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TWO AIRMEN KILLED IN LOCAL PLANE CRASH

A column of news

About Government,
Politics and People
with especial emphasis
on the Northwest

Rapid increase in the amounts appropriated for the several departments of the federal government during the past ten years, is as alarming as it is startling, in the opinion of Representative Cannon of Missouri, who called attention of the house to this unpalatable fact. As examples of these increases, Mr. Cannon said that in 1933 the department of agriculture appropriation totaled \$175,671,665; in 1940 the agricultural appropriation bill was \$1,194,498,633, an increase of 700 percent. In 1933 the interior department was given \$48,333,672; at the beginning of the war had reached \$188,325,923. For the state, commerce, justice and labor departments the 1933 appropriation was \$112,291,970; in 1941 the combined bills for the same departments totaled \$1,130,431,091.

A discouraging feature in connection with these increases, Mr. Cannon declared, is the fact that there are members of congress who vote for the highest appropriations and also vote for tax reductions, playing with both the spender and those who are economically minded.

What especially alarmed the Missouri representative is the prospect that interest rates will increase in the post-war period and the government will be unable to borrow at the extremely favorable rates which have been obtained in the past decade. In the event interest rates return to the level which prevailed after the first world war, he said, instead of the five billion which is now set aside for that purpose the interest charge will be twelve billions annually. This, he averred, would either mean continued deficit spending or an increase in taxes which might disrupt the entire economic system.

The Missouri congressman expressed the problem before congress tersely in these words: "We are being importuned by all sorts of pressure groups, insisting upon increased expenditures and then, on the other side, we are being urged by pressure groups, just as insistent, demanding reduction in taxes." Mr. Cannon's remarks were made during a discussion of the last deficiency bill of the session, but his plea for economy was just as ineffective as on previous occasions and the house proceeded to vote for the budget estimate without batting an eye or being in the least disturbed by the charge of inconsistency.

Because the date when it should become effective was indefinite, a bill to authorize return of American dead from all battlefronts was passed over in the house for debate at a later date. By the wording of the measure the government would be compelled to bring to the United States, upon request by the nearest of kin, the bodies of all persons killed in the war if the request is received "within five years after termination of the war with Japan." The war with Japan will not end until a proclamation to that effect has been issued by the president or passage of a joint resolution by congress, neither of which has been done. There was also question as to who is "next of kin," some congressmen raising the point that request by a widow of a soldier might not accord with the wishes of his parents and insisting that this possible cause of controversy should be removed in order to avert a distasteful situation. The bill will be passed when its provisions have been made more definite.

Charges made by former Ambassador Hurley as reasons for his

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Cattlemen Call Meeting To Talk About Sale

A full discussion of the possibilities of holding a pure bred cattle sale in Sherman county within the next few months will be had Saturday, December 15, at 1 o'clock at the Grass Valley Masonic hall.

Everyone with purebreds is asked to attend. To be discussed will be the question as to whether to hold such a sale or not, when it should be held and how wide a territory should be included in the sale area.

Sherman county now has several hundred purebred cattle, mostly Hereford, although Millard Eakin has a herd of Shorthorn that consistently wins prizes. Some Angus would be included probably as Gilliam county breeders are interested. Harold Eakin, who has a large herd of Herefords, and other breeders are calling the meeting.

Cattle Grub Can Be Eradicated

Farmers know the cattle grub as the pest which produces numerous bumps or swellings along the backs of cattle during the winter months. The grub develops as an adult into the heel fly which attacks cattle in late winter and early spring, explains Robert E. Rieder, extension entomologist, and H. A. Lindgren, extension animal husbandman.

The time for application of rotenone for grub control is during the winter and must be completed before any of the grubs mature in the backs of the animals and have a chance to escape. The best time for application varies in different sections of the state but livestock men are advised to be on the lookout for the appearance of the grubs from early December on.

Ordinarily three treatments at 30-day intervals are required to catch all of the grubs. The most effective insecticide for controlling this pest is a 5 percent rotenone applied either as a spray, dust or a dip, says Rieder.

Louis Sather Back On Ranch For Chores

Mr and Mrs Kenneth Sather are in Portland on business. During their absence Mr and Mrs Louis Sather are caring for the ranch.

Gordon Later from Sweet Home has been visiting his brother in law and sister, Mr and Mrs Mike Smith.

Ray McKay and son, Jim, have been visiting friends and relatives.

Saturday evening Martha Bardenhagen had as her dinner guests her classmates.

Mr and Mrs Emery Staggs of Milton were visiting at the home of Mr and Mrs Harry Justeson last week.

Mrs James Matthes has been in Portland visiting her father who is ill.

Eugene Knott spent the latter part of last week in Portland as a delegate for the Sherman county Teachers' Association.

T-S Robert Tatum has returned to the states after many months overseas.

Word has been received that Sgt. Charles Bothwell is now coming home after sometime in Europe.

Mr. Ross from Tangent, Oregon was here during last week to visit his son in law and daughter, Mr and Mrs J. E. Norton.

Last week another "cattle dipping bee" was held at the J. J. Decker ranch. Many were present.

Wheat League Speakers Warn Poor Soil, Price

Meeting Enlivened By Arguments and Debates On Floor of Assembly

The 1945 meeting of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League, held at Pendleton last week, was a different sort of meeting in some respects. For years farmers have been listening to the bureaucrats with out expressing public opposition. The talks of imported speakers have made the story of the meeting. This time the farmers made their own story of the session.

Biggest question before the members was the future of the chemurgy plant at The Dalles. That question was not decided, but it received a thorough thrashing, and each farmer was left to invest or refuse.

Spontaneous speeches from the floor were more common than for several years and no resolution was safe until the president's gavel had fallen on the vote for it. Some were upset from the floor of the convention.

E. L. Peterson, director of Oregon agriculture, asked that price controls be continued until enough consumer goods are available to prevent inflation. Plans to stop price controls next June is a matter for grave concern, he said, and should be resisted. He pointed to the excess of purchasing power over visible goods and said that the farmer would be most hurt if price controls were removed too soon.

Ronald Smith explained the plans of the group interested in chemurgy use of wheat. The Wintathee plant is successful, he said, and is making several products that have a regular market. It is hoped that it will be possible to interest Oregon farmers toward the investment of 400,000 in the plant at The Dalles. If put in operation this plant would take about a fifth of the mid-Columbia wheat and take it definitely off the normal market. That would be of great benefit to the grower, even if he received no dividends but only made a new market for his surplus, he stated.

A. L. Haffenrichter told of the dire need for soil conservation saying that lack of soil—productive soil—was a major cause of war. In Australia, he said, there is 6.4 productive acres per capita, in the United States 3.2, in Europe 1 acre in Russia 1.7, in China .7 and in Japan .3. Unless we are successful in retaining the productivity in the soil we will eventually come down to the standard of living of the people of the nations with a smaller number of production acres per person.

E. R. Jackson, spoke the following day on soil conservation and gave the mineral and organic content of the soil. We have 419,000,000 acres of good land now, he said, but this is decreasing at the rate of one million acres per year. The rate is accelerating. There is less than 2 percent of the soil is organic matter, but this is the part that makes soil grow crops and it must be preserved.

N. E. Dodd, head of the AAA wheat section, intimated that the apparent certainty about the present price of wheat continuing was unjustified and that a lower price might be in the offing. The laws and rules that at present bolster wheat price may be changed if economic conditions change.

James Beamer was chosen president, M. E. Weatherford, vice-president, and Cliff Conrad, secretary-treasurer to succeed Charles W. Smith who has filed the office for 15 years. The annual banquet featured Dr. U. G. Dubach as speaker.

County Quota Met, Says State Bond Office

The record from the state office shows that Sherman county is over the top in all kinds of bonds, but the local committee has been unable to find out where the money came from.

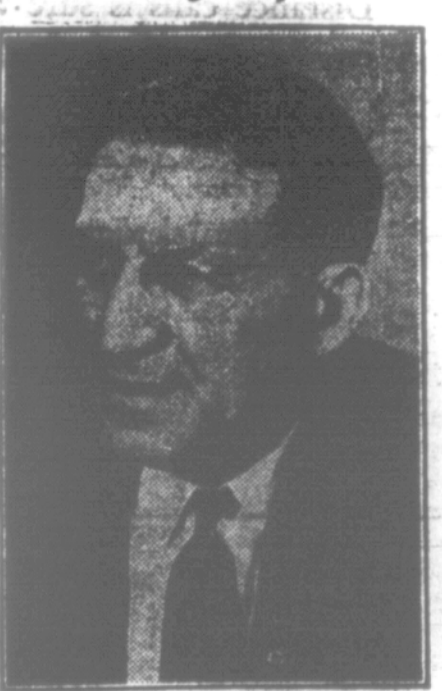
Last report from Wasco showed a sale of slightly over \$30,000, the Grass Valley showing is about \$28,000 on last figures and the bank at Moro has sold about \$29,000. That doesn't add up to \$96,473 as the state has it. Additional sales at Wasco and Grass Valley must have been made unless the report is wrong.

Other sales to individuals are \$19,200 on a quota of \$15,000 and sales to corporations total \$27,550 on a quota of \$15,000. Corporations have pulled Oregon out of the red in this Victory bond drive, buying twice the quota given them. Subscribing to Sherman county's quota for corporations were Pacific Power & Light Co. \$6,000, Standard Oil Co. \$3,000, Shell Oil Co. \$5,000, Oregon Bond Commission, \$12,000, Texas company \$150.00, Union Pacific \$5,000. Some of these have not been received at headquarters.

In previous drives a half or more of the bonds have been bought through the local bank, a condition that has certainly not prevailed this time, for both Grass Valley and Wasco have records far in excess of that of Moro.

The E bond sale will continue until December 31, after which, it is understood, no government bond will carry 2.9 percent interest. The drawing on the Dodge car will take place January 2 at the bank in Moro and the owners of the two tickets that will be in the final drawing will then be known.

Says Wheat May Not Stay Up



N. E. DODD

Quota of \$1000 Seal Sale Aim

A quota of \$1000 has been set as the goal of the 1945 Christmas Seal sale of the Sherman Tuberculosis association, according to an announcement made by Mrs. W. A. Nesbitt, treasurer. This sum, she said, was set by the budget committee after a thorough study of community needs and is the minimum necessary to carry out the association's 1946 program to prevent the spread of tuberculosis. The Seal sale will continue until Christmas.

"The services performed by the association in 1945 must be continued and expanded in 1946," she said. "These services include mobile truck unit for chest x-ray, x-ray every person in Sherman county, health check-ups on all pre-school children and school children, full time health nurse."

Croose Explains State Organized Service Plan

State Stands Ready To Make Loans To Servicemen On Proper Collateral

Latest information about state aid to veterans was given the veteran's board and visiting veterans Tuesday when Al Croose of the state office met with the local board. Mr. Croose has been handling veteran affairs for nearly 20 years having been with the loan department of the World War I State Aid department. His knowledge of the many kinds of loans available to service men is complete.

As a general policy, he said, the state department wants to "make up" to service men for their loss in time and opportunity. Returning men are generally healthy and able physically and mentally, he said he had found them, as normal as those who stayed at home.

He explained the educational possibilities under the GI bill and the state bill. More money is paid out under the GI bill but there are more restrictions under it. One sometimes is better than the other and often a veteran may desire to use both, although not at once. Prospective students have many school available and there are several ways to enter, depending on the educational and mental attainments of the veteran.

For men who did not finish high school but who would now like to complete that course the extension courses are recommended.

For those who want to become apprentices there are schools of almost any sort in Oregon where a veteran can be taught any trade he may desire.

The state loan is for \$3000 and is made on a 75 percent value basis meaning that a veteran must have property valued at \$4000 before receiving the maximum loan. The price of money is now cheap and regular commercial loans are sometimes better than GI or state loans if the veteran has collateral. Other government loans may also be obtained by veterans. GI loans have not been made very rapidly and some changes are expected in the law regarding them.

There has been a change in the management of the sale of surplus property. The veteran now establishes his service relationship at the office of the surplus commodity corporation. He then receives a slip which he takes to the RFC where he is listed as desiring certain types of property. When this property is available he is informed of it and may look it over and choose what he wants to buy. His priority remains until he finds what he wants.

Eck Borick explained that work of the unemployment office has grown so much that the local selective service office would aid him by filling out blanks for compensation. He will be in Moro the second Friday in each month, but applications may be made at any time by Mrs. Wilson.

Legion Buys Douma Building

The American Legion post bought the Douma market building at its meeting held Wednesday night and immediately began plans for making it over to more nearly suit the needs of the organization. A new chimney and a different heating unit may be expected. Appointment of committee by Commander Max Belshethe was made and a late lunch was served.

School Costs Expected To Reach \$400

The payment of taxes to the several school districts and the notification of the average daily attendance for the past month show that cost per pupil of high and grade pupils in Sherman county will be about \$400 for the 1945-46 school year.

Average daily attendance for November was 294.8, a figure that will probably be reduced somewhat later in the year. From direct taxation, through special levies, county school fund and non-high funds the school districts levied \$105,462.51. From state funds \$16,000 may be expected judging from published figures although the money has not arrived so far this fall. The total is in excess of \$121,000.

Available figures show that costs will be \$412 per school child for the year.

Sherman State's Highest

Rufus has a present ADA of 30 and its per capita cost will be \$800 which will probably be the highest in the county. High school costs will be higher than the grade costs.

Kent may expect a pretty high per capita cost this year as the special levy was higher than usual. The ADA there was 31.2 for the past month.

Until the distribution is made of state funds it is impossible to estimate per capita costs accurately. ADA at Wasco is 88.2, at Grass Valley 38.2, all grade, and 107.1 at Moro.

Basketball Team Wants Competition

The Moro town basketball team, Frank Sayrs, manager is looking for games to give a workout to its line-up of ex-high school athletes and ex-service men who are coming out for practice. Try-out for the squad are the two Axtell boys, Dean Pinkerton, Bob Axtell, Bob Boynton, Stan Coolidge, Frank Sayrs, Lawrence Kenney, Elmer Belshethe, Ray Jewell, and Jack McDermid.

Veterans Can Enter Schools In Many Ways To Get Education

Two units toward high school graduation will be allotted all Oregon veterans returning from service, Hugh E. Rosson, director of the State Department of Veterans' Affairs, pointed out this week in outlining a program where by service men and women may complete their secondary educations.

A unit is the equivalent of one school year of study in one subject and 16 units are required in Oregon for high school graduation. The awarding of two units for a veteran's basic training has been announced by the State Department of Education.

In addition, high schools may allow credits for training received in army or navy service schools, based upon an evaluation guide prepared by the American Council on Education. Here are further steps the veteran may take to secure the necessary credits for graduation:

1. Enrollment in full-time high school classes. He will be received the same as any other student, but if over 21 years of age may be subject to the rules covering payment of tuition as they apply in his particular school district.

2. High school correspondence courses. Information, and application, may be obtained by writing the General Extension Division, Oregon State System of Higher Education, Eugene. These courses are accepted by any standard high school in Oregon for credit toward graduation. The veteran is advised to consult his principal first, however, to avoid duplicating courses he may have taken before entering the service.

Because these courses are approved by the Department of Education, enrollment fees can be paid under provisions of the GI bill of rights. Courses offered by the Extension Division include all the required high school subjects in English, science, mathematics, and social studies, in addition to pre-flight aeronautics, accounting and business English, mechanical drawing, and high school Latin and Spanish.

3. A combination of correspondence and regular high school work if his principal approves. If the veteran needs, say, five units to graduate he can clear four of these by one year of high school, and he may also complete his fifth unit by taking a correspondence course on the side. Principals and high school teachers have been asked by State Supt. Rex Putnam to assist the veteran in his correspondence study problems.

4. Part-time attendance in regular high school, to fulfill individual graduation requirements. The veteran can get his best information in this from his high school principal or from a veterans' organization in his home town.

Spokane Bound Pair Crash In Stubblefield

Plane Broken and Burned On Point Far From Any Habitation

Instant death for two men resulted in the crash of an army advanced trainer plane Tuesday night 10 miles east of Grass Valley. The men, Lt. Chester W. Chaffin 23, of Worcester, Mass., veteran B-24 pilot with South Pacific experience, and Sgt. Ralph E. Bahser 25, whose wife lives in Chicago, were enroute from Le-moore air field, Fresno, California to Geiger Field, Spokane.

They had left at 3:27 according to press reports and were heard over North Dalles at 4:50. They were due at Spokane at 5:27.

The plane was traveling south when it came down at an angle to hit the stubble field on the ridge east of the first saddle on the place owned by Sam Holmes and known as the Bolton point. Bodies of the men were thrown clear of the wreckage which burned.

The wreckage was discovered by Myrtle Smith, recently discharged from the air force, who is living on the Del Eakin place. He heard the plane Tuesday night but could find nothing because of the fog and darkness. Wednesday morning he searched again and found the plane and the bodies. He called Sheriff Wilson and the Portland Air Base. Wilson and state police made preliminary investigation and air corps men came Wednesday night from Walla Walla, Washington to examine the scene of the accident and take the bodies of the men.

ERROR IN TAX FIGURES

An error in the compilation of taxes published last week made it appear that the Kent district had received \$28,564.39 when in fact it was \$18,564.39. Boardman district got \$1148.84 instead of \$1184.84 for another smaller error. The total given was correct.