

### SHEEP INDUSTRY IS FACING BIG PROBLEM, REPORT

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WASHINGTON (AP)—The bureau of agricultural economics reported the situation confronting the sheep industry today "the most serious ever known." Farm administration relief officials continued plans to purchase 5,000,000 sheep in the drought-stricken west.

The purchase plan, which probably would bring to western sheepmen between \$7,000,000 and \$10,000,000 in benefits, was being delayed by a ruling by Comptroller General McCarl that AAA funds could not be used for that purpose, but it was said officially that there was no present intention of permitting McCarl's decision to halt the program.

Purchase of the sheep either through the federal surplus relief corporation or under the agricultural administration's broad power to remove surpluses was in prospect. The comptroller general's opinion closed the door only to the use of farm administration cattle funds provided under the Jones-Connelly act passed at the last session of congress, but would not prevent use of other funds under the interpretation of Dr. E. W. Sheets, drought relief director.

The bureau's report as to the industry's outlook painted a melancholy picture. "All other factors influencing both the short and long-time outlook for sheep production," it said, "are overshadowed by the drought, the effects of which are of varying degrees of severity in many of the important native sheep ranges and in most of the western sheep states."

"With pastures and ranges the poorest on record, with hay production much the smallest in 40 years at least, with forage crops and other roughage equally short, and feed grain production greatly below any year since 1901, the situation facing the sheep industry, as well as that of other livestock, is the most serious ever known."

"In view of these conditions, it seems hardly possible that a sharp liquidation of sheep numbers can be avoided.

"If the agricultural adjustment administration should buy ewes in the more critical drought areas, those suitable for food should be slaughtered for relief distribution, and those unfit for food would be condemned. Even with western flocks thus reduced by the elimination of perhaps 5,000,000 head of the older and weaker ewes, as a result of government purchases, it seems probable that the number of 1934 lambs marketed from these states by the end of 1934 and that the number of sheep in these states on Jan. 1, 1935 will be considerably smaller than a year earlier."

The bureau also said the drought would result in a 1935 wool clip in this country considerably smaller than that of 1934.

### John West Passes On Alder Slope

LOSTINE (Special)—John West, a pioneer of Alder Slope, died at his home early this week. He was born in New Jersey and was past 83 years old at the time of his death. He came to the Grande Ronde valley in 1875 and had lived in Walla Walla county for 52 years. Besides his widow he leaves six children, Mrs. George Lathrop, Mrs. Hazel Lathrop, Rhoda Waddingham, Robert, Clifford West and Mrs. Mary Nobles. Interment was in the Lostine cemetery.

### ELGIN PERSONALS

Levi Parks is constructing a new residence on the lot on Main street that he bought of Snodgrass and Zimmerman.

Lee Goding and daughter, Mrs. Joe Bechtel, drove to Walla Walla to attend the Indiana picnic.

The Rebekah lodge had a social hour after their regular meeting Thursday night, honoring Mrs. Kermit Meyers with a kitchen shower.

Mrs. Robt. Lane and Mildred Graves returned to San Francisco, Cal., after visiting a month with their mother, Mrs. Herbert Graves.

Kathryn Heeley, who visited at the C. I. Hazen home, has returned to her home at Hoppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Smith and children, Stanley and Betty Jean, of Fresno, Cal., and Mrs. Ella Troyer, of San Pedro, Cal., are here visiting relatives and friends. They will be remembered as Fanny and Ella Gordon.

Charles Terpany, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Terpany, is here visiting from Waterloo, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Merritt and daughter, Ruth, Mrs. Barnes and Wilma Harman drove to Walla Walla Lake Sunday. Ruth Merritt, Wilma Harman and Geneva Mosher will stay at the lake during the Christian church conference during the week. They will return with Roy Schmidt, who is one of the instructors.

Lois Bendshadler, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bendshadler, fell Monday and broke her arm.

Mrs. Anna Klinghammer, who has been quite sick for some time, had a surprise visit from the Three Link club last Friday.

Mrs. Geo. Dodge and Calvin Plants spent Sunday with friends at Lostine. Mrs. Maggie Stricker had the misfortune to dislocate her jaw while having a tooth filled. She is quite well again now.

### LOSTINE PERSONALS

Mrs. J. J. Koeig, of Pringle, S. D., with her family arrived Friday, looking for a location. Mr. Koeig will come in October. In speaking of that country she says that the drought has not hit that country as hard as it did farther east but that it was plenty dry, no work and no money.

The first car load of wheat left the local yards this week. It came from the farm of Jas. Morton and was grown on what is called School Flat.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Crow and children left Saturday for Summerville where they will spend a few days with relatives before leaving for their home at Livermore, Cal.

Mr. and Mrs. Goldsberry, of Turlock, Cal., arrived this week for a visit with their daughter, Mrs. Dean Crow.

Mrs. W. W. Kuhn, Mrs. Ella McKinzie and Mrs. Jack Read drove out to La Grande Wednesday to attend the Dora B. Schilke Association meeting.

A fire in the north woods came almost being fatal to Deibert Willett, of Lostine, a few days ago. Mr. Willett is with the forest service and was on duty when he, with a truck, got ahead of the fire which swept up to him very fast until he was surrounded. His fellow workers were behind him and had a hard time getting him out of the burning territory. The men had to carry him to safety after he had become unconscious from the smoke and heat. The fire burned over 1000 acres of timber land before it was under control. Mr. Willett is at his mother's, Mrs. Chas. Scott, at Lostine.

Miss Esther Crow, who nurses in the Franklin hospital in San Francisco and who has spent her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Crow, left Saturday for that city.

One of the outstanding gatherings of the Lostine young matrons was held Thursday at the home of Mrs. Cecil Childers, when she and Mrs. Loyd Houser entertained at bridge in honor of Mrs. Wayne Crow, of Livermore, Cal. Five tables of bridge were at play. Mrs. Joe Caudle made high score and Mrs. Chas. Knouse, low. Mrs. Crow received the guest prize. Those from out of town were Mrs. Ben Swart, of Los Angeles, Cal., Miss Esther Crow, of San Francisco, Mrs. Clair Childers and Mrs. Harold Pearce, of Walla Walla. Lovely refreshments closed a happy afternoon.

Mrs. Guy Crow, who has been at the hospital at Walla Walla with typhoid fever, was brought home Sunday and is getting along fine.

Mrs. J. W. Barker arrived home last week from Portland where her daughter underwent an operation.

Miss Margaret Foley has been elected to teach at Reedport, Ore. this winter.

Mrs. C. R. Nolan has as her guest, her brother, Bill Oatman, of Medford. Many citizens of Lostine drove down to Walla Walla Wednesday morning to see the remains of the big fire.

Miss Elsie Miller returned home from Seattle Thursday after a few weeks of convalescing there.

Mrs. Kate Cameron and Will Reeves went to Milton-Freewater Thursday to visit a few days with their cousin, Frank Foster.

Mr. and Mrs. George Winship and Anna Mae of La Grande, were calling on friends in Union, Wednesday.

### JOSEPH PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Gaulke and their guests, Dr. and Mrs. H. J. Reiland, of Butte, Mont., have moved to the Gaulke cottage "Rio Vista" at the lake.

Miss Lois White, a cousin of Mrs. Edward Eben, who has spent the past month here, left for her home in Portland Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McNabb, of Berkeley, Cal., have been visiting Mrs. P. McDonald at her cottage at the lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Cole, of Portland, Mrs. Percy Carman, of Hermiston, and Mrs. Effie Carman, of California, have been here on a visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Marti and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Marti, of Cambridge, Ida., have left for their homes after a visit with their relatives, the Rudger and Kutch families.

Mrs. Maida L. Stevenson was a weekend visitor in La Grande with Mrs. Anna Leslie and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Claycomb.

Mrs. A. M. McKinley has been quite sick of the flu, but is now better.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Blevins, of Astoria, Wash., were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. "Happy" Beckman. Mr. Blevins has a dairy at Astoria so could not stay away long.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Luttrell, of Hermiston, and Mrs. Luttrell's son, Kenneth Lane and wife, of Pendleton, were visitors here one day last week. They formerly lived here.

Mrs. Welthy Yeager was pleasantly surprised Tuesday when three of her daughters came to visit her—Mrs. Johnny Barry, of Oregon City, Mrs. Ruth Tompkins, of Corvallis, and Mrs. Hattie Wolfer, of Enterprise, and a granddaughter, Mrs. Lula Shobenbrand, of Portland. They went to the lake Tuesday to see another daughter, Mrs. Jennie Acton, and her daughter, Florence Acton. An enjoyable day was spent.

Mrs. Maynard H. Colwell, who has been at the lake for several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Smith, of La Grande, was hostess Tuesday at the Lake hotel at a bridge luncheon. Those present were Mrs. E. M. Calvert, Mrs. Edward Eben, Mrs. Russell Vaughan, of Los Angeles, Mrs. Mildred Marshall, of Los Angeles, Mrs. E. W. Rumble, Mrs. Tom Williamson, Mrs. J. Fred McClain, Mrs. P. D. McCully, Mrs. Maida L. Stevenson, Mrs. Margaret McDonald, Mrs. P. H. Gaulke, Mrs. S. C. Smith, of La Grande, and the hostess.

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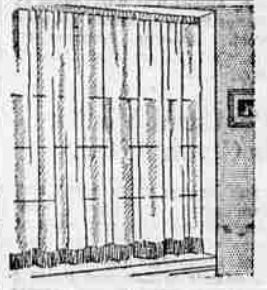
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