

"Spree" on Wheat Planting Not in Best War Interest

Oregon farmers are cautioned against any "plow up the fence rows wheat-planting spree" by R. B. Taylor, chairman of the Oregon USDA War board, following the request of the War Food administration for increased wheat acreage in 1944.

Meeting the state's 1944 goal of 950,000 acres of wheat, an increase of more than 100,000 acres over this year's harvest, is not to be done by reducing acreage of high priority war crops, or by plowing up poor-yielding sub-marginal land that is especially subject to erosion the war board chairman declares.

"While the state formerly grew more than a million acres of wheat annually, returning all of this land to wheat will neither result in the contribution to the war program or be in the best interests of farmers themselves," says Taylor.

Crop which have been given priority over wheat—dry peas, dry beans, potatoes and canning crops—are being grown on some of the land which formerly produced wheat. There will be need for continued high production of these crops in 1944, and farmers who have been growing them are not asked to reduce plantings to increase wheat.

"Put every acre to its most productive use" is the formula Taylor asks farmers to follow for 1944. To assist in the careful planning this will require on the part of every farm family, county goals for both wheat and the "priority" crops will be announced soon, the chairman said.

AAA records show that last year 182,000 acres of wheat land had been seeded to crested wheat grass for pasture. Some of this land is being plowed up and returned to wheat. But much of the crested wheat grass acreage is on steep, eroded hillsides and poor producing land, Taylor reminds, and it's bushels of wheat that the nation needs—not just acres planted.

POT SCOURERS INCLUDED IN HOUSEWARES COMING

Metal pot scourers, flour sieves, carpet sweepers and some similar household items that have almost disappeared from the stores will be available again as the result of recent action by the War Production board in allowing additional manufacturing of 10 of the most needed articles, says Miss Lois A. Lutz, ex-

tension specialist in home management at Oregon State college.

The extensive shortages of these items, coupled with the fact that small quantities of iron and steel, not suitable for military production can be used has led to relaxation of the restrictions, she says.

OIL STOPS WEEDS FORM SEEDING

Use of crank case oil on noxious weed patches to prevent seed formation has been found effective in tests conducted by J. B. Holladay, assistant county agent of Malheur county. One application stops seed formation and marks the boundaries of the patch for later attention with chemicals.

HAVE BABY GIRL

Julia Lee is the name of the eight and one-half pound girl born Sunday, Aug. 22 at Mrs. Mollahan's nursing home to Pvt. and Mrs. Keith Marshall. The father is in training at Courtland, Ala. and the mother is the former Ellen Hughes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hughes.

LOSES TONSILS

Louise Shunk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Shunk, underwent a tonsillectomy Tuesday.

BUSINESS VISITORS

In town on business Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Griffith of Sray.

HERE FROM ASTORIA

Mrs. Frances Healy of Astoria is a visitor at the home of Mr. Healy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Healy.

Former Resident to Be Buried Today

Funeral services for Mrs. W. E. Walbridge will be held at 2 o'clock p. m. today from the Methodist church, Rev. Bennie Howe officiating. Mrs. Walbridge passed away at her home in Portland Tuesday evening.

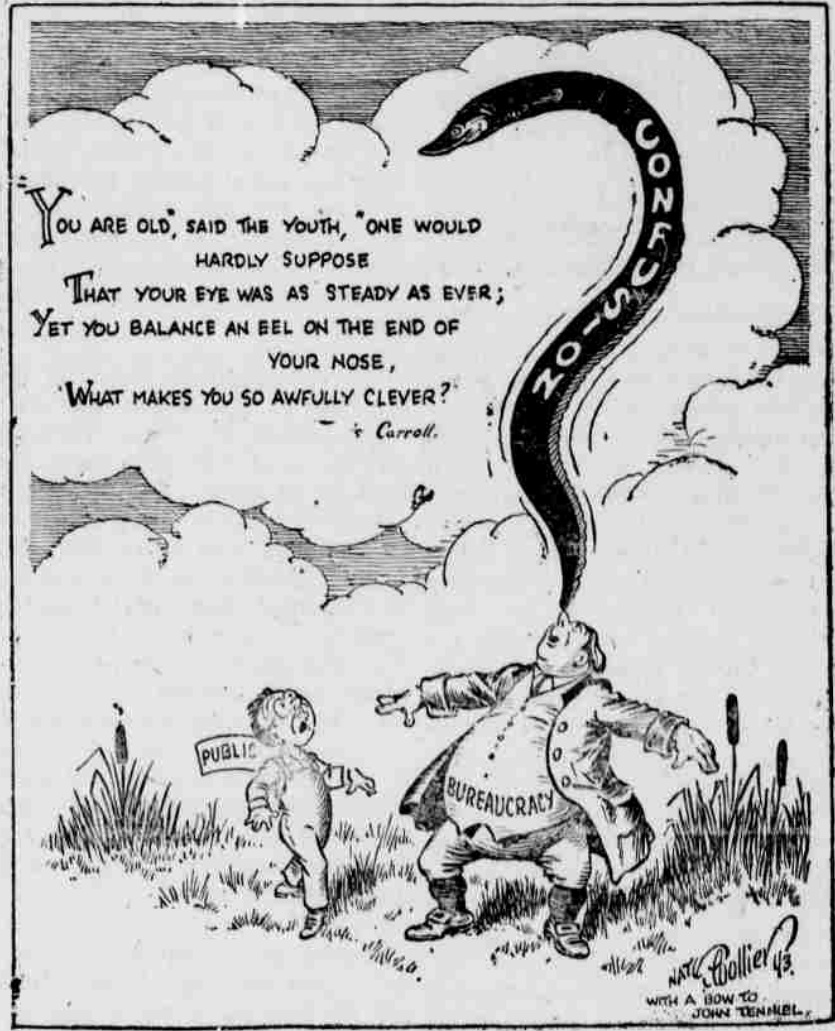
Counted among the early pioneers of Heppner, Mrs. Walbridge made her home here many years. Following the death of her husband she moved to Pendleton to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Henry Ashbaugh, later going to Portland.

Eliza Smith was born in 1861 at Roseburg. She came with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Smith, to Heppner in 1871. (The mother later became the wife of T. W. Ayrs, a pioneer resident and former county judge.) Miss Smith was married to William E. Walbridge in 1878 and to this union six children were born, two of whom survive, Gertrude E. Nash and Herbert Walbridge of Portland. Other survivors are four grandchildren, Major Frank E. Nash, Edith Nicholson and Mrs. Clinton Deyo of Portland and Henrietta Ashbaugh of Oakland, Calif., and three great grandchildren.

Mrs. Walbridge united with the Methodist church in Heppner in 1891 and had been a faithful member throughout life.

VISIT PENDLETON First National bank of Portland. Misses Frances Wilkinson and Heppner branch, were Pendleton Barbara Ledbetter, employes of the visitors Saturday afternoon.

FATHER WILLIAM



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