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There is a house concurrent resolution in congress, asking the president to bring General Douglas MacArthur home for at least 30 days, in order that he may receive the tribute he has earned. Of all the top flight military leaders in the late world war, MacArthur is the only one who has been deprived of a parade and reception. The congressmen who are advocating adoption of the resolution would like to have the general address a joint session of congress. There has been no explanation of why General MacArthur has been ignored when other leaders have come home to ride down Main street. Some suspect that there may be a tinge of politics involved.

General MacArthur has been called almost everything. He has been referred to as a "show-off", a "head-line hunter", as a "stuffed shirt" and things of that sort, but the fact remains that regardless of peculiarities which attract attention, MacArthur is a great soldier, a great strategist and a great administrator. No cadet ever emerged from West Point with as high a record. He was not a dug-out soldier in the first world war nor a fox-hole soldier in world war II. MacArthur stood up and took it.

He made the best fight possible in the Philippines with the small supplies that the federal government sent him. He said: "I will return", as he left Manila in a power boat, and that was regarded as a bluff and some critics said he was running away, but that declaration heartened the Philippine troops to resist. And MacArthur did come back, still smoking his corncob pipe.

It was MacArthur who devised the plan of invading Japan by cleaning up intervening islands and he arranged the signing of the surrender pact on the battleship Missouri. From start to finish, it was MacArthur in the Pacific campaign.

The record the General has made and is making in Japan is remarkable, while the allies in Europe are at loggerheads and getting nowhere. In Japan, however, MacArthur runs the show single handed and he is making the Japanese like it. He has not been in continental United States for 10 years and is over-due for a brief visit.

He may be a grand-stander, but he has made good.

Just to keep the record straight it is recalled that John L. Lewis, who is demanding the resignation of Julius Krug as secretary of the interior, because Krug refused to tolerate the domineering attitude of Lewis when he held a federal court in contempt, took an active part in the massacre of working men not far from Centralia, in Illinois a number of years ago. Lewis denounced some Progressive miners and inspired miners of his own organization to shoot down Progressives like rabbits. The massacre, a horrible affair, was widely publicized, together with the telegram Lewis dispatched. Ignoring his part in the wholesale murder with guns, Lewis tries to lay the blame for the Centralia deaths by an accidental mine explosion, directly on Krug. Lewis has stated that the Centralia mine was in an unsafe condition, but if so, he did not call the attention of the authorities to the situation before the explosion.

The Republicans have scheduled a get-together Friday, to decide on labor legislation. The senate committee on labor has a score or more of bills dealing with different phases and they range from drastic to mild. The committee has prepared a tentative draft, which will be submitted to the conference for suggestions. The republicans will have to decide what they wish to do about the closed shop, secondary boycotts, jurisdictional disputes, the incorporation of unions, etc. From this list the republicans will select the items they wish to feature. There has been some criticism that the congress has not been carrying out the mandate

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RED CROSS IN FINLAND . . . The Timonen family, shown above, formerly of Suojarvi, India, is among 450,000 Finnish evacuees from the Baltic province which now forms part of Russia. The American Red Cross, whose relief program to Finland has counted heavily during the cold winter months of the past two years in alleviating the needs of the nation, is taking care of families like the Timonens with warm clothing, such as the boy's pajamas—his first.

Remount Service Discontinuance Feared By Horse Breeder

Claud Thompson brings back word from California that the remount section of the U. S. Army may be discontinued or put under the department of agriculture. He has no confirmation of this, but conditions make his assumption seem reasonable.

Horses as fighting units are pretty well obsolete as machines have taken over in that field as well as in others devoted exclusively to peaceful pursuits. The cavalry charges of painting and poetry would be stopped cold by machine gun fire and a sabre would be ineffectual against a bomb, especially one of the much advertised atomic variety.

But the remount has served another purpose. When heavy horses were sold from farms to make way for the hacking and coughing traitors of the present day, farmers turned to lighter horses, not only as an expression of affection for man's noblest beast but as an economic venture. City folks began riding horses. Almost no town is too small to have a riding club and a squad or two of brightly dressed men and women who ride for the fun of it.

There are posies, rangers, saddle clubs, mustangers composed of business men and housewives whose less between Sundays press nothing more stimulating than a chair. It's good exercise. Old timers who used to ride horses for a living or a vocation may be scornful, but what is work for one may be sport for another.

The remount did help bring this interest in riding horses for it sent purebred horses of one kind or another all over the land to start the breeding of light horses. Whether those engaged in commercial raising of Palominos, Appaloosas, Quarterhorses, Thoroughbreds, or American Saddlers could or would continue without the aid of the remount section

cannot be foretold.

Many good sires were developed by the remount service and some of them came to this section to father the horses that made the races at the county fair so interesting. That condition has prevailed all over the land and nearly every blooded mount in the riding clubs could trace his ancestry to remount stock.

The horse has had to give way to gasoline as power. Tractors pull the plows, the jeep has taken the place of the mounted scout, but the buggy horse and the saddle horse that first were replaced by the automobile are back again. Many find it more fun to ride horseback than to drive a car, so maybe there is a place for the horse after all. And, if so, there may still be a place for the remount service.

Mrs Katherine Stow Buried In McMinnville

Mrs Katherine Stow, wife of R. A. Stow of Grass Valley, died Saturday in a hospital in The Dalles after an illness of a few days. Mrs Stow, 78, had suffered a stroke of paralysis a few days before her death.

Mrs Stow came to Sherman county about 20 years ago when she married R. A. Stow, business man and justice of peace at Grass Valley. Surviving are her widower and four sons by a previous marriage, Bert Christianson of Bend, Aage and Ingelman of Spokane and Arne of Newport, and two daughters, Mrs Esther Schmidt of Portland and Mrs Gudrun Schmidt of Hood River, 14 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in McMinnville and interment was made there in the Stow family plot.

Eastern Oregon Wheat League Livestock Show and Sale Plans Made By Newly Appointed Committees; Bigger Premiums Arranged

Organization for the Eastern Oregon Wheat League Livestock show and sale has been completed with the making of the preliminary program and the listing of stock to be entered.

LeRoy Wright is general manager of the show, aided by Eugene Courtney and Grant Perry secretary, who are handling business at The Dalles, the scene of the show. Dates are May 26 to 28. Monday to Wednesday. First of the week dates were decided upon in order to attract buyers out of Portland.

There will be 122 fed steers in the show, most of which will have been fed over six months on wheat, wheat feeding for livestock being the purpose of the show. Wheat league members felt that an incentive should be given to feeding wheat in order to make another market for their grain.

In addition to the steers there

will be 90 lambs, mostly December and January lambs and 73 hogs which must weigh between 175 and 230 pounds.

To strengthen the wheat league's \$750 prize money breeders of cattle have offered prizes for their own favorite breeds. Millard Eakin will distribute an additional \$50 to Shorthorn exhibitors and will give another \$25 to a Shorthorn that tops the list. Harold Eakin will give \$50 to Hereford exhibitors, Ralph Eakin will give a \$15 scholarship to the champion Hereford showman. Orville Cutsforth will distribute \$50 to Hereford exhibitors and seven Angus breeders will divide \$105 among boys who exhibit cattle of that breed.

There will be three classes of Herefords, two of Angus and Shorthorn.

The show will be held at Frank Wink's auction yard this year and it is promised that it will be

Biggs Location Chosen For Labor Camp

Biggs is to have a farm labor office according to information released this week by the state college.

A series of cabins are to be erected on a site two miles east of Biggs on land belonging to O. C. Wilson and near the ferry. These are to be open 24 hours daily and a director will be in charge to tell transient laborers where to go to find work. They may stop free of charge if they desire.

As usual county agents will supply information about farm labor, where it may be obtained and what kind of work is available. May first is reported to be the peak of Oregon's need for transient labor as that is the period of thinning the beet crop in Malheur county, although the fruit harvest also makes heavy demands of the labor market.

Mrs Daisy Belshee Dies Suddenly

Funeral services for Mrs Daisy Belshee were held from the Moro Community church Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 following her sudden death Saturday afternoon. Mrs Belshee, 64, had just stepped from the beauty parlor and had talked with friends in a car along the curb. Her daughter, Mrs Walter Williams of Portland, had gone to get their car when Mrs Belshee stepped on the sidewalk and collapsed, probably from cerebral hemorrhage.

The deceased was born Daisy Fuller in Vancouver, Washington, December 16, 1882. She came to Sherman county when a girl and on October 25, 1907 was married to George Hennagin. They spent the greater part of their married life on a farm southeast of Moro. After Mr Hennagin's death in 1936 Mrs Hennagin married Roy Belshee and moved to a farm near Wasco, which was their home until recently when they came to Moro.

Surviving are her widower, three daughters, Mrs James Kenny of Moro, Mrs Walter Williams and Mrs A. O. Ekstrom of Portland, two sons, Lloyd and George of Los Angeles. Other survivors are 15 grandchildren and six great grandchildren and a brother Al Fuller of Portland and three sisters, Mrs Fred Couch of Vancouver, Mrs Cora Isenberg of Hood River and Mrs Rella Tubbs of Bingen, Washington.

Mrs Belshee was always active and made many friends and also was a member of many organizations, among them were the Moro Community church, the Eastern Star, Rebekahs, the White Shrine and the Grange.

Henry Hanson of Portland, retired Moro minister, came up to preach the funeral sermon.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY

There will be a Sherman County Sunday School Rally Sunday afternoon, April 13, at the Moro Community Presbyterian church. There will be a potluck dinner at 1:30 followed by a program in which all the Sunday schools of Sherman county will participate. Special music is also being planned for the afternoon. Everyone is welcome.

Rod & Gun Club Re-elects Officers For Another Year

About sixty members of the Sherman County Rod and Gun club met at the court house Monday night and discussed the past years work and made plans for the year 1947.

A complete report of last years activity, along with a financial statement of the club, was read by B. H. Roberson, president of the club. A number of subjects was discussed by members including the creation of game preserves for pheasants, shooting game out of season and sportsmanship in reality as well as name. Some members told of seeing pheasants and ducks killed during mating season and it was the opinion of the club that such violations should be reported to the proper authorities, regardless of who does the shooting.

GAME REFUGE TALKED

Tom Striker spoke on the goose season and made suggestions as to changes that might help. Jimmy Jones, Tom Striker and Joe Peters were appointed as a committee to investigate places that might be used as a game refuge also to make recommendations as to work as a committee with the Game Commission. Collis Moore and Tom Striker are to work as a committee with the Game Commission to get these changes made.

Present officers were elected for another year and the membership fee of five dollars per year was declared necessary and voted again for 1947.

J. McKay made a report on present work being done down the river below tunnel No. 1 and this may be completed soon. When this is completed members will be able to drive as far as Mack's Canyon.

Application has been made for Catfish and Bass to restock Barnum reservoir.

VFW Auxiliary Reorganized Here

The Women's Auxiliary of the V.F.W., Sherman County Post, was reorganized at a meeting at the Moro Hotel Monday night.

Mrs Florence Martin presided on request of the state president. New members were obligated and officers elected and installed as follows: Mrs Etha DeMoss, president; Mrs M. Howell, Wasco, senior vice-president; Mrs Myrtle Rust, Grass Valley junior vice-president; Mrs Grace McDermid, Wasco, chaplain; Mrs E. Spencer, Wasco guard; Mrs Leta Esslinger, Moro, Mrs Dorothy Perry, Grass Valley, Mrs Grace Busse, Moro, trustees.

Women who are citizens of the U. S., over 16, and are mothers, wives, widows, sisters daughters, half or foster mothers or daughters of a veteran who served overseas are eligible.

Eligibility is established by the veteran's honorable service record and the veteran need not be a member. The next regular meeting will be held at the hotel April 18 and all members are asked to attend. Application cards may be obtained from Mrs Martin at the bank.

Grain Price Index Now At 301 Says BAE

The index of prices received by Oregon farmers stood at 264 March 15 on the basis of 1935-39, according to the bureau of agricultural economics at Oregon state college.

This is higher than in previous compilation by 8 percent and is indicative of the general favorable price trend. Nationally food grains are at 301 although the national level for all farm prices is 262 percent of 1935-39.

These parity prices are computed with farm labor omitted which means that they are higher than actual for Oregon farm wages are 354 percent of the base period rates.

Some typical levels in comparison to 1935-39 are hogs 159, beef 149, dry beans 155, barley 101, hay 64, potatoes 82.

Wasco Shooting Club Finds Grounds OK

The newly formed Wasco Trap & Skeet club will meet next Tuesday, April 15 to welcome new members who may be interested in joining. Inasmuch as Wasco was once a center for trap shooting, and it was a sport of some size all over the county, it is expected that a good crowd will attend.

An inspection of the grounds resulted in optimism for the equipment can be put into usable shape with little expense reported T. Lester Johnson.

Shaniko Stories

C. D. Wallace of Vancouver, Wash., is a visitor here, staying at the Shaniko hotel and visiting with his brother, A. C. Wallace. Henry Wilson left for Bend Monday to begin work on the highway crew after spending most of the winter here.

Rev. Ernest Taylor of The Dalles gave the Easter sermon at the school house with a large crowd in attendance. He was accompanied by Mrs Jane Hart, who came to see her sister, Mrs W. A. Rees. G. H. Reeder received word of the death of his brother, J. M. Reeder at Orchards, Wash., and he and his son attended the funeral Tuesday at Orchards. The deceased was formerly a resident of this section.

Mr and Mrs W. Thompson moved to Shaniko from Kent Saturday. He is in charge of the REA work here having the contract with Mr Parker. Thier son, Dean, was here over Easter from Bremerton.

Mrs. Rosa Harris is quite ill at her home. Her daughters, Mrs Bertha Berg of Portland, Mrs Carrie Sticken of Bingen, Wash., and Mrs Arlie Fine of Goldendale, were here with her the past week. Mrs Fine went home Friday and Mrs Berg left Sunday. Dick Stricklin came up from Bingen Thursday returning Mrs Sticklin home Sunday evening.

Mr and Mrs R. J. Kinney drove down from Madras Saturday evening. Mrs Kinney returned by bus Sunday afternoon, her husband remaining for a few days.

James Robertson and his sister in law, Mrs Robertson and sons, Bobby and Teddy of Antelope visited Mr. Robertson's son and daughter in law, Mr and Mrs Alex McLennen and nephew Ed at Bend.

Mr and Mrs G. D. Harris moved to Shaniko from Kent where they spent the winter. He is foreman of the REA crew and says the work will center around Shaniko for awhile.

April 3rd citizens of Shaniko found three inches of snow on the ground when they awoke, but sunshine drove it away soon.

Mrs Althea Whiteman, the new hotel manager, had as guests Sunday her son and family, Mr and Mrs Clark Akin and daughters, Dixie and Darlene Smith. Another son and wife here were Mr and Mrs Ernest Akin. Mr and Mrs Clark Akin will return and assume management of the service station.

Mrs Mary Ward, Mrs Ruth Ashley, Mrs W. A. Rees, Mrs Glade Carrigan, Mrs W. D. Ganks, Mrs A. J. Brown, and Mrs Novis Brown were guests of Mrs Phyllis Foreman at Antelope last week when Mrs Mary Ward conducted a meeting for the Economic Extension division.

Sales Tax Bill Will Fail To Raise State Revenue

The legislative assembly that started so bravely January 13 ended at the end of 83 days last Sunday morning with signs of relief sounding louder than the biennial "Auld Lang Syne" which wasn't even sung in the house so anxious were members to leave the chambers for food, sleep or homes for Easter.

What was the matter with it, will be a topic for discussion for many months. General opinion is that it was the house that delayed things for in taxation matters that body must originate. The senate handled tax bills with sufficient rapidity when it got them. Few tax bills were passed through the house and those mostly of merely corrective nature or having to do with the sales tax bill, the passage of which was the major business of those in power in the house.

Comments include one that refers to the house organization as "planned confusion", another that the quarterbacks were in at tackle, the guards at end and nobody calling signals, another that experienced men were displaced in favor of new or untrained ones so that nothing was done. Certainly the number of amendments would indicate that first attempts to put bills in shape were poorly done.

Offset Tax Passed

The sales tax was the major job of the session, but it is not a tax that anyone is proud to claim. First principle of taxation is that a tax should raise revenue. This one does not do that. This is an offset tax, designed to relieve counties and cities and school districts in part, to help the state in relief matters and to offset property taxes otherwise.

Although property tax payers feel aggrieved they have not paid a state tax for six years. As now prepared for an October 7 vote the schools will get \$18,000,000 from the basic school funds (a \$6,000,000 boost) will get \$3,250,000 as county school fund relief, which counties now raise, will get a sixth of the sales tax or \$3,200,000. This means that the state will pay more than half the cost of schools.

Counties will be relieved from the \$3,250,000 county school fund, will get an additional 3.1 percent of highway revenues and will also get \$3,200,000 of the \$20,000,000 sales tax, if and when it passes. Cities will get five percent more of highway funds and will also get \$3,200,000 of sales tax money.

The state's general fund will get little from the new tax. And that is the fund that all the worry was about.

Tax Study Bills Held

A better tax program than developed was in the hands of the house taxation committee January 20 when the Tax Study committee's bills were introduced. These would have produced sufficient money to operate the state without resort to new taxes, but some increases in old.

The offset provisions, except to counties, are based on population and not on assessed valuation which is the basis for the taxes that are being offset. This means that eastern Oregon counties which are universally valued at a much higher figure than the fast growing valley counties will be handicapped if the sales tax passes.

Oddly the state, will get more money if the sales tax loses. It is counties, school districts and cities that will get the money from the new tax. Such municipalities are in less need in eastern Oregon than in the poorer parts of the state.

The community property law will probably be referred inasmuch as it threatens property rights, titles, inheritances and wills of everyone while giving tax relief to the highly burdened higher brackets. It is not considered likely that the people would pass it if they had a chance to vote on it.

Anyway it is over, a slow uninteresting session. Perhaps it can be more candidly explained by those who observed it from the outside.

DOROTHA MOORE NAMED

Mrs Dorothea Moore of Moro has been named to the executive and policy committee of the Republican central committee by James A. Rodman, state chairman, according to a communication from him.