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The appeal of President Harry S. Truman to congress to agree to the proposed loan to the British government fell on many deaf ears, and among them were the ears of six-foot six inches Lowell Stockman, Oregon Republican, who is the tallest man in the house of Representatives. Mr. Stockman delivered himself of a lengthy address on the reasons why he is opposed to the British loan, and among other reasons he said that the \$6,500,000,000 that Great Britain received from the United States in the first world war is still unpaid, and this is a dead loss and out-of-pocket item amounting to \$40 for every man, woman and baby in this country. Not only has this debt not been paid but it never will be, he said.

Representative Stockman, who is a wheat grower, protests against the United States agreement to wipe out the \$25,000,000 of lend-lease that Great Britain received and call it square for \$650,000,000—liquidating the lend-lease account for 2 1/2 cents on the dollar. This, argues Stockman is another imposition on the American taxpayer, for the pocketbooks of American taxpayers must be tapped for the remaining 93 1/2 cents. When and if paid the United States is paid the \$650,000,000 England is to specify how the money can be used by this country. The money if paid, is to be in pounds and not dollars, and it must be used to construct such buildings as the United States requires in England. After the construction is completed the rest of the money must be used for carrying out educational programs to be determined later. In other words, the money is not to go into the United States treasury but must be spent, most of it, in England so that practically every dollar's worth of lend-lease the British received plus the repayment will be kept in the tight little isle. Representative Stockman stressed "tight."

The Oregon congressman wants to know why the British should be asked to pay only 1.62 percent on the proposed loan of approximately \$4,000,000,000 (which they do not have to pay unless they feel like it) when loans to American veterans demand the payment of interest at four percent.

President Truman can look for a large section of a hostile congress before the British loan wins approval from the legislative body. No one will predict the outcome at this time.

Other questions are being raised such as what is to become of the military establishments installed by the United States on islands in the Atlantic, at Trinidad and other spots, which this country fortified with the expenditure of millions of dollars with no more than a lease. The leases have about ninety-five years more to run, but there is no assurance that Great Britain will not want the United States to evacuate these islands within the next few years.

The War is over, but all that transpired at the conferences between Stalin, Churchill and Roosevelt at Yalta and other places has not been revealed. Much of it is still secret from American people and even from Sec. of State Jimmy Byrnes. It appears. When Russia announced it was occupying the Kuril Islands there was a lifting of eyebrows in this national city. Political observers were wondering how

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JAPS SIGN PETITION TO MACARTHUR . . . Toichiro Araki is shown addressing a crowd of Japs on Tokyo's Ginza, pleading with them to sign a petition to General MacArthur to save Lt. Gen. Yamashita from the hangman's noose. The sign across Araki's chest reads: "I am responsible for the movement to save General Yamashita."

Farmers Ask That Weed Control Be Enforced In Countywide District

A large group of farmers voted unanimously to request the county court to invoke the terms of the state weed control law here Wednesday at the county agricultural conference, where weed control and other agricultural topics were under discussion.

The resolution asked that morning glory be controlled and knap-weed and white top be eradicated. A delegation of farmers and AAA officers will meet with the county court at next opportunity to prepare a program to put the above requests into operation.

Other discussion proposed a soil conservation district for the north end of the county, reaching nearly to Wasco, and the state soil conservation board may be asked to call for a vote on the establishment of such a district. Wind erosion is the greatest danger in the area involved.

The state weed law has been in force for about ten years and Sherman county has been a weed control district for nearly all of that time, but the law has not been enforced, partly because it has teeth to enforce compliance with its provisions.

Under it every farmer must control or eradicate his weeds. He cannot move combines, sell seed wheat, or move stock without permission which is granted on assurance that no weed seed will also be transported.

Kenneth Fridley was chairman of the weed section of the meeting.

The range program committee, headed by Luther Davis, made several recommendations, about the payments made for range improvements, asking higher price for Crested Wheat seeding, that payment be made for more practices, that the animal unit base be used instead of acres.

The soil conservation committee, with Wallace May as chairman, recommended the utilization of all top residue although not specifying the method by which that is to be obtained. Slower tillage speeds were recommended, as was the use of the killifer.

A full report of the proceedings is expected to be available to farmers as soon as it can be prepared.

Effect of Pacific Power & Light company's \$1,000,000 rate reduction made last August is reflected in a 12 percent drop in the average price received per kilowatt-hour for residential service in the last four months of 1945, reported Paul B. McKee, president, in his February letter to preferred stockholders.

Average price received for electricity used in homes since the new low rates became effective is 1.78 cents a kilowatt-hour as compared with the 1945 national average of 3.42 cents, he stated. "Continued growth and development of the territory served during 1945 are reflected in an increase of 3.431, or 4.5 per cent, in the number of customers supplied with electricity."

Home use of electricity increased 9.4 per cent to an annual average of 2,184 kilowatt-hours. Commenting on the company's 1945 tax bill of \$1,608,435, McKee pointed out that federal taxes alone amounted to \$900,604 or nearly as much as its entire local, state and federal taxes in 1940. Taxes in 1945 were equivalent to nearly 20 cents for every dollar of revenue.

VFW Wives Organize At Monday Meeting

Wives of members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars met at the Odd-Fellows hall in Moro Monday night and started an auxiliary for that order by electing officers and applying for a charter.

Chosen were Mrs. Glenn Ferry of Grass Valley as president; Mrs. Chester Coats of Wasco as vice-president; Mrs. Paul Wilson as second vice-president; Mrs. Stuart Macnab as secretary.

Another VFW party will be given at the same hall on the night of February 15.

Odd-Fellows Put New Men Into Office

The Odd-Fellows lodge of Moro held installation of officers Tuesday night with Ralph Eakin as installing officer. A few hands of cards and a lunch followed the ceremony.

New officers are: Bernard Martin NG; Jack Lawrence VG; Roy Kessinger, secretary; Orlov Martin warden; John Foss, conductor; Theodore Johnston, chaplain; Charles Sisco BSS; Vernon Miller LSS; Ralph Eakin RSNG; Leo Watkins, LSNG; Lewis McKee, RSVG; Ralph Brisbine, LSVG; A. Douma, Inside Guardian G. Douma, Outside Guardian; Clarence Mersinger, Treasurer; Ernest Houston Past, Noble Grand.

W. C. Harper Dies Tuesday At 70 Years

William C. Harper, resident of Sherman county for 65 years died in The Dalles Tuesday night. Mr. Harper was born in Topeka, Kansas January 26, 1876 and came to Sherman county among the first settlers of the 80s. He had been a farmer in the Wasco country for many years until his retirement last fall.

Surviving are a daughter, Georgia, who had been living with her father, two sons, Gordon and Willard, both farmers near Wasco, and a brother, Charles, now retired in The Dalles. Mrs. Harper died several years ago.

Funeral services will be held today, Friday, from the Wasco Methodist church with Rev. F. L. Carnell giving the sermon and interment being in Sunrise cemetery with Masons giving final rites.

Size of Chicken Flock Important

Anyone contemplating raising chickens will do well to decide at the outset whether he wants to operate a commercial business, a sideline enterprise, or a small family flock—then proceed accordingly with the most efficient numbers, says Noel N. Bennion, extension poultryman at O.S.C.

Long study of this matter under Oregon conditions has shown that a farm depending on poultry for its major income will need a flock of at least 2000 laying hens, Bennion points out. One man and his family can usually care for such a flock.

The most favorable sized flock for a sideline enterprise is about 500 birds. Such a unit will justify good feed, care and equipment; will need a house that can be divided to isolate pullets from old hens, and will produce enough eggs to be marketed in case lots twice a week, which is desirable to maintain quality.

For the family that just wants poultry meat and eggs for home consumption, 25 laying hens are enough if the entire flock is replaced each year with pullets.

Perry Roy Shelton, son of Hal Shelton, of Wasco was discharged from the navy and reported to the local draft office this week.

Wilson Resigns As Sheriff After Nine Years

Norman Fields To Take Job Next Month When Wilson Resignation Effective

The resignation of C. C. Wilson as county sheriff as of March 1, 1946 was accepted by the county court at its meeting Wednesday and the application of Norman E. Fields as his successor was approved.

There has been speculation around the court house for several days about the anticipated resignation and those who said it would never happen seemed happy when the sheriff was not in his office until nearly noon. Then the county court members were called into a secret meeting in the sheriff's office. From then on it was but a few minutes until the written resignation was on the court's table, soon to be followed by the application of Mr. Fields, who has been deputy for several weeks.

Mr. Wilson has been sheriff for nine years having been first chosen in the 1936 election. He resigns to care for his camp ground along the Columbia river highway near Rufus.

Approved also were the election officials for the eight precincts meaning the elimination of the Rutledge precinct which has been added to the Grass Valley precinct.

DeMoss Road Ordered

The court agreed to go ahead with the construction of the projected and staked road from the bridge over Grass Valley canyon on the Monkland road to DeMoss. This road will give better grades to the new DeMoss elevator than does the old one that crosses the creek.

The inventory of equipment and material in the hands of the county road boss was shown to be \$43,933.11. This includes trucks, tractors, tools, tubes, tires and the machine sheds.

School Consolidation Being Discussed

Possibility of the consolidation of School Districts 23 and 33 is being considered and the district boundary board has been asked to set a date for the school board to meet and set a date for an election. Petitions may be signed asking for such a move. District 23 is Grass Valley and 33 is Buckley. Buckley has been sending its children to the Grass Valley school for about 20 years and the Buckley district now comprises the former Sheras district (Lickskill) and the Michigan district. Tax millage for Grass Valley this year is 8.8 and for Buckley is 9.3.

Stockman Helping Speed Surplus Sale

Representative Lowell Stockman of the 2nd District of Oregon has requested an investigation of the run-around veterans are experiencing in trying to purchase surplus property.

Representative Stockman has contacted Col. E. C. Kavanagh, Director of the Veterans Branch of the Surplus Property Administration, and asked that the Compliance Division of the Surplus Property Administration investigate not only the fact that the veterans who have been certified by the Smaller War Plans Corporation for priorities on automotive material have not been able to purchase any automotive supplies, but the fact that veterans generally are not being given notice of sales in sufficient time to attend the sale.

School District Votes To Lease Playing Field

At the school election held at a special meeting Tuesday night the voters of the district voted to accept the lease on the field in the flat from the city, which completes the deal between the Recreation Booster club, the city, and the school district. The club made the field and planted the grass and obtained most of the land. The city owns all the land having been given the club's part. It is listed as city park. The city loans the pump (which has been found to be unequal to the job) and furnishes the water when available. The school district is in charge of the field, supervises it and maintains it.

Polio Drive Lagging In Moro Community

Mrs. Lawrence Kenny reports that collections from the milk bottles for infantile paralysis campaign have resulted in the receipt of \$146 from Kent, \$200 from Grass Valley, a similar sum from Wasco and \$70 from Moro. No dance will be given this year as usual and the total quota must be raised from milk bottle collections. A house-to-house canvass may be necessary to obtain the needed amount.

Farmers Getting Out Of Debt Rapidly

Farmers and ranchers in Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington last year liquidated more than \$9,500,000 of their land bank and land bank commissioner loans, R. E. Brown, president of the Federal Land Bank of Spokane, said today. In addition, they had accumulated approximately \$2,000,000 in future payment accounts to meet future maturities on their loans.

During the year, Brown said, the land bank decreased its bonded indebtedness \$27,974,000, paid a 6% dividend of \$206,000 to its stockholders, and finished the year with \$53,000,000 of loans and contracts on its books, \$1,300,000 in cash, \$5,225,000 in government bonds, and delinquencies of less than \$300,000.

Harvey Miller Heads State Ag. Board

E. Harvey Miller, Heppner wheat rancher, has succeeded Robert B. Taylor, Adams, as chairman of the state agricultural conservation (AAA) committee and Oregon director of the field services branch, USDA Production and Marketing Administration.

Taylor, who has served as state chairman since June, 1941, relinquished the post February 1 to give full time to operation of his Umatilla county wheat ranch. He has also served as chairman of the USDA war board which since last November has become the Oregon USDA council, a post to which Miller, also has been elected.

Miller brings to the position a wide background of experience as county committeeman, fieldman and commodity loan specialist. He is a graduate of Oregon State college and a World War I veteran. He operates a 3000-acre wheat and livestock ranch and since last November has been commodity loan assistant to the state AAA committee.

Miller will have direction in the state of programs and activities of the department of agriculture in the fields of production and marketing. These include agricultural conservation, commodity loans, crop insurance, production goals, price support operations and school lunches. Most of these programs are administered locally by elected AAA committeemen.

Breakfast Club Organized With New Committees

Poynton Tells of Training Program of Gunners in Air Force in England

Bob Boynton, returned air service officer who served with the Eighth Air Force in England, told club members something about the training program for gunners. Originally American fighters were shooting down five out of 20 German fighters and later, when better training was developed the big bomber crews were getting three and a half of the fighters out of five. Training is difficult because of the speeds of the planes involved, Boynton said. He showed members some views of Europe and of the crew of which he was a part.

Bob Brisbine and Bob Boynton were named captains of the two crews that will compete in an initiation program of new members at the February 20 meeting.

Guests introduced were Judge J. M. Wilson, Herb Flatt, Karl Landstrom, Don Thompson and Joe Hilderbrand.

Committee chairmen and the executive committee met Friday night and named members to the eight committees as follows:

Committees Named

Public Affairs: Giles French, chairman; Arden Squire vice chairman, Art Bucholtz, Free Crews, A. Douma, A. A. Dunlap, John Foss, Vince Genteman, J. K. McKean, L. L. Peetz, George Potter, Joe Peters.

Community Welfare: W. T. Balziger, chairman, C. A. Ruggles, vice-chairman, R. P. Brisbine, Ernest Eslinger, H. O. Kunsman, Paul May, Mike Mullek, Roy Powell, Percy Thompson.

Agriculture: M. M. Oveson, chairman, Dewey Thompson, vice-chairman, R. B. Hoskinson, Theodore Johnston, Martin Melsner, Joe Peters, Lamar Sayers.

Membership: Robert Marvin, chairman, Paul Cypfers, vice-chairman, Roy Belshe, Clyde Gillmor, Richard Holdaway, B. H. Roberson, Paul Goddard, Free Crews.

Finance: B. H. Roberson chairman, William Close, vice-chairman, Truman Strong.

Education: Wily W. Knighton, chairman, Carroll Sayers, vice-chairman, Harry Benson, Paul Goddard, H. B. Pinkerton, Clarence Sparling.

Legislation: George Updegraff, chairman, Collis P. Moore, vice chairman, T. Lester Johnson, Ross Ornduff.

Recreation: Ernest Woods, chairman, Stan Coelsch, vice-chairman, Robert Boynton, Robert Brisbine, Vernon Flatt, H. R. Jewel, Jack McDermid, J. D. Moberg, Dean Pinkerton, Frank Sayers.

Grass Valley To Has No Night Sermon

There will be no evening service at the Grass Valley Baptist church until further notice. When the bus service to Portland improves so the pastor, Mr. Schilling, can get back there for his Monday classes, he will resume Sunday evening services. B. Y. F. service at 6:30 as usual.

The Grass Valley Baptist church will have a guest speaker Saturday evening and Sunday morning, February 9 and 10. Rev. Edmont Haines of the Winona Lake Bible conference will speak about the Tabernacle in the Wilderness. Saturday evening it will be about the Brazen Altar and Sunday morning the Ark of the Covenant. He has large side models of both the Altar and the Ark which will be shown. Saturday evening service at 7:35 and Sunday morning at 11.

GOLDENDALE	MORO
Crocker 11	Bayer 7
Linden 16	Cowherd 2
Wymer 4	Sayers 3
Jacroux 4	Pinkerton 6
Woodward 9	Thompson 10
Hamilton 2	King 2
Spalding 8	Boynon 2
Wilson 4	Perry 0
Linden 1	Axell 0
Overly 0	