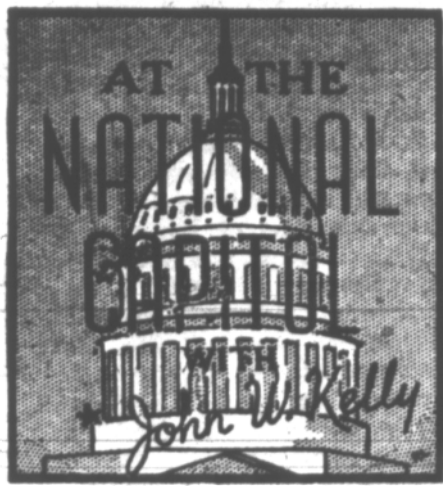


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Washington, D. C., May 18—In the large, rambling department of agriculture building, it covers many acres, houses thousands a small, select board is studying the map to ascertain how much land Uncle Sam has acquired and taken from the tax rolls of counties. Decision of these officials may bring substantial dollars into county treasuries and afford an unexpected source of revenue. There are a couple of bills in congress which provide the federal government shall pay something in lieu of taxes for "conservation lands." The board is researching to learn the number of acres and what the cost would be to the government. Pending this report, the house committee on agriculture is marking time, will do nothing at the request of Henry A. Wallace, secretary.

Under this legislation, Harney county might receive something for the land, acquired by the government and used for a wildlife refuge at Malheur Lake. In purchasing this land the government caused a tax loss to that county. Deschutes would have some compensation for the timber recently purchased and added to the Ochoco forest and the prospective acquisition of land in vicinity of Sisters. Lake county could expect a little for private land that went in to the antelope reserve in the Hart Mountain district. These are instances of possible benefits under the contemplated legislation.

While application would principally in 11 western states, many other states have lost property off the taxroll when the government stepped in to carry out some conservation program. School districts have suffered from this loss of taxable property; some districts have folded up.

One proposal is a straight 10 cents an acre a year to be paid to counties where the land is located. Another is a complicated method of compensation which few members of congress who have read the bill understand. The board designated by Secretary Wallace is seeking to work out a plan and if the amount is not too large, nor payments do not constitute a precedent, they may make a favorable report, and again they may not. Anyway there is a gambling chance for the taxpayers.

President Roosevelt will stop on foreign soil next month when he dines with King George VI in the British embassy. The ground of the embassy is as much British as any part of the empire, just as the Soviet embassy is part of Russia and the French embassy part of France. President Hoover dined with the King of Siam when to latter was a Washington visitor but the Siamese rented a private home.

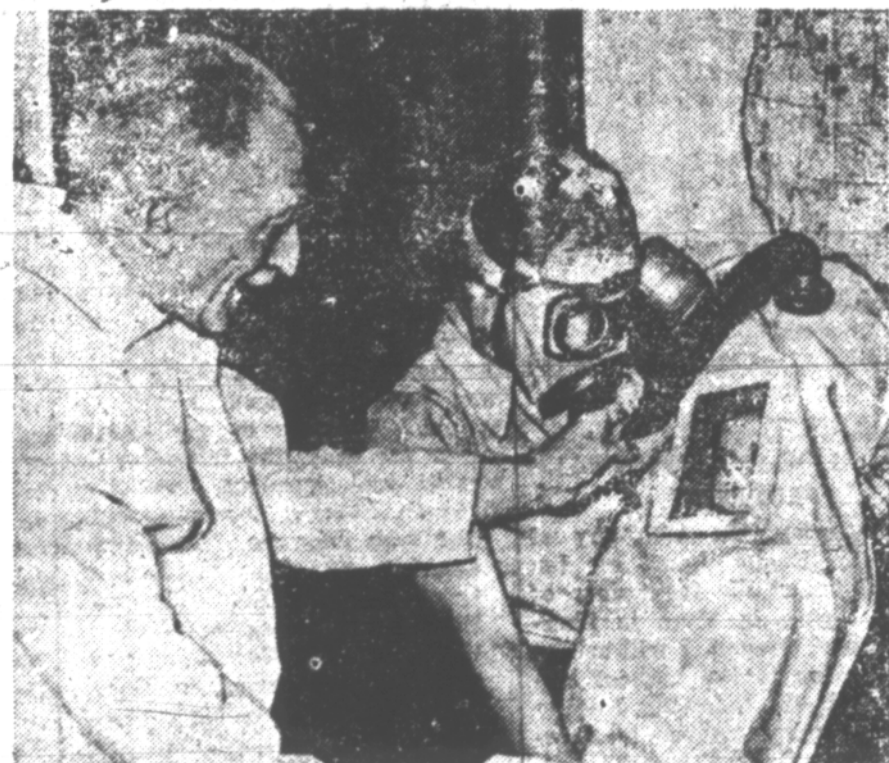
Only 800 residents of Washington will be invited to meet the King and Queen at the embassy at a garden party. Gentlemen have been warned not to offer to shake the King's and to bow twice when approaching him, and to make their exit walking backward. Ladies can courtesy, if they desire, but if they do they must kneel the left foot backward. The press will not be admitted.

Farm bloc members are asking an embarrassing question. They want to know why the administration insists that a processing tax should be levied to meet parity payments yet there was no mention of special taxes to meet the billion dollar national defense bill. As a matter of fact, White House advisors have talked of a special levy to meet some of the cost of the National defense program.

A motorist was arrested in the national capital because the police found him using an American flag as a seat cover. He was charged with desecrating the flag. There is a movement a-foot to confine the use of Old Glory to naval vessels and prohibit its use by merchant craft. Every cabinet member has his own special flag which is displayed with the stars at

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French Babies Protected From Gas Attack



In the event of war and threat of gas attacks, French babies under two years of age will be protected by means of a respiratory device which is connected with the gas mask of the mother. Not strong enough to open the air vents in a regulation gas mask, they are protected by this means. The baby's covering is made of fireproof silk. Professor Le Mee, left, invented the device.

Sherman County Pioneer Dies Of Heart Attack

Word was brought to Moro Thursday morning of the untimely death of Hans Thompson, who had resided here for nearly fifty years before moving to Multnomah to spend his remaining years in retirement from active farming.

Mr. Thompson came from Denmark when a young man and took up land in the then new Sherman county. He prospered and developed a good farm in the Fairview district. He was active in farm organizations being director of the elevator company for a number of years.

He is survived by his widow, a son, Harvey, now farming the home place, and three daughters, Mrs. Ed Ward of Dufur, Mrs. James Phillips of Gresham and Lillie Thompson a nurse in Portland. The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon in Moro.

Kent Auxiliaries To Sell Poppies

The ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Flove von Borstel on Wednesday afternoon, May 17, when plans were made for the last party of the season to be held at the Legion hall on Saturday evening, May 20, at 8:15 p. m.

Season prizes will be given for high score, also a prize will be drawn. Each person will have as many chances as he has attended card parties during the season. Final preparations were made for the poppy sale at Grass Valley on May 24th and at Kent May 25.

Twelve million poppies will be worn in the United States this year in tribute to the World War dead. Making of the little red flowers is now completed and millions have already been distributed to local units of the Auxiliary in readiness for Poppy Day. The poppies have been made disabled war veterans in government hospitals and in special poppy workshops maintained by the Auxiliary. Many hundreds of veterans who could not have found or performed other work have been given employment during the winter and spring months. Approximately \$122,000 has been paid in wages to these disabled poppy makers.

The majority of whom receive little or no government compensation and have families to support to enhance for the flowers the poppy workers will receive contributions for the welfare of the war's living victims, the disabled veterans, their families and the families of the dead. The money will go into the rehabilitation and child welfare funds of the Legion and Auxiliary, remaining largely in the communities where it is raised to finance the local Legion and Auxiliary welfare activities during the coming year.

POST TO HAVE SERVICE

George Bell Post of American Legion is holding Memorial services at the M. E. Church at Grass Valley, May 30th at 2:30. Rev. F. L. Cannell of Wasco will be in charge of the service.

Drouth Broken By Fifth Inch of Rain the 18th

A shower of rain that was recorded as .20 of an inch fell Thursday morning giving new support to the reports that it actually can rain in Sherman county. While the rainfall was not sufficient to be of much value in itself it did break a very long dry spell and the possibility of more is still encouraging.

After a couple of warm days and east wind, clouds gathered in the sky Monday night to raise the hopes of farmers that the long drouth was at an end. Over most of the county enough rain did fall to dampen the face of a freshly shaven man and at Kent .05 of an inch fell. East of that town it rained so that the ground was wet down to a depth of two or three inches.

The next day the wind blew and straw hats were being offered for coats and the clouds left for that place from which no clouds returned and the sun shone again and everybody was unhappy—but happy. Thus ended the third week in the driest May, after the d. s. April, after a drouthy half of March. And, say some, thus ends the wheat crop.

Methodist Ladies Serve Bauquet

A very lovely banquet was served Wednesday evening May 10, by several ladies of the Methodist church who had been mystery mothers to the Standard Bearer girls during the past year. Their own mothers were guests, the tables were beautifully decorated with spring flowers. A May pole being used in the center of the room. Four boys acted as waiters, Lawrence Royce, Jerry Nisbet, Leland Schwindel, Herbert Barnett. A program was given as follows, Miss Beryl Sheets, president, acting as toast mistress; Address of welcome, Patricia Yocum; Mrs. Gosson gave an interesting talk on the unity between mother and daughter; Beryl Sheets gave the response. After dinner the Standard Bearer girls gave the following program in the auditorium of the church. Piano solo Alma Jean McMullen; reading Lovelle Guy; musical number, June Wildt; Duet, Dorothy and Donna Knox; reading, Lavilla Gosson; solo, Patricia Yocum; Trumpet solo, Catherine Fridley; group singing by the Standard Bearer girls. Everyone joined in singing "Faith of our Mothers."

STOCK BEING SHIPPED OUT

Stock is being shipped out of the county rapidly at present due to the early spring which permitted lambs to mature more quickly than usual and the dryness of the pastures that makes it better to ship cattle than to feed them. Several cars went out last Saturday night and many truck loads have gone down to Portland every day. Stock shipped is not as fat as usual at this time of year.

Wool Stock Smaller Than In 1938

Washington, D. C., May 19—Favorable outlook for disposal of the new wool crop is announced by the department of agriculture. The department bases its judgment on the relatively small domestic carry-over in the current season and the fairly high level of domestic mill consumption in 1939.

Stocks of apparel wool held in the United States on ranches, by dealers and manufacturers on April 1 was reported one-fourth smaller than April 1 last year. According to the bureau, the wide spread between domestic and foreign prices during recent months has attracted a large volume of imports, the largest importation in these months in any of the five years 1931 to 1935.

Street Oiling Estimate Asked By Council

The city council met Tuesday night to discuss further the job of oiling some of the city streets. It was voted to obtain accurate estimates of the cost of laying a coat of oil on Fourth street from Main street to the court house. Purpose of this move is to try to hold the surface intact and stop the gravel from being lost. A new lease was signed with Mr. and Mrs. McLeod, operators of the Moro Hotel and a few minor bills were paid.

Proudfoot-Heater Wedding Solemnized

Following a Mother's Day dinner for the Proudfoot and Heater families on Sunday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Heater in The Dalles, their daughter Miss Charlotte Heater was married to Harry Dean Proudfoot Jr., of Wasco. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. C. Mann of the United Brethren church, where Miss Heater has been a soloist.

Ted and John Proudfoot came from the University at Eugene to attend. Mr. and Mrs. Proudfoot will make their home in Hood River where the groom has a position with Consolidated Freightway.

Eighth Grade Holds Graduating Exercises

The Eighth grade of Moro school will hold Graduating Exercises Thursday afternoon, May 25th, at 2:30 p. m.

The speaker will be Willy Knight, county superintendent, and the Diplomas will be given out by Harry Kunsman, chairman of the school board. Invocation will be offered by Rev. Hanson.

The eighth grade class this year consists of Betty Coffman, Mary Kenny, Lois Platt, David McLeod and Ramsey Schadewitz. The public is invited to attend.

Mothers Give Dinner For Graduating Class

The first of the school end activities for the 1939 class was held Wednesday night at the Community church when the mothers of the graduating class gave a dinner in honor of the class with parents, school teachers and others invited. Robert Christianson, class president, was toastmaster calling on class members for the proverbial class will, prophecy and class history, and on the teachers and some of the parents and visitors for short responses. A group of parents sang an original song in commemoration of the event.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McLeod left Thursday for Portland to see Mr. McLeod's father. Mrs. McLeod will go to Salem.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.
May 11	81	52
" 12	84	46
" 13	89	45
" 14	93	48
" 15	90	56
" 16	70	48
" 17	66	42
Total for the week		.00

Lamb Show Ready; Softball Game Planned

Annual Shepherders' Ball To Raise Funds For Prizes For Lamb and Wool Show

The premium list for the Lamb and Wool show that will be held at Wasco Saturday next includes prizes for 4-H club entrants equal to those paid for older lamb growers, according to LeRoy Wright, county agent.

The prize for the fat market lamb in both classes will be \$5.00 for first with the other four prizes running down to \$1 for fifth.

For the pens of three lambs the first prize will be \$10.00, the second \$7.50; the third, \$5.00; fourth \$2.50 and fifth \$1.50.

The wool show will permit entries in the fine wool, medium wool and long wool classes with three prizes of \$3.00, \$2.00, and \$1.00 offered for the owner of the best fleece in each class.

Harry Avery, county agent for Union county, will be the judge of both the lamb and the wool show. Shepherders may enter more than one fleece in each class but only one prize will be given each exhibitor in each class.

The entrants must be made by ten o'clock the morning of the day of the show. After the judging is over and the spectators and sheep owners have eaten and the athletes have rested there will be a softball game between the Wasco Civic club and the Moro Breakfast club, this being decided Wednesday morning when a challenge was brought to Moro and promptly accepted.

The day's activities will be ended late at night with the expiration of the Shepherders' Ball, an event that follows—and furnishes the motive power to the lamb show like the rear wheels of a truck follow the front ones. An orchestra from Pendleton has been hired for the dance and the advance ticket sale assures a good crowd for the evening.

Committees in charge of the show and dance are Ormand Hillbrand, George Drinkard and Lowell Burres arranging for the show and Floyd Root, Lewis Hastings, Arthur Spencer, R. B. Berni and Keith McDonald making the arrangements for the dance.

Rebecca Jane Barnett Succumbs To Illness

Mrs. Rebecca Jane Barnett, widow of Jess Barnett, died at the family home in Grass Valley Monday morning after a long illness that has kept her bedfast for several months.

Mrs. Barnett, nee Rebecca Wise, was born April 2, 1860, in Missouri where she married in 1880. With her family she came to Sherman county in 1903 and lived on a farm until recent years when she and her husband retired to Grass Valley.

Two children, George Thomas Barnett and Mrs. Marie Smith survive, and one brother is still living in Missouri. Mr. Barnett died a year ago. The funeral was held in the Grass Valley auditorium Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock under the direction of Zell's Funeral home and interment was made in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Grass Valley.

New Well In Prospect In Grass Valley

Bids have been called for by the city of Grass Valley for the drilling of a new city well. Date of opening the bids has been given as next Monday. It is understood that the well is to be drilled just west of the present well site and south of the Krusow residence. The dry year has caused a shortage of water in Grass Valley and private citizens have been pumping into the mains to keep up the supply. Water witchers have determined the location of the new hole.

JUDGE VISITS

Judge Carl Hendricks was here Monday to attend to such court matters as were ready to come before the May term of court although no regular session of court was held.

Observance of Music Week Made Here

Augusta Huckin, grand committee member for the International Temple fund, made her official visit to Bethlehem chapter at Moro, Thursday night.

After the close of the meeting an enjoyable program and social hour was given with about fifty members and guests present. An impressive candle light ceremony was given in honor of Mother's Day and members of the Past Matrons Club rededicated the new Star Point pedestals which were given to the chapter recently by the club.

Mrs. Margaret Peetz read a paper on the history of Electa and Mrs. Ray Blake gave a short talk in the interest of Music week after which several selections in observance of it were given. Dean Pinkerton gave two trombone solos, "Margaret" from Faust and "Forgotten Ballad" accompanied by his mother. Mrs. Charles Rugles gave two piano solos, "Butterfly" by Edward Greig and "Cherry Blossoms" Charles Hueter. Miss Marjory Byers sang two solos, "Mother Macree" and "Little Mother of Mine."

Other activities occasioned by Music week were the appearance of the high school orchestra at the Community church for the morning service. Miss Joelle Peters was in charge. Mrs. Lloyd Hennaglin sang a solo before Rev. Hanson's sermon.

George Bell Unit, American Legion Auxiliary, sang several group songs at its regular meeting.

The Moro school band gave a concert Thursday evening on the street.

Legionnaires Entertain War Mothers

Members of the Chris Schultz Post, American Legion, entertained the war mothers of the post Sunday morning, Mother's Day with a breakfast at the Moro Hotel. Six women whose sons served in the army or navy during the World War were present to enjoy the hospitality and accept the greetings of the post members.

International Highways Urged By Federal Bureau

By A. L. Lindbeck

The recommendation of Thos. H. MacDonald, chief of the federal bureau of public roads, for a system of interregional highways is the greatest forward movement for highway development that has been suggested since the original federal aid highway act of 1917, in the opinion of R. H. Baldock Oregon's state highway engineer.

At the direction of the highway commission Baldock has written each member of the Oregon delegation in Congress urging their support of the MacDonald program which calls for the utilization of present free traffic facilities thru reconstruction to meet modern needs.

Improvement of the Pacific highway and the Columbia river highway - Old Oregon Trail in Oregon would be included in MacDonald's program.

"The most pressing highway problems in Oregon today," Baldock declared in his letter to the Oregon Congressmen, "are the modernization of the upper Columbia river highway, and the building of highway arterials into and through cities."

In order that prisoners now in the Oregon penitentiary shall not be discriminated against through operation of the new indeterminate sentence act which becomes effective June 14, Governor Sprague has let it be known that he will resort to his authority to extend executive clemency to prisoners whose sentences are shown to have been unduly harsh. The governor has instructed his parole board to review the record of all prisoners now in the institution and to make recommendations in such cases as the board may regard as entitled to the governor's attention. A difference of opinion exists among attorneys as to the effect of the new law on old prisoners. Some of the sponsors of the measure are of the opinion that the act is retroactive. Others disagree.

Sherman County Schools Have 40 Graduates

Moro and Grass Valley Have Largest Classes For 1939; Same Number Entering

The five high schools in Sherman county will graduate forty seniors this year. Largest number of these are in Moro and Grass Valley which two schools have approximately two thirds of the graduating classes of the entire county.

By a coincidence the eighth grades will send exactly the same number into the high schools presuming that all go on to high school.

First graduation of the year will be held at Wasco Friday night, May 19 when, with Dr. W. A. Dahlberg giving the address, four girls will finish their high school work. They are Lavilla Gosson, Darlene Rust, Beryl Sheets and Alma Jean McMullen.

Rufus will graduate a class of six this year when Pete Macnab, Fred Bryant, Lois Wilson, Ina Jones, Edward Millard and Lila Morris Adams take their diplomas.

The Moro class is one of the largest in the county containing 15 seniors. Exercises in observance of the end of school for them will be held Wednesday, May 24 at the school auditorium with Rev. R. A. Hutchinson giving the talk of the evening. Graduating are Norman Adams, Bob Axtell, Bill Axtell, Robert Christensen, Jane French, Clifford Kenny, Lawrence Kenny, Lee McLeod, Pat McLeod, Dean Pinkerton, Farnk Sayrs and Donald Williams.

The Grass Valley school will also graduate 13 pupils but expects to keep its total number by receiving 12 from the grade school. Those who will end their school work in Sherman county are Thelma Fortner, Vernel Teschner, Vernal Teschner, William Ball, Melvin Balzer, Frank Bayer, Leighton Fields, Marian Eileen Hogue, Betty Lou Olds, Willard Olds, Mrs. Caroline Lorein Roberts, Louise Roth and Anita Dunlap.

A Kent four will be graduated. Luther Davis, Donald von Borstel, David Hoskinson and Frances Gregg.

While the state will pay a total of \$1,771,287 interest on its outstanding bonds this year this amount represents a reduction of \$1,150,000 from the state's interest bill at the peak of its debt load back in 1928. The state's bonded debt has been reduced in the 11-year period from \$66,062,810 to \$40,425,660. This latter figure includes \$17,841,750 in highway bonds, \$20,375,000 in veterans' bonus bonds, \$81,000 in farm credit bonds and \$2,127,910 in irrigation district interest bonds.

The new state parole board which met here last week at an informal conference with Governor Sprague, is spending this week visiting penal institutions in the state of Washington and conferring with parole officials of that state which has been operating for several years under the same parole system which Oregon is just adopting. The new parole board will be vested with outright parole powers and will meet in Salem once a week to give consideration to cases demanding their attention. Selection of a parole director and staff of office and field workers will probably not be made for another ten days or two weeks.

State Treasurer Walter A. Pearson has figured it out that the taxpayers of this state have contributed a total of \$46,667,821.57 to coupon clippers who invested their savings in Oregon bonds since this state first entered upon its big spending orgy back in 1917.

Resignation of N. G. Wallace as public utilities commissioner and appointment of O. R. Bean of Portland as his successor has quieted

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