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The Germans know more about supersonics than Americans. One man is working on a wind tunnel to note the effect on a missile speeding faster than sound—700 m.p.h. He says that supersonic missiles should be able to overcome the air disturbance at an altitude of eight miles, as at that distance, the air is thin. How to overcome the air resistance at 700 m.p.h. or better, is puzzling the American scientists. There is the likelihood of the plane falling to pieces.

In this connection there is a possibility of a supersonic wind tunnel being located somewhere in either eastern Washington or Oregon, where there is plenty of outdoors and where an immense amount of power is available. A committee has been studying the best place to place the tunnel and a report with recommendations will be made sometime in 1947. Indications point to the far west, with a leaning toward the Columbia basin.

With some members of Congress demanding compulsory arbitration to prevent strikes, the idea is not acceptable to others. In essence, it would mean that the government would be the arbitrator—as a disinterested party—and would fix wages. This in turn, they say, would lead eventually, to a revival of price fixing as well (restoration of control) and the country would be back quarreling over the prices again. The advocates, however, contend that through compulsory arbitration, there could not be crippling strikes, as was the case with coal, steel, the automotive industry and the threatened railroad strike, which President Truman scotched. Inasmuch as there are sincere men on both sides of the question, long and heated debates can be expected when Congress settles down to do something about labor.

Rumblings from the Pacific Coast, say that there will be another waterfront strike in January, which will tie up shipping again for an indefinite time. Harry Bridges has made the assertion. It is said, and the man who was ordered deported but was made a citizen instead, generally is a prophet whose predictions come true.

Add farm mechanization. More than 1400 mechanical harvesters were at work in the sugar fields this fall, according to reports issued by the beet sugar development foundation. Manufacturers were John Deere Company, 500; International Harvester, 300; McCormick, 200; the Scott, Urschel, 120; Harvall, 25; Sisco, 12; and Ford-Ferguson, 3. Eighteen other experimental harvester types are being developed. Some of them have already reached the fields and it is understood that one or two makes of the experimental harvester will be used in the Nyssa, Oregon sugar beet fields next fall.

The foundation estimates that California harvested 65 per cent of its beet crop last fall with the mechanical harvester. The foundation also believes that in the next two or three years, practically the entire sugar beet crop will be so harvested.

The scramble for fire insurance on liquor in warehouses has exhausted the World Underwriting capacity in that field. The end of OPA ceilings caused the rush. Bulk whiskey valued under OPA at approximately \$6 per gallon boasts a current valuation of \$10 to \$11 per gallon.

Distillers finding their warehouse stock under insured, sought additional protection. Insurance men wrote policies to the limits of their self-imposed capacities, then laid aside their pens. But the whiskey men clamored for more insurance.

In Kentucky where a large percentage of bourbon liquor is made, the State Director of Insurance, issued an emergency order permitting underwriters to extend coverage on liquor warehouses through their Marine

One Badly Hurt In Two Car Crash At Wasco

A head on collision between two cars occurred at the corner near Wilde's garage at the north end of Wasco early Sunday morning, resulting in two seriously wrecked cars and one seriously injured woman.

Mrs. W. F. Myers of Walla Walla was traveling south with her husband in a Packard sedan. She sustained a broken leg, a dislocated shoulder and internal injuries. Her husband was not seriously hurt. The other car was driven by Wm. E. Greenlaw Jr., of Salinas, California, accompanied by Charley Powell, hitchhiker from Grass Valley. Greenlaw was cut and bruised.

Both drivers were going fast according to statements made to Sheriff Fields. State police have released both.

Polio Drive Dates January 15-30

A drive for funds for prevention and control of infantile paralysis will begin January 15 and continue through the month, according to A. A. Dunlap, director for Sherman county.

It is reported that some of the funds on hand will be used to aid in equipping the ambulance bought by the Elks for use in this area. Facilities for treating paralysis that can be carried in an ambulance are said by Mr. Dunlap to be great aid in prevention of permanent injury from the disease.

REA PROGRESSING

John DeMoss reports that the power was turned on the main line of the REA as far as Irving Hart's Christmas eve giving several a real Merry Christmas. Over 120 miles of poles have been set in Sherman county, says Mr. DeMoss and over 60 miles are to be set. Wire will be installed on arrival.

County Court Winds Up Years Meetings With Attention Given To Roads and County Property

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR NOVEMBER 1946 AND APPROVED DECEMBER 1946 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT.

GENERAL FUND

Naomi Van Gilder, County Treasurer, Old Age Assistance, \$139.60; Aid to Dependent Children, \$25.80; \$165.40; C. Mersinger, Janitor's salary, \$99.97; James W. Jones, expense of Government Trapper, \$50.00; Vernon I. Miller, County Commissioner, \$9.00; Joe Peters, County Commissioner, \$5.70; T. Lester Johnson, District Attorney's expense, \$47.50; Pacific Power & Light Co., lights court house, \$28.91; City of Moro, water for court house, \$1.85; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., telephones all offices, \$31.85; Mrs. Collins Moore, Subscription to campaign against Tuberculosis, \$10.00; Pacific Paint & Chemical Co., Janitor's supplies, \$9.25; Department of Agriculture, sealer, weights and measures, \$2.56; Norman E. Fields, expense to Sheriff's convention, \$40.00; Sally Douma, Sheriff's office help, \$18.00; Mid-Columbia Typewriter Co., Treasurer's office expense, \$18.50; J. C. Freeman, P. M., stamps for Clerk's office, \$10.00; Public Employees Retirement System, Retirement Fund, \$160.62; State Industrial Accident Commission, peace officer's protection, \$4.23; Adria White, registrar Wasco precinct, \$1.00; Arden S. Jordan, registrar Rufus precinct, \$0.70; Helen S. Ruggles, Assessor's office help, \$44.80; City of Moro, street light in front of courthouse 9 mos., @ \$1.55, \$13.95; Ross Ornduff, expenses to Clerk's convention, \$40.00; Western Union Tel. Co., telegrams Sheriff's office, \$2.99; Foss & Co., storage Sheriff's car, \$3.00; Court house expense, \$0.62, \$3.62; Sherman County Journal, County Printing \$9.00; First National Bank, with-holding tax, \$79.05; West Coast Printing & Binding Co., Sup't office expense, \$12.72; Kate Geiser, Sup't office help, \$42.75; Ginn & Co., Publishers, Sup't office supplies, \$4.92; Foreign Policy Ass'n., Sup't office supplies \$4.00; School Executive, Sup't office supplies \$3.00; Naomi Van Gilder, expenses to Treas-



OUTPLAYING TRUMAN . . . Tommy may lose the reputation of President Truman as a piano player, but he has shown that he may not be a Helen Morgan, but they demonstrate their technique. Their father is Reid W. McGibbeny, industrial arts teacher in Crafts, Pa., high school. When the twins were born they were expected to live, but now the husky pale provides their own mother, Mrs. Dorothy McGibbeny, 21, with plenty of excitement, including their piano duet.

SHANIKO NEWS

W. J. Wilson was a visitor here for several days also going to Moro for a day.

Shaniko is enjoying sunshine and warmer days since the wind stopped blowing.

Mrs. W. A. Rees has been in the mid-Columbia hospital in the Dalles for the last few days undergoing treatment for her eyes. Mr. Rees reports her as doing very well.

Henry Splanger has been a visitor here from Antelope the past few days leaving Saturday for Portland to visit his sister, Mrs. Hopkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Patjen Jr. arrived Saturday to spend Christmas here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Patjen. Young Andy lives in San Francisco.

Walter Stone Held In Nebraska On Many Charges

Walter Stone, who is wanted in Sherman county for obtaining money under false pretenses and non-support, was picked up at Columbus, Nebraska. He is wanted in Multnomah county, the sheriff reports, and in other states besides Nebraska. Whether he will be tried in Nebraska or returned to Multnomah county to answer on obtaining money under false pretenses charge is not yet known.

ROAD FUND

ROAD EMPLOYEES PAY ROLL: L. L. Peetz, \$87.32; C. Bargenholt, \$95.64; E. McPherson, \$102.51; Frank Bazzel, \$94.32; Earl Rehr, \$89.74; Pete Macnab, \$96.48; Bon Christianson, \$96.44; L. L. Peetz, \$81.39; C. Bargenholt, \$34.70; E. McPherson, \$84.30; Frank Bazzel, \$75.68; Earl Rehr, \$90.19; Pete Macnab, \$85.52; Bon Christianson, \$87.68.

ACCOUNT: First National Bank, with-holding tax, \$156.30; State Industrial Accident Commission, \$34.68; Public Employees Retirement, retirement, \$178.73; National Hospital Association, wages account, \$3.00; J. K. McKean Co., repairs, \$138.90; Wasco Motor Co., repairs, \$22.55; Mac's Welding Shop, repairs, \$65.00; Ernest Woods, repairs, \$11.58; O'Meara Supply & Imp. Co., \$79.08; Clyde Equipment Co., repairs, \$12.58; Foss & Co., miscellaneous, \$4.75; Pacific Power & Light Co., miscellaneous, \$4.85; Shell Oil Co., gas & oil, \$100.62; Union Oil Co., gas & oil, \$244.01; Moro Lumber & Fuel Yard, miscellaneous, \$2.00; Walther Williams Co., gas & oil, \$4.48; Columbia Motor Service, repairs, \$4.61; Elwood McPherson miscellaneous, \$44.30; Earl Rehr miscellaneous, \$9.67; City of Moro miscellaneous, \$1.75.

CONDENSED REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF DECEMBER 4, TERM OF COUNTY COURT

Claims against County General and General Road funds allowed as presented. Monthly report of County Treasurer, showing fund balances as of December 4, examined approved and filed.

Application of E. W. and Dorothy Peck for renewal of beer license for 1947 approved.

Application of A. S. Tate, for rental of tax foreclosed property in Wasco, rejected. Clerk directed to negotiate with applicant for sale of property.

W. T. Balsiger authorized and directed to increase insurance on Courthouse and furniture and fixtures to conform with appraisal made by insurance company.

In the matter of application of C. A. Tom for closure of County Road, applicant referred to District Attorney.

No further matters being at issue Court adjourned.

Farm Acreage Increased In War Years

In a report made by the United States Department of Agriculture some figures on age of farm operations and production during the war is given. Inevitable conclusion is that the heavy war time production was made by elderly farmers who did it by buying thousands of tractors and other machinery and putting in millions of acres of new land.

Oregon is not listed in the group of states but several states which produce wheat are listed and they are probably comparable to Oregon. North Dakota has the youngest farmers, the average age being 45. In Massachusetts they are the oldest, the average being 53. In Washington, nearest to Oregon, they are 50, which is about the average. Washington has 14 percent under 35 and 40 percent over 55. This indicates that our northern sister state has farmers of an average age greater than other states enumerated.

The value of machinery in 1945 as compared to 1940 is very high being 212 percent in North Dakota, where 24,000 more tractors are owned than in 1940. In Washington the value of machinery is 157 over 1940 and there are 14,000 more tractors. These figures indicate that farmers had a great deal of new power with which to make their high yielding contribution to the war effort.

Most of the states listed are west of the Mississippi river where additional land was available for farming for a total of 21,720,000 acres more were harvested in 1945 than in 1940. Greatest gain was in North Dakota whose farmers had 5,000,000 more acres in crop last year than in 1940, just before the war. There are 20 states in the West. Washington had a million more acres in crop in 1945.

If these figures are borne out by complete ones of all the states, the expansion of farm acres will be greater than expected and the resultant decline in harvested acreage, to meet demand, will be larger than many have thought. Even in 1940, there was a surplus of 281 million bushels of wheat.

Pat Pinkerton Weds Astoria Man

Miss Patricia Joan Pinkerton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Pinkerton of Moro, became the bride of Victor F. Malen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor E. Malen of Astoria, on Sunday, December 22, at 3:00 p. m. The wedding was held at the Portland home of the bride's sister, and brother in law, Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis B. Black, with the immediate families and a few close friends attending.

Rev. William W. Gearhart officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The wedding party stood before the fire-place, the mantle of which was decorated attractively with white chrysanthemums, snapdragons and lighted tapers.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white silk and crepe frock, with a head-dress of white net trimmed with seed pearls and a shoulder length veil. She carried a prayer book, with white orchid corsage and ribbon streamers trimmed with bouvardia and hyacinth flowers.

The maid of honor was Miss Elizabeth Guttridge of Estacada, former roommate of the bride at Willamette university. She wore a champagne silk jersey frock and carried a nose-gay of small white chrysanthemums and yellow daffodils. Jack Love of Astoria was best man.

At the reception which followed, the wedding cake was cut by Mrs. Robert Craig, sister of the groom.

Mrs. Wilma Poole, aunt of the bride, poured the coffee. Miss Margaret Malen had charge of the guest book. Assisting about the rooms were Mrs. Dean Pinkerton, Miss Corinne Malen, Mrs. Ward Paldanius and Miss Anne Jean Knighten.

After January 1 the young couple will be at home at Adair Village, Corvallis, where Mr. Malen is attending Oregon State college.

Mrs. Theodore Johnston returned from the hospital Sunday much improved in health.

Sherman Riders Reorganize For More Activity

The men and women who rode in the drill that featured the Sherman County fair last September met again Saturday night for a dinner at the hotel and a business meeting and entertainment at the Old Legion hall later.

Result was the renaming of the organization now Sherman County Riders and the streamlining of it. As now made up there is a president, Tom Fraser, a secretary-treasurer, Merle Becket, and three groups whose heads are officers and members of the controlling board of the organization. Norman Fields is head of the Sheriff's Posse, Kenneth Martin of the Quadrille and Marjorie Rich Van Gilder of the Gymkhana.

Pictures of the Sherman County fair, the Tygh Valley fair, and scenes of travel along the coast and through Yellowstone were shown by C. W. Walker of The Dalles and Dewey Thompson.

There were 61 at the dinner at the hotel and they were joined at the hall by many others to make a well attended dance at night.

New Grange Officers Installed At Rufus

Installation of new officers from Rufus and Harlandview Granges was held at the Rufus Grange hall Monday night, December 23. State Grange Deputy Howes of Portland was installing officer, assisted by his wife, Mrs. Howes. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

The weekend before Christmas was well taken up by Christmas programs. The Rufus school presented their operetta and program Thursday evening, the Grange program was held Saturday night, and on Sunday night the Rufus church gave their program. All three were very well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Yocum and Mrs. Leah Jensen returned home Friday from California by way of New Mexico and Utah where they have been visiting relatives for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Church are spending the Christmas holidays at Otis, Oregon with their children and other relatives.

George Jensen has been dismissed from the hospital but is still confined to his bed.

Mrs. John Mathieson is staying at Bend with her daughter, Mrs. Harry Hydorn, who is quite ill.

Miss Mary Brackett, who is a teacher at Ione, Oregon is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Brackett for the Christmas holidays.

Misses Ruth and Phyllis Isachsen left Friday evening by train for Wolfe Point, Montana, where they will spend the Christmas vacation with their family. They plan to return to Rufus on New Year's day.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Miller and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Tom are driving new 1946 Chevrolets.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Medler left Tuesday for Portland where they will spend Christmas.

Miss Eleanor Fox, a student at Oregon State college is spending the Christmas vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Fox and family. She will return to Corvallis January 1.

Harold Applegate of Portland was a visitor Friday at the home of his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wilson. Friday evening the Wilsons and Mr. Applegate journeyed to Ione to visit Mr. and Mrs. Wilson's daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Peck and family spent Christmas day in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tate were Christmas day guests of Mr. Tate's parents in The Dalles, Mr. and Mrs. Worth Tate.

Mrs. Clara White, son-and daughter, Robert and Virginia, of Portland, and Mrs. Elizabeth Kuypers spent Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kuypers.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wilson spent Christmas with their daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. Buck Miller at Ione.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Williams and family, Miss Berglot Flaten and her father left Christmas morning for Portland where they will stay until Friday with Mr. Williams' sister and family, Mr. and

Year End Review Shows Progress Made in 1946

A review of the headlines for 1946 show that there has been development in Sherman county during that year, now drawing on to an end.

REA lines have been constructed over a large part of the county and while the job is still not done and equipment for actually putting electricity in farm homes is not available it will not be many months before nearly every farm home can have current.

The Moro Grain Growers constructed an elevator at DeMoss to relieve congestion at Moro vented much other building and out shortage of materials pre-reconstruction that must await another year. However, most of the railroad bridges have been repaired, the Barnum building has been made usable again and some houses have been changed into more modern styles.

Improvements to the Wasco airport have been made and more work projected. Other airports are planned. The county has had 25,000 yards of rock crushed and the roads east of Moro are being covered with it. Another crusher site will make possible the rock-ing of roads in the north eastern part of the county.

Sportsmen have banded together to make a passable road down to the Deschutes river and it is probable that before another year there will be other improvements to the grade.

Stockmen, organized into Mid-co, have held the first of scheduled series of purebred cattle sales, a venture that may become very important to the economic future of the county. Horsemen have reorganized the Sherman County Riders that will have the effect of developing light horse breeding in the county. The fair was revived after a war time lapse of five years.

Revolutions of organizations have been common as many organizations were unable to continue in operation during the war. Some businesses have opened to peace time trade, notably the Wasco Hotel, the Moro Hotel dining room, two or three garages, a car agency and electric stores have flourished.

Nearly all veterans have returned to the county and many have gone to school. Spring time activity toward getting them settled and acquainted with their rights under the GI bill has stopped and there remains little but the interest in surplus property sales—and that slight.

The wheat crop was good, totaling slightly over 3,000,000 bushels and the price was high so that farmers realized one of their most prosperous years of all time. Moisture conditions at the end of the year do not indicate a repetition.

The county's financial position is probably better than ever before, with less indebtedness and more money in the bank. The county again led the state in the final war bond drive as it did in the others and bonds bought have largely been retained to give investors a backlog of nearly \$2,000,000 for future use.

WEATHER STILL DRY

Although the weather changed from the warm, cloudy days with ever threatening rain to colder weather there has yet been little fall moisture. A slight smattering of snow fell Monday night and temperatures dropped, to below freezing so that driving was hazardous because of snow covered roads and frost covered wind shields. Predictions of the weather prophets is that there will be little falling weather for several days.

Mrs. Eldem.

Mr. and Mrs. Oury and family went Tuesday to Walla Walla, Washington, where they will spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Brackett moved last week to the Sid Johnson ranch. Mr. and Mrs. Benton Barnett, who were living on the Johnson place, have moved to their home in Rufus.

Rufus school was dismissed Friday afternoon December 20 for a 12-day Christmas vacation, after which school will open again January 2.