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## SHERMAN COUNTY SURPASSES BOND QUOTA

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

### Tin and Paper Collection Due Here Saturday

Next Saturday tin cans and paper will be picked up in Sherman county. Plans for this job were made by representatives of the Masons who are raising the money from tin and paper for the benefit of the Shriners' hospital in Portland.

Farmers living at the end of the roads have been asked to pick up paper and tin cans at the cross roads if it is delivered there. The Odd-Fellows building in Moro will be open from Wednesday until Saturday when the material gathered will be shipped.

In town Charles Ruggles and Clyde Gilmore will gather paper and tin cans. Others will pick up the salvage in other towns. Persons having such salvage should put in on the street Saturday.

### Council Looks Over New Meeting Place

The Moro council after hearing the report of the committee charged with the duty of negotiating for the sale of the hotel, went to the council room above the city hall (fire house) and inspected that spot preparatory to future meetings there.

Marshall Axtell was instructed to put the room in shape and the next meeting will be held in the city hall proper.

It is expected that the sale of the hotel will be concluded this week or early next and city officials will immediately move to pay all city bonds and clear the town from debt for the first time since July of 1899. A request for a celebration of that event has been made.

### Grass Fire Destroys Pasture In Hollow

A grass fire that burned over several hundred acres at the head of Spanish Hollow last Saturday afternoon and night destroyed fences, telegraph poles and railroad ties to an undetermined amount.

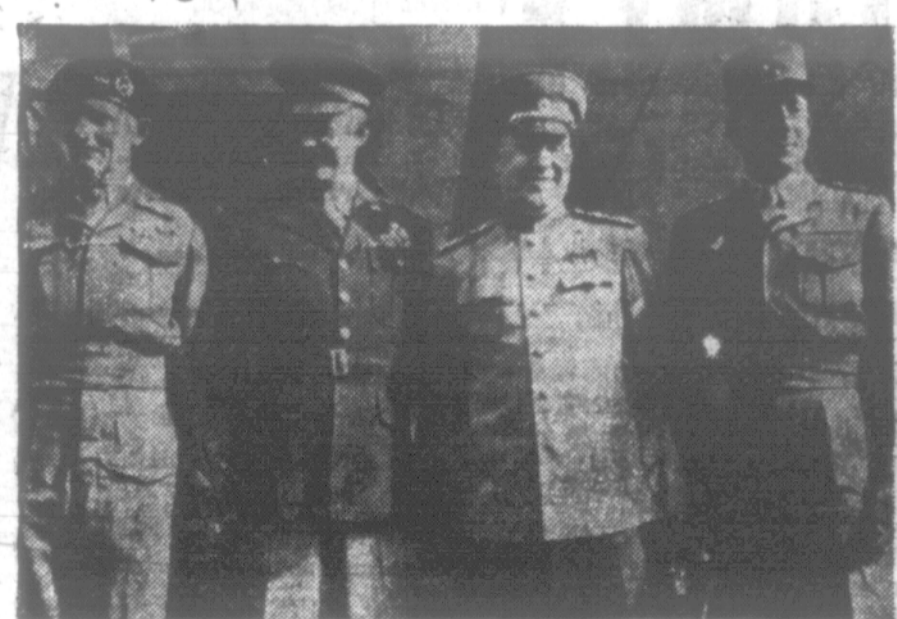
The railroad engine is thought to have started the fire which required the combined aid of railroad crews, highway crews and farmers to put it out. It burned nearly to Thornberry, being stopped at the Lowell Burres place.

Hurried work was done by section crews to get the ties replaced so that the stock train could make the down trip.

Roy Buishee and Eugene Gosson were coming to town Wednesday morning when they saw a two or three year old doe deer which ran across the road and into Art Christianson's wheat field.

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### Station Shows Varieties, Soil Conservation

New Wheats Interest Farmers As Older Varieties Show Damage

The crowd that attended the lucid day at the experiment station was smaller than usual but the interest in the experiments shown was as great as usual. The day was hot, which accounted for the size of the crowd.

The hog experiment that, for two years, has shown that hogs can be fed at a profit, was the first thing shown.

Merrill Oveson gave some figures on the county saying that the crop year normal rainfall is 11.33 but the 1944-45 crop year so far has brought 9.91. Our rainfall since March 1 is slightly above normal because of the May rains. Winter wheat requires 1500 pounds for a pound of wheat, or 4 1/2 tons of water to make a bushel of wheat.

The wheat on the 54 plots in the soil erosion experiment were first visited. Results have shown in four years that moldboard plowing yields best with disc tiller and lister bottom following in that order. There has been much less washing of soil on the lister plots, however. Over the county the mold board plowing has yielded about two bushels more than trashy fallow but 1944 was an exception to that rule.

Wheat after grass produces about a normal crop although the second crop will probably be better. Barley produces more grain per acre than wheat beating wheat by 3 to 400 pounds per acre on the 30 year average.

Considerable interest was shown in the variety tests as this was the first year weather had changed the appearance of the grain. The club wheats, Elgin, Alice and Rex-Alce, appeared the best to the wheat growers with the Turkey types looking worst.

A few samples of the well publicized wheat-grass combination were shown. These are being tried in Russia to produce a perennial wheat crop, but they did not look formidable to the grain growers.

Root stock alfalfa was doing well and will be expanded if it proves adaptable. The grass experiment has been cut down to four varieties, Crested Wheat grass, Big Bunch grass (agropyrum irerimi) Big Blue grass (poa ampla) and Idaho fescue. Some bulbous blue grass is grown as a filler.

VISIT FROM DUFUR  
Mrs Al Woods and son, Clifford, came over from Dufur Saturday to visit her son, Ernest and family and make plans for harvest.

### Committee Says Thanks For Bond Purchase

"We wish to give our sincere thanks to the men and women of Sherman county who responded so fully to aid in raising the E bond quota of the county.

"The quota of \$150,000 was raised fully and completely by the citizens of Sherman county, without fanfare or hoop-la, because the people were willing to buy bonds without the emotional stress of large crowds.

"Many persons bought more bonds than they expected in order to put the county over, and to them we are especially thankful. We thank you and we are certain that Sherman county's men and women in the service are also thankful to every bond buyer."

The Sherman County War Bond Committee.

### Wheat Crop Cut By Hot Days Of Past Week

Estimates Run From A Third To Three Quarters Damage Done

A story is told of the late Charles Schwartz, whose words were often pointed and pertinent, that fits the present case perfectly. It seems that Mr Schwartz attended one of the field days at the experiment station in a year similar to this one. D. E. Stephens was speaking to the farmers in the field and said, "The wheat you see behind me is suffering from the heat and lack of moisture."

Mr Schwartz, every one to determine for himself, walked across the road way, and broke off a few heads from their brittle stock, glanced at them and remarked, "Hell, that wheat ain't sufferin', it's dead".

All farmers have found wheat in their fields the last week that is dead. Some have decided that therefore it is all dead and estimates in the north end of the county run up to 85 percent gone. More conservative farmers admit that their crop will be a third less than first estimated.

Although the wind has blown from the west for several days it has not cooled off much. After a time it is hoped that cooler winds will come but even that will not help much of the wheat on south slopes. It's dead.

Looks Bad

From appearances of the crop the first of June after the effects of the big May rain were evident estimated of 30 and 40 bushels were common and based on good grounds. Now it is probable that the county will make less than 20 bushels (about the average) or perhaps less than that. Each day that the wind blows hot and the sun shines brightly cuts the crop and shrivels the grain.

No one expects to have wheat that weighs more than 55 pounds per bushel and that in itself is a loss of 12 percent of the crop.

The county has 119,319.5 acres in wheat this year. Twenty bushels to the acre would make 2,386,390 bushels. No one can be found this week who thinks we will get that much. About 1,750,000 bushels would meet with more general agreement.

Spring wheat is still green and has not succumbed to the heat so fully as has the winter wheat. But it is not immune.

### State AAA Members In Washington

Carrying recommendations of county and community farmer committeemen, members of the state AAA committee less for Washington, D. C. on June 25 to prepare Oregon's 1946 agricultural conservation program.

Making the trip to work out the state handbook of AAA practices for conserving Oregon's soil and water resources will be R. B. Taylor, Adams, chairman; William J. Ersehede, Hillaboro; John Shepherd, Seio, and Arnold Bodtker farmer-fieldman for southern Oregon counties.

Recommendations of county committeemen as reviewed recently with the state technical committee represent only minor changes from this year's program. It is expected that the 1946 handbook as finally prepared will contain substantially the same practices as the 1945 program, which drew a record in or and Croix de Guerre with palm, 000 farmers who signed farm plans this spring.

### Purchases of Last Day Put County Over Top In E Bond Quota; Other Quotas Met Earlier; Per capita Leadership Retained

Sherman county went over its E bond quota Saturday morning when returns had been compiled and early morning sales added to the total. Additional sales were made to bring the total E bond sales accounted for in the four issuing agency offices to \$201,057.25.

It is possible that the total will be larger than that as some sales are reported coming from the federal reserve office to the credit of Sherman county, a procedure that is new to this drive. Also there is often an allotment at the end of a drive of sales made to members of the services and to employees under pay-roll savings. Whether or not these have been added is not known as yet.

The quota for individual purchases other than E bonds was made some days ago as was the corporation quota. Total sales of other bonds than Es was \$75,807. The individual quota was \$24,000 and the corporation quota was \$15,000. Total quota was \$233,000 on which total sales as compiled locally were \$276,664. This is 113.7 percent of total quota, smaller than the average for the state.

In per capita sales a department in which Sherman county has long held supremacy it is still ahead of any other county in Oregon, and as far as can be learned, is ahead of any other county in the nation.

Per capita sales for this drive will probably be near \$125. This will make an average for the last five drives of around \$110. The national average is about a fifth of that. The state average is a little over a third of that. Definite figures must necessarily await the release of complete figures for the seventh campaign which will be done today.

The final week of the drive saw sales of over \$25,000 made at the bank, nearly \$10,000 at Wasco and about the same at Grass Valley. That was in marked contrast to the week before when almost no bonds were sold.

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### County Sells Tax Foreclosed Land At Kent and Wasco; Pays Bills

CONDENSED REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF COUNTY COURT—JULY TERM

RE: Claims against County General and County Road funds: Claim allowed as presented.

Monthly report of County Treasurer showing fund balances as of June 30, presented, examined and filed.

Bid of Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation Company accepted for purchase of Tax Foreclosed Property in Kent and property declared sold.

Bid of D. H. Wright accepted for purchase of Tax Foreclosed Property in Wasco and property declared sold.

Certificate of Appropriation signed by Court certifying budgeted appropriation for maintenance of County Agent's office.

Semi-Annual Report of County Treasurer presented to, approved and directed to be filed by Court.

Deeds approved and signed whereby county deed tax foreclosed property in Wasco to B. Estrella Halley, and tax foreclosed property in Kent to Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation company.

Order signed by Court wherein County grants temporary permit to Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company and Union Pacific Railroad Company to construct, maintain and operate a railroad over and across certain county owned property in town of Kent.

In re: Gravel loader purchased subject to approval of operation: Test unsatisfactory and acceptance rejected.

In re: Cancellation of taxes heretofore levied against Moro Hotel: Matter referred to District Attorney for consideration and advice.

In re: County Fire Truck: Court directs that Fire truck be forthwith prepared for operation, subject to call, and that due notice be published so advising.

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