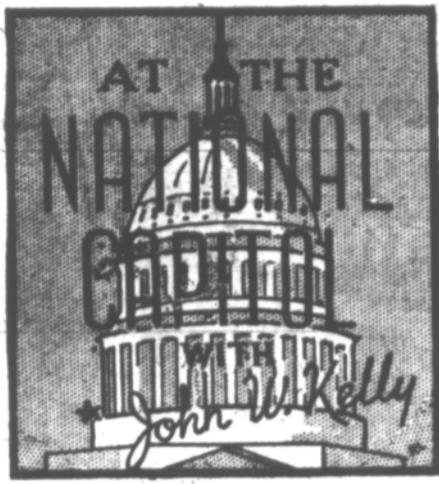


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Washington D. C. July 20 - Write it in the books that President Roosevelt will have the kind of neutrality bill he is asking for congress. Basis for this prediction is the fact that Mr. Roosevelt manages, somehow, to get what he wants. Once he has an objective he cannot be prevented from achieving it. The man persists until he wins. Defeated in his supreme court bill he has since attained part of his plan through death and resignations and has staffed the court with new deal liberals. Defeated in his effort for reorganization of government bureaus, he has won out and grouped in three new agencies an assortment of bureaus which were overlapping. Defeated in his monetary authority, he has recaptured control over the dollar. Defeated in his desire for a neutrality law which he believes will restrain dictators from starting war in August or September, the best guess is that he will force congress to come through.

The reason Mr. Roosevelt is successful in dealing with hostile congress where his predecessors failed, is that he is a better politician. If he encounters a reverse he does not retreat. Instead he bides his time until the stage is set and then goes smashing through.

Being president is a man-killing job and eight years saps the vitality of any incumbent, serving that long, yet Mrs. Sarah Delano Roosevelt, mother of the president, declares he is physically fit for another four years. White House physician Ross McVire (Oregon Boy), attests that Mr. Roosevelt is in the pink, nevertheless Roosevelt children said they hope their father will not serve a third term as they are solicitous of his health. Then along come the pessimists and point to the record: every president elected in a year ending with "0" dies in office. Thus 1940 should be a hoodoo year for whoever is elected.

They call it the "big bill" the 3.6 billion dollar self liquidating loan proposal of Mr. Roosevelt. There is plenty of opposition to it, but the president was enacted before adjournment. In it is suggested \$460,000,000 for the rural electrification program. For fiscal year 1940 congress appropriated \$40,000,000 for this purpose; there are applications for \$60,000,000 more than the appropriation. Among the applications are many Oregon and Washington communities.

Farmers availing themselves of REA spends approximately \$100 for wiring and \$200 for appliances during the first six months he receives electric service. Additional expenditures come later as the farmer learns how convenient the power is. Farm plumbing installation is about \$200. A survey shows that on REA projects 86 percent of the consumers have purchased radios, 81 percent have bought electric irons, 47 percent purchased washing machines, 25 percent bought refrigerators, 17 percent installed water pumps. Secretary Wallace points out that farmers, through REA, are aiding business of the manufacturers of appliances.

Next year there will be 13,000,000 or 10.04 percent of the population aged 60 years and over; there will be 8,211,000 aged 65 years and over, or 6.30 percent. In conference now is an amendment to the social security act to increase old-age benefits. Rolls of the aged receiving federal-aid last month, June, were 1,818,700. Average amount being paid at the present in Oregon is \$21.30; in Washington, \$22.10; California, \$32.50; Idaho, \$21.75; lowest, Arkansas, \$6.15. Proposed amendments aim to increase these amounts. The revised Townsend bill defeated a few months ago was calculated to give approximately \$40 monthly. Important part of the proposed social security amendment is to start making payments under this act next Jan.

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Poleys Honored By Old Time Neighbors

Friends of Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Poley honored them Sunday afternoon at the school house on the 26th anniversary of their coming to Sherman county. Mrs. Carroll Sayers was in charge of the program.

The girls orchestra played several opening numbers. Patricia Pinkerton sang "Wedding of the Painted Dolls" while smaller children presented it in pantomime. LaVelle Schilling, Connie Ruggles, Joan Oveson, Jean Englebranson, Priscilla Melzer, Dickie Oveson and David Moore appeared in colorful costume.

A short skit by high school and college boys and girls had to do with a scene in the office of Dr. C. L. Poley and was acted by Carl Peetz, Jane French, Gene Brisbane, Carrol Benne, and Lois Melzer.

Dr. Coberth of The Dalles paid tribute to Dr. Poley as an excellent diagnostician and capable doctor and Harry Pinkerton presented a lawn chair to the Poleys on behalf of their friends in this community.

Dr. Poley replied with some reminiscences of early days in this county and Mrs. Poley recalled a poem that fittingly gave thanks to friends.

Miners May Do Work Later

Special to the Sherman County Journal from our Washington D. C. correspondent—A last minute effort by congress has extended the time for making assessment work on mining claims. For several a moratorium has been granted on assessment work, amounting to not less than \$100 a year, until a habit. This year, however, congress decided to eliminate the moratorium and took the position that if a claim holder wanted to retain his claim he must do the assessment work.

It was so late when the congress clamped down the little time remained before the July 1 deadline. This situation was so precarious for thousands of claims that congress pushed through an act extending the time for making the assessment work until September 1, at noon. That is now the deadline for performing the work that should have been taken care of before noon July 1.

Frosts May Kill Mormon Crickets

Late spring frosts which damaged grain in some sections of central and eastern Oregon had some beneficial results, according to William Marshall, county agent of Gilliam county. Threatened grasshopper invasions in the Trail fork section of the county were effectively checked by the cold weather. Poison bait materials which were on hand to fight the hoppers have been stored for use next year if necessary. Mormon cricket control operations in northern Gilliam county will result in the saving of at least \$500 for land owners, Marshall estimates.

Wheat Allotments Expected Soon

"Wheat acreage allotments for each farm have been made and sent in to Oregon State college by the local board. When they are returned they will be sent out to farmers with the yields for each farm. Each farmer will have 15 days in which to protest or apply for a change if any errors are found," says LeRoy Wrigg, county agent. It is expected that this will be done within a short time so that farmers will know how much wheat they can sow this fall and what other crops may be sown to make compliance with the 1940 control methods.

NEW TEACHER HIRED

Alex McDonald of Banks has been given a contract to teach in the high school at Grass Valley for the coming year. With Miss Patricia Cyphers of The Dalles and Ray Jewel, principal, this completes the high school faculty there.

County Yields Continue To Exceed Estimates

Center of County Has Good Crop Although Yields Not Equal To North End's

Wheat yields continue to be surprising. Although grain in the central part of the county where harvest started generally this week is not making as many bushels per acre as farther north, crops are very good indeed.

It is reliably reported that Howard Spencer threshed a field of Rex wheat that made better than 20 sacks to the acre. Other wheat in his vicinity, the northwest corner of the county, obtained 15 sacks to the acre. Truman Strong finished harvesting Tuesday with 29 1/2 bushels from his farm adjoining Moro.

Cool Weather Continues

East of town the wheat is making 8 to 9 sacks according to reports but in the Erskine district yields of 30 bushels are common. Only one or two are cutting at Grass Valley and early reports indicate yields of 20 bushels or better.

The cool days and almost cold nights have permitted the late grain in the south end of the county to ripen normally and good crops are expected there. Estimates are 7 to 8 sacks over most of that district although this estimate may be as low as were those made for the north end of the county.

Bear-Miller Wedding Observed

An impressive church wedding was solemnized Sunday, July 16 at the Community church when Miss Eva Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Miller, became the bride of Willard Bear, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bear of Turner, Oregon. Rev. Ormond Whiteside, of Morton, Washington read the Episcopal double ring ceremony.

The bride, wearing white satin, with full length tulle veil, and carrying the bride's bouquet of pale yellow roses and bouvardia, came in on the arm of her brother, Vernon, preceded by Roger Miller as ring bearer and Connie Ruggles as flower girl, who wore a replica of the bride's dress. Matron of honor was Mrs. Dorothy Marcy, sister of the groom, attired in a rust colored gown and bridesmaids were Signa Woods and Mrs. Ione McKinney in gowns of peach net over peach taffeta with floor length rust ribbons and carrying bouquets of Talisman roses.

Earl Bear, brother of the groom acted as best man. Ben Marcy of Oregon City and William McKinney of Arlington were ushers. Marjory Byers sang "Because" and "I Love You Truly."

After the ceremony a reception was held for the guests with Mrs. Raymond Stewart and Mrs. T. H. Fraser pouring and Mrs. A. H. Barnum, Mrs. Martha Cope and Mrs. Hazel Woods serving.

After a trip to the San Francisco fair the couple will live at Morton, Washington where Mr. Bear is a teacher in the schools.

New Laws Make Changes In Lights

State laws regulating the use of spotlights and auxiliary lamps on automobiles in Oregon were amended at the last session of the legislature and are now effective, Earl Snell, secretary of state, said today in reminding motorists that in the interest of safety and courtesy full compliance with these regulations should be forthcoming.

Under the amended act motor vehicles may carry only spot light while under the old law two such lamps were allowed, said Snell. The spotlight must be so adjusted that, upon approaching another vehicle, no part of the high intensity portion of the beam will be directed to the left of the left side of the car upon which it is mounted at a point 100 feet ahead of the car.

Three auxiliary driving lamps are now permitted whereas only

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U. S. Explorers Seek Headhunters



Mr. and Mrs. Carveth Wells, famed as explorers and authors, as they left by steamer for the Orient, heading an expedition to Formosa to take notes of head hunters for a U. S. geographic society. Accompanying them (center) is Lawrence Mills, Princeton ornithology student.

Breakfast Club Debate Fishing Right

The Breakfast club meeting of Wednesday morning had for its program the initiation of three new members who were inducted into the club with a ceremony more amusing than serious. Discussion in the business meeting was mainly about the desirability of sending a group to Madras to join with the club there to ask for laws or rulings permitting fishermen to go along any stream. The closing of a part of the Deschutes river was the occasion for the argument. General sentiment of the club was that fishing streams should be kept open but there was no agreement on the method that should be used to obtain this result.

The report of the Public Affairs committee regarding pennants was accepted and some will be purchased to decorate the streets at fair time. The matter of rebuilding the Conize building into a picture house was discussed Monday night at a meeting of that committee and it was decided to obtain more information on costs before coming to a decision.

New Road Opened Near DeMoss Springs

The county road crew this week removed the old bridge on the road leading up DeMoss canyon and are building a road south of the ditch. Hereafter traffic will not have to cross the ditch when coming to the warehouses and the county will not be obliged to rebuild a bridge that was becoming unsafe for trucks loaded with wheat. John DeMoss, owner of the property, sold the new roadway to the county.

Adlard's Mother Is Queen Mother

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Adlard attended the Eastern Oregon Pioneer encampment Sunday at the Julia Henderson picnic grounds on Service Creek in Wheeler county. Mr. Adlard's mother, Ms. Catherine Adlard of Condon was chosen as Mother Queen to rule over the 1939 encampment. The Mother Queen was crowned at 10:30 Sunday, then followed a program put on in charge of the family, including the life history of the Mother Queen, who is now 80 years of age. She was attended by five grand daughters and the crown was placed by little Joyce Hout of Corvallis, a grand niece.

The Mother Queen wore a sheer black dotted dimity, trimmed in white. Her wrap was a cream colored silk shawl with fringe, which had belonged to her mother. She also wore a brooch of her mothers, which had been made from a gold nugget found on a civil war field.

Grandma Adlard is the mother of eleven children, of which six are living, three boys and three girls. Also twenty three grand children and five great grandchildren.

Spreading Of Stubble Held Good Practice

The start of wheat harvest this year finds more and more combines going into the grain field equipped with straw scatterers. Soil Conservation Service men interpret this advance in harvesting method as one of the most promising trends toward good land use and erosion control. The more straw scatterers that are in the field during July and August, Ronald B. Elmes, Camp Conservationist of the Moro Camp, pointed out, the less occasion there will be for stubble fires next spring. The fewer stubble fires, he added, the less soil washing (and - or blowing) there will be through the long 1940 fallow period when the cleaned land needs protection against excessive rain or wind.

Scattering the straw instead of letting it feed out of the combine in thick straw rows, Mr. Elmes explained, leaves the straw spread uniformly over the stubble, so that the field can be "plowed" without particular difficulty. Farmers who are following soil and moisture conservation practices, he said, go one important step further in their crop residue utilization—substituting implements such as the mold-boardless plow and disk tiller for the regular mold-board. In this way, they leave the straw on the surface as a good protective covering when crops are not growing.

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Brand Inspectors Named For County

Brand inspectors may collect 10 cents per head up to 25 head and 3 cents per head for those in excess, and 10 cents per mile one way for travel. Four copies of brand certificate must be made, the first to go to the sheriff weekly, the second for the bill of lading, the third for the files of the common carrier or hauler and the fourth for the brand inspector's reference file.

Inspection is to be made only as outlined in the law, and not in trucks, and failure to personally inspect subjects the offender to a \$100 fine.

Any carrier or person who violates the provisions of the act is subject to a minimum fine of \$250 and a maximum fine of \$2,500.

Brand inspection blanks must be marked "paid" across the face, otherwise the carrier is responsible for the collection of the inspection fees and failure to do so, subjects him to a \$200 fine.

Complying with a new law, J. D. Mickle, director of the state department of agriculture, recently has appointed county and deputy brand inspectors for every county in the state. All eastern Oregon, and three western Oregon counties, Douglas, Josephine and Jackson, must have out-of-county brand inspection, as well as the out-of-state brand inspection which is necessary in all counties.

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Club Calves Make Good Gains In June

The July weighing of club calves was completed this week by the county agent and the results indicate that good growths are being made by the stock under the handling of the 4-H club boys and girls. Highest gain was made by the Senior Hereford of Frank von Borstel's which gained 3.6 pounds since the last weighing in June. Elton Medler's Sr. Angus gained 3.1 pounds and Bob King, John Hildebrand and Carson von Borstel made their calves gain 3.03 pounds in the same period. There are 38 steers being fed and 3 heifers and the average gain was over 2 1/2 pounds.

Best gain on sheep was made on lambs being fed by Dickie Oveson, Bobbie Hoskinson and Gaylord Guy who put an average of three fourths of a pound on their lambs per day.

Thompson Put On Public Welfare Board

Dewey Thompson, Moro, was appointed by Governor Sprague to be the new member of the local public welfare committee and his acceptance was mailed his week. Roy Powell, who was named chairman did not accept his appointment making the vacancy. The chairman was named later.

Mr. Thompson's appointment makes the committee consist of five farmers, including Mrs. Richelderfer who is a farmers wife, one minister, Rev. H. G. Hanson and one merchant, Judge Potter. Other members are Dean Reynolds and the two county commissioners.

Government Approves Most Warehouses

The warehouses and elevators of the Grass Valley Grain Growers and the warehouses of the Sherman Grain Growers have been approved to receive wheat on which a loan is to be taken. The banks have also been approved and farmers may obtain loans on wheat at any time. It is expected that the Moro elevators and warehouses will be qualified this week.

Senator Does Not Like Being Governor; License Payment New

By A. L. Lindbeck

Senate President Robert M. Duncan eliminated himself as a possible future contender for the governorship of Oregon this week when, after four days devoted to pinch-hitting for Governor Sprague he told Capitol news men that he "wouldn't have the office as a regular job if it was presented to me on a silver platter."

The central Oregon legislator found the office beset by too many petty annoyances to suit him, people looking for jobs, relatives of prisoners pleading for pardons and paroles.

Duncan has been prominently mentioned as the Republican candidate for Congress against Walter M. Pierce, Democratic incumbent. So far, however, he has himself refused to discuss the proposal.

Sometime within the next two weeks the Oregon Hydroelectric commission is expected to decide whether or not the rural area of Hood River county can proceed with the organization of a peoples' utility district. At the election last month the city of Hood River rejected the proposal to organize a PUD, thus eliminating itself from the project. The rural areas, however, voted in favor of the district and its sponsors are now urging the Hydroelectric commission to give the necessary approval. At a hearing before the commission in Salem Friday proponents and opponents of the proposed district were about evenly divided, with representatives of the Grange supporting the project and representatives of the Farm Bureau and Taxpayers League opposed.

Fewer transients sought jobs in Oregon this year than usual, according to John Cooter, farm place ment director. During the first six months this year, Cooter points out, there were only 17,565 out-of-state workers registered with the

Accidents Mar First Week of Harvest Work

Dropped Gun Causes Broken Leg For Earl Belshee; Overturned Combine Injures Man

A series of accidents marred the start of harvest in this section of the county this week. Probably the most serious was the accidental shooting of Earl Belshee, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Belshee, who was hurt while working on his father's combine.

He was repairing the machine being aided by Lyle Nahouse who was carrying a gun in a holster. As Nahouse stooped over the gun dropped and was discharged, the bullet entering Belshee's right leg about three inches above the knee. The bone was broken but not badly splintered, according to doctors who took care of the wound. The bullet spread, apparently being soft nosed, and the parts of it were left in the leg. No part of the bullet damaged the artery, the main vein or the sciatic nerve, which was most fortunate.

Belshee was taken to The Dalles hospital by Dr. Poley where he will remain for several days.

Combine Tipped Over

The Roy Barnett combine turned over Monday evening while cutting on the Robert Rohde farm east of Moro. The hillside was so steep that no attempt was made to turn up hill. The machine was leveled toward the hill as it approached the corner and could not be straightened up fast enough when the swing was made down the hill. George Karnett, separator tender, was thrown from the machine and received a cut over his right eye and the tool box fell on him, injuring his neck. Earl Barnett was driving the tractor.

Rattlesnake Shot Kicks Back

An accident not associated with harvest befell Bob LeBleu Tuesday morning when he attempted to kill a rattlesnake that was sunning himself on a rock. The bullet ricocheted and a part of the jacket struck LeBleu above the eye and had to be removed by a doctor.

state employment service compared to 32,563 registrations during the first half of 1938.

More than 55 per cent of the farms in Oregon now enjoy electric service, according to a survey just completed by O. R. Bean, public utilities commissioner. Bean's figures show that 33,770 Oregon farms are now being served by private electric utilities. This is an increase of 4559 farms during the past year. It is estimated that another 200 farms are served by the three municipally operated electric plants while no figures are available on the number of farms being served by the Rural Electrification administration.

After a visit to Sacramento and a conference with budget officials of that state David Eccles, Oregon's budget master, is convinced that Oregon has much to be thankful for. After the last legislature go through financing state activities, Eccles points out, the state budget was \$40,000,000 out of balance. This deficit which does not appear to worry California officials at all, is three times as great as the total of appropriations approved by the Oregon legislature. With 35,000 people on the state's payroll California has a personnel department which does nothing but hire and fire employees of the numerous state departments and institutions. This department operates on a biennial budget of \$500,000, an amount sufficient to operate almost any of Oregon's state institutions.

Multnomah county stands to lose more than \$115,000 a year in highway revenues through the operation of amendments written into the law by the last legislature. Apportionment of highway revenues for the first six months of 1939 just completed by Secretary of State Snell shows that Multnomah county this year will receive only

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