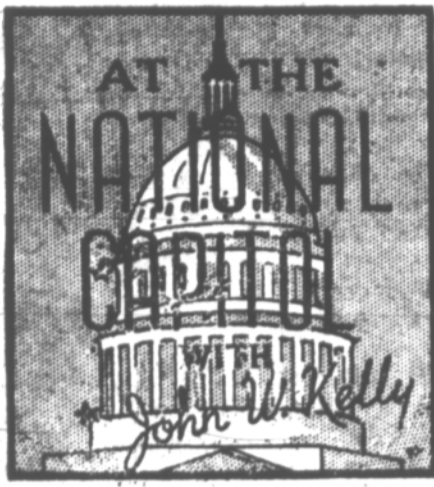


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Washington, D. C., June 16—Congress was told this week one reason why prosperity has not come to the Pacific Northwest, key industry of that region, lumbering and prosperity rises and falls with it. Here is what the lawmakers were told:

In Oregon and Washington forest products provide 60 percent of the payrolls. On June 1, 1939, there were 240 mills running 40 hours a week and employing 30,000 employees full time; another 11,000 were working three or four days a week in 280 mills and there were 430 mills down and 19,000 workers unemployed.

For the past three years 50 cents of every dollar received by the millmen has gone for wages averaging 75 cents an hour. Every million feet of lumber sold represents \$12,000 in wages; employs 20 men for 100 days. The industry in the two states in 1937 paid \$68,500,000 in wages; paid \$52,000,000 for materials, supplies and service, paid \$75,000,000 in freight to trucks, rail and water carriers; paid \$5,000,000 in taxes.

Construction in 1938 in the United States was 3.2 billion dollars compared to 6.6 billion dollars in 1928. Last year more than half (53.3 percent) of all construction was so-called "public." Private construction is in the depths and the government has been stepping into the breach with its public works program.

The industry in Washington and Oregon is at a disadvantage in competing with Western Canada.

Wages in the Pacific Northwest states are higher, hours shorter and with unemployment compensation insurance and old-age benefits the cost of production for the American operators is from \$3 to \$4 per thousand board feet more than the cost to operators in British Columbia. The old-age benefits and unemployment compensation insurance now is 39 cents of every 1000 feet of lumber and will be 59 cents in 1949 unless the bill recently passed in the house is rejected by the senate.

Products not manufactured in accordance with the regulations of NLEB cannot be moved from the state of their origin to another state, although competing goods manufactured in British Columbia can move any where in the United States without interference other than payment of a small customs duty. A veritable flood of lumber is entering this country from Western Canada.

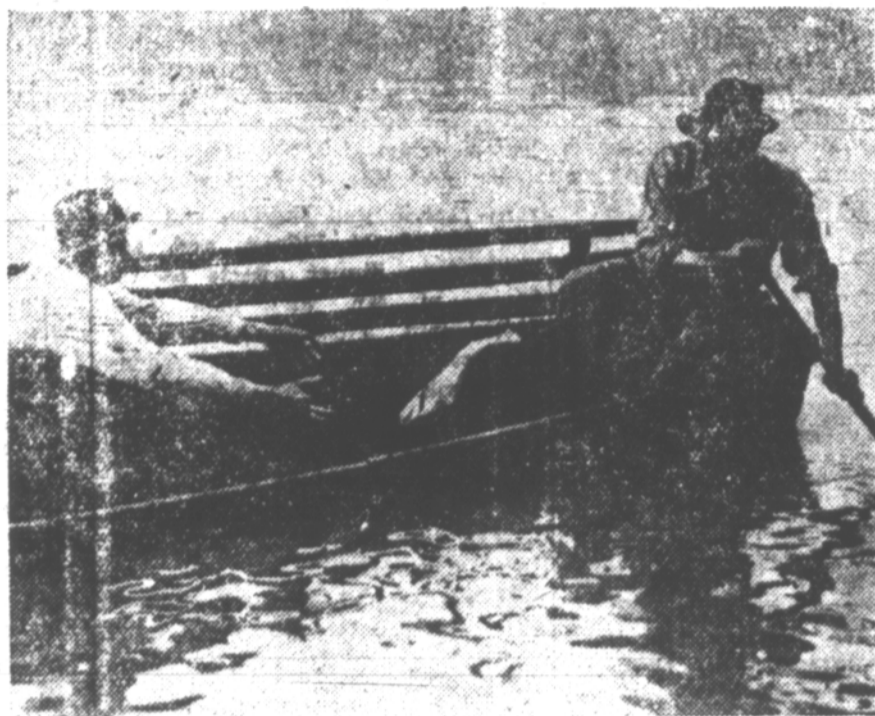
Under the order of U. S. Maritime Commission intercostal rate on American lumber is \$14 per thousand, whereas British Columbia can ship to the same Atlantic ports at \$11 per thousand feet.

For these reasons, the delegation of Oregon and Washington are working for a bill of Senator Bone (Washington), which requires that all material used on construction where government money is involved, must be of domestic origin.

Attention is called to the particularly Lincoln Constance of University of California, to the Snake river canyon, the Wallows range and the Seven Devils. In that little-known area embracing parts of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, there are plants and animals which, in ages, have developed new forms or preserved old primitive ones. There are a number of species known as "endemics" that is, peculiar to that area and found nowhere else in the world. Suggestion is made that an expedition be authorized for detailed exploration.

Army engineers have shared their shoulders for a large program with the coming fiscal year July 1. Outstanding is the start of the Willamette Valley project; continuation of the flood control along the Columbia river; continuation of dredging for a ship channel from Vancouver to Bonneville dam. The engineers will investigate the proposal for barge navigation.

## And It Really Isn't Done With Mirrors



This is the kind of fishing the not-too-energetic angler dreams about. Homer Harris and his son, Bill, of Atlanta, Ga., don't bother with hooks. And it isn't done with mirrors. Fishermen take their boats to the lair of a school of trout in Jackson lake, and as the fish make their quick, arching leaps out of the water, the side of the boat is tilted and the fish falls to the bottom of the boat. In two hours these men caught 18 pounds of unhooked trout.

## Breakfast Club Invited To Drink and Dance

The Moro Breakfast club issued an invitation and a challenge to the Wasco Civic club this week and both have been accepted. The invitation is to meet in the Moro park next Sunday at one o'clock for a picnic dinner and a general get together and the challenge is for a return game of soft ball to settle the question of superiority left dangling when the first game between the two clubs was called on account of darkness, wet ground or some other reason now forgotten.

The Moro club has also been invited to attend a cocktail party at the Dalles hotel followed by a dance at the Old Mill next Saturday night. Admission to the dance to be a dollar or a bushel of wheat. The dance is a regular Breakfast club dance open to all.

## SCS Men Visit At Station

Visitors at the experiment station Wednesday morning were M. M. Hoover, of Washington, D. C., who is in charge of the grass section of the Soil Conservation Service, A. L. Hafenrichter, in charge of nurseries in the north-west and Virgil B. Hawk who looks after the local work in grasses. They were bound for a meeting along the coast where grasses will be discussed for planting there. Mr. Hafenrichter says that it is now possible to sow any of the grasses with heavy machinery and that even the native grasses can be handled in large quantities under the new treatment. Several growers are now producing seed from the native bunch grasses that are showing up so well in experiment stations over the northwest this dry year. Mr. Hoover, having been over the mid-west, considers the grasses here very good.

## County Roads Being Rocked

The work of crushing rock for the Erskine road has been going on rapidly since the new crusher was brought in and installed by Rogers Construction company. Trucks are now hauling rock twenty miles per day and it is thought that the job will be finished early next week. In addition to rocking the Erskine road some of the adjacent roads are also receiving light coats of rock on bad places, the street to the cemetery has been covered with new rock and the light dirt in front of the court house has been weighted down with a gravel surface.

When the job is completed it is expected that between ten and twelve miles of road will have been rocked to a width sufficient for safe travel at all times of the year. Nearly every farmer has bought some of the rock to use on his private roads and business men of Moro are planning to put gravel in the parking strips in front of their businesses.

## John H. Wilt Funeral Held At Grass Valley

The funeral of John Henry Wilt was held Monday afternoon at two o'clock from the Methodist church at Grass Valley with Rev. Gerald Dryden officiating and Callaways directing. Several songs were sung by Dale Baker and Miss Ellen Cox accompanied by Mrs. Baker. Pallbearers were Eben Keo, Frank Lemley, J. S. Newcomb, T. S. Reese, C. F. Feldman and Lester Smith.

The graveside services were in charge of the Masonic lodge of which Mr. Wilt had been a member for 29 years. Interment was made in the Moro cemetery.

Mr. Wilt had been a resident of Grass Valley since early in June, 1922, when he bought the store that has since borne his name. He came here from Ione where he had worked at the blacksmith trade for a number of years. He was born in Sandusky, Ohio, April 20, 1873 and lived when a young man in Michigan where he learned the carriage makers art.

Just last month he had sold his business and was preparing to take life easy. Last Friday, the day of his death, he appeared in excellent health and about noon returned home where he began to work in the basement where death came to him suddenly.

Surviving are his widow, Bernice Wilt; a daughter, Mrs. W. Ray Blake and a granddaughter, Mrs. Scott Fortner of Hood River and a brother in California.

Attending the funeral from out of town were Dr. C. C. Chick of Hood River, Mrs. Anna Myers, Miss Blanche Bristow of Hood River and Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Feldman of Ione.

## Elliot-Reynolds Wedding Observed

The wedding of Miss Vivian Reynolds, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Reynolds of Grass Valley, to Warren T. Elliott of Monmouth, was held Sunday, June 11 at 2 p. m. at Hillsboro, in the Episcopal church. Father Pemberton officiating. The wedding march was played by Miss Marjorie Gray of Cornelius. The bride wore an aqua blue suit with fuchsia accessories. The bridesmaids, Miss Mildred Alley of Grass Valley and Miss Norma Melzer of Moro, both wore suits of dusty rose tweed. The groom's attendants were friends from Salem. After the wedding a reception was held at the apartment of the newly married couple in Hillsboro where both are instructors in the public schools. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott left on a short trip, and will return to Hillsboro, where Mr. Elliott has work until school begins in the fall.

**NINE COYOTES CAUGHT.**  
The report of the biological survey shows that Alexander Zevlev working slightly over 30 days in May, caught 9 coyotes. In the entire state 874 coyotes were caught as well as 6 bob cats and 6 bears.

## Street Being Made Ready For Oiling

Definite action on grading Fourth street in Moro from Main to Court was started Wednesday after the city council Tuesday night voted to grade the street wider than at present and put in new drains where they are needed. When this is done gravel will be brought from the crusher near Erskine and it will be piled along side the traveled part of the street until fall when it will be bladed into the road. It is expected that the street will be ready for oiling by next summer when the state crew comes this way.

Other action taken by the council included buying another \$1000 in city bonds from the state and paying the interest to date on the outstanding bonds. This reduces the bond to \$28,500.

Payments were made on the pump and other bills were paid as audited by the finance committee. During the illness of Water rent collector George Williams, water bills may be paid at the Conlee store.

## Daily Bible School Opens For Children

Thirty two youngsters appeared at the Presbyterian church last Monday morning for the opening session of the Vacation Bible School. Worship period, Bible Period, Outside Games, Missionary period, and Inside Activities Period. Drawing and sermons for the girls, and manual training for the boys. These take up two hours which seem to speed all too rapidly.

On Tuesday morning there were five additional pupils, making a total enrollment to date of 37. Rev. and Mrs. Henry G. Hanson have charge with Carl Peetz, Florence Lawrence, Ardis Truitt and Patricia McLeod as helpers. The school will last two weeks and any below high school who have not started to attend are welcome.

**Youngsters Attend**  
Those enrolled to date are Terry Bucholtz, Derrie Hennagin, Melvin Miller, Ronnie May, Priscilla Melzer, David Moore, Gordon M. Keo, Janet Martin, Joan Oveson, Connie Ruggles, Orven Schade witz, Wily Knighten Jr., Larry Sayrs, Keith Thompson, Sonny Wilson in the Primary and Beginners' section. In the Junior-Intermediate there are Billie Platt, Bobby Platt, Bobbie Brishine, Patty French, Sharon Hennagin, Bessie Gentry, Bobbie Hoskinson, Annette Knighten, Herbert Lawrence, Dorothy May, Dorothy Miller, Dunella Nelson, Dick Oveson, Lois Platt, Patricia Pinkerton, Allen Pinkerton, Janet Peetz, Louis Peetz, Janet Schadewitz, Ramsey Schadewitz, Warren Storkman, Donald Thompson.

## Thompson Clan Holds Annual Round-up

The 18th annual Thompson Round-Up was held at DeMoss park on June 11, with 53 of the clan being present, and nine guests. A basket dinner with all the trimmings started the day, with a short program following. Recorded during the year were three marriages, two births, and two deaths. Out of the county relatives attending were Jesse Thompson and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Siegenthaler of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Thompson and sons Billy and Dean of Donald; Milo Elliott of Sheridan; Mrs. Harriet Nish, Jim Thompson, Pearl Thompson, J. B. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Elliott and daughter Barbara of The Dalles and Barbara Meloy of Rowena.

## Farrington Expects Wiring To Start

John R. Farrington was here Thursday from The Dalles and announced that the work of re-wiring the homes of telephone users to fit them for the new dial system would probably begin within a short time. This is necessary because the new phones require a different wiring than the old. It is expected that those who still need insulators will be able to get them more easily a little later.

## Station Field Day Tourists See Grasses

**Wheat Experiments Shown For Series of Years To Indicate Best Methods**

Slight showers and threats of rain in greater quantities did not dampen the enthusiasm of a group of farmers who gathered at the experiment station Thursday afternoon to go over the grounds with agricultural officials and learn of the long results of the experiments being carried on there.

The tour of the station started with a general statement by county agent Wright and superintendent Oveson, and a look at the newly planted grasses near the station buildings. From there the party went to look at the new experiments in trashy fallow being conducted by Joe Belanger who is working with the SCS in trying to find some means of retaining more moisture in summer-fallow. These attracted much attention because of the marked difference between them and normal summer-fallow.

The grass plots have been increased in number in recent years to show more of the developments in that line which has grown important with the new interest in soil conservation.

**Roastock Grasses Grown**  
Appearing especially valuable are new grasses that have a rootstock and spread over the ground in somewhat the same manner as morning glory although not so hard to kill. These grasses make a sod that prevents washing of the soil and also show possibilities for good grazing even in this particularly dry year. Among them are the Western Wheat Grass, Beardless Wild Rye and Thick-spoke Wheat Grass.

Michaels grass, a cross between rye and wheat grass has grown well this year and a somewhat similar cross between a Montana rye grass and perennial rye is being grown.

This season is one in which something is learned about grasses for it has been very dry and the hardy, dependable ones can be told from those that only do well in good years.

An experiment is being carried on with Crested Wheat grass sod, which has been plowed and is being cropped to see if the resultant wheat crop will be better, over a period of years, than that grown on ordinary fallow.

The disking and plowing experiment, as usual, showed little difference in the crop of wheat being grown on it, neither being very good because of the quality of soil. There was likewise little difference between the crops on the date of plowing experiment although the earlier plowing had more height and longer heads and will probably yield the most grain.

The rotation experiment indicated that in years like this nothing can be grown after a crop of wheat for the barley and wheat crops on them were very poor.

Varietal trials showing the win-flax in flower  
ter wheats: Rex, Federation and turkey wheats caused the usual arguments as to which would make the greatest yields with the wheat that are earliest having the advantage at the present.

Thirty two varieties of flax are being grown at the station this year and they vary from white to blue flowered, from a few inches high to well over a foot high and from early maturing to late. It was explained by Bob Henderson, who conducts this experiment, that 14,000,000 bushels of flax seed are annually imported from Argentina where many of these varieties came from and that the tariff of 65 cents per bushel assures a price of around \$2 per bushel. A suitable variety would be profitable if it could be found.

The nursery trials of many different kinds of wheat and barley all being crosses and selections of established varieties were shown. This is an attempt to find something new that will be better in some or many regards such as smut resistant, earlier, non-shattering or other characteristic. The wheats now grown on many fields in the county were developed in this nursery including Rex, Oro, Rio, and Federation was developed on the same ground.

## Pomona Grange Plans Picnic At De Moss

Sherman county grangers under the leadership of committees appointed by the Pomona officers will meet at DeMoss Springs next Saturday for their annual picnic. A program of speaking will be given with District Deputy Wicklander sending some one to give the talk of the day to the picnicers.

Musical numbers will be furnished by the members of different granges. The sports program will include a horse shoe tournament, a race for boys under twelve years, for girls under twelve years, races for boys and girls between twelve and sixteen years, boys relay race under twelve years, fat man's race, fat woman's race, girls relay race up to twelve years, three legged race, sack race, woman's rolling pin throwing contest.

**Prizes Expected**  
Prizes will be given for first and second in all contests.

Waldo Davis is expected to be here to play his chimes as he is also expected to attend the Sunday school picnic the following day.

A soft ball game between north and south end grangers will be held in the afternoon. Everyone is invited.

## American Legion Post Elects Officers

Chris Schultz post, American Legion held election of officers Wednesday night and also named delegates to the state convention to be held this August in Salem. Chosen to lead the ex-service men for the coming year was Percy Thompson, who filled out the term of Ed Christensen as commander. Omer Sayrs was elected vice-commander, Wily Knighten, adjutant, Carl Melzer, chaplain and Frank Forbes, sergeant at arms. The executive committee for the year will be George Udegraff, Omer Sayrs and Charley Wilson.

Delegates chosen were Theodore Johnston and Percy Thompson and alternates elected were H. W. Champneys and Giles French.

## New Parole Director Selected From Eastern Oregon By Board

Crossing up all the political prognosticators the State Parol Board this week selected as their new parole director a man whose name had never been mentioned in connection with the numerous speculations for this position. That fact, however, does not necessarily detract from the qualifications of Fred Finsley, 33-year-old The Dalles attorney, whom the board has selected to administer the new parole organization which became effective this week.

A graduate of the University of Oregon where he studied sociology as well as law, Finsley was regarded by the board as the man best suited for the job out of the 42 who applied for the appointment. Selection of the remainder of the parole staff, including an assistant director, a psychiatrist and four field deputies, was to await a conference with the new director.

Oregon's new \$2,500,000 capitol has no flag pole. This lack which has occasioned much comment by others since the completion of the building a year ago was not discovered by Governor Sprague until last week after he had issued a proclamation urging that the American flag be displayed on all public buildings during Flag week, which ended Wednesday. Not only is there no provision for displaying the flag from the new capitol but no funds are available for remedying this oversight unless the state emergency board can be convinced that the situation constitutes an emergency and entitled to immediate consideration. The governor told the board of control that his office was holding a fund of \$294 contributed by various citizens following the capitol fire of 1935 which was available for beautification of the new building but this amount is entirely inadequate to provide a flag pole, in keeping with the dignity of the state house.

Responding to a demand on the part of peach growers for application of the Oregon marketing act to their product the state department of agriculture has scheduled a number of hearings at which interested growers will be asked to express their opinions on this subject. These hearings will be held at Roseburg, June 22; at Eugene June 23; Forest Grove, June 24; Gresham June 26; The Dalles June 27; Salem June 28. As interpreted by the department of agriculture the peach marketing

## New Officers Elected By Grain Growers

**Presidents Decline Further Services At Wasco and Moro; Retire From Boards**

Annual meetings of the three co-operative grain growers units in Sherman county was held during the past week, large gatherings of farmers and in some cases their wives, being the rule.

At Wasco an all day meeting was held Monday with a picnic lunch enjoyed by the entire community being held in the Wasco park at noon. Favorable weather prevailed. The business meeting was held at two o'clock and a series of pictures were shown later in the afternoon.

Three directors were chosen for the two year period. Art Smith and Albert Kaseberg being re-elected and Ormand Hilderbrand being chosen to take the place of Harry Proudfoot, who having been president since the organization of the co-op declined to serve again.

The meeting of the Moro group was held Tuesday in the afternoon when distribution of dividends was made to members, and officers were elected for the two year period. Those chosen were Clarence Sparling, Vernon Miller and S. A. Hall, who was re-elected. Dewey Thompson, retiring president, asked that some one else be elected in his place. Other members of the new board are Joe Peters and Harvey Thompson.

The Grass Valley meeting was held Saturday with the same directors whose terms had expired being chosen for another term. Remaining in control of that organization are H. J. Baker, Herman Schilling, Gus Engstrom, J. H. Wilson and J. L. Davis.

**AAA MEETS**  
A meeting of the county agricultural conservation board was held Monday morning at the court house to consider the plea of Roy J. Baker regarding his cooperation with the plan and that of his numerous tenants.

National guard headquarters were transferred from Salem to Camp Clatsop Tuesday morning where they will be maintained for the duration of the annual maneuvers. Both Major General George A. White and Brigadier General Thos. E. Riley, as well as all members of the staff will be at camp for the entire 15 day period.

Contrary to the popular impression the opinion handed down by the state supreme court last week in the case of Bruce Fox and others against the milk control board did not involve the constitutionality of the milk control act but only the right of the control board to take money from one group of producers for the reimbursement of another group. The suit was brought by a group of "grade A" producers who objected to assessments levied by the control board under the pooling provisions of the milk control act. The constitutionality of the milk control act itself has never been before the supreme court which has studiously avoided any interpretation of the act. In upholding the hands of the control board in this suit the court divided four-to-three with the minority members including Chief Justice Rand declaring the board's order in this instance to be "not a proper exercise of the police power" and a violation of the state constitution.

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