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As a precaution against the malicious incendiaries and the careless camper and smoker Governor Martin this week placed practically all of the timbered areas of the state under "regulated use." This means that the campers that go in to the woods must obtain permits if they intend to build fires in any place other than designated camping spots and must also carry regulation fire fighting equipment including a shovel, axe and water bucket. Smoking also will be forbidden by the travelers in forested areas except along hard surfaced roads.

The governor's action was taken on the recommendation of J. W. Ferguson, state forester, who points out that 70 percent of all man caused forest fires are due either to maliciousness or carelessness. Worst of the careless group are the smoker and vacationist who are responsible for 41 percent of all man caused fires. Thoughtlessness is their big fault, Ferguson declares.

Contrasted to the havoc wrought to the forests by the incendiary, smoker and recreationist, is the record of the industrial activities in forests of the state, which, altho employing thousands of men are responsible for less than four percent of the forest fires. Incendiaries, Ferguson declares, are the worst menace to the timber industry and the biggest problem of the forestry department.

The "regulated use" restrictions will continue in effect until October 15 unless previously revoked, Ferguson said. An increase in the forest fire hazard may result in more drastic precautionary measures including absolute closure of forested areas to entry.

Three hundred and seventy one inmates of the Oregon state prison have taken advantage of the free reading courses prepared by the state library during the last two years, Miss Harriett Long, state librarian reports. Many of these men have taken two or more courses. One prisoner, a farmer with only an eighth grade education has had courses on six subjects including psychology, economics, archaeology, trapping wild animals, tool steel and tempering and Inca and pre-Inca history. Most of the prisoners applying for these courses have had only a grammar school education. A few have had the advantage of a high school education and a very few indicate that they have gone to college. Among the more popular subjects with the boys at Warden Lewis "big house" are electricity, Diesel engines, radio, English and grammar courses. A number of the prisoners display an interest in navigation while several have asked for courses on sculpturing and wood carving.

Oregon's industrial payrolls are up 75 percent over two years ago and the composite daily wage paid shows an increase of 30 percent over wages paid in 1932-33 according to figures compiled by the Industrial Accident Commission. Ninety-five percent of the industries in the state are now under the protection of the Workmen's Compensation act, the commission reports.

More than 43,000 requests for information on the scenic and recreational attractions of Oregon have been received by the Travel Department of the state highway commission. Scores of inquiries have been received during the past few weeks for information regarding fishing in Oregon streams. Most of these requests have come by air mail with stamps enclosed for air mail reply, explaining that they were coming at once and wanting to know where the fish could be found.

Thirty-three drunken automobile drivers who fell afoul the state police during July contributed \$3,062.15 in fines to the public purse and in addition were the recipients of jail sentences aggregating 1945 days, more than one third of which was suspended, however. Arrests by state police for violations of traffic laws during June totaled 675 while 7918 warning slips were issued to motorists detected in minor violations of the rules of the road.

The riot at the penitentiary here Friday afternoon which resulted in the killing of one convict and the

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Changes Made In Personnel Of Camp Officers

O. E. Dyer has been sent to Rapid City, South Dakota, to aid in the erosion work in the drought area. He was instructed to report for his new job August 4 and left immediately leaving his family here for the time being.

Lt. Samuel L. Bernstein, who has been the camp doctor here since the camp was established has resigned and left for Los Angeles. The appointment of Dr. C. L. Poley to take his place has been approved by Col. McDermid and will be received soon.

No appointment has yet been received for a successor to Charles Auberg who was the camp educational adviser until his resignation a few weeks ago, before he left on his vacation.

Jacob Wassenmiller Hit, Hurt By Car

Jacob Wassenmiller can thank a native hardiness for his ability to get around at all these days even though he is sore and bruised to some extent. He parked his car at the gate and went to talk to the mail carrier. While leaning on the side of the mail car his own vehicle rolled down on him knocking his legs against the door so hard that it was permanently dented. The bumper of the moving car was high enough that it caught him above the knees.

Not being used to being slammed around in this manner Mr. Wassenmiller straightened out and shoved his car back. Aside from some sore and the aforementioned soreness he is able to get around as good as ever. The mail carrier's car went to the body shop for repairs.

Range Men To Meet For Discussion

Range livestock men of Oregon will have an opportunity August 13 at Pendleton to consider proposals and present their own ideas regarding a suitable plan by which they can cooperate in the agricultural conservation program. On that date federal officials from the AAA will be in Pendleton to discuss the proposed program and State college officials tentative provisions for such a program.

The meeting will be held in the court house starting at 10 o'clock, and a general invitation has been issued for all interested to attend. The purpose of the meeting will not be to announce a definite range program, explains F. L. Ballard, vice-director of extension at Oregon State college, in calling the meeting, but will be to discuss with stockmen practices which might be applicable yet this year or in connection with a program in 1937.

Benefit Payments Large In County

Rental and benefit payment under the AAA program in Sherman County, during the three year period ending May 31, 1936, amounted to \$941,451.50, according to information received by State Director Edgar Fred of the National Emergency Council.

Under the wheat program payments in Sherman County were \$919,185.52 and under corn-hogs \$22,265.98. The total that has been released in Oregon as a result of the rental of such payments throughout the and benefit payments over three years is \$8,870,417.52. The total wheat and \$441,279,459.75 for corn-United States is \$289,938,861.54 for hogs.

Station Yields Show Best Wheat Varieties

Discing Not Equal To Plowing For Winter Wheat This Year; Shallow Plowing Brings Better Crop Than Deep Plowing

The varietal trials at the experiment station have been threshed and the results computed. Four plots were used for each variety, one of which suffered to some extent from the freezing wind that thinned out wheat all over the north end of the county. The elimination of this plot changed the yields to some extent but all four plots have been used to determine the results given below. However yields would be considerably higher if only three plots were used.

Highest yielding winter wheat was Triplet with 23.7 bushels, closely followed by a cross between Hybrid 128 and White Odessa. Of the Turkey wheats Cheyenne was high with 23.3 bushels. A Turkey selection was second with a yield of 22.8 bushels and Kharkoff, a winter hardy wheat, was third with 22.3 bushels.

Hybrid 128 made 20.5 bushels, Rex 19.6, Oro 20.5 and Rio 20.7 bushels to name the leading varieties.

Early Plowing Best

The tillage experiment for 1936 again demonstrated the value of early plowing for plots plowed early brought an average yield of 20.4 bushels. Medium early plowed plots made 20.2 bushels while late plowed plots averaged 17.4 bushels. This is much better than the average for the past seven years which were 15.1 for early plowing, 15.2 for medium early plowing and 12.5 for late plowing. Yields in this experiment are approximately a third better than the average for the past seven years on good plowing.

The depth of plowing experiment this year resulted in a yield of 21.9 bushels for the shallow or five inch plowing and a yield of 21.3 for the deep or nine inch plowing.

Plowing Beats Discing

The experiment to indicate the differences between the discing and plowing gave a return of 20.6 bushels for the discing and 25.6 for the plowed land. This was for winter wheat. Spring wheat yields for this experiment are usually closer.

The results of the years' work at the station are being tabulated as fast as the yields are determined more information will be given as it is known.

Safety Bulletin Issued By Union Pacific

"Stop! Look! Listen!" is the caption over another circular issued by W. M. Jeffers, executive vice president of the Union Pacific Railroad, in the effort to reduce highway accidents, especially those which occur on grade crossings. Several hundred miles of transcontinental highways border Union Pacific lines and these are a favorite place for autoists to "race the train" endangering not only their own lives but passengers on the trains and other drivers on the roads.

During the summer there has been a number of accidents where drivers have tried to "beat the train" over the crossings with unfortunate results for the drivers and many narrow escapes from serious injury or death.

Thousands of the new circulars have been issued by the railroad and sent to its agents in every city for distribution to public officers, to churches, to civic clubs and for posting in railroad stations, hotels or wherever they may be seen by the public. Several months ago a similar circular was issued and read in practically every school room in the west. The railroad company seeks to enlist all citizens in the effort to reduce the number of such accidents.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hansen and daughter were here Sunday from Goldenale. Elmer reports a heavy shower of rain in his home town Sunday morning.

Fair Board Will Make Race Program Monday

The Sherman County Fair Board has announced that it will meet Monday night, August 10 at the office of the secretary for the purpose of making up the race and entertainment program for the annual fair which will be held September 3-5 this year.

If by the above date enough Sherman county horse owners have signified a desire to have the races closed to outside horses and have entered enough horses to fill the races, the race program will be a local affair. If not horses and other entertainment features will be brought in from outside the county. Already some horse owners have promised to bring horses and others are expected.

Colts Being Trained

Several of the owners of Peter Quick colts that are entered in the Granada Theatre futurity are training their colts for the race and some very fine looking horses are being made out of the 2-year olds.

The Moro band has been engaged to play for the fair and will be on hand to send the music round and round when the crowds gather for the programs.

Grass Valley Wins Again From CCCs

It appears to be definitely decided that the Grass Valley baseball team can defeat the CCC team in a nine inning game. It is also pretty well proven that the camp boys can win from Grass Valley anytime the game is restricted to seven innings.

Four games have all shown that the boys are ahead at the end of the seventh inning. Last Sunday at Grass Valley the locals won by 12 to 11, after trailing for a large part of the game.

Line-ups for the game were:

Grass Valley	CCC
Roth, 2	Rumley, c
Pifer, 3	Downing, 3
Rofe, 1	Rivet, 1
Fritts, 1	Willett, 2
Schumerlich, m	Donovan, s
Peters, r	Davon, 1
Rice, c	Healy, r
Coon, 3	Morehouse, m
Miller, p	Zell, p

Wheat Better Than Expected Last Week

The wheat in the south end of the county is doing better than was expected of it before harvest and many fields are making ten sacks or more per acre. The spring sown Federation is doing better than that in some places.

The Grass Valley district that warehoused a little over 71,000 bushels, this year will in all probability put around 600,000 bushels in the houses before wheat hauling is over. Yields of ten sacks are common and some will make eleven or twelve sacks.

The Turkey Red is of fair quality with some protein but the Federation is nearly all shriveled to some extent. Yet good yields are obtained.

Federation in the Wasco district is making as high as fourteen to fifteen sacks, which is a real wheat crop in any body's wheat belt.

Ormond Hilderbrand sold a lot of wheat with 12.8 percent of protein this week for a price of \$1.05 which indicates the value of the protein content. Large percentages of gluten are not expected, however.

Board of Equalization Meeting

NOTICE. There will be a meeting of the County Board of Equalization of Sherman County, Oregon, at the Court House, Moro, Oregon, on the second Monday in August, that being the 10th day of August, 1936, to publicly examine the Assessment Rolls, correct all errors in valuation, descriptions of lands or other property assessed by me, and it shall be the duty of persons interested to appear at this time and place appointed (appearance is by petition.) All petitions must be made in writing and verified by the oath of the applicant and filed with the board within fifteen days from the time it is by law required to meet.

Margaret W. Peetz,
County Assessor

Court Closes Unused Roads Near Bourbon

Relief Matters Occupy Committee During Forenoon; Highway Matters Will Be Taken Care Of By Court

The county court members spent the morning of the Wednesday session as a part of the relief committee and business of the county waited until the afternoon.

Relief committee business revolved around the report of Frank Collins, case worker, who has been in Gilliam and Wheeler counties for several weeks before coming to Sherman county.

He made a report on several cases with recommendations and explained the aims of the social security law in some aspects to the members of the committee.

Two Roads Closed

Court members agreed to act on a petition signed by residents of the Bourbon district who had asked that two roads be closed as there was no further use for them. The roads in question are the two miles that run from the old Jones place a mile north of the Bourbon turn-off on the Sherman highway to the Finnegan market road. It lies between land farmed by Henry Peters George Wilcox and Roy Tiller. The other road closed in the approximately three-quarters of a mile that runs north from the Jones place to the south east corner of section 13. Neither of these roads is used to any extent nowadays.

Sign To Be Re-Set

The usual grist of bills and claims were on hand to greet the court but no part of it was out of the ordinary run of monthly business.

Court members expressed themselves as favorable to having county road men repair the sign at the junction of the Sherman Highway and the Dalles-Criterion road which has been blown down. There will also be a formal request that the new junction at the intersection of Highway 97 and the Columbia River be changed to remove some of the danger to car drivers.

Farm Sale Bulletin Issued By Bank

What points should be looked for in examining a farm that is offered for sale?

To help prospective purchasers "check over" the most important points which by experience have been found to have an important bearing on the successful operation of a farm, the Farm Credit Administration has recently published a little booklet entitled "Selecting and Financing a Farm."

In it are discussed such pertinent factors as climate, soil, producing ability, nearness to markets, schools and good roads, home advantages, efficient size, buildings, etc.

The booklet was prepared as a guidance to young farmers who contemplate the purchase of a farm of their own on which they want to make a success, and tenant farmers who wish to get into farming for themselves while land prices are reasonable and interest rates are low.

Financing Explained

Full explanation is given about the favorable financing terms available through the Land Bank of Spokane whereby first mortgage loans are now offered at 4 per cent interest a year on a cooperative basis, and first or second mortgage commissioner's loans are written at a 5 per cent rate. The loans are set up for repayment over a long term of years, "amortized" so the principle can be automatically paid off by the end of the mortgage contract period if semi-annual installments, including both principal and interest, are faithfully kept up.

A copy of the booklet may be had without cost by writing the information agent of the Farm Credit administration of Spokane at Spokane, Washington.

Last Rural School To Vote On Transporting

School district 20, Harmony, will vote August 15th on the matter of holding school for the coming year and transporting the pupils to other schools. This decision will be made at this time because the Rader family is moving out of the district with four children which will leave but two pupils in the school.

The Harmony district was the only rural district in the county that held school during the 1935-36 school year and if the electors of that district vote to transport to another school all the pupils in the county will receive their education in the five town schools where high school courses are available.

Eulton Canyon Road Now Being Used

Although work is still being done on the Eulton canyon road wheat trucks are using it to move the crop in the county west of Wasco to market at Millers. The section of road now under state supervision has been graveled with material hauled from Biggs and is now being wet down and a binder is being put on. The part of the road bed that was made with dirt was soft and the wetting was necessary to make it pack. It is expected that the lower section of the road will be one of the best market roads in the county when it is completed.

Telephone Lines To Be Repaired Soon

Telephone linemen are here to repair the company's lines that were down in February. Since the wires went down in February telephone users have been talking on temporary lines laid along the ground or tied lightly on poles or fence posts.

Grain Markets Move Upward

Grain markets made further sharp gains during the week ended July 31, influenced principally by continued and rapid deterioration of the corn crop and progressively less favorable prospects for wheat, both in North America and Europe, according to the Weekly Grain Market Review of the United States Bureau of Agricultural Economics. With present prospects but little better than at the close of July in 1934, and with further damage threatened by continued dryness, corn advanced 12c to 15c per bushel to the highest price since 1929. Current marketings were moderate and were in urgent demand. Wheat gained 8c to 10c per bushel, influenced by poor prospects for spring wheat and sharp advances in foreign markets. Oats and barley were higher with corn and current liberal receipts were readily taken. Rye strengthened with wheat and advanced 6c to 7c per bushel. Flax was somewhat firmer but gained less than 2c per bushel, with crushers slow buyers because of the dull demand for oil.

Wheat Market Stronger

The general wheat situation strengthened materially with the Canadian crop further damaged from drought and European countries suffering from wet harvests. Foreign markets advanced sharply with buyers more inclined to anticipate requirements. While official estimates are lacking, trade agencies forecast a spring wheat crop in the Canadian Prairie Provinces around 200,000,000 to 250,000,000 bushels which would be the smallest harvest since 1919. Trade estimates place the European crop including Russia, at about 1,480,000,000 bushels, or approximately 75,000,000 bushels below the 1935 harvest.

Domestic cash wheat markets advanced with futures despite fairly heavy marketings of new crop grains. Receipts of winter wheat however, showed further falling off and arrivals at the principal terminals dropped to 6,328 cars. Protein continued high with inspections at Kansas City averaging 13.77%. Demand was active both from mills and elevator interests and market stocks increased rapidly.

Perry Johnston Resigns County Agent Position

New Man Has Had Long Experience in County Agent and 4-H Club Work; Will Arrive Monday To Begin Duties

Perry N. Johnston, who has been county agent for Sherman county since the inception of the federal program for direct farm relief, has resigned his position to take up other work in the agricultural department of the state.

New Man Qualified

Mr. Johnston left Wednesday night after he had informed the county court of his action and obtained their approval of his successor. The new man will be LeRoy Wright who was assistant county agent in Clackamas county until his appointment to this post. Mr. Wright has been in Clackamas county for over eight years, is married and has one child. He was born in Klamath county and is acquainted with eastern Oregon conditions according to Charles Smith, who expressed confidence in the ability to the new appointee.

Johnston To Inspect Grain

After a short vacation which Mr. Johnston will spend in the Wallowa lake district the retiring county agent will take up his new duties in the grain inspection office in Portland.

Mr. Johnston was almost a native of this county having come to the paternal farm near Moro when a child. He was farming near pointment as county agent here. At that time men available for county agent work who could carry the added burden of managing the intricate problems of AAA crop production contracts were scarce.

The first major program has been nearly completed and the second, or soil conservation program well started here during his term as county agent. He has also been secretary of the fair association and aided materially in starting the fair again after a lapse of five years.

4-H Club Worker

The new agent, Mr. Wright, has been accustomed to managing the Clackamas county fair and has also been in charge of the 4-H club work of the county where 1500 boys and girls are enrolled. He will arrive about August 10 to begin his new duties.

Lad Injured When Thrown From Horse

Roger Justesen, twelve year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Tate Justesen was injured Saturday when a horse stepped on his arm tearing the flesh between the elbow and shoulder. It was necessary for Dr. Poley to take nine stitches to close the wound. Roger had ridden the horse out in the field to look for a calf. A crow flew up in front of the horse causing him to start and throw the boy off. In the mix up the boys arm was stepped on by the horse. He was taken to Portland to be with his mother.

1936 Drouth Hurts Cattle Industry Less

While the midwestern drought situation had reached a stage of severity by mid-July equal to that of 1934, the conditions this year are not complicated by heavy surpluses of livestock such as was the case two years ago, according to officials of the AAA who have surveyed the situation.

In 1934 there were more cattle on the farms than at any other period of the nation's history, despite the prevalence of the lowest prices in 30 years. When the drought developed, 8 million cattle had to be removed at heavy expense to the government to save the industry.

The present drought is more widespread than that of two years ago but it may not be of as long duration. With the former experience to guide them, AAA officials early established a federal livestock feed agency in Kansas City.