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There is slight prospect that the actual operating expenses of the federal government will fall below \$20,000,000,000 a year for some time to come. This is just about the maximum which may be expected from income taxes and other sources of revenue under present laws, so that nothing will remain for payment on the national debt and any further expenditures must be financed by more bond sales. These statements were made in the senate during discussion of a bill to increase the pay of federal employees and were not disputed. For the current fiscal year there will be a deficit of \$15,000,000,000.

The total payroll of all federal employees in continental United States for the fiscal year 1945 was \$7,327,000,000 and the estimated payroll for the next fiscal year is \$4,248,000,000. Pay increases proposed in the bill were expected to add between \$500,000,000 and \$1,000,000,000. Senator Taft said that while he had been unable to obtain any concrete statement, his own addition of the figures showed that if all the presidential recommendations are enacted into law the next budget will approach \$35,000,000,000. He might have expanded this statement by quoting totals for projects, which have been submitted by various members of congress, thereby adding perhaps \$15,000,000,000 to his estimate.

The situation created by proposed salary increases is further complicated by the fact that personnel reductions have been much less than had been anticipated before the end of the war. Whether this will be changed greatly by presidential action under the reorganization powers voted Mr Truman remains to be seen. Experience along this line has been disappointing, former employees of abolished agencies having been transferred to established bureaus and departments with very few eliminated. Senator Taft believes this condition could be somewhat relieved by adopting a half instead of a full Saturday holiday with proportionate reduction in the number of employees, but his suggestion met with slight favor and was not pressed. Since the reason for the proposed increase was given as higher living costs, Senator Taft also suggested that it be temporary and revert to the former rate when living costs declined, but he received no more support for this idea than for his Saturday half holiday and neither suggestion went to a vote.

Because in 1928, when air mail zoning was abolished and the rate was reduced from ten to eight cents an ounce there was a 95 percent increase in air mail volume, Representative Hagen of Minnesota believes more revenue will be derived by cutting the present eight-cent rate to five cents and he has introduced a bill for this authorization. No serious consideration was given the measure before the holiday recess but Mr Hagen stated that he would press for action when congress meets.

Under existing law, the air mail rate will automatically drop back to six cents when official proclamation of the end of the war is made, but the postmaster general has said he favors the five-cent rate as soon as possible, and this statement is cited by Mr Hagen as justification for his bill. The measure would also provide for a three-cent air mail rate for postal cards and souvenir cards. In 1944 the total air mail business in the United States was given as \$73,412,510 on which there was a net

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## Condon Bests Moro Five On Basketball Court

The Condon High school basketball team didn't show much superiority over the Moro five in the first half Saturday night, but when the second half started they started a scoring spree that left nothing for the Moro boys at all. Final score was 16 to 31. As a warm up to the game the Moro High school second string played the alumni and lost when the elders began hitting the basket in the second half.

## Red Cross Names C A Tom Chairman

The Sherman County Chapter, American Red Cross, met at the court house Monday night and chose C. A. Tom as county chairman of the annual drive for funds. The drive will be held in early March.

County quota for this year is \$3400, a sizable drop from former quotas of recent years. Credit for over subscription last year has been given to partially account for the reduced figure. Partial arrangements were also made to obtain an instructor in this county to give an advanced course in first aid work. The course would be 30 hours.

## Julius Medler Buried At Wasco Sunday

Funeral services for Julius Medler were held from the Christian church in Wasco Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p. m. with the Rev. Roy Pittman in charge and Callaways officiating. Rev. Pittman and Mrs Ormand Hilderbrand sang accompanied by Mrs Joan T. Johnson.

Interment was made in Sunrise cemetery near Wasco. Out of town attendants at the services were C. W. Johnson of Aloha, Fred Medler of Portland, Howard Woolen of The Dalles, Donald Woolen of Portland.

Mr Medler was born in West Virginia, September 30, 1869 and came to Sherman county in 1883 with his parents, Mr and Mrs Bruno Medler. He has been a continuous resident of the county and has remained on the same farm all the 65 years since his arrival. He was married in 1937 to his wife who survives him.

## Moscrip Says Few Cars Available

George R. Moscrip, of the Smaller War Plants Corporation made the following statement regarding surplus cars:

"Only recently figures were released which should convince the veteran that he has but little chance to secure an automobile. "These figures indicate that the number of serviceable passenger automobiles in the service of the Army would not exceed 19,000, while those in the Navy would probably not exceed 5,000. Each service has indicated that they will be releasing but few of these cars.

"But suppose that they did release even up to fifty per cent of these cars. The first priority group namely; the Federal Government Agencies, and the State, County, and City Governments would take at least half of this group of cars, which would leave roughly 6,000 cars that would be available to the veteran.

"Today every one of the 110 District Offices over the nation have at least one thousand applications now in hand for automobiles. So you can readily see there is little chance of your obtaining the automobile you so badly need in your business, through Government Surplus.

"Of course no surplus is sold for personal use."

## City Committee Considers City Construction

### Plans For Revamping of Old Legion Hall Under Study By Committee

Steps toward the repair and rehabilitation of the old Legion hall were taken by the city council Tuesday night when it voted to name a committee charged with the responsibility of obtaining estimates for material and labor for revamping that structure.

Committeemen are Ernest Woods Harry Kunsman, and Lawrence Kenny. Plan most seriously discussed was to block off the stage from the main body of the hall at about 25 feet from the north end of the building by putting up a partition. The walls and ceiling of the dance room to be covered with firtex with the ceiling lowered about six or eight feet. New and modern wiring would be put in, the woodwork painted and the room brought up to date. A heating system would be installed.

At some later time, or whatever conditions warranted the stage part of the building would be made over into a modern picture house and either leased or operated locally.

Estimates of the cost run from \$2000 to \$4000. It is possible that the city would have to obtain some further funds through some kind of social venture, but that depends on the cost involved.

Aden Axtell was renamed marshal and water collector. Agreement to repair the roads damaged by the washout of last month was reached. Another meeting of the council will be held when bids on the projected work are obtained.

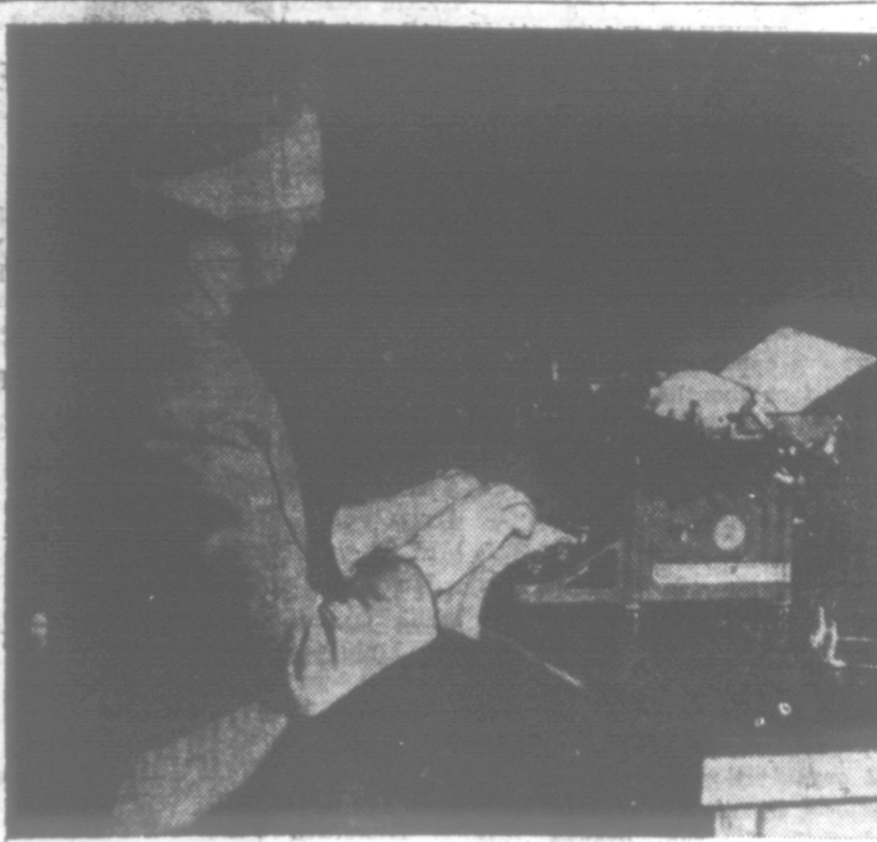
## Farmers Holding County Conferences

Leading farmers in 15 counties now busy preparing for county farm program conferences later in January and early February are taking timely steps to prepare the agriculture of this state for the inevitable postwar changes and adjustments, says F. L. Ballard, associate director of extension at O.S.C. While this is in line with a national movement, Oregon is ahead of other western states in launching a definite schedule of such county program conferences.

Oregon farmers are experienced in this type of program planning, having pioneered in such activities more than 20 years ago following the first world war, Ballard recalled. From that earlier planning profound changes resulted which placed emphasis on what could be produced and marketed with a profit, considering Oregon's geographical handicap in freight rates, rather than on limitless production regardless of market possibilities. Several series of county conferences in intervening years have kept up-to-date information before farm and home leaders.

"Fortunately Oregon emerges from this war with relatively little dislocation of its established production pattern," says Director Ballard. "Some thin land has gone back to wheat, sheep numbers are abnormally low and there may be a temporary excess of foods for processing, though this last is an enterprise linked to new processing methods in which Oregon is expected to play a major role.

"It is time to check up, however, and look toward fundamental long-time developments as well as immediate adjustments," Ballard continued. "Agriculture here has been divided about equally between livestock and crops for income. It is time to decide whether increased emphasis on crops in some sections will reduce soil fertility so as to endanger a permanent profitable agriculture. Other fundamental issues are at stake, including betterment of rural social conditions so as to challenge the best youth to stay on the farms."



WITHOUT HANDCUFFS... Irma Wright, Canada's premier typist, handcuffed herself with everything but manacles in a demonstration at Toronto. She wrote 129 errorless words per minute blindfolded, with gloves on and typing through a silk handkerchief over the keyboard. Without such impediments she hit 136 words per minute.

## Harold Dutton Married To John Day Girl At Vancouver, Wash.

On January 2, Lt. Harold L. Dutton, son of Mr and Mrs Harley Dutton of Wasco, and Margaret Marshall of Prairie City were married in Portland.

Mr and Mrs Leonard Lutje were Saturday night dinner guests of Mr and Mrs Norman Gochnauer.

Mr and Mrs Gus Hartmann were guests New Year's eve and New Year's day at the home of Mrs Hartmann's parents, Mr and Mrs C. R. Bruckert of The Dalles.

Mr and Mrs Lawrence Edwards who have been visiting Rev and Mrs Cannel at the Methodist parsonage, returned to Salem Tuesday, after spending a few days with Mr and Mrs James Edwards. They will go to Los Angeles, California, where Lawrence expects to attend college and complete his master's degree. On their way they expect to spend a few days with Miss La Vaine Cannel and some friends.

Mr and Mrs Kenneth Blau and son of Portland are visiting Mrs Blau's parents, Mr and Mrs Dan McDermid.

Mr and Mrs Arthur Sargent returned home Monday, after spending a week with their daughter and family, Rev and Mrs Neville of Corvallis.

William C. Reid, who has been stationed with the transportation unit at Vancouver Barracks, has been promoted to the rank of master sergeant. He is the son of Mr and Mrs W. E. Reid of Wasco.

Mr and Mrs Ed Dodson of The Dalles were the guests of Mr and Mrs Ed Feldman, Saturday.

Guests at the home of Mr and Mrs W. R. Reid Sunday were Mr and Mrs Leonard Lutje and children, Mr and Mrs George Smith and Judy of Grass Valley, and Mr and Mrs Harry Allen of Amboy, Wash. Mr and Mrs Allen are former residents of this vicinity.

## Traffic Deaths Mount With Car Speed

People died in Oregon traffic at the rate of 16 persons per one hundred million miles of travel during the month of November, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell Jr., disclosed today. The traffic death rate for the month was the highest recorded in Oregon since September, 1941 when it reached the same peak.

For November of 1944, the death rate is a method of expressing the actual accident situation, showing the number of persons killed in relation to the exposure to accident.

For the first eleven months of 1945, the death rate was 10, compared to 9.2 for the same period of 1944.

Declaring that speed too great for existing conditions was a basic factor in most traffic accidents, Farrell urged drivers to reduce speed and to give consideration to the increased traffic volumes in most areas.

## Corrected List Of 4-H Club Calf Owners

Sherman county 4-H club members are feeding 35 Herefords, 17 Shorthorns and 16 Angus in 4-H clubwork for 1946 4-H projects. This is the largest number of beef calves to be entered in 4-H work for the fairs in Sherman county's history.

The following communities will be strongly represented at the Sherman County Fair and at the Pacific International Livestock Show this fall in the 4-H club department.

Kent—21 calves  
Roger Ball—2 Herefords  
LeRoy Martin—2 Herefords  
Rodney Rolfe—1 Hereford  
Ronald Rolfe—1 Hereford  
Fred von Borstel—2 Herefords  
Ed Fritts—2 Herefords—1 Shorthorn—1 Angus  
Scott Fritts—1 Hereford—1 Angus  
Doran Fritts—1 Hereford—1 Shorthorn  
Joe Harvey—1 Hereford—1 Angus  
Roy Harvey—1 Hereford  
Dick Wilson—1 Hereford—1 Angus

Grass Valley— 23 calves

Margaret Reckman—1 Shorthorn  
Harry Hartley—2 Herefords—1 Angus—1 Shorthorn  
James Hartley—1 Hereford  
Carl Schilling—1 Hereford 1 Angus  
Don Schilling—1 Hereford  
Alfred Kock Jr.—2 Herefords—2 Shorthorns  
John Alley—1 Hereford  
Barbara Alley—1 Angus  
Clarence May—1 Hereford—1 Shorthorn

Merle Eakin—2 Shorthorn  
Duane Eakin—2 Shorthorn  
Keith Barnett—1 Shorthorn  
Moro—18 calves  
Edwin Balsiger—2 Angus  
David Wright—2 Herefords  
Dick Overson—1 Angus—1 Shorthorn

Stephen Overson—1 Hereford  
Bob Martin—1 Hereford  
Dean Martin—1 Hereford  
Terry Bucholtz—2 Herefords— 2 Shorthorns—1 Angus  
Larry Sayrs—1 Angus—1 Shorthorn  
Dorothy Wilson—1 Shorthorn  
Kenneth Hart—1 Angus

Wasco and Rufus—6 calves  
Douglas Alley—1 Hereford—1 Angus  
Larry Kaseberg—1 Angus  
Roger Miller— 1 Hereford—1 Angus  
Donald Miller—1 Hereford

## Court Session Due Monday For Case

Circuit court will meet next Monday, January 14 at ten o'clock with the case of Richmond vs Edgington being the only one on the docket. Platt, Henderson, Warner & Cram are attorneys for Richmond and Edward A. Boyrie of Layton & Boyrie are attorneys for the defendant. The case is expected to occupy the time of the court for most of the week.

## Living Higher In Portland

Portland family food costs increased 1.1 percent during the month ending November 15. It was announced by William A. Bledsoe, Regional Director of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, according to statement by W. H. McCargar, District OPA Food Specialist.

With the removal of subsidies butter advanced 11 percent to an average price of 55.4 cents a pound. Eggs climbed to 70.2 cents per dozen on a seasonal rise of 3.6 percent. Fresh fruits and vegetables were also higher, led by lettuce, up 27 percent at 14.3 cents a head. A few items trekked lower, including carrots, potatoes and peanut butter, but these scattered decreases were insufficient to halt the general uptrend.

Despite this month's increase, Portland food costs were still slightly under their high point of last July, and 1.4 percent lower than the war-time peak reached in May 1943. Compared with the 1935-1939 prewar level prices on November 15 were up 51.4 percent.

The Oregon Mason, magazine published for members of that lodge, carried a story about Walter Ruggles in its December issue. It tells of the rare Masonic jewel owned by Mr Ruggles and the story of how he obtained it from his ancestors who were long time Masons in Missouri.

The jewel was presented to Eljah Ruggles, grandfather of Walter, by five lodges in Missouri and sent him after his removal to California. Uncle Henry Ruggles inherited the jewel and gave it to Walter.

## County Again Tops List In Per capita Sales

### Second Place Won In Percentage of E Bond Quota, Championship Retained

The final report on the Victory Bond drive, which ended December 31, has been made by the state office at Portland. Sales made to army and navy have been distributed to the counties on a pro-rata basis and returns are complete.

The compilation shows that in E bond sales Sherman county was second in percentage of quota. Benton was first with 178.6, Sherman next with 169.6 followed by Union and Hood River with 157.1, then Morrow with 151.4, and Gilliam with 148.8 and Wasco with 148.6.

In percentage of total sales to quota Sherman county failed to reach the state average of 263.1. Sherman county had 174.8. Lack of corporation sales prevented a high percentage of total sales.

Remarkable in this classification was the record of some counties. Hood River had 822.3 percent of its corporation quota of \$250,000. Baker county had 666.2 percent of its corporation quota of \$230,000. Several counties went over 300 percent of corporation quota. Sherman's percent of this quota was 251.7.

Although the figures have not been sent out Sherman county is again in the lead in sales of E bonds per capita. Quota figures for the Victory drive were generally one half of the quotas in the Seventh Bond campaign. In the latest drive Sherman county almost reached \$100 per person which is approximately four times the average of the entire state and well above any other county.

News reports have stated that a state organization will be kept to aid the sale of government bonds to investors. Advisors will be appointed for each of the counties, it was said. However, the war time bond drives are over including the Victory drive, which was, in fact, planned before the end of hostilities last August.

## Mason Magazine Tells Ruggles Story

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## General Follows Son



Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch, veteran of World War I, who also fought against both the Germans and Japs in World War II, recently died at San Antonio. He lost his son in this war.