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Look for the filing of claims against the United States to pay for the damage done to Manila and the rest of the Philippine Islands. It is expected that these claims will run higher than half a billion dollars. Most of the damage done in Manila was the deliberate work of the Japanese, although some can be laid at the door of American troops. The Japanese occupied buildings and the Americans had to destroy these buildings to get at the enemy.

Every bank, insurance company, building, and loan association and credit institution in the islands is bankrupt. These establishments have money in their vaults, but it is Japanese invasion currency and is utterly worthless. Already, two British banks and one American bank have reopened. There also are three Philippine government banks.

The American government is financing the Filipino army and will continue to do so until there is substantial demobilization. The same rule applies to the Filipino soldier as to the Yank; \$25 a week for a period of 52 weeks. This is regarded by many members of congress as too much money for a Filipino soldier, encouraging idleness rather than spurring the Filipino to look for a job.

Paul V. McNutt, when he returns to the islands as high commissioner and goes on the payroll at \$18,000 a year, must reorganize his staff. During the war there has been a small staff here in Washington looking after Philippine affairs as best it could. Commissioner McNutt will have special assistants in some of the islands who will be, in effect, consular agents and these will draw down \$8,000 a year, with regional representatives being paid \$5,600. Prior to the war the high commissioner to the Philippines had to depend upon the British consul general for his four or five agents. The high commissioner has such a small staff that he could not obtain current information himself, hence the cooperation with the British. The special assistants are now being provided to better inform the high commissioner of what is going on.

The budget for the Philippine department is almost \$300,000 and it will, among other things, restore the two residences of the high commissioner which were wiped out by the Japanese. The clerks, who were taken prisoner by the enemy, have 90 days vacation coming to them and are being brought back to the United States. And, what is important, merchant vessels are again carrying freight from west coast ports to the islands.

The army is already providing educational advantages to troops overseas who wish to continue their schooling. The army has a large institution in England and another in Paris. The army is also using several universities in Italy and the university on Okinawa has been reopened. The army sent abroad several hundred educators to conduct classes and a staff of American instructors is now being established for the Okinawa university. Despite these educational opportunities, the boys say "we want to go home." They prefer to graduate from their high schools in the United States.

General Omar N. Bradley, the new administrator of veterans' affairs, will crack down on the concessionaires operating in the veterans' hospitals. These concessionaires sell candy, cigarettes, (Continued on Page Two)

Pete The Pooch Is an Able Seaman



Impatience is the name for Pete, who can't wait for a line to be tossed from the dock, but dives into the sea and swims ashore, guiding the coast guard cutter to its berth at LeHarve, France. After being lifted out of the water, with the line in his mouth, he sees that it is properly moored to bollard. The wire-haired fox terrier meets all ships.

4-H Clubbers Set For Show of Stock and Skills

4-H club boys and girls will bring their stock into the fair ground barns this week end for their annual show, and it has been exclusively their show since the war put a stop to county fairs. High prices for beef have even stimulated interest in club work and this year there will be 36 head of fat steers to take to the Pacific International from this county alone.

Although the home economic show will be held down town at the school building, the livestock will be shown Saturday at the fair grounds. Some phenomenal gains have been reported and if the calves are as good as they are said to be Sherman county visitors may have a first look at an International champion.

Farm Fires Usually Very Destructive

The average farm fire in Oregon results in the loss of approximately \$1,000, reports Den D. Robinson, extension forester at OSC, in calling attention to National Fire Prevention week.

The National Fire Prevention association, which sponsors the observance, has compiled figures showing that fire destroys American homes at the rate of 1000 per day or one every 90 seconds. Every 15 minutes a fire attacks a farm some where in the United States. In Oregon, approximately 90 percent of the damage from farm fire occurs in farm buildings.

Winter conditions bring equal or even more likelihood of fire from careless use of matches or cigarettes inside buildings, and the use of oil or gasoline for lighting and heating in farm buildings, national figures reveal.

In building or remodeling farm structures, which is sure to be greatly stimulated now that the war is over, owners may prevent a large number of farm fires by being careful to follow well established safety principles. Among these are to make certain that the heating system is properly installed, be sure that wiring is according to approved safety codes and insist upon the construction of chimneys with fire resistant materials and lined in such a manner as to prevent leaks after a few years of use.

Fire resistant roofing is also highly important, which includes wood shingles treated with one of the fire resistant chemicals now available.

Wheat and Feed Markets Hold Up Strongly

Markets for wheat, feed grains and malting barley continued strong during the week ending September 28. The commercial feedstuffs markets also continued very firm. Demand for commercial feedstuffs exceeded the supply and the national feedstuffs price index advanced nearly one percent above the previous week.

Prices for some classes of wheat reached ceiling levels during the week while other classes were somewhat below the ceilings. At Portland, asking prices for oats and barley were at the local ceilings although bid prices were somewhat lower. Heavy shipments of malting barley from Oregon were in strong demand from mid-west buyers where ceiling prices were being paid for best grades.

The firmer market for feed grains and feedstuffs added strength to the wheat market. Wheat was strengthened also by more orderly marketing and increasing government activity in loans and purchases. Overseas shipments of United States wheat may reach 200 to 250 million bushels during 1945-46, compared with 140 million during the 1944-45 marketing season.

World import requirements will be larger this year owing to needs in Europe particularly.

World wheat production is expected to be 5 percent smaller than in 1944 and 8 percent below 1935-39. Production in Europe is expected to be somewhat smaller this year than normal and wheat production in North Africa and Australia is unusually small this season. The world supply of wheat will be adequate for all probable needs, however, owing to large exportable stocks in the United States, Canada and Argentina.

The 1945-46 United States supply of wheat is estimated at 1,440 million bushels, including small imports, carryover, and new crop production. Production at nearly 1,150 million bushels is the largest of record, owing to high national average yields per acre. Although the acreage seeded was only 94 percent of the 1935-39 average, the yield per acre was 61 percent higher, making production 51 percent greater. It is scarcely probable that such high yields will be repeated next year and carryover stocks could be reduced by larger exports or by using more wheat for feed.

Andy May has bought the Urquhart house on Fourth and McCoy streets and expects to move after making some alterations.

Billy Boy Dies At 30 After Long Career

Billy Boy, aged 30, the little roan running horse that delighted the spectators at many a Sherman county fair twenty and more years ago, died Tuesday at the Roy Belshie farm north of Wasco from old age. Billy Boy seldom was beaten. Ridden first by Leroy Belshie and later by Roy himself, the little horse with the big neck and shoulders won lots of purses and made friends by his game spirit.

Republican Women Elect Mrs. vonBorstel

Republican women of Sherman county met Friday afternoon at the coast house and organized into the Sherman Council of Republican women after hearing Mrs. George T. Gerlinger, state president and national committeewoman, explain the purposes of the organization.

Election of temporary officers resulted in the choice of Mrs. Frank vonBorstel as chairman, Mrs. Howard Conlee, vice-chairman, Mrs. T. M. Rolfe, recording secretary and Mrs. B. Estrella Hailey, treasurer. Trustees are Mrs. C. A. Tom of Rufus, Mrs. Fred Cole of Wasco, Mrs. Dean Reynolds of Grass Valley, Mrs. Charles Kenny of Moro and Mrs. Harry B. Pinkerton of Moro. A meeting will be held November 3 at which time permanent officers will be elected.

Accompanying Mrs. Gerlinger and speaking to the assembled women was Mrs. John Y. Richardson of Portland, vice-chairman of the Republican party of Oregon, who told of the need for women in politics. Miss Harriet Monroe, council secretary, also was a member of the party.

Belknap Leaving After 25 Years

C. V. Belknap is selling his barber shop and leaving for Eugene to spend some time with his son, George, who, with his wife came this week to visit his father. Mr. Belknap says that after he has gotten a little stronger in health he will go back to Oroville, Washington to visit his sister and see his doctor and stop here on his return to pack his belongings.

Mr. Belknap also resigned his position as treasurer of the city of Moro, a post he has held for nearly 20 years. He has been barber for Moro for 25 years, having moved into the hotel barber shop when the hotel opened.

83 Take Out Federal Insurance

Final report on wheat insurance for the 1946 crop is that 83 farmers finally signed applications for it. Poor seeding weather and realization that the loss of crops might have passed is said to be responsible for the number of farmers who decided to take out the federal insurance on their crop.

Rain Threatens; But Fields Still Dry

The threat of rain that came the fore part of the week has disappeared after sending a little shower Wednesday evening that was ineffective as it didn't start until blue sky was visible in the west.

Farmers are in general ready to seed with grain treated and drilled in shape but only one or two have gone into the field. Others are waiting for enough moisture to start the weeds. There is yet time for good fall seeding but there won't be much longer.

Moro Boys Win First Game Against Maupin

Line Up Similar To That of Last Years Team; Schedule Calls For Eight Games

The Moro high school football team won its first game of the season at Maupin last Friday by a score of 18 to 7 after a game as ragged as all first appearances of the season are supposed to be.

Moro made its scores in the first half, Foster carrying the ball over both times and Roberson making the point by an end run. Maupin scored in the third quarter. Moro won on straight football, trying only two passes, one of which was intercepted and the other incomplete. Maupin made its score possible by a pass, and made several others as Moro pass defense was weak.

Maupin used the T formation for its plays and Moro stayed with the single wing formation that was used last year. In fact the team that was fielded by the local school looked a good deal like the one that had a successful season in 1944.

Next game will be on the new local field Friday, October 5, when the strong Goldendale team will come to try to get revenge for the 6-0 defeat the locals gave them last year. The Washington team has already played two games one of which was against Arlington which was beaten 14-0.

Other games will be against Arlington, October 12, there; against Condon October 19, here; against Condon, October 26, there; against the Papposes, November 1 (Thursday) here; against Maupin, November 9, here; against Papposes, November 17 (Saturday) there. The local team lined up as follows:

Keith Bayer, left end
Harry Hartley, left tackle
Phil von Borstel, left guard
Carl Ziegler, center
Billy Garrett, right guard
Wayne Melzer, right tackle
Bill Platt, right end
Tommy Foster, right half
Herb Lawrence, left half
Ed Fritts, fullback
Bob Roberson, left half

Carl von Borstel, Bob Hoskinson, Carroll Noonan, Everett Cantrell and Virgil Rea are expected to see action in the game Friday as well as other of the promising youngsters.

Darkness Easy Time To Get Killed

Thirty-three percent of the traffic fatalities reported in Oregon during the month of August occurred during the hours of darkness, and the majority of them involved speed too great for conditions, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell reported today.

Failure to negotiate curves due to high speed, failure to complete passing maneuvers successfully and failure to stop in time to avoid a hazard in the roadway were the chief factors involved in this type of night-time accidents, Farrell said.

Glaring headlights also contributed to the fatality toll during August.

With the lifting of wartime speed restrictions, travel pace on Oregon highways has crept upward an average of ten miles an hour, Farrell said. Of greater significance, is the fact that more drivers exceed 50 miles an hour than during the war years.

"Speed too great for existing conditions is the key factor in a great proportion of the fatal accidents reported in this state," Farrell said. He urged motorists to remember such factors as traffic congestion, visibility distances, condition of the car and condition of the driver and to regulate their speed accordingly.

County Saves 53 Tons of Paper In Salvage Work

The final report of the salvage division of the WPB, while not so far inclusive of all counties, show that Sherman county sent in 53 tons of paper between November 1, 1943 and the end of the paper campaign August 1, 1945. This makes Sherman county fifth in the state in paper salvage.

For the entire state the salvage campaign resulted in the accumulation of 61,900 pounds of silk and nylon hose, 37,401 pounds of tin tubes, 2,598 tons of tin cans, 90 tons of discarded clothing, 5,131,890 pounds of used fats and 28,604 tons of waste paper, all of which went to aid the war effort.

More Points Paid On Waste Fat

The number of points paid for used household fats was raised from 2 to 4 per pound on October first. Says OPA Administrator Chester Bowles: "Here is a real opportunity for you American women who did such an outstanding job of saving fats during the war to continue this important work in peacetime. Your used household fats will help speed up the return of plentiful supplies of soap to grocers' shelves."

COURT PAYS BILLS

Action of the county court was limited to the payment of the bills except for a bookkeeping change that eliminated the bridge fund for all practical purposes and transferred the money in it to the general road fund. This is in line with former policy toward reducing the number of separate accounts in the budget and treasurer's books and putting the breakdown of expenditures in the hands of the clerk and roadmaster.

TALK ON CHEMURGY

Ronald Smith of the Northwest Chemurgy Co-op of Wenatchee, Wn., will be at the Harland View Grange October 12 and Kent Grange October 13 to explain the process of chemurgy and its value to the Oregon farmers.

County Assessments

SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT ROLL, SHERMAN COUNTY, 1945

Real Property	Number	Value	Unit
Acres of all unplatted land	462,208	\$5,986,850	\$12.96
Acres of tillable land	267,788	5,608,650	21.26
Acres of non-tillable land	194,420	298,200	1.51
Structural improvements on unplatted land		519,760	
Platted lands		50,390	
Structural improvements on platted lands		263,710	
Total real property		\$6,820,760	
Personal Property			
Merchandise and stock in trade		87,920	
Movable machinery and equipment		36,480	
Farming implements and equipment		464,050	
Furniture and equipment in commercial use		12,630	
Horses and mules	972	17,880	18.40
Cattle	10,909	318,690	29.21
Sheep and goats	1,451	6,690	4.62
Swine	1,769	13,550	7.70
Poultry	4,212	1,530	.36
Total personal property		948,420	
Total local property		7,769,180	
Less veterans' & widows' exemptions		3,500	
Total net taxable value		7,765,680	
Net Value after Revision		7,767,120	

District	Local none	Percent	Utilities none	Percent
1	8,196.00	88.11	13,207.75	61.89
2	299.21	11.64	2,574.07	88.36
3A	none		none	
4	2,977.07	95.88	129.08	4.12
5	3,529.16	94.34	655.11	15.66
6	18,046.53	90.68	1,853.74	9.32
7	none		none	
8	1,202.55	100.00	none	
9	none		none	
10	15,889.88	90.04	1,533.20	9.96
11	none		none	
12	1,013.17	99.96	.37	.04
13	none		none	
14	1,154.09	100.00	none	
15	4,049.51	78.47	1,111.20	21.53
16	3,619.73	100.00	none	
17	2,154.72	88.83	270.86	11.17
18	808.18	81.22	185.59	18.78
19	3,883.96	92.52	318.99	7.48
20	964,363.87	75.16	321,995.87	24.84