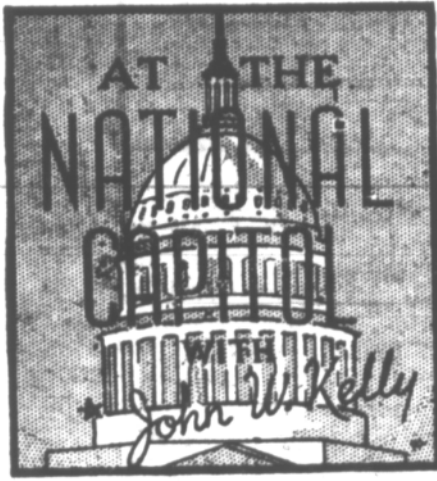


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Washington D. C., Aug. 10.—Of Oregon's owner-operated farms 49.8 per cent are mortgaged. Only 12 states have a higher percentage of mortgaged farms. Records for the sister state, California, are identical with the percentages in Oregon, with Washington state having 47.7 per cent of its owner-operated farms carrying a plaster. Considering that these three Pacific Coast states are blessed with abundance of water, unsurpassed climate, rarely cursed with crop failure and the people have one of the highest cultures in the Union, the number of mortgages is intriguing. For the entire United States the percentage of these mortgages is 41.5.

Farm tenancy in Oregon is 21.7 (California the same), with Washington 20 percent. Farm tenancy is highest in the West in Idaho, 28.5 percent. Heavy tenancy is in the south where the share-croppers plight caused the administration to launch its Farm Security Administration through which loans are made to tenants to purchase farms.

For the 1939-40 year, FSA has \$38,000,000 to carry on this farm-purchase program. Out of this sum, Oregon is allocated \$148,116; Washington, \$184,296, and Idaho, \$155,601. Officials expect to make 18 loans in Oregon, 23 in Washington and 17 in Idaho. More than 600 loans to tenants will be made in Alabama, Texas, Georgia, Mississippi. Average loan in Oregon and Washington is expected to be \$8,000; in Idaho \$9,000, as compared with \$4,000 loans in Alabama, Texas, etc. Reason: farms in the Pacific Northwest are more valuable.

It was a young school teacher, member of congress but seven months, who has saved the taxpayers more than two billion dollars. It was his analysis of the \$800,000,000 slum-clearance bill that exposed the real innards of the measure and proved that the 800 millions was not a self-liquidating loan but would cost the treasury three times that sum. This slender young chap demonstrated that a freshman member of congress, without being spectacular, can render great service to the nation.

Representative Alber Gore, age 31, is a farmer in Tennessee as well as a school teacher. He showed that while the \$800,000,000 would be returned to the cities in a period of 60 years, at the same time the USHA would make a contract paying the municipalities a sum to subsidize low rents to people who could not afford to pay. In other words, although rents, the subsidies would so exonerate the repayments that eventually the government would be out of pocket 2 billion dollars, with nothing to show for it, not even a copper cent. One single speech by the young farmer-teacher disclosed a situation that had escaped the other 530 lawmakers.

Interest slashes by HOLC and FHA will affect thousands of Pacific Northwest property owners whose homes have been refinanced by HOLC or are under the insured by HOLC system of FHA. These mortgage agencies have reduced interest rates prevailing in Oregon and Washington (all types), range from 5 to 8.5 percent, the average being 6.3 percent.

In Oregon alone 8700 loans are benefited by the reduced interest by HOLC. It is estimated that 6.7 percent of the urban families are paying off debts on homes through this agency. Henceforth interest will be saved on one-half of one percent on approximately \$13,000,000.

Lower interest rates on everything was one of the earliest objectives announced by President Roosevelt in 1933, and since his inauguration there has been a general reduction in the cost of borrowed money.

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Bicycle Ruling Finally Passed; Order Collections

Final passage of an ordinance defining the rules for riding bicycles in Moro was a part of the council meeting held Tuesday night. The complete text of the ordinance is in another column. No charges are levied against the youthful riders and no fines will be assessed. The only punishment is the impounding of the machine or the cancellation of the permit to ride. The purpose of the ordinance is not to curtail riding of bicycles in town but to make it safer.

Several changes were made in the method of handling city funds in accordance with recommendations made recently by the auditor, Charles R. Logan. Review of the water book caused the council to order more stringent collection of water rents and insist that the current bill and ten percent of the back bill be paid under penalty of cutting off the water from offenders. A donation of \$5 was made toward the purchase of street decorations.

War Vote Asked By Granges

Washington D. C., Aug. 10.—All members of the Oregon congressional and Washington delegation have received a petition from the Washington state grange asking for a law to require a majority vote of all eligible voters in the United States before the United States can enter an armed conflict on foreign soil.

Wheat Loans Being Made Rapidly

After the scare that prevailed last Friday and Saturday when farmers thought that congress was going to adjourn without passing the \$119,000,000 appropriation for the Commodity Credit which would permit the continuance of wheat loans, the business of obtaining the loans of wheat went on at a speedy pace and about \$150,000 was brought into the county on the crop during the week.

A total of 123 loans have been made on 313,181 bushels of wheat at an average price of \$6.18, which makes the total \$193,576.80 up to Wednesday afternoon. All houses and all banks doing business in Sherman county are prepared to do their share in obtaining these loans.

City Well In Flat Passes Test

Results of the test made of the city well in the flat were received this week from the state board of health. The water was grade A with but 300 bacteria in the tested amount. This is a very high test for water and is better than is usually obtained from the well on the hill.

Cooler weather has made it possible to fill the cistern from the regular well so that the lower one will not be used until an emergency arises but the test makes it possible to use it when desired. The pump from the upper well was installed there and a capacity of about 15 gallons per minute was obtained.

Girl Scout Troop Organized Here

A unit of Girl Scouts, an organization for girls between the ages of ten and fifteen was established at a meeting held in the Woman's club building last Friday afternoon. Mrs. H. B. Pinkerton is leader and organizer of the group being assisted by Mrs. A. M. Nelson. The Woman's club is sponsor. Ten girls responded to the first call and became charter members. They are studying their manual in order to rise from the tenderfoot class to become scouts. Girls attending were Donella Nelson, Mary Sayrs, Veda Belshe, Annjean Knighten, Patty French, Gloria Douma, Dorothy May, Patricia Pinkerton, Lois Platt and Bessie Gentry.

Charley Montgomery has been kept at his home this week by a heart attack.

Spanish Movie Star Seeks U. S. Honors



Miss Mary Manzo, center, South American beauty, will seek further honors at the Los Angeles international beauty pageant when that contest opens September 22. Miss Manzo is known in Brazil and Argentina as Marie Belmar, Spanish movie actress. Left to right are Jean French, Maxine Tullos, Mary Manzo, Blanche Taylor and Peggy Baumgartner.

New Ordinance Regulating Bicycles Passed By Council

Following is the text of the bicycle ordinance passed by the city council of Moro this week. It is now in effect and Marshall Jack Cothran is issuing permits to children and others who pass the examinations and wish to ride bicycles.

AN ORDINANCE FIXING REGULATIONS UPON THE OWNERSHIP AND USE OF BICYCLES IN THE CITY OF MORO PROVIDING A PENALTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

The city of Moro does ordain as follows:

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or use a bicycle propelled wholly or in part by muscular power upon any of the streets, alleys or public highway of the city of Moro without first obtaining from the police department a license therefor.

Section 2. No person shall ride or operate any bicycle upon any street, alley or public place within the corporate limits of the city of Moro during the period from a half hour after sunset to a half hour before sunrise, and all times when fog or other atmospheric conditions render the operation of said bicycle dangerous to traffic or the use of the streets, or at any other time when there is not sufficient light to render clearly discernible any person on the streets a distance of two hundred feet ahead without having a lighted lamp affixed on the front of said bicycle visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of at least three hundred feet in front of said bicycle exhibiting a red light visible under like conditions from a distance of at least two hundred feet to the rear of such bicycle.

Section 3. No person while riding or operating a bicycle upon any street, alley or public place in Moro shall hold on to any other vehicle.

Section 4. No person shall operate or ride any bicycle upon any sidewalk within the confines of the Zone One within the city of Moro.

Section 5. Traffic rules of the Oregon Motor Vehicle Act applicable to bicycles shall be observed by all riders of bicycles, and it shall be unlawful for two riders to proceed abreast, or otherwise than in single file.

Section 6. It shall be unlawful to engage in bicycle racing upon the streets and alleys of the city of Moro.

Section 7. The chief of police of the city of Moro shall provide his office with number combination riding permit and certificate of ownership cards, and on each card shall be left a space for the name and address of the owner, and for the number and make of the bicycle, and a date line. Each such permit shall be valid until December 31st of the calendar year of its issuance, and shall be surrendered to the purchaser when the bicycle is sold. Such purchaser shall immediately apply for and secure from the chief of police a new card.

Section 8. Before the issuance of a new card the applicant shall be examined as of his qualifications.

Section 9. Dealers in bicycles may apply for and secure from the chief of police, upon delivering a suitable receipt, such number of cards provided for in Section 7, as the chief of police shall deem convenient and necessary, and shall report to the chief of police each card issued with the sale of a bicycle.

Section 10. It shall be unlawful for any person to ride a bicycle. (Continued on page three)

Health Program Planned For County

The health program for Sherman county for the remainder of the year has been tentatively outlined by Miss Katherine Morse, Sherman County Nurse, who returned to Sherman county August 8th. The ensuing six weeks will be used to organize and start the annual school physical examinations, as well as to "follow-up" those children examined in the Child Health Conferences in June. The last six weeks of the year will complete the school clinics, and also the second series of semi-annual Child Health Conferences.

Tuberculosis testing clinics are also to be held. Tuberculin tests every two years for school children are desirable, and in order to make the clinics smaller, it is planned to do one half of the county this year, and one half next year. Miss Morse also states that plans are being made with Dr. Poley, Sherman County Health Officer, to offer Diphtheria Immunization this fall.

Week Still Warm With East Wind

Top temperature of the week was 99 Wednesday at the station which was much cooler than the record heat but still warm enough to permit the men to go without a coat and the women to resort to more drastic means of keeping cool. Threats of thunder showers drift across the sky now and then and the air gets close as if pressing an electric storm but nothing has dispersed the heat for a long period. Wednesday evening heavy smoke drifted in from fires in the valley but the prevailing wind has been from the east.

1940 AAA Much Like Present Farm Program

Will Steen Tells Farmers They Are Getting 5 Times World Price

No major changes are contemplated for 1940 in either the AAA farm or range programs, according to Oregon delegates who have returned from national AAA planning conferences.

Farmers of the nation are well satisfied with the farm program just as it is, and don't want any major changes next year," said Will Steen of Milton, who recently returned from Washington, D. C. "It looks as though the program for 1940 will be very little different from the one in operation right now."

Robert Weir of Lakeview, state committee member who recently attended a national range conference at Hot Springs, South Dakota, announced that ranch operators generally desire no major changes in their 1940 program.

Weir said that increased emphasis will be laid next year on deferred grazing as a recommended range practice, and replacing of natural sagebrush with good range grass also will be stressed.

Steen said that one of the changes recommended in the farm program for 1940 is designed to aid the small farmer by providing for a "minimum allowance" of \$20 which he can earn by performing soil conservation and soil building practices.

The committee chairman said that one of the outstanding benefits to Oregon from the farm program has been its aid in keeping wheat prices up. Without the farm program, he said, wheat in eastern Oregon on July 29, for example, would have been but 18 cents a bushel.

"The wheat price in Oregon normally is based on the world market," he said. "The price in Liverpool, England, on July 29, was 49 cents a bushel, lowest in many years. Latest figures show that it costs about 31 cents a bushel to ship wheat from Eastern Oregon to Liverpool. Deduct 31 from 49 cents and you have 18 cents. That's what we'd be getting today if it weren't for the government program. Instead, however, our price is based on the general loan value of 60 cents, and in addition we get benefit payments totalling 28 cents a bushel."

Steen pointed out that benefits to farmers through increased wheat prices have not been at the expense of consumers, since there has been no rise in the price of bread.

Government Pays Timbered Counties

Washington, D. C., Aug. 10.—Every county in the Pacific Northwest from which revenues are derived by the forest service of the department of agriculture will soon receive a kick-back from the government. The 20 forests in Oregon and Washington contributed most of the \$2,785,611 which came from sale of timber, and of the \$2676 which resulted from the sale of Christmas trees. The states within which the forests are situated will receive 35 percent of the receipts; to be apportioned to the counties: 25 percent goes to school funds and ten percent into a fund for construction and maintenance of forest roads. Secretary Wallace says that in some places, county returns from national forest receipts amounts to more per acre than assessed taxes on similar privately owned lands surrounding the forests.

Harvest Ball Brings Joy To Many

The Harvest ball in Moro Saturday night opened the fall dancing with what is accurately termed a bang. An orchestra from Bend produced the tunes that were enjoyed by nearly all of the 156 couples present and even the few wall flowers showed signs of appreciation by remaining until the very small hours. Some minor excitement was caused by the upsetting of a car but the evening ended with no injuries, despite some attempts at injury.

County Agent Makes Trip With Club Boys

Last Wednesday night LeRoy Wright returned from a trip to the western Oregon counties with a group of 13 club boys who made the trip to see the country and obtain some judging experience. They left Monday morning and spent two nights camping out.

Jerry Wilson of Kent made the best judging record with a total score of 810, Jack and Frank von Borstel and Eugene Norton were second with 795, Gene Sather and Merrill Sather third and fourth with 765 and 760.

Others making the trip were Dickie Oveson, John Schadewitz, Dick Wilson, Bobby Hoskinson, Don King, Shelton Fritts and Ed Fritts.

Protest Made Over New Dog Racing

Application has been filed with the state racing commission for a license to hold dog races at a place other than Portland, and in the event it is granted it is expected that similar requests will follow from other points in the state. Prominent breeders of racing hounds and others interested in the sport are protesting the issuance of the license on the ground that multiplicity of racing programs would lessen interest, reduce attendance and seriously impair state revenue from their source which now goes to the support of state and county fairs.

International Livestock exposition Pendleton Roundup, Eastern Oregon Livestock show, the Northwest Turkey show, and several others. These institutions could not operate, it is asserted, if this revenue is lost, without burdensome increase in property taxes on their value to the state is too great to warrant sacrificing it solely to advance the selfish interest of individual race promoters.

It is contended that nothing should be done to kill the goose that lays golden eggs for the benefit of the entire state. Officials of the state and county fairs are expected to join in the protest against the granting of any additional licenses, contending that sixty days of racing is enough for the state.

State Appointment Down To Last Discussed Holdover Officer

By A. L. Lindbeck

If Governor Sprague desires the political scalp of State Forester W. J. Ferguson—and it is pretty well understood that he does—it begins to look as though he would have to first make a few changes in the board of forestry. Ferguson, it should be understood, is an employee of the forestry board. This board is composed of nine members. The governor and the dean of the school of forestry at Oregon State college are ex officio members of this board. The other seven members are appointed by the governor from lists supplied by seven lumber and livestock organizations. All seven serve at the pleasure of the governor.

Dean George W. Peavy of the OSC forestry school is understood to yearn for Ferguson's scalp just as greatly as does Governor Sprague. The forester, however, is fairly popular with the other seven members of the board, or at least with enough of them to retain his scalp for the time being. While the governor would like to get rid of Ferguson he hesitates to disturb the board in order to gain this end but it would not be at all surprising if the political fires now being kindled under the forester do not bring the situation to a head within the next few weeks.

Six hundred Oregon motorists have had their operators' licenses revoked or suspended already this year according to Secretary of State Earl Snell. (Revocations and suspensions under the safety responsibility act totaled 458. Drunk driving accounted for 381 of the revocations.)

Robert H. Warrens of Forest Grove was elected chairman of the newly created Soil Conservation commission at an organizational meeting here Saturday. Frank Ballard of Oregon State college was elected secretary. Other members of the commission include

Early Plowing, Clean Tillage Make Best Yields

Station Results Hold To Accepted Practices As Best Again

There are years that make the long time teachings of the experiments of the local station look very much askew, years when late plowing makes more wheat than early, when conditions are such that what is usually called poor farming has a better yield than that called good.

This was not one of those years. As the long time experiments indicate the April plowing beat the May and both were much superior to the June. April averaged 24.6, May 23.9 and June a mere 16.3 although one fortunate series in the June plots averaged 22.5 bushels.

This matter of early plowing is one of the teachings of the station heads that has been accepted almost universally by the farmers who live in this section. Nearly everyone plows early these days and this may be a major reason for the increase in yields in the past twenty years.

Tillage Problem

Summerfallow tillage is another problem the station has experimented with for years with the result that it is considered poor policy to permit weeds to grow on the fallow. Yet this year the highest plots were those plowed in April that received no tillage at all until fall when the weeds were aken off before seeding. Second was the April plots on which tillage was delayed although these beat the clean tilled plots by a mere .1 of a bushel.

Land that was plowed in June and received no tillage made but 4.5 bushels and the clean tilled June plowed plots did much better, making 16.8 and 17.7 bushels. There is no delayed tillage on June plowed plots, there having been enough delay before plowing.

Yields at the station were very good this year considering the sort of weather dished out by the weather man.

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Members of the commission include Dean Wm. A. Schoenfeld of Oregon State college; Chas. A. Stricklin, state engineer, and G. W. Franklin of Enterprise. Created under an act of the last legislature the commission will cooperate with the federal government in setting up soil conservation districts. Two proposed districts have already indicated an interest in the soil conservation program according to Ballard. One of these is Tillamook county where beach sand is blowing in badly onto farm lands. The other is in Baker county.

William Winston Churchill, 91, a new arrival at the Oregon penitentiary claims two distinctions. He is the oldest prisoner ever received at the institution and he claims to be the only living man who ever shook the hand of Abraham Lincoln. Churchill also claims to have been a close friend of the James Boys, notorious Missouri bandits, and to have attended the funeral of Jesse James at Liberty, Mo. Churchill was received at the Oregon prison from Jackson county to serve a term of three years for forgery. He has a long prison record including terms in the Colorado and Oklahoma penitentiaries.

The Oregon prison flax plant is preparing to handle another normal crop this year. L. L. Laws, manager of the plant told the Board of Control this week. Laws says fields under contract to the state plant will yield about 4000 tons of flax straw this year.

Sigfrid Unander, of Portland, was added to the staff of the executive department this week as research director. Unander will function as executive secretary to various legislative interim committees and will also do research into various public problems under

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