term of court was drawn the first of the month and, as no cases were on the docket, notification was sent the prospective jurors that their services would not be needed. Judge D.N. Mackay will hold the old grand jury over for any cases that might cause the need of them.

Called on the jury were: J. R. Yocum, G. Douma, Glenn Thompson, P.C. Axtell, Howard Conlee, Minnie Cole, F.W. Macnab, W.T. Anderson, John J. Conroy, H.T. Balsiger, Alfred Payne, Chester Peugh, H.D. Dutton, Millard Eakin, S.A. Wilson, Alta Smith, Daisy Fridley, C.A. Tom, W.D. Watkins, V.B. Eakin, G.H. Root, Leona Cox, James Fox, Fred Cole, F.L. Cannell, Minnie Dutton, Idaho Everett, Evan T. Olsen, James T. Brown, Willard Barnett and M.A. Bull.

Boys Have Chance For Military Schools

Congressman Lowell Stockman will have three vacancies at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York, for the class beginning July 1, 1946.

Mr. Stockman also will have two vacancies at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, for the class beginning July 1, 1946.

Candidates for the Military Academy must have reached their seventeenth birthday, but not have reached their 22nd birthday on the date of entrance to the academy.

Candidates for the Naval Academy must be not less than 17 years of age nor more than 21 years of age on April first of the calendar year (1946) in which they enter the Naval Academy.

All boys who are interested and qualified should write immediately to Congressman Lowell Stockman, House Office Building, Washington, D.C., so that they may receive additional information and be admitted to the examination.

FLOYD WESTERFIELD DEAD

News of the death of Floyd C. Westerfield in Portland was reported Thursday. He died May 15 while at work at the shipyards. Floyd was the only son of the late W.I. Westerfield and wife. He attended school at Grass Valley and later went to the university at Eugene. He was part owner of the Springfield newspaper for a time and later sold insurance. Surviving are his widow, Velma, and two sisters, Miss Veda Westerfield and Mrs. C.A. Shodall of California.

David Richelderfer arrived Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Richelderfer. He will be home for 30 days.

Mr. and Mrs. T.M. Rolfe took their daughter in law, Mrs. Willard Rolfe and son to The Dalles Saturday, when she left for her home in Portland after spending several weeks at the Rolfe home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baker and Mrs. Glenn Perry were in The Dalles Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Schilling and Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Todd were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Art Schilling Mother's day.

Mrs. Doris Wilson and children of Moro and Mr. and Mrs. Verne The Grass Valley streets will be Mobley and family of Shaniko oiled.

were overnight guests at the A.A. Dunlap home Saturday night and spent Mothers day there. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kock and family also days visiting with Mr. and Mrs. spent Mothers day with the Dunlap Lawrence and Luella Welch.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Woods of Centerville, Wash., were here Wednesday Saturday from Portland to day on business.

Miss Jessie Kenny was here from Portland over the Mother's day.

Among the business visitors in day holiday. The Dalles Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Anderson and son, Den-family were here from Portland nis, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith, for the weekend visiting Mrs. Mar-Mr. and Mrs. Orville Ruggles and tin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ed Alley.

Monday was the first official day of the Seventh War Loan drive, during which Sherman county is asked to raise \$233,000 of which \$190,000 is to be in E bonds. That is the type of bonds this county has favored in all bond drives heretofore.

The organization of the county for the purpose of selling this quota of bonds has not been changed from that which has proven successful in former drives.

In the south end of the county the soliciting will be done by the same people who have worked their districts in former drives. A.A. Dunlap will be in general charge of that area. Selling will be done by George Wilcox, Lester Smith, Bill Brinkert, Tom Garrett, Ed Alley, Harold Eakin, Mr. and Mrs. Frank vonBorstel and probably others will be allotted some territory or individuals.

At Moro the same crews are expected to work the same territories and work has already begun. Joe Peters has the territory of Erskine and the northwest part of Moro. Clarence Sparling and Merrill Oveson will take the country from Boardman to the Harmony road and the remaining part of town. Art Bucholtz and Collis Moore will have the northern part of the east side of the county.

In the north end of the county Claud Coats is already working and George Potter will have his section as before. Other solicitors will take the remainder of the district and T. Lester Johnson will watch over it in a general way.

The \$190,000 quota of E-bonds for this county means that each individual must buy in excess of \$100 if the quota is to be reached. In the last drive the county averaged better than \$130 per capita.

This may be the last chance to buy government bonds that bear 2 1/2 percent interest. This, of course, depends on the length of the war with Japan which may take another year or may take less, depending partially on the support Americans give their fighting men.

TIN CAN COLLECTION

There will be a tin can collection next week. Thursday will be the last as cans will be picked up then. Cans should be brought to the school, says Joe Peters, salvage chairman.

GRADUATION SCHEDULED

Graduation exercises for the 8th grade pupils from Kent, Grass Valley and Moro schools will be held Wednesday May 23 at the Grass Valley school house. There will be a speaker from The Dalles.

Class night will be held at the school house at eight o'clock Saturday night and the public is invited to attend. There will be the usual festivities of class nights including some awarding of letters. For the upperclassmen it will follow the banquet.

J.B. Adams has brought some Sherman county grown tobacco to the Journal office. It is a heavy type suitable for nicotine production grown at Millers.

The oiling crew, held up by the rain, got through Moro Thursday and expect to leave before the end of the week if no more rain falls. Of Moro and Mr. and Mrs. Verne The Grass Valley streets will be Mobley and family of Shaniko oiled.

Mrs. Carl Ewing and daughter, Christine, left Saturday for their spent Mothers day there. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kock and family also days visiting with Mr. and Mrs. spent Mothers day with the Dunlap Lawrence and Luella Welch.

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