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Quoting from the *Brewers Journal* and department agriculture statistics, Representative Rees of Kansas declared on the floor of the house that the sugar problem in the United States involves, the question of whether it is to be consumed by the breweries. Department of agriculture figures show that the brewers use 2,200,000 pounds of rationed sugar annually, and to this the *Brewers Journal* agrees. But the treasury department reports that 285,000,000 pounds of sugar and sugar syrups is the annual consumption of the beer makers. Both the sugar and the sugar syrups would have been welcome additions to the canning program of American housewives, Representative Rees said, and would have been an invaluable contribution to the available food supply. Coming from a prohibition state, Mr. Rees holds to the theory that beer is not a food but an undesirable luxury.

The amazing extent to which activities of the federal government overlap and interlock was disclosed by Representative Kelley of Pennsylvania in his comment on a move to establish a department of public welfare. The house committee of which he is a member has, he said, heard witnesses from 31 federal agencies in its attempt to tabulate activities relating to the problems of the physically handicapped, and had requested reports from 41 others. Not all of these agencies, of course, have for their main responsibility some health or social service activity, but each has functions bearing on the health and welfare of some segment of the population. Mr. Kelley insisted that even though they were doing worthwhile things there is a confused and duplicating situation.

Although the United States has 4,324 ships of all kinds, built at a cost of \$17,000,000,000, this country is not as well equipped as foreign nations to handle foreign trade and more than half these vessels cannot be economically operated as cargo carriers. The question worrying congress is how to dispose of the less desirable types without too great loss and whether subsidies will be necessary to assure use of the better class vessels.

Ralph Coleman, director of intramural athletics at OSC has returned from a 60-day leave spent in France and Germany serving the army by holding schools for athletic officials and coaches in the occupation forces and troops awaiting transportation home. He found athletics occupying much of the time and interest of the men, and a real "morale saver" under postwar conditions abroad.

The reconstruction Finance Corporation is prepared to start on a grand lending program. If a city wishes to improve or extend its water system, build a stadium or school, or remodel its municipally owned docks, streetcar system, gas or electric plants, all it has to do is comply with circular No. 22 and RFC will do the financing. The general pattern of these proposed loans is somewhat similar to the program followed in the early days of the depression, when there were loans and grants; only this time there will be no grants and the loans must be repaid with interest.

It is the considered opinion of RFC that there are many communities which will wish to make permanent improvements in the immediate post-war years but that

Here Come the Brides—555 of 'Em



When the former luxury liner *Lurline* docked at San Francisco recently, the cargo included 555 Australian war brides of American servicemen and some 200 of their children. Hundreds of other war brides are awaiting transportation from Australia as well as from England, France, and other European countries. They will all be brought here soon.

Teachers Start OSTA Unit For Sherman County

Teachers of Sherman county met Wednesday night at the Moro school and organized the local chapter of the Oregon State Teachers Association by electing Ray Jewel, president, D. D. Williams, vice-president, Jean Haan, secretary, Margaret Haan treasurer, and Eugene Knott, delegate to the state convention which meets in March.

Meetings will be held throughout the winter at different schools, the next one being scheduled for November 15 at Rufus.

Some volleyball games were arranged between the coaches of the schools and a complete list of them will be made later.

REA'S GET MONEY

Oregon has been allocated \$368,000 for rural electrification loans under the terms of a recent congressional appropriation of \$200,000,000 for such use. Only half of the fund is allocated to states, however. Oregon may also obtain loans from REA office. Oregon's allocation is relatively small, because 80 percent of Oregon farms are already receiving central station electric service. In the United States as a whole, more than half of the total farms are still without such service.

Specific knowledge of what the local community can do for the returning veterans was obtained Tuesday at a meeting of the Local Veterans' Service committee, a group that includes representatives of many government bureaus in addition to the county planning group.

The meeting, called for eleven o'clock lasted until two without stop for food or rest.

The local committee was named some months ago for the purpose of co-ordinating the many proffered services to veterans so that all could be available at one office. The same idea motivated the formation of the veteran's service committee, which includes representatives of the selective service, the employment service and the veteran's administration as major factors and many others as adjuncts.

Through the local committee all of the aids the veterans can obtain will be available as far as possible. The matter of dealing with them is considered strictly local, said Lt. Col. George Sandy of the state selective service organization.

Insurance Now Effective In 19 Oregon Counties

The weather, insects and plant disease will not hold the same hazards as in the past for winter wheat growers in 19 Oregon counties, according to the report of state AAA committee on federal crop insurance applications for 1946 winter wheat insurance.

Nineteen counties met the minimum 50 farm requirement by the September 29 deadline, with applications received for a total of 2632 farms.

All of the Columbia basin wheat counties and all Willamette valley counties except Multnomah qualified for insurance. The coverage by counties: Baker 73 farms, Benton 60 farms; Clackamas 132 farms; Crook 66; Deschutes 74; Gilliam 101; Klamath 109; Lane 98; Linn 71; Marion 133; Morrow 165; Polk 58; Sherman 85; Umatilla 643; Union 137; Wallowa 71; Wasco 66; Washington 73 and Yamhill 407 farms.

Although the deadline on winter wheat coverage was September 29, spring wheat growers may apply for coverage on their 1946 crops anytime before March 15. All contracts are for three years, covering wheat seeded in 1946, 1947 and 1948.

Legion Initiation Planned For November 14

Decision to hold a public initiation of new members of the American Legion in Moro November 14 was made at the bi-monthly meeting of the service men Wednesday night.

The formal ceremony that introduces new men to the Legion has not been presented here for some years, due largely to the lack of candidates, of which there are now many. The place will be announced later when it is determined how many wish to attend.

A committee was appointed to plan and put on a turkey raffle before the Turkey Day feast and further details will be forthcoming before the event is opened.

Children Can Play Monday and Tuesday

No school will be held in the county Monday and Tuesday of next week as teachers will be in The Dalles to attend the annual institute which will be held for north central Oregon counties at the high school in that city.

All meetings during the two day session will be open to the public. The program will begin at 9 o'clock Monday and Harry Dillman, president of Linfield college will speak at 10:10. Dean of Women, Buena Maria, OSC will speak in the afternoon and the dinner speaker will be Donald Shear, Portland realtor, who will tell of his recent trip through Latin America.

WPB Drops AA Ratings This Month

On October 1, WPB's wartime priorities system with its "AA" ratings was abandoned. Farmers can get "CC" ratings only when lack of some item or facility seriously threatens farm production, Taylor explained, adding that county AAA officers will assist farmers in filing applications for this emergency rating.

The many special farm services handled by AAA committees during the past four years—at one time as high as 20—now have dwindled to three activities. They are applications for emergency OC ratings, veterans' preference certificates for new farm machinery, and veterans' applications for war surplus machinery.

Mr and Mrs Merle Beckett were here Friday and Saturday while on a short trip from their home in Lakeview.

Overconfidence Makes Moro Team Look Bad

Arlington Wins Handily By Score of 13-6 For First More Defeat of Season

A Moro High school football team that was sure of an easy game against Arlington were upset at the river city last Friday afternoon and defeated 13 to 6.

Arlington had been beaten by Goldendale by two touchdowns and Moro had won from Goldendale by 18 to 6 so it seemed that victory for the local boys was indicated.

The first half Arlington scored rather easily making two touchdowns over a sluggish Moro team that had the handicap of too much overconfidence as well as the sandy Arlington gridiron to combat.

In the latter half Moro revived somewhat and pushed over a score but could not make enough to tie or win.

Moro Plays Straight Football

Moro held to straight football running with the ball almost exclusively. Only two passes were tried and those failed. Arlington linemen sifted through on nearly every play and made life miserable for backfield men.

Friday Moro meets Condon here. From the freshman outfit of last season the Condon team has changed to a fairly strong eleven to judge from its victory over Arlington 26-13 and its tie with the usually strong Heppner team.

The game will begin a 2 o'clock to permit the buses to leave at the regular time. The greensward of the new field will receive its second test.

Klondike Club Meets With Mrs. Potter

The Klondike Community club has resumed activities after the busy season and the first meeting was held at the home of Mrs. A. B. Potter last Thursday. There were eleven members and four guests present. Many beautiful dahlias were displayed which were a source of interest. Delectable refreshments were served.

Mrs. E. L. Woods returned from the coast last week where, with her two sisters in law, Mrs. Beatrice Woods and Mrs. Julia Hansen, she had been spending a few days.

Mrs. A. McLeod of Bend spent Monday with her sister Mrs. A. Potter.

83.2 of Bonds Sold Still Held By Purchaser

Purchasers of E, F, and G bonds still hold 83.2 percent of the totals sold, according to figures released by the War Finance Committee. E, F and G bonds were first issued on May 1, 1941. Since that date, through September 30, 1945, a total of \$51,895,000,000 have been sold. Redemptions through September 30, 1945 totaled \$8,718,000,000 or 16.8 percent of the amount issued, leaving 83.2 percent still in the hands of the original investors.

U. S. savings bonds generally known as "Baby Bonds" series A, B, C and D were first issued March 1, 1935. They were withdrawn from sale on April 30, 1941 after a total of \$4,518,000,000 had been sold. Redemptions through September 30, 1945 including matured series A bonds totaled \$954,000,000 or 21.12 percent of amount issued.

Alsop-Hines Wedding Held In The Dalles

The wedding of Miss June Hines, daughter of Mrs. L. E. Dehler of Wasco and William Alsop Jr., son of Mr and Mrs William Alsop Sr. of The Dalles was an event of Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock.

The ceremony was quietly solemnized at the parsonage of the Baptist church in the presence of members of the two families and a few friends. The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Lloyd T. Anderson.

The bride wore a gold color suit with brown accessories and corsage of gladioli and blue delphiniums. Miss Barbara Hines was her sister attendant. She wore a powder blue suit with black accessories and a corsage of pink carnations. Mr. Ogden Wing was best man.

A small reception was held afterward at the home of the groom's parents.

After a short wedding trip the young couple will be at home in The Dalles.

Mr Alsop has recently received his discharge from the army after 40 months of overseas duty.

RAILROAD MEN VISIT

Harold J. Turner of the Oregon Railroad association, and D. J. Callahan, new tax and right of way agent for the Union Pacific here were Monday on a trip throughout the state. Mr Callahan is new to the job having recently succeeded Tom Collins, known to public officials throughout this area.

4-H Club Boys Make Good Record At PI

County Herd Prize and Seconds In All Breeds Brought Home By Boys

Sherman county's 4-H delegation at the Pacific International, although young in years won a good share of the prizes offered. Second place in all of the beef breeds was taken by Sherman county boys and all of them were among the younger group just starting club work, at least two of them with their first calf.

Sherman county ranked first with their herd, a group of five calves. Showing in this contest were David Wright, Hereford, Edwin Belsiger, Angus; Alfred Kock Hereford; Duane Eakin, Shorthorn; Roy Harvey, Hereford.

The Herefords were divided into three classes according to weight and some Sherman county calves were in all of them. Placings were as follows: David Wright, 2nd; Joe Harvey 16th; Roy Harvey 4th; Alfred Kock 5th; Edd Fritts 7th; Scott Fritts 12th; Dick Oveson 18th; Stephen Oveson 20th; Doran Fritts 21st; Bob Martin 24th; Clarence May 13th; Douglas Alley 21st; Fred vonBorstel 13th; Roger Ball 11th.

In the Shorthorn class Duane Eakin won second with Dick Oveson 7th, Duane Eakin 8th and 9th. Edwin Belsiger took second with his chubby Angus, Scott Fritts 7th, Edd Fritts 8th, and Harry Hartley 13th.

In the swine classes Dick Oveson won first with Hampshire and Edd Fritts was 5th. Dick also won first in pig showmanship.

Sales of stock below the top prize winners resulted in prices of about 22 cents per pound. Sherman county's 34 calves together with a few hogs and sheep brought \$7566, the calves averaging just a little under \$200 each. Prizes amounted to \$210 for the total take of \$7776 for the boys, with which to start more calves.

Women Attend Convention of Clubs

Members of the Moro Woman's club went to The Dalles Wednesday to attend the convention of women's clubs for the Fourth District of Oregon comprising the counties of this immediate area. Mrs. Hildred Zell of Wasco acted as president. Mrs. George Moorhead of Salem, state president was a guest of honor.

Sherman County Veterans Committee Ready To Aid Ex-Service Men and Women Obtain Privileges and Grants Provided Under Federal and State Laws; Office To Be Maintained for Information and Service

Education
Educational facilities the returning veteran may use are many. He may obtain grammar, high school or college education with state or federal aid. The state law will allow him \$75 per month for the first month, \$50 for the second and \$35 thereafter. He is entitled to three years schooling under this measure.

Under the GI bill he may get one year's education for the first 90 days army or navy service and an additional month for each month of service above that. Pay is \$75 for married veterans and \$50 for single ones.

He may attend any accredited school and obtain nearly any kind of education or training. If he prefers to take training in the manual arts he can become an apprentice and spend as much as four years learning a trade, receiving journeyman's wages during that period. Of these wages \$50 per month for single veterans would be paid by the government.

Aptitude tests are now being given at the University of Oregon and Reed college and later will be given locally to enable the veteran to know his abilities.

Finance
If the veteran has not paid his income tax during his period overseas he has six months after discharge to complete that job. His exemption from federal income tax is \$1500 and from the state tax is \$3500. Not many GIs will qualify, but some have had incomes high enough.

Insurance
Veterans are being urged to keep their government insurance. It is possible to convert it to any of the standard kinds or it may be kept as is for a period of five years without changes in the law. Some may desire to keep the term insurance as none may be kept for less money under that method. In any event, the first payment must be made in the month following the month in which the veteran was discharged.

Records
In order to obtain many of the benefits offered veterans he must have a certified copy of discharge papers. These may be obtained from the county clerk. In any event discharge papers should be recorded as no copies can be obtained, only certificates in lieu of discharge.

Employment
The local group has obtained a record of intentions of many Sherman county farmers regarding rental of land to veterans, hiring of men and building or repair of buildings. So far there has been employment for all veterans who have returned. Soon it will be possible to register here for any kind of a job any place. Job information will be sent to employment officers through the county and specialized jobs will be available to those who can fill them.

Welfare
Stranded veterans can be cared for by the welfare agency, but more permanent forms of aid are preferable.

Unemployment Compensation
Veterans who have served ten and one-half months are eligible to 52 weeks of unemployment compensation at \$20 per week or \$1040.

They must qualify in the regular manner which means registering for a suitable job, waiting two weeks before payments start. Self employed veterans can obtain \$100 per month or a sum large enough to make the total income \$100 if some is earned. This can be paid until the \$1040 is used.

Surplus Commodities
Priorities for the purchase of surplus commodities are not of much use to veterans at present. Surplus stocks are being released but so far are not in large numbers and much of it is not practicable for production purposes. Machinery is expected to be available later and a better plan for veteran preference is expected.

Loans
Veterans may obtain the state \$3000 loan at 4 percent interest on a long time basis. Required is appraisal by the State Land Board and first mortgage. Veterans may obtain the GI loan which is really a guarantee to the loaning agency of \$2000 or half the size of the loan. The state loan can be made for buildings or homes

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