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VITAL VOTES

THERE must not be a return to 25-cent wheat. That, or approximately that, is what may very well happen if the wheat marketing quotas are not sustained at the polls on May 31.

The price of wheat at Heppner has been approximately 60 cents a bushel. This price is the result of the government loan value, approximating 42 cents, and the 18-cent parity payments.

In spite of the supporting elements that have kept the price of wheat far above the world market, which has always been the controlling factor, the return to the wheat grower has not, by a considerable margin, been equal to the price structure on which he has had to pay for the commodities he buys. Without the supporting features of loan and parity payments the wheat price would sink to ruinous levels.

It is not only vital but mandatory that every grower exercise his privilege to vote at the marketing quota referendum on May 31.

It is significant that an overwhelming majority of growers live in the eastern states. These largely grow a very small acreage of wheat, yet every grower's vote counts the same. The small eastern growers largely feed their wheat to livestock, and many are likely to oppose the quota because of the mistaken idea that doing so would make cheaper feed.

Defeating the quotas would not make cheaper feed. Statistics definitely prove that livestock prices are depressed by low wheat prices. The cheap feed would be costly because of lower prices for livestock.

Everyone in Morrow county is vitally interested in the success of the quotas at the polls May 31. Wheat is the county's "bread basket" to a very large degree. Everyone should see that everyone else votes who is entitled to vote.

Conscious of Defense

IMPENDING use of convoys to assure safe arrival at destination of war supplies that the United States is giving Britain; the sale of defense bonds, and news of more taxes with which to foot the war bill are bringing ever nearer to home the seriousness of the war problem.

Where a few weeks ago, national defense seemed something apart, the remoteness of the war arena leaving improbable in the minds of many that this country would ever be attacked, now the man on the street is aware of an acute danger, is becoming ready to put his shoulder under the load.

Secretary of Navy Stimson only yesterday sounded the first real warning from the nation's capital that Uncle Sam may soon convoy the war materials being sent to Britain. His challenge was, "Shall we permit these materials to be sunk to the bottom of the Atlantic?" Renewed submarine warfare of the Nazis which is taking a tremendous toll of British shipping, and actually affecting the supply of necessities available, was given by Stimson as real cause for Uncle Sam to consider the need for protecting the safety belt between America and Britain.

The convoys seem now definitely on their way. Uncle Sam, too, is committed to protecting the freedom of the seas. The die is being rapidly cast, as news comes too that draftees enrolled for a year of service may be held on.

All of the effects of the defense

program bear ever stronger upon the individual American, making all more conscious of the defense work. In Morrow county people are evidencing the effects. They are standing behind the president in the hour of crisis. There is determination here, as elsewhere throughout the country that dictatorship will not conquer the free spirit of America.

Lena Burroughs Cox, Community Worker

(Contributed)

Lena Burroughs was born March 3rd, 1882 near Hillsville, Virginia. Her mother died when Lena was nine years old and for a time she lived with an aunt. She attended school in Oldtown, Virginia, and when she was eighteen years old, she moved to Nebraska. On her twentieth birthday, March 3rd, 1902, she married Charles B. Cox, her childhood sweetheart. In September, 1903, the young couple came to Morrow County and went to work on the Justus ranch, and then after a few years there, they worked for George Currin.

With their savings they bought an interest in a grocery store in Heppner but after selling that, decided to raise wheat. For a time they rented land and then bought a wheat ranch in Dutton Canyon. Their home was a little cabin in the wheat fields and it soon became the center of hospitality and good times in this part of the county. They lived there eighteen happy years in which they worked hard, were thrifty, and still had time and means for little trips away together or with their friends. The writer, when coming to live in this community, was proud to be included in their circle of friendship.

In 1935 Charley Cox was appointed Postmaster in Heppner and they left the farm to live in town. A nice home was purchased and furnished with all the conveniences they had planned to have, during the long years on the wheat ranch. The same spirit of friendship went with them to their new home. We can truthfully say, their home was always open, their cupboard well-stocked, their table always set for their relatives, their friends and their neighbors. This circle of friendship is not only in our small community but it reaches out over the state.

In 1936 Lena Cox was worthy matron of the Eastern Star; in 1940 president of the local chapter of the American Legion auxiliary, and last year was elected district president of the 6th District of the American Legion auxiliary. These offices were taken with a sincere desire to further the work of each organization and she accomplished much in each position.

Her life ended on May 7th, after a brave fight with a grim disease. She leaves a loving husband and several brothers and sisters to mourn her loss. Some may say she left no worldly wealth, but did she not leave a wealth of love for her relatives and friends, to motherless children, to children whom she aided in their educations and to small ones that were remembered at Christmas time with special treats that their busy mothers had no time to prepare? Some may say she did not belong to a church, but did she not belong to a church of universal love and kindness? She aided strangers that needed assistance, and all her friends in times of trouble. We say her life was a shining path for all of us to follow; a path that was filled with hard work, with firm stands for things that were right and still a path with time for pleasures—small pleasures as well as larger ones.

Classes Plan Reunions At OSC Alumni Meet

Oregon State College—Representatives of the 1916 class are making plans for their silver anniversary reunion on Alumni day, May 31. The special events will begin with a dinner Friday evening, May 30, and will continue through Saturday.

Other classes holding special reunions will be the classes of 1901, 1903, and 1904 and the class of 1891, which will hold its golden jubilee. Members of all classes prior to 1891 will meet with the golden jubilee class members.

Baccalaureate Sunday will be June 1 this year with Commencement exercises on Monday, June 2.

State Seeks Pumice Deposit Reported in Columbia District

Anyone knowing of an extensive deposit of pumice located within 12 miles of the Columbia river and within a mile of the railroad "somewhere in central Oregon," may notify Judge Bert Johnson, who in turn will convey the information to the state department of geology.

Judge Johnson says the department has report of such a deposit but has no other information as to its exact locality.

The department is making a search for pumice close to railroads that may be utilized in Portland industry.

Emergency Farm Loans Still Available

Applications for emergency crop and summerfallow loans are still being received at the office of the county agent at Heppner, Oregon. The interest rate is 4 percent and the amount loaned to an individual farmer is limited to \$400.

Loans for the production of crops for the 1941 crop season are due this fall and are secured by the crops to be harvested in 1941. Loans for summerfallowing (including seed for fall planting, if necessary) are secured by the crop to be seeded in the fall of 1941 and are due when the crop is harvested in 1942.

SHIPPING SHEEP TODAY

J. G. Barratt is making his second and last shipment of sheep to summer range in Montana tonight. Mr. Flower of Sunnyside, Wash., is also making a shipment of sheep tonight, destined for the same vicinity as those of Mr. Barratt. The sheep go to Spotted Robe for unloading.

Apartment for rent. Inquire at Curran's Ready-to-Wear.



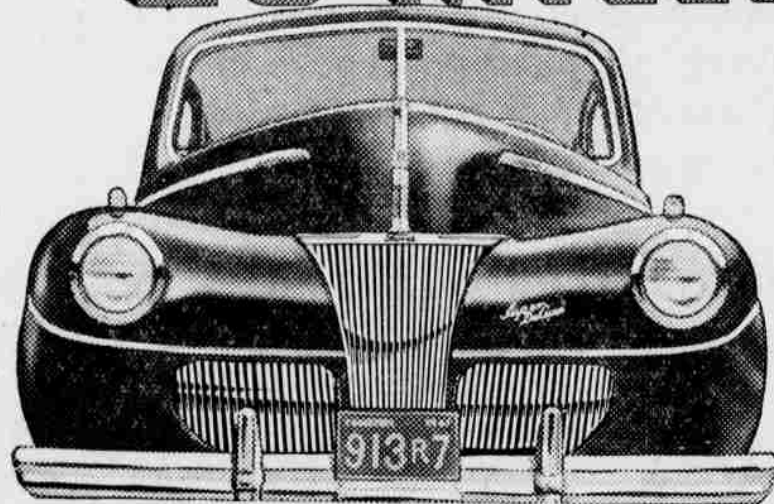
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It is significant that this achievement comes at a time when our country is making a mighty effort to re-arm swiftly. For to further that effort, to help speed it along in any possible way, we have offered the vast facilities of the Rouge Plant and every ounce of our experience.

As you read this, a new \$21,000,000 Ford airplane engine plant, started only last fall, is nearly completed. A new magnesium alloy plant, one of the few in the

country, is already in production on lightweight airplane engine castings. Work is right now under way on a new \$18,000,000 plant for mass production of big bomber assemblies. Orders have been filled for military vehicles of several types, including army reconnaissance cars, staff cars and bomb service trucks.

In the midst of this activity for National Defense, building the 29 millionth Ford car is simply one part of the day's work.

The public has acclaimed the 1941 Ford car as the finest in Ford history. Ford Dealers are enjoying their greatest sales and expecting their best year since 1937.

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