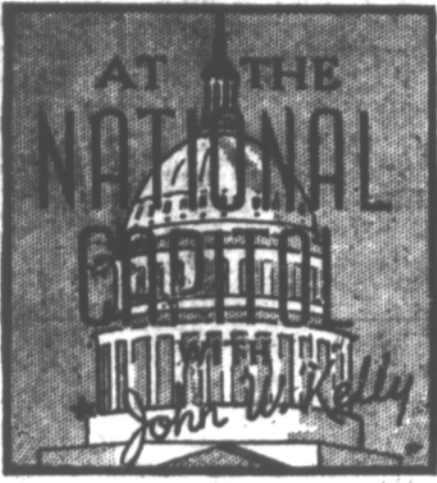


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## Hood River Valley Mapped By US

Washington, D. C., June 30.—Words of praise are given to the Hood River county by the department of the interior in announcing release of a contour map of the stream made by the geological survey. The map shows the main stream from its mouth to the forks, East Fork to a point two miles above Cold Springs creek, Middle Fork to Eliot branch, West Fork to Ladd creek, and Lake branch to Lost Lake. It shows the course of the streams, configuration of the valley bottoms and immediate towns, scattered houses, irrigation ditches and other features. The map is in four sheets, costing 10 cents each.

Speaking of the stream, the department says: The part of Oregon that it drains includes some of the most beautiful scenery of the state and is visited annually by thousands of tourists.

The survey was made especially as a basis for water utilization studies. While the principal value of the water throughout the summer is for irrigation, the department says that because of its steep gradient and well sustained flow, the main river and its tributaries have value for development of power.

## Wheat Growers To Receive Notice

Wheat growers of Oregon will receive notification of allotments for 1940 within a very short time, it appeared this week with announcement from the state AAA office at OSU that county allotments have been sent out.

Oregon's wheat allotment for 1940 is 851,458 acres, an increase of 10 per cent over 1939. This increase is being carried out in the allotments, and will be reflected in allotments given individual farms.

Farmers are under no compulsion to comply with wheat allotments set for their farms, since the program is entirely voluntary, it is pointed out by Will Steen of Milton, chairman of the state agricultural conservation committee.

"The allotments represent planting goals," Steen explained. "We know that during recent years we have been growing more wheat than we could use. Farmers who cooperate with the AAA program and plant only the amount of their allotment help to balance the nation's wheat supply with the demand. This helps stabilize the price of wheat, thus guaranteeing themselves a better income."

County conservation committees are now receiving instruction from state AAA office representatives in what to be used in apportioning 1940 county allotments to individual farms. The instruction meetings are being held in all of the wheat growing counties.

Oregon wheat growers who participated in the 1939 program have already received about one million dollars in parity payments, a payment of the state office shows.

Such price adjustment payments are being made to all farmers who held their wheat acreage within their allotments.

The latest summary showed 607,276 paid on 227 applications. It is estimated that the total of such payments this year will amount to about \$1,400,000.

## Wheat Crop Estimated At 1,500,000 bus.

Crop Good For Year In No Usable Moisture Falls; Acreage Down From 1938

A look-see over the wheat fields of Sherman county brings the conclusion that a few days more of cool weather will be of great aid in producing a satisfactory crop of wheat. In the extreme north end of the county, especially in the northwest corner, further cool weather is not so important and threatening there may begin almost anytime if it gets hot for a few days. In other parts of the county there is a good many acres of wheat that is still green that needs more of the cool days.

The section west of Wasco expects as good a crop as last year and may get it, but there is very little wheat that has three kernels to the mesh and the heads are not large in many fields. There are many fields of good wheat north and east of Wasco and also there are some that are rather ordinary. Worst damaged part of the county is the east side from Grass Valley canyon south where there is little wheat with the golden color that indicates high yields. Much of it is green and white for turkey red which indicates a crop of less than average size.

Spring wheat in the south end of the county is still green, a rich green, despite the fact that it is nearly July. While it looks fine it is hard to have much confidence in the outcome of a wheat field in this county that is still deep green on July first. With rains or cool weather it may mature into a good crop; without them it may deteriorate rapidly.

This year the county may have 97,863 acres of legal wheat, which is 30,000 acres less than last year when nearly 3,000,000 bushels were produced. If the county raises a normal crop of 17 bushels there will be 1,663,671 bushels on these 97,863 acres. It is the opinion of this observer that unless the weather is very favorable from now until the crop is properly ripened that 1,500,000 bushels will be nearer the total for the county.

The spring grain all over and much of the winter wheat is very poorly rooted, which means that it cannot draw from the deep moisture fast enough for the really hot weather. Stalks are generally still tough because of the prevailing cool wind. Wheat that is nearly ripe will be able to fill out but green grain is likely to shrivel when the days warm up. So much of the wheat has a long way to go that it is sheer optimism to believe the county will get a big crop this year.

Nevertheless, it is remarkable that so much wheat will be grown in a year like this has been. Since March there has been no rain heavy enough to do any real good to the entire county and even the little spotted rains have not been really enough to soak up the soil to any great depth.

The crop has been grown on cool weather and the beneficial west wind and rains have been mostly valuable for their refrigerating effect. Nearby counties are suffering more than in Sherman county, being farther from the source of the wind and having a smaller percentage of good land.

## Grass Valley Church Closes Bible School

The annual Daily Vacation Bible school in connection with the work of the First Baptist church is coming to its conclusion on Friday, June 30th with a demonstration program at 8 p. m. to which every one is invited.

There have been 21 pupils enrolled this year and the school has been staffed with three teachers and two assistants as follows: Junior—Rev. Gerald C. Dryden, who also directed the school, with Robert Ziegler assisting; Primary Vivian Fritts, with Daisy Garrett assisting; and Primary—Ramona Spoor.

The program of the day opened with the singing of "Near to the Heart of God" and a worship period at 9 a. m. each day. This was followed by an Old Testament study period and 15 minutes spent in marking the Scripture concluded the first half of the morning.

## Sentence On Charge of Larceny Deferred

Clinton Ringler, 24, who has been a resident of this county for a year, pled guilty to larceny of an automobile before Circuit Judge Hendricks Wednesday afternoon. He had earlier in the week made a similar plea in Justice Mee's court. Sunday night he admitted, being intoxicated and taking a light car belonging to Kenneth Shannon, who works for Oscar Roggles. He drove to The Dalles and explained that he was getting ready to return when apprehended.

He admitted deserting from the army in Minnesota nearly two years ago. Sentence was deferred by the judge with the understanding that Ringler would surrender to the army authorities at Vancouver Barracks.

## Alton Axtell Weds Prineville Girl

Sunday, June 25th, at noon, the wedding of Miss Bette Palmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Palmer of Prineville, Oregon and Alton Axtell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clare Axtell of Moro, Oregon was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents.

The wedding rites were spoken under the arch of a white bell, fern and madonna lilies, by Rev. Gordon Win of Prineville.

The bride was attractively gowned in pink silk net over braided satin with a corsage of white gardenias.

Following the wedding ceremony a wedding dinner was served with the bride and groom cutting the first piece of wedding cake. The tables were in white decorated with flowers and candies. The bride wore for going away costume a blue suit with white accessories.

After a short honeymoon at the coast, Mr. and Mrs. Axtell will visit a few days with his parents in Moro, before returning to Prineville, where they will make their home.

Out of town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Clare Axtell and Bob and Bill Axtell; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Krusow and son Stanley Jr., from Moro.

## Mrs. Emily Yarnell Buried In Portland

On Monday of this week the final rites were held in Portland for Emily Anna Craft, who became a citizen of Sherman county forty years ago. She was born in Mendon, Mercer county, Ohio on June 16, 1851. On February 18, 1879 she became the wife of Jacob L. Yarnell. After moving to Sherman county the family lived at Rutledge for several years where they became identified with local community life. Mrs. Yarnell becoming a charter member of the Grass Valley Rebekah lodge. During their sojourn in the county, the eldest daughter, Delpha, married Orren A. Ramsey and has made this her home ever since.

Thirty seven years ago the other members of the family moved to Montavilla, now a part of Portland, where Mrs. Yarnell continued to reside until her death on June 23, 1939. Her contact with a number of friends in the county was maintained through annual visits to her daughter, Delpha Ramsey. Her husband preceded her in death by several years. She is survived by six of the seven children born to them. Charles H.; Delpha Ramsey; Roscoe A.; Carl P.; Harry F. and Bessie Evsine. There are also six grand children and four great-grand children. She became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in her youth.

## Grass Burned

A grass fire started through carelessness, endangered wheat fields in the extreme north end of the county last Thursday afternoon. Fanned by a high wind it came from near the highway clear up to the bluffs which it jumped with slight hesitation. The fact that much of the land nearest the Columbia river was in summer-fallow instead of wheat is all that saved owners of the land. As it was all of the grass for a considerable distance was burned up to the road or to the plowed ground. Over a thousand acres were burned.



Harvey E. Lounsbury, recently appointed Assistant Traffic Manager of the Union Pacific Railroad with headquarters at Portland.

Fast movement of merchandise is a hobby with Harvey E. Lounsbury who recently succeeded the late A. S. Edmonds as head traffic executive of the Union Pacific Railroad in the Northwest.

Before he advanced, June 16, to the position of Assistant Traffic Manager, Mr. Lounsbury was General Freight Agent for the Union Pacific continuously since 1912 and in that capacity acquired a thorough familiarity with the freight needs of the various communities in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

"By operating our daily M. & C. Special train from Portland to Boise and major intermediate points," Mr. Lounsbury said "we feel that the Union Pacific has gone a long way toward solving shippers' problems in respect to swift, efficient delivery of less than carload lot merchandise. This train permits late afternoon loading at Portland and effects early morning store-door delivery the next day.

## LeeRoy Hansen Weds Marina Beckett

A lovely June wedding took place in the living room of the Theta Chi House at Corvallis last Friday evening, June 23rd, when Miss Margaret Marina Beckett, daughter of Mrs. Betty Schroeder of Portland, became the bride of Mr. Lee Roy Smith Hansen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Hanson of Moro, Oregon. The impressive ring ceremony was used and was performed by the groom's father in the presence of near relatives and close friends.

While the groom's aunt, Mrs. James Aikin Smith of Salem, played Lihengrin's Wedding march the bride party entered from the adjoining hall. Mr. Martin Preisler of Independence acted as best man and Miss Dorothy Hagen of Portland was bride's maid. The bride was given away by Mr. Lansing of Portland. The bride wore a light blue crepe afternoon dress and carried an old fashioned nosegay of rosebuds and sweet peas encircled with blue tulle. The bride's maid wore an old rose afternoon dress and carried an old fashioned nosegay of rosebuds and sweet peas encircled with matching tulle. The fireplace was converted into an altar and was banked with ocean spray and madonna lilies. On the mantle piece were tapering candles and white roses while tall stands of electric candles were stationed at the sides. The entire room was likewise decorated with ocean spray, madonna lilies and white candles. A reception followed the ceremony.

Miss Beckett is a graduate of Grant High school in Portland and has spent most of her life in that city. Mr. Hanson graduated from the School of Education at Oregon State college last month and is a member of the Theta Chi Fraternity. The happy couple will make their home temporarily at the Theta Chi House while Mr. Hanson is pursuing graduate studies at the State college summer session.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK		
DATE	MAX.	MIN.
June 22	81	49
" 23	72	47
" 24	64	45
" 25	73	40
" 26	78	51
" 27	88	54
" 28	98	63
Total for the week		.00

## No Special For Trucking Contemplated

Ormand R. Bean, Public Utilities Commissioner of Oregon, desires to call to the attention of operators of motor trucks who propose to transport grain for compensation, either as a common or a contract carrier, that no temporary permits will be issued this season for this hauling.

Persons who intend to engage in this business are requested to communicate immediately with the Commission, which is located at 400 North Commercial Street, City of Salem, and secure the information necessary in order to obtain the required authority.

## Quiet Fourth Here Anticipated

The Fourth of July is expected to be a quiet day for Sherman county folk with no formal celebration scheduled for the day in this county. The Legion picnic at Grass Valley will undoubtedly draw many who wish to spend the day quietly visiting with friends and watching friends and acquaintances play or taking part in the sports themselves. Some will go to The Dalles where more elaborate plans have been made and some will be found at Fossil where another celebration will be in progress Monday and Tuesday. And just fishing will interest another group.

The new city well at Grass Valley is down 65 feet after the first week of actual drilling. This is the estimate of some who felt that water would be found at a depth of 58 feet. The drill still runs on pounding the hole down 7 or 8 feet a day through the rock until water is found to supplement the present supply.

Two claims for crop insurance payments have been passed by the state board and others will be made when harvest is over and it is definitely learned how much the crop is short of the insured yield. Those who have already had their claims sent in are George Barnett and Tate Justesen on land west of Kent.

## New Capitol Murals Finally Put In Place By Artists

At the present time the public has no way of knowing what the murals represent.

Two women who remained at their telephone switchboards during a flood were awarded Vail medals for bravery, the presentation by Gov. Charles Sprague in his offices here.

The women were Mrs. Maud Gilbert, chief operator, and Miss Erlene Gilliland, operator, who were credited with warning the people of Piolet Rock that a cloud burst was on the way June 22, 1938.

The Vail medal is in honor of the founder of the American Telephone and Telegraph company.

Secretary of State Earl Snell estimates an income to the state from motor vehicle fuels taxes greater by \$600,000 than that taken in, in 1938.

A survey shows that already this year taxes have been \$4,386,260, an increase of \$252,991 over the "take" for the same period in 1938.

The state liquor control commission allocated \$2,188,846 to public assistance during the first five months of this year, a report shows. During May alone the commission made a net profit of \$195,413.

Warm weather following a long rainy spell has decreased the threat to hop crops from mildew, county inspectors have reported. A survey shows promise of one of the heaviest hop crops in recent years, with a fairly good price predicted.

The state forestry service is experimenting with short-wave radio as a means of fighting forest fires. Installation of 13 sets in various parts of Curry county gives fighting forces a more mobile range.

## County's Acreage For 1940 Set By Government

Increase of 11 Percent Given To Farmers; 62,000,000 Acre Now Permitted In United States

Sherman county's 1940 wheat allotment under the AAA farm program will be 109,327 acres, according to word received this week by Joe Peters, chairman of the county agricultural conservation committee.

This allotment is approximately 11 percent larger than the 1939 allotment of 97,863 acres.

"This increase is in line with the increase in Oregon's allotment for 1940," said Peters. "Will Steen of Milton, chairman of the state agricultural conservation committee, has announced that Oregon's wheat allotment for 1940 is 851,458 acres, as compared with 768,303 acres in 1939."

The national allotment for next year is 62 million acres, seven million acres larger than this year's allotment.

Wide participation in the AAA crop adjustment feature, together with prospects for lower yields in some wheat areas, has made possible the larger allotments for 1940, Steen said.

It is expected that within several weeks the county AAA office will send out individual wheat allotments to farmers who grow wheat for harvest in 1937, 1938, or 1939. Such farmers will be referred to as "old" wheat farms.

"New" wheat farms - those which grew no wheat in 1937, 1938, or 1939 and on which wheat will be seeded for harvest in 1940 - may receive allotments, said the county chairman. Requests for specific allotments must be made in writing to the county committee within a time to be specified later. Only three percent of the county's 1940 allotment will be made available to "new" wheat farms.

"Compliance with all allotments is, of course, entirely optional," the county chairman pointed out. "Farmers comply with the program only if they wish to do so. Those who do so comply know that by planting only their allotment acreage, they contribute to the welfare of American farmers by helping keep down a surplus."