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A column of news

About Government, Politics and People with especial emphasis on the Northwest

Congressmen, contractors and veterans are complaining about the exportation of lumber to foreign countries. A survey of the exports of 1945 has been made and the Department of Commerce declares that while CPA set foreign requirements at one million board feet, the actual exports were down to 375 million board feet. For the first nine months of 1945, the exports were 269 million board feet, but in that same period the lumber imports (chiefly from British Columbia) amounted to 742 million feet, or practically twice the amount of lumber brought into the United States as was shipped out.

The total amount of lumber requested by foreign countries for 1946 is over four billion feet but this has been screened to a billion and a quarter board feet by Civilian Production Administration.

It observes the Department of Commerce, between 8000 and 10,000 board feet of lumber are used for a dwelling unit, the construction lumber shipped overseas last year would be sufficient for between 13,000 and 16,500 houses. It has been estimated that 35 percent of the lumber shipped last year was hardwood, a type of lumber that goes into railroad, shipbuilding and furniture and tool handles with little going into home construction. An additional 35 percent is in timber size, not suitable for home building but for heavy construction, such as docks, canal locks, factory construction, mining, petroleum and repair of war damage.

Sawmills in the Douglas fir region (the Pacific northwest) are in many instances only equipped to produce lumber sizes usually demanded for export. If such exports be frozen these mills might be forced to shut down or at least curtail operations since they cannot easily produce the domestic grades of lumber. These are tidewater mills located on Puget Sound and the Columbia river and a few harbors in Washington and Oregon.

Add GI gripes. The "Amvets" are again kicking against the "officers only" policy of the Veterans Administration, as they see it. They claim that in questionnaires there is insistence upon stating the rank the veteran held in the army. This, they contend, is to enable someone to pick out for the jobs—the better paid jobs at least—men who have held officers' commissions during the war and to by-pass the "non-coms and buck privates" who are becoming very touchy about the "caste" system and in this regard they call the Pentagon building headquarters for the West Point Protective Association. West Point is also a target because the beginning of the caste system starts there as soon as a youngster is introduced as a kay-det. By the time a youth graduates from West Point he is a gentleman and an officer but he has it instilled into him that privates, etc., are inferior persons.

It became the practice of foreign diplomats when they presented their papers to President Roosevelt to hand him a package, a collection of the stamps of their respective countries. This gave Roosevelt a great edge over

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FLORIDA BIRDS WELCOME "MRS. WINNIE" ... Vacationing in Miami with her distinguished husband, Mrs. Winston Churchill, wife of Britain's wartime prime minister, enjoys a session with the glamorous denizens of Sherr's parrot jungle. She is surrounded by macaws and cockatoos, which are not in the least timid or awed by the gracious lady. Her husband is spending most of his time with his hobby, oil painting.

Questions and Answers About Veteran Opportunities

The Sherman County Journal will run, as a service to veterans, a column of questions most frequently asked of the Veterans Administration. For further information veterans may apply to the local veteran office.

Q. I have a claim for a disability pension. Can I obtain medical care from the Veterans administration before the claim is acted upon and my pension granted?

A. You may obtain medical care from the Vets Adm. for the disability for which you are seeking service connection before your claim is adjudicated, providing that the medical records on file indicate a probability of service connection and that there exists an urgent need for treatment. To avail yourself of this service you must have prior approval from your regional office.

Q. As a result of the decentralization in the Vets Adm. can I now send my insurance payment to the branch office at Seattle?

A. Not yet. At present, all administrative matters except insurance and death claims are handled at the branch office. However, when insurance records have been moved from the central office, probably in July, payment will be sent to Seattle.

Q. What is the purpose of vocational rehabilitation?

A. To restore employability lost by virtue of a handicap due to disability incurred in, or aggravated by service.

Q. Where can I go to get a GI loan?

A. Money may be borrowed at any place in the community that people normally go to secure a loan—any bank, other lending agency or an individual who is capable of servicing the loan.

Q. What rating is a veteran

required to make in a civil service examination in order to be rated eligible?

A. Veterans entitled to a five point preference need make only 65 earned points to attain the minimum rating of 70 which is required for placement upon the eligible list. Those with ten point points.

Q. I am eligible for 24 months of training under the GI Bill. Can I use nine months to complete my high school course and the remaining 15 months in pursuit of some trade?

A. Yes. However, you would have to obtain a new certificate of entitlement following completion of high school, so you could present it to the institution where you take the remaining 15 months training.

Q. My son died in service in World War II. I have received \$1000 of his back pay, etc., and there is \$350 more due but I am told that I must probate his estate to get it. Is this true?

A. Not now. A new law has changed the old one. Probate of his estate is no longer required. The balance will be paid you as his parent if he left no wife or children.

In Other Days

From the Observer, April 12, 1907
May 3rd the schooner of Wasco, Moro, Grass Valley and Kentintiate local declamatory contests for selection of speakers for the county contest.

Leslie L. Bell proved up on his homestead Monday before H. S. McDaniel, clerk.

The Steamer Telephone has been chartered for the run between Portland and Dufur City.

From the Observer, April 13, 1917
There is a well defined rumor that Moro is to have another bank in the near future and that nearly all the needed \$25,000 has been subscribed.

The Lou Peetz caterpillar plow struck a rock Friday and sprung a beam so it had to be straightened at Foss' shop.

Wasco business men have incorporated to build a new \$30,000 concrete hotel at that place.

From the Observer, April 15, 1927
Mr. and Mrs. Ormond Hilderbrand are parents of a son born to them at their place east of Wasco Sunday.

The highway crew is oiling the highway again and everything is going, for sure.

Charles Ruggles and Emma Jean Stephens will represent the first year class in the typing contest.

Baseball Needs Transfusion of New Blood

Baseball seems to be attracting too few persons to assure a team for this section of the county and it is not sure that Grass Valley and Moro together can make up a team properly imbued with playing interest and zip to go in Wheat league competition. There is a sufficient number who would like to watch the game and do some playing, but so far the prospects lack confidence or strong desire.

A meeting will be held in Concord soon to determine the fate of the league and decide what teams will enter. That will be the time for the enthusiasts to make themselves known.

Even soft ball does not, or at least did not, interest enough to make a team feasible despite the newly laid out diamond on the chicken made the ambition slow playing field. Perhaps Sunday

Mrs. Geo. Moorhead Discusses Health

The Moro Women's club held its annual Open Day April 4th, when Mrs. Geo. Moorhead was in charge of the program. She read "A New Year's Prayer" by James Street and the introduced Dr. Adolph Weinsil, professor of public health at the University of Oregon Medical school, who talked on small pox and vaccination.

Mrs. Pinkerton then introduced Mrs. George Moorhead, president of the State Federation of Women's public health program in the schools. Mrs. Moorhead's personality brought a feeling of warmth and friendliness to the meeting making it one of the most enjoyable afternoons of the club year. The hall and tea table were beautifully decorated with spring flowers. Mrs. James Kenny and Mrs. Lewis McKee poured. Hostesses for the afternoon were: Mrs. William Cauthers, Mrs. Robert W. Beishe, Mrs. L. V. Moore and Mrs. R. Amidon.

The next meeting will be held April 19th. The American Citizenship committee will present the program. Election of officers will be held.

Parity Price Obtained For Wheat Now

Parity prices for farm products were higher at mid-March than a month before, according to the weekly review of farm market, price and outlook information prepared by the OSC extension service. The government index of prices paid by farmers, including interest and taxes but not labor, advanced one point to 179 percent of 1910-1914.

Thus, the national parity price of wheat stood at \$1.58, compared with \$1.57 in February and \$1.53 in March of 1945. Actual prices received by producers for wheat also averaged \$1.58 a bushel on March 15, nationally, although the average for Oregon was less.

The review also said that the Pacific northwest more wheat probably will be produced, but not so much will be spring wheat this year according to present indications. The increase in winter wheat is expected to more than offset a decrease in spring wheat if weather conditions continue to be favorable.

The decrease in spring wheat is accounted for in Washington as wheat growers in Oregon and Idaho reported intentions to increase. A decrease in the Pacific northwest potato acreage was also indicated.

Blue Cross Plan To Have Hearing In Sherman Co.

County Organization Plan To Be Tried First In This County; Speakers Coming

Because of the activity of a few previous members of the Blue Cross, Sherman county has been chosen as the first county in which the hospital group will attempt to establish itself on a county basis.

By the first of May it is planned to have a Blue Cross night in each of the towns of the county to explain the plan to as many people as will come to the meetings. Registration day will begin immediately and a serious effort will be made to sign up 60 percent of the estimated 1230 adults in the county.

Heretofore the Blue Cross has signed employees in larger groups and some individuals. This is the first attempt to sign up a county where there is no employer to collect, nor any central group to assume responsibility.

Costs of the Blue Cross is \$6.00 semi-annually for one person, or \$12.00 for a man and one dependent or \$18.00 for the head of a household and two or more dependents. Under the latter charge material care is provided.

Cost Moderate

For these sums the Blue Cross which was started by the American Hospital Association, provides hospital care for the insured members. One may be hospitalized for 21 days without charge and for a longer period at reduced rates. Thirty five Oregon hospitals are members, both of those in The Dalles being included. All these have approval of the national corporation.

The Blue Cross is a non-profit corporation. All the money collected is paid to hospitals for patient care except the cost of managing the enterprise, which is between 10 and 15 percent.

The holder of a card may be hospitalized any place in the United States, for the association will provide care in non-member hospitals in emergencies.

Q. S. Nelson, of the Oregon section, was in the county Wednesday making plans for sign-up of the county. The invitation to the county's teachers who wanted to organization was given by the join themselves and thought it too good for the remainder of the county to miss. Mrs. Grace Zevely and Willy Knight have been active in preliminary work.

DARK DAYS STILL HERE

No change leaves the weather still cloudy and damp, if anything this past week was damper than usual for a few pretty good rain squalls fell. Moisture in the soil is believed to be increasing where there is not much growth to use moisture, has evaporation has not been of much consequence and even the small rains have a little precipitation.

South Section Contract Goes To New Firm

The contract for the southern section of the Sherman county REA line was let Tuesday and the Thompson & Parker company of Bremerton, Washington was the low bidder with \$207,050.34 for the 185 miles. There were three bids and the Tacoma firm that obtained the contract on the first section was highest.

One hundred eighty five miles of new line are to be built under the contract just let of which the greater part is in Sherman county, being south of township 3 S, just south of Grass Valley. The line will run to Clarno and beyond.

Work on construction of the northern section is expected to start soon and must be completed within six months from beginning. James Brown has the subcontract for powder work on the holes for the northern section.

State President Talks To Wasco Clubs

The Wasco Women's Study club entertained at the home of Mrs. Willard Harper April 5. Spring flowers were placed about the rooms and the day was delightful. Guests were presented with corsages of yellow narcissus and violets, giving an added touch to this special meeting of the year.

The meeting was opened with the Flag salute and club pledge after which a short business session took place. Members responded to roll call with short subjects about accident prevention.

Distinguished visitors for the day were Mrs. George Moorhead, president of the state federation, Mrs. T. Leland Brown, district president, Mrs. Lewis Scholl, state Bible chairman, Mrs. Hildred Zell, district president of the Fourth district and Mrs. Lloyd Roysse, president of the Wasco Tuesday club, whose club were guests.

Mrs. Moorhead was guest speaker and opened her talk by inviting all members to the Spring convention which will be held in Portland in May. Her subject was social hygiene and physical education in the schools, which gave a broader outlook on the school fitness program. She had recently attended the national convention in Washington, D.C. where she had learned that Oregon has one of the best physical fitness programs in the nation.

Mrs. Brown gave a talk on art and asked all members to submit work at their next meeting for the art display at the convention. Appreciation for services well rendered by our state president was stated by Mrs. Crawford. Mrs. Tracy Fields read the poem entitled "Home" by Edgar Guest and Carmen Roysse and Betty Lou Haven presented a skit.

War Assets administration announced it had sixteen unused 5-ton Kenworthy truck tractors for sale to veterans holding purchase certificates. The OPA ceiling is \$5,152.90 but the WAA price to veterans is \$3100 fob location.

Movement of Farm Stored Wheat Asked

Committee Believes New Sale Plan Will Bring Out Available Stored Wheat

The Sherman county USDA council has been in charge of the famine relief program for the county and has concluded that the greatest good that this county can do for that program is to encourage farmers who have grain in farm storage to release it and place it on the market.

This is an especially suitable part of the program since the government has agreed to let a farmer sell his grain so released at any time until next March 27.

This means that wheat put on the market now may be actually sold any day the farmer wishes to sell between now and next March. Certificates will be so issued. This is expected to remove one of the objections to selling.

The local board, composed of Wallace May, Merrill Oveson, LeRoy Wright, Robert Marvin, Ormond Hilderbrand, Millard Eakin, Wendell Balsiger, Arnold Dunlap and Kenneth Fridley says that farmers who are feeding livestock should not sacrifice the stock in order to release the grain as such losses are not necessary.

The state program will attempt to restrict the amount of bread served in dining rooms. No more will toast garnish dishes of bacon and eggs; one slice of bread or one roll will be all the bread is served; corn bread may be a frequent substitute and pudding is to be the dessert instead of cake.

Restaurant owners are asked to cooperate and to print a notice of cooperation on all menus. Objectors may be served full rations of bread.

"We are not asking anyone to make a great sacrifice, as there are plenty of other nutritious foods we can substitute for wheat products" said Harvey Miller, director of the emergency program.

Bolen-Payne Wedding Held At Goldendale

Miss Doris Payne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Payne of Grass Valley, became the bride of Mr. Ralph Bolen of Moro at a double ring ceremony held in Goldendale Wednesday, March 27, the wedding date of Mrs. Bolen's parents. The couple were attended by the bride's brother in law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Halbert Beishe of The Dalles.

The bride wore a dress of deep rose with a black hat and black accessories. She wore a corsage of Tailsman rosebuds and white carnations. Her attendant wore a medium brown suit with pale green accessories and had a corsage of gardenias.

The bride's mother wore a frock of rose with a corsage of red roses and white carnations. The young couple left for a wedding trip to Medford and along the Oregon coast.

