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President Truman's insistence on supporting his program of "full employment" is failing on days in congress. Here is the reason: On VJ day the Federal Manpower Commission predicted that in three months (Nov. 15) the unemployed in the United States 3,000,000 in the third quarter and might exceed 5,000,000. Other government agencies estimated 6,300,000 in the fourth quarter of 1945. Then Sidney Hilman predicted that there would be 10,000,000 unemployed last fall. Official estimates now show that there are less than 3,000,000 unemployed and many of that number were unemployed because they wanted to be, and we have just passed through winter. All of the guessers proved to be wrong. The full employment bill calls for the president to predict 18 months ahead what the unemployment load will be and to arrange for government works to provide jobs. The agencies and people on whom Mr. Truman must look for advice in this matter were 200 percent wrong when they made a guess into the future of only seven months and less. Most of the members of congress are wondering how the had guessers, who missed the mark by a mile, can forecast what the unemployment will be in September, 1947. Full employment is approved in theory by all of the lawmakers but they realize that in practice there is no such animal. Despite this record of prophecies which disclosed that the federal agencies cannot forecast with any degree of accuracy, the administration continues applying pressure on congressmen.

It would appear that the entire congress—435 representatives and 96 senators—are looking forward to a grand junket (to be paid for by the American taxpayers); a trip to the Pacific to watch the explosion when an atomic bomb is dropped over scores of vessels which are called surplus. This is not correct, although the "Crossroads" (code name for the experiment) has postponed the date because congress will be too busy in May to attend and the fireworks has been scheduled for July. As a matter of fact, there are many members of congress who are protesting against the experiment and have asserted that they will not go as witnesses. Representative Vinson, of the House Naval Affairs Committee, has announced that any member who wishes to make the trip will be welcome and that this invitation extends to such representatives of unpress as can be assigned by their papers. Probably not one-half of the house members have any desire to make the trip and not 50 percent of the senators. The cost of transporting hundreds of congressmen and of providing them with accommodations and food will run into a substantial sum. There has been no decision yet about permitting military observers of foreign nations to make the journey, but it is some thing that every nation is interested in. From statements of the Navy Department, observers will be so far from the explosion that all they will learn is the effect. There will be no way of gaining any information as to the size of the bomb nor how it is made.

In the postwar three year program of the Rural Electrification Administration the Pacific Northwest fares reasonably well. For

VFW Auxiliary Inaugurates Unit At Big Meeting

Sherman County Post No. 5022 V.F.W. was host last Friday evening to a district meeting of the V.F.W. and the Ladies' Auxiliary. Delegates were present from Bend, Prineville, Madras, Redmond, The Dalles, Hood River, and Bonneville. V.F.W. officers present were Dept. Senior Vice Commander E. C. Mead, Dept. Jr. Vice-Commander Francis Gates, Dept. Service Officer G. O. Pike, Dept. Qm. Adjutant Fred B. Corn, District No. 12 Comm. W. Ray Cooper presided. Lt. Col. George E. Sandy of the State Selective Service Board was present and talked about Surplus Property and the G. I. Loan.

Post 5028's auxiliary was instituted by Dept. Marie Dama, Portland and District President Lois Eldredge, Prineville. Due to illness there were not enough Post auxiliary officers present to have installation and this ceremony was indefinitely postponed. Prineville sent the largest number of delegates (33). Lunch was served at a late hour to 135 people at the I.O.O.F. hall.

Wm. Rudolf Buried At White Salmon

Many Sherman county relatives and friends went to White Salmon, Wash., Wednesday to attend the funeral of William Rudolf, who died at Kelso, Wash., Sunday after a long illness.

Mr Rudolf was born in Germany 81 years ago and lived in the east before coming to Oregon where he married Eva Hennagen and moved to Moro. He operated a confectionery store here for a number of years. He built the Moro hall while here.

He moved to White Salmon in 1911 and has lived in that state since, being janitor of the school there and boatman on Northwest Lake for years. He learned English by his own efforts after his arrival in this country.

Second Armoured To Be Filled

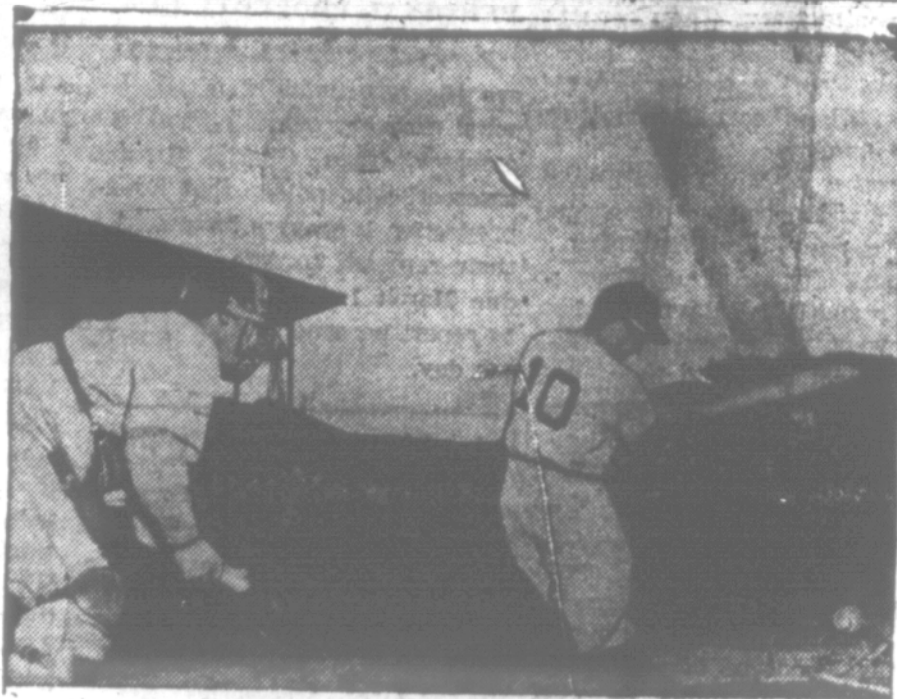
The second armored division fondly known as "Hell on Wheels", the division which fought from North Africa through Sicily, Italy, and on into France and Germany; and is now stationed at Camp Hood, Texas has openings for men who have had previous experience in the armored forces.

Any man who has had any service with an armored force may now enlist for service for any period of time with the second armored division presently located at Camp Hood, Texas.

Capt. William H. Seigle, commanding officer of The Dalles district, U. S. Army recruiting service, stated that every effort will be made to expedite the enlistment of those personnel who desire to enlist for service with the second armored division. For complete and full information, he suggests that you contact your local army recruiting office at the civic auditorium in The Dalles.

MRS. DOROTHY BAKER WEDS MEDFORD MAN

Mrs Dorothy Baker, daughter of Mr and Mrs John T. Johnson of Wasco, was united in marriage to Mr. Victor L. Larson of Medford, Oregon, by the Rev. F. L. Cannell, at the home of her parents, Saturday evening March 30. The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs Ted W. Proudfoot of Spokane, Wash., and her brother, John T. Johnson of Portland, acted as best man. Also present were the bride's brother and sister in law, Mr and Mrs F. Harland Johnson of Dayton, Wash., and Mrs Cannell.



TRAINING IN PANAMA . . . New York Yanks start their grind to prepare for the coming season in sunny Panama. This is the first time that a big league team has trained in Central America. Phil Rizzuto is shown as he unlimbers his club. The McCarthy men are being treated like visiting potentates in the Canal Zone, as evidenced by the remarkable receptions. Other teams have scattered to the four winds for their training period.

Club Votes To Sponsor League Baseball Team

The Moro Breakfast club listened to a review of the local school situation by Ray Jewel Wednesday morning, when the principal told of the problems that beset one in his position who must try to arrange time for all studies and all activities into a limited day.

Wily Knighten, of the education committee, said that school costs could be materially reduced if grades were educated at Grass Valley and Wasco and the high school in Moro. Figures were presented to show a saving of some 10 to 15 percent. No program was adopted to further this step.

Discussion of baseball and joining the Wheat League resulted in a decision to enter that league if aid could be obtained from Grass Valley and if the field there could be used. Name of the team would depend on the location of the players, most of whom would be expected to come from farther south.

The committee for the April 18 trip to The Dalles reported that George Updegraff would be the speaker for that occasion.

Fishermen Get First Try-Out April 20

Opening day of the general trout season for the state will be Saturday, April 20, and not April 13, it is announced by the Oregon State Game Commission. Inquiries received at the game department office indicate that many anglers are under the erroneous impression that the earlier date prevails. Printing difficulties have delayed issuance of the official synopsis of the angling regulations but it is hoped that distribution can be started soon to all license agencies. Until the April 20 opening, coastal waters are closed to all angling for trout, regardless of size. The season is open, however, for salmon and steelhead twenty inches or more in length.

Company Will Help Farmers Move

To help prevent accidents on the farm, R. P. Brisbane, Pacific Power & Light company local manager at Moro, has offered the services of company crews again this year to farmers who must cross under the company's lines with hay derricks.

Brisbane said a request in advance, by either telephone or mail will bring a P.P. & L. Co. service man who will either raise electric wires or deaden the line temporarily until the derrick is clear of power circuits.

The company makes no charge for the service.

Wasco Council Considering New Power Franchise

The Wasco city council passed a new Pacific Power & Light franchise through two readings last Monday night and every expectation is that it will be approved at a later meeting. Feature of the new contract between the city and the power company is that the city is to receive 2 percent of the gross revenues obtained within the city limits. Right of purchase and right of enforced competition are permitted.

No decision was reached on the matter of closing an alley east of McPherson street as not all preparations had been made. Discussion was had about the proposition on which to put the work to be done with money obtained from the state highway commission. Davis street, east of Clark, was favored but decision was delayed.

Irrigators Have Lots Of Stored Moisture

The best early prospects for ample irrigation water for Oregon in many years is forecast in the first report of the Soil Conservation service and O.S.C. Experiment station on snow surveys and related data as of early February.

The snow in the mountains was so abundant at that time and reservoir storage so well along that the prediction was made that adequate water supplies are assured even though remaining snow in February and March should be deficient.

Mountain snow cover is considerably above average on all snow courses in Oregon with no exceptions. This uniformly good condition is in itself unusual over such a large area. Normal or above normal additions to the snow supply will produce stream flow comparable to 1943 when flood danger existed in a number of water-sheds.

Soil on the watersheds under the snow is generally well saturated and not frozen, another favorable factor indicating sustained runoff from the spring snow pack. Valley precipitation throughout the state is also generally above normal for the period since October 1, the single exception being the Willows area where a slight deficiency existed on February 1.

Reservoir storage was reported 46 percent ahead of last year at this time and 15 percent above normal for the date. While it was not quite up to the 1943 total for the start of February, more than half of Oregon's reservoirs were half full or better. Ochoa, which quickly reflects poor "water years", already had 36,940 acre feet stored against a capacity of 46,000 and a total last year at the same date of only 1140 acre feet.

Committee Says Farmers Want Weed Control

Court Asked To Provide Means To Combat Weed Menace This Year

An urgent request that the county court take action to enforce the provisions of the weed law was made upon them at the April court session, when the members of the county AAA committee met with them.

Spokesman was Kenneth Fridley, who was chairman of the committee that earlier in the year voted for strict enforcement. Wallace May, chairman, O. G. Hilderbrand and Russell Belshee also appeared.

The visitors were confident that the farmers were anxious that the law be enforced now in order to prevent the further seeding of noxious weeds, and that federal aid was not acceptable unless efforts were made to enforce the law.

Joe Peters stated that the cost should be borne by the owner of the weeds and not by the general property owner, and that the pay of the inspector and the cost of the treatment should be levied against the land treated. The committee agreed.

Judge Wilson demurred to the proposal saying that the weed control budget was exhausted and that no more funds would be available until July 1, and that the six percent limitation might restrict the budget committee.

Although no decision was made at the April session it was understood that the weed law will be enforced after some further study has been made of the law and a man has been found to be the inspector.

Bills were paid and appeals of Irving Hart, Dewey Thompson and Ernest Woods about road matters were granted.

What Costs to Include Affects Percentage

Considerable confusion continues over the so-called "farmers' share of the consumers' food dollar" says L. R. Breithaupt, O.S.C. extension agricultural economist. This is not strange, he adds, because of the complicated production and marketing processes between the land and the table that are not too generally understood.

These production and marketing processes involve costs, of course. Owing to these costs, the net income that remains available to the farm families is only a fraction of national consumer expenditures for food, amounting to about 25 percent last year. In 1944, United States consumers spent slightly over 30 billion dollars for food. But 50 percent of the total retail cost of food was required to pay processing and marketing charges. Thus gross farm receipts were 50 percent of this farmer's production expenses must be deducted.

The net farm income from marketing food products was approximately 50 percent of the gross farm income was required to pay farm operation expenses that year.

Usually production expenses amount to more than 50 percent of the gross farm income. According to the data for Oregon, the 1939 ratio was 63 percent while in 1929 61 percent of the gross went for expenses. Over a period of normal years in the past, both marketing and production expenses took greater proportions of the consumers' food dollar than in 1944, leaving less net for farm family income.

Church Holds Annual Meeting; Names Selectors

The annual meeting of the congregation of the Moro Presbyterian church was held Sunday afternoon, March 31, following a pot luck dinner.

Mrs Edna Melzer and Mrs Florence Johnston were elected as superintendent and assistant superintendent of the Sunday school. Harry Pinkerton was re-elected to the board of Trustees. A budget totaling \$4300.00 was adopted. A Pulpit committee authorized to locate and recommend a suitable pastor to serve the church and community was elected. Members of the committee are Dewey Thompson, Russell Belshee, Theodore Johnston, Mrs Helen Sayre, Mrs Pauline Douma, Mrs Abbie Melzer, Ray Jewel, Irving Hart and Harry Pinkerton.

The aid of Dr. O. L. Walters, Presbyterian executive of Portland, has been requested in this work.

Soft Ball Players Get Field Ready

The recreation committee of the Moro Breakfast club, Ernest Woods, chairman, spent a part of Sunday putting the field in shape for soft ball by erecting a backstop and putting the bases around in place. Some equipment was found although the club gave it away once. Next Sunday it is expected that many of the younger members and some of the elders will be out for the first practice session which is expected to make it possible to choose a team for competition with other towns.

Baseball Planning Parley Due Tonight

A meeting will be held at the Grass Valley Correctionary Friday night April 5, for the purpose of determining whether there are enough baseball players in the south end of the county to make a suitable showing in the Wheat League. Ernest Woods and Paul Goddard will be in charge of the meeting.

Oregon Farmers Helping Starving

Oregon farmers are called upon by E. Harvey Miller, Oregon director of the field service branch, USDA Production and Marketing administration, to do their part in helping relieve the critical world food situation by making every effort to attain 1946 farm production goals.

Citing the tremendous demands on American food to prevent mass starvation in war-devastated countries, the Oregon P.M.A. director asked that production machinery on Oregon's farms and ranches be kept in high gear for another year to meet the 1946 goals. For commodities which still can be affected by spring plantings, the goals call for 3 percent more wheat than in 1945, 25 percent more corn, 10 percent more oats, 7 percent more barley, 3 percent more hay, 16 percent fewer potatoes and the same acreage of sugar beets as last year.

Stock or People

In connection with livestock and poultry goals, Miller said that it's a question of whether to feed record numbers of livestock and poultry in this country or to feed starving people abroad. Largely because feed supplies are being used as relief food, producers are asked to reduce beef cattle numbers by 4 percent, to increase marketings; raise 15 percent fewer turkeys and 8 percent fewer chickens, and hold dairy cow numbers and pigs raised at about the 1945 level.

Moisture Better Than Average As Spring Begins

Better Than Average Crop Probable If Conditions Normal Until Harvest

The quantity of moisture in Sherman county soil is the most important factor in the quantity of the crop harvested each summer. This year the moisture is good and farmers may plan on a crop that is satisfactory, always presuming that the season will be normal from now until harvest.

Normally at this time of year when the first soil moisture samples are taken the tester finds 13.2 percent of moisture in the six feet of soil examined, presuming that nothing stops his tube in its downward descent. For May plowing he will find 13.0 percent and for the June plowing he will find 12.7 percent. The overall is almost exactly 13.0 percent of moisture.

This year the tester, M. M. Oveson, found more. On April plowing on the station there was 14.0 percent, on May plowing 14.4 percent and on good June plowing 13.0 and on poor June plowing 11.4 percent.

Fields Wet

Tests were also made in the north end of the county and tests will be run on lands farther south before long.

On the Esta Powell place west of town 16.0 percent of moisture was found, on Gordon ridge where Proudfoot farms there was 14.7, at Pat Kaseberg's 14.8 and on the Proudfoot Barnett farm 14.8.

Across to the Klondike country the Potter farm, (Deaton) had 15.5 percent in the five foot test. W. E. Bruckert's had 14.1.

Across the road west from the Monkiand school the tube had 13.9 percent and on Orlov Martin's place 13.9.

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Give Up Guns, Says Treasury Department

The U. S. Treasury gives notice that "it is mandatory" that all fire-arms of the automatic type (those that fire a number of shots at a single pull of the trigger) must be turned in to the Bureau of Internal Revenue. L. Dene Hickman, at the Court House in Portland.

Provisions of the national fire-arms act make it necessary that such arms be rendered unserviceable as a matter of public safety. Tax on their transfer is \$200. If they are desired as war trophies they may be retained after being made useless as fire-arms.

April Recruiting Month For Army

April has been declared to be Army Recruiting month by proclamation of Governor Earl Snell and special efforts will be made to acquaint young men with the advantages of army life this month. Sgt. A. C. Jones, new recruiter of The Dalles, was here Wednesday. Sgt. Sheehan has been discharged and returned to his native state of Maine.