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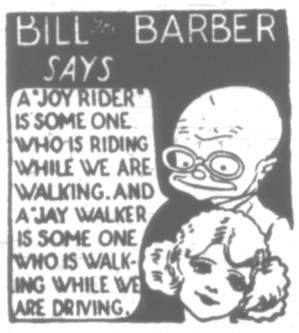
Germany is said to be self-supporting for the first time in years and her granaries are described as "bursting." Statistics gathered for the United States Department of Agriculture indicate that the German crops this year have been higher than any year since the war, says the Vincennes Commercial. Some of the reported stories of impending starvation may have truth in them, but the shortage in foodstuffs is due to a cornering of the supply rather than to its lack. The remedy appears to be not to send additional grain and other stores to the country, but to induce those who hold the bulk of the crops to release them for their countrymen's need. Americans are quick to respond to appeals from suffering humanity, but when their condition is directly due to the willful acts of their fellow men rather than to natural causes it is time to pause in our philanthropy and ask if more permanent relief could not be obtained by other means.

Recent official reports are to the effect that Victory bonds amounting to a total of about $40,000,000, and War Savings certificates to the amount of $22,000,000 are still outstanding, although they matured and ceased to draw interest many months ago. Even more startling is the statement that $43,000,000 worth of the temporary Liberty bonds, bearing only four coupons, which were given out until permanent bonds could be printed, have never been presented for exchange. In other words, more than $100,000,000 of the most readily convertible securities in the world are lying idle. Some, no doubt, have been accidentally destroyed, or lost, and others have been stolen and are held for fear of disclosure. But probably the bulk of this gilt-edged security is merely resting in family strong boxes or cupboards. Its owners either do not understand its value, or are too negligent to take care of the matter.




## Sinnott on the Job to Enact the McNary-Haugen Bill into Law

The following letter received this week from the home office of the American Wheat Growers Associated, Inc., located at Minneapolis, Minnesota, is worthy of publication for the purpose of informing readers of the Observer that the officers of the wheat growers association fully appreciate the ability of N. J. Sinnott to represent the western farming interests in congress at Washington.

"Much credit is being given Representative Nicholas J. Sinnott, of Oregon, for the overwhelmingly favorable report given the McNary-Haugen export corporation bill by the house committee on agriculture. While Mr. Sinnott is not a member of the committee much of his time has been devoted to the bill during the last two months, according to farm representatives who are at the capitol in its support.

"Mr. Sinnott is one of the western house members who has devoted every energy to the support of farm relief legislation," said George C. Jewett, general manager of the American Wheat Growers Associated. "His personal acquaintance in the house, his clear knowledge of farming conditions, and his ability to discuss the export bill comprehensively, have made his work invaluable.

"If the bill passes, and we certainly expect it will, the farmers of America will owe a large debt to western representatives, and particularly to Mr. Sinnott, who have worked indefatigably for its success. It is surprising what small knowledge of farming conditions existed among eastern legislators until the measure was brought to their attention, and only through the work of our western men have those from other parts of the United States been brought to a realization of the necessity for action by the government if agriculture is to be preserved to the nation."

Under date of April 24th, Representative Sinnott writes to Dr. J. R. Morgan of this city as follows: "I have yours of the 15th with reference to the McNary-Haugen bill and am glad to be able to tell you that the chairman of the house agriculture committee informed me this morning that the committee would endeavor to report the bill favorably to the house in the committee meeting today.

"I have been creditably informed that certain persons for political purposes best known to themselves, are circulating claims in Oregon that I am not doing all I can for the bill. Such claims are vastly amusing to the advocates of the bill here in congress. I have attended a number of inside meetings with Mr. Jewett and others who have been in Washington for sometime in behalf of the bill. In addition to this, some ten or twelve meetings have been held in my office by eight or ten members of the house, including myself, who have undertaken to canvass and poll the entire membership of the house for the bill."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## United States Postal Inspector Travels New Rural Mail Route

Postal Inspector George E. Moser was in this city on Wednesday for the purpose of checking up on the proposed new rural mail route out of Moro. With R. C. Byers as chauffer and scompanied by Postmaster Urquhart he made the trip over the route that afternoon. Distance was found to be 27.7 miles and time used one hour and thirty minutes. It is proposed that mail over the route will leave the same afternoon it is received at Moro and, when road conditions are bad, that it leave each morning. The route as now proposed begins at Moro postoffice, thence to DeMoss, thence up DeMoss canyon to the Amidon farm, thence top of Gordon ridge, thence to the old Biggs road, thence south past the Sayrs, Powell, Landry and Peetz farms to Erskine school, thence west and south past the Wesley Fuller farm to a junction with the Sherman highway north of the King farm, thence to postoffice at Moro. Inspector Moser was pleased with the route and is reported to have said that it would undoubtedly be established either as a star route, or a rural route, this last was yet to be determined by the department.

Bethleham Chapter No. 78, O. E. S. entertained sister Ida Hulery, worthy matron, brother W. F. Hulery, worthy patron, and sister Larue Hulery, associate conductor at a farewell reception Thursday evening April 22d. Brother T. E. Hulery, also a member, was unable to be present which was a disappointment to all. About fifty members were present. The evening was spent in playing games after which lovely refreshments were served. Those honored have been members of Bethleham chapter for five years and have been active members every since they were initiated, this being brother W. F. Hulery's second year as worthy patron. The members of O. E. S. are sorry to loose these sisters and brothers. They will be greatly missed, but the loss will be some others gain. T. E. Hulery and family are locating in Oregon City he having accepted a position as assistant manager in one of the leading garages in Clackamas county. W. F. Hulery and family are locating in Corvallis he having accepted a position in one of the garages as head mechanic in that city.

The 105th anniversary exercises of the Odd Fellows held at Moro Sunday was a decided success in every particular. The weather was ideal, and a good crowd in attendance. 200 were served dinner at the hall, and at two o'clock a full house gathered at the local theatre where a very appropriate and interesting program was rendered. Mayor N. W. Thompson delivered an address of welcome after which six 25-year veteran jewels were presented by Otto Peetz to the following: N. W. Thompson, L. H. Martin, J. B. Morrison, W. H. Ragsdale, F. A. Sayrs (to Carroll) and C. M. Whitelaw, the latter being absent was mailed to him at Coulee Washington. Hon. R. R. Butler of the Dalles delivered a very interesting address. W. A. Spencer also spoke as well as furnishing two saxophone solos, Miss Mariam Cox also sang a solo and "Johny Jones and his sister Sue" dropped in and entertained the crowd for a few minutes. At the close Fred Brown of Kent, stated that Kent lodge would entertain next year.

Senator McNary will not return to Oregon prior to the primaries to look after his campaign fences, according to a telegram received from him by Herbert Egbert of The Dalles, state president of the farmers' union.

Federal income tax collections in Oregon for the first quarter of 1924 totaled $2,175,175, according to an nouncement made by Clyde Huntley, collector of internal revenue.

## Local School Fairs and Try-out Meets Better Than Last Year

The local school fairs for the county were started at Rufus Monday April 21st. The entire day was full of interesting events, and the people of Rufus and the surrounding districts were there to enjoy the time. The visitors seemed to agree that it was the best school fair that Rufus school had held. One of the leading attractions was that every one seemed to have something good along to eat and they spread it on the tables in the school house and had a regular community meeting. In addition to this they had a club rally and athletic tryout in the afternoon.

The declamatory contest in the evening was closely contested and brought out a good crowd. Biggs, Miller and Brock schools were well represented at the contest. In addition to the excellent school exhibits of these schools, Brock displayed sewing. Among the children who won places for special mention on their club exhibits were: Edna Addington, Emmojean Edmondson, Mildred Chase, and Lois Fowlie.

Tuesday, April, 22d, was the day of the fair at Wasco. Excellent exhibits were shown in the grade rooms and the high school had a very nice exhibit. The writing room was arranged with a view of showing the improvement for the year and the improvement was apparent. Club sewing was shown by Miss Triplett, Miss Taylor and Mrs. Yocom, the latter named being from the Biglow school. Virginia Smith and Marie Bolton took honors in this work.

The Moro local fair showed that Moro and the surrounding districts are not only keeping up the interest shown in the past but are making decided improvement each year. The exhibits shown by the grades and high school were good. Excellent papers were prepared by the various departments of the high school and domestic department had an exhibit that surely helped to show off the real value of the work.

All but one rural school of the Moro section were represented both by school room work and club exhibits and each school showed advancement. Club work was shown by the children of Harmony, Erskine, Fairview, Boardman, and Gorman. Erskine, Harmony and Gorman won places of honor on booth exxhibits.

DeMoss comes for special mention for the quality of the work, specially in writing. In camp cookery the dough boy prize was won by Leon Cochran of Moro while Erskine took first second and third on the biscuits, and also on the first division sewing. The home cookery honors were divided between DeMoss and Harmony. The Moro sewing in the first and third divisions showed that first attention had been given to quality and well finished work. Georgia McKean, Emmajean Stephens, Signa Woods and Dorothy Foss were the winners.

The athletic tryouts were enjoyed by a good crowd and in the evening at the declamatory contest the auditorium was filled. Lester Lee won 1st in the D division, Doris Fortner 2nd. Robert Poley 1st in the C division, Charlotte Johnson 2nd Althea Powell 1st in the B division, Ester Ruggles, 2nd. Vernon Miller 1st in the A division, Cecil Cothran, 2nd.

The fair at Grass Valley was very successful and every school in the contesting division was represented. Rutledge and the Shearer school had excellent school exhibits while in addition to this Rosebush, Michigan and Grass Valley exhibited club work and Buckley put up an exhibit of coping saw work that was one of the attractions of the fair. Lunch was served by the domestic science department of Grass Valley school and the athletic tryout was held. In the evening the declamatory contest aroused much interest. In the D division Marie Russell was the winner, in C division Bernard Martin of Rutledge school was first and the B division was taken by Neal Ruggles. There was no A division.

The fair at Kent was by far the best school fair that Kent has put on, taking first place for the best high school booth in the county while the primary room took first in the county for grade rooms. The Wilcox school was mentioned along with Brock, Erskine, Michigan, Harmony and DeMoss for high honors in the county. The athletic tr outs were good and the declamatory contest one to be remembered. The D division was taken by Hally Mottern and the C division by Evelyn Nelson. The B division by Edith Sias and the A division by Franklin Sias.

With a membership of about 30 growers, the Elkhorn Mountain Head Lettuce association was organized at Haines. Growers present pledged 107 acres of lettuce for the fall market. The association will market its produce independent of distributing companies.

J. W. Mayo of the First National bank, Stayton, was elected president of the Marion County Bankers' association at a meeting in Salem. Other officers elected were Charles Reynolds of Silverton, vice-president, and Keith Powell of Woodburn, secretary and treasurer.

Oregon pensions have been granted as follows: Robert Weber, Portland, $12; George W. Hamblin, McMinnville, $12; Joseph E. Jones, Maplewood, $12; Martha L. Bates, Canby, $30; Charles A. Whitney, Hubbard, $12; Zeno D. Brisbois, Klamath Falls, $12; Harvey A. Smith, Portland, $12; Ethel G. Folger, Salem, $30; Otto Egberg, Portland, $12.


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