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With federal tax collections for the year ending June 30 last totaling in excess of \$45,000,000, 000 there was still a deficit of \$50,000,000, and it is not anticipated that this excess of expenditures over income will be materially reduced in the coming 12 months, according to statements made on the floor of the senate, even with an ending of the war against Japan. In addition to the war costs so many commitments have been made, so much has been pledged toward world relief and rehabilitation that the topping off of a few billions by cancellation of war contracts will have little effect on the over-all financial condition of the United States. It is because of this situation that there is in congress a growing sentiment for the curtailment of certain expenditures over which congress still has the ultimate control.

One of the matters which will be gone into at some length when the session is resumed next month is the apparent continued prodigality in the expenditure for lend-lease, for which already more than \$65,000,000,000 has been appropriated. Not all of this money has been spent and there is a possibility that certain of the allocations may be rescinded. It is recalled that when lend-lease was first proposed in 1941 it was estimated that the total required would not exceed \$7,000,000,000 but this proved to be no more than a starting point. So far the British Empire has received more than \$30,000,000,000 in lend-lease and the end is not yet in sight. Russia has received between 12 and 15 billion, China has been helped and the aid has been extended to all South American countries except Argentina and to more distant parts of the globe.

Since the war in Europe ended Russia has received another \$1,000,000,000 and is asking for several times this amount in long-term credits. England, also, wants something more from the federal treasury; France is on the list to receive supplies for the rehabilitation of that war-torn country, and there are numerous other applicants waiting to file their requests. The national debt is now in excess of \$260,000,000,000 and may yet exceed the \$300,000,000,000 mark. Not only has this stupendous sum been distributed in cash but there has been a nearly equal contribution from the American people in the way of food and supplies to distressed peoples suffering from the ravages of war. Congress is in the mood to call a halt.

Recently announced plans for extension of rural electrification will not lack for available cash since \$300,000,000 has been allotted for this purpose; but their realization may be delayed for lack of poles. In various sections of the country expedients have been resorted to in an effort to overcome this handicap and a considerable amount of construction is under way. In both Oregon and Washington reports indicate revival of interest in the building of new lines and this is understood to have received encouragement from the Bonneville administration which is trying to build up a backlog of power demand against the time when war industries in the Pacific northwest cease to be customers. The pole problem does not seem to be so acute in that section.

Not until the 1945 corn crop has been harvested will it be known whether the allocation of wheat may be necessary. If corn production should fall much below normal, it would last an average American family down to the 2,934th generation, or 59,000 years.

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## SHE'LL RULE ROUND-UP



Pendleton, June 18—Skilled horsewoman, and a descendant of Eastern Oregon pioneers, golden-haired, blue-eyed Donna Boylen has been chosen as queen of the thirty-fourth Pendleton Round-Up Sept. 12, 13, 14, and 15.

Now 19, Queen Donna was a Round-Up princess last year. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Boylen of Pendleton, her father a prominent rancher, being arena director of the Round-Up, in which he has been active since boyhood days. He is also vice-president of the Rodeo Association of America. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Thomas Boylen, Sr. of Pendleton, and the late Mr. Boylen, for many years timer at the show, and of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Morrison, both families being well known pioneers.

The queen, native of Pendleton, has completed her first year at the University of Oregon where she is a member of Gamma Phi Beta. Donna is a real "ranch girl"; last year she acted as roustabout on the ranch of her uncle, Lester King, who is also a Round-Up director. The previous year, she and her aunt, Mrs. King, did all the cooking for a crew of 15 men. Besides taking pride in being an honest-to-goodness cook, the queen is interested in writing, dramatics, swimming and dancing.

Queen Donna will head all Round-Up parades and also appear in the arena at the Round-Up, and with her will be a court of four princesses, to be announced later.

## Rain Halts Terminal Group Harvest For Few Buys Site To Hours Thursday Protect Interest

An electrical storm hit the county from Wasco south Wednesday night halting most combines remaining in the field for Thursday forenoon at least. Little rain fell but it came in a very hard shower that wet the ground a part of an inch deep. Wednesday had been a very sultry day with clouds covering the sky and the temperature high. The discharge of lightning and resultant thunder just had to happen, but the rain was an extra that was unneeded.

## Wasco Scene of Farewell Party

Mrs. Zola Gray, Mrs. Alice Whitlock and wives of those who remained of the original crew, eight in number, being served at the Hogenson Construction company dining hall, gave the place an air of celebration Tuesday evening, August the seventh, when all of them joined in a surprise birthday supper honoring W. F. Clapp, superintendent of the work on the concrete annex to the Sherman Co-op Grain elevator in Wasco.

A Dutch supper was followed by a lovely birthday cake baked by Mrs. Whitlock. Good luck will surely follow Mr. Clapp's future efforts since he had no trouble in blowing out every candle.

This surprise expression of appreciation by the crew was a fitting climax to the engineering ability of the honored guest whose ingenuity during the process of construction of the annex had been taxed to the utmost in getting manpower and material to the job on time and so keep the work progressing.

The annex has a capacity of 220,000 bushel and was completed in three months time.

An average of one gallon of gasoline per day is needed for every soldier engaged in offensive operation.

## Terminal Group Protect Interest

The Mid-Columbia Terminal, an organization of the three Sherman county grain growers associations and the Wasco County Grain Growers, has bought a parcel of land below The Dalles for the possible purpose of building a transfer station there for wheat in case river shipping becomes a reality in the future.

Local officials of the Mid-Columbia Terminal—W. T. Balsiger is president and Harry Pinkerton secretary—state that the site was bought to insure a loading point for wheat if and when needed. No building program is contemplated at present.

When and if river transportation of grain becomes feasible the site could be used for the transshipment of wheat. An elevator large enough to hold several barge loads of grain would be needed with rail facilities if possible. The site is thus a matter of insurance for the Mid-Columbia Terminal so that it would be in position to ship grain by barge or ship without being dependent on other agencies for that purpose. The cost of the site was small.

A possibility is that a small hemurgy plant may be located on the site, if and when, one is organized in this area and it was desired that it be located near the terminal.

## Schools Must Vote On Budget Excess

Oregon's attorney-general has ruled that meetings called to approve a county, city or school district budget cannot be substituted for the actual election that is required to approve a tax levy in excess of the 6 percent limitation. This ruling may force 3rd class school districts to hold elections to approve certain tax levies, an approval now presumed to have been obtained at taxpayer budget meetings.

## Calves Growing Good Under 4-H Club Care

Weighing of 4-H club calves has been going on this week as County Agent Wright gets the calf and the club worker together. Calves are making good gains, he reports, with some of them rapidly growing into the heavy class. Several will weigh over 1200 pounds by October sale time.

Best gain for the period was that made by Dick Oveson's Shorthorn which put on 121 pounds in the month. It now weighs 671 pounds. Steve Oveson's Hereford gained 94 pounds and weighs 828 pounds. Dick's weighs 878 and gained 57 pounds.

Roy Harvey's calf gained 2 pounds per day and weighs 754. Joe Harvey's calf gained 2 pounds and weighs 854. A gain of 2.3 pounds to reach a weight of 1017 was made by Larry Sayrs' calf and Alfred Kock's two calves gained 2.8 and 2.30 pounds per day respectively and now weigh 1022 and 990.

Carl Schilling made his calves gain 2.2 pounds per day. They now weigh 978 and 908. Harry Hartley's Angus gained 2.23 pounds and weighs 1045. His Hereford gained 2.05 and weighs 905. James Hartley's Hereford gained 2.23 to weigh 775 and Clarence May's calf gained 2.45 to weigh 1016. All calves whose breed is not mentioned are Herefords.

## Oregon Leads All

Oregon leads the nation in per capita purchase of War Bonds sold from May 1943 to June 1945 and topped the 46 states in June 1945, according to figures just released by the United States Treasury Department. Per capita showing by states gives Oregon a \$6.27 edge over Connecticut, its nearest competitor. The figures for the top states show Oregon, Washington and California in the first five. The figures are: Oregon \$396.68; Conn. \$300.41; Wash. \$383.39; Mich. \$365.60; Cal. \$361.86.

The figures for June 1945 when the 7th War Loan was at its height show Oregon first with \$19.86, with North Dakota second with \$18.28, Iowa third, Nebraska fourth and Montana fifth.

## GRASS CATTLE SCARCE

Midwestern grass cattle markets were still reporting unseasonably small receipts of grass cattle during the week ended August 9, the weekly review of farm market, crop, and outlook information by the extension agricultural economist at OSC shows. The total of all cattle arriving at 12 principal markets continued somewhat smaller than the same period of last year. Receipts of calves and sheep were substantially smaller than a year previous, with hogs down to 41 percent of last year.

During the week following the withdrawal of the lamb subsidy payments to slaughterers, prices for fat lambs were lower at all markets. The decline was generally less than the compensating subsidy payments to be made to sellers, effective August 5, however.

The bulk of the Eastern Oregon feeder lambs is reported contracted, and will go mostly to central Idaho and Washington feed lots. Some will go to the midwest, particularly Iowa, to be finished.

Generally firm markets have prevailed for grains and feedstuffs so far this season. Feed grain markets have not been especially active. Demand for commercial feedstuffs has been very strong in relation to the offerings, with prices held firmly at the maximum ceilings. Some of the nation's principal hay markets developed a weaker tone recently. Prices at Portland remained nominally unchanged last week. Very little trading was done, as buyers were inactive and growers were not pressing supplies on the market. The August 1 crop report boosted the estimate over July 1 about 180 million bushels, still 12 percent below 1944 with the final outcome depending on the weather ahead.

## Information To Aid Veteran Asked of Farmers

Local Group Trying To Centralize Agencies For Rehabilitation

The farm questionnaire, authorized some months ago by the Sherman County Post War Planning committee, has been sent out this week.

Purpose of the card is to gather information from farmers and farm owners as to their intention for the next year or so. The information will be used to obtain opportunities and jobs for returning service men.

Questions asked are as to contemplated buildings and value thereof; fencing projected, remodeling of buildings, steady and temporary farm hands, and land to sell or rent to returning service men.

This does not include all the information that is desired, but will provide a lead for other information that may be obtained later. The post war committee is an organization formed from agricultural and civic committees of the county to aid in adjusting service men to civilian life. It is hoped that it will be able to consolidate under one head all the agencies that are set up to serve the discharged soldier and sailor.

The committee was organized because it was felt that too many agencies in a small county might not do so good a job as would a single group.

A record of the returns will be kept and filed and indexed so that suitable work can be found, if possible, for any who apply. Also a record of the service men of the county will be kept. Positions may be obtained for those from outside the county as well.

The committee respectfully requests that all cards be returned as soon as possible fully filled out. Additional cards may be sent out for more information as the need requires. This is an effort by Sherman county to be of whatever aid possible to returned veterans and the cooperation of every one is asked and expected to that end, members of the group stated.

## Legislative Group Starts Child Study

Representative O. H. Bengston of Jackson county has been selected as chairman, and Representative J. O. Johnson of Washington county as secretary of the legislative interim committee, which has been appointed to make a study of the care, treatment and rehabilitation of underprivileged children, and to make recommendations at the next session of the legislature for the prevention of child delinquency in the state of Oregon.

The committee will hold a public hearing in September to receive recommendations of child caring institutions and other civic organizations interested in this vital problem. Organizations interested are requested to contact any members of the committee during the next thirty days with written suggestions.

Members of the committee are: Bengston, Johnson Senator Thomas Parkinson, Roseburg, Senator J. C. Booth, Lebanon, Representative Paul Hendricks, Salem.

## Frank vonBorstel Ready For Duty

SANTA BARBARA, Calif.—August 9—2nd Lt. Frank vonBorstel Jr., 23, son of Mr and Mrs Frank vonBorstel of Grass Valley, Oregon has reported to the army ground and service force redistribution station here for assignment to new duties based on skills and experience gained during five months' duty as an infantry platoon leader in France.

## County Picnic Set For Aug. 26 For Certain

Word from Mrs Robert Jones, secretary of the Sherman County Picnic, is that the annual gathering will be held at Laurelhurst park Sunday August 26, instead of August 19, as previously—and erroneously—reported.

The arrangements have been made for the group to use the park on the 26th. The luncheon will be served at 1:00 p. m. as usual. There will be an election of officers and a record kept of the meeting.

## Eighth of Benton School Tax Free

About one-eighth of Benton county's 1944-45 \$14,684,767 of assessed property valuation, or 12.06 percent which amounted to \$1,772,987, paid no special local school district tax that year. For 1943-44 school year, almost one-fifth of that county's valuation paid no local district tax. The percentage of tax-less property for schools is high in many counties. Oregon taxpayers will have to think about this situation at the 1946 general election when they vote on a ballot measure designed to make all property bear cost of public schools.

## Atomic Bomb Theory Held Not New

The principles behind the atomic bomb are not new, as they have been included in advanced physics texts for several years, but the practical application of these principles is the new and highly secret development that has set the world agog over the biggest scientific advance in modern ages.

This is the explanation given by Dr. W. Weniger, head of the physics department at OSC, in answer to a flood of questions that reached him just after the atomic bomb seached Japan.

Dr. Weniger explains that the three things done recently and secretly are these, stated in simplest terms: First, a larger supply of the rare uranium 235 has been obtained; next, new means of handling large quantities of it were devised; finally, a practical means was found of "packaging" it in such a way that the atoms could be split at a specified instant, releasing the enormous resulting energy in the form of an explosion.

What "atom smashing" had been done previously was a laboratory process requiring huge machines that literally shot particles known as neutrons into uranium atoms, splitting the latter into two parts. Some satisfactory way has now been found to start this "bombarding" of atoms in the atomic bomb. This bombardment serves only as a trigger to set off an explosion in the nucleus or centers of the atoms.

The explosion of one atom sets off others in turn much as a farmer blasts out a ditch by burying a whole series of unconnected sticks of dynamite in wet ground. Firing one of these sticks sets off the next one, and so on till all blow up in what seems like a single blast.

As to where so much energy comes from, Dr. Weniger explains that in the process of dividing these atoms of uranium, the two resulting pieces together are not as massive as the original atom, and that the difference is destroyed as matter and transformed into energy. It is this energy that gives such enormous speeds to the pieces of the atoms that they break or explode the shell. The much smaller explosions of previous types of bombs have been caused merely by combustion or burning, such as occurs when gasoline is burned in an engine to form gas and water vapor. Splitting the atom is the means by which the mass of an element is reduced by changing some of it into energy.

## V-J Day, Very Joyful; Not So Very Enthusiastic

Sherman Countians Take War End With Little Excitement

V-J Day, Very Joyful Day, could be detected only by the general lassitude of the citizenry in the towns of Sherman county. Those who had work to do did it, but stores were closed all day. No intoxicants were sold and no food stores were open, either those dispensing canned or cooked food.

There were no celebrations and no celebrants. If anyone drank any liquor he did it quietly and with sufficient circumspection to go unnoticed.

The proclamation of the president and the governor served to keep most businesses closed Wednesday and Thursday. The court house was closed both days. A few went to The Dalles on the eve of V-J day and some attended the church service there Wednesday night.

In contrast to the pictured and described celebrations in the cities Sherman county was more calm than usual, more thoughtful, less exuberant. There was not much discussion of the terms of the surrender as no one knew what they were; there was little talk of what to do with the Japanese.

## Antelope Tags Can Be Had By Some

Applications for antelope tags should be sent in by August 20 to the Oregon State Game Commission at 616 Oregon Building, Portland 4, in order to be included in the drawing if one is necessary. Only 800 tags have been authorized, and a drawing will be held if the applications exceed that number on August 20.

The antelope season will be open from September 22 to 30, inclusive, in all counties having antelope. However, no hunting will be allowed this year in the same two areas closed last season, the Drakes Flat area and the Millican Fort Rock-Wagontrire area.

Applications for the 800 deer tags to be sold for the Fort Rock-Silver Lake area for a post-season shoot from December 1 to 5, inclusive, will be held until October 29, after which a drawing will be held if the number of applications exceeds 800.

Applicants are requested not to send money for special tags at this time. Successful applicants will be notified to remit after the drawings are held.

## School Consolidation Going On Steadily

A strong tide toward consolidation of school districts seems to be running in Oregon. Eleven districts in Yamhill county recently united. Josephine county districts formed a county school unit. Scattering districts in several other counties, notably Lane, have consolidated. The 1939 Oregon legislature enacted a law designed to speed up school district mergers, but progress was slow. At that time there was plenty of gasoline and time and lumber for transportation and new buildings. New transportation is difficult, buildings are deteriorating, population is increasing, teachers are scarce. New conditions bring changed attitudes toward centralized school management.

## THAT'S A LOT OF GAS

Every day 35,000,000 gallons of gasoline of all types are furnished the military from U. S. refineries. If this amount of ordinary gasoline could be burned in a passenger automobile, it would last an average American family down to the 2,934th generation, or 59,000 years.