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Senator Ernest Fatland To Speak Here Thursday, March 7

Senator Arthur Capper, who is something of a farmer as well as a newspaper publisher in Kansas, questions the efficacy of the "dark bread" program and the sincerity of those who promulgated it, and sold the idea to President Truman. The effect, he says, will not be to make available 25,000,000 more bushels of wheat but to create a shortage in livestock feed and add further confusion to the over-all food situation. Under standard milling practices 28 percent of the wheat ground comes out in the form of mill feed for animals. If the flour extraction is increased to 80 percent the mill feeds residue is reduced by nearly one third. Yet the number of animals, including poultry, is still an all-time high.

The Kansas senator believes that the consequent reduction in meat, dairy and poultry products may more than offset the promised saving in wheat. A more sensible solution, he believes (the senator is a prohibitionist) would be to reduce the allowance of wheat and other grains for making alcoholic beverages. Too much of our food and feed supplies, he asserts, are already being distilled and brewed into liquors and beer. Anyway, he quoted Secretary of Agriculture Anderson as saying the United States food commitments are greater than can be fulfilled. As to the sincerity of proponents of the dark bread program Senator Capper intimated that perhaps there may be a psychological angle back of it. In England, he said, 85 percent of the wheat is being turned into flour and perhaps, as the state department sees it, the English will be better satisfied with their lot, and with the contribution which the United States makes toward feeding them, if they know that the American people also are sacrificing in their eating habits. Further, this demand for sacrifice may condition the American people and members of congress for approval of the loan subsidies to Great Britain, Russia, France and other nations which expect to "get theirs" after the \$4,400,000,000 loan to Great Britain has been approved.

Back of these programs, Senator Capper said, is the intention to get congressional approval of extension of price and materials control for another year and to extend and increase consumer food subsidies through which the treasury is to help pay everybody's grocery bill and, incidentally, increase the number of federal employees who will be required to carry on these activities.

Elaborating on his previous statement that Great Britain is a large owner of American securities, Senator Moore of Oklahoma lists among securities held by the British government stocks and bonds of General Motors, American Locomotive, Radio Corporation of America, Standard Oil of New Jersey, Celanese corporation, U.S. Steel, Saconey Vacuum Oil Co., American Telephone & Telegraph Co. and others to a total of more than 190 having a market value in excess of \$500,000,000. These securities have been pledged with RFC to secure a loan of \$390,000,000 and Senator Moore believes Britain should sell them, repay the loan and use the balance before asking for a further loan from the United States.

Furthermore, Senator Moore insists that ownership of American securities by a foreign gov-

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Bob Christianson Moro Places 4th Given Up By Army Air Force Basketball Race

Mr and Mrs. Arthur B. Christiansen received word Wednesday from the army that further hope for the life of their son Robert K. Christiansen appeared futile and that his "missing in action" status had been terminated as of February 19, 1946.

According to the letter Lt. Christiansen, who was a bombardier, left Green Island, in the Solomons, on a B-24 Liberator April 6, 1944 for a bombing mission over Truk in the Caroline group. They were met by enemy fire and the plane on which Christiansen was bombardier was shot down over Uman Island, one of the Truk atolls. No trace has been found of the plane or its crew.

Robert Christiansen joined the army April 23, 1942 and after some months in the ordnance branch transferred to the air corps where he became a lieutenant and a bombardier. He had made 19 missions from South Pacific bases for which he was awarded the air medal and two oak leaf clusters.

Womans Club Puts New Curtains Up

The members of the Moro Women's club met at ten o'clock Friday morning, February 15. They sewed on new curtains for the club rooms until noon, when they enjoyed a delicious lunch. They continued sewing till two. A short business meeting was then held and two films were shown. The first was on the Bible. How it was preserved thru the years and how it is made today. The other was a picture on "Gray's Elegy". This was greatly enjoyed as the scenes were taken at the old church and surrounding country in England.

The next meeting will be held March 1st. The Art committee will be in charge of the program. All members are asked to bring their hobbies.

TRAFFIC TAKES MORE

The traffic toll for the nation in 1945 was estimated at 29,000 dead and more than a million injured, according to word received by Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell Jr., from the National Safety Council.

The yearly toll showed a 20 percent increase over the 1944 figure. At least half of the accidents occurred in the four months following the end of the war; August through November. Deaths during these four months showed a 41 percent increase over the same period last year. In contrast, the traffic death total for the first seven months of the year was only 1 percent greater than the same period of 1944. The month of November accounted for a 40 percent increase in traffic deaths over the same month last year.

Rev. Collins Will Speak on Japan At Grass Valley Baptist Church



REV. E. J. COLLINS

Starting March 10 at 11 a. m. the people of Grass Valley and Sherman county will have the unusual opportunity of hearing a man raised in South Africa, who has spent many years of his life living in Japan as a missionary. He will speak afternoon and evening.

Each week day through the 16th afternoon services will be held at 2:30 p. m. and again at 7:45 in the evening, Mr Collins speaking.

The Rev. Mr. Collins is a well known Bible teacher, missionary and the well loved pastor of the Carlton Baptist church.

Fifty-two years in Grass Valley that is the history of the First Baptist Church.

Moro Places 4th In District Basketball Race

Condon, Favorite Team,
Nosed Out By Taller Team
From Hood River

Moro represented Sherman county in the District 2 Basketball Tournament held in The Dalles last week and came home with fourth place.

Four games were played Thursday in which Maupin, Madras, Parkdale and St. Mary's were eliminated by Arlington, Odell, Condon, and Moro. Fridays games found Odell defeating Arlington in a thrilling overtime contest 23 to 17. The second game of the evening found Moro defeated by Condon by a 42-28 score.

Saturday night found Moro and Arlington playing for consolation honors and Odell and Condon playing the finals. Arlington easily defeated Moro 40-29. The final game proved to be the most thrilling of the tournament with Odell coming from behind in the second half to defeat Condon 31 to 27.

At the close of the tournament an All Star team was picked from all teams participating in the tournament. Keith Bayer was chosen from Moro.

Rufus Grange Has Party on Birthday

The Rufus Grange had a birthday party February 21 after the regular Grange meeting. Two decorated birthday cakes were bought by the Home Economics and served with the box lunches. Games were played until time for a wheel barrow party. That was when the ladies were seated in a wheel barrow with a sheet thrown over them, then auctioned off to the men for supper partners; the ladies having brought box lunches. Mrs Joe Morris was the auctioneer, Mrs George Fox ran the wheel barrow and Mrs Harland McDonald was secretary. This was a lot of fun and netted the Home Economics club, who was the sponsor of the party, a tidy sum.

INSURANCE DATE HERE

Crop insurance agents and AAA offices in Oregon spring wheat counties now are accepting applications for 1946 crop insurance. E. H. Miller, chairman of the state AAA committee, has announced.

Urging to sign their applications as soon as possible, Miller points out that spring wheat insurance must be applied for before the crop is seeded, and not later than March 16.

The 1946 winter wheat crops on 2700 Oregon farms in nineteen counties are protected by federal crop insurance against all risks except those due to negligence. At least 50 farms in a county must apply for insurance before the program becomes effective in that county.

GI RETURNS TO FIND HIMSELF "PIN-UP" IN RED CROSS POSTER



Pfc. Gordon Pyle, just back after nearly two years in the Pacific, finds his picture featured in the 1946 Red Cross fund campaign poster. Continued support for Red Cross community health and welfare programs and services to veterans, hospitalized men, and occupation troops will be asked in the drive which opens March 1. The photograph used in the poster was taken over a year ago in New Caledonia outside a hospital in which young Pyle was a patient.

Sherman County's Two Ships Hit Many Ports Since Launching

During the war years Sherman county had the honor of launching two ships from the Portland yards, both were on Oregon Ship. Excellence in E bond sales was the reason for this county being chosen in each instance. During the war it was impossible to obtain any information about the ships or what had become of them. That restriction has been lifted and the United States Maritime Commission has told the ports visited by both the William T. Sherman and the Fond Du Lac, and it is thus possible to gauge the job done by these vessels, both of which have an interest to Sherman countians.

The William T. Sherman, which was launched by Mrs P. J. O'Keefe in late November of 1942 with Mrs Alex McNab as matron of honor has called at 111 ports and was last reported at Yokohama, Japan.

During its time afloat it has spent much time in Alaskan waters calling often at Dutch Harbor, Unimak, Seattle, Sitka, Adak, Everett, Port Townsend, Cherno, Cold Bay, Women's Bay, Kodiak, Attu, Cordova and Yakutat. It was then sent to the south seas where it called at Pearl Harbor, Eniwetok, Ulithi, Kossol, Leyte, Hollandia, Manus, Okinawa, San Francisco, Eureka, Manila, Tokyo Bay, Nagoya and at Yokohama. At some of the ports, especially those in the north several halls were made at the same harbor. Apparently it was used to transport materials from the mainland to Alaska and the Aleutians.

The Fond Du Lac was launched early in October 1944 with Mrs G. L. French as sponsor and Mrs Bertha Dixon of Grant county and Mrs C. B. Pinkney of Morrow county as co-matrons.

After its shake down cruise from San Diego it called at San Francisco and then went to Espritu Safo, New Hebrides, Lunga Point, Hollandia, Leyte, Okinawa, Pearl Harbor, Eniwetok, Ulithi, Manila, Oro Bay, back to San Francisco and Seattle then to Sasebo, Japan, Guam, San Pedro, Tacloban and was in San Diego when last reported at the end of January.

The Fond Du Lac is a Victory ship that was designed as a troop transport and landing carrier.

OFFICE HELP NEEDED

The Oregon Merit System Council is again arranging to admit to March examinations prospective high school graduates with typing or shorthand training. The entire series of clerical positions has been opened for examinations, making this opportunity equally attractive for experienced persons capable of filling clerical administrative positions or being Hearing Stenographers. Salaries will range from \$100 to \$200 per month.

Veterans with supply or stock room experience will be particularly interested in the Stock Clerk and Stock Control positions. Military or naval experience related to the duties of the positions involved will be accepted as qualifying. Salaries in this group of positions range from \$115 to \$200 per month.

These positions offer the opportunity for career service with the state. All Merit System employees have such rights as ten ure, paid vacations, and sick leaves. Further, the retirement plan adopted by the last State legislature, providing for retirement allowances to all permanent State employees, represents a very real addition to the salaries paid.

Moisture Ahead Of Normal But February Low

First Tests Indicate Good
Absorption of Moisture
By Stubble Ground

Although the month of February was much drier than the average February the moisture that has fallen since September 1, when the crop year began is greater than the normal.

At the station 8.26 inches of moisture has been recorded in this crop year and the average or normal crop year precipitation for the first six months is 7.77 inches.

February has an average precipitation of 1.26 but the February just ended brought but .67 inch. The biggest shower of the month was Tuesday night when .25 fell. Other rains of the month were light affairs.

Because of the lack of heavy frost during the winter there is a feeling that actual moisture conditions may be better than the figures of precipitation indicate. This week Merrill Oveson, station superintendent, took some soil samples of the ridge land farmed by Harry Proudfoot and found an average of 14 percent moisture from two samples, one taken on steep ground and another on level land. The land is in stubble.

Sample Taken

These samples had 20 percent in the top foot, which dropped to 8 or less in the fifth and sixth foot. This shows very good moisture for stubble land considering the amount that has fallen since September 1.

Farmers generally are pleased with the wetness of their land and hope for a good year of wheat production. Many are already plowing summerfallow, not only in the north end but all over the county tractors are turning the soil for the 1947 crop. Those who did not seed last fall are busy putting grain in the ground. Others are taking it easier and there is going to be a wide divergence in starting time over the county.

Tax Turnover Gives Units Over \$7000.

The tax turnover for the second quarter of the tax year ending February 15, the sheriff's office paid to the treasurer \$7492.76 in taxes of which \$4979.96 was current taxes and the remainder delinquent taxes.

The city of Wasco will be happy to learn that it will receive \$632.78 from taxes delinquent since 1939 or prior, that being the largest amount that any taxing unit will receive for that period. The Wasco school district will get \$181.27 from the same tax payment.

There are no other surprising items on the list although most of the school districts will get sizeable sums from the turnover of current taxes, among the largest being the per capita school fund, enriched by \$758; Rufus \$313; Kent \$595; Moro \$749; Klondike \$287; Buckley \$266. Road district No. 1 (the county except the towns) will get \$896.

BAPTISTS AT GRASS VALLEY ORGANIZED 52 YEARS

On March 17 a great anniversary day is being planned to celebrate fifty-two years of Baptist history in Sherman county. In the morning the oldest living pastor will speak. While in the afternoon the history of the church will be presented in pageant form. Letters from those unable to be present will be read and expressions from others will be heard. All members present and past and all friends of the church who can are urged to bring their dinner and enjoy the day with us.