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

Little by little more background is being uncovered in the portal-to-portal problem. On the floor of the house it was stated that Edward Lamb of Toledo, Ohio, who won the case in the district court on appeal from a lower court, is a "red" and just another lawyer. The way unions have grabbed at the decision of the federal district court, and rolled up suits exceeding five billion dollars in demands has caused Lamb to be nervous and to warn against too many unions taking advantage of the decision.

Edward Lamb, it would appear from allegations made against him by a congressman, is a confirmed communist and has been associated with many activities of the "party." He was active in the American Peace Mobilization outfit which picketed the White House, until Hitler turned on Stalin and then the communists and fifth columnists turned en masse and declared it was a "people's war," before that date President Roosevelt was called a warmonger, and it was an "imperialistic war." Before that date Lamb was a member of the Lawyers Committee to keep the U.S. out of war, and he was against conscription.

These allegations were documented with issues of the Daily Worker, the official communist organ published in New York city. Back files of the Daily Worker have proved invaluable to the committee on un-American activities. The Daily Worker has proudly printed names of those following the "party line" in front organizations and other activities of the communists. The files of this paper have been combed thoroughly and as a result the committee has compiled a roster of communists and fellow travelers that could not otherwise have been obtained. In this connection, it is said that the labor union leader who saw the possibility of soaking employers for portal pay is also identified as a communist, that he studied the problem for weeks and finally convinced Lamb "there was gold in them thar hills."

Congress must decide very shortly on whether conscription should be extended. It is now in suspense owing to the large number of volunteers entering the service, but if the flow of volunteers slackens military men assert that the conscription law should be extended to retain an occupation army of adequate proportions.

Surplus potatoes are a headache for the department of agriculture. It is estimated that there are 20,000,000 bushels that will go to waste. The suggestion that the spuds be given to UNRRA met with coolness from the relief agency. Potatoes would have to be dehydrated and the cost would be more than UNRRA need pay for wheat flour. As between flour and potatoes, UNRRA prefers the flour. According to Secretary Anderson, there are so many potatoes that it is a quandary what to do with them. Tons have been left in the fields, other tons are in storage where they are not sufficiently protected from cold weather and these, too, will rot. The department is trying to encourage the making of starch from the potatoes and to have alcohol plants use the tubers in their operation. (Vodka, the Russian national drink, is made from potatoes.) Growers have enjoyed a support price by the government, but this is expected to be abolished for the 1947 crop.

David Lillenthal, since his appointment to the atomic commission, has become an over-night expert on the atom. He declares that the secret of the atom must be retained by this country and that the greatest leak on the atomic bomb was in the famed Smyth report, which explained so many details that any nuclear scientist can guess the secret. Mr. Lillenthal failed to mention the Smyth report was published as a public document by the government.

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Boys Play Heavy Schedule During Week

The Moro High basketball team played their best game of the season here last Friday night as they rolled over the Fossil Falcons 47-23. The Huskies jumped quickly into the lead on baskets by Bayer and Thompson and were never headed. Fossil seemed unable to penetrate the Huskies tight zone defense while Moro scored almost at will.

High man for the evening was Keith Bayer of Moro who added 11 points to his season total. Moro's reserves edged the Fossil Bs in a 36-34 thriller as Herman Peters got 14 points.

The Moro Huskies invaded Washington for the second time this year and were simply overwhelmed by a fast passing, fast breaking, White Salmon quintet in a game that saw the Huskies held to three points in the first half. Moro came back somewhat stronger in the second-half but managed to gather only 16 points all evening while White Salmon collected 48. The team seemed lost in the large gym at White Salmon after doing all practicing in their gym at Moro.

The Husky Pups did somewhat better than the varsity as they held White Salmon's reserves to 21-12 win.

Moro High's fast improving team ran over, around and through the Dalles Papooses to the tune of 14-19 in one of Moro's better evenings. The Huskies overcame an early lead and then pulled rapidly ahead to win in a walk. The game was held at Gross Valley because of the greater size of the gym.

Moro's B squad kept ahead of a fighting Whittier J.H. and came up with a 33-32 win as Joe Harvey hit for 16.

Klickitat High School rolled over a fighting Moro team at Grass Valley last Wednesday by a 13 point margin, 42-29. The game was really closer than the score shows however, as Moro kept the Vandals fighting to protect their lead right down to the final gun.

Klickitat jumped into an early lead and were leading 10-21 at the half. Moro came back at the beginning of the second half and immediately scored two baskets to chop the Vandal lead to seven points. This was the margin throughout most of the second half.

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DISPLACED JAPANESE . . . Among the war orphans back from Mukden and Hsinking area pictured arriving at Shingawa station in Ishiko Hosoda, 16, right, carrying the ashes of her mother in a white bag around her neck.

Veterans Questionnaire Solves Many Problems About Insurance

Q. Can I pay my National Service Life Insurance premiums at the Veterans Administration contact office?

A. No. Contact offices are not authorized to accept remittances for insurance premiums. Payments may be made in person at the regional office in your state or mailed to:

Collection Unit
Insurance Service
Veterans Administration
Branch No. 1
821 Second Ave.
Seattle 4, Wn.

Q. I was captured by the enemy during World War II and was in a prisoner of war camp for 15 months. My claim for disability was denied by the Veterans Administration. What can I do now that the disability is getting worse?

A. The Veterans Administration will give the special consideration to disability claims filed by veterans interned in enemy prison camps. You should get in touch with your nearest VA office and have your case reopened.

Q. May I transfer part of my eligibility for education and training to my wife who is also a veteran but who does not have sufficient entitlement to complete her college course?

A. No. A wife, even though she is a veteran, cannot use any part of her husband's entitlement under the G.I. Bill provisions.

Q. Am I entitled to field trip expenses in gathering material for a thesis while I am in school under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act?

A. Veterans Administration will pay for occasional field trips, whether to a summer camp or for data for research or thesis, where the charge to the student is separate charge not included in the tuition or laboratory fee customarily paid by all students enrolled in the course.

Q. How may application be made for domiciliary or hospital care of a veteran?

A. Veterans Administration Form P-10 "Application for Hospital Treatment or Domiciliary Care," should be executed by the veteran or nearest relative, guardian or representative, and forwarded to the nearest VA hospital, regional office, or contact office. If found to be eligible for admission, the veteran will be promptly notified and if admission cannot be authorized, the veteran will be informed and the reason stated.

Q. Must property, to secure a guaranteed loan be covered by insurance?

A. It is customary for lenders to require insurance on buildings against which loans are made in order to protect themselves against loss of security. This also protects the veteran since it may provide funds to replace the loss. Buildings used as security for loans which carry the guaranty of the VA must be insured against fire and other hazards against which it is customary to insure in the community.

Q. I have two dependent children. I am a World War I veteran and would like to know if I can get a non-service-connected pen-

sion?

A. If you believe you are permanently and totally disabled, you should contact the veterans Administration regional office having jurisdiction over your address and forward to that VA Form 526b, (obtainable at the nearest VA contact office together with evidence of your condition.

Q. I am a World War I veteran in need of hospitalization. How do I go about making application for admittance to a Veterans Administration hospital?

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3,000 CHILDREN KILLED OR INJURED DURING THREE YEARS SURVEY

Parents are being warned to keep young children under close scrutiny during auto trips. Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell Jr. has just announced a new study showing 3,000 Oregon children under the age of 14 have been killed or injured during the last three years.

"Of course, some of these accidents involved all the occupants of the car," said Farrell, "but hundreds of young bodies have been broken through such foolish practices as dangling arms and legs out car windows."

A recently reported incident involved children standing in the back of a pick-up, snow-balling following motorists. Insurance company records detail many cases of youngsters falling off and out of moving cars.

Safety men remind parents that children are not to blame for these tragedies.

Pointing up one of the main dangers, Farrell said, "It is hard to understand how a mother who keeps matches from her youngsters will let them play in the back seat of a car with unlocked doors."

2,4-D DANGEROUS TO LEGUME SEEDS

Open packages of 2,4-D left close to legume seeds in the same room or building may completely ruin their germination, warns Mrs. Louisa A. Kanipe, botanist in charge of the state seed testing laboratory at O.S.C.

Volatile fumes from such a package in the laboratory on a warm day last May seriously damaged the germination of all legume seeds in open containers at the time, while grass seed showed no ill effects. The legume seeds swelled and sprouted in the germinator but the sprouts turned brown and stopped growing.

Taxes Still Main Problem In Legislature

Hearing Started; Wheat Boys Have One-Half Cent Tax Introduced

The third week of the legislature resulted in little action, at least apparent action. Most of the bills are in or are in process of being written so they are being discussed.

The tax study commission and except for a sales tax, which is being written, and one or two minor measures it is the only program before the legislators. Whether it will be adopted or not cannot be foretold as the committees are now getting acquainted with the provisions. Hearings started the first of the week, the first bill to be considered being the resolution for a popular vote on changes in the six percent limitation.

The tax commission suggested that the constitution be amended to make certain that the limitation applied only to property taxes and to permit municipal bodies to establish a new tax by a vote of the people.

Further hearings are being held on the basic school bill distribution bill, which has had a hard week. Portland school board members and taxpayers discovered, belatedly, that the bill will multiply their tax problems. Had they known as much last November, there would have been no bill at all. In reality Portland can hardly get along with the amount it would get under the basic bill now under discussion. Portland's tax levy for schools is not high, being 10.9 mills, smaller than many districts out state.

The district has not made full use of its six percent increase each year and has trouble getting enough money. Voters there generally defeat any special tax levies and the school population is much greater than it was before the influx of workers from the east and south.

As it stands at this writing it seems unlikely that the bill would pass in its present form. There are many things about it that are incompletely worked out and, it definitely gives the bigger schools a break in some things. Any employee who must have a teacher's certificate is considered a teacher, which would include those who teach kindergarten, adult classes, night classes and so forth none of which the small schools can have. Little progress has been made on the budget, that is little that shows up. The ways and means sub-committees are working every day and when their final reports are in and the entire committee gets them added up something will begin to tell.

Then the leaders will get together and decide what can or must be done and their program will probably be adopted because there will be no other and no one will have enough information to defeat it. There will probably be no more than five or six who make the program. That is the custom.

The furor about the lounges for house and senate members seems about to die down. They will be retained, without the shiny white refrigerators, but with the comfortable chairs and davenport. There is reason for them. Legislators may well be provided a place where they can read and talk and relax without being bothered by visitors seeking support of bills. The elder members especially need a place to lie down now and then. Two have already died during the sessions in the new state house and others have grown exceedingly weary.

So far there have been few important measures except those having to do with taxation and education. The anti closed shop amendment is in, but it probably will not pass. However, some labor legislation will be passed.

The wheat boys have been here and have had their bill introduced providing for a tax of one-half cent on every bushel of wheat going into commercial channels. The money thus raised would be used for the benefit of the industry to establish new uses for wheat, find new markets and for publicizing the food value of wheat. These appeals for opportunity for self help are usually favored by the legislature and it is likely that this one will be favored unless there is a strong voice of disapproval from the farmers affected.

Welding School To Open Here February 12

A welding school for farmers interested in purchasing equipment or improving their welding technique will be held at the Ernest Woods Garage in Moro on February 12th, 1:30 p.m. It was announced today by LeRoy C. Wright County Agent.

Farmers in attendance will have an opportunity to practice welding and see welding technique demonstrated by George Walter, expert welder from Portland. In addition, practical pointers on requirements to watch for in purchasing welding equipment and supplies will be given, according to the County Agent.

Moisture Poor For January

Moisture in Sherman county has been very slack during the past month reports showing only 1.06 with the normal being 1.58. Over a period of five months starting September 1, 1946 we have only received 3.75 while the normal is 6.55. High winds and heavy frosts caused the last snow to run off losing what moisture did fall.

Farmers May Get Aid From PMA

Conservation help will be furnished to Oregon farmers in connection with soil-saving practices involving earthmoving and construction work through a new feature of the 1947 agricultural conservation program.

Addition of the conservation services feature was announced by E. H. Miller, chairman of the state PMA committee, who said it will operate similar to the purchase order method of furnishing phosphate to farmers as conservation material.

A farmer who needs a conservation project such as an erosion control dam or a drainage ditch Miller explained, will apply to the county committee for a purchase order. The county committee, after determining a "fair price" for the work, will issue a purchase order in the amount of the practice payment the farmer will earn for the completed job. The order will be turned over to a contractor with proper equipment who has agreed to do the job at the "fair price." On completion of the project, the county committee will pay the contractor the amount shown on the purchase order—usually about half the total cost, leaving the farmer to pay the remainder.

The PMA chairman pointed out that the plan will reduce the farmer's cash outlay, and also insure quality work, since the project must meet all practice specifications before the contractor can collect. He also sees the plan as an encouragement to contractors to engage in agricultural earthmoving work, since it will be possible to arrange for a full schedule of jobs to keep equipment busy on a year-around basis. The use made of the conservation services feature in each county will be decided by the county committee, Miller said. He is hopeful that the plan will stimulate increased erosion control and conservation work calling for heavy equipment. The state's conservation needs for such practices, as shown by a recent survey, include drainage of 1,136,000 acres, land leveling on 664,000 acres now under irrigation, 12,000 erosion control dams, 35,000 stockwater dams and ponds, and 2,000 miles of diversion ditches.

COUPLE IN JAIL

Jack Lyons and Guy Monroe had a wreck up by the Lewis Olds ranch damaging the other car in the accident. They were brought to the Moro jail overnight and Jack Lyons was fined in justice court, Guy Monroe was fined for drunken driving, they worked for the R.E.A.

In other words the bill will be defeated at home if at all. Feeling that we are at the top of the price peak or over it, grows which may make for economy. This sentiment may aid in cutting money from the budget which was made when it appeared that costs would continue to rise. With many items of food and clothing dropping we may be due for some leveling off in costs of living.

Breakfast Club Reorganizes Wednesday

Nominations Made For Officers; Discuss Ambulance For County

The Moro Breakfast Club reorganized Wednesday morning at the Hotel Moro Coffee Shop with a steak breakfast at 7 a.m. Nominations were made for officers to be voted upon February 17 at the next meeting. Nominations were as follows: President, E. L. Woods; Vice-President, Truman Strong; Secretary-Treasurer, Carrel Bennett; Executive Committee, Merrill Oveson, Mike Mulick, Norman Fields, W. T. Balsiger, B. H. Robinson, and Carroll Sayrs.

Under the head of general business, Norman Fields called attention to the need of an ambulance to serve the people of Sherman county. It was decided to appoint a committee of three to investigate the matter. Norman Fields, Ernest Woods and Willy Knights were put on that committee.

County Court Meets On Wednesday

The County Court met Wednesday and discussed airport sights with Mr. Fryberger, Civil Aeronautics Ass'n and Mr. Hill from the State Aeronautical Ass'n. The court requested engineering service from State Board of Aeronautics to cities of Moro and Wasco for the purpose of site selection plans and specifications.

The rest of the day was spent in routine matters and the paying of bills for January.

Red Cross Chapter Meets Monday

Sherman County Chapter of the Red Cross held their regular meeting at the Courthouse Monday night. Plans were made for the fund campaign to begin March 1. They hope to be the first county to reach its quota which is \$2542 this year. Officers will be elected at the next regular meeting on March 3.

Members of the committee are A. A. Dunlap; Grover Young, Mr. and Mrs. Donald vonBorstel, Mrs. Frank vonBorstel, Mrs. Ted vonBorstel, Lucille May, Virginia McIntyre and Charles Ruggles.

AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE SHERMAN COUNTY CHAPTER MORO, OREGON

Estimated Expenditures 3-1-47—
2-29-48

Services and Activities	
Other service expenditures	300.00
Total home service	300.00
Disaster relief	200.00
Home nursing	200.00
Total nursing services	200.00
Nutrition service	10.00
First aid	150.00
Water safety	50.00
Total F.A.W.S. & AP	200.00
Junior Red Cross	150.00
Volunteer Special Services:	
Production	300.00
Total volunteer, special services	300.00
Other Services and Activities (Specify):	
Lunch program	1,000.00
Total other services and activities	1,000.00
Public information	25.00
Other	25.00
Total general chapter administration	25.00
Contingencies	350.00
Total	\$760.90

Item	Percent
Chapter requirements from March 1, 1947—	69.3
National quota assigned by this chapter—	780 30.7
Total to be raised by this chapter March 1947—	\$2542 100.
Sherman County Chapter C. A. Ruggles, Treasurer	