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Oregon's senior Senator Charles L. McNary late last week was notified by Secretary of Interior Harry L. Ickes that the state's \$450,000 library-office building project had been approved by President Roosevelt.

"President Roosevelt has just approved proposal 1030-2-D for a project grant of \$450,000 new library at Salem," Ickes' telegram to McNary read.

McNary returned from a hectic congressional session in Washington last week, after being granted special permission to leave early. Resting at Fircone, his summer home near here, he planned several trips through the state, specifying he particularly wanted to visit the Bonneville Dam and Bandon.

The state senator conferred with President Roosevelt two days before returning home, and said that he had been assured the grant would be given consideration.

"The President told me that he planned to use the first public monies for building of burned school houses, the next for public buildings destroyed or damaged by fire or floods, but that he believed there would be enough left for Oregon's library building," McNary said.

Secretary Ickes also talked with President Roosevelt regarding the grant, McNary pointed out.

Words of cheer concerning other state problems were also given by the republican minority leader. On the flax subsidy question McNary was optimistic for continuance of benefits in future years. He said the department of agriculture had promised to send an expert to this state to study the flax growing situation.

Subsidies this year were increased \$2 per ton, from \$5 to \$7 but the program will end this year. McNary said he thought the hop bill would pass in the next session, because of the prospect that growers, dealers and brewers will work out a program to cope with the situation. The program may include higher tariffs on imports.

The Oregon senator quoted the president as saying no special session would be called before November. He discounted talk about a third term for President Roosevelt.

Construction Engineer H. G. Smith, and J. N. Bishop, state maintenance engineer, will attend the 3rd annual Montana Bituminous conference at Glacier National Park, Montana, September 7-8-9.

Rep. Harry D. Boivin, Klamath Falls, by virtue of being speaker of the House of Representatives at the last legislative session, served in the capacity as governor of the state last week.

Governor Charles H. Martin left on vacation for Bremerton, Wash., at noon Thursday, and was not expected to return until after Labor Day. Ordinarily Sen. Frank M. Franciscovich, Astoria, would assume temporary governorship, but he also was out of the state.

Franciscovich was to return from Berkeley, Cal., Saturday, and replace Boivin in the gubernatorial chair.

Cold weather—believe it or not—virtually halted the bean pack at Hillman's West Salem cannery last week. Glancing at the thermometer in the afternoon any day in the last two weeks would make this seem a falsehood.

Grover Hillman, cannery head, reported that cold nights in the West Salem bean producing area has slowed up production so much that the cannery was compelled to close down and work on limited hours for a time.

Temperatures in the low forties have been registered in the irrigated sectors where the beans are growing. Hillman said that this was entirely too low for good production.

Beans had been coming in at the rate of 85 to 100 tons per day until the cold spell. The production is expected to rise to normal within a few days, Hillman said.

A. L. Nye, Salem, is planning to attend his 76th Oregon State Fair this year. Nye, taken by his parents to the first state fair in 1861, has attended every one since that time.

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Fish Planted In Grass Valley Canyon Pool

A truck load of fish of various kinds was brought here Wednesday and dumped into the ponds made by the CCC dams in Grass Valley canyon. These fish were caught on Sauvie Island as the water receded and are bass, catfish and many other kinds. J. C. Freeman, of the Sherman County Fish and Game association, directed the planting of the fish and the association made the request for them.

New Position Opened At SCS Camp

R. B. Elms has been added to the force at the SCS office. He will aid with farm planning and agricultural problems. His office is a new one recently made by the SCS headquarters. Mr. Elms, with his wife and child are living in the Judge Hendricks house, formerly owned by Hugh Chrisman.

4-H Clubbers Have Prizes To Try For

More than \$6000 in prizes and scholarships will be offered for boys' and girls' 4-H club work at the State Fair September 6 to 12. In addition to numerous purebred animals, poultry and other special awards, according to the 3-H premium lists now available for distribution from the state club office at O. S. C.

Entries in all 4-H divisions, including livestock, crops, home economics and others, are expected to greatly exceed even the high mark set last year. Boys and girls all over the state are busily bringing their projects up-to-date, completing record books, and grooming their animals. A full carload of animals each is expected from Union and Umatilla counties.

Many special contests, some of them new this year, are open to the 4-H club members attending the state fair.

Aerial Survey Completed Here

The aerial survey of Sherman county was made last week but no one has been heard to say that the plains were seen or heard. Pictures were taken from elevations of 10,000 to 14,000 feet. Two planes were used and the photographers and fliers stayed in Pendleton, making the trip to Sherman county each morning. Films are being developed at Salt Lake City and will be ready for preliminary inspection by agricultural officials in a few days. When they are checked for distance they will be put together and the map photographed and made up.

Power League To Hold Meeting Sunday

Ex-senator Henry L. Hess of LaGrande will be principal speaker at the organization meeting of the People's Power League, Sunday, August 29, at Bonneville Dam. The League, formed for the purpose of bringing cheap Bonneville power to Oregon's homes and farms, will formally organize at a picnic meeting at Eagle Creek Park, one mile east of the dam, at 10 a. m.

Dr. J. F. Hosch legislator from Bend, was chosen temporary chairman at a preliminary meeting last week. At the gathering at Bonneville Sunday, a constitution will be ratified, officers elected, and county chairman appointed for each of Oregon's thirty-six counties.

An extensive program for organizing people's utility districts in every county to insure public ownership and distribution of Bonneville power will be considered and the League will ballot on a series of resolutions, including endorsement of J. D. Ross of Seattle as administrator for the dam.

A feature of the organization meeting at the picnic will be a booth at which literature will be distributed, and electric bills of Oregon compared with Tacoma schedules. Those coming to the picnic Sunday have been asked to bring their light bills for comparison.

Station Yields Indicate Values Of Different Wheats

Turkey Red Tops Fields Of
Winter Wheat To Show
Its Comparative Position

Results of the experiments carried on at the experiment farm are being made available daily as the yields are checked and computed by the staff. Harvesting has been finished several days and the long job of weighing, testing, cleaning and checking the results will go on for several weeks.

Highest yielding winter wheat this year was North Powder Turkey Red, a selection which made 26.9 bushels. Hybrid 128 made 26.4 bushels and a cross between Fortytold and Hybrid 128 made 26.3. Cheyenne, another Turkey wheat made 26, followed by several of the other Turkey varieties. Rex, the new red chaff beardless wheat, yielded 22.1 bushels this year.

Of the spring wheats a cross between Sunset and Boadicea yielded the highest with 32.5 bushels. Hard Federation selections 71 and 31 yielded 30.4 and 30.3 bushels respectively and Federation made 27.7 bushels. White Federation made 27.6, Baart 24.6 and Marquis 22.4.

This was a good barley year or the station and the favorite Peruvian variety made 64 bushels. Flynn, the smooth awn barley made 53 and the local beardless Meloy barley made 47 bushels. Carlton oats, a new variety of which 100 sacks are available for distribution, made 59.7 bushels to beat the old reliable, Markton by 6 bushels.

With Turkey Red wheat as the test variety the date of plowing experiment returned 21.6 bushels for April plowing, 24.6 bushels for May plowing and 17.4 for June plowing. These plowing dates are all for the first of the month. Usual returns are a slightly higher yield for April plowing but this year is an exception in that regard.

The argument between disking and plowing for summer fallow will be clarified slightly by the 1937 returns on yields from that experiment. For winter wheat the disked land yielded 22.4 bushels and the plowed land 26.4 bushels. The average is slightly favorable to the plowed land for winter wheat. For spring wheat the disked ground made 24.8 bushels and the plowed land 22.5 bushels. The average of previous years is 17.8 bushels or disked land for winter wheat and 18 bushels on plowed land. For spring wheat the disked land made 17.1 bushels and the plowed ground 17.6 bushels.

City Well Stops Work First of Week

The city well stopped pumping sometime Saturday night and Sunday morning when the rods were pulled it was found that the cylinder had worn through on one side making it useless.

Another one was ordered from Ohio where they are made, by air express but the Portland agents failed to do as requested and the ordinary express was used delaying the cylinder by several days. Wednesday a single action cylinder was improvised and put into service but use of water by Moro citizens is of necessity curtailed.

Receipt of the double action cylinder is expected daily and full duty pumping will be resumed.

Wheat For State Being Collected

Wheat samples are being gathered by Wendell Balsiger and the county agent for cleaning and preparing for the state fair. Rev. Federation and Turkey Red will be shown from this county. The exhibits will also be taken to the Pacific International. Turkey Red Wheat with 16 percent protein was found on the A. G. Futter farm.

GRASS FIRE STARTS

A grass fire got away from E. E. Barnum Monday afternoon and burned through the small alfalfa patch adjoining Mrs. Hansen's place. The state walk was singed a bit before citizens stopped the fire, but no damage of serious nature was done.

Johnston-Hanson Nuptials Held Last July

A wedding of considerable interest to Sherman county people was observed July 10 at Kenniwick, Washington when Miss Viola Hansen, formerly deputy county clerk, and Perry N. Johnston, formerly county agent of this county were married. Mr. Johnston is now connected with the range supervision service and is stationed at Baker although his work often carries him into the adjoining counties.

Northwest Expects Big Wheat Crop

Crop prospects on August 1 indicated the largest Washington-Oregon wheat crop produced since 1928. This year's crop estimated at 68,966,000 bushels is nearly five million bushels larger than the average crop of the five years, 1928 to 1932, of 64,009,000 bushels. The winter wheat crop, estimated at 27,642,000 is about three million bushels less than last year and 18,511,000 bushels less than the five year average crop. Spring wheat, now estimated at 41,324,000 is nearly five and a half million bushels larger than last year's crop of 35,806,000 bushels and more than twice as large as the five year average spring crop of 17,856,000 bushels.

Meat Prices On Upgrade For Year Says OSC

Despite indications of the possibility of increased production of animal products within the next few years if feed production is average or better, the market outlook during the year ahead for meat, milk, and eggs is promising. Such is the conclusion to be gained from detailed information just published by the OSC extension service in its annual review of the situation and outlook for poultry, dairy, and livestock products, available from county agricultural agents.

The report gives data showing that consumer demand has strengthened materially since a year ago, while the trend of production for the year ahead promises to be substantially smaller for eggs, slightly more for milk, and not materially more or less for meats. With respect to hogs, sheep, and beef cattle, however, there are signs of increase which are worthy of consideration from the longer viewpoint, depending largely upon the extent of the probable increase in feed supplies during the next five years.

In reviewing the wheat market outlook for the crop of 1938, the report states that the situation is unusually hard to analyze. However, it is evident from the data given that there will be a very large quantity of soft red and white wheats available for export from the United States this season for which there will not be a domestic need.

Owing to the close adjustment of world supplies to probable utilization, American producers will have the advantage of a demand for larger exports during the 1937-38 marketing year than for many years, so that a substantial part of the 175 million bushels exportable surplus may be shipped abroad.

Nevertheless, the carryover next July 1 in the United States will probably be larger than this year. It is also expected that the wheat prices current will encourage farmers to plant wheat and in this connection the report says "it is significant that the largest seeded acreage of wheat in the history of the United States was sown in the fall of 1936 and spring of 1937—81 million acres, compared with 67 million in the 1928-32 average seeded acreage. If yields had been equal to the 1928-32 average, the 1937 wheat crop of the United States would have been approximately one fifth greater and the exportable surplus twice as great as it is now estimated."

Frank Cauters two sisters are here for a short visit arriving from the coast where they had been visiting. Both are teachers, one in California and one in North Dakota.

New Bleacher Being Built At Fair Grounds

Larger Crowd Expected
And Fair Board Prepares
For Them In Advance

Newest addition to the buildings at the county fair grounds will be a bleacher built to seat 300 spectators. Bid for the lumber was let this week to the Farmers Elevator Company by the fair board and work will begin immediately.

The bleacher will be built on the north end of the grand stand and the same steps will be used to enter it as are used to enter the grand stand. The gate to admit officials to the track will be on the same platform also. The bleacher will be built solid so that nothing can fall through it to the ground.

Concessions will be under the Schmitt Amusement company and will be placed in the flat near the railroad station instead of on the streets as last year.

The judges stand has been completed and the bucking chutes are being moved to make the most important changes from the program spectators standpoint in the fair.

Citizens of the county have become interested in the promotion angle of the fair and several have bought brightly colored shirts and other paraphernalia to indicate to the public that something out of the ordinary is about to happen. Trips will be made to other towns and other shows to advertise the Sherman county fair.

Christy and Lee LeRoy will be here to give an exhibition of trick riding. Their horses are both from the Claud Thompson farm and have been shown at many of the fairs throughout the northwest.

Mrs. Wiley McDonald To Be Buried Sunday

Mrs. Wiley McDonald died at The Dalles hospital Wednesday shortly after noon having failed to revive after an operation. She had been in the hospital since early in June and this was the second operation she had undergone.

She was born Anna Bartholemew in Iowa, October 11, 1890 but came to Yamhill county, Oregon when very young. She attended school at Newberg and came to Sherman county about twenty years ago with her family. They have lived here since that time, farming the Henn place west of town for the larger part of that time.

She is survived by her widower, two sons, Harry and Keith and a sister, Elsie Nelson.

The funeral will be held Sunday, August 29, at the Community church and interment will be made in the Moro cemetery.

Speed Both Costly And Dangerous

Speed—and especially uncontrolled speed—is responsible for a considerable percentage of the accidents on our streets and highways. Just how deadly this speed becomes when an accident occurs is shown by some recent figures from the National Safety Council.

At twenty miles or less per hour, only one accident in 61 is fatal; at 20 to 29 miles per hour, one out of every 42; 30 to 39 miles per hour, one out of 35; 40 to 49, one out of 25; and at speeds of 50 miles or more per hour, one accident in 11 results in death. High speed and the grim reaper keep constant company.

Every motorist must to some extent settle for himself the question of how fast is too fast. Many factors combine to make the answer vary with varying conditions. Many cars are operated today at a speed that is dangerous and reckless under even the most favorable conditions. The type of road, visibility, weather, conditions of the car, ability of the operator, all enter this picture.

But the fact that such a great percentage of the fatal accidents occur on straight, dry roads, constituted indisputable proof that reckless speed is contributing an excessive total to the state's fatality list. Keep your car under control and help eliminate Oregon's traffic deaths.

Judging Contest Scheduled For Sunday Next

A livestock judging contest will be held next Sunday at the Orville Hockman farm northeast of town to which all club children in the county are eligible to compete. Winners will make up the livestock judging team that will represent the county at the state fair, Holstein cattle and hogs will be judged Sunday.

County Agent To Judge Two Fairs

County Agent LeRoy Wright left Thursday night to judge the crop exhibits at the Morrow county fair which is being held there this week end. Several Sherman county agents are planning to attend the finals of the Heppner Rodeo Saturday and tell their hosts something about the Sherman county fair. August 31 Mr. Wright will judge the live stock at the Hood River fair.

World Conditions Influence Market

Since the United States has an appreciable quantity of hard winter wheat available for export this season, domestic markets are influenced more by world conditions than in other recent years. This was apparent during the current week, when domestic markets dropped sharply, influenced by weakness in foreign grains. Marketings of spring wheat increased, both in the United States and Canada, but milling inquiry was fairly active and current offerings were readily taken. Liverpool however, reported slow European inquiry and that buyers were supplying current needs principally from Russian and Rumanian wheats, which were quoted well below North American grain. Some improvement in Southern Hemisphere prospects as a result of beneficial rains in both Argentine and Australia was also a weakening influence.

Domestic cash wheat markets dropped 5c to 10c per bushel with the greatest decline in spring wheat. Receipts of all classes totaled 2,675 cars at Minneapolis and 1,253 cars at Duluth. Spring wheat continued to show a wider range in quality with test weights running from 44 to 59 pounds per bushel. The average weight of the week's receipts at Minneapolis was placed at about 54.5. Cash premiums were unsettled but averaged lower. Milling inquiry was rather slow but improved toward the close of the week following the decline in prices. Minneapolis September declined 1 5-8c and closed August 20, at \$1.131. 58 lb. No. 1 Dark Northern was quoted at 6c to 12c over the September, 54 lb. wheat at 4c under to 2c over, and 50 lb. wheat at 16c to 13 c under the September price.

The Durum market was also weaker but prices declined only a little over 22c per bushel with good milling inquiry for the new crop offerings which were generally of good quality. Receipts were rather large but well taken, with No. 2 Amber, ordinary protein, quoted at the Duluth September, price, which closed August 20, at 97 1/2 to 4c over. The better milling lots brought 10c to 21c over the September quotations.

The Winnipeg market dropped about 8c despite the poor new crop prospects. Receipts at Winnipeg increased to 1,010 cars. At the close of the week, No. 1 Manitoba Northern was quoted at Winnipeg at \$1.28 1/2 per bushel.

CHAIR HEIGHT DISCUSSED

Mrs. Average homemaker of Oregon and Washington prefers a 16-inch chair to sit in while doing long time jobs, such as the preparation of fruit for canning. The chair seat should be at least 14 inches in width. For use at a sink six inches deep she likes a stool 29 inches high, with a foot rest 14 inches from the floor.

These figures were obtained in a recent survey of some 500 women in Oregon and Washington, who made actual tests to determine exactly the best heights for these and other articles of home equipment. The study was conducted by Miss Maud Wilson, home economist at OSC, and Miss Evelyn H. Roberts of Washington State college.

School Opening Postponed Until September 13th

Boards All Agree To
Same Opening Day; Later
Than Anticipated

An agreement was reached this week by the members of the school boards of Sherman county that postponed the date of opening of school until September 13. All schools have decided on this date indicating that for the first time in several years the schools will begin the same day.

The original intention was to start school the Tuesday after Labor day, but harvest has been so delayed that the later date was thought better. Some high school students are working in harvest and others wish to attend the state fair which together, made a demand for the postponement.

Teachers who will take up the duties of instructing the youth of the county have registered with the county school superintendent with one exception. They are as follows:

Teachers Listed

At Kent, R. Neil McGlasson, principal, Clifford P. Rowe, John E. Thompson, Nan D. Smith and Eva Miller.

At Grass Valley: W. H. Baker, principal, A. M. Zevely, Alvin E. Tempier will teach in high school and instruct in music. Arden A. Squire, Margaret Trabue, Virginia Helyer and Jean Powell.

At Moro: R. G. Cunliff, principal, Richard A. Mayfield, Barbara Leisz, Paul Goddard, June Brown, Margaret Turnbull, Bertha Craig, F. C. Simpton will direct music.

At Wasco: Homer Dixon, principal, Frank Thomas, Jesse Leonard, Leona Clothier, Marie June Andrews, Frances Gorsline and Evelyn Joy Scott who will teach music and direct orchestra.

At Rufus: John F. Jenkins, principal, Jeanette Turner, Ethel Stewart, Frank Adams, M. Lavelle White and another teacher who has not yet reported. Miss Turner will instruct in music.

Nearly every school will give instruction in music this year in a more general manner than has been followed in late years and much more than was done a few years ago when musical instruction was not given in public schools at all in this county.

Five schools will care for all the pupils this year as the last rural school, Harmony, voted to transport this fall instead of teaching

Snell Likes Governor On Automobile

Salem, Ore., Aug. 26—Earl Snell, secretary of state, experimenting with a governor which restricts speed within a maximum of 50 miles an hour, has called upon all motorists of the state to try a speed limit experiment in the interest of safer highways.

"It is an easy matter for each individual motorist to adopt a self imposed maximum speed without going to the expense of installing a governor," said the secretary of state. "Try driving at not to exceed 50 miles an hour on some scheduled trip and experience the pleasure and convenience as compared with high speed driving."

The gasoline saving and the absence of mental and physical strain at the end of a trip more than compensate for the few minutes lost by traveling at lower speeds, declared Mr. Snell. He requested motorists not only to try the experiment but also to convey their reactions in letters to his office where studies are being conducted on various phases of motor car operations, including traffic conditions, definite speed limits and controlled speed.

Mrs. Pearl Byers Dies In California

Mrs. Pearl Byers, wife of Arthur Byers of Moro, died at Sebastopol, California, Monday. She has been staying with her daughter there. She is survived by her daughter, Wanda and a son, Ross Byers.

Arthur Byers left immediately on receiving word to attend the funeral.