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Four American army officers have conferred with officials of the World Federation of Trade Unions in Paris. The American Federation of Labor insists that the army has no business dicker-ing with WFTU as that organiza-tion is making an attempt in the interest of the Kremlin, to force German trade unions to affiliate United States military government with it. Lieut. Gen. Luelius D. Clay in Germany, denies that American officers participated in the conference, but a CIO representative did not deny that the officers were present.

Max Lowenthal, who has been appointed general counsel to Gen-eral Clay, is, reportedly, a man with a long established affiliation with communists and his loyalty is regarded as highly question-able, so Representative Dondero has informed the house. Mr. Don-dero says never in its career has World Federation of Trade Un-ions criticized Russia or the work-ing and labor conditions in any country controlled by Russia. On the other hand, WFTU has been hanging away at the United States and Great Britain—especially this country, and accusing the United States of being imperialistic.

In the western world, the lead-ing advocate of WFTU is Toledo-no, the pro-communist leader of the Latin-American Federation of Labor. Toledano came to Wash-ington several years ago and was given grand reception. In a publi-cation edited by him he is con-stantly sniping at the United States. He charges that the good neighbor policy simply means that the United States should be the big owning country of the western hemisphere, exercising complete military, economic and political domination over 20 coun-tries that would be merely colonies.

The National Maritime Union (CIO) took a position similar to that of Toledano at its national council meeting last month. The National Maritime Union calls on all workers in the world to join in international strikes against the so-called American imperialists. When Harry Bridges threatened a strike last June against the United States government and American shipping interests assurances were received, declares Congress-man Dondero, of strike support from WFTU and affiliated water-front workers of Australia, New Zealand and other countries. Everything was set for a world-wide tie-up of all American ship-ping. This strike was narrowly averted.

With consistent regularity aged Senator Capper of Kansas has again taken up his fight against the advertising of alcoholic bev-erages by introducing the same bill he has presented in the senate many previous times. Senator Capper is a prohibitionist by pre-cept and practice, represents a state which has been prohibition for decades, except for a single gubernatorial term, and his anti-liquor bills are always supported by a mass of statistics, petitions and letters. Liquor advertising is prohibited in some states but there isn't a chance that congress will take such action.

Latest statistics show that the potato production in the United States will approximate 477,000, 000 bushels and this will mean a surplus of at least 105,000,000 bushels for which there will be no available outlet without price cuts which would ruin thousands of growers. This statement was made on the floor of the house by Rep-resentative Shafer of Michigan who offers the novel proposal that encouragement be given wider use of potatoes in bread-mak-ing. Potato flour, he says, retains all the essential vitamins and min-erals and is more nutritious than wheat flour. Also, bread made with a satisfactory percentage of potato flour will keep almost in-definitely.

Last July on the floor of the senate a proposal was offered that the surplus potatoes be dehy-drated and shipped abroad for re-lief purposes, but since the cost of dehydrating runs around 35 to 40 cents a pound and the govern-Continued on page two—

## Clarence Ogren Dies From Heart Attack

Clarence C. Ogren, warehouse inspector in Sherman county for several years, died Tuesday, Janu-ary 28 at the Moro Hotel from a heart attack. Mr. Ogren had start-ed from Wasco about 4 o'clock in the afternoon and when he reach-ed Moro was very ill. An ambu-lance was called later but he died before it reached Moro. The coun-ty coroner, Ed Alley was called and Sheriff Fields made reports on the case, finding that he died from natural causes. He had been under doctor's care during the past month.

Mr. Ogren was from Oregon City and is survived by his widow, one son and one daughter. The body was taken to C. R. Callaway in The Dalles until the family made further plans.

## SHERMAN COUNTY LUNCHEON TO BE HELD

Mrs. Esta Powell writes that the next meeting of the ex-Sherman county ladies will be a luncheon on February 6, at "The House of Hicks" in Portland, at 12 o'clock noon.

All former residents of Sher-man county as well as present residents are most cordially in-vited to attend. Bridge will be played by those who wish to play or just visiting with old time friends throughout the afternoon.

Hostesses for the afternoon will be Mrs. Lawrence K. Moore and Mrs. Esta Powell, who wish to welcome everyone interested.

## MORO HUSKIES PLAY ARLINGTON AND KLICKITAT

Moro High's Huskies were rudely bumped to the tune of 36 to 26 by Arlington's Honkers at Arling-ton last Friday night.

Led by their tall center, Robert-son, who later left the game on five personals the Honkers jumped into an early lead and were never headed. Roberts rang the gong for fourteen counters on six-field goals and two gift tosses.

Though badly outplayed during the first part of the game Moro's reserves outscored the Honkers in the last quarter.

Moro was paced by forward Al-len Pinkerton who collected seven points.

In the preliminary game the Husky pups rolled over the Arling-ton Bs 16 to 11.

Klickitat High's Vandals ran wild in the second half to defeat a fighting Moro quintet 45 to 18 at Klickitat Saturday night.

After leading only 12 to 10 at the half the Vandals roared back to put on a phenomenal shooting display and completely snowed under the Huskies, who seemed bewildered by the sudden flurry of baskets. Moro rallied some-what in the final quarter but was unable to cut the Klickitat lead appreciably.

The Huskie second team was beaten 29 to 11.

## Republicans Elect Officials For Year

The Republican Committee of Sherman county met this month and nominated Mrs. Sarah Belle Conlee as county chairman for an-other term. E. D. McKee was named vice-chairman; Giles French secretary; Carl Melzer, treasurer; Dorothea H. Moore, State commit-tee woman; Giles L. French, State Committeeman; Carl Melzer, Con-gressional Committeeman, and Mrs. T. M. Rolfe, Congressional Committeewoman.

The district nominating com-mittee consists of Claud Coats, Frank von Borstel, B. Estelle Hailey, A. A. Dunlap and Mrs. G. R. Root.

## March of Dimes Campaign Closes

The March of Dimes campaign has been rolling along better this week as it comes to a close. Thurs-day in Moro, Merle Becket had the businessmen sponsoring the drive by soliciting funds by tele-phone calls. Mr. Becket reports a better contribution this week.

The climax of the campaign will be the Polio Ball February 1, sponsored by the Three Links club in Grass Valley. The dance will be in the pavilion there.

## Taxes, Education Distribution Big Problems Now

Liquor Control Fight On; Most Costly Session Of All Time

Interest in the second week of the 44th legislative assembly cen-tered on the problems that were hailed as likely to give legislators the most mental exercise: taxes and the education distribution bill. Naturally it will be hard to tell how much more money the state will need this biennium until the legislature has passed on the sev-eral appropriation bills that are coming up. If it restricts itself to the budgeted items and doesn't go in for new things like air fields, expanded veterans aid, too much pay, etc., it seems probable that a few million more will suffice.

If just reasonably careful—and that is about all that can be ex-pected—the next two years should bring but a six to eight million ad-ditional cost. This can be raised from lower income tax exemp-tions, from liquor, from additional excise taxes or from miscellan-ous sources of various kinds. A sales tax would balance the budget easily—if passed.

If none of these sources are utilized the property taxpayer will get the bill, and it seems very likely that the financing of the basic school bill will be on his shoulders soon in any event.

The expected fight over liquor control is coming to light in much the same way that was expected. The house committee is young and generally inexperienced and apparently desirous of loosening up the controls of the Knox law, probably by preventing the com-mission from cutting off club and beer hall licenses, by passing a law permitting sale by the glass and other laws to make drinking easier and quicker.

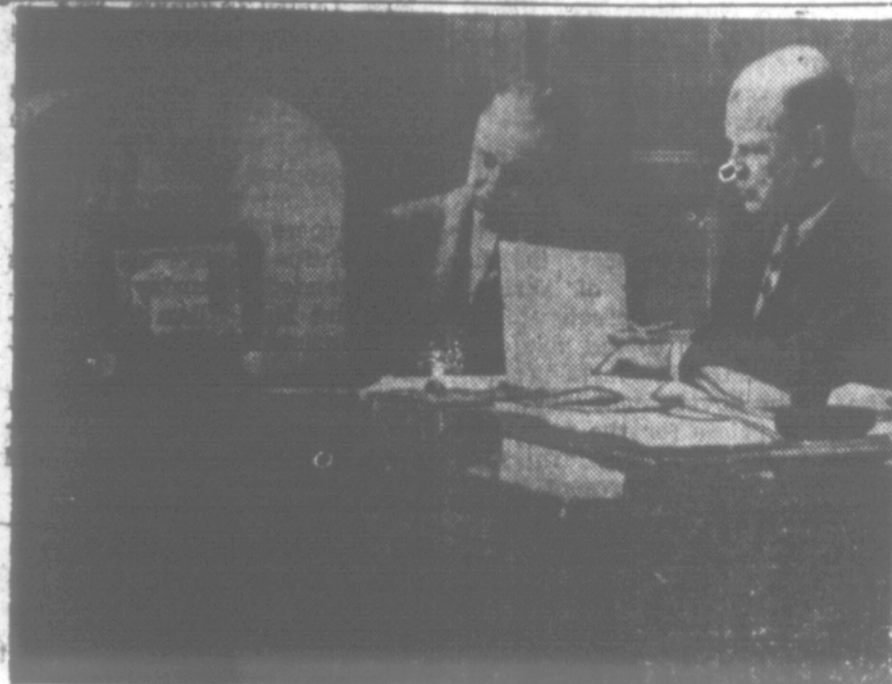
The senate committee, if one may judge from its personnel, will quietly put such bills in its pocket. Then there will be a fight and probably the liquor handling will remain much as it is.

The house is conducting the most costly session of all time. The change from 37 committees to 24 did not bring a reduction in committee clerks. Instead there are now 24, one for each commit-tee, instead of 12 to 14 as prevail-ed in other days. These Salem housewives who work during the session get \$9 per day for com-mittee work. In a session of 60 days that is \$540. For committees that meet seldom, perhaps not over five to ten times, the pay is very satisfactory—and very ex-travagant. There are also enough doorkeepers to man Buckingham palace. Newspapers have not said anything about it and perhaps will not, for most of them have their wives working at some legislative job.

Over in the senate the system is different. A senator's clerk or sec-retary is required to also be the secretary of his committee and each senator has one chairman-ship. That makes a pretty hard job for a stenographer and skill is required. The better clerks are in the senate, where the pay is often better, although the work is harder.

The big truck bill seems destin-ed to go on to final passage with little struggle. Since the truck men were able to convince the grange and since the cattle men of south-eastern Oregon found truck shipping advantageous the truck bill has had better sailing. The railroads, except for the railroad employees, have quit fighting the bill, perhaps because railroads have gone into the truck business, or perhaps because they were tired of fighting.

A few salary increase bills for county officials have come in, but the rush is slower than expected. Either county courts are hesitat-ing to recommend increases or are just slow in getting their resolu-tions into the legislature. It is rather surprising but there is dis-agreement about the advisability of passing them without question. Budget board approval is being asked as well as county court ap-proval, and there is going to be a real good argument about whether to make the pay increases start January 1 or July 1. That argu-ment will probably come first in relation to state employees who are asking for more pay. It is now learned that the 43rd legislature gave a great deal of power to the civil service board it created and



BUSINESS BY TELEVISION . . . A legally binding contract was signed simultaneously by executives of Dumont television laboratory, New York City, and motor company in Washington, D. C., as both contract-ing parties saw and heard each other by means of television. It was the first time that this newest medium of communication has been used to consummate a business agreement.

## Foss, Kansman Sell Garage To R. S. Misener

Foss & Company have sold their garage to R. S. Misener of Hills-boro formerly of Fossil, this week. Mr. Misener will take over Satur-day but Harry Kansman will re-main there for about a month. His brother George and a son-in-law will also be here to help operate the general garage and machine shop.

Mr. Kansman says he is going to take it easy for a while, hunt-ing and fishing.

## ROD & GUN CLUB MEETS

Members of the executive com-mittee of Rod and Gun club met Monday night to discuss matters at hand for 1947. It was decided to open more road down on the river as reported by B. H. Roberson, president. The 1947 dues for mem-bership will be \$5.00 at which time membership cards will be is-sued.

## Martin Masiker Dies In The Dalles

Word was received here Wed-nesday of the death of Martin J. Masiker, 83, in The Dalles at the Wasco County Home, as reported by Mrs. L. L. Peetz. Mr. Masiker was born May 22, 1863 and was the first white child born in Sher-man county, birthplace being the old Love place west of Wasco. He left the county when a young man moving to Spray and other places in Oregon.

Surviving is a half brother, Jay Price of North Bonneville, Wn. He was an uncle of E. E. and Art Barnum and Mrs. L. L. Peetz. Funeral services will be held in The Dalles Friday at 2 p.m.

that law will need a bit of tink-ering before it can be made to work. Estimates as to the probable length of the session still run fair-ly high. There is much to be learn-ed by the members about the state's government and needs, be-fore they can vote correctly on the important bills. They appear able and anxious to learn, being a serious group of men and wo-men. Maybe they will get out of Salem by March 15, probably not.



MRS. AMERICA . . . Mrs. Freda Acker, Anderson, S. C., who as-sumes title of Mrs. America, when the winner wouldn't go on a 20-w.ck tour. (She will use \$5,000 prize money to build home and en-dowment for her baby son, John.)

## Lucy Ruggles Celebrates 90th Birthday

Friends and relatives of Mrs. Lucy Ruggles called to wish her many happy returns of the day on her 90th birthday Thursday, Janu-ary 23, when the Eastern Star had open house in her honor at the Masonic hall. The three tiered birthday cake decorated with red and gold roses and 90 candles was the centerpiece of the linen cov-ered table flanked by white tapers in crystal candelabras and red carnations. Mrs. Will Olds and Mrs. O. N. Ruggles poured with Mrs. Jesse Landry and Mrs. Wal-ter Ruggles cutting the cake after the guest of honor cut the first piece.

Mrs. Willard Barnett, grand-daughter of Mrs. Ruggles, had charge of the guest book with about one hundred signing.

Mrs. O. N. Ruggles read a poem she had made up of highlights of Grandma Ruggles' life from early childhood in Michigan, her trip across the plains and her life in Oregon. The guest of honor re-ceived many beautiful cards and flowers.

On Sunday, the Ruggles family had a family and friends get-to-gether at the Woman's Clubhouse with most of the members of the family present. Several people dropped in the afternoon to visit with them.

## Security Payments Entitled To Survivors

Word received from the La Grande field office of the Social Security Administration says that many survivors of some 40,000 de-ceased war veterans will lose ben-efits due them unless they file necessary claims by February 10.

The families in question are those of veterans who died after discharge but before August 10, 1946. Such families are not eligible for veterans compensation or pen-sions and who meet other require-ments of the Social Security Act are entitled to insurance pay-ments retroactive to the time of the veterans death.

Families of veterans dying three years after discharge are entitled to special Social Security payments. The survivors of any veteran who died prior to August 10, 1946 should get in touch with the Social Security office at La Grande.

## Noxious Weeds Being Treated

Farms in Sherman county, con-taining 65,000 acres are directly affected by weed infestations. During the year 1946, 305,100 pounds of chlorate, 366 pounds of 2-4-D were used and 1260 acres of delayed cultivation was applied in control methods, according to LeRoy C. Wright, County Agent.

Farmers in the Locust Grove District, during 1946, secured 81, 280 pounds of chlorate; in the Wasco District, 100,620 pounds; in the Moro District, 87,550 pounds; in the Grass Valley Dis-trict, 24,120 pounds and in the Kent District, 11,530 pounds.

Activities in combating the per-nicious noxious weeds is county-wide and has the full cooperation of the County Court, railroad and State Highway.

## Basic School Bill Introduced In Legislature

The teachers' group that spon-sored the Basic School Bill (BSB) together with the school board di-rectors and others have had their bill introduced in the legislature. It is HB9 and reposes in the house education committee. Each edu-cation committee has held a hear-ing on the bill, both house and senate. Few understood it and only those with a considerable back-ground of school and tax affairs have their mental position im-proved from listening to the hear-ings, attendance at which has been restricted.

Wily Knighten, county school superintendent, has computed the Sherman county income from the proposed bill with the exception of that from transportation, which is admittedly impossible inasmuch as there is no adequate knowledge of the miles traveled per pupil, per day, per district.

According to the superintend-ent's figures Rufus will get \$2629.47, Wasco \$4563.30, Kent, \$2048.42, Moro \$5550.30 and Grass Val-ley \$2559.65. The total is \$17,351.14. A few more dollars may be re-ceived by the non-high district al-though the bill restricts payment to resident pupils.

On the basis of 14 mills to the dollar of valuation the county would pay in \$111,935.68.

Indications are that the bill will have tougher going inasmuch as eight eastern Oregon counties are entirely outside the equalization part of the bill and five others are out except for first class districts. Other areas are in the equalization part of the bill so slightly as to get small sums. The sponsoring committee has so far been most hesitant about releasing complete figures by county and district.

The thirteen county area that comprises 44,447 square miles or nearly half of the state. It has a total valuation on a full true cash value (not often used) of \$253,451, 837 or 13.5 percent of the total of the state.

This area would pay in \$1,794, 162 dollars and received an es-timated \$460,000 in grants in aid. This million and a quarter dollars is the potential loss incurred by eastern Oregon through passage of the BSB in November.

Multnomah county, where teach-ers are now protesting inability to live on their salaries, will pay in around \$5,100,000 and get back \$2, 700,000 leaving that county with a loss of \$2,400,000 which will put a sad aspect to the finances of an over wrought school board.

The eight counties cast out are Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Jefferson, Morrow, Sherman, Wallowa and Wheeler and those that are except for the first class districts are Baker, Lake, Umatilla, Union and Wasco.

## Rebekah-Odd Fellow Have Installation

After a 6:30 potluck dinner, the Lupine Rebekah Lodge of Moro, the Marion Rebekahs of Wasco, and Moro Lodge No. 113 I.O.O.F. installed officers for the next year. The Odd Fellows installed first with District Deputy Grand Mast-er Ralph Eakin officiating assist-ed by Deputy Grand Marshall Lewis McKee. Jack Lawrence was named Noble Grand; Leo Watkins, vice-Grand; Roy Kessinger, sec-etary; Clarence Mersinger, treas-urer; Lewis McKee, RSNG; Ralph Eakin, LSNG; Orlo Martin, ward-en; John Foss, conductor; Theo Johnston, chaplain; G. Douma, RSVG; Bill Schilling, LSVG; Chas. Sissel, LSC; Sam Brock, RSS; Ernest Houston, I.G.; A. Douma, O.Q.

For the Lupine Rebekahs, Irma Johnson is Noble Grand; Bertha Belshe, VG; Clara Houston, sec-etary; Inez Thompson, treasurer; Florence Thompson, warden; Zel-la Schilling, conductor; Lucille May, chaplain; Lois Platt, music-ian; Helen Martin RSNG; Leona Douma, LSNG; Laura Sather, RSVG; Sally Martin, LSVG; Leta Eslinger, inside guard; Katie Gais-District, during 1946, secured 81, 280 pounds of chlorate; in the Wasco District, 100,620 pounds; in the Moro District, 87,550 pounds; in the Grass Valley Dis-trict, 24,120 pounds and in the Kent District, 11,530 pounds.

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## Immigrant Taken To Officials In Portland

Lad From Holland Jumps Ship In Portland; Likes Farms ere

Elmert Jan de Yongh, from Holland was brought to the coun-ty jail in Moro last Thursday eve-ning for apparently taking a pick-up of Johnny Beuther, where he was working and wrecked it five miles south of Moro. He was frightened and ran, giving him-self up at Ronald Powell's. Mr. Powell brought him to town and T. Lest-er Johnson, District Attorney, contacted the immigration officials in Portland Friday, who said they would come after him on Monday.

He is 18 years old and was a steward on a Dutch ship that came into Portland where he jumped ship and went to Redmond. He didn't like the farms there and came on through this way. He liked the looks of the country here so stopped in Kent and has been working at Johnny Beuther's for two weeks. He wanted to learn to drive so he took the pickup and went out for a ride, which resulted in the accident. Mr. Beuther pressed no charges. The boy was afraid he would have to go back to Hol-land and didn't want to because he liked the country here.

Sheriff Norman Fields returned home Saturday afternoon from Portland and returned the lad to that city the same evening.

## SECRETARY OF STATE WARNS DRIVERS

Secretary of state Robert S. Farrell Jr. today warned drivers that the state is entering the deadliest weeks of the year for highway users.

"Mile for mile, mid-winter brings natural hazards to motor-ists to their most dangerous level," Farrell said. "Those who think this is a routine safety blurb should check the death record. Last February's death rate was double that of June."

State and national records for years past reflect with high con-sistency this trend. Authorities point to poor visibility and slip-pery road surfaces as principal danger factors. Visibility is ad-versely affected not only by bad weather but also by long hours of darkness.

Oregon's death rate, based on the number of highway fatalities for every hundred million miles of travel, was 6.8 last June. During February it had been 13.8, or ex-actly double.

In this connection Farrell re-iterated his advice to "start winter trips early."

## REV. F. L. CANNELL LEAVES FOR ODELL

Rev. F. L. Cannell preached his farewell sermon Sunday to a crowded church, after serving the Wasco Methodist Church for al-most ten years. There was special music by the choir, followed by the christening of little Maxine Francis Dormaier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dormaier. Ms. J. L. Olsen of Portland was godmother for the little girl.

Seventeen people united with the church at the close of the serv-ice. A basket dinner was enjoyed by 125 people. Rev. and Mrs. Can-nell expect to leave for Odell Thursday.

Rev. Stierle of Tacoma will be there to fill the pulpit next Sun-day.

## MRS. MARGARETHA ROTH DIES IN OLYMPIA

Word was received here Thurs-day from Henry Roth that his mother, Mrs. Margaretha Roth, 90, died in Olympia, Wn. recently. She had been living with Mr. Roth there. Mrs. Roth was born in Russia and came to the United States in 1911. A widow, she is survived by four sons, Henry and Karl of Olympia; John in Seattle, and Gus of Caldwell, Idaho; three daugh-ters, Mrs. Christina Roth, Los Angeles; Mrs. Margaret Sauer, Mott, North Dakota; and Mrs. Elizabeth Myers, Spokane, Wn. 45 grandchildren, 36 great-grand-children, and one great-great-grandchild.

Henry Roth is here visiting his daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Crews for a week or so.