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Under the cloak of humanitarian motives, a group of senators for whom Senator Wherry of Nebraska acted as spokesman have proposed the appointment of a 12-man committee to tour the occupied countries of Europe and investigate charges that the nationals are being starved as a result of allied policies. The committee would consist of three Democrats and three Republicans from the senate and an equal number from the house and be authorized to employ such assistants and experts as may be deemed necessary, all to be paid by senate appropriation. Senator Wherry asserted that while UNRRA is feeding the displaced persons in Germany nothing is being done for German men, women and children and that many of them are starving.

A communication from relief authorities explained that UNRRA regulations, based on the act creating that agency, do not permit the giving of aid to peoples guilty of waging war against the allies and that for this reason German nationals must care for themselves, except for such assistance as may voluntarily be given by sympathizers in other lands. According to Senator Wherry, this policy commits the United States and the United Nations to a course of cruelty equal to that followed by the Nazis in their treatment of subjugated peoples and by comparison with which the conditions in German concentration camps were mild indeed. Conditions in the Russian zone of Germany were said to be even more inhumane.

In the course of the discussion a letter from President Truman was read in which the chief executive stated, "While we have no desire to be unduly cruel to Germany, I cannot feel any great sympathy for those who caused the death of so many human beings by starvation, disease and outright murder." President Truman added: "Until the misfortunes of those whom Germany oppressed and tortured are obviated, it does not seem right to divert our efforts to Germany itself. I admit that there are, of course, many innocent people in Germany who had little to do with Nazi terror. However, the administrative burden of trying to locate these people and treat them differently from the rest is one which is almost insuperable."

The prohibition against extending aid to former enemies does not apply to Italy, where food and clothing are being distributed by UNRRA under special dispensation by the governing council because of Italy's surrender and subsequent cooperation with the allied forces.

Back in 1943 Representative Coffee of Washington introduced a joint resolution calling for the severance of diplomatic and financial relations with Spain on the ground that General Franco is a fascist and an ally of Hitler and Mussolini. The resolution was conveniently pigeon-holed, but now because of recent developments, Representative Savage, from the same state, has demanded that it be brought to the floor of the house for immediate action. Mr. Savage is concerned over a state department admission that airplanes, bulldozers, steam shovels and other heavy machinery have been sold to Spain by American

Farm Problems Make Coming Week Busy One

**County Agent Calls Fair
Board Together For First
Meeting Since War**

The next week is going to be an active one for the county agent's office if all the scheduled meetings turn out to be eventful affairs. There are quite a few of them.

The county AAA committee met Thursday afternoon to consider the report that grew from the meeting of the last week about weeds and erosion matters. Routine matters will be checked as well.

The county fair board will meet next Tuesday afternoon at two and that will be the first fair board meeting for many moons. Two members will be attending their first one. Possibility of holding a fair and using a part of \$17,000 on hand will be the principal topic. The kind of county fair that can be held will certainly be a secondary topic, but important withal, inasmuch as the kind of fair small counties can put on in these times is a lively subject.

Next Monday the Eastern Oregon Wheat League committee appointed to manage the livestock show in The Dalles the last of May will meet at Arlington, Milard Eakin is director from Sherman county. The league is sponsoring a stock show of animals fed and fattened on wheat. Hogs, cattle and sheep will all be shown and prizes will be given by the league.

Notice is given that February 28 is the last day on which applications can be filed for the dairy payment for the last three months of 1945. Even in this county payments are considerable from this subsidy.

The spring shipment of trees from the state college is expected to arrive March 4 and those wanting them may apply by then. Coming are 500 Ponderosa pines, 200 Austrian pines, 200 Scotch pines, 200 Scotch pines, 300 Black Locust, 300 Russian Olive and 300 Russian mulberry. A tree planting guide is available with all trees.

More People Killed In Traffic Accidents

Traffic fatalities in Oregon for 1945 climbed 42 percent over the 1944 figure. Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell J., announced today.

A total of 349 persons met their death on the streets and highways in 1945 compared to 245 in 1944, an increase of 104 or 42 percent.

Of all types of accidents contributing to the staggering death toll in Oregon collision with pedestrians accounted for the highest figure, claiming a total of 119 while the year 1944 claimed 75 for this same type accident. Collision with 1 other car claimed 100 lives followed by non-collision which accounted for 79.

Total accidents for the year were estimated to be 45,000 compared to 32,047 in 1944. Of this figure 8,000 persons were injured compared to 5,845 the previous year. In this connection rural fatalities were higher than urban. The rural death toll being 233 compared to 149 in 1944.

Legion, Auxiliary Initiate Classes Of Candidates

Twenty five veterans of World War II and eleven auxiliaries were initiated into the American Legion and the Auxiliary at Moro Wednesday night at a joint ceremony that was attended by over a hundred persons.

Taking the vows of Justice, Freedom, Democracy and Loyalty that comprise the Legion oath were Robert Marvin, Frank Sayrs, Lloyd Johnson, Gene Reynolds, Clyde Fridley, Art Watkins, Marius Douma, Dick Holdaway, Ivan Blagg, Willard Rolfe, Robert Rolfe, Pat O'Meara, Steve O'Meara, Robert Davis, Dean Pinkerton, George Kruger, Lloyd Henrichs, Glenn Perry, Don Smith, Vincent Genteman, Lawrence Nibbet, Ralph Busse, Charles Cowherd, John Rust and David McLeod.

Theodore Johnston, George Updegraff, Willy Knighten, Giles French, Rev. James Moberg and Carl Meizer were the installing team.

Initiated into the Auxiliary were Mesdames Dick Holdaway, John Buether, Marius Douma, Robert Marvin, Ivan Blagg, Glenn Perry, Ernest Eslinger, Don Smith, Richard Bruckert, George Kruger and Miss Freida Buether.

The Auxiliary initiation team were Mrs. Robert Belshie, Mrs. Frances Henrichs, Mrs. Frank vonBorstel, Mrs. Carl Meizer, Mrs. J. D. Moberg and Mrs. Jennie Martin. Miss Vivian Trounce was musician for the event. Ice cream and cake was served after the ceremonies.

Anson B. Woods Funeral Held

Funeral services for Anson B. Woods were held at Walla Walla, Washington, Wednesday following his death at his home last Sunday at the age of 81. Mr. Woods was born in Iowa in September of 1864 and came to Moro in 1883 to settle here with his family. He married Eliza McDonald, who survives. He has been a resident of Walla Walla for many years.

Surviving of his family are four brothers, James of The Dalles, Albert of Dufur, Wilbur of Lewiston, Idaho, Ellsworth of Klondike, three sisters, Mrs. Eugene Cushman of Carson, Wash., Mrs. Julia Hansen of Portland and Mrs. L. V. Moore of Moro. An adopted daughter also survives.

Members of the family from this county attended the funeral which was held in the Baptist church, of which Mr. Woods was a member.

Moro Wins Rough Game Against Wasco

The Moro High school basketball team handed Wasco a decisive defeat at the Grass Valley gym Thursday night by the score of 49 to 9. The game was very rough with many pileups on the floor involving 3 or 4 men.

Moro took the lead at the first of the game and held Wasco scoreless till the last few minutes of the first half. Halftime score was 33 to 4.

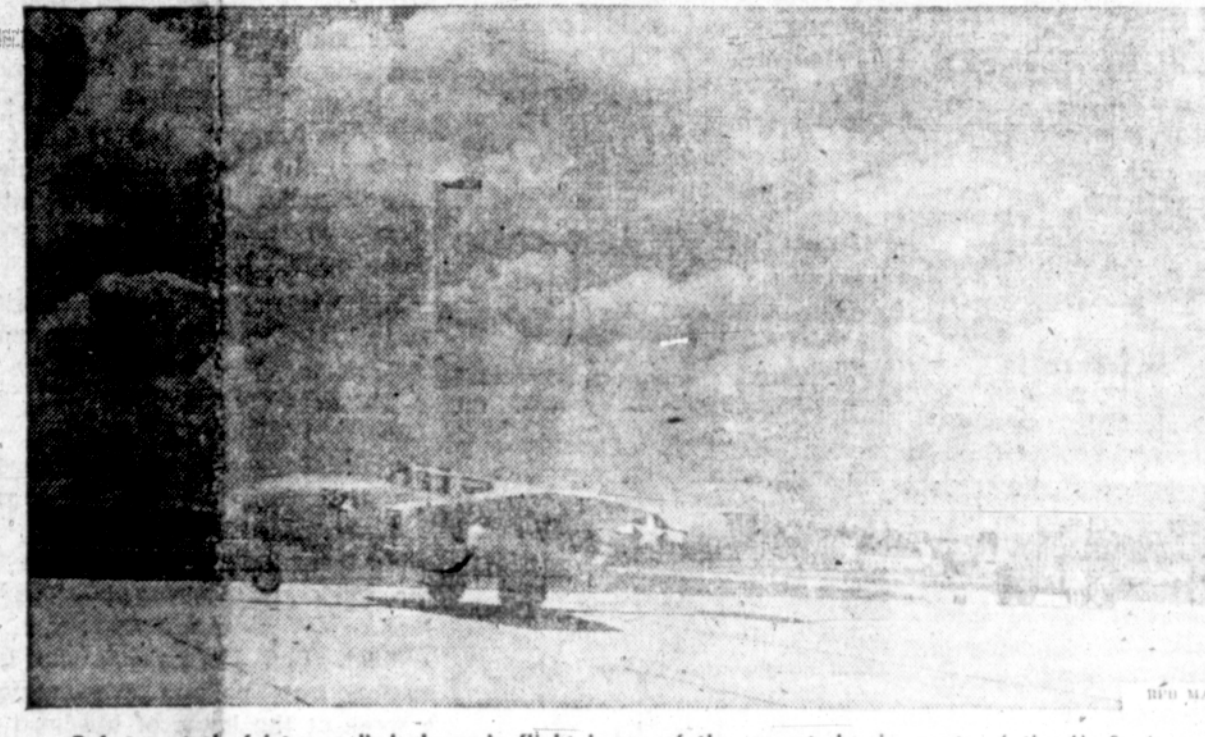
The Moro reserves came back in the second half and held the Warriors as well as the regulars did in the first half.

Tommy Foster was high point man for Moro with 13 points. Harry Hartley had 11 points. Sheets was high man for Wasco with 3. The Huskies made good 12 out of 16 free throws.

Moro second team defeated Wasco's second team 31 to 16.

Miss Anjean Knighten came home Tuesday afternoon to remain here until the beginning of the spring term at the University of Oregon.

Army Regulars Land Fast Jet-Propelled Plane by Remote Control



Robot control of jet-propelled planes in flight is one of the newest developments of the U. S. Army Air Forces. The radio-control truck shown in the right foreground is manned by Regulars. It is their job to maneuver the plane in flight by means of television and telemetering devices. Men in the Regular Army may attend a wide variety of technical schools. Qualified civilians, 17 to 34 years of age, inclusive, may apply for enlistment in the Regular Army.

Long Range Price Study Shows Big Changes

Timely data on prices received by Oregon's farmers from 1909 to 1944 have been assembled and published by the OSC extension service cooperating with the USDA bureau of agricultural economics. In addition to 12 tables of farm commodity price data the bulletin contains index numbers and a striking chart showing the tremendous changes that occurred in the general level of prices for farm products in Oregon over the 35-year period.

The highest peak in Oregon's general farm price level was reached in May 1920 at 213 percent of the 1913-1914 average. By May 1921 the average level dropped to 104. This was followed by some recovery with the 1925-1929 average at 146. Then, in 1930 the second and greater decline began, reaching bottom at 55 in 1933.

Subsequently, the general course of Oregon's farm price level has been irregularly upward, with another great rise during World War II. As of December 15, 1945, the index had reached 198 percent of 1913-1914.

Current farm price data indicate that a slight decline occurred in Oregon's general farm price level from mid-December 1945 to mid-January 1946. Nationally, the farm price index declined one point while the index of prices paid advanced a point.

In terms of "parity" the United States general farm price level stood at 116 at mid-January compared with 117 a year previous. The peak exchange value of farm products during this war was about 5 percent higher than the current exchange value.

The exchange value of the various commodities in terms of the present "parity" formula varies tremendously, however. The average price for horses, for example, was scarcely 25 percent of parity while apples were over 200 at mid-January. Wheat stood at 99 percent of parity, butterfat 105, eggs 106, hogs 109, beef cattle 123, and lambs 125.

Clothing Drive Nets Fifty Boxes

Fifty boxes of clothing containing an average of 50 garments were shipped from Moro last week. One of the main articles of wear was shoes, which were donated liberally. The job of gathering the clothing was undertaken by the Eastern Star and the girls of the domestic science class.

Members of the Eastern Star lodge of Moro, Bethlehem chapter, celebrated the 43rd anniversary of the chapter Thursday night when all former members, old members and members of other lodges were invited in for the meeting.

HB80 Possible Means of Making School Taxes Equal In Counties

Already there is discussion and levy made. In counties where some industry has expanded valuations with in one district where the millage is therefore low, HB-80 would equalize to the aid of a vast majority. An example is in Clatsop county where the big electric company dam, valued at \$2,000,000, pays little or nothing toward the support of schools, and that only in that one small district. Yet, all, or as much as more money to bring about better education.

Differences in school taxes between districts are very great. Oregon and variations in millage rates from year to year are great within the same district. Further more between 12 and 15 percent of the real property in Oregon pays no school taxes at all under the present system.

The bill provides that a rural school board shall be elected in each county with full authority over the tax raising for the schools. Operation and management is left to the present school boards. All budgets are consolidated, receipts deducted and the

Council Wants Street Improvement Done

The Moro city council voted to have its streets put in shape this year instead of waiting until some other time, when it met Tuesday night. The highway commission was informed that the city wished to expend the funds it has been saving during the war years. This will total about \$1900 which may not be enough to grade, gravel and oil Court street from Fourth to the junction of Bidwell with the highway. The city expects to obtain some gravel from the county, when the crusher is at the Clyde Crites farm.

Hunters Warned To Turn In Reports

Of the 6,951 elk hunters reporting on the results of last fall's hunt, 2,395 were successful, there being 2,126 Rocky Mountain elk and 269 Roosevelt taken. Highest kills were made in Grant, Union, Umatilla, Baker and Walla counties in eastern Oregon and in Clatsop county in western Oregon.

Antelope hunters had a 53 percent success ratio, 307 antelope being killed by the 576 hunters reporting. Hunters during the special doe deer season in Lake county, in December were 98 percent successful, 584 deer being taken by 597 hunters.

The foregoing figures are incomplete as many hunters have failed to mail in the check-off reports required by law, regarding those failing to report and will be turned over to the State Police.

Barley Produces More Grain Than Wheat On Average

**Experiment Station Results
Show Barley Above Other
Grains In Field**

The county is only awaiting a few days of that balmy spring weather and a couple of drying winds before the farmers start seeding spring grain on lands left vacant last fall.

Exact percentage of land left over until spring is not known but there is always some and late rains make more of it.

It is probable that every farmer knows what kind of grain he is going to sow, and like as not has his seed treated and ready for the drills. The government is in need of more wheat, its experts say, and also in need of more barley.

Barley Heaviest Crop

Barley is a more productive grain than wheat or oats as proven by 33 years experimentation at the local station. When sown after fallow barley produces 1886 pounds or nearly a ton of dry grain.

Winter wheat, despite its high yields of the past few years, has an average of but 1518 pounds of crop. The figures are for one crop in two years, the other being a fallow year.

Spring wheat—and this is the real competitor of barley—has yielded but 1404 pounds of dry seed or nearly 500 pounds less than barley.

Oats has made an average of 1513 pounds, during the 33 year period to be slightly better than spring wheat as a grain producer.

Best Feed Grain

Efforts have been made to encourage farmers to grow barley for all grain that may be needed for feed on the farm and limit the wheat to grain to be sold. Some years Sherman county farmers have had big crops of barley.

Varieties of barley grown in this county are but two, of which seed is probably available. They are Meloy, the old, bald barley that is preferred for hay, and Flynn 37, a long awned, and smooth-awned barley. In production Flynn is much the better, producing 121 percent of the Meloy crop.

Henry Patjen Buried At Grass Valley

Henry Patjen, 71, was laid to rest in the Grass Valley cemetery Tuesday following funeral services held at two o'clock from the Methodist church. Mr. Patjen was a native of Germany but had been a resident of Sherman county since a youth. He started in the sheep business near Kent and remained in it all of his active life. He sold out after suffering a stroke about nine years ago, which incapacitated him for work. Since then he has been bedridden.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Margherita vonBorstel and a brother Andy Patjen of Shaniko.

Writers Search For Railroad Records

Wayne Overholser of Bend and Giff Cheshire of Beaverton were here Tuesday night to obtain some local information and color preparatory to writing a book about the building of the two railway lines up the Deschutes canyon back in 1909. Battles between Hill and Harriman cohorts and contractors made those times lively enough for present writers to draw from the minds of the wife's home canned tomato juice, budding authors.

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