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Where the Japanese balloons loaded with incendiary bombs start from is as much a mystery to the army and navy intelligence and the FBI now as it was when the first one was discovered in the Pacific northwest last year. After the first three balloons were reported and announced, and speculation had been published in the newspapers further information regarding them was restricted. They became military secrets. But the balloons continued to drift over the towns and forests of the northwest despite the blockade on news, and they will probably continue dropping to frighten women and children who have seen them and who have wondered if the west coast is being invaded.

What is known of the balloons is comparatively little. They are 33 feet long, made of paper, and carry a load of incendiary bombs. They float in from the west. Some people have suggested that they were released in Japan and the wind has swept them toward the Pacific northwest. If they are sufficiently high, the prevailing winds would give them the speed of an airplane. Other people argue that the balloons are being released from a Japanese submarine somewhere off the coast, insisting that the distance from Japan is too great for these flimsy contrivances to make the journey across the wastes of the north Pacific. All that is definitely known is that they soar over the Pacific northwest and British Columbia and constitute a real threat to the forests. However, the woods this spring have been wet for so many weeks that the incendiaries have been unable to start a fire.

A few of the balloons have landed intact and have been recovered and examined by the agencies of the federal government. This has finally resulted in the war department releasing the story of their existence. With summer at hand and the people going into the woods for recreation there is a possibility of someone—a Boy Scout, for instance—finding a bomb with an unexploded charge and fooling with it. Hence the warning to keep away from anything resembling a bomb. Occasionally, the bomb has become separated from the balloon and found without a trace of its carrier.

In the matter of war criminals it should be recalled that after world war No. I there were 900 accused persons picked up. Of this number only a dozen went to trial. Six of the 12 received sentences of six months each and of this half dozen two escaped. And that was the end of war criminals trial in that war. The war crimes commission in this war has thousands of names, each documented, including the high and the low, and it remains to be seen what punishment will be meted out to them.

The people of the United States and Great Britain have a different psychology from the people of Europe. It goes against the grain for Americans and British to execute an offender in the European fashion, and that is why the Yanks and the British are regarded as soft. In Europe a war criminal is promptly lined up against a wall and shot in the back of the head; there are no long and technical trials, appeals, etc. The offender in Europe listens to the charges against him for 10 or 15 minutes

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Rain Falls Again To Assure Crop; Fields Soaked

Nearly an Inch Hits County; South End Points Get Over Three Inches

Rain again came to Sherman county and in sufficient quantity to settle conclusively any question that might have been left about the 1945 wheat crop. There will be a crop—a good one, unless some new variety of weather occurs.

As has been the habit of the rain maker this year the south end of the county received the heaviest part of the latest rain. Kent and Bourbon were hard hit and Grass Valley received another good wetting.

Reports of the rainfall during May are that Kent had 3 inches and Bourbon a little more than that. There is no rain gauge in the belt of heavy rainfall that has flooded Grass Valley so often this year but certainly that town has had more rain than Bourbon. Estimates of the natives who have watched the streets fill up three or four times run as high as five inches during May. Some fields will require a lot of working before they are in shape to seed this fall, but they are good and wet.

Grass Valley Very Wet

At the station in Moro May brought 2.20 inches of rain, far in excess of the normal which is .97. For the entire year 9.91 inches have fallen, slightly below the average of 10.30 for the crop year from September 1 to May 31.

There is thought to be as much moisture in the soil as normal because around Moro, at least, there was little run off last winter as dams did not fill up.

At Wasco the latest rain brought .80 to bring the rain there up to over two inches. Although the fall there was less spotted than in the south end of the county there is some difference in that district, but all received about the same.

Volume of Traffic Increasing Again

The average daily volume of traffic on Oregon highways in 1944 was slightly higher than in 1943, according to Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, who announced today that the traffic volume so far this year also is slightly higher than in the previous year.

The average volume in 1944 ranged from 3,520 vehicles in January to a high of 5,850 in September. In 1943 the average daily volume ranged from 3,300 vehicles in January to a high of 5,593 in July. For the first quarter of 1945 the average daily volume showed an increase of nearly 13 percent over the same period in 1944.

Wasco School Has Budget Posted

The budget of the Wasco school district has been posted for the benefit of those who may desire to read it. Voting on its approval will be the third Monday in June the 18th this year.

A special election will be held to raise \$5437.03 outside the six percent limitation. Requirements inside the six percent are \$5479.19. Total budget is for \$22,554.00 as compared to \$14,678.27 last year. Receipts and cash declared are \$11,637.78.

Items that caused the raise are general control \$598 up from \$264.57 supervision \$737, up from \$450. Instruction \$15,412 up from \$10,572.89; operation of plant \$3270 up from \$2326.17; Maintenance \$1200 up from \$717.38; Auxiliary agencies, fixed charges and capital outlay expense are either slightly larger or actually smaller than last year. All are comparatively small items.

Memorial Held For Moro Man Killed In Battle

A memorial service for Staff Sergeant Carl Fredrick Peetz, who was killed in action in Germany March 7 was held at the Moro Community church Sunday May 27, with Rev. James D. Moberg giving the sermon for the soldier.

Carl was born in Moro April 12, 1920, a son of Otto Peetz and Margaret Whalley Peetz. He attended school here until his graduation when he went to the University of Oregon where he completed his four year course and returned for his master's degree another year. He volunteered in the enlisted reserve and was called in the summer of 1943. He attended officer's school at Fort Benning, Ga., and was later sent to Wisconsin for training with a combat outfit.

From his officers comes word that he was leading his platoon in combat against a German village March 7 when mortar shells began to come over. Sgt. Peetz ordered his men out and was struck by a piece of shell that killed him quickly.

Rev. Moberg recalled his helpful disposition and said that all who had known him had benefited from that acquaintance. Mrs. Velma McKean and Mrs. Linnie Hart sang a duet and, with Mrs. Harry Pinkerton and Mrs. Hazel Belsho sang a quartette at the ceremony.

Workers Needed For State Offices

Professional and skilled workers are again needed for the agencies serviced by the Merit System Council. An examination date has been tentatively set for July 7 to cover Key Punch, Tabulating Machine Operator, and Senior Tabulating Machine Operator for the Unemployment Compensation Commission. Staff Assistant in Social Work I, Staff Assistant in Social Work II (Muknomah County), and Field Representative are needed for the State Public Welfare Commission.

Health Workers Wanted

The State Board of Health is urgently in need of nurses, doctors in specialized fields who will be employed as State Health Officers; as well as Sanitarians and Sanitary Engineers. No formal written examination is required for these positions with the State Board of Health. Appointment is given on the basis of an unassembled examination, and grades are based on the candidates' education and experience.

To be included in this examination, applications must be received by the Merit System Council by June 28. Detailed information can be obtained by writing Professor Williams Griffith, 616 Mead Building, Portland 4, Oregon.

GAUGE, DENIER DETERMINE

Contrary to widespread belief, the gauge alone of rayon hose is not an indication of sheerness, reminds Miss Lucy Lane, OSC extension specialist in clothing and textiles. A 51-gauge hose may be sheer or it may be service weight, depending upon the size and weight of the yarn used.

"Gauge means the fineness of knitting or number of needles per 1-1/2 inches on the needle bar," explains Miss Lane. "When the gauge is high the mesh is more closely or finely knit than when the gauge is low. Sheerness depends upon a combination of gauge and weight of yarn, which is known as denier. The word denier is derived from the name of an old French coin and means, as applied to textiles, the weight in grams of a specified length of yarn. Hence a fine yarn will have a low denier, making 75 denier just twice as fine as 150 denier. The way to make sure of the degree of sheerness is to ask about both the gauge and the denier," Miss Lane concluded. "A high gauge with a low denier means a sheer hose."

War Bond Sale Less Than Enough To Make Quota

Good Crop Prospect Thought Probable Aid To Campaign Now Nearly Half Over

The state war finance committee report on bond sales for the past week shows that Sherman county has total sales of \$70,384. This is an increase of \$29,000 from the \$41,082 reported as of Monday, May 21.

At the rate of \$30,000 per week the county will fail to reach its goal of \$233,000 by about 15 percent. The last report shows the county to be 8 percent below the average for the state.

Of the \$70,384 reported \$60,494 is in E bonds. The county's quota for E bonds is \$190,000 meaning that about \$120,000 in such bonds must be sold in order to reach the quota. So far, in the previous six campaigns, Sherman county has not failed to make its quota.

Early in the week the Wasco post office had sold \$9,375 in E bonds and the Grass Valley post office \$24,025. The remainder had been sold through the bank at Moro and in the Moro post office.

It is felt by many who have discussed the matter that the rains of this month should aid the sale of bonds in that a good crop is assured making it less necessary to retain money on hand greater than enough to carry through harvest. Whether this feeling is general or not, it has not been indicated in the sale of bonds.

A replica of the jeep is on display at the bank, a souvenir that will be given to the purchaser of the greatest amount of E bonds. If there be a tie, some method of deciding by lot will be found.

Fats In Demand Says Salvage Head

Homemakers were urged by Mrs. Tom Fraser to continue even more conscientiously their salvage of waste fats.

"V-E day hasn't changed the picture one bit," said Mrs. Fraser. "In fact we have just heard from Washington that national supplies of fats and oils are at all time low while military and industrial need is currently reaching a peak. Manufacturers' quotas on margarine, shortening, cooking and salad oils and soap have been reduced for the next three months."

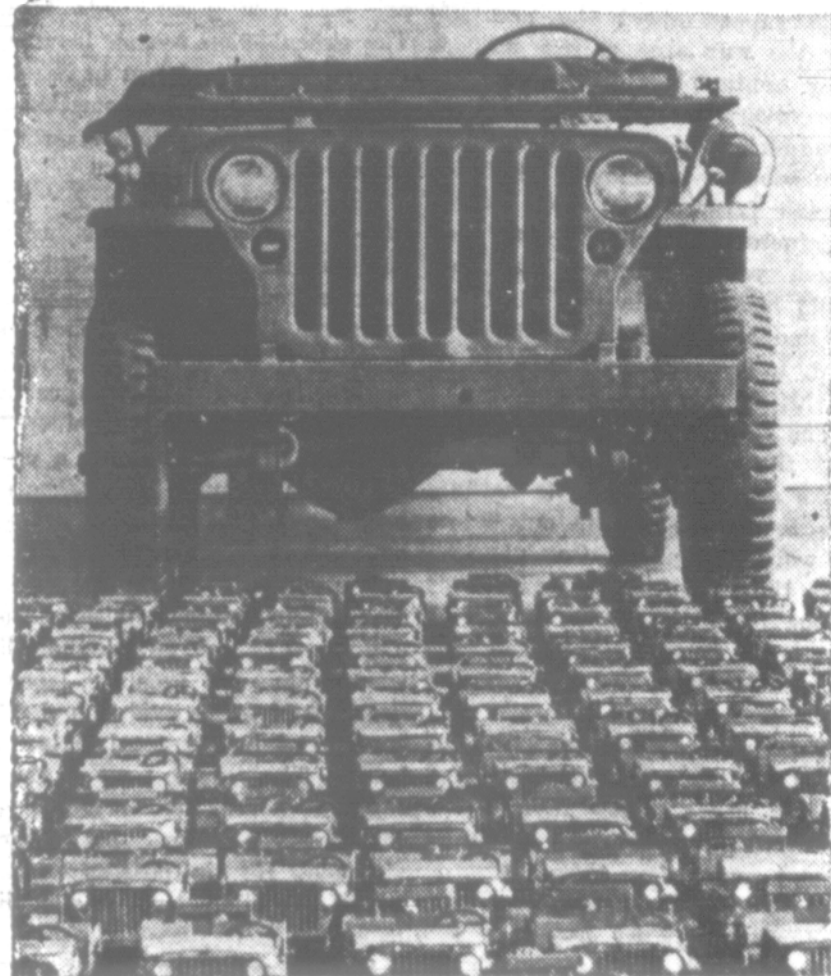
Mrs. Fraser pointed out that America's pre-war main import source of fats and oils were from areas now held by the Japanese.

"Until our boys drive the Nips out of the Pacific we home makers must continue to help out by saving every drop of waste fats and oils. That little container on the stove is one of the most immediate productive sources of fats which our nation has to replenish dangerously low supplies. We must continue to help meet military needs."

Rufus Parents Hear Pupils Play Piano

Miss Vivian Trounce's pupils from Rufus appeared in recital at the Rufus school Tuesday night to end the year of study they have given to their notes. The program consisted of: Dotty Steward playing London Bridge; Dale Williams, Yankie Doodle; Don Miller, The Cello and Rocking Chair; George Fox, Fairy Whispers; Shirley Herin, Kentucky, etc.; Paul Blackburn, Jingle Bells; Roger Miller, Aigo; Alfred Pound, The Cello and Rocking Chair; Ruth Meyers, Rose Petals; Dick Peck, El Capitan; Dorothy Blackburn, Qui Vive; Darlene Smith, Kerry Dance; Lorraine Millard, Charmante; Donna Jean Smith, Ciribiribin; Velda Guilford, Caprice and duet; Audrey Blackburn, For get-Me-Not; Eleanor Fox, Military Polonaise; Marylyn Miller, Liebestraum; Vivian Trounce, Spinnel.

Oregon War Bond Champs To Win Model "Jeeps"



Miniature "Jeeps", shown in the picture with a real Jeep, will be awarded as prizes throughout Oregon for outstanding bond selling jobs in the state during the Seventh War Loan Drive. Exact scale replicas of the war Jeep manufactured by Willys-Overland Motors, the models were built especially for use in the campaign by wounded servicemen at Army convalescent centers. The auto company supplied the hospitals with the materials and paid the veterans for each model they produced.

Do You Remember When These Items Were News Instead of History

From the Observer, June 2, 1966

Crossed wires came within an ace of sending Peoples' block up in smoke one night last week.

The Ladies Aid Society of Moro M. E. church was very handsomely entertained Monday afternoon by Mrs. Orrin Ramsey, games were played and refreshments served.

C. K. Cochran's system of water works at his suburban farm and residence was badly demoralized last week by workmen dropping an iron pipe into the artesian

L. V. Moore has had completed the carpenter work on the interior of his farm residence this week.

From the Observer, June 2, 1916 P. C. Axtell is building a private bridge between his house and barn with material furnished by the Moro branch of Tum-alum Lumber company.

The owner of the Wasco bakery committed suicide Wednesday morning in the yard at the rear of the bakery.

An auto stage has been established between Grass Valley, Moro and Wasco to run to The Dalles daily, leaving Grass Valley each morning at 8 o'clock.

Walks are torn up on Main street fronting the Freeman and Moro Trading company store building, preliminary to putting down cement walks.

From the Observer, June 4, 1926 J.A. Truitt has added a full length back wall mirror to his barber shop equipment.

C. V. Belknap has repainted and enameled the wood work in his hotel Moro barber shop a glossy white and the floor a blue grey natural tone of cement floor paint.

Saturday afternoon and evening the Woman's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church will give an ice cream social in the Hulise building next door to the Moro meat market.

At the meeting of race horse men and the board of directors of the Sherman county fair association held at the Hotel Moro last Saturday it was decided that the harness races be merged into one race of three heats for each days racing card.

Moro Teachers Hired For 1945-46

The teaching force of the Moro school has been hired except for a vacancy in the grades and contracts are out for that position. Heading the group will be E. R. Joe Barker, principal, formerly of Goldendale, who is expected to move here soon with his wife and two children, Mrs. B. H. Robertson will move into high school, teaching English and Social Science. Maurice Letson will teach shop and mathematics and Mrs. Maynard Nelson will instruct in domestic science and commerce. Emil Beyers, who comes from Jackson, will be the instructor in music and may include other towns in that instruction.

Mrs. Letson will teach the 7-8 grades, Margaret Hann of Minot, South Dakota the 3-4 grades and Mrs. Convey of Maryhill, Wash., the 4-5. The latter has some children to enlarge the school.

Brakes Bad If Inch Clearance Found

Brake checks made by Oregon law enforcement officers during the first two weeks of the brake emphasis program disclosed 15% of the brakes checked were inadequate, according to Secretary of State Farrell. The safety division serves as field agent for Chief Nilsson, Portland, state coordinator for the program.

During the first two weeks of the program, which started April 15 and continues till June 1, state, county and city traffic officers checked 3,281 cars. Of that number, brakes on 491 vehicles were found inadequate. The percentage of inadequate brakes for the first two weeks of the campaign is slightly higher than that reported for cars checked during the first week alone, when the percentage of inadequate brakes was two points lower.

Memorial Service Honors Those Who Sacrifice

Speakers Extol Men and Women Who Serve Nation For Humanity

Dedication of the honor roll bearing the names of those from the county who have served the nation in the armed forces was done Wednesday in a program on the lawn by the structure. Paul R. McCulloch of The Dalles and Rev. F. L. Cannell were speakers for the dedication and memorial service.

McCulloch in his dedicatory remarks said that Sherman county's gold star list was longer than the average for counties of the size. The spirit of sacrifice that caused the men to serve should help to make it a better world in which to live he said.

Rev. Cannell impressed on his audience that they must never forget the men on the honor roll. It is the best, he stated, who make sacrifices for God and humanity.

The program started with music by Marion Crews on the piano. The audience sang "God Bless America" and gave the flag salute; Frank Fitzpatrick played a trumpet solo, Tom Fraser, accompanied by Mrs. Charles Ruggles, sang "There is No Death"; Mrs. Velma McKean and Mrs. Linnie Hart sang "The Star Spangled Banner"; a quartette Mrs. Harry Pinkerton, Mrs. Hazel Belsho, Mrs. Linnie Hart and Mrs. Velma McKean sang "Let Us Forget" and Mr. Fitzpatrick played "Taps" to aid the program.

Members of the county's three American Legion Posts were present with their colors to stand in silent tribute to the men who now are serving as they did a short generation ago.

The honor roll was purchased by the county court after suggestion as to an appropriate memorial was made by George Updegraff and Wily Knighten, who also arranged the program and handled the details of obtaining the names of those serving.

Mrs Henry Howell Buried Yesterday

Funeral services for Mrs. Henry Howell were held Thursday afternoon from the Methodist church in Wasco, following her death at Seaside Sunday of an heart attack.

Mrs. Howell was a sister of Tom J. Peugh of Wasco, J. H. Peugh of Fair Oaks, Cal., and Charles R. Peugh of Oswego, and Miss Nettie Peugh of Long Beach, Cal. The late, Mrs. F. L. Barnett was another sister.

Mr and Mrs Howell have spent much of recent years at Seaside although the greater part of her 64 years was spent in Sherman county. Surviving are her widow, and one son, Marvin of Wasco and a grandchild. Interment was in Sunrise Cemetery at Wasco.

PIANO PUPILS PLAY

A piano recital of pupils of Miss Vivian Trounce was given Monday night at the Community church and the following pupils appeared to delight their parents and friends with their improvement during the year: Carol Burnett, Old Folks at Home; Lavelle Schilling, Polka Dot Polka and duet; Edwin Balsger, American Patrol; Yvonne Spangler, Three Little Pigs; Jimmy Robertson, Pride of the Regiment and duet; Susan Moberg, The Brooklet; Donna Kay Sparing, The Wayside Chapel; Joan Oveson Sparklets; Ronnie May, Military March; Florence Gentry, L'Adieu; Diane Christianson, The Kiss Waltz; Kathryn Moberg, An Old Romance; Sharon Martin, Forget-Me-Not; Margaret Olsen, Pilgrim's Chorus; Patricia Pinkerton, Grieg's Concerto and duet with Miss Trounce "Hungarian Rhapsody".