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## Camp On Hill Being Rapidly Constructed

### Six Larger Buildings Now On Way And Smaller Buildings Are Being Started

## Superintendent Eaton Here

### Grange Offers Cooperation Toward Erosion Work In Hay Canyon Watershed

With hammers and saws wielded by thirty or forty carpenters the work at the CCC camp goes on rapidly these days. The sixth and last of the large buildings is under construction and the smaller buildings are being begun as the grading and leveling is finished. The mess hall, first of the buildings started, has received its coat of paper and has a finished look. Paper of a different sort is being put on the inside of the buildings. Regardless of the number of trucks hauling lumber to the camp the pile never gets very large for trucks steadily haul it to the buildings as it is saved.

The offices and other buildings of the Soil Conservation Service will be placed to the east of the army camp along the fence, according to officers in charge of the work. These structures will be erected later from specifications furnished by the SCS.

### Engineer Here

Karl Eaton, superintendent of the camp, returned from Pullman Sunday and has been here this week getting ready for the start of the work which will begin when the contingent of 200 men arrive. The engineer for the local project is Olaf Anderson, a graduate of Oregon State college in agricultural engineering. He is here working with Superintendent Eaton on plans for the work project.

The Harlandview Grange has voted cooperation with the erosion service and a map of the Hay Canyon watershed has been prepared by Dewey Thompson showing the location of the farms in that territory and the number of acres in each. It is probable that an organization will be formed to include the entire area in which work is to be done as a means of aiding the cooperation between the farmers and the Soil Conservation Service.

## Story Of Pioneer Told To Writer

### Mrs. W. M. Barnett Gives Story Of Life

The following story was written about Mrs. W. M. Barnett by Robert Ballou for the Goldendale Sentinel.

One of my greatest handicaps in writing stories about pioneer days is the fact that I can no longer ramble and greet the old timers with a pencil and notebook. This was overcome during a recent visit. I paid me at my home in Oregon City by Mrs. Sarah Emily (Golden) Barnett, of Wasco, Sherman county Oregon.

There is some confusion as to just what constitutes a genuine pioneer. It is generally conceded however, that anyone, either as a child or an adult, who journeyed across the plains during the greatest parade in history should be accorded the distinction of being a real pioneer. Mrs. Barnett tells me that she has no recollection of ever being seated in a covered wagon, despite the fact that she claims the distinction of being a first arrival in the Klickitat Valley. Her claim is based on a visit paid by the stork on December 8, 1860. The visit was made to a log cabin, which was the home of John J. Golden and his wife Sarah Jane (Parrott) Golden. Mrs. Barnett says that she was the first baby girl born in the Klickitat county. She does not recall the exact location of the log cabin, but says it was in the lower valley, the locality which afterwards became

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## Fair Books Available At Co-op Offices

### County Agent Mailing List Will Receive Books

Within a few days fair books will be available at the offices of the cooperative grain growers in the towns of the county and those who wish to know what premiums the fair board is offering for exhibit this year will have an opportunity to see. Books are being sent out to nearly every farmer in the county by the fair board this week and it is expected that everyone will be informed about the fair in a short time. The race program will be published later in the summer.

## Fewer Pigs Saved This Spring Than Last

### Oregon Has The Best Percentage Among Western States

The department of agriculture estimates the number of pigs saved in the spring farrowing to be 96% of the number saved last spring when 134,000 pigs started to pork-hood on Oregon farms. Oregon is doing better by the hog according to the report than other states for the average of pigs saved is only 75.5% in the west, only 73.4% in the real corn and hog belt and 80.4% for the nation as a whole. There has been a very serious decline in the number of hogs for in 1932 200,000 pigs were saved in Oregon or about 40% more than this year.

## Farm Prices Take Sudden Decline

### Prices Paid By Farmers Remain High

Farm prices took a drop of four points from mid-May to mid-June on the national price level index just received by the Oregon State college extension service from Washington D. C. This official data, showing a drop from 108 to 104 confirms the recent estimate made by the extension economist. Total farm income in June 1935, however, is expected to exceed June last year as the general farm price index in June 1934 was 85 against 104 this year, and AAA rental and benefit payments are expected to be somewhat greater for June 1935 than in June 1934.

The index of prices paid by farmers stood at 127 at mid-June the same as in March, making the index of the purchasing power of farm products 82 per cent of pre-war parity compared with 85 at mid-May and 70 in June a year ago.

### Truck Crops Weak

The principal weakness in farm prices developed in truck crops, with that index down 31 points during the month. The grain group index went down 10 points, and dairy products down 7. Other group indexes were not materially changed, although some individual items moved up and some down. Wheat prices, moving toward a new crop basis, lost over 10 cents a bushel during the month, reaching a level nearly 2 cents under June 1934, while butterfat prices declined nearly 4 cents to a level about 1.5 cents over June 1934.

"The farm price situation in the country as a whole suggests a June farm price level for Oregon of about 65 per cent of the 1926-1930 average, compared with 58 in June 1934 and 96 as the 'parity' level," says L. R. Breithaupt, college extension economist. "On this basis, the average purchasing power of farm products in Oregon appears to be scarcely 70 per cent of 'parity,' compared with 82 for the nation as a whole.

"On the other hand Oregon farmers have had a more nearly normal volume of produce to market during the past year than farmers had in many states. Owing to more favorable growing conditions over the country, farm production and income is expected to approach normal more generally than last year.

"If growing conditions are about normal during the remainder of the season, and allowing for a normal carryover of certain products at the end of the season, the total supply of food for domestic use in 1935 is expected to be approximately one per cent greater than the 1929-1934 average, compared

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## Wes Wilde's Home Destroyed By Fire

### Nothing Saved From Building After Fire Discovered

The home of Wes Wilde was completely destroyed by fire early Monday morning. The loss included nearly all the furniture and possessions of Mr. Wilde and his sons as nothing was saved but some bedding. Mr. Wilde was sleeping in the house and was awakened by the explosion of some gun shells in the kitchen. The fire broke into his bedroom at the time and he had to make his exit thru the window. His son was sleeping in the yard.

The fire department was called but the fire had gained too much headway to be stopped and it was found impossible to enter the house to save any furniture. No wind was blowing and the trees about the house are apparently but little damaged by the fire. Some insurance was carried.

## Knighten Heads School Group

### Teachers Studying Many Phases Of Instruction

Wily W. Knighten, county school superintendent of Sherman county, is chairman of a committee of superintendents on "County Supervision and Testing," which will report at the three-day annual conference of Oregon county school superintendents meeting, in Salem July 18, 19, and 20.

This committee is making a thorough study of county supervision and testing programs in the various counties and will formulate recommendations for improving the program for the next few years. In this work Mr. Knighten has solicited information from all of the other county superintendents and has been in touch with several authorities in the field of supervision and testing in other states.

### Committees Working

Other committee reports to be presented at the superintendents conference this year and ones on "Rural School Music Festivals," "Programs for Teachers' Institute Study Clubs and Conferences," and "Selection and Placement of Teachers." Each committee presents its recommendation at the conference for discussion and final adoption.

This conference is held under the joint auspices of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the County Superintendents' Association whose officers this year are: president, Lucy E. Rodgers of Morrow county; vice president, Laurence C. Moffit of Lane county; and secretary, Anne Lewis of Clatsop county.

## Equity Cases Heard By Judge Hendricks

### One Case Settled Out Of Court By Litigants

Carl Hendricks of the circuit bench was here Monday and Tuesday to hear two cases argued by attorneys. No jury was called. The two cases heard Monday were both concerning the Thornberry ranch, one having to do with the land itself and the other the crops grown or growing thereon. Several witnesses from Wasco were called by the two attorneys, Frank Dick, of The Dalles, defense attorney and C. B. McConnell, of Burns, attorney for the plaintiff, the DeTweede-Hypothek Bank, of Spokane. A decision will be rendered later.

Tuesday's case was settled out of court by attorneys and parties to the suit. P. N. Lemon was represented by Mark Weatherford of Albany and both were here for a couple of days.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith of Lemmon Cove, Cal., are here to visit with Mrs. Smith's sister and mother, Mrs. W. H. Ragsdale and Grandma Belshie.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK				
DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.	
JULY 4	74	42	.00	
" 5	67	47	.00	
" 6	73	44	.00	
" 7	70	47	.00	
" 8	67	40	.00	
" 9	79	46	.00	
" 10	80	55	.00	
Total for week			.00	

## Larger Payment Means \$47,000 To This County

### Four Cents Added To Benefit Payments For Next Contract Period

## Local Cost To Be Deducted

### No Provision Made For Export Of Wheat From Northwest Surplus Area

It was announced this week that the payment made to cooperating farmers under the Agricultural Adjustment Administration will be 34 cents for the next contract period instead of 30 cents. The processing tax levied against the wheat will remain at 30 cents as it has since the beginning of the domestic allotment plan.

### County To Profit

To Sherman county this means an increase in revenue of approximately \$47,500 for the production of the base period is given as 2,207,303 bushels for this county by the officials of the state college. An allotment is paid on 54 percent of this figure or 1,191,573 bushels. The new payment is four cents over that paid before. It is thought that the cost of administering the act will not be greater than it has been which assures that practically 33 cents per bushel will be given the farmers in compensation for their reduction of wheat acreage.

A part of the allotment money was taken out of the 30 cents payment to aid the exportation of wheat from the northwest and it is not stated in the new report as to whether or not this will be continued. Farmers of the northwest have contended that the cent used for exporting grain was of almost as much benefit to them as the entire remainder of the allotment.

## Leonard Fields Rides Broncs Best

### Smoker Bouts End In Draws And Decisions

The celebration of the Fourth at Wasco resulted in bringing in several dollars to the treasury of the fire department which sponsored the affair. A ball game and dance were the only events of note during the first day but the Fourth itself, was filled with amusement features. A ball game in the morning was followed by a rodeo in the afternoon which was attended by the largest crowd that gathered during the day.

Leonard Fields was adjudged to be the best of the bronc riders on exhibition and was given the prize as the champion rider. Curly Millikin was given second place and Curtis Tom was named third by judges.

The smoker in the evening consisted of sixteen rounds of boxing by local men and opponents from outside the county in most cases. The smoker was under the direction of Bill McDonald who also refereed the bouts. Three of the bouts resulted in draws and in one a decision was rendered.

## Paul Lynch Receives Government Job

### Successor To Be Chosen Soon By Courts

Paul Lynch, representative in the state legislature from the district composed of Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow and Wheeler counties resigned his position Friday of last week after having received an appointment to the internal revenue department to be stationed at Salem, where he has made his home since leaving Mitchell.

A law passed by the legislature last winter gives the appointing power to the county courts of the counties in the district and on a call by Secretary of State Earl Snell the judges and commissioners will meet in Arlington July 15 for the purpose of naming a man to fill Lynch's position until the next general election.

## Wallace Says Export Market Is Necessary

### Adjustment Program Held Important Until Adjustment

The fundamental problem facing wheat growers is whether they can find an export market at a fair price for wheat grown in excess of domestic requirements, Secretary of Agriculture Wallace told wheat farmers of principal grain states called to Washington to consider details of the new wheat control contracts.

"The leadership exerted in the wheat regions by farmers themselves has been of such a quality that truly remarkable progress has been made in learning the fundamentals of the wheat problem," said the secretary, adding that until export outlets are found he believes farmers will hesitate to give up their adjustment programs.

Oregon was represented at this growers' conference by William Steen, chairman of the Umatilla County Wheat Control association.

## Corn-Hog Checks Expected Soon

### This Month To See Payments Started For Hogs

Distribution of 1935 corn-hog rental and benefit payments is expected to begin at Washington by the third week in July, it has been announced. Auditing the contracts the final step before actual disbursement of funds, started the first week in July. Less than 1 per cent of second payments under the 1934 programs remain unpaid, the announcement stated.

Processors of basic products under the AAA safeguard no legal right by filing suit for refund of processing taxes before the passage of pending amendments to the adjustment act, according to an official legal opinion circulated by Chester C. Davis, administrator of the act.

### Suits Held Illegal

"With respect to suits to restrain the collection of processing taxes which have become due and payable, section 3224 of the Revised Statutes provides that 'no suit for the purpose of restraining the assessment or collection of any tax shall be maintained in any court,'" the opinion sets out. "The law was very clearly stated by Mr. Justice Reeves, United States District Judge for the western division of the district of Missouri, in the case of the Larabee Flour Mills Co., vs Nee, collector, on June 24, 1935 where, relying on the provisions of this law he refused to enjoin the collection of the processing taxes on wheat."

## Local Rebekah Lodge Installs New Officers

### Florence Martin To Head Order For Next Term

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 of Moro held installation on July 9th. The following officers were installed:

Florence Martin, Noble Grand; Essie McKean, Right Supporter of the Noble Grand; Hazel Woods, Left Supporter of the Noble Grand; Elsie Stephens, Vice Grand; Leona Douma, Right Supporter of the Vice Grand; Lenora Schadewitz, Left Supporter of the Vice Grand; Bessie Thompson, Warden; Naomi Van Gilder, Conductor; Belle Conlee, Chaplain; Alice Conlee, Musician; Eliza Martin, Inside Guardian; Hazel Truitt, Outside Guardian; Gladis Bucholtz, Treasurer; Viola Hansen, Past Noble Grand; Lila Bull, Secretary, and serves for a year term.

Mrs. Mary E. Schaeffer, Mrs. Edna Freeman and Mrs. Havie Brisbane were appointed to serve as the finance committee and Naomi Van Gilder, Florence Johnston and Ora Peetz were appointed as members of the Good of the Order Committee, Viola Hansen was appointed as press agent.

Approximately thirty-five members were present and after the meeting refreshments were served.

### PAST NOBLE GRAND PARTY

The P. N. G. Club of the Rebekah Lodge will meet at the home of Mrs. Theo. Johnston on Friday, July 12th. A dessert luncheon is being planned and the afternoon will be spent in playing "500."

## 4-H Club Trip Program Announced By Johnson

### Trip To Include Three Counties And Farms

The program for the 4-H club trip of live stock members in Baker, Union and Wallowa counties will start Monday morning at Baker when the group will begin a tour of successful live stock farms in that county. That night the boys will stay at the experiment station near Union. Tuesday they will visit farms in Union county and drive to Wallowa Lake to spend the night there. Wednesday there will be visits to stock farms in Wallowa county to end the tour.

## Crop Specialist Visits County

### D. D. Hill Inspects Land And Crops While Here

D. D. Hill, professor of farm crops at Oregon State college, was in the county last week to look over the lands under cultivation and to hold a meeting with representative farmers to determine what farm practices are being followed in general throughout the county. A similar survey was made in other eastern Oregon counties.

Interest in grasses and in other crops that might be used to take the place of wheat on low producing or marginal land was evidenced by Mr. Hill. The procedure of putting some lands in grass is still a question that has not been solved and some government plan may be necessary before it is accomplished.

Mr. Hill visited farms where the new harvesting machine was being operated and some pictures were taken of the moving machines with bunchers and reels.

## Straw Needed For Soil Food

### Stubble On Surface Held Good Practice

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE. ATHENA, ORE., July 11, 1935—Asserting that the length of straw distributed by straw spreaders is not as important as the necessity of spreading the straw, Soil Conservation Service experts urged farmers to help nature to recondition the soil during the coming harvest season.

The induction of moisture into the soil through tillage methods was said to be vital to the future of agriculture, since its alternative, burning the straw, destroys the humus in the soil and causes soil loss through erosion.

Opinions regarding whether the straw should be chopped into four or six inches in length were regarded as non-essentials.

The straw should be worked into the soil during tillage, according to the Soil Conservation Service officials, so that part of it remains unburied. Moisture is then directed into the soil around and through the straw. Decomposition of the straw is retarded if the straw is completely buried by plowing, since moisture and air are equally important to the decomposition of the crop residue which adds the carbonaceous material, or humus, to the soil.

### Spreaders Recommended

Information on straw spreaders is a part of the program of the Soil Conservation Service to preserve the productivity of the soil and make agriculture permanently practical. The regional office of the SCS for the Northwest is in Pullman, Washington, at the edge of the 100,000 acre demonstration project in southeastern Washington and western Idaho. This regional office also directs a 30,000 acre demonstration sub-project in the Wildhorse creek watershed near Athena, Oregon.

Current usage has been to dispose of the straw by burning it in the rows formed as it falls from the combine. Attachments to spread the straw equally over the stubble are relatively inexpensive when the value to the soil is considered.

If a crop is to be grown the following year, fall disking or chiseling of the straw is advised so that maximum decomposition may be begun while the earth is still warm and wet. This fall precaution will greatly facilitate the preparation of the seed bed in the spring.

## Harvest Begins; Yields Run From 6 To 30 Bushel

### Very Good Crop Being Cut Over North and West Part Of Sherman County

## Crop Short In South End

### Original Mower Attachment Used By Owners Of Short Grain To Save Feed

Harvesting has begun in Sherman county with results that are very spotted, for yields vary from two or three sacks to the acre to ten or twelve. This is as was expected several weeks ago.

In the territory west and north of Wasco the wheat is making from ten to twelve sacks where it is being cut although the cool and damp weather has delayed the start of many machines as the draws still have green wheat in them. East of Wasco the yields are much smaller and the crop much shorter in height.

There was considerable activity in wheat selling this week due to another rust scare in the mid west. Wheat was sold here for 63 cents during the week and some of the old lots were moved to market.

Harvesting will not begin in the middle and southern sections of the county for a few days yet because of the rains and later season. Some is being cut for hay with mowing machines and other hay tools and on some ranches there will be no harvest at all other than this.

Spring grain will make a fair crop in some parts and in others will be almost as much of a disappointment as the fall wheat crop.

## Edwaad McMillan Dies Suddenly In California

### Former Resident To Be Buried Today

The funeral of Edward McMillan, former resident of Wasco, will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon, Friday, from the Wasco Methodist church with Rev. R. T. Cook officiating. Mr. McMillan died at his home in Riverside, Cal. Sunday night after a short illness.

Mr. McMillan was a well known farmer west of Wasco until his departure for California in the early twenties. He came to Sherman county in 1888 with his parents and was married to Mary E. Hines in 1894 at Wasco. He is survived by one son, Chester, of Portland and four brothers, Steve, of Wasco, Jack, of Post, Eugene, of Portland and Lee of Stevenson, Washington and a sister, Mrs. Emma Hines of California.

## Land Bank Makes Many Farm Sales

A graphic picture of improving agricultural conditions in the Pacific Northwest is shown by the increase in sales of acquired farm property by the Federal Land Bank of Spokane for the six months' period ending June 30.

The number of farms disposed of the first six months of 1935, compared with a similar period last year, shows a decided increase in the number of units sold. Sale volume in 1935 totalled \$1,438,252.75 an increase of \$371,430.38 over 1934.

"The number of units sold and the percentage of cash received on sales of farms through the Land Department during the first six months of 1935 reflect improved agricultural conditions and the desirability of real estate as an investment," says Ward A. Newcomb vice-president in charge of the Land Department. "The percentage of cash received as initial payments was nearly three times the amount paid in a similar period in 1934."

"With the revised rulings making Commissioner loans available for financing real estate purchases up to three-fourths of appraised value, and with the new low interest rates granted for long-term loans, the Land Department looks forward to continued activity in the selling of bank-owned farms."