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Wheat Loan Rush Hurries Agent's Crew

The report that the \$119,000,000 appropriated by congress for loans to wheat producers on the 1939 crop was going to be insufficient made many farmers hurry to the court house to get under the wire with their loans and the county agent's force was kept busy this week.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 24.—State and county and other local relief agencies are having dumped in their laps the WPA workers who have received the pink slips of dismissal. By next week the last of 650,000 who have been on WPA for 18 months will be out. Share of this total for Oregon and Washington will run into several thousand. Reduction of WPA rolls affects every county and city in the Northwest and increases the problem of local relief officers. On the heels of WPA dismissals comes a 50 per cent slash, September 1, for the PWA employees and in a few months PWA workers will be rare as the Dodo.

Congress refused to appropriate more funds to continue PWA, but gave the president every dollar he asked for WPA. What congress did, in effect, was to tell private business to resume spending its own money and not look to the government to continue indefinitely priming the pump. Prior to the depression, private business spent 15 billion dollars annually, then with the slump it husbanded its money and the government stepped in, spending an average of 3 billion a year. Now private savings have reached an all time high and congress wants business to do its share of spending, to relieve the government of the hand-out policy. Business spokesmen who have criticized the administration for free-hand distribution of money are politely told to take over the job.

Perhaps congress assumed the correct attitude for government agencies announce the upturn of the first six months is a skyrocketing in August. But for the immediate future, state and local relief agencies have a tough job.

One of the AAA plans which would have assisted Oregon and Washington farmers, particularly those growing hairy vetch, has gone haywire because owners of the seed asked too much for it. Instead of making cash payments to southern farmers under the conservation program of 1939, AAA proposed buying 5,512,000 pounds of hairy vetch and Austrian winter pea seed and have the farmers plant them. When the government officials asked for bids, the Oregon-Washington dealers asked \$10.10 to \$16 per hundred pounds for vetch, delivered in the south, and prices quoted for peas delivered ranged from \$5.22 to \$5.90 per hundred. AAA rejected the bids.

Everyone who has ideas on taxes is invited to present them in person or by letter to John W. Hanes, undersecretary of the treasury. Complete revision of federal taxes is in the making and for the first time Joe Doaks or any other citizen is given an opportunity to have his "say." Heretofore tax legislation was written mysteriously, sent to congress with orders to pass it. If public hearings were held professional lobbyists and representatives of government bureaus were the only witnesses.

New tax legislation is not intended to remove the burden; taxes will not be reduced, but the spread will be different and the prime purpose is to raise more money. What the committee making the study desires is for suggestions on new sources of revenue. Someone in the United States may have a bright idea and know of something that can be taxed. Oregon thought of the tax on gasoline, which has been a gold mine to states and federal government.

It appears almost certain that the base for income taxes will be broadened, which means that individuals whose income now is so small that they are not subject to this particular tax, will be compelled to contribute. This will cause more argument than adding another cent to the tax on cigarettes—the most heavily taxed article on the schedule. Uncle Sam is in the whole 40 billion dollars and needs money and the only way he can get it from you, and you, and you and your grand children. All the billions spent for WPA grants under PWA, etc., must be

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Amusements At State Fair Billed

Oregon state fair officials have plucked a group of beauties and novelty artists from Treasure Island's gay way for the state fair All American revue, a new feature this year for the week of September 4 to 10.

To climax the whole galaxy of stars, Eddie Peabody, the banjoist supreme, will be master of ceremonies and one of the performers. The feminine spotlight at the revue will fall on Zoe Dell Dantis, a native Oregonian who in the last two years has skyrocketed to the position of the "most publicized American girl today. Born 21 years ago on a farm in Yamhill county and graduated from Medford high school four years ago, Zoe Dell two years ago hitched her wagon to the San Francisco exposition, and since that time she has been photographed 2,500 times. She turned down a seven-year stock contract with the Paramount Studio at Hollywood because she felt she must finish her work as the "theme girl" of the exposition.

The Revue will share with the night horse show hours for early nocturnal entertainment at the fair, and after 9:30 o'clock each night, except Sunday, a free dance will be held on the fair grounds with music furnished by Leon Molin's orchestra, well known night club and radio artists.

Oregon Gets Tourists From Near Home

Advocating that the state's travel advertising fund be spent in the field where it will produce the greatest return, Ray Conway, manager of the Oregon State Motor association, writing in the Oregon Motorist, reveals that 71 per cent of the state's tourist business comes from California and Washington. At the same time he revealed only 3.5 per cent of the 1938 tourist "crop" originated in the eastern states.

In 1938, the article points out, a total of 134,256 cars from various parts of the United States entered Oregon, according to non-resident permits issued by the secretary of state. Of these 71 per cent or 95,398 automobiles came from either Washington or California—mostly California. By way of contrast, the eastern states which hold 41 per cent of the nation's population contributed only 3.5 per cent of the out-of-state visitors to Oregon.

Advertising in national magazines, while valuable as a stimulant to personal pride in Oregon, Conway says, has a high percentage of waste. Based on San Francisco Exposition travel figures, 43 cents out of every national advertising dollar are spent in a field that produces only 9.5 per cent of the tourist business. Only 27 cents go into the field west of the Mississippi where 75 per cent of our tourists originate. Concentration in the obvious field seems more logical. It is our trade field.

Septic Tanks Said Easy To Build

Detailed plans and specifications for building a concrete septic tank for the farm are contained in a new mimeographed extension circular, No. 333, entitled "A Concrete Septic Tank for the Farm." In this circular Everett H. Davis, extension specialist in agricultural engineering, points out that construction of a concrete septic tank and drainage system is neither difficult nor expensive, and that such a tank, if properly constructed, will give satisfactory service for many years.

Complete Transatlantic Track Meet



Four track stars completed their "run across the Atlantic" relay race when their ship docked in New York harbor. Embarking at Southampton, England, they sprinted around the deck of the liner in relays during the entire crossing. Left to right: Kenneth Bally, Noel Griffin, George Harris and Douglas Brady. Brady holds the torch which they passed from hand to hand and which eventually was presented to President Roosevelt in the White House.

Deadline Set For Insurance On Wheat Crop

The final date for acceptance of applications from Oregon wheat growers for crop insurance on their 1940 winter wheat crop is October 30, according to Will Steen of Milton, chairman of the state AAA committee.

Mark Weatherford, Gilliam county wheat grower, was the first man to take insurance on his winter wheat crop for next year. Most of the applicants last year and this have taken 75 per cent coverage.

Out of 708 policies in effect in Oregon this past season, indemnity payments totaling 4,400 bushels on 52 policies have been made to date, and others are pending. Principal causes of losses were late frosts, dry weather, and the July hail storm in Morrow county.

"Winter wheat growers who want to insure their crops have two factors to keep in mind," he said. "First, they must apply for the insurance and pay the premium before their crop is planted in the fall. Second, applications cannot be accepted even if the crop hasn't been planted, after the general cut-off date of October 30."

The state chairman reminded growers that all farmers that intend to plant wheat for harvest in 1940 are eligible for "all-risk" crop insurance now being offered to growers by the Federal Crop Insurance corporation. Either the operator or the landlord, or both, may insure their interest in the crop.

Under the crop insurance program, growers may insure their interest in either 50 or 75 per cent of the average yield of their farms. Where more than one person has an interest in the crop, each may insure his own interest independently of action of the other. Separate contracts are made to each individual, without affecting the interest of other parties. Application is made to the county AAA committee.

Hot And Smoky In Weather Conditions

Despite the approach of fall there has been little moderation in the weather. Hot days and warm nights have been the lot of Sherman county for nearly a month and promises of rain by the weather man have not materialized although a few scattering drops fell Wednesday night.

The forest fires of the Cascade and Coast ranges sent a pall of smoke over this county that restricted vision to less than half a mile Wednesday afternoon until blown away by a west wind. A good rain is wanted now by most farmers partly because wanting rain is a habit and because of the dryness of the soil with seed time approaching.

The report of the biological survey shows that A. M. Zevely caught 17 coyotes during July and six coyotes and one bob cat in June.

Tournament of Tennis Players Going On

The men's tennis tournament started last week, has progressed to the second round and two games of the third have been played. Of the eighteen starters only seven remain and two of these will be eliminated before the week is out.

Bobby Gilmor won from Seral Searcy and Dewey Thompson won from W. F. McLeod to advance to the quarter finals. Games not yet played are Carroll Bennett vs Paul May and R. B. Elmes vs Wyman French. Dean Pinkerton drew the bye.

Longest game was that between Bob Henderson and Wynan French which went to 52 games, the two being tied when 50 were played. French won 12-14, 8-6, 7-5.

Sixteen women and girls have started an elimination tournament with Gertrude Gilmor, Lois Melzer, Lucille May, Alice Henderson, Mrs. D. Wey Thompson, Betty Powell, Gen. Brisbane, Henrietta Hengeman, Dorothy Fraser, Merle Miller, Florence Lawrence, Louise Barzee, Clara Mersenger, Ardis Truitt, Betty Coffman and Irma Morgan having entered.

Paul Raver Named To Bonneville Post

Dr. Paul J. Raver, long connected with the Illinois Commerce Commission and recently named its chairman, today was appointed by Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes as Administrator of the Bonneville Project. He will assume his duties in Portland, Oregon, on September 15, relieving Acting Administrator F. A. Banks who has been serving on a temporary basis since May 4, shortly after the death of J. D. Ross, the first administrator.

Dr. Raver, born at Logansport, Indiana, April 27, 1894 was graduated in civil engineering from the University of Nebraska in 1917, received a degree of master of business administration from Northwestern University in 1927, and a degree of doctor of philosophy from Northwestern in 1933. After service as a lieutenant in the 18th field artillery during the World War, Dr. Raver worked until 1927 as a valuation and estimating engineer in Chicago. During the next six years he served as instructor, assistant professor and associate professor of public utilities at Northwestern University.

In 1933 he became supervisor of the section of rates and research of the Illinois Commerce Commission, organizing the section and directing special research on such subjects as revenues, rates, the cost of capital, corporate relations, rate of return, securities, and related economic and financial subjects. He also prepared expert testimony in important rate cases, and supervised the handling of all rural electrification problems for the Commission.

Melvin Baker is here while on short leave from the CCC camp at Heppner. He is visiting his parents.

School Opening Date Probably September 11th

Teachers Nearly All
Hired For Fall and
Winter School Term

It is probable that all the schools in Sherman county will open September 11 this year although preliminary information was that Rufus and Wasco might begin after Labor day. This means that two weeks from next Monday the school bells will call the children from the play lots, the swimming pools and the farm to start another course in what is called education.

Teachers for Sherman county schools have nearly all been selected although a vacancy or two exists. From the contracts in the hands of Willy Knighten, county school superintendent, the lists are nearly complete.

Rufus will have John F. Jenkins as principal another year, Martha Hoover, Catherine Monahan and Marie June Andrews and another to be chosen to teach music and English.

Wasco Has New Principal

At Wasco a new principal will take over, C. C. Caldwell, replacing Homer Dixon. Ardyth Cochran, Andrew Landles and another whose contract is not in will teach high school and Georgia Bracken, Frances Gorsline and Robert Belknap and one more will instruct the grades.

Moro retains R. G. Cunliff as principal and Barbara Leisz as English teacher and Russell Hollinshead will come from Dufur to teach and coach. Grade teachers will be Mary Hendricks, Effie Jackson, Mary Williams and Nellie Jackson. The two new teachers are sisters.

Jewel Elevated

Grass Valley has elevated Ray Jewel to be principal and hired two new high school teachers, Patricia Cyphers of The Dalles and Alex McDonald of Banks. I. V. Kean, Margaret Trabue, Virginia Belyor and Jean Powell will teach in the grades all being old teachers except Mr. Kean who replaces Arden Squire.

Kent will retain R. N. McGlasson as principal and he will be assisted by C. A. Bothwell in the high school and J. E. Thompson, Marian Gettings and Nan Smith in the grades.

Of the thirty two teachers who will have charge of Sherman county pupils, 12 will be new and twenty will have had experience here.

Magic Show To Feature Pierce

Fast, funny, futuristic magic will be featured at the performance to be given on September 2 at 8:00 o'clock by Pierce, magician handsome sixfoot exponent of Legederman. Known from coast to coast for his unique magic show, Pierce combines skillful manipulations, flawless illusions, and smooth witty conversation that at once draws his audiences closer to him than the average magician.

The program is divided into two parts, Marine and Egyptian, with attractive stage settings for both. Throughout the hour and half show he is assisted by his young wife who proves herself invaluable to him in his show. Mrs. Pierce is featured in the "Invulnerable Lady" illusion in which her head is made to disappear from her body. Another of Pierce's unusual effects is the canary in the electric light bulb illusion, dancing handkerchief, smoke magic, and many others. This is Pierce's fifth annual tour and he is playing return engagements almost entirely this season. His itinerary will take him to the East coast where he is slated for several special performances.

EXAMINER COMING

The Examiner of Operators and Chauffeurs, will be in Moro Monday, August 28th, 1939 at the court house, between 1 p. m. and 5 p. m., respectively. All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with the examiner during these hours.

Committee Has Hard Job With School Districts

The job given to the newly formed county readjustment board by 1939 legislative enactment has put a new burden on a preliminary committee composed of the county judge, George A. Potter, the assessor Margaret Peetz, the chairman of the non-high school board and county superintendent Knighten. Grover Young is now chairman of the non-high school board but the election has been delayed and organization of the committee is awaiting the return of the audit and closing of the years business of that body.

These men are charged with the duty of naming three district school board members to sit with them in following the mandates of the new law designed to redistribute the schools of each county. The first meeting will be held soon and organization perfected.

Liverpool Market Drops In Past Week

Pressure of Argentine offerings and expectations of larger North American exports as a result of the United States export program effective August 19, were weakening factors at Liverpool where prices of foreign wheat declined to new lows. Crop prospects were becoming a less dominant influence as the Northern Hemisphere harvest neared completion. Threshing of spring wheat became rather general in the Canadian Prairie Province of Manitoba. Harvesting was well along in Saskatchewan and cutting was expected to be general in Alberta by the end of the current week. Crop yields are reported quite variable with a wide variation also in quality but trade advices placed production between 380 and 290 million bushels. Unsettled weather continued to retard harvesting in Germany but cutting of grain made good progress in most other important European producing areas. Southern Hemisphere prospects improved with heavy rains in important areas in Argentina.

A. S. Johnson is drilling a well on his place in town with George Witter's drill doing the job.

Sprague Says Oregon Will Give Thanks On Third Thursday

By A. L. Lindbeck
Governor Sprague is not inclined to quarrel with President Roosevelt over the date for the annual Thanksgiving feast. If the president wants to advance that date a week, as announced, Oregon will fall into line and be thankful with the rest of the nation. There will be no double observance of the holiday as was the case in 1894 when Governor Sylvester Pennoyer refused to cooperate with President Cleveland and Oregon folk gave thanks with the balance of the nation on the last Thursday of November and then had a private Thanksgiving Day of their own again a week later on the first Thursday in December.

Oregon municipalities that seek to enrich their coffers by winking at gambling concessions at carnivals need count on no cooperation from the state police. Superintendent Pray warned this week that his men would enforce the law where ever they might find it being violated. Pray's statement was occasioned by complaints of alleged gambling at the recent Taft Red-head Round-up where state police were on duty. At that place, Pray said, his men were engaged in handling traffic while local peace officers policed the carnival. Hereafter, in order to avoid possible criticism, state police will take over the entire job of policing when their services are called for to assist local officers in handling celebrations of this character.

The humble prune gained official recognition this week when Governor Sprague appointed a committee to work out a program for marketing this year's Oregon crop. Appointment of the committee followed a meeting in the capitol attended by more than 200 growers and canners in which the plight of Oregon prune growers was declared to be desperate. Prices being offered for this year's crop it

New Feature Added To Daily Fair Program

Local Riders To Participate
In Grand Entry Under
Direction Of LeRoys

Something new in fair day features will be shown this year and instead of it being a form of entertainment brought in from outside local people will be the actors and actresses.

A grand entry is the name given to the act, which will be staged each day of the fair, coming just before the opening of the afternoon's program. As many riders as can be gathered together are wanted for the act and already sixteen have promised to come, and have held one rehearsal.

Dressed in the bright colored finery of present day western show the riders, men and women, will come onto the track at a gallop to weave a pattern like a grand march around and between eight fixed horsemen. Lee and Christy LeRoy, trick riders and ropers, will direct and plan the routine.

At the first rehearsal the following were present to go through the act: Orval Thompson, Dell Wright, Johnnie Shipley, Claude Thompson, Claudine Thompson, Pardee Rich, Marjorie Rich, George Wilde, June Wilde, Bob King, Walter Bruckert, Helen Bruckert and the LeRoys.

As many others as can obtain a saddle horse for the grand march on horse back are invited and urged to report to some member of the fair board and be ready for another practice session the day before the fair opens. Horses in this event can also be entered in the ladies and gentlemen's saddle horse class and such other classes for which they might qualify.

The horses will march to music during the twenty minute act. The final day the grand entry will be staged immediately after the

SIGN PUT IN PLACE

A painted sign announcing the dates of the Sherman County Fair was put up Thursday afternoon by light company men and other volunteers. The penants will come at a later date.

was said would not justify picking and many growers declared they would let the crop "rot on the trees" rather than sell at prices which would not pay for picking and hauling to market. Many growers face the loss of their farms because of the demoralized market conditions while a number at the conference frankly admitted they would be unable to pay their taxes.

The Oregon Hydroelectric in its adverse report on the proposed Scappoose peoples utility district did not hold the project to be unfeasible but held that it was unnecessary as the drainage district, already organized, is authorized to do the thing which sponsors of the proposed PUD want to do.

One of the biggest jobs cut out by the last legislature is that reposed in the merit rating council appointed only this week by Governor Sprague. The pros and cons of merit rating was debated at great length before committees of the recent legislature without any signs of progress; hence the interim council or committee which is to make a study of this problem and report back to the next session with its findings and recommendations. Many employers of labor contend that their contributions to the unemployment compensation fund should be based on the employment experience of the individual employer. Others insist that contributions should be based upon the employment experience of the industry as a whole. Other states are engaged in similar studies in an effort to evolve a system of contributions that will encourage stabilization of employment without crippling the jobless insurance fund.

Even before it gets under way Governor Sprague's retirement plan for public employees has run

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