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Congress is back in the national capital again, and everyone is busy comparing notes. Each member, as he returns from the holiday vacation, has talked to constituents and a summary of these conversations is related to other members; and that is how the congressmen manage to gain a cross-section of public sentiment in the United States. Most of the discussion has been of strikes. The strikes, which have paralyzed industries and have prevented the consumer from purchasing what he needs or wants, rate high in these mouth-to-ear sessions in the cloakrooms. Some of the members ran into strong economy advocates and this will temper part of the appropriations, although every section of the country would like to have an appropriation for one or more of the shelf of public works which were advocated by President Roosevelt. The plea for economy never includes the local appropriation but is supposed to apply to all others.

Congressmen found a very decided sentiment for reduction of taxes. This will be attended to, but no matter what the new tax bill does to ease the tax burden it will not be sufficient. That is a foregone conclusion. In the matter of "full employment" with a guarantee (supposedly) by the government that there will be a job for everyone who wishes to work, the constituents, as a rule, regarded it as hokey, according to impressions gained by the congressmen. There is no demand for the federal government to start another WPA.

As a matter of fact, unemployment is not as serious as labor leaders were predicting a few months ago. They forecast an army of unemployed of 10,000,000, but the statisticians now declare that there are scarcely 4,000,000 out of a job or seeking work. Millions of women who were in war industries have returned to their homes and are no longer in the labor market. A couple of million youngsters, pressed into service as laborers, are back in school, and the men of 60 years are not able to compete with the men of 40 or 45 and they are, or will be, drawing their social security benefits.

On the whole, while there is much unrest, the congressmen report the situation is not so bad—everything considered. There are signs of inflation and this will be increased by the strikes through causing a shortage of goods which in turn, ups the prices beyond reason.

Congressmen resent the castigation of its members broadcast by the president in his recent talk to the nation. He charged certain committees with holding up legislation which he wants enacted. Congressmen assert that they are not obstructionists and they point to the long list of laws they have enacted which are of importance to the United States and the world and assert that the bills the president is urging are controversial and there are good reasons why they should not be enacted. All do not agree with Senator Taft, who charged that the Truman proposals are "pink," but many contend that the president is seeking to promote Roosevelt ideas, which while attractive in themselves, would increase expenditures, such as expanding social security and hospitalization, which the country cannot afford.

Admirals and generals are cashing in on their recollections of the war, most of the memoirs being written by ghost writers. For

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Veterans Group Hears of Priorities Lists Loan Talk

Surplus Property Not All Sold As Such By Army And Navy Authorities

Discussion of insurance, surplus property, veterans' preference and loans was on the bill of fare for the January meeting of the county Veterans' committee which was held Tuesday morning.

Col. George Sandy of the state Selective Service office was present and answered many of the questions asked by veterans present. It was urged that all veterans keep their government insurance for at least eight years. As before it is likely that the period in which one may retain term insurance will be lengthened by amendments.

The surplus property problems are growing instead of being lessened and few veterans have obtained the surplus material they desire. Changes are being made in the management of surplus property merchandising and this effort is toward simplification. The new agency that is expected to handle most of the property is the War Assets Corporation, which will be an adjunct of the RFC or the Department of Commerce.

Not much surplus property has been put on the market so far and most of that has been of low value for farmers in this area. More is becoming available every week. A section of the procurement act, under which the army and navy buys property, makes it possible for them to sell direct to contractors or dealers without using the surplus property law at all. Unless this can be amended there may be much of such property that is sold direct.

VETS GET NEW CARS

Veterans may buy 25 percent of the cars made under an agreement made by manufacturers. Dealers will sell to veterans needing a car, when and if cars are available of course.

Wallace May, AAA chairman, reported that veterans have a definite preference in purchase of farm equipment, excluding track-layer tractors. The county AAA committee must issue a certificate of necessity for veterans when the veterans show that they need equipment and cannot obtain new or used equipment suitable to their needs. This ruling is made by the Department of Agriculture by executive order.

Preliminary discussion about loans possible for veterans brought about the decision to make such loans the topic of the next meeting which will be held February 12 at the court house. Men from the various agencies making loans will be asked to attend. These are Farm Security, GI, state and other government private loaning agencies. Several have made more liberal terms recently.

Rebekahs Install New Officers

Lupine Rebekah lodge held its installation of officers at the hall Tuesday night, preceding it with a pot-luck dinner that satisfied the hunger of all attendants.

Installed as officers were: Leona McLachlan, noble grand; Irma DeMoss, vice-grand; Florence Johnston, secretary; Inez Thompson, treasurer; Helen Kruger, warden; Zella Schilling, conductress; Lucille May, chaplain; Florence Martin RSN; Coila Belahce LSNG; Helen Martin, RSVG; Anne Miller, LSVG; Leona Douma, musician; Clara Houston, ma, musician; Gladys Morrison, IG; Sallie Martin, OG; Mrs Coila Relshoe was installing officer.

Odd-Fellows had intended to install but absence of members, because of illness, caused postponement of that ceremony.



Five-year-old Donald Anderson of Prineville, a 1943 victim of infantile paralysis, is shown a copy of the national March of Dimes poster which bears two pictures of him. The posters are being displayed throughout the nation to emphasize the need for public support in the fight against polio-

myelitis. Fully-recovered and vigorous Donald, the son of Mr and Mrs Edward Anderson, stopped in Portland recently on his way to New York City where he will take part in the 1946 campaign, which will end January 31. With him here are from left Eugene W. Hall, state representative for the

National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis; Lee C. Stidd Jr., state president of the Oregon State Junior Chamber of Commerce; Otha Jones and Paul Brees, members of the Prineville Junior Chamber of Commerce and leaders in the March of Dimes campaign.

City Council Contracts For Reconstruction of City Auditorium

The city council of Moro, in special meeting Tuesday night, voted to start immediately with a program to make the old Legion hall a suitable meeting place for public gatherings.

The plan, made and presented by councilmen, Woods, Kunsman and Kenny, includes putting a partition in the front of the present stage. The large room will then be 56 x 49 feet. The ceiling will be lowered to 16 feet and the entire interior surface covered with ply wood in its lower part and firtex in the upper part of the walls and ceiling. New fluorescent lighting will be installed.

A set of swinging doors will be installed at the main entrance way. On the other side a small closet would provide space for equipment.

Although no bids were made for painting a complete job of painting and kalsoming the interior is planned as a part of the program.

The stage part of the building will be 49 x 23 feet. At some later time it is possible, that if community interest is sustained, this

will be lengthened and made into a picture house suitable for showing of moving pictures or other use as a theater. For the present heating will be by oil stove.

Cost of the project as outlined at present will be \$15,740 according to the bids ordered. Some adjustment may be necessary, but it will have no major effect on the total.

Hotel Coffee Shop Opens Saturday

Lloyd Johnson opened the Hotel Moro coffee shop Saturday evening and served dinner and took care of the lurching dance crowd later in the night.

A counter has been installed, the floor covered with new linoleum and other changes made to give it a modern appearance. Prices have been established by OPA. Later fountain drinks will be available and cigars and cigarettes will be for sale. Some home made bakery goods will be for sale and for use with meals. Space is provided for meetings for clubs that desire a place to dine.

Gas Gets Gassers Moro Breakfast Club Starting Wednesday Morn

Goat; Almost His Life

Orvin Levitt of The Dalles, upholsterer and fumigator, was nearly exterminated by his own fumes here Saturday night while fumigating Bucholtz confectionery for Paul Cyphers.

Levitt had placed his white cyanide pellets around the building in places he figured they would do the most good and had started some of them boiling in the acid below decks when he started for the door. He didn't make it. Near the bar he fell to the floor, completely out. Cyphers and Ivan Kirkelle ran in and dragged him out and Kirkelle gave artificial respiration to start Levitt's lungs to working.

He was taken to the hospital to recover and is expected to be out in a few days. Other animal life in the building was not so fortunate, it being almost completely exterminated.

Women Plan Health Program For Clubs

Mrs George Moorhead, State President of Oregon Federation of Women's clubs has just returned from attending the board of director's meeting held at the Statter Hotel. Her itinerary included the following: University of North Carolina Chapel Hill at the invitation of Dr. Lucy Morgan discussing Oregon's health and physical education program and social hygiene program for health classes at the university.

Meeting of Resolutions Women's clubs, Washington D. C. Tea at the White House and New York on business for the E. C. Brown Trust.

On Thursday the 17th Mrs Moorhead is holding a board meeting in Portland.

LIBRARY OPEN

The Moro library books have been placed on the shelves again and the library is ready for use by those who need something to read. New location is in the Moro Variety & Remedy store with Arden Squire as official librarian although other members of the reading Squire family will also assist.

More books and newer books may be provided with funds made available by local organizations or obtainable from the state library.

Organization For County Promotion Work Expected To Take Up First Meeting

The Moro Breakfast club, that has been lying in state for nearly three years, will come to life next Wednesday morning at seven a. m. when President LeRoy Wright will bang his gavel again.

Lapse of the club was due to the closing of the hotel dining room and the absence of many of its members to duties held more important by the United States or Henry Kaiser.

Reorganization will take up the major part of this first meeting after the war. New committees will be named, a new secretary chosen to fill the spot left by the resignation of C. V. Belknap, and new members will be welcomed to take the place of those departed.

There are 45 names on the roll. Not more than that number can be accommodated in the present dining room. Therefore, those desiring to attend must make their desires known by Tuesday evening to either Mr. Wright or to Lloyd Johnson, of the dining room at the hotel.

Officers of the club other than Mr Wright, are W. Ray Blake, vice-president, Leon Hubbard, secretary, (replaced by Mr Belknap) and M. M. Oveson and J. K. McKean, hold-over directors and W. T. Balsiger, G. G. Updegraff, and Giles L. French, directors elected at the January meeting of 1943 for a two year term.

It is probable, say officers of the club, that there will be a move to provide for the transaction of some serious business through the medium of the existing organization, or the formation of a separate group to interest itself in county-wide problems, some of which are pressing. Lack of attention to public affairs during war time has made it mandatory that some work be done.

TOWN TEAM WINS

The local town team of basketball players downed the Maupin team Tuesday night by the decisive score of 50 to 31. This gives the locals an even break in the win column it having won two and lost the same number. Next Tuesday night the boys will play the Goldendale American Legion team at the school house.

County Court Starts Year By Making Appointments

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR DECEMBER 1945 AND APPROVED JANUARY 1946 TERM OF COUNTY COURT GENERAL FUND

Naomi Van Gilder, County Treasurer, General assistance \$14.66; Naomi Van Gilder, County Treas., Old Age Assistance \$120.40; Aid to Dependent Children \$24.80; \$145.20; C. C. Wilson, use of private car, \$45.00; Clarence Mersinger, Janitor's Salary, less tax, \$101.00; James W. Jones, expense of government trapper, \$50.00 Pacific Power & Light company, lights courthouse \$51.77; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., telephones all offices \$27.48; E. M. Alley, county Coroner's expense, \$20.00; Sherman County Journal County Printing, \$8.40; Giles L. French, premium on officer's bonds \$120.00; C. C. Wilson, expense of return of prisoner from Rawlins, Wyoming, (Adrian Bowman) \$294.57; C. C. Wilson, expense of conveying prisoner to State Penitentiary, (Adrian Bowman), \$7.74; Association of Oregon Counties, Association Dues for 1946, \$99.77; Public Lands Committee, contribution for fiscal year from July 1, 1945 to June 30, 1946, \$5.00; O. A. Ruggles, insurance on experimen-

tal station for 5 years, \$201.00; May & Son, board of prisoners, \$14.16; Standard Oil Co., of Calif., expense of official car for May, \$2.34; Drs Morse & Moore, insane examination of Frank Reeder, \$5.00; The American Asbestos Products Co., courthouse expense, \$28.00; Wily W. Knighten, office help less tax, \$37.20; The Caslon Press Inc., Clerk's office expense, \$4; J. C. Freeman, P.M. Stamps Clerk's office, \$10.00; J. C. Freeman, P. M. stamps Assessor's office, \$15.00; J. C. Freeman, P. M. box rent due for quarter ending 3-31-46, \$3.15; Sherman County Branch, First National Bank, with holding tax, \$101.10; State Industrial Accident Commission, Peace Officer's protection, \$4.62; West Coast Printing & Binding Co., Assessor's office expense, \$1.75; Justice of Peace, Wasco district expense, \$16.75, \$18.50; T. Lester Johnson, District Attorney's expense, \$12.94; Vernon I. Miller, County Commissioner, \$51.50; Douma's Market, board of prisoners, \$0.27; Junior Historical Journal, Sup't. office expense, \$0.75; J. C. Freeman, P. M. stamps for Sup't. \$13.00; Wily W. Knighten, School Library, \$37.70; J. M. Wilson, County Judge's expense, \$27.00; T. Lester Johnson, premium on officer's bonds, \$100.00; Rob't

S. Farrell Jr., Secretary of State, Biological Survey, re: Predatory Animal Control, \$600.00.

GENERAL ROAD FUND
ROAD EMPLOYEES PAY ROLL
—L. L. Peetz, \$96.00; C. Bargenholt, \$90.60; E. McPherson, \$91.20; F. Bazzel, \$83.30; J. Brown, \$80.10; L. L. Peetz, \$89.70; C. Bargenholt, \$51.40; E. McPherson, \$89.60; F. Bazzel, \$51.40; J. Brown, \$57.75.

ACCOUNT—Vernon Platt, miscellaneous, \$1.42; Mid-Columbia Supply & Equipment Co. purchase of machinery, \$530.12; National Hospital Association, wages, account \$2.50; First National Bank, with holding tax, \$116.45; State Industrial Accident Comm. miscellaneous, \$23.64; George B. Moon, miscellaneous, \$18.63; Sunset Motor Co., miscellaneous, \$63.88; Wiggins Co. Inc., miscellaneous \$31.86; Mid-Col. Supply & Equipment Co. General Supplies, \$238.63; Advi-son Motor Co., repairs account, \$30.61; O'Meara Supply & Imp. Co., repairs account \$104.88; Andrews Equipment Service, machinery purchase, \$75.00; J. K. McKean Co., machinery purchase \$170, repairs account \$9.35, \$179.35; Pacific Power & Light Co., miscellaneous account, \$6.84; Mrs L. L. Peetz, phone bill for 1945, \$24.95.

CONDENSED REPORT OF COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS DURING MEETING HELD JANUARY 2 and 3, 1946

Resignation of David Reid as County Commissioner presented, accepted and filed. Claims allowed as presented against County General and General Road Funds. Joe Peters appointed as County Commissioner, as successor to David Reid, to serve until such time as such office is filled by electorate vote.

Monthly report of County Treasurer, showing fund balances, as of December 31, 1945, presented, approved and filed.

Report of Sheriff pertaining to tax collections covering period from Sept. 1, to Nov. 15, 1945, presented, approved and filed.

Clerk directed to pay a budgeted item in the sum of \$600.00 to secretary of State as County's portion as pertains to Predatory Animal Control.

Bid of W. A. Nisbet accepted for purchase of Tax Foreclosed property in Wasco and Clerk directed to have deed prepared. Deed presented, approved and signed by court members, wherein county conveys Tax Foreclosed property to R. J. and Florence Bruckert.

Purchase agreement entered into with Nelson Equipment company for purchase of Air Compressor and Clerk directed to pay for same forthwith upon delivery thereof.

In the matter of official appointments for the year 1946, the following appointments were made: Sherman County Journal as county official newspaper; County Health Officer—appointment deferred; County Truant Officer—County Sheriff; County Fair Board member for 3 year term: Kenneth Fridley; Board of Supervisors for DeMoss Memorial Park—County Court; Board of County Road Viewers: L. L. Peetz, Roy Powell, and H. B. Pinkerton; Board to administer Dog Damage Indemnity Fund: W. E. Bruckert, Tom Douma, and Kenneth Sather; County Brand Inspector—Tom Garrett; County Road Foreman—L. L. Peetz.

In re: Appointment of Election boards of all County Election Precincts for years of 1946 and 1947: Boards so appointed, subject to revision.

Circuit Court Jury List, consisting of 200 names, selected for 1946 and list thereof compiled.

No further matters being at issue court adjourned subject to call of County Judge.