

SHERMAN COUNTY JOURNAL

Published Every Friday at Moro, Oregon

Liles L. French Editor

Entered as second class matter at the Postoffice at Moro, Oregon under Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

MEMBER OREGON NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION

NATIONAL EDITORIAL ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL COUNTY PAPER

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Payable in Advance

ONE YEAR \$2.00

OCTOBER 26, 1945

ENFORCED DEMOCRACY

The Oregonian, belatedly, has begun to question the advisability of our trying to enforce democracy in the countries we occupy. It is true that the reasons given for the doubt are practical ones: that force may cause the peoples to react against the idea of democracy and thus make it unpopular in the world.

There was no expressed doubt about the morals of forcing democracy or any other form of government on an unwilling people. The sluggishness of democratic nations is remarkable. Like the early Christians they go about the world preaching the doctrine, trying to make converts and also like the early Christians, often persecuting those who fail to see the light. There doesn't seem to be any moral difference between those who try to enforce democracy on a nation than those who try to enforce nazism on a people.

One expects professing democrats to arise in holy wrath over the thought that their forceful proselyting might be likened to that of those whom they consider less virtuous. The adherents of communism, the followers of Nazi statism both feel that their ideals should be accepted by all peoples. Democrats know them to be wrong because democracy is the only kind of government people ought to have.

It is certainly true that efforts to force Germans, Japanese and other people to accept democracy have generally been unsuccessful. It would be almost too much to expect for this nation to doubt that democracy might not be a perfect government for Germans or Japanese. Yet, some other form might be more acceptable to their national psychology and training.

When it is considered that even Americans have weakened in their adherence to the freedoms of their forefathers who established this government, and have proven willing to trade them for a promise of security, it is not unreasonable to expect other people to do likewise.

A democratic government must be made of men and women with more of pioneer hardness in their souls than many possess. It is some thing that must grow in the individual mind before it can be made effective and handing it down as a gift, with a "take this or else" expression is doing democracy as a government ideal no good.

SO, WE GO BACKWARD

Mr Truman has now appeared unequivocally on the side of those who argue for compulsory military training, perpetual conscription of youth. It is not surprising. The arguments for it are old and well known. The reasoning that begets them has a ring of soundness presuming that we are going to have the kind of a world we fear we are going to have. The move is probably necessary.

But coming now at the end of a war to bring peace, and before the men who fought in that war have taken off their uniforms, before the peace treaties have been signed, while great plans for world cooperation are being discussed at world wide meetings the president's arguments are something of a shock, even to one who has had little faith in international amity.

The head of this government is tacitly saying that Bretton Woods, Dumbarton Oaks, San Francisco, Casablanca, Yalta, Potsdam and London have all done too little and that while we take a major part in them, we really are going to depend on getting there first with the most men. Probably he is right.

And another thing it means is that Europe has defeated America. For years we held to the theory that we could get along with our neighbors without training every man to fight. We have not been an aggressive nation. We have always defeated nations that did have compulsory service.

Now we are accepting Europe's ideal. Henceforth we shall be an armed camp; every man shall be a warrior. Like the wolf we shall be continuously on guard. Maybe so. And if so, it is no credit to us, and it gives small promise for a better world.

HALLOWE'EN

The night of goblins, Hallowe'en, will be an event of next week. It is likely that the usual deprecations will be in evidence the next morning and that some real damage will be done.

Hallowe'en has been a source of wonderment. Do small boys turn things topsy-turvy in an excess of animal spirits or are they they actually that onery when released from ordinary restrictions? Memory doesn't tell us much, either. Probably it is the thing to do. Sometime it would be a distinct relief if good goblins included the earth in their journey on that night and did some act of kindness. Or would that be any fun?

Elders are relieved at the "trick or treat" policy in that it gives them a chance to bribe the goblins with a bit of candy or other food. Yet, obtaining such things by threat is not the best training for anyone but a small desperado. It is the kind of tactics we are trying to obliterate from the world. It's cute for the kids, but terrible if they remember it.

VETERAN AID

It is the aim of the local committee for service to the returning veteran to provide them with complete information and help so that they may obtain everything which the federal and state laws entitle them.

The committee wants to miss no opportunity to get the veteran established in civilian life as expeditiously and securely as possible.

Its members have made and are making some study to acquire the knowledge necessary for that job. Some of them are doing a lot of work toward that end.

The job cannot be successfully completed unless veterans confer with the committee and present their problems. The selective service office is open at the court house and the secretary of the board is the secretary of the veteran's committee. She has information about all rights and privileges. The Legion service officer, Wily W. Knighten, is available to help. Other committee members have information that may be helpful.

This is the time for veterans to get their army and navy service benefits straightened out. Delay causes confusion.

In Other Days

From the Observer, Oct. 27, 1916 Tuesday evening about five o'clock the farm home of Roy Powell burned with all its contents. Nothing was saved.

The roof of the Hay Canyon school caught fire and burned last Tuesday. The building was saved. G. B. Bourhill has tendered his resignation as agent for the Eastern Oregon Land company to be in immediate effect.

W. C. Miller and family will leave in a few days for Zionville, N. C. to spend the winter.

From the Observer, Oct. 29, 1926 The contest between Bert Hanev and Fredrick Steiwer for U. S. Senator was arousing considerable comment as well as were the state matters on the ballot, especially the two income tax bills and the Dennis resolution that would have prevented income taxes.

F. W. Hutchcroft has sold his farming interests to Wilford Belshe who will make the summer-fallow next spring and let Hutchcroft have the seeded crop.

H. C. Parks left the county jail Sunday by breaking out the plaster and lath.

George Elard has moved his auto livery to The Dalles from Grass Valley.

From the Observer, Oct. 26, 1906 Lillian Edna Wiley and George Witter were married at Kent October 13 with Rev. Hollman officiating.

Washington Column

Continued from page one.

man who insisted that his wife be permitted to use the DAR hall. There are other halls available in the national capital, but the congressman picked the one owned by the DAR knowing that it would be refused, and then the president could be appealed to—all part of the craving for publicity.

The Yanks in England demonstrated that they are heart-breakers, for there are 54,000 British girls married to American soldiers who are marking time in England while waiting for transportation. There will be Italian, German and French girls coming to the United States as wives of Yank troopers; Australian wives and babies are already pouring into west coast ports. Wherever the American troops were stationed cupid got busy.

As WPB held its 100th meeting, Julius Krug, chairman, itemized war costs as follows: Aircraft \$44,442,000,000, ships, naval and maritime \$10,694,000,000, guns and fire control \$10,801,000,000, ammunition \$19,734,000,000, combat and motor vehicles \$21,529,000,000, communication and electronic equipment \$10,659,000,000, other equipment and supplies \$38,148,000,000. Not a penny of these vast sums was for secret weapons or for developing the atomic bomb.

Mr and Mrs Robert Kaseberg have moved from the W. E. White farm to the Ed Kaseberg farm below Gordon ridge.

All the water pipes in Hotel Moro and some elsewhere in the city froze and burst last Saturday night.

From Wasco: W. L. Kelly and Fred Fortner have gone to Montana. They expect to return in two weeks on a trip that is said to have something to do with an airship. Wouldn't it be fine if Wasco could have an airport?

A second Lieutenant is what a girl finds for herself when the first one gets away.

GEORGE G. UPDEGRAFF Attorney At Law Moro and Wasco

FOOTBALL DANCE Saturday, Oct. 27 Wasco Hi Gym Admission Couples \$1.20 Single Women .35

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh "There ought to be a law!" Every now and then, when I run out of news for the Clarion, I print items about what happened Fifty Years Ago in Our Town. May be a lazy man's way of filling space, but it often makes mighty interesting reading.

Wasco Women Spend Pleasant Time at Meeting

A very pleasant Wednesday afternoon was spent at the home of Mrs Frank Lamborn when the W.S.C.S. met for their monthly meeting. After the business meeting Mrs Lloyd Royce and Mrs Gochbauer presented a very interesting program, after which refreshments were served by Mrs Gladys Bell.

Mrs Inez Sargent, Mrs Van Gaasbeck, Rev and Mrs F. L. Cannon attended the Methodist District meeting at Arlington, Tuesday.

The Friday Study club entertained the Moro Women's club at the home of Mrs Gladys Zell. After the business meeting, a program was presented as follows: piano solo, Mrs J. T. Johnson; vocal solo by Mrs O. Hilderbrand accompanied by Mrs J. T. Johnson; and Mrs Fitzpatrick gave a very fine talk and had several pieces of Art and Pottery on display.

Refreshments were served by Mrs Haven, Mrs Nisbet and Mrs Fulton. Decorations were in keeping with the autumn.

Mr and Mrs Joe Hilderbrand and Mrs and Mrs Albert Kaseberg spent the week end in Portland visiting their daughters.

Mr and Mrs F. L. Cannell and several others attended "The Haven of Rest" program at The Dalles Wednesday evening.

Mrs Lydia Darby underwent an operation at The Dalles and is reported improving.

Miss Georgia Harper is visiting Mr and Mrs Gordon Harper.

Mrs Ed McKee spent several days in Portland.

GAS AND OIL Tires--Accessories R. H. MCKEAN and SON Insurance Grain, Feed, Flour, Fuel Farm Implements, Bags, Twine BARBED WIRE--GOOD POSTS PHONES Feedstr. Office Residence 163 162 182 WASCO OREGON

Mrs Dan McDermid is spending a few days in Portland, visiting her daughter, Mrs Kenneth Blau. A son was born at The Dalles Monday night October 22, 1945 to Mrs James O'Meara of

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78, O.E.K. Meets Every Second and Fourth Thursdays in each Month. Visiting Members Invited--Moro, Oregon Elsie Amidon, W. M. Ruth Sparling, Secretary

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR SHERMAN COUNTY. In Matter of the Estate of Ellen E. Sommer, deceased. SS. Notice to Creditors.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed and confirmed as Executrix of the Last Will & Testament of said Ellen E. Sommer, deceased and her estate. Any person having a claim against said estate is hereby required to present same with the proper voucher and proof to the undersigned at the law office of Roy J. Baker, or to the undersigned, duly verified as by law required within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

TO GET HIS LETTERS GIVE HIM WRITING PAPER! BE AN ANGEL--MAKE IT EASIER Next to getting letters, the thing your fighting man likes best is a supply of writing paper. So give him that truly welcome gift--Eaton's Fine Letter Paper.

LAY CARLISLE JEWELER

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR SHERMAN COUNTY. In Matter of the Estate of H. A. Sommer, deceased. SS. Final notice.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that Irma Laffoon and Elsie Martin the administratrix of the above entitled estate have rendered and presented and filed their final account therein, with the above entitled Court, and that Monday the 3rd day of Dec. 1945 at 10 o'clock A. M. in the County Court room, in

the County Court house in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon has been appointed as a time and place for a hearing on and final settlement of said account, and of hearing any objections thereto. First Publication being Oct. 19, 1945.

Elsie Martin Irma Laffoon Administratrix of H. A. Sommer Estate.

T. Lester Johnson LAWYER WASCO MORO

Truck Service Is Our Specialty We have men well qualified to service your trucks whether they be diesel or gasoline powered. Try SUNSET for better truck service. Our Reputation Is Your Protection

Sunset Motor Co. The Dalles, Oregon MAKE EVERY MILE COUNT RECAPPING BY SPECIALISTS No Certificate Required Latest Factory Methods For Eligible Car Owners U.S. ROYAL DE LUXE The Tire With Reserve Strength Built In SEE US TODAY Sunset Motor Co. US TIRES

T-W-O T-E-N Along the Union Pacific Strategic Middle Route, uniting the East with the Pacific Coast, stretches a vast network of telephone and telegraph wires. Over these wires go orders controlling movement of all trains. To insure efficient and safe operation, extreme care must be taken in transmitting. For example, the Union Pacific "book of rules" gives the following instructions for the transmittal of train orders by telephone... "time will be spelled and then pronounced, thus: t-w-o t-e-n 2:10 pm."

THE PROGRESSIVE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD THE STRATEGIC MIDDLE ROUTE UNITING THE EAST WITH THE PACIFIC COAST