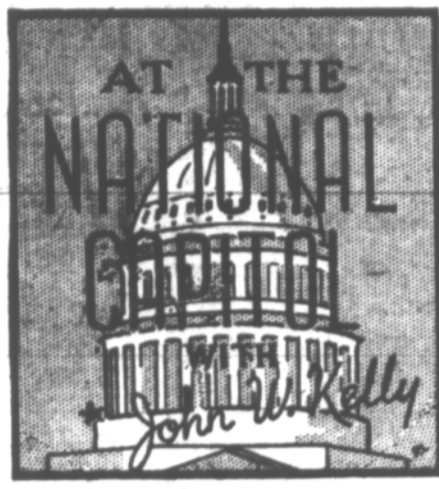


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## Water Use Restricted Until Cooler Weather

The automatic switch that governs the deep well motor of the city well threw out Tuesday afternoon from the heat in the building and the upper part of the city was out of water that night. The switch is designed to throw out and protect the motor and was set too low for the more than one hundred degree temperature.

No sprinkling was allowed Wednesday and Thursday but because of the extremely hot weather little was gained in the cistern and curtailment of sprinkling will be continued until further notice. It is not likely that the cistern can be filled again until the weather becomes cooler and citizens are asked to be very careful in the use of water.

## Norma Garrett Weds At Goldendale

The marriage of Miss Norma Garrett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Garrett of Grass Valley to John R. Roth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roth Sr., also of Grass Valley, was solemnized Sunday, July 23, in Goldendale, Washington.

The service was read by Rev. Hines at high noon at the beautifully decorated altar of the First Baptist church.

Attendants of the young couple were Miss Dorothy Olds, a close friend of the bride, and William Roth, brother of the groom, both of Grass Valley. Only members of the immediate families were present at the ceremony.

After returning to The Dalles the party partook of a wedding dinner, which was climaxed by the cutting of a wedding cake.

The bride has attended the Oregon College of Education at Monmouth and the Northwestern Business College in Portland. Mr. Roth has also attended the Oregon College of Education at Monmouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Roth will be at home to their friends in the Commodore Apartments in The Dalles, where the groom is employed.

## Chickens Don't Care About Wheat Hardness

Whether hard or soft wheat is the best for chicken feed is a question frequently addressed to poultry specialists at Oregon State college. H. E. Cosby, head of the department, says that either kind may be used interchangeably in poultry scratch grain, and that a good quality of wheat is more important than its texture.

The principal difference between soft and hard wheats is in their respective protein content, he explained, with hard wheat running higher in protein than soft. Since the egg mash is designed to carry the bulk of the nutritional load and since the composition of scratch feed varies according to the price of the different grains, it is really not important which kind of wheat is used, he believes.

## Federal Employees Taxed Next Year

The Oregon state tax commission will not attempt to go back beyond 1939 in collecting taxes on salaries of federal employees residing in this state. This decision announced this week, was prompted largely by enactment of the "public salaries act" by Congress providing that both the national government and the several states shall confine their new found taxing authority to public salaries of 1939 with a threat of retaliation against state employees in any state which attempts to make its tax claims against federal employees retroactive beyond 1939.

## AAA School To Be Held Next Week

A school for AAA supervisors will be held Thursday, August 3, at the court house beginning at 9:30 in the morning. A man from the state AAA office, N. C. Donaldson of Willis Boegli, is expected to give instructions on how to proceed with the work. Gordon Harper, Roscoe Moore and Willard Barnett will check compliance in this county.

## School Costs Vary Greatly In County Districts

Incidental Costs, Supplies, Library Show Greatest Differences Here

A comparison between the costs of the five schools of the county is difficult to make because of the different methods of bookkeeping used by the five clerks involved. Rufus, for instance, shows a cost of \$215.72 for miscellaneous expense of superintendence whereas no other school indicates that anything was spent for this item. It may be listed under another heading.

Instruction costs vary somewhat because of wages paid teachers and because of varying amounts given the principal for superintendence. Under instruction Rufus listed costs of \$5072.50; Wasco, \$7815.00; Kent, \$4005.00; Moro, \$6579.00; and Grass Valley \$5940.00. Supplies for instruction showed a wide variation with Rufus spending \$978.35, Wasco, \$808.07; Kent, nothing, Moro \$379.80 and Grass Valley \$419.40.

Janitors received \$1249.50 at

Fuel Costs Differ  
Rufus, \$840 at Wasco; \$740 at Kent; \$1072.50 at Moro and \$1202 at Grass Valley. Supplies for the janitor, which probably vary with the years, were \$438.61 at Rufus; \$144.50 at Wasco; \$84.99 at Kent; \$425.45 at Moro and \$123.82 at Grass Valley.

The fuel bill also may vary on account of wood or coal on hand at the beginning of the year but is fairly indicative of the fuel used throughout the year. Rufus spent \$447.55; Wasco, \$312.50; Kent, \$481.15; Moro \$518.50 and Grass Valley \$447.55. Grass Valley and Moro have long had automatic stokers and Wasco is installing one this summer, after burning wood for many years.

Library books bought were a cost of varying proportions and the figures are interesting because of the value books have in the educational process. Rufus spent \$65.21, Wasco, \$31.33; Kent, \$141.62; Moro, \$132.86; and Grass \$172.85. It is possible that text books bought were included by some of the school clerks.

## Stephens Goes Into Automobile Agency

Announcement was made last week that H. M. Stephens, formerly liquidator of Sherman county banks and more recently assistant manager of the U. S. National bank at Ontario, had resigned his position and bought the Ford garage at Ontario in company with V. B. Staples, state representative from Malheur county and others.

Mr. Stephens was in this county for about two years during the liquidation period, and made many friends here who will wish him success in his new business venture. Mr. Staples was one time distributor for the same automobiles company in Ontario.

## Steen Says AAA Pays Most

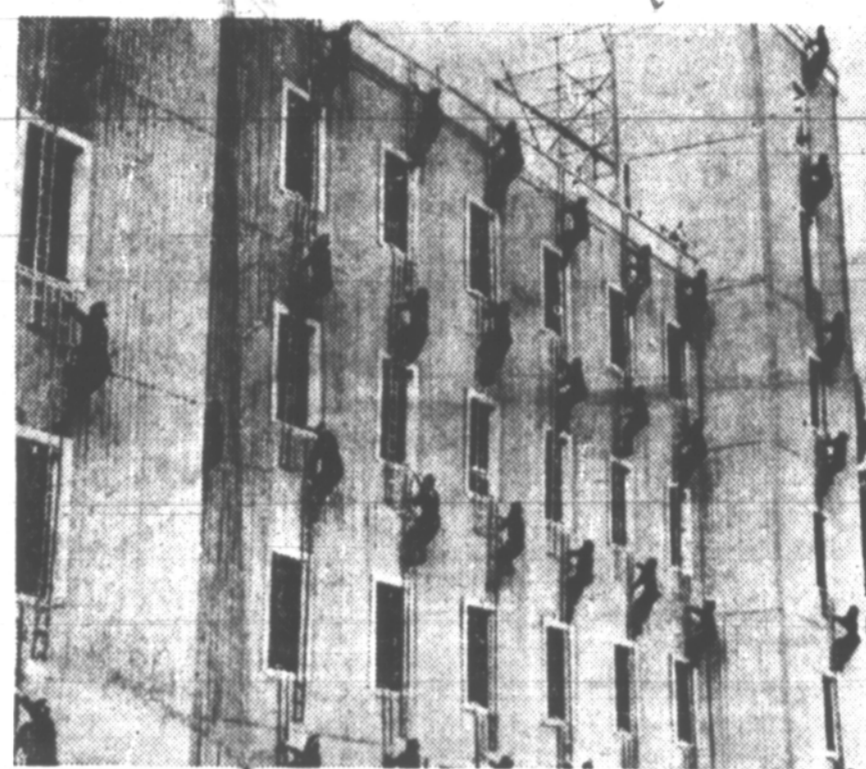
Pacific northwest wheat growers could not stay in business and sell wheat on the basis of present world prices, Will Steen of Milton, chairman of the Oregon AAA committee, told a national audience recently. Farm prices last year for wheat would have averaged around 30c a bushel on the basis of the export market, Steen pointed out.

Wheat growers taking part in the farm program in 1940 are going to be sure of about 86c a bushel, said the Oregon chairman. The wheat loans will average around 58c on the farm. Parity payments are 11c and conservation payments 17 cents.

This still isn't parity income for wheat but it is better than we had last year," Steen said. "Those outside the program won't have as good an income from wheat as those in the program, although they will benefit from the efforts of others."

He added that Oregon farmers to date have seeded more than 100,000 acres of wheat land to create wheat grass in doing their part toward reducing the large surplus wheat acreage.

## Roman Fire Laddies Practice Rescues



A second Negro would have little chance to fiddle while Rome burned. These young men, members of the Roman fire department, are showing at their Italian training camp as they practice rescues with scaling ladders. The fire-fighters carry out their drills as if they were engaged in military operations.

## Cline Given One Year For Resisting Arrest

Horace Roe Cline, alias Carl Williams, was sentenced to a year in the penitentiary last Friday by Circuit Judge Carl Hendricks, on a charge of resisting arrest. Cline pled guilty. He was paroled to Sheriff C. C. Wilson.

## Pick-Up Taken

Wilson and Deputy Tom Garrett of Grass Valley drove to Seattle Tuesday to return Glenn Wirths to Sherman county to face a charge of taking a pick-up without first obtaining permission of the owner. It was charged that Wirths took the pick-up from the farm of Dick Rockman near Kent where he had been working, while Rockman was in Portland for medical attention. Wirths is said to have decided to leave for his home in Seattle. John Reckman accompanied the officers to drive the truck home.

## Heat Brings Good Threshing Days

After a spring of cold weather and a month of cool weather since summer started in June, the weather man turned on the heat early this week to show Sherman county residents that hot weather was not an impossibility here.

Temperatures of around a hundred were common all week with the high point for the year being reached Wednesday when the thermometer reached 107 at the experiment station. Last year's high was 107.

Threshers made good use of the hot days as long hours were possible and the grain threshed out easily. Harvest will be nearly over in the Wasco section of the county this week and many of the big outfits have already pulled in after cutting the entire crop. The Moro district had its biggest week and cutting will begin to drop off next week as some of the crews finish. At Grass Valley harvesting is just getting a good start and at Kent few farmers were threshing this week. A greater variation in time has been observed this year than normally.

## Mrs. Alton Olds Dies In Hospital

Mrs. Alton Olds, nee Olga Koepke, died at a hospital in The Dalles Wednesday afternoon after an illness of ten days. The funeral will be held Friday evening at six o'clock from the Grass Valley Auditorium with Zells in charge. Reverend Walter Eck will give the sermon.

Mrs. Olds was born August 10, 1912, being one of twin girls born to Mr. and Mrs. Hans Koepke. She was educated in Sherman county schools and married Alton Olds, March 26, 1937. She has lived at Grass Valley since her marriage.

Mrs. Olds is survived by her widower, her twin sister, Mrs. Frank Pike of Grass Valley, her father, Hans Koepke and a brother John at Grass Valley and a number of cousins and uncles who will mourn her loss.

## Weather Man Turns On Heat; 111 Recorded

Weather that went out after new records, heat that made undressing a pleasure, a brilliant sun that burned bald heads while the brow was wiped; temperatures that caused the rail birds along the main street sidewalk to experiment with frying an egg on said sidewalk came to Sherman county this week. It was so hot, that—but why go on, the last story is always best anyway.

There was not a cloud in the sky and what vagrant breezes that came through the streets was from the torrid east and the thermometer at the experiment station registered 103 at noon Wednesday and Wasco the government thermometer showed 106. Along in the afternoon the Moro mercury was at almost 108 and at Wasco 111. The east wind that came up seemed comparatively cool. Mrs. Doris Moore the official weather taker at Wasco reported that it was still 100 at 7 in the evening which is hot enough for anyone not practicing for the ultimate end of an iniquitous life.

Swimming holes were sought out in the evenings and cool drinks were in demand throughout the day by those who suffered in the towns. Out in the country where harvesters found the threshing excellent work went on unabated and excellent work went on unabated it is likely that the sacksewer stitch-seventy bags per minute felt the heat less than others who had more time to contemplate on the excesses of nature.

The nights were not so bad, and when judged by the standards set by those who come from the middle west, were practically frigid. At Wasco the hottest night was 64, at Moro 66.

## Rolfe Horses Win At San Francisco Fair

T. M. Rolfe reports from San Francisco, where he is showing his Percheron stallion, Senator Diplomat, at the National Percheron show at the fair, that his horse took second in his class of open competition being beaten only by an imported horse. Senator Diplomat was made reserve champion of American bred horses. In addition to this the Rolfe horse was placed first in action, third for best back and middle and fifth in bone, legs and pasterns.

The Rolfe string also won first in the best get of sire and in produce of dam.

The Percheron Horse Association reports that there were 132 horses in the show and that it was the largest class in the fair show.

DATE	MAX.	MIN.
July 20	83	49
" 21	90	47
" 22	96	54
" 23	100	65
" 24	92	60
" 25	102	66
" 26	108	66
Total for the week		60

## Fishermen Decry Stream Closing At Madras

Twelve resolutions expressing the opinions of the several groups interested in game and fish that met at Madras last week have been received by the local sportsmen who attended. The meeting was called as a protest against the closing of the Deschutes river by a fisherman's association from a spot above Maupin. Discussion of ways and means of keeping fishing streams open to all license holders was held and the resolutions were passed.

They ask that the game commission be given power to close any stream at any time, that the department of Interior set aside all government lands along the Deschutes river for recreational use, that the highway commission investigate the possibility of making a secondary road along the old railroad right of way, that the game commission investigate illegal road closing, that the highway commission buy lands along fishing streams for recreation, that the Taylor Grazing lands be kept open for fishermen, that the land board and county courts reserve fishing rights when selling land, that the right of eminent domain be given to the game commission, that the state engineer be requested to meander the Deschutes, that railroad right of way in Wasco county be declared a public highway, that funds be raised to publicize these resolutions.

## Roadside Shrubs Now Protected

Special to the Sherman County Journal, Washington D. C.—Tourists who dig up shrubs from government-owned land are headed for trouble under a bill which has passed the senate and is now in the house. The bill places the shrub stealers in the same class with "any person, firm or corporation" who without lawful authority shall damage, sever or remove any timber, tree, shrub or other forest product upon any government lands, including ceded Indian lands, and lands within the O. & C. grant of the Coos Bay Wagon road grant. The act does not prevent a miner or farmer of clearing his own land.

## Public Bond Sales Must Be Advertised Says Supreme Court

By A. L. Lindbeck  
The experience of the city of Cascade Locks in its sale of bonds with which to finance construction of electric transmission lines is regarded by Governor Sprague as complete vindication of his stand before the last legislature in insisting upon competitive bidding for PUD bonds.

Several months ago Cascade Locks negotiated a private sale of a \$79,000 block of 4 1/2 per cent bonds at a bid of .95. The supreme court, however, upset the deal in a recent opinion which held that the bond issue must be advertised and thrown open to competition.

Under competitive bidding the city has just sold the same issue to yield 4 1/2 per cent at a bid of .98 to the same firm. The bonds are to mature serially over a period of 20 years, but are callable after three years. If allowed to run their entire course the city will realize a saving of approximately \$2000 in interest payments alone by reason of the better bid received when the bonds were thrown open to competition.

While the Cascade Locks bond issue was not subject to the new PUD law the same principle applies, according to Governor Sprague.

Grange leaders and representatives of the Bonneville administration contended vigorously for private sale of PUD bonds on the ground that such a procedure would make for more advantageous sale of PUD securities.

Commenting on the Cascade Locks sale the governor pointed out that the city not only got a better bid for its bonds through competition but also saved any brokers commission that would have been necessary under a private sale.

Discovery of a deed issued in 1870 has saved the old depot at Gervais. Under terms of the deed the Southern Pacific railroad in return for right-of-way and several blocks of land in the city of

## Wheat Fires Cause Loss of 365 Acres of Grain

Hot Dry Weather Makes Fire Danger Great; Insurance Carried

Loss of 365 acres of standing grain through fires occurred this week near Moro when dry weather and a blistering sun made fires easy to start and hard to extinguish.

First loss was on the Peters & Ginn ranch north of town on land owned by L. Barnum where a fire started as the crews were quitting at noon. It rapidly spread onto H. D. Proudfoot's wheat on E. O. McCoy land. Although neighbors rushed to aid in putting out the fire and a plow was used to hold it in bonds, it burned 66 acres for Peters & Ginn and 166 acres of Proudfoot's wheat.

Two Fires Same Day  
That same afternoon fire was discovered along the highway in two or three places beside the Moore land south of Moro. Before this fire was put out, C. R. Morrison, on Leon Moore land, had lost 122 acres of standing wheat and about 35 acres of stubble on the Ernie Moore place had been burned besides some pasture land.

Tuesday afternoon fire was started by a truck on the Barzee farm north of Moro and 21 acres of standing grain was destroyed and a small amount on the Carroll Sayers place, who lost no wheat, but some stubble.

Sacked Grain Burned  
In addition to the standing grain lost a number of sacks of threshed wheat was burned the largest amount being lost by Proudfoot where 391 sacks were destroyed. As the grain burned was all on good land with a good crop it is likely that 11,000 bushels of wheat went up in flames. Insurance was carried by all farmers, but some loss will accrue nevertheless. Also the loss in productivity of the land for a few years must be taken into consideration and the possibility of blowing until a crop can be grown on it.

## Personnel of the field staff of the new parole set-up was announced this week by Fred S. Finley, state parole director. It includes Kenneth W. Dalton, 32, Salem; Joseph R. Silver, 30, Newberg; Hey C. Korgan, 47, Portland; and Perry H. Price, 38, Eugene.

A total of 659 motorists were arrested by state police during June for violation of traffic laws. Warnings were issued to 7516 other motorists for minor infractions of the rules of the road. Failure to secure an operators license resulted in the arrests of 121 motorists.

Governor Sprague established some kind of a new record when in opening the big trap shoot at Salem last week he missed only two targets which is exactly the same number missed by Frank Troeh of Portland in winning the world's championship two days later. Of course it should be explained that the governor shot at only two targets while Troeh shot at 200, breaking 198 of them.

J. D. Mickle, director of the state department of agriculture has announced the appointment of Tom Garrett of Grass Valley as brand inspector for Sherman county. The appointment was made in compliance with an act of the last legislature requiring the inspection of all livestock intended for shipment out of the state. Brand inspection is also required for livestock destined for shipment out of the county in all eastern Oregon counties and in Douglas, Josephine and Jackson counties west of the Cascades.

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