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Despite the fact that wool and worsted fabrics production in 1946 was 40 percent more than in 1939 not enough moderate priced suits are being made to clothe the returning veterans, more than six million of whom have been discharged from army, navy and marine corps. The estimated need for moderate priced clothing in 1946 is 40,000,000 suits and it is anticipated that not more than half that number will be produced. For this reason the small business committee of the senate has sponsored a bill to permit service men to wear their uniforms six months after discharge if they also wear a suitable insignia indicating that they have been released from military duty. Prompt passage of the measure is assured.

Clothing is being made and in considerable quantities, but because of OPA ceilings and restrictions the manufacturers have found it more profitable to turn out suits ranging in price up to \$150, which is beyond the means of the average veteran, and of the average civilian as well. At various times OPA has sponsored programs to induce the production of moderate priced clothes for both men and women, but the "inducement" has tended more to confuse than to clarify the situation and the desired results have not been obtained.

There has so far been but the briefest discussion in the senate of the proposal by Senator Johnson of Colorado that the treasury department act as agent for the British government in the sale to American subscribers of \$4,400,000,000 of British bonds instead of making the loan through the sale of United States bonds. As one senator has remarked, "It is an interesting suggestion. Senator Johnson argued that the American people have \$162,000,000,000 on deposit in the banks and if they want to aid Great Britain in this manner they should be given the opportunity to do it. On the other hand, he said, the United States treasury with a debt of \$279,444,000,000 is flat broke. By the amendment offered by him, said the Colorado senator, the question of a loan to Great Britain would be submitted to a referendum. This, he insisted, would be the businesslike way to dispose of the problem and would relieve congress and the administration of diplomatic complications which might embarrass future relations between the two nations.

Senator Hickenlooper, who has just returned from a speaking tour of Oregon and Washington, lost no time in resuming his attack upon the price policy of OPA by representing on the senate floor an itemized statement of the cost to an Iowa dealer of delivering a washing machine to a local customer. To the whole-sale price of \$43.42 in carload lots are added subsequent items of expense up to installation of the machine in the home making a total of \$49.643. The allowable price for this machine under OPA ceiling is \$48.75, thus forcing the dealer to operate at an actual loss on every machine he sells, which he refuses to do "now or at any time in the future." Housewives of the Pacific northwest may find in this situation the reason why they are unable to buy washing machines.

Reports current during the past several weeks that the ad-



Oregon's dean of journalists and Oregon's oldest press put out a copy of the Spectator, first paper published west of the Missouri river, the first issue of which came off this Washington press

just 100 years ago February 5 in Oregon City. A. E. Vorphies, publisher of the Grants Pass Daily Courier, who has been active in newspaper business for almost 60 years, and publisher of

the Grants Pass paper for 49 of them, reenacted the printing of the Spectator as a feature of the Oregon Press Conference, held on the University campus February 8 and 9.

County Business Transacted at February Session, Bills Paid Including Machinery Purchases

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON, GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR JANUARY 1946 AND APPROVED FEBRUARY 1946 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT.

General Fund

Naomi Van Gilder, Co. Treasurer, General Assistance \$11.36; Naomi Van Gilder, Co. Treasurer, Old Age Assistance \$131.60; Aid to Dependent Children \$24.80; \$156.40; Clarence Mersinger, Janitor's salary less tax, \$103.40; James W. Jones, expense of Government trapper, \$50.00; C. C. Wilson, use of private car, \$45.00; First National Bank, withholding tax, \$75.40; Naomi Van Gilder Co. Treasurer, General Assistance \$9.90; Vernon I. Miller, Co. Commissioner, \$14.00; Joe Peters, Co. Commissioner, \$11.40; Pacific Power & Light Co., lights courthouse \$24.87; City of Moro, water courthouse, \$6.70; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., telephones all offices, \$27.95; Bancroft-Whitney Co., 1944-45 cumulative secondary pocket parts for O.C.L.A. \$40.00; Richard J. Crane, court reporter, \$10.00; B. Handley, Sec'y Treas., membership fee to Oregon District Attorney's association \$10.00; Marjorie Martin, Treasurer, Clerk's association dues, \$10.00; Par Cyphers, Board of prisoners, \$5.00; May & Son, board of prisoners, \$16.26; Pacific Paint & Chemical Co., janitor's supplies, \$33.78; Oregon State Agricultural college second-half of budgeted item for County Agent's office, \$1,105.00; Willy W. Knighten, office help less tax, \$24.90; The J. K. Gill Co., Sup't office expense, \$16.99; H. & W. Specialty Co., Sup't office expense, \$6.77; Erickson's Stationery & Office Supply, Sup't office expense \$5.00; Mid-Col. Typewriter Co., Assessor's office expense, \$1.00; West Coast Printing & Binding Co., Commissioners expense \$4.75; Clerk's expense \$2.75, \$7.50; L. K. Smith, indemnity for Bang's diseased cattle slaughtered, \$21.44; Sherman County Journal county printing \$27.00; Sheriff's office expense, \$6.00; T. Lester Johnson District Attorney's expense, \$16.20; T. Lester Johnson premium on officer's bonds \$60.00; Geo. H. Wilcox, premium on officer's bonds, \$105.00; Department of Agriculture, Sealer, weights and measures, \$3.76; Jesse C. Helyer, bounty, 1 coyote, \$3.00; Dr. L. L. Taylor, bounty 1 coyote \$3.06; Mid-Columbia Hospital, ward for Frank Reeder, insane, \$4.75; Dr. W. R. Taylor, examination of insane—Frank Reeder, \$5.00; State Industrial Accident Commission peace officer's protection, \$4.62;

J. C. Freeman, P.M. stamps directed to pay same. Monthly report of County Treasurer, showing fund balances as of January 31, 1946 presented and filed. Request signed by court for cancellation of Bond of Rebekah Wilson as Deputy Sheriff. Deed presented to be approved and signed by court members conveying tax foreclosed property in Wasco to W. A. and Louise Nisbet. Bid of T. M. Garrett for purchase of tax foreclosed property in Grass Valley, accepted and property declared sold. In the matter of the appointment of Election Boards, made during January 1946 term of Court: Appointments confirmed. Claim of L. K. Smith allowed for indemnity for Bang's diseased cattle slaughtered. Semi-annual report of County Treasurer presented, examined and filed.

GENERAL ROAD FUND:

ROAD EMPLOYEES PAY ROLL: L. L. Peetz \$92.30; C. Bargenhot \$94.00; E. McPherson \$89.00; Frank Bazzel \$94.00; J. T. Brown \$83.40; L. L. Peetz \$107.90; C. Bargenhot \$100.60; E. McPherson \$98.30; Frank Bazzel \$91.60; J. T. Brown \$76.70; Lloyd Noonan \$12.90.

ACCOUNT—Mid-Columbia Supply & Equipment Co., machinery purchase \$4614.24; National Hospital Ass'n., wages account, \$2.50; First National Bank, withholding tax, \$109.80; State Indus. Acc. Comm., miscellaneous \$27.66; Moro Lumber & Fuel Co., general supplies \$25.19; Sunset Motor Co., general supplies \$15.90; May & Son, General supplies, \$0.99; Foss & Co., general supplies \$12.20; tires & tubes \$2.00, \$14.20; J. K. McKean Co., general supplies \$38.14, gas & oil \$37.63, \$75.77; Mid-Columbia Supply & Equipment Co., repairs account, \$188.86; Wasco Repair Shop, repairs \$40.05; Ernest Woods, repairs \$28.20; Columbia Machine Co., repairs \$10.85; Bob May & Son, repairs \$2.00; O'Meara Supply & Imp. Co., repairs, \$4.92; Wither Williams Co. tires and tubes account \$149.98, general supplies \$1.85, \$151.83; Nelson Equipment Co., purchase of machinery \$2372.00; City of Moro, water, \$3.50; Pacific Power & Light Co., light, \$2.96; Fay Brackett, miscellaneous \$64.00; Union Oil Co., gas & oil account, \$25.38; Standard Oil Co., gas and oil account, \$18.70; Woods & Evans repairs account, \$484.67.

CONDENSED REPORT OF COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS DURING MEETING OF FEBRUARY 6, 1946

Claims against all county funds approved as presented and clerk

Surplus Property Sale Problems Aired At Meeting

Too Many Agencies, Too Little Property Declared Eligible For Vet Purchase

Discussion of the sale of surplus property to veterans was again the sore spot in the meeting of the veterans committee held Thursday at the court house. Five government officers were present to explain the difficulties encountered in getting veterans in touch with the equipment they desire.

George Moscrip, of the smaller War Plants corporation, which formerly was in charge of surplus property, retold the committee and veterans that consumers goods were not yet available, that no one could buy surplus except those who were in business, in a profession, in farming or in actual need of equipment to retain his job. The office, he said, is nearly caught up on its requests for the pink slips that verify a veteran's right to purchase.

A. B. Carlon of the War Assets corporation, the agency that is now in charge of surpluses explained that there are many agencies dealing in surplus property. His agency sells capital and producer goods and consumer goods. The Maritime commission sells boats and gear and some other goods, the War Food administration also sells surplus property and the army and navy have the right to sell surpluses. Recently the WAC made 512 sales of goods valued at \$62,000. The Columbia Aircraft sale was handled by the WAC and other sales of machine tools have been held at which veterans participated.

Tom Morton warned that the sale of so much surplus property was a bigger merchandising job than the world has known before; that much of the goods desired are not really surplus yet, because the army or navy has not released them. Five hundred veterans were after 76 tractors and many had to be disappointed. Federal agencies come first in ability to buy goods after they are declared surplus and many such agencies are buying heavily, for instance, of 32 D-4s the forest fire service took all of them.

Seattle is the headquarters for the sale of surplus property and the depot is at Pasco necessitating many long trips and misunderstanding.

Fireworks of the meeting began when Charles Cowherd, selective service clerk, told of seeing a Wasco county veteran buy a regular model pick-up at Pasco, after the officers had said none of them were available. What agency had sold the pick-up was not known.

Veterans were warned that companies have been formed to aid in buying surpluses and that they are unnecessary and sometimes not entirely in keeping with the law. Some are being investigated it was said.

R. E. Jenness, advertising and publicity, agent for WAC told of the misleading ads. Col. George Sandy selective service said that building materials will be available on the same basis as farm machinery in a short time and that veterans may build houses with it. There are 32 agencies of government purporting to help the veteran, he said.

John W. Joeger, Veteran's Bureau representative in The Dalles was present and gave explanations of some problems. An effort is being made to have him spend some time in Moro.

The new draft rule that may cause induction of limited service men does not apply to any such men registered in Sherman county, according to Willy W. Knighten, chairman of the draft board.

Club Program Started With Committee Plans

The Breakfast club, that is the old members, were entertained by two initiation ceremonies Wednesday morning as teams captained by Bob Boynton and Bob Brisbane vied in giving each other an immaterial test for membership. Brisbane was voted the winner.

Merrill Oveson, chairman of the agricultural committee made the first report of his group in which he praised 4-H club work and recommended the continuance of the scholarship the club formerly offered; gave praise to J. B. Adams for his work with flowers in Moro and hoped it will be continued; asked the county court to enforce the weed program; offered support to the Sherman County Fair; suggested that local elevators arrange for storage and cleaning of seed wheat and notified the members that February is the best month to set out shrubs and trees for fruit or beauty.

The education committee chairman, Willy Knighten, asked support of the Blue Cross; drew attention to the school lunch program; promised study of HB 80 for county school tax equalization; read school costs and asked consolidation to lower them.

The program committee announced by President LeRoy Wright for next meeting, will be B. H. Roberson and Charles Cowherd. An amendment relating to filling vacancies in office was passed.

Wheat League Feed Program Started

A special Eastern Oregon Wheat League committee voted Monday to delay the projected fat cattle show in The Dalles until May of 1947, although committees were named and work started on the event.

Harvey McAllister of The Dalles promised to have everything in readiness as a recreational group is already planning a snow ground. Barns will be built for the stock.

The wheat league in giving \$750 for the prizes specified that none other than 4-H club workers of the wheat league area be eligible. All stock must have been fed on wheat to 50 percent of the total grain fed.

Official title is the Eastern Oregon Wheat League Fat Stock Show and Sale, which in new-dealish lingo may become the EOWLFSS. Roy Philippi is general chairman. McAllister, in charge of the show locally, W. Ray Lawrence is secretary. Each county of the wheat league counties has a representative and Millard Eakin is the one for Sherman county.

Coming Election Stirs No Competitive Spirit

Although the final date for filing for public office is March 8, this year, a mere two weeks away, there has been little interest expressed in who is going to fill the offices in the county that are to be vacant.

To be elected this year is a sheriff for a two year expiration of term period, a commissioner for the same period of time, one four year commissioner and a treasurer.

Mrs. Darwin Van Gilder does not expect to file for re-election as treasurer. It is anticipated that Norman Fields will file for the job he will take March 1, that of sheriff. It has been understood that Vernon Miller would run for another term as commissioner and that Joe Peters, newly appointed, would run to fill out the remainder of the term he is now filling by appointment.

County Fair Plan Of Board; Dates September 26-29

Program Similar To That of Last Fairs Projected By New Fair Board

There is going to be a county fair again this year.

That was decided by the fair board Tuesday afternoon at its first meeting. Plans were made sufficiently clear that it is possible to foresee a fair very similar in entertainment features as the last one held here.

Dates were set for September 26-29, Thursday to Sunday. If the arrangements are satisfactory to the new Midco Purebred Stock breeders the sale of 150 cattle by members of that organization will be held Saturday night, September 28, under flood lights in the new sales and show arena which will be built in front of the present cattle barn.

Plans for building and reconstruction made by the board include hiring W. L. Hays, as caretaker. He is a minister of the Assembly of God faith, who expects to arrive May 1 and is also a carpenter and repair man. Also planned is the reconstruction of the draft horse barn into a new cattle barn, the construction of a sales and show ring, a wash stand and the painting of all buildings on the grounds.

Program for the fair will probably be Mac Barbour's bucking string which will furnish 10 bucks Friday, Saturday and 15 Sunday. Monte Brooks and an orchestra to play for the dances as well as three acts Friday and Saturday and four Sunday, one feature race, a chariot race and three other horse races Friday and Saturday with two feature races Sunday. Judging of 4-H club stock would be done Thursday afternoon and the open classes and sale stock would be judged Friday morning. The parade would be held Saturday, probably just before noon.

Doc Ragles, who has judged horses here before, has been asked to come again and C. W. Hickman of the University of Idaho has been asked to judge the cattle. A carnival outfit may be secured and concessions on the grounds will be for let.

If it is determined to have a queen she will be selected for horsemanship and not on a ticket sale basis. Portable bleachers will be bought if available as surplus property. They would be used for the sale and show ring customers.

The board decided to drop draft horses from the fair because of the small number of exhibitors in these classes and the need of room for the vastly increased cattle divisions.

Attending the meeting were Roy P. Barnett, chairman who will be in charge of horse classes and racing, Arthur J. Bucholtz who, with LeRoy Wright, secretary, will be in charge of cattle and sales, and Kenneth Fridley, who will look after the ticket sales, parking and grounds.

MISSIONARY TO SPEAK

Leonard McCulloch, returned Indian Missionary, will speak at the Community church Sunday morning at 11, filling Rev. Moberg's pulpit for the day.

He has recently returned from Mussoorie, India where he had been teacher in a school for children of missionaries for seven years. Mussoorie is in northern India with an elevation of 7000 feet although nearby river valleys are much lower. Rainfall is as high as 11 inches a night and in the monsoon season the steep hills, whereon natives grow wheat in terraces, are washed and eroded badly.

Rice is grown in the valleys where flooding is possible. Both Hindu and Mohammedan religions are practiced and some of the residents are of the bearded Sikh tribe, noted warriors.

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