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Veterans are filling the mail bags of congress with complaints at the way in which surplus government property is being disposed. They assert, in short, that the veterans are being given the run-around, that wholesale and retail dealers, and junk dealers are purchasing items which the veterans want. When there is a sale, the veterans flock in numbers but too frequently when they bid, are informed, they are too late—the articles have been already sold. One of the particular complaints of veterans is that they cannot buy tractors, jeeps and automobiles or steam shovels. The demand, say the government officials, is greater than the supply. But there are also other items, such as doors, nails, windows and hardware for building. These too are out of circulation when the veterans file the numerous papers necessary to purchase.

There is a strong suspicion that certain firms are being favored; that they are friends of the disposing agencies and manage to obtain the coveted articles before the veterans have a chance to turn around. Or, again, when a veteran wants one or two particular items, he is told that these are sold in bulk and they go to the dealers instead of individuals. Congress doesn't know just what to do. Congress supposed it had arranged a perfect set-up for the disposal of surplus property but this bogged down when too many agencies insisted on handling their own surplus.

An inquiry is now under way to ascertain if the leaks and supposed favoritism can be stopped. Some of the state governments are also complaining, especially those which have no disposal agency. The state of Washington it is alleged, has been failing very well, while Oregon has been frozen out and the same with Idaho. As predicted last year, the disposal of surplus property may lead into a national scandal, and insofar as the veterans view the situation, the scandal is already beginning to appear.

A bill has been introduced which would provide the army engineers with funds and authority to contribute toward the support of schools in regions where there will be major projects, such as the McNary Dam, the dams on Snake River, etc. Local school districts cannot provide for the children of workers on these projects and a little government assistance is proposed.

The scientists who worked on Manhattan Project (code name for the atomic bomb experiment), are insisting that atomic energy be used for peaceful purposes and not military. The scientists, having to work under the army. They say that in pure science there should be no restrictions and anything that one scientist discovers should be made available to all others in the profession, regardless of nationality. This exchange of information was the common practice prior to 1942 when it was discovered how to crack the atom. Since then, all of the experimenting has been a top secret in the United States, Britain and Canada. They assert that the "secret" of the atom bomb is in knowing how to cause the fissure. The main secret of the Hiroshima bomb was in devising the machinery at Richland, Washington, and in the means taken to protect the experimenters during

Snell's Speech Drawing Interest Of All Citizens

A large crowd is expected to gather at the school house Friday night when Governor Earl Snell comes to speak before the organization meeting of the Sherman County Historical society. Many have already expressed an intention to attend.

Although the historical society was formed by the elders of the county, neither it, nor the meeting, is to be exclusive in the least. Any one is welcome to come and all are invited. While the governor's talk will be on historical matters partially, he will have time to discuss general topics if he so desires.

Seats are being arranged for the entire gymnasium floor in the expectancy that there will be a capacity crowd.

Mrs Earl Richelderfer Speaks To Club

The Wasco Women's Friday Study club met at the home of Mrs Tracy Fields for a delightful afternoon on March 15, 1946.

The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute and a short business meeting took place after which roll was called, each member responding with a current event or some subject of interest.

Mrs Earl Richelderfer reviewed the circular, "The British Loan and What It Means to Us" by Fred M. Vinson, Secretary of the Treasury and Dean Acheson, acting Secretary of State. This was of great interest for it gave different sides of the much discussed loan to Britain. A review on the book "Now That April's Here" by Daisy Neuman was also given by Mrs Earl Richelderfer. This story of English children who had been sent to the United States to live during the war, their return to their native land, family and friends proved to be interesting and enjoyable.

After the meeting was adjourned refreshments were served by the hostess.

Moro Women Hear Of Australia, Mexico

The members of the Moro Women's club enjoyed one of the most interesting programs of the year Friday. The committee on International Relations, Mrs E. Anderson and Mrs J. D. Moberg, presented the program. A short business meeting was conducted by Mrs Lewis McKee. The members then sang, "A Wearing of the Green."

To create a "South of the Border" atmosphere Miss Trousseau played "Estrellita" and "La Paloma". Mrs Amidon introduced Mrs Opal Parkins who gave a most interesting account of her recent trip to Old Mexico. She brought with her several Mexican articles which the women enjoyed examining. The talk made us all want to visit our southern neighbors.

Mrs Nina Pinkerton and Mrs Mrs J. D. Moberg sang "Waltzing Matilda". They were accompanied by Mrs Carroll Sayrs who explained that the song was an Australian folk song. She also gave the meaning of native words used in the song.

Mrs Lloyd Henrichs, who arrived this winter from Australia to join her husband, told of its discovery and early settlers. The native birds, animals and people were described. The entire talk was given in a delightful manner and was much enjoyed by every one.

The meeting closed with the song, "Blue Bells of Scotland."

The next meeting will be held Thursday, April 4. All members are asked to bring a guest. Special speakers have been invited.

SCS Starts Tree, Shrub Experiment At Station

Soil Conservation, Home
Beautification, Wind
Breaks Purpose of Project

A new experiment has been started on the station, one fathered by the Soil Conservation service nursery branch. Purpose is to find the best kind of shrubs and trees that will grow in an area such as this and provide home beautification and wind breaks while also preventing erosion of the soil.

A similar experiment is on trial at Prosser and Lind, in Washington.

The land just north of the station barn is being used. The lots where the hog feeding experiment was tried is now covered with tiny trees with winter wheat sown between the rows to keep down weeds. The water course has been seeded to wheat grass and sheep feces, both erosion preventers.

In the sections of the plot are some for deciduous trees, Black Locust, White Ash, Green Ash, and Black Walnut. The Evergreen section contains Ponderosa Pine, Austrian Pine, Scotch Pine, Blue Spruce and Douglas Fir.

Among the intermediate shrubs are Russian Olive, Mulberry, American Plum, Wild Crab and Sumac. Low growing Evergreens are several kinds of Junipers dwarf, common, western. Utah, Cherrystone and there is Rocky mountain Cedar.

Of the smaller shrubs there is Caragana, Southwood, Bladder Senna, Mock Orange, Russian Honeysuckle, French Tamarix and Cinquefoil.

Not all of these have been planted but the remainder are on the way and will be growing before the end of spring.

Bill Close Resigns As Bank Manager

W. H. Close, who has been manager of the Sherman County Branch, First National bank since Merle Becket moved to Lakeview, has resigned from that institution to enter the trucking business in Seattle. It is understood that Mr Becket will return to Moro after a month or two and that the managerial post will be filled by an interim appointment until the time when the Becketts can return.

Mr Close has served the bank here on two occasions, the first being in a bookkeeping position, the second as manager. He is leaving in a few days for his new place.

Early Eaters Appoint Program Committee

Appointment of a committee to arrange a program for the visit of the Moro Breakfast club to the Kiwanis club of The Dalles April 18, occupied over an hour of executive committee time Tuesday. With the result that the problem was given to a club committee named by President Wright. Committee members are R. B. Roberson, Vernon Platt and Merrill Oveson. Named to office to fill vacancies were J. K. McKean vice president, R. E. Marvin as secretary and Robert A. Boynton to fill the executive committee post vacated by J. K. McKean.

Ernest Woods, Recreation chairman, reported for his committee, advocating a soft ball team, a club picnic in June, reported an investigation of possibilities of a soap box derby, favored a swimming pool available for year around use and asked that the club prepare to sponsor a Boy Scout troop.

From Here and There Over The County; About People You Know

The pastime at Rufus, owned by Dorsey Miller, was broken into Monday night and between \$50 and \$60 in nickels was taken from the music machine and from the counter. The thieves broke open the door to enter. Sheriff Fields was called and state police and preliminary investigation was made of the crime.

Mr and Mrs Art Bibby took her father, O. M. Fraley, to a hospital in The Dalles Monday.

Mr and Mrs Bud Brinkert had as their guests several days last week her uncle and aunt, Mr and Mrs Charles Hinchshaw and son, Leslie, of Nashville, Oregon and her brother, Fred Crowley Jr., of Monmouth. They returned to their homes Friday accompanied by Mrs Fred Crowley of Monmouth who spent several weeks here with her daughter, Mrs Bud Brinkert.

Mr and Mrs Ralph Busse and daughter of Moro came up Saturday to spend the week end with relatives.

The Annie Fulton Chapter No. 124 O.E.S. held a stated communication March 12th. Nine charter members were presented with a scroll containing the minutes of the first meeting and other interesting items. A birthday cake with candles was served after the meeting.

Mr and Mrs Bell Olds went to Portland Tuesday for several days on business.

Mr and Mrs Kenneth Blau of Portland spent a few days last week with Mrs Blau's parents, Mr and Mrs Dan McDermid.

Mr and Mrs George Buck of Grants Pass were weekend guests at the home of Mr and Mrs T. Buck.

Mr and Mrs Art Bibby and son, Stephen, went to Portland on business for several days.

Mr and Mrs W. R. Reid and Mr and Mrs W. E. Reid were dinner guests at the home of Mr and Mrs Howard Conlee Sunday.

L. L. Peetz was taken to the hospital Tuesday with a very bad cold that has been bothering him for some time, and which now needs some inside treatment. Instead of grader riding.

The Junior League of the Methodist church held a St. Patrick's party in the church basement Friday evening. Refreshments were served after several games had been played.

Rev. and Mrs F. L. Cannell attended the Methodist church Bible Study club in Grass Valley Thursday.

Edward Esdalle and his mother, Mrs Esdalle, of Portland brought Mrs Frances Bibby up Saturday from Cornelius to visit at the home of her sons, Art and Joe, Mr Esdalle and his mother returned to the city Wednesday.

Visitors to The Dalles Monday were Mr and Mrs Cannell, Mrs Van Gaasbeck, Mrs Macheel, Mrs Harry Proudfoot and boys.

Kendrick Dunlap and Roger Haynes came up from Carlton Saturday to spend the week end with Mr and Mrs A. A. Dunlap. They brought Sharon Cantrall home after spending several weeks visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr and Mrs Kendrick Dunlap.

Arzell Lemley left Monday for Portland to visit his wife who is ill at the Good Samaritan hospital.

Mr and Mrs Ronald S. Macnao have moved from their wheat ranch north of Wasco to The Dalles where they have purchased a home. Their son, Stuart and wife are now residing on the ranch.

Mr and Mrs A. A. Dunlap and Mr and Mrs Arch Cantrall and children were guests at the home of Mr and Mrs Vern Mobley at Shaniko Sunday.

Al Fox was a business visitor in The Dalles Monday.

Mrs A. A. Dunlap, Mrs C. P. Anderson, Mrs Ed Alley and Mrs John Block were business visitors in The Dalles Thursday.

Selective Service Boards Receive Awards

Selective service officials of Sherman county, along with those from Hood River, Wasco, Gilliam, Wheeler and Morrow, met as guests of The Dalles Chamber of Commerce Thursday night to receive congressional medals for their uncompensated service during the war. Attending from Sierma county were Willy W. Knuth, George H. Wilcox, Ryland O. Scott, Giles L. French and George Updegraff.

The program, which was broadcast over KODL, included music by The Dalles high school pupils, a welcome by F. M. Sexton, president of the chamber, a tribute from the counties by Judge C. D. Nickleson of Hood River, a tribute from the cities by Giles L. French of Moro, a talk on the selective service system by Col. E. V. Wooten, the presentation of awards by Governor Snell and a response by Harold Hersanner of Hood River. O. D. Martin, presided.

Club Boys Have Heavy Calves

Club boys and girls have been feeding calves since last fall, are from some of the weights discovered by County Agent Wright, when on his rounds with his scales, must have done a high pressure job. Calves that weigh 700 pounds at this time of year will be big beef by show time this fall.

Edwin Balsiger has two Angus that weigh 628 and 632; Alfred Kock has two Herefords weighing 510 and 632 and a Shorthorn weighing 612; Duane and Merle Eakin have seven Shorthorns whose weights are 364, 448, 475, 488, 584, 536, 636.

Dick Oveson has an Angus weighing 622, and a Shorthorn weighing 522 and Steven Oveson has a Hereford weighing 674. David Wright's Herefords weigh 706 and 638. Terry Bucholtz's Shorthorns weigh 739 and 578, his Angus 556 and his Hereford 477. The Fritts boys have nine calves on feed, Scott's Hereford weighing 545, his Shorthorn 719, his Angus 590; Ed's Herefords weigh 515, 744 and 581, his Shorthorn 667 and his Angus 547. Doran's Hereford weighs 539.

Altogether there are 78 calves on feed in Sherman county, some of the larger ones probably are destined for the state fair.

Items About Sherman Countians

C. J. Kulick arrived last Monday from Camp Beale, California having received his discharge. He held the rank of sergeant.

Mr and Mrs Dean Reynolds left Saturday for Lewiston, Idaho to spend the week end visiting at the home of Mr and Mrs J. W. Shepard.

Norman Summerfield with the engineers landed in New Jersey March 12 from Germany and expects to be home soon to visit his mother, Mrs Al Fox.

Ted Ball, Harold Eakin, Milard Eakin and son, Duane, attended the Hereford and Shorthorn sale at Spokane, Washington last week. Mr Ball visited his daughter, Mrs Dick Bailey, while there.

Mrs Bert Belshe came up from The Dalles Friday to spend the week end visiting her parents. Mr and Mrs Ben Payne.

Mrs Cliff Fridley entered The Dalles hospital last week.

George Scott, brother of Mrs Henry Barnum is here visiting his sister following his discharge from the army. He expects to return to the family home in northern Missouri.

Mr and Mrs James Noonan have bought the Hazel Woods house owned by Lot Rust and will move in soon.

Wheat Shipments Reducing Huge Storage Stock

Japan and China Getting
Most of Grain Shipped From
Portland, Say Exporters

Wheat has been rolling out of the elevators and warehouses of the Moro Grain Growers as fast as cars can be filled and it is likely that 200 cars will be shipped this month, a matter of some 375,000 bushels.

The Wasco and Grass Valley houses are nearly empty, it is reported, and Moro is now furnishing the grain for the shipments. It is expected that by the time the harvest of 1946 arrives the elevators of the county will be nearly empty for the first time in years. The warehouses, converted over to bulk storage, will also be empty, perhaps forever.

The problem of grain storage was a serious one all during the war when wheat backed up in the country to fill every elevator and flat house, and cause farmers to buy and build storage space in quantities.

Now the world is short of wheat and the back-log of long stored wheat is moving down the tracks towards the sea and into the hungry stomachs of our recent enemies. A large part of the grain that is being shipped from Portland is going to Japan and China, according to exporters. The army of occupation in Japan is taking it to feed the citizens there and prevent starvation. The Chinese are also getting some of it.

A part of the grain from the northwest has gone to Italy and north Africa, whose people were both enemies and allies.

Grass Valley Baptists Have Anniversary

The Grass Valley Baptist church celebrated its 52nd anniversary last Sunday, March 17 with a program featuring old timers who reminisced on times long ago.

The church was founded in 1894 by early day churchmen, including the Heaths, Baileys, Scotts, Rev F. E. Henton, remembered by many still living here was the first minister. Others long gone were Everett Hicks and S. Bailey.

Music consisted of piano and vibraharp selections by Mrs Orville Ruggles and Mrs Elva Coffer; greetings from Rev. J. D. Moberg of Moro and Rev F. L. Cannell of Wasco, vocal duet by Mrs Audrey Vaughn and Mrs Ivan Blagg, a song by Mrs Elton Eakin and a solo by Rev. Howard Schilling.

Mrs W. D. Wallan of Moro, teacher of music in the old Baptist Academy at Grass Valley, told of early times and Mrs Roy Baker recalled other events of those days. Mrs Oscar Ruggles read a poem dedicated to the occasion and Mr Schilling gave the anniversary sermon.

New carpets and furniture had been installed for the occasion and flowers made the church cheery. Old friends had a fellowship dinner in the Sunday school rooms.

NEW AGENT NAMED

James Macpherson, Field Representative for the State Unemployment Compensation Commission, took over the upper eastern Oregon territory beginning with the week of March 18. He will maintain headquarters at The Dalles where he may be reached through the local office of the U.S.E.S. During his first trip through the territory, he will be accompanied by W. L. Fowler, Principal Field Auditor.

Mr Macpherson's territory will include Wheeler, Crook, Jefferson, Sherman, Gilliam, Hood River, Deschutes and Wasco counties.