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on the Northwest

## Wasco Wins To Position Near League Leaders

Arlington Beaten in One  
Big Seventh Inning Rally;  
Fossil Suffers First Defeat

The gap now is between today and some four or five weeks when the new wheat crop comes in. It is during his gap that the American people will find a drastic reduction in bread. As predicted in this column a month or so ago, the flour mills would be compelled to close because the millers cannot buy wheat at the OPA ceiling while the federal government is paying a higher price per bushel. Without flour, the bakers are handicapped, and it all leads up to the employees of flour mills being laid off and the bakers laying off their workers. It also is developing, as forecast in this column, that the state institutions in the Pacific Northwest and elsewhere, cannot obtain flour and this is causing dissension in the penal institutions and the state hospitals and the minor correctional institutions. The Pacific Northwest has already contributed its quota of wheat for the starving people overseas, but the wheat growers are also selling to the government at the higher price while the millers twiddle their thumbs.

Wasco won over Arlington Sunday on its own field to boost its percentage to .667 in the Wheat-Timber league, being led by Fossil which is beaten once and Condon, a team that Wasco has twice defeated.

Jensen went the route for the local boys to add another win to his string which is now four in a row. The game was decided in the seventh when Tatone weakened and began walking Wasco hitters of hitting them. Twelve men batted in that inning and 8 scores were made which decided the game which had been tied at three all up to that time. Wasco made another run in the eighth to end the game 12 to 3.

Arlington's best inning was the fifth when they made three runs on two hits and three Wasco errors.

Wasco S. O'Meara, 1  
S. O'Meara, 1  
Wood, 1  
J. O'Meara, m  
Sylvester, 3  
Fridley, 2  
Rchldfr r  
Jensen, p  
Williams, c  
Macnab, s

Arlington Mungers, s  
G. Tatone, 2  
Bowman, 1  
J. Tatone, p  
Morse, r  
Wetherell, 1  
Clough, m  
A. Clough, 3  
Judson, c

Last Sunday Heppner won from league-leading Fossil 8 to 6 and Condon won over Ione. Wasco will play Ione next Sunday, at Ione.

## Veteran Questions Answered By VA

Q. I am a veteran of World War II. Can I get a priority to buy building materials to remodel my house?  
A. Contact or write to the nearest FHA office. They will act upon your request for material priorities.

Q. When I left the service I was told that the Veterans Administration would give me free dental treatment. Where do I get this done?  
A. Before you will be entitled to dental treatment, the VA must verify that your present dental condition is service-connected, which means that they will have to secure your service records.

Q. It is permissible to name a stepchild as beneficiary on a National Service Life Insurance policy?  
A. Yes.

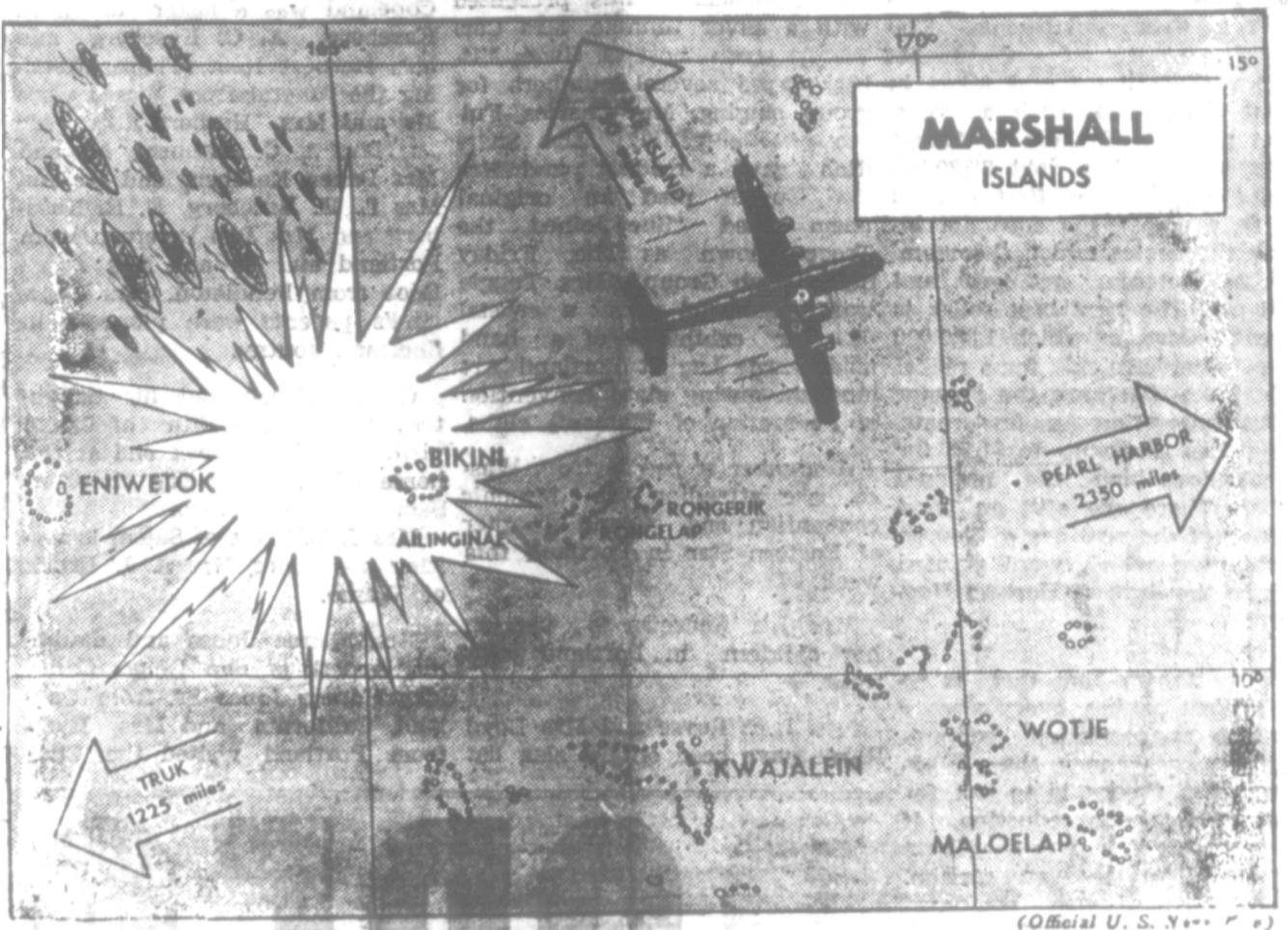
Q. I have not received all of my war bonds purchased while in the army. Where do I write for them?  
A. Direct your request to the Army War Bond office, Office of the Fiscal Director, 366 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Q. May several veterans use the guaranty on real estate loans to acquire property jointly?  
A. Yes, but the total amount guaranteed may not exceed 50 percent of the loan or the total entitlement for guaranty of the veterans whichever is lesser.

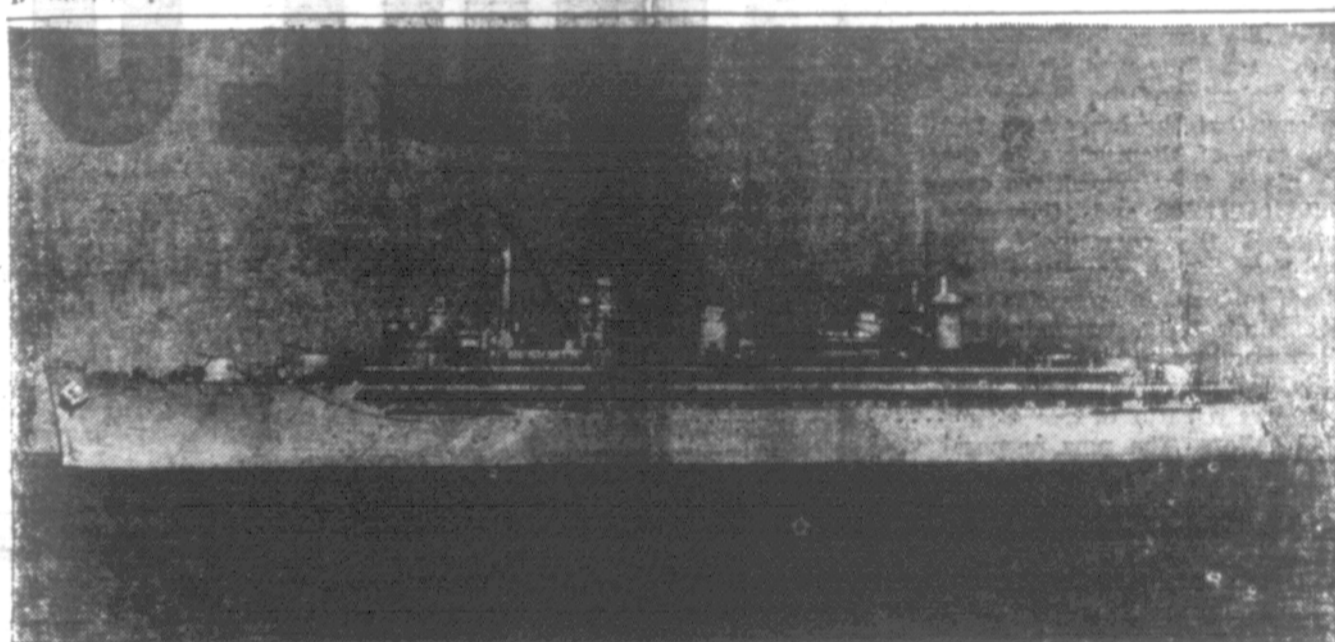
Q. It is necessary for me to do considerable traveling by airplane. If I were to die in an air accident, would a claim be paid on my NSLI policy?  
A. Yes, as there are no restrictions on NSLI concerning travel.

LOCAL GIRLS ACCEPT TEACHING POSITIONS  
Two Wasco girls, Helen Blau and Lois Coats, have accepted positions for the coming year. Miss Blau has just received her bachelor's degree in teacher education from O.C.E. and will teach at Fairview. Miss Coats graduated with the June class from O.C.E. and goes to Redmond to teach this fall.

EXAMINER COMING  
A drivers license examiner is scheduled to be on duty in Moro Wednesday, June 19, at the courthouse between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.



THE MARSHALL ISLANDS showing Bikini Atoll, and the near islands of the group. Here at Bikini, the "Crossroads" Commanders will direct the first "test" of the Atom-bomb against man-made structures and shore installations. Approximately 97 ships of all types will be anchored within a two-mile radius of Bikini Lagoon, with the battleship Nevada in the very center painted a bright orange to aid the atomic-bombing.



DESTROYER-tender, the USS Dixie, will service and repair the destroyers of the support unit and the target fleet. Throughout the war, the destroyer-tenders operated in the war zones on all seas, repairing the destroyers. These tenders made it possible for many of the fast little craft, to remain in the war zones continuously, repairing and servicing them on the high seas, under the very noses of the enemy.

## No Rain Awards Bigger Crops Expected This Year Sky Watchers In World, But Shortage Expected On Long Vigil

World crop prospects indicate and India somewhat larger food production in 1946-47 than in 1945-46, according to a summary by L. R. Brethaupt, O.S.C. extension economist, based on reports early in May from 28 countries to the USDA office of foreign agricultural relations. A significant increase in food crops acreage and better yields are expected, generally.

Although world food production in Europe is expected to be more suitable indications, warm, muggy, weather, little wind, etc., over-all prospect being for the western sky, float slowly and tantalizingly across the heavens and in a few hours disappear to the east taking all their moisture with them and leaving the darkness behind.

There will be a wheat crop this harvest whether it rains or not, but an inch of rain would make the difference between a good one and one that may rate poor in comparison with recent crops.

In north China the wheat crop prospects are more favorable than last year but drought in south China has injured rice. In India drought reduced wheat, rice and millet production, but spring-crop planting conditions have been improved by heavy rains in a number of the provinces in recent weeks. A shortage of rice in the Philippines is offset partly by increases of corn, sweet potatoes and other foods. In Japan weather conditions have been favorable and crop yields are expected to be substantially above last year.

The wheat acreage will be larger in Canada, Australia and Argentina. More corn will be available from Brazil where a record crop of rice is also being harvested. More rice is expected from Indo-China and Burma. A larger crop of sugar is expected in Cuba in 1947.

These increases will be needed to offset deficits under prewar output in parts of Europe and Asia and some other areas. Currently, the most drastic reductions in rations are in Germany, Austria and Italy, except in such famine areas as part of China

Increased efforts to move food grains from Canada, Argentina, Australia, Siam and other surplus nations, as well as from the United States, are showing results, although belated. The United Kingdom has also diverted much grain to areas where the need was more urgent an assurance of replacements from the 1946 crop in the United States and Canada.

Shipments of wheat from this country during the 1945-46 marketing year, supplemented with some corn, are expected to be only a little short of the high goal set last fall and the greatest for any country in all history. Although food production may not be fully restored in Europe for several years, it is not to be expected that the United States will be called upon to continue shipping foodstuffs overseas in any volume near the present volume. When the acute need for imports in the war-torn countries is over surpluses will appear where now there is scarcity.

Mid-Columbia Group Elects Officers  
The Mid-Columbia Terminal association held a meeting in The Dalles Wednesday for the election of officers. Named were Roy J. Baker, from the Grass Valley Grain Growers, O. G. Hilderbrand of the Sherman Grain Growers, Joe Peters of the Moro Grain Growers, Leo Schano of Wasco County Grain Growers and W. S. Holmes and Wendell Balsiger, directors at large. Mr. Baker was chosen president and Mr. Balsiger secretary of the association, which is formed to be prepared to build a terminal elevator at the riverside near The Dalles when arrangements can be made for barge transportation and for handling wheat for the chemurgy plant.

Insurance Records Still In East  
"Until insurance records now on file in the central office have been moved to the northwest and trained personnel are available in the branch office to process them, all veterans have been asked to deal with contact representative of the VA or the main insurance office," said Joergler. "It will merely delay your correspondence to send requests through the Northwest branch office at this time."

Veterans who find it impossible to call personally at the office in The Dalles, may write the nearest regional office located in Portland at 1019 S.W. Tenth Avenue.

Rex Younger came up from Oregon City last Friday to start work for Ernest Woods.

## Three Districts Fair Board Plans Consolidate, One Program of Races Votes Against and Bucking

The vote on school district consolidations in which the Grass Valley, Rosebush, Buckley and Rutledge districts were involved resulted in Rutledge and Rosebush consolidating with Grass Valley. The vote in the Buckley district was unfavorable.

At Grass Valley the vote was 13 to 0 for consolidating on all three of the elections. Rosebush voted 5 to 0 for consolidation and Rutledge voted 1 to 0 for consolidation insuring those consolidations.

In the Buckley district the vote was 2 for and 5 against consolidation. All votes were small and indicated no serious feeling either was at stake.

Oddy the Buckley district stood to benefit by joining with Grass Valley as it has a higher millage and a smaller valuation which would have meant reduced taxes if consolidation had been voted. Children are all educated at the Grass Valley school anyway.

Mac Barber, Monte Brooks, Local Horses To Be Feature Numbers at September Show  
The Sherman County Fair for 1946 was given a big start here Monday when the board met to prepare the program in its preliminary state. There will be two days of racing, Saturday and Sunday. Friday will be used for judging and for exhibitions of stock, either when being judged or at other times.

Saturday night there will be held the first sale of purebred livestock by the Midco association. Shorthorns, Herefords and Angus will be offered for sale by local breeders and those from adjacent counties.

Saturday afternoon there will be a pony race, two half mile races, one of which will be an open race, probably, a 3-8 mile race, a quarter mile saddle horse race and the chariot race.

Between races Mac Barber will send some of his buckers out of the chutes, local boys will mount calves and Monte Brooks will offer some acts from the grandstand.

On Sunday the program will be similar except that there will be 3 half mile races, one 3-8 race, the saddle horse race and the chariot race. This will be preceded by a parade of 4-H beef steers, of which there are about 80 this year.

Monte Brooks will play for dances Friday and Saturday night and will furnish music during the afternoon performances. Doc Regels of LaGrande will be starter for the races and will also judge the light horse classes. Dr. C. W. Heckman of Idaho will be the beef class and livestock judge.

Work of the board was divided so that Kenneth Fridley will handle the gates and finance, Roy Barnett the races and program and Art Bucholtz the exhibits.

## Martin Melzer Funeral Held

Martin Georg Melzer died in the Mid-Columbia hospital Sunday, June 9, after several weeks of serious illness that followed years of constant decline in health.

Mr. Melzer was born January 28, 1894 near Sherwood and came to Sherman county 32 years ago. He was married October 12, 1915 to Edna Thompson, who survives him. There are three daughters, Mrs. Norma Cushing, Mrs. Lois Murphy and Priscilla, and one grandson. Three brothers, Carl, Moro; Joseph, Portland; Walter, Sherwood and five nephews also survive.

Early in life Mr. Melzer was christened in the Lutheran church near Sherwood and has been a member of the Presbyterian church since 1915, during 24 years of which he has been elder of the local church and Sunday school superintendent for 12 years. He was a charter member of Harlandview Grange, being the first master and was a member of the Masons and Eastern Star.

He farmed at Monkland until late years when he was a truck operator and lumber dealer.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Moro Community church and interment made in the local cemetery.

## Many Cars Found In Poor Condition

Thirty-six percent of the private passenger cars checked by police throughout Oregon during the first four days of the current Police Safety Check program, were defective in some respect, Secretary of State Robert Farrell Jr., said today.

Of 1,931 cars checked from May 15 to May 19, police reported 713 with defects. The average number of defects per defective vehicle was 1.93.

Defective brakes, head lights, tail lights and stop lights led the list of vehicle defects noted by police, Farrell said. During the period May 15 to July 1, state and local police throughout the nation are checking brakes, lights horns and windshield wipers on all vehicles stopped during routine enforcement activity. In some instances, city police departments are operating voluntary check lanes where motorists may have their vehicles checked by police.

## COUNTY AGENTS TO VIEW EXPERIMENTAL PLOTS

County agents of Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow and Wheeler counties will meet at the experiment station Wednesday, June 19 for a trip over the grass and wheat experimental plots. The regular public field day at the station will be held Saturday, July 6.

Mr and Mrs Herb Hensley left last week for Fairview where they will work in a dairy.

## Botulism Prevention Held Easy Job

Botulism poisoning, probably the most dreaded type of food poisoning and which kills from one to three persons a year in Oregon, can be easily and positively eliminated simply by making sure that canned food in which it occurs is boiled 10 minutes before tasting as soon as the can or jar is opened.

This is the warning given by G. V. Copson, head of the bacteriology department at Oregon State college, as this year's canning season starts. While botulism has been reported at least once in almost every food, about 90 percent of all cases have resulted from canned string beans and asparagus used cold in a salad, and in canned corn that was warmed but not boiled, he added.

"The real danger of botulism is that it strikes so seldom that people become careless in preparation of canned food," Copson explained. "Because the deadly bacteria which cause botulism are so abundant in Oregon soil, constant care is needed. Nationally known commercial canned products have never been reported as causing botulism."

It is not safe to depend on odor or off flavor to reveal botulism contamination, the bacteriologist warns. Eating just one string bean that appeared normal caused the death of a woman who sampled a can before cooking the beans for the family, which ate them without injury after they were boiled. Half an olive has also proved fatal.

Following correct, conscientious canned methods is the first step in eliminating death from botulism, and the next is making sure that home canned susceptible foods are boiled 10 minutes as soon as opened and before they are even tasted, he concluded. If leftovers are put away for a few days, it is safer to boil them again.