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on the Northwest

There will always be an America, unless we give it away, declared Representative Harold Knutson of Minnesota. Congressman Knutson opened the fight against extending further aid to the British and was promptly attacked for this attitude. The lawmaker from Minnesota asserted that the British want money from the United States with which to finance the expropriation of coal mines, railroads and the Bank of England, but this charge was denied. From now on, until the question is settled, intemperate debates may be looked for in congress. Here is the situation:

As a result of first world war, Great Britain owed the United States \$6,500,000,000. The labor government, under Ramsey MacDonald, repudiated this debt. Under lend-lease, Great Britain received \$29,500,000,000, which will never be paid. Sir John Maynard Keynes and Viscount Halifax have arrived in the United States to solicit a loan—the exact sum has not been announced. Great Britain also wants returned the money it spent for war supplies in the United States before lend-lease was adopted.

It is acknowledged by the British that their economic condition is in a bad way, and they must have money from the United States. When lend-lease was cut off they criticized this country severely, and among the critics was Winston Churchill. Great Britain, as well as the rest of the beneficiaries of lend-lease, were advised in advance that lend-lease would stop with the surrender of Japan, but the British expected an exemption to be made in their case.

In lieu of lend-lease, the administration is offering to extend credit to the allies which will enable them to get back on their feet. The French have already applied for and will receive \$2,575,000,000 which will come from the pockets of American taxpayers, and perhaps the loan will be repaid sometime. At the end of world war one, the United States had supplies in France amounting to \$2,400,000,000 and the French did everything possible to prevent this material (hams, shoes, food, typewriters—everything) from being shipped back to the United States. Finally, this country sold the material for \$400,000,000 or 16.66 cents on the dollar. The French gave a ten-year note. Later, the French repudiated this note together with an agreement to repay the war loans with 2 percent interest in 60 years. So France got the material for nothing and the British got out of paying; but American taxpayers are still paying for these repudiated debts, for the money advanced to France and Great Britain by the United States had to come from the American pocketbook—there is no other source from which Uncle Sam can obtain money.

As of this date, Great Britain has received from American taxpayers \$36,000,000,000. Inasmuch as Britain defaulted the debt of the first world war (the lend-lease can be forgotten), Representative Knutson declares that anyone would be a sap to make a new loan after the first loan had been repudiated.

However, it is reasonably certain that Britain will get something—something between three and six billion dollars, in the negotiations now in progress. The plight of Britain is desperate. It is estimated that the money Britain has already received repre-

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Places For Vets Sought; Jobs, Openings Found

Returns from the cards sent out by LeRoy Wright for the county veterans rehabilitation and post-war planning committee, indicate that there will be farm jobs for returning veterans. Cards were sent only to farmers.

Less than half of the cards have been returned and more are coming in each day. First compilation shows that farmers will hire 25 full-time men, 59 part time men. Others will hire 63 men for short periods.

Other answers show that 31 farmers are planning new buildings, 42 are going to make repairs to existing buildings and 64 expect to do fencing extensive enough to be a major job.

Prospects for purchase of land or rent of farm land is not so good as hoped for as only 8 farmers indicate that they would sell or rent land at this time.

A meeting will be held October 16 to try to further correlate the work of the many agencies that have been given or have taken a part of the job of rehabilitating the veterans.

Effort of the local group is toward establishing an office where the veteran can obtain any information he desires, about a job, an opportunity, insurance, relief, state or federal rights under the laws.

Northwest Getting Eggs From Mid-west

United States crop prospects have improved enough so that, as of September 1, the expected total volume of crop production equals that of 1944 and is 5 percent above 1943. Because of reduced hog production and smaller egg production than last year, the total volume of animal products will be smaller than in 1944, now.

The supply of late deciduous fruits, especially apples, will be unusually small this year. Citrus fruit, except grapefruit, will be plentiful. The late potato crop is expected to be around 10 percent larger than last year.

More midwest eggs of variable quality arrived at Portland and other Pacific coast markets during the week ending September 21, in response to a firmer market situation than prevailed eastward.

About one sixth of the egg supply in the western states was received from east of the Rockies during recent war years, estimates indicate. Egg production in the western states in 1945 is expected to be only about 294 eggs per capita, compared with around 387 per capita in the whole country. Western egg producers will probably experience further competition from midwest eggs until a considerable adjustment has occurred in hen numbers east of the Rockies. A slight increase in hen numbers is indicated this winter compared with last.

TAX LIMITATION

Oregon has a limitation on property tax increases. One year's taxes can't be more than 106 percent of the highest of three previous year's tax levies. Oregon's attorney general's office recently ruled that if any tax-levying district, a city, school district, port PUD, county, water or fire district, skips levying taxes for three years, the tax base for the fourth year may be whatever the tax-levying district needs for reasonable operating purposes. To avoid tax limitation in Oregon, the system is now simple. Pile up enough surplus reserves of taxpayer money during three years. Don't levy any taxes for three years. Then the fourth year's taxes can be—well, whatever seems reasonable.

This is a neat little way of avoiding any limitation on property taxes. Perhaps there ought to be a law about this loophole!

Boyington-Wainwright-Wermuth



Three outstanding heroes of the war against Japan, Maj. Gregory Boyington, marine corps ace, left; Lt. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright, hero of Corregidor, center; and Capt. Arthur W. Wermuth, "one man army of Bataan," credited with killing 116 Japs singlehanded, were all found alive in prison camps, despite extreme hardships they underwent.

Sherman County Taxes Shown As To Origin, County, School, City

ABSTRACT OF TAXES PAYABLE IN 1945-46 ON THE ASSESSMENT ROLLS FOR THE YEAR 1945, SHERMAN COUNTY, ORE.

SPECIAL SCHOOL TAX				
District	Value	Levy	Tax	Levy
1 Biglow	\$ 200,040	none	none	8.9
2 Rufus	1,369,667	15.7	21,563.84	22.8
3A Rufus	214,209	13.6	2,913.28	20.7
4 Emigrant Springs	76,890	none	none	8.9
5 Locust Grove	477,697	6.5	3,105.16	15.4
7 Wasco	1,046,067	4.0	4,184.27	11.1
9 Kent	908,186	21.9	19,900.27	29.0
13 DeMoss	284,134	none	none	8.9
15 Gordon Ridge	353,700	3.4	1,202.55	12.3
16 Erskine	433,203	none	none	8.9
17 Moro	769,258	22.0	16,923.63	29.1
19 Monkland	262,274	none	none	8.9
20 Harmony	375,376	2.7	1,013.54	11.6
21 Fairview-Gorman	348,327	none	none	8.9
22 Boardman	221,940	5.2	1,154.09	14.1
23 Grass Valley	586,443	8.8	5,170.71	17.7
24 Rutledge	317,520	11.4	3,619.73	20.3
30 Klondike	655,554	3.7	2,425.58	12.6
32 Rosebush	301,532	3.3	995.07	12.2
33 Buckley	451,394	9.3	4,197.92	18.2
	\$9,653,911		\$88,299.74	

* Does not include special city tax. Non-high school district fund levy is 1.8 mills and applies to all school districts except 3, 3A, 7, 9, and 17.

SPECIAL CITY TAX				
City	Value	Levy	Tax	Levy
Wasco	\$230,260	19.5	\$4,488.80	30.6
Moro	189,818	14.6	2,771.33	43.7
Grass Valley	145,935	9.2	1,339.92	26.9

GENERAL ROAD FUND TAX				
Weed control				200.00
Wages, repair, gas, oil, tires, tubes, Ins., & Misc.				26,460.49
Bridges over ten feet				1,500.00
Road Machinery				15,000.00
Crushed rock and road improvement				500.00

TOTAL \$43,600.00

Less estimated receipts and cash declared 12,236.23

REMAINDER \$31,363.71

Plus estimated uncollectable taxes 2,122.03

TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION \$33,485.80

District	Value	Levy	Tax
Road 1	\$9,087,898	3.5	\$31,807.64
Road 2—Wasco	230,260	3.5	805.91
Road 3—Moro	189,818	3.5	664.36
Road 4—Grass Valley	145,935	3.5	510.77

Plus fractional gain 2.77

GENERAL FUND none

School per capita .84

County 2.76

General Fund Levy 3.6

The valuation of taxable property in Sherman County is \$9,653,911.00

The levy for the general fund is 3.6 mills producing 34,754.20

State tax and elementary school tax is provided by state surplus

PARTIAL SEGREGATION OF ITEMS IN COUNTY BUDGET

Per-Capita School Fund	\$ 7,540.00
School Library Fund	37.70
Circuit Court and Justice Court	660.00
Crickit Control	100.00
United Service Organizations	125.00
Fire Fighting Equipment, Operation, Insurance	800.00
Public relief, old age & blind & dependent children aid	3,850.00
Emergency	5,000.00
Remainder for other county purposes	30,120.40

Total 48,223.16

Less fees and balances 15,883.30

Remainder 32,339.86

Plus estimated uncollectable taxes 2,189.50

Total to be collected by taxation 34,519.35

RECAPITULATION

General Fund	\$ 34,754.20
General Road Fund	33,791.45
Special School Tax	88,299.74
Non-high school District Tax	9,622.77
Special City Tax	8,600.05

Total Tax \$175,068.21

Average consolidated county levy is 18.1138 mills

I. C. A. Ruggles, County Assessor of Sherman County, Oregon, hereby certify that the assessed valuations, tax levies and taxes set forth herein are the full and complete true copies of the originals as the same appear in this office and in my custody.

Witness my hand and seal this 28th day of September, 1945.

C. A. Ruggles, County Assessor

Moro Growers Building At DeMoss Springs

New Structure Will Increase Total Elevator Storage To 605,000 Bushels

Decision to build a grain elevator at DeMoss has been made by the directors of the Moro Grain Growers. Work will begin immediately as lumber is already on its way. It is expected that the job will require six weeks or two months and the services of about 25 men will be needed for the job, according to W. T. Balsiger, manager of the association.

The new elevator will hold between 105,000 and 108,000 bushels of grain when completed, it is reported, and will be of approximately the same size as the Moro elevator without the 68,000 bushel annex.

G. R. Hugunin will be the builder. He has long been known in this county as the builder of elevators for the Moro Grain Growers. Cost is expected to be around \$35,000.

The new storage space will add another one of the string of elevators owned by the Moro growers. A new elevator has been built and an elevator at Erskine to replace one burned. Total elevator storage will be around 600,000 bushels when the new one is finished.

The Hay Canyon plant will house 240,000 bushels, 160,000 can be stored in the Moro elevators, 83,000 at Erskine. Flat house storage is about 800,000 bushels. Average crop in the section served by the Moro association is between 600,000 and 800,000 although crops have been better and poorer than the figures given.

Republican Women Meeting Today

A meeting of Republican women has been called for Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the court house. Mrs. George Gerlinger, national committeewoman and Mrs. John Y. Richardson, state vice-chairman of the central committee are on a tour of the state and will be in Moro at the time specified.

Mrs. Howard Conlee, county chairman, is making arrangements for the meeting and has asked all precinct committee men and women to attend as well as all women of the county interested in forming a council of Republican women to attend the meeting.

County's Stock Will Bolster 'PI'

Thirty-six head of Sherman county steers will be among the 4-H livestock that will again be the major attraction of the 35th annual Pacific International Livestock exhibition held at the Portland union stockyards October 10 to 12. The show will be held in the stockyards again this year under conditions as in the past three years, says L. J. Allen, assistant state club leader.

The "P. I." has continued the fat stock for 4-H club members throughout the war years even though conditions make it impossible to hold the general interstate exposition. Holding the show under the present emergency plan makes it possible for the 4-H members to have an educational program in connection with the marketing of their livestock, Allen points out.

The program will include a fat stock judging contest for exhibitors, showmanship contest, placing of exhibits, marketing of the animals through the auction sale and the holding of a wool show. The wool show will be held in the warehouse of the Pacific Wool Growers association on north-west Fourteenth avenue.

Belshe, May Head Legion Posts of County

Installation of new officers for the units and Legion posts of Kent and Moro was done in the Odd-Fellows hall in Moro Sunday with Mrs. Delphine Conser of Maupin, district president, and Walter Webb, of Mosier, district vice-president giving the charge.

Max Belshe is new commander of Chris Schultz post, Vernon Shipley, vice-commander, Vincent Genteman, adjutant, J. D. Moberg, chaplain, George Updegraff, historian and Theodore Johnston, sergeant at arms. Willy Knighten remains as service officer.

Wallace May is commander of George Bell post, Marcus Eslinger vice-commander, Ernest Patjens, second vice commander, J. E. Norton, adjutant and Ted vonBorstel treasurer.

Mrs. Carl Melzer was installed as president of the Chris Schultz unit with Mrs. Robert Belshe, vice president, Mrs. Hazel Belshe, second vice-president, Mrs. Theodore Johnston, secretary, Mrs. Mollie McLachlin, treasurer, Mrs. J. D. Moberg, chaplain, Mrs. Jennie Martin, sergeant at arms. Mrs. Adele Douma president at the meeting.

George Bell unit installed Mrs. Ted vonBorstel as president and Mrs. J. E. Norton as historian. A dinner preceded the installation at which introductions and speeches were made.

Wasco Ration Board Discontinued Today

The Wasco ration board was discontinued as of September 27, according to L. G. Brian, of the Portland district office. Action was taken as a means of consolidating such offices and in following a plan announced some days ago. Hereafter all consumers of rationed commodities will see the board in The Dalles for action of applications.

Only exception to this rule will be for tires. The same procedure will prevail in that applicants for tires will be checked by his inspection station, will then mail or deliver his application to the local board at the Tum-A-Lum office in Wasco. The tire panel of five will then process the application and send it to The Dalles office for final approval. The tire panel for the Wasco board will remain. They are George Potter, chairman, William Nisbet, Mrs. B. E. Halley, A. C. Kaseberg and A. B. Christianson.

WPB CONTROLS OFF

WPB controls on all farm construction except farm dwellings have been revoked, and the remaining controls on farm dwellings will be lifted October 15. After September 30, county AAA committees will discontinue issuing preference rating certificates for farm lumber.

Oregon Ship, Moro Boy Have Exciting Time in Philippine Sea

Charles E. Race, U.S.N.R., is a lieutenant, jr., aboard the Petrof Bay, an escort carrier built at Vancouver and commissioned at Astoria in February 1944.

She was a part of the action against Palau and aided in the landings on Lingayen Gulf, San Narico, Iwo Jima and Okinawa and was in the second battle of the Philippine sea, the historic battle between the little carriers and the heavy units of the Japanese fleet.

Squadrons 76 and 93 were on board to aid landing operations and land troops or attack the enemy fleet when necessary.

In the second battle of the Philippines the ship was attacked by four suicide planes. First of them was exploded in mid-air by anti-aircraft, the second turned away from the ship, the third came straight in, missed, and hit the water 20 feet forward of the bridge, exploding.

4-H Club Show Due Next Week At Barns, School

Livestock Going To Pacific International Direct From Sherman County Show

Twenty-four boys and one girl will show their stock at the fair grounds Saturday, October 6. Calves that have been pampered and fed carefully for months will have their moment before the spotlight before taking the long trip to the Pacific International.

It is expected that 36 calves will be shown and 10 hogs.

During the war there has been no cessation of 4-H club work and shows for the youngsters have consistently been held. Quality of beef grown has also been consistent and the calves to be shown Saturday are said to be some of the best.

There will be Angus calves, Shorthorn calves and two divisions of Herefords, those bred in the county and those imported into the county.

Shipment Monday

Showmanship contests are also on the program which will begin at ten o'clock. Judge of the show will be Arnold Elbert, county agent at which introductions and speeches were made.

The calves will be shipped from Moro Monday in two railroad cars and will check in at the P. I. Tuesday for competition against calves from all over the state.

A fair for other participants in 4-H work will be held at the Moro school house Friday, October 5, when members of Home Economic clubs will have an opportunity to show their work. Judge of that show will be Helen Cowgill of Oregon State college.

William Wilson Dies In The Dalles

Funeral services for William Lafayette Wilson, who died in The Dalles Thursday—September 20, were held from Callaways chapel Saturday.

Mr. Wilson was born at Mountain City, Tennessee July 4, 1864, being 81 years old at the time of his death. He was married at Bentonville, Ark., to Mary Louise Morris and the young couple came to Sherman county where they homesteaded east of Moro, later moving to Rufus where they lived until a few years ago when they retired and moved to The Dalles.

Surviving are his widow, four sons, Atlee of Rufus, Dwight of Berkeley, Cal., Dow of John Day, Charles of Popular Grove and a daughter, Mrs. Lillie Chibberg of Klamath Falls, six sisters and 13 grand children.

Interment was made in the Odd-Fellows cemetery at The Dalles.

Officers and men of the Petrof Bay stayed at their battle stations four days during which the ship was often under attack. The crew took turns sleeping at stations and ate only sandwiches and coffee. The ships planes were constantly going and coming, taking off with bombs and ammunition to blast the Japs at sea and on land, returning only to refuel and rearm. Of the four escort carriers the Petrof was the only one unscathed. Thirty Jap flags are painted on the bridge, 25 for the airman and 5 for the gun crews and there are five ships denoting five Japanese ships sunk.