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on the Northwest

## Farmers Can Put Wheat In Pure Co-ops Safely

### Regulations As To Forced Sale To Government To Not Apply To Perfect Co-ops

Notification of an amendment to War Food Order 144 has been received by local grain growers organizations which permits co-operative elevators and warehouses to store members grain without having the grain taken by the government.

The original order stated that the government would requisition one half of grain stored in public warehouses. The amendment would permit coops storing grain, which had 100 percent of customers as members to disregard the order.

There are loopholes which must be removed before favorable action can be expected on the committee bill recently submitted to the senate for a reorganization of congress. Strange as it may seem, not all of the senators even approve of the 50 percent pay increase proposed in the bill, pointing out that it is much greater than the increases granted industrial workers and that to accept it would call for explanations to their constituents. The pay rate proposed in the bill is 15,000, and another provision would open the way for members of congress to become eligible for retirement pensions.

However, the real fight against the reorganization plan has more substantial grounds. Wholly aside from the proposed increase in congressional salaries, it has been asserted that enactment of the bill as now written, would add enormously to the cost of government with no more than trivial compensatory benefits. Senator McClellan of Arkansas has assumed the burden of combating the proposal and has gone into considerable detail to state his points of objection.

The added cost of a legislative year, Senator McClellan said, would not be less than \$15,000,000 and might easily go to \$25,000,000, because of provisions which would permit house and senate to employ practically an unlimited number of "experts" at a salary of \$3,000 a year each. As one example, he cited the authority which would be given the appropriations committee to hire as many as 44 "experts" and to a large degree their work would duplicate that of trained men now in the employ of the department of agriculture and other branches of the government and whose services are now available to committees whenever called upon. The correct title of the bill, he declared, should be "A bill to increase the cost of the legislative branch of the government."

Without intent to be facetious, the Arkansas senator said, "If the reorganization bill is carried out and the increased number of employees contemplated under the measure are hired, together with the other employees necessary to serve them, this capitol will have to be enlarged, or at the least office space in a new building will have to be provided." Nevertheless, the senate passed the bill by a vote of 49 to 16.

Next debate, which should be good, will be over a bill to permit the United States to furnish military equipment to the countries of Latin America. If enacted, the equipment is expected to be surplus supplies left over from the war. This is part of the "good neighbor" policy under which the government wants to teach the Latin Americans the gentle art of warfare in the event there should be another global conflict. The measure has administration backing but there are congressmen who argue that such a policy will encourage conflicts between the neighbors south of the border.

The school lunch program will soon be available and will be effective in the next school year. Under the compromise between senate and house, it is agreed that from 1947 to 1950 the federal government will contribute \$1 for every \$1 by the state; from 1951 to 1955 the federal contribution will be \$1 to each \$1.50 by the state, and thereafter the contribution will be \$1 to each \$3 by the state. The original proposal of the house was that the state would carry the heavier part of the load after 1947.

There must be a deadline where a man has worked overtime and is unable to collect the extra pay. Extensive hearings have been held and the opinion is that a worker cannot wait

It is not known how many coops in the United States have 100 percent membership among their customers. In Sherman county the three grain growers organizations are very close to that figure and could qualify if necessary before harvest.

Since the original order was issued there has been much criticism of the government for attempting to induce farmers to sell their wheat immediately, and there have been indications that farmers would not part with their crop without a contest. This amendment indicates that the government has begun to waiver in its position, or that cooperatives are being encouraged to make a drive for membership.

### JUNE 30 FINAL DATE FOR FILING COMPLIANCE

Farmers who took part in the 1945 agricultural conservation program are reminded by the state PMA committee that June 30 is the last day for filing an application for payment for conservation practices carried out under the program. Payment cannot be made on practices performed in 1945 unless an application is submitted to the county AAA office before July 1. To date county committees have received almost 18,000 applications for payments amounting to almost \$3,000,000.

## County Court Pays Election Claims

### CONDENSED REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF COUNTY COURT DURING MEETING HELD JUNE 5, 1946

Claims against County General and General Road funds approved as presented.

County Treasurer's monthly report of fund balances as of May 31, 1946 presented, approved and filed.

Bid of Frank Keefe for purchase of tax foreclosed property in Kent, accepted.

Mrs. Bertha A. Brinkert appointed as Clerk of Election Board of Grass Valley precinct No. 9 to fill unexpired term of Frank A. Lemley, retired.

In re: Mileage to be allowed to Sheriff for performance of official duties outside of Sherman County: Court directs that eight cents per mile be allowed.

Request made to Court that Locust Grove No. 2 and Wasco No. 11 Election Precincts be consolidated. Matter referred to District Attorney. No further matters being at issue Court adjourned subject to call of Judge.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON GENERAL AND ROAD CLAIMS FOR MAY 1946, AND APPROVED JUNE 1946, TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT THEREOF.

GENERAL FUND:  
Naomi Van Gilder, Co. Treasurer, General assistance, \$29.12; Naomi Van Gilder, Co. Treasurer, Old Age Assistance, \$143.80; Aid to Dependent Children, \$24.80; S. A. Wilson, Chairman Rufus precinct, \$5.41; H. H. Brackett, Judge Rufus precinct, mileage and rent of hall, \$12.41; Bernice Morris, Clerk Rufus precinct, \$5.41; Adeline McDonald, Clerk Rufus precinct, \$5.41; W. A. Morris, Clerk Rufus precinct, \$5.41; Paul F. Alley, Chairman Locust Grove precinct, mileage, and janitor's service \$11.35; W. H. Carlisle, Judge Locust Grove precinct \$5.35; Rosalie White,



OUTSTANDING HERO PRESENTS HISTORICAL FLAG . . . Audie Murphy, said to be the most decorated hero of World War II, is shown presenting the flag which flew over the capitol the day Pearl Harbor was bombed, to Eugenia Clair Smith, grand hostess of the American Gold Star mothers. The flag was loaned for display at national convention of Gold Star mothers at Philadelphia.

## Sherman Riders To Discuss Revival

### PPL Buys Out Michigan Line, Connects Others

Possible revival of the Sherman County Riders is expected to come from a meeting called for next Monday night at the court house at 8 o'clock. The Riders were a group of men and women owning saddle horses or liking to ride horses, who met every Sunday in the spring and summer and rode to some previously announced spot and held a picnic. During war time the practice lapsed.

Former members of the club are anxious to bring back the practice of club rides and also prepare horses, and perhaps drills, as a feature of the Sherman county fair, which will be held September 27-28-29.

Every man woman and child interested is urged to attend the meeting for organization Monday night at the court house.

The Michigan electric line has been bought by the Pacific Power & Light company according to information obtained this week. This is a short line that runs west from the Kent line to give service to Oscar Lemley, Sam Davis, Art Schilling and Millard Eakin along the road and make possible connection for others nearby.

A transformer with which to give electricity to Lawrence Kenney on the Kruzov place on the point as been received and work will begin immediately. Material is also on hand to wire in the Lewis Olds place where Ted Trimble lives and the place on Section 11 where Charley Anderson lives. Roy Schilling on the J. B. Coon place will also get electricity soon.

Mersinger, Janitor's salary, less tax, \$103.40; James W. Jones, expense of Government Trapper, \$50.00; Vernon I. Miller, County Commissioner, \$18.00; Joe Peters, County Commissioner, \$11.40; Mrs. Adria White, Registrar Wasco precinct, \$1.40; Mrs. Arden Jordan, Registrar Rufus precinct, \$2.70; Mrs. Josephine Hogue, Registrar Grass Valley precinct, \$0.50; Pacific Power & Light Co., Lights and merchandise, \$23.26; City of Moro, water courthouse, two months, \$2.00; Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co., Telephones all offices, \$29.75; E. M. Alley, County Coroner's expense \$9.00; Foss & Co., Court-house expense, \$5.90; Moro Lumber & Fuel Co., Courthouse expense, \$4.67; A. J. Bucholtz, bounty, \$5 coyotes, \$15.00; West Disinfecting Co., Courthouse supplies, \$2.12; Department of Agriculture, Sealer, weights and measures, \$2.56; C. R. Callaway & Son, Re: Corbett R. Mattox, deceased, \$25.00; Sherman County Journal, Assessor's office expense, \$3.60; Sherman County Journal, County Printing, \$63.10; Wasco Motor Company, DeMoss park expense, \$0.97; J. E. Norton, supplies for DeMoss park \$16.80; Truman Strong, Labor at DeMoss park, \$8.00; Donald DeMoss, Labor at DeMoss park \$18.00; John M. DeMoss, Labor at DeMoss park \$36.00; Stevens-Ness Law Pub. Co., 4 subscriptions to 1946 Quarterly Service, \$10.00; Wily W. Knighten, office help, less tax, \$42.40; Wily W. Knighten stamps Sup't office, \$12.00; J. C. Freeman, P. M. Stamps Clerk's office, \$10.00; First National Bank, withholding tax, \$75.70; State Industrial Acc. Comm., Peace Officer's protection, \$4.62; Norman E. Fields, Investigation re: Corbett Mattox deceased, \$12.10; West Coast Print. & Bind. Co., Treasurer's office \$1.45; Clerk's office, \$7.20; \$8.65; Moro Grain Growers Ass'n, DeMoss park expense, \$1.47; J. C. Freeman, Stamps Treas-

## Army Reports On Losses From All Causes

### Oregon and Sherman County High In Comparison To States and Counties

The report of the war department on deaths in the army has been prepared. It divides them into six classifications: Killed in Action, Died of Wounds, Died of Injuries, Died non-battle, Finding of Death (which includes those not found) and Missing.

Sherman county is listed as having 13 war dead of which seven were killed in action, one died of wounds, two died non-battle, three on finding of death.

The report states: "The state of Oregon contained 0.81 percent of the population of the United States and possessions (excluding the Philippines) in 1940 and contributed 0.77 percent of the total number who entered the army. Of these men and women 3.69 percent failed to return. This figure represents 0.92 percent of the army's dead and missing."

In 1940 Sherman county contained 0.0213 percent of the state's population. It lost 13 of the 2835 who were lost to Oregon or 0.448 percent of the total and lost 7 of the 1501 killed in action or 0.467 percent.

Listed as Sherman county's army deaths are:

- Donald R. Barnett, Tsg. DNB
- R. K. Christianson, 2 Lt. FOD
- Earl D. Dutton, 1 Lt. DNB
- Wyman J. French, PFC, KIA
- Donald J. Howell, Tsg. FOD
- George J. Kerr, Cpl. KIA
- William G. Macnab, 1 Lt. FOD
- Rosnie Ortega, Pvt. DOW
- Carl F. Peetz, Ssg. KIA
- C. A. von Borstel, Pvt. KIA
- Chester D. Watkins, Tsg. KIA
- Earl C. Williams, CAP, KIA
- Prentice Yoemans, Lt. Col. KIA

The report states that the death and missing rate for the army was 2.98 percent from all causes and of these 57.1 percent were killed in action.

New Mexico and the highest death rate of any state.

## Wasco Legion Putting On Celebration 4th

The American Legion at Wasco which sponsored the Wasco entry in the Wheat-Timber league, is putting on a Fourth of July celebration next Thursday.

Entertainment for the day will be a baseball game between the Wasco team and the Warm Spring Indians, always a colorful and sometimes a tough team of ball handlers. Warm Springs has turned out some fine ballplayers. The game will begin at 2:30 and will be the last game of the season and this Sunday closes the Wheat-Timber league schedule.

During the afternoon there will be concessions on the street sponsored by the women of the American Legion Auxiliary, there being a good deal of equipment for concessions at Wasco.

As an evening event Bill Woods is bringing his five piece orchestra to play for the holiday dance which will be held at the Wasco Legion hall.

## Carl Peetz Memorial Program Arranged

The dedication of the Carl F. Peetz Memorial organ will be an event of Sunday June 30 at the Moro Community church, announces Mrs. Carroll Sayrs, donor of the memorial.

Guest organist will be Mrs. Lloyd T. Anderson of Salem, formerly of The Dalles. Edwin B. Wheat of Portland will be violinist. Tom Fraser and the church will sing.

Everyone is invited to attend this evening of music which will begin at 8 p. m. A reception for Mrs. Anderson and Mr. Wheat will be arranged by the women of the church in the church dining room.

## Wasco Has Good Baseball Season

Wasco won from Heppner last Sunday to take its final home game of the Wheat league series for the year. The score was 9 to 0 and Jensen went the whole game for the local boys. Heppner did not show any of the strength it had when defeating Fossil a few weeks ago.

The final Sunday of play will be June 30, when Wasco goes to Arlington to do battle with the river boys. Fossil seems due to win the pennant in the league having lost but one game. However, Condon and Fossil have not played and the Condon team feels that it can beat their Wheeler county rivals.

Wasco has beaten Condon twice but has been defeated by Fossil twice and once by Heppner. The schedule was for ten games, each one of a six game league playing the other twice. Wasco is expected to win from Arlington Sunday and end with seven wins and three losses for .700 standing, which will be second high if Fossil can win from Condon, otherwise tied for second place.

## Fewer Pigs Found In State and Nation

Steady reduction in the pig crop is occurring as expected when meddling with feed supplies and pork prices started some time ago. The USDA reports that Oregon will have a spring crop of 154,000 pigs, 12 percent more than last year but 27 percent below the 1935-44 average. The fall crop will probably be lower, and for the year the total will be 6 percent under 1945 and 38 percent under the average.

In the nation as a whole the pig crop is placed at 814 millions for the year, six percent below 1945 and the smallest since 1940.

## SAWDUST TAKES NITROGEN MORE MUST ADDED

Sawdust as a mulch may be used around perennial plants regardless of kind, but if worked into the soil it will rob crops of nitrogen until thoroughly decomposed.

## Jail, Hospital Get Pair Who Try Robbery

### Navy Deserters Face Long Term For Taking Car From Man Who Gave Ride

One young navy deserter in The Dalles hospital in a serious condition and another is in the Sherman county jail as the result of an attempt to hold up Leonard Cyrus Craft, 51, long time resident of this section.

The young men, Leslie Wilson, 22, originally of Louisville, Kentucky, and Reed Ellis Rudin, 17, Olympia, Washington, deserted from the navy in March when their ship, the USS Oakland, docked at Bremerton. They hitch hiked to Genesee, Idaho, to see Rudin's grandmother but found her not at home.

They started west, worked a few days, and decided to go to California and give themselves up to the navy, which Wilson didn't like because he felt that the navy had promised him service on the east coast when he had re-enlisted. At Umatilla they ate a lunch and planned to hold up the first driver who would give them a ride and use the car to get to California.

Each has confessed to having a gun, but no gun can be found by authorities where they say they threw them. One was a 9 mm Italian army gun, and the other a German Luger, both war time souvenirs, stolen from Rudin's step father.

Craft picked them up about 8 p. m. Saturday evening. Near mile post 112, about three quarters of a mile east of Dinty's Rudin stuck his gun in Craft's face with the remark that "we are taking over from here."

Craft got out of his car and in doing so slipped his own old-fashioned 32-20 from under cushion. He stuck it in Rudin's side, below the ribs and shot, the bullet going clear through his body and nicking his right arm. A large part of his liver was damaged and his recovery is doubtful.

Wilson and Rudin battled with Craft, hit him on the head with their guns, beat his face, knocked him out and left him lying on the highway. They drove off in Craft's 1939 Dodge coupe with Rudin behind the wheel.

Instead of turning at Dinty's and going on to California they went on west to Helmick's where they stopped because of Rudin's pain. He drank some water there and Wilson drove to The Dalles where they parked the car at the foot of the Brewery grade and went across the highway to find a place to rest and hide.

Craft walked back to Popular Grove where he could arouse no one. He was picked up by Don McConn of Hood River, who took him to Stiles. From there state police were called and radio word sent out, with the result that the boys were picked up almost immediately.

Wilson was booked for assault and robbery being armed with a dangerous weapon before Justice Scott at Wasco and has indicated that he will waive preliminary hearing and ask for immediate sentence. He has already signed a confession. Rudin's mother, Mrs. Harold Rudin of Olympia, came to be with her son, who has a touch of pneumonia because of his exposure.

State police made the arrest and called Sheriff Fields, who made the investigation of the case with the police and guarded Rudin at the hospital until other guards could be obtained. He brought Wilson to Moro Tuesday after his commitment by Justice Scott.

Rudin was born Ellis Reed, but took his step-father's name and reversed his own upon joining the navy where he is listed as Reed Ellis Rudin.

### O.S.C. IS HOST

Oregon State college is playing host to the Western Farm Economics association June 26 to 28, but because of crowded conditions on the campus the annual conference is being held at Gearhart. Agricultural economists from the 11 western states are scheduled to take part in the two-day technical sessions and business meeting. Marion Clawson, Berkeley, is president of the group and G. B. Davis of O.S.C. is Oregon congressman.