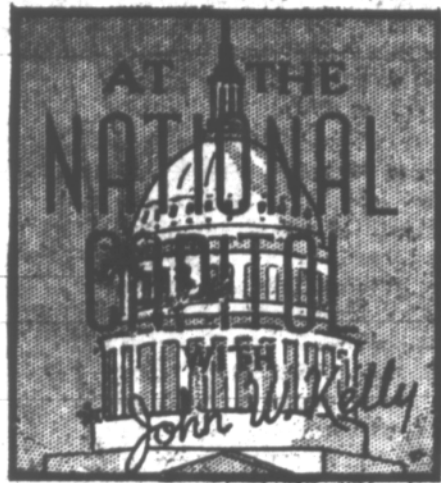


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Rattlesnake Closing Petition Postponed

Delegation Appears To Ask For Road On Dobie Point

Influence a cabineer has over the destinies of a state is exemplified by the activities of Henry Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, in matters affecting Oregon within the past few days. In the Willamette Valley he has finally approved of the flax program advocated by Senator Charles L. McNary for several years. Secretary Wallace is committed to the plan of bonus to flax farmers for six years, by which time the possibilities of a flax industry will be thoroughly tested. It enables the farmers to know what to expect and therefore to plant. On the marketing quota on sugar, which is a handicap to the new sugar beet industry at Nyssa, Oregon, under the proposed regulations, the Amalgamated Sugar Company would be compelled to carry 10.1 percent of the 1938 production on hand January 1, 1939, next January 1940 before it can be marketed, although competitive processors under the program can market all of the 1938 sugar and 28.5 percent of their 1939 sugar during 1939. This means that the processors in Oregon may find it necessary or convenient to purchase a smaller tonnage of beets, and in turn it would affect the income of the farmers and reduce the employment in the fields. A protest has been filed with the Secretary by Representative Walter M. Pierce at an apparent discrimination against the new sugar industry. Again, it is not generally known that the "cost of production" measure in congress was chloroformed by the Secretary of Agriculture. "Cost of production" is a live issue in many farming areas and a number of representatives were elected to congress on promises to support such legislation. Secretary Wallace engineered the destruction of the measure because he feared it would upset the farm program which is now being undertaken. Members pledged to support a "cost of production" plan are now preparing explanations to make to their constituents.

National Defense Alibi

With the administration sponsoring a gigantic national defense program, members of congress are attempting (with more or less success), to have their pet measures enacted by on the theory that said measures are vital to the defense of the United States against aggressor nations. Bunk Instances: Proposal to build a tunnel under Chesapeake Bay (it would cost millions) would aid national defense; a canal across Florida, leaving the lower end of the state an island; a few million for grass hopper control—to save the forage which is necessary in war; an interlocking network of power lines from one end of the country to the other; wider and heavier roads which can stand up under the pounding of mobile anti-aircraft equipment and mobile big guns; bonus for airplane manufacturers; more and better landing fields maintained by the federal government, and so forth and so on. There is supposed to be magic in the appeal "for national defense."

Approximately 92,000 government workers have the jitters. This is the estimated number of men and women on the federal payroll who are affected by President Roosevelt's "reorganization plan, No. 1." About 850,000 of the employees are in the field, which means that they are not employed in Washington D. C. Thousands have civil service status, but that does not prevent them from losing their jobs. It does, however, give them a priority if there is a chance to hook on to another government position. Government jobs sound imposing, but the average pay is around \$1200 a year and an employee may remain at that figure as long as he or she continues in the service. And, if you believe all you hear, promotion is a case of favoritism and not merit. A senatorial committee recently was told that a plain girl is generally passed over for one who knows more about cosmetics than dicta-

County court meeting was envisioned this month by the reappearance of an old argument: that of the closing of Rattlesnake grade. The original petition was presented by A. E. Sharp and others January fourth and is still pending. Opposition has been offered by many sportsmen and interested citizens of the county who maintain that the recreational resources of the lower Deschutes river should be made available to all who wish to enjoy it.

No action was taken on the petition although Mr. Sharp appeared and made a plea for its acceptance by the court. Because of a local clean-up day in Moro no opponents were before the court. Mr. Sharp stated that even if the road is kept open that no fishing will be permitted along the twenty miles of Deschutes river on the Sherman county side which is under his control.

A group of citizens from Dobie Point came before the court in behalf of a county road from the location of the old Dobie point school house to the Jack Rucker place. Those interested are Mr. Rucker, L. W. Amick and Alex McLennan.

Drouth Conditions Begin To Worry

Papers published in the Willamette valley continue to talk about the drouth that has now continued beyond the usual period and while the same conditions prevail in the wheat country there are fewer outlets, because rainfall at the present time is not a matter of crop or no crop. Rain in generous quantities will be needed to make a bumper crop for the 1939 harvest but it can be delayed a few days yet without allowing the wheat to dry out beyond the recovery point.

The wheat is beginning to head in spots and is losing some of the foliage that made it a desirable sight during the past month. In spots where the soil is not very deep and farmers are praying for rain with more earnestness than at any prior time.

Doings of Kent Residents Retold

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Koepke returned to Kent Sunday evening after spending a few days last week in Portland on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schilling and Bobetta and Paul Schilling and Ruby Wilson attended the ball game at Grass Valley Sunday.

Charles Bothwell was a dinner guest at the R. N. McGlasson home Tuesday evening.

Robert Tatum of Shaniko was a dinner guest at the J. E. Norton home Sunday.

Kent Seniors took the annual flunk day Tuesday, and went to the Deschutes river fishing, accompanied by their teacher, Charles Bothwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schadewitz and son John and Mrs. R. J. Barnett were business visitors in The Dalles Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson and Jack Lyons were shopping at Grass Valley Friday afternoon.

Rollen Barnett left Sunday for Moro where she will be employed at the Ralph Eakin home.

Claud Clark of Portland was at Kent Thursday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilson and sons Dick and Jerry, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Norton and son Ross and daughter Carol, Mrs. B. A. Hogue and daughter Gertrude and Eleanor Faye and Charles Swett were among those sight seeing at the John-Day river Sunday.

Virginia Grant of The Dalles is assisting with the house work at the J. L. Davis home.

Dick and John Reckman of Grass

Breakfast Club's Clean-up Day Happy Event

The Breakfast club's clean-up day held Wednesday, resulted in the removal of much unsightly material from the main street and vicinity of the city of Moro and the general brightening of the appearance of the entire town, due to the combined efforts of all citizens and the efforts of all citizenesses to feed the hard working men and boys of the town who labored throughout the morning hours to make their city presentable.

The day started with a meeting of the club which was featured by a mock trial which exposed some of the heretofore considered secrets of its most prominent citizens. At eight o'clock the work began and trucks were busy removing useless things from view.

The park was cleaned of the debris of several years and the trees were trimmed up by a crew of willing workers assisted by a group of high school boys, the trees and poles along main streets were white washed by another crew and the tennis court and softball courts were made more presentable by other bodies of hard working men about town.

Bounteous Lunch Served

In the meantime the women of the town were busy preparing food for the workers and at noon a bounteous feed was ready in the shining park for those who had worked and those who had watched. The county bulldozer was on hand to move dirt where it was needed and plenty of trucks were available to remove the unwanted stuff to the dump yard.

The only thing to mar the morning was the unfortunate fact that a building on the flat near the park caught fire and was entirely burned before the hose could be connected to protect it. Fortunately, however, the nearby trees in the park were not seriously damaged.

A horsehoe court was provided on the lot across from the bank and improvements were made on the softball diamond and the tennis court, as well as the usual improvements that are made on any other clean up day.

Kent Auxiliary Prepares Poppy Sale

On Thursday evening April 17, a Health and Child Welfare program was sponsored at the Kent Legion hall by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Included in the program were: Community singing; Rhythm Band; Recitations by Eugene Hoskinson and Anna Flint; a piano solo by Mr. Bothwell; a talk by Mrs. Jerry Wilson in which she stressed the benefits of the Health program as carried on in Sherman county. She also gave an interesting account of the Oregon state convention of the T. B. association which she recently attended in Eugene.

Mrs. Wilson was thrilled when she was presented with the Silver Cup for Sherman county. This is the second consecutive year the cup has come to Sherman county for the highest per capita sale of T. B. seals. Seventy per cent of the return from Seal Sales remain in Sherman county for local health work.

Wily Knighten gave a short talk on the value of the health program and told of the child welfare work carried on throughout the nation by the American Legion and its Auxiliary. He also explained the Poppy Sale, which the American Legion Auxiliary sponsors in May each year. He told of how the little red poppies are made by disabled veterans in the hospitals who have no income or help from the government. Veterans receive one cent each for making the poppies. Half the proceeds from the poppy sale remains in the local unit and must be spent for Child Welfare work. The remainder is sent to the Department and is also used for Child Welfare work. Workers who sell the poppies receive no award.

Mrs. Knighten read an account of the work Miss Morris did the six weeks she spent in Sherman county this spring. A skit, "The Old Apple Tree," by Nell Justesen, Winnie Wilson, Betty Justesen and Geraldine Norton brought the program to a close and left everyone in a joyful frame of mind. Refreshments were served in the basement to 85 persons.

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Grass Valley and Wasco Win Field Meet

Grass Valley Takes High School Meet With 47 Points Wasco Wins Grade Meet

The field meet for Sherman county schools held Saturday at Grass Valley indicated that students of the county have no little athletic ability in track and field despite the many years without training of anykind along such lines.

The high school meet was won by Grass Valley with 47 points which included five firsts. Moro was second with 28 1/2 points, Wasco third with 26, Rufus with 8 1/2 and Kent fifth with five points. Eugene Norton was the only Kent contestant and he competed in the two jumps.

The grade school was won by Wasco with 53 points, Grass Valley second with 40. Kent third with 37, Moro fourth with 24 and Rufus fifth with 14. Combined scores place Grass Valley first with 87 points, Wasco 79, Moro 52 1/2, Kent 42 and Rufus 22 1/2. The half score was caused by a tie in the shot put.

The high school score: Javelin, Pinkerton, Moro, first; E. Millard, Rufus, second; Bryant, Rufus, third; Verel Teschner, Grass Valley fourth; distance 324 feet.

Shot put: Todd, Grass Valley, first; Johnson, Grass Valley, second; French, Moro, third; Lutje, Moro, fourth; time 5.31.

100 yard dash: Wilde, Wasco, first; Collins, Wasco, second; Varnal Teschner, Grass Valley, third; Adams, Moro, fourth; time 10.4.

High Jump: O. Stark, Grass Valley, first; Norton, Kent, second; L. Stark, Grass Valley, third; Martin, Moro, fourth; height 5' 3".

Discus: McDermid, Wasco, first; Verel Teschner, Grass Valley, second; Pinkerton, Moro, third; B. Macnab, Rufus, fourth. Distance 93' 7".

Half Mile: Barzee, Moro, first; C. Bayer, Grass Valley, second; L. Kenny, Moro, third; F. Bayer, Grass Valley, fourth. Time 2:25.

Broad Jump: Verel Teschner, Grass Valley, first; Wilde, Wasco, second; Norton, Kent, third; Varnal Teschner, Grass Valley, fourth. Distance 17' 4".

Shot Put: Verel Teschner, Grass Valley, first; L. Kenny, Moro, second; Millard, Rufus and Adams Moro, tied for third. Distance 35' 6".

220 Dash: Adams, Moro, first; O. Stark, Grass Valley, second; Collins, Wasco, third; Huff, Rufus, fourth. Time 24.25.

Pole Vault: Wilde, Wasco, first; Richelderfer, Wasco, second; R. Fields, Grass Valley, third; Varnal Teschner, Grass Valley, fourth. Height 8' 10".

Relay: Won by Grass Valley against a mixed team.

The score for the grade meet: 50 yd dash, grade 4-6, boys: Brisbane, Moro, first; C. McLeod, Moro, second; Gosson, Wasco, third. Time 7.3-5.

High Jump: Grades 4-6, Wilcox, Grass Valley, first; Gosson, Wasco, second; Lemon, Wasco, third; Wilson, Rufus, fourth. Height 4 feet.

Broad Jump: Gosson, Wasco, first; Lemon, Wasco, second; Cantrall, Grass Valley third; Wilson, Rufus, fourth. Distance 14' 7".

35 yd dash, 4-6 grade girls: Knighten, Moro, first; Payne, Grass Valley, second; Nelson, Moro, third.

50 yd dash, boys grade 1-3: Wallace, Wasco, first; Peters, Grass Valley, second; Hildenbrand, Wasco, third; Brady, Rufus, fourth. Time 6.3-5.

35 yd dash, girls, grade 1-3: McLachin, Grass Valley, first; Fox, Rufus, second; Wilson, Kent, third; Schadewitz, Moro, fourth. Time 6.2-5.

Mixed Relay: Kent won, von Borstel, Wilson, Von Borstel and Hoskinson.

100 yard dash, boys, 7-8 grade: Justesen, Kent, first; von Borstel, Kent, second; Royce, Wasco, third; Rost, Grass Valley, fourth; time 11.1-5.

1-5 dash, boys, 7-8 grade: Justesen, Kent, first; Royce, Wasco, second; Roth, Grass Valley, third; Rovee, Wasco, fourth. 6 sec. High Jump, boys, 7-8 grade: Justesen, Kent, first; Le Master, Rufus, second; Roth, Grass Valley, third; Royce, Wasco, fourth. Shot Put, boys, 7-8 grade: Le-

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Lamb Show To Be Held In Wasco May 20

Sherman county's annual lamb show will be held at Wasco under the auspices of the Wasco Civic club, May 20th, Saturday, according to an announcement made this week by County agent Wright and officers of the club.

Entrants for the show can be made up to ten o'clock of the show date and the show will begin shortly after that hour. Pairs of three and individual lambs will be shown according to the regular custom. Quarters for the show will be provided for by the club at Wasco. In the evening after the show a dance will be given in Wasco by the club to raise funds for the premiums offered the prize winners.

Deschutes Project Gets More Money

Washington D. C., News Bureau

There is a probability that the government will build its own distributing system at Wickiup instead of acquiring the existing system, which has been offered by the proprietors.

Unless something goes wrong \$400,000 will be made available for the Deschutes project for the fiscal year beginning July 1. When the interior supply bill passed the house there was no item for this project. The bill was in the senate when Senator Charles L. McNary and Reclamation Commissioner John Page hurried to the director of the budget and received his approval of an amendment drafted by the senator. This amendment provided for \$400,000. The amendment was offered from the floor and was accepted. When the bill goes to conference the Deschutes item will be in the measure as a senate amendment, and the senate conferees will see that it is accepted by the house conferees.

Total Cost \$8,000,000

Deschutes project has a little money left over, about \$175,000, but this is insufficient to meet current contracts. The \$400,000 will assure carrying on construction for the fiscal year 1940.

Eventually the project will cost the government \$8,000,000 but will make productive a great area.

Resume of State Income Prepared For Information of Our Readers

Contrary to the popular impression taxes constitute only a minor portion of the monies necessary to finance the numerous functions of Oregon's state government.

A survey just completed by State Treasurer Walter E. Pearson shows that of the more than \$137,000,000 collected and disbursed by the treasury department during the 1937-38 biennium only \$35,900,000 came from taxes—property, income, inheritance, gift and gasoline. Property taxes collected by the state during the two year period amounted to only \$1,084,717 or approximately one percent of the biennial budget. The remaining \$101,100 came from fees, fines, interest on loans and bank deposits, contributions by the federal government, proceeds of bond sales and profits of the state's liquor monopoly.

Gasoline taxes topped the list of revenue sources, contributing \$22,407,444 towards the support of the state government during the two year period. In addition Oregon motorists contributed \$8,248,040 in registration, mileage and gross revenue fees.

Uncle Sam contributed a total of \$13,366,275 toward state governmental activities during the biennium, \$7,188,048 of this amount going for highway construction.

The gross income of the Liquor Control Commission during the biennial period was \$18,250,464 of which \$5,511,391.63 was profit from the sale of liquor, fees and privilege taxes, practically all of which was diverted to relief and public welfare.

Other items entering into the state's financial picture for the biennium were:

Interest earned on common school fund, \$716,596; Interest on bank deposits and securities, \$126,138; Interest on loans to war veter-

Spraying of Mormon Crickets Begins Near Wasco Thursday

Spraying of Mormon crickets on the Wallace farm northeast of Wasco began Thursday when Robert Every, federal entomologist, arrived with his guns for the job. Poison dust came the same day. The work is being done with volunteer labor offered by the farmers of that section of the county who rallied to the assistance of the owners of the threatened fields. The crickets had advanced into the wheat several yards before being poisoned, leaving nothing behind them. Dozens of them gather about each stool of wheat and devour it completely before moving on to the next. Other waves of the insects are steadily coming up from the John Day and these will have to be killed as well to save the grain.

Mormon crickets, heard of in other parts of eastern Oregon this spring, have made their foray into the wheat fields of Sherman county and are now feeding on the green wheat in the northeast part of the county, advancing steadily across two miles of wheat.

Dry Slopes Hatched

Their progress is expected to be stopped today by the spraying of poison dust on them by a crew directed by the federal entomologist, Robert Every, who was called by LeRoy Wright, county agent who was notified of the approach of the horde Monday afternoon.

The crickets presumably hatched on the dry slopes of the John Day river and started their march unmolested up from that stream to the fertile lands on the top.

First attacked were the fields farmed by C. W. Wallace, who lives on the place formerly farmed by J. M. Yocum, northeast of Wasco.

Other farms menaced are those of Clyde Fridley and C. A. Harper whose wheat will be eaten if the crickets progress across that of Mr. Wallace.

Ten Stages Develop

County agent Wright states that Mormon crickets hatch in ten stages and that four of these stages have been identified in the marching hordes coming up from the breaks onto the wheat land. It may therefore be presumed that six other waves may be expected before the attack is over.

Methods of control are in the hands of the entomologist since he has been called to the scene of battle. Poison dust will be sprayed on the insects in an effort to kill each wave as it approaches the green fields. The machines for scattering the dust are expected today and the poison itself will be on hand by that time according to Mr. Wright.

It was suggested that the dry grass land be fired in order to stop the crickets before they reached the wheat but because of the danger of the fire getting away and the damage that this means of control might cause it was delayed. Another means of control was suggested by Mrs. Jessie Amos who remembered that years ago a band of sheep were used to trample the crickets and destroy them.

Entomologist Arrives

Mr. Every arrived Wednesday noon to carry on the battle against the marauders. He came from Pendleton where he has his headquarters as the federal agent in control of grass hoppers and crickets.

Other parts of the county have had small bunches of crickets before this year but to date they have not been sufficiently numerous to make themselves a serious menace to the growing wheat. Southwest of Moro and east of Moro on the point crickets have been observed for the past two years but they are reported as not being thick so far this year in those sections.

Fathers Faltering Footsteps Fatal

The soft ball team of the Boys club defeated a team of Breakfast clubbers Sunday afternoon on the new diamond by a score that is being told by none but members of the boys' club. Bankers, garage men and public officials found difficulty in reaching their shoes and socks the following morning and some still walk with a careful, cautious tread. No damage was done to the boy's physiques, but some to their respect for the athletic prowess of their elders.