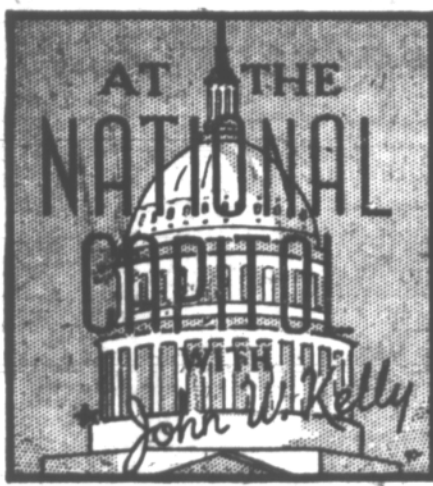


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Washington D. C., Oct. 19.—Of ten strategic minerals needed in war by the United States nine are found in Oregon, a lesser number in Washington. Strategic minerals are those which this country has to import because it does not produce a sufficient quantity, or none at all. Because of the importance of these minerals, most of which must be treated by electricity, it is believed the water power of Bonneville and Grand Coulee will eventually be used in part to transform the raw materials into a commercial product.

Here are the strategic minerals and their location.

Antimony - Baker, Jackson, Lane.

Chromite - Jackson, Josephine, Coos, Grant, Wheeler, Wallowa, Baker.

Bauxite (aluminum) - Marion, Manganese - Coos, Douglas, Marion, Grant, Baker, Jackson, Josephine.

Quicksilver - Clackamas, Marion, Lane, Douglas, Coos, Jackson, Jefferson, Crook, Lake, Harney, Grant, Malheur.

Nickel - Curry, Malheur, Jefferson, Baker.

Tin - Baker.

Tungsten - Wallowa, Baker.

In the list of critical materials (distinct from strategic) graphite is found in Harney, asbestos in Josephine, and platinum in Coos, Curry, Josephine and other sections.

Presence of these strategic minerals in the Pacific Northwest is attracting the attention of the War Resources Board, and thru that agency, the U. S. Bureau of Mines and the department of the interior. To be determined are the extent of the deposits, and how cheap they can be processed.

It isn't generally known, but an eastern organization spent \$500,000 in preliminaries intending to install a series of dams in the Deschutes river to generate power, expecting to attract industries to the Columbia river where the raw materials of Oregon and Washington would be processed. Sites were acquired, surveys made, taxes paid, etc., and then President Roosevelt authorized Bonneville. That killed the private enterprise and the half million dollars was written off the books and forgotten.

In order that "the poor as well as the rich can buy fresh fruits and vegetables," the state department is negotiating trade treaties with Chili and Argentina. It so happens that the fruits are pears, prunes, apricots, which are important products of the Pacific Northwest, and the veg. tables are garlic and onions. Fruit growers from Washington and Oregon are in the national capital submitting protests against this foreign competition, as it would affect the growers of Clark county, Yakima and Wenatchee, Washington; and Hood River area, Umpqua, Willamette and Rogue river valleys in Oregon. Turkey growers of the Northwest are objecting to lowering the tariff on Argentine birds.

To help apple growers, Canadian government will buy 500,000 boxes of export varieties in British Columbia, if unsold by March 31, at basic price of \$1.05 a box. British Columbia producers will be permitted to market their produce only in that province and the prairie provinces.

Children of the Pacific coast are larger than children in any other part of the country, according to the bureau of home economics. Thirty-six body measurements were taken of 150,000 children; those of a higher income level were on the average larger than children of a lower economic level, but children of a lower economic level on the west coast were found larger than those in the higher level in other regions. Must be the climate.

One of the worries of administration planners is the increasing

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Wheat League Preparations Progressing

Three Committees To Work Preparing Resolutions For Approval of Membership

The twelfth meeting of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League, to be held at Condon December 8 and 9, will have a varied program says Harry Proudfoot, president. Thursday night before the opening of the sessions a past-president's dinner will be given with ten living ex-executives being invited. Committees will also meet for preliminary meetings that day.

Delegates from half a dozen other states will attend this year say the league officials in connection with the contest being staged to see which county has best complied with the AAA wheat program. Winners of the contest will be announced this month.

The committee system of obtaining the opinion of the members of the various topics will be used and they will also prepare much of the material in advance of the meeting. The federal program committee will be headed by Mac Hoke as chairman and E. Harvey Miller, vice chairman. The taxation, legislation and transportation and rural electrification committee is headed by Millard Eakin as chairman and Charles Harth as vice chairman. Production, handling, marketing and weed control will be handled by a committee led by O. W. Cutsforth as chairman and Clarence Pyles as vice chairman.

All speakers have not been elected but national figures are being selected for many of the topics. Condon is preparing for a large attendance.

Enlistments Possible In Anti-Aircraft Corps

Approximately 800 vacancies are now available for qualified men who desire to enlist in the Coast Artillery, anti-aircraft units, for duty in the vicinity of San Francisco and Los Angeles, it was announced today at headquarters Ninth Corps Area.

The existing vacancies were made available by the recent Presidential Expansion Program and the transfer of a large number of anti-aircraft troops to the Panama Canal and Puerto Rican Departments, Major Chas. C. Quigley, Corps Area Recruiting Officer explained. Men interested in learning the mechanism and operation of sound detectors, searchlights, anti-aircraft guns and other equipment of this new branch of military service will find an opportunity to learn and obtain knowledge of a worthwhile profession, Major Quigley added.

OSC Dads Go To Campus For Day

Oregon State College—Every dad of Oregon State's 4600 students is being invited to drop his business cares for one day and come to the campus Saturday, October 28, for the annual Dad's day celebration sponsored by students and staff of the institution. Chet Otis of Myrtle Point has been named general chairman of the event.

A football game with Washington State college will headline the attractions again this year, tho' the annual business meeting, banquet, and group entertainment in houses and halls will be featured as well. For the first time since Dad's day was started here the state board of higher education will also be meeting here on that day.

Legion and Auxiliary To Install Officers

The auxiliary of George Bell Post, American Legion, at Kent met Wednesday evening, October 18, at the Kent Legion hall and made plans for the county joint installation to be held here Thursday evening, October 26.

It was decided to postpone the first in the series of card parties, until the third Saturday in November, the 18th.

A. M. Williams' Store Being Modernized

Work of making a truly modern department store is going on at the A. M. Williams & Company store in The Dalles with the entire front of the building scaffolded for workmen who are remodeling the building completely.

Deep bays to give added window space, a new front on both stories of the building and new interior arrangement are being made to bring the appearance of this pioneer store entirely up to date. The contract calls for an expenditure of \$18,000 and is being done by a local contractor.

The Neon sign that was added to the store a few weeks ago will be changed for one that more closely fits the new design of the front says J. F. Moore, new manager of the company.

Interior Consolidated

On the inside the partition separating the two departments will be removed which will make the two buildings occupied by the company a unit and new furnishings will be installed to make trading easier for the customer. A couple of months are expected to be required for the work.

Breakfast Clubbers Initiate Seven

Breakfast club meeting Wednesday morning saw seven neophytes formally taken into the club in an initiation that was decidedly informal. Theodore Johnston, Clarence Sparling, Free Crews, Lyle Woods, Donald Burnett, Lamer Sayers and Ted Thompson were initiated. A guest who came to vouch for the previous absence of T. Lester Johnson was Sergeant Frank Grimm of the state police.

Meat Sale Discussed

The report of the committee chosen to handle the sale of the calf bought at the Pacific International was given by LeRoy Wright who reported that the calf was bought at a price of \$155 at a price per pound of 13 1/2 cents. Other county calves brought 14 and 15 cents. Mr. Wright also told of the prizes won by the county 4-H club boys and girls and the results of the wheat judging.

Motorists May Apply For Licenses Now

Oregon motor vehicle owners who file their applications for 1940 registrations prior to November 22 will be included in drawings for low numbers, to be held in Salem on Wednesday, November 22, it was announced today by Earl Snell, secretary of state.

Reminders to motorists to send in their applications early if they wish to be included in the drawing will be mailed from the secretary of state's office November 9. License plates will be mailed immediately upon completion of each transaction, but may not be used prior to December 15, Snell said.

The number of applications on file in time to be included in the annual drawing for low numbers has increased from year to year and this year it is expected around 22,000 will be included, it was said. For 1937 the number totaled 11,355, for 1938 it was 16,606, and for 1939 it was 19,895.

Fraser Returns After Successful Season

Tom Fraser returned the first of the week from the Pacific International having won first on stallion foal and first two year old and junior champion Belgian stallion. The stallion foal is the only Belgian in his class in the northwest not defeated at any show and the two year old also has a good record having met the top Belgians in seven shows in the northwest states and having placed champion in every show. He was beaten in Salem by Rowdy d'Or, world famous stallion, but Rowdy d'Or went to fourth place in Portland. The Fraser colt won over the grand champion of Canada at Puyallap and took a place in the six horse team all during the show season.



Cassie von Borstel and Frank von Borstel, both of Grass Valley, photographed at the Pacific Livestock Exposition. With E. B. MacNaughton, President, First National Bank of Portland. The two attended the show last week as guests of The First National Bank of Portland, having been chosen outstanding 4-H club girl and boy from Sherman county.

Sherman County Youngsters Have Days In Portland

Cassie von Borstel and Frank von Borstel of Grass Valley, outstanding 4-H club girl and boy from Sherman county, returned home this week from a three-day visit to the Pacific International Livestock Exposition as guests of the First National Bank of Portland in the fourth annual Achievement and Leadership contest sponsored by the Portland institution. In addition to daily Exposition visits, high points of the program were: a group dinner at the Exposition grounds, followed by attendance at the horse show, a tour of Portland, including visits to the Jantzen Knitting Mills and one of the large daily newspaper plants; a banquet and dance at the Heathman hotel, the visitors' headquarters; and a trip to Swan Island Airport.

Marjorie Kunsman Heads Seal Drive

Miss Marjorie Kunsman, Moro, has accepted the chairmanship of the 1939 Christmas Seal sale, it was announced today by Mrs. Theo. von Borstel, president of the Sherman County Health Association. This will be the thirty-third consecutive year that the nation-wide educational campaign against tuberculosis associations, both state and local.

Sherman county has one of the lowest tuberculosis mortality rates for counties in the state of Oregon. Only three deaths, caused by this disease, occurred from 1930 to 1938, although four new cases were reported during that time.

It is interesting to note that the mortality rate for the state of Oregon, which was 165 per 100,000 persons at the beginning of the century, was reduced in 1938 to 29.6 per 100,000 persons.

The local Christmas Seal campaign will open December 1 and continue through Christmas, Miss Kunsman announced.

"The purchase of these gay stamps makes possible a continuation of those measures which are bringing about the gradual eradication of the disease. I am sure we can count on the people of Sherman county to make our own campaign a successful one," she said.

Telephone Company Buys Plant Sites

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company has obtained deeds to property in Grass Valley and in Wasco, presumably for the purpose of having a spot on which to locate their automatic system when the change in telephone systems is made in this county. At Grass Valley the company has bought from Joe Newcomb a half lot back of the blacksmith shop and a little south. In Wasco the lot across the street from the Sherman Garage and Machinery company has been bought. So far as is known the site for the system in Moro has not been purchased.

Budget Meeting Postponed Until Monday, Oct. 23

No budget meeting was held Monday as previously scheduled, as several of those named to the committee and some members of the county court failed to appear. Because a careful reading of the law showed that officers or employees of other municipal corporations were ineligible to serve on the budget committee it was necessary to make a change in the appointive personnel. A. A. Dunlap, now mayor of Grass Valley, could not serve and A. C. Kaseberg, councilman of Wasco, could not. Therefore Amandus von Borstel of Kent and Fred Hennagin of Wasco were named to take their places.

The meeting was postponed until Monday, October 23, at the Court house and it is presumed that the new appointees will be on hand to make up the list of appropriations.

Those wishing to appear for or against appropriations may do so.

Greater Income Tax Returns To Be Used To Lower Property Tax

By A. L. Lindbeck

Occupying the limelight in the Capital this week were announcements by the state tax commission that income tax returns on 1938 earnings would exceed the original estimate by about half a million dollars and that the assessed valuation of properties owned by utilities and utility services had increased in value approximately \$4,000,000.

David Eccles, state budget director, said, however, that the increased income tax returns would have no effect on the impending deficit for the current biennium nor would it affect Gov. Charles A. Sprague's efforts through economies to reduce the deficit. Eccles explained that the amount of the state income tax and the amount taken in above that fixed sum could only be used as an offset to property taxes during the next biennium. The income tax returns despite the increase over the estimated figure, were nearly \$800,000 less than a year ago.

Tax commissioner Wallace S. Wharton, speaking of the increased value of public utilities in the state, made it clear that the value put on the utilities, \$281,000,000, was subject to review. Since September 18 the tax commission has been sitting in review on the 49 protests of assessments which had been registered out of the 1560 assessments made.

The most interesting problem brought out at the hearing was that of taxing rural electrification projects sponsored and financed by the federal rural Electrification administration. The R.E.A. structures apparently made little or no provision for the payment of taxes to the state, although the federal government has not claimed that they should not be taxed. On October 6 a hearing was held on six rural electric companies. None of the six had been in existence a year so there were no operating expenses upon which to make an assessment. The companies contended that they should be taxed on the basis of their earnings but the law provides that they be taxed on an ad valorem basis. Peoples' utility districts will be assessed next year and their tax problems should provide a great deal of argument before they are finally settled.

A. A. Schramm, prominently mentioned as a possible successor to Mark Skinner as state superintendent of banks, narrowed down the field of candidates by announcing that he was not interested in the job. Schramm, who once held the post, said this week that he was content with his private business in Corvallis. Fred S. Lamport of Salem is now the leading candidate for the job, providing Skinner is replaced by a republican.

Only six counties had failed to send state tax commission summaries of assessments this week as the time drew near for determining ratios of assessed to true valuations. When completed the summaries will show how much each county must pay to the state this year, and also what portion of total value of each utility is taxable in each county. The

tardy counties are: Baker, Deschutes, Josephine, Klamath, Lincoln and Marion.

Liquor profits amounting to \$39,427 were distributed to the counties and cities of the state by secretary of state Earl Snell this week. The sum represented their share of the profits for the 3rd quarter of the current year. The bulk of the profits are given to the state public welfare commission to be used for relief purposes.

Oregon will be free of bonded indebtedness in 1946 providing no new issues are made it was announced this week by the state treasurer's office. The present bonded debt is \$138,718,085, of which \$19,675,000 is for veterans' state aid bonds which will be retired in 1951. State highway bonds totaling \$16,841,750 will be wiped out in 1960. The state also owes \$2,120,336 on Oregon district interest obligations and \$81,000 on Oregon farm credit bonds.

Ex-governor Charles H. Martin was honored this week by a group of friends who presented the state with a plaque bearing his likeness and the inscription, "Charles H. Martin, Citizen, Soldier, Member of Congress and Governor of Oregon." The plaque was hung in the basement of the new capitol a location which promptly drew

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Wheat Insurance Finds Favor

There are already four times as many policies written on federal crop insurance in Sherman county as last year, said Clyde Kiddle, state administrator, who was here Tuesday. These policies were taken out with intent to seed the crop this fall although it will be possible for the insured farmers to seed in the spring.

It is estimated that 40 per cent of the acreage is insured and this may be 50 percent before the closing date which is October 30. After that time farmers may insure spring grain.

For the state at large there are more acres and more premiums paid than for the 1939 crop and the administration expects the number to be double that of last year before the final closing date.

SHERMAN COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOLS TO RALLY

Under the leadership of the new county president Prof. Andrew Landles, the Sunday schools of Sherman county will gather for their quarterly meeting next Sunday, October 22nd. The gathering will be held in the Kent Christian church in the afternoon. As usual the various Sunday schools will come with their dinners which will be eaten at one o'clock. This will be followed by a varied program during which each Sunday school will be responsible for at least ten minutes. Much interest is being aroused in this feature and a good attendance is expected.

Spring Wheats Outyield Winter For 10 yr. Period

Fifteen Year Period Shows Winter Wheats Better; Dry Falls Hard To Prophecy

To seed or not to seed has been the problem in the minds of many farmers since October began and with each bank of clouds passing over with little more than a promise of the needed moisture it is still a problem. Now, with the season growing late, it may be a problem even if rain does come.

The records at the station do not indicate that the prejudice against spring wheat should be as strong as it is in the minds of farmers of the older school who feel that winter wheat is the only crop. A compilation of wheat yields for the past fifteen and ten years for six different spring and winter wheat shows that for the fifteen year period winter wheats have averaged 23.6 and spring wheats 22.2. The results of the last ten years have been different as the years have been less favorable from the moisture standpoint. Winter wheat has made an average of 20.7 and spring wheat has averaged 21.9.

The compilation follows:

Wheat	15-yr. Av.	10-yr. Av.
Rio	22.2	20.3
Kharkov	23.5	20.5
Fall Fed.	24.3	21.4
Baart	20.5	20.3
Federation	23.2	22.8
White Fed.	22.9	22.8

Rex wheat has averaged 21.0 bushels for the past ten years but has not been grown long enough for the longer average.

The effect of the moisture content of the soil at seeding time in the fall cannot be so easily gauged as the effect in the spring when the yield can be rather easily judged. Since 1921, excepting the falls of 1927 and 1928 when required were not kept, the average percentage of moisture in the soil at seeding time in the fall has been 9.6. This year on August 31 it was 7.1 and little change has occurred since that time.

This does not necessarily mean a poor crop of fall wheat next harvest for in 1926 there was but 9.2 percent of moisture in the soil and 40.2 bushels of wheat were harvested from the same plot. This, however, was the outstanding exception to the general rule, which is that poor seeding conditions in the fall make a high yield improbable.

The farmer is worrying about whether to seed fall wheat and take chances on its coming up this fall, being rotted by small rainfalls, the excess of weeds that usually accompanies dry seeding, or to wait until spring and take chances on hurried seeding and perhaps the smaller yields of spring wheat. It is a matter that each must solve for himself.

Placement of Workers Speeds Up

Salem led the 21 officers of the Oregon State Employment Service in placements during September, a recapitulation by the central office here disclosed.

The capitol city had 1,813 regular placements for a percentage of 21 of the state total. Portland was second with 1362 or 16 per cent; Eugene had 734, or 8 per cent; and Klamath Falls, 651, or 7 1/2 per cent.

From April 1 to October 1 the service showed a 70 per cent increase over 1938, with breakdown as follows: September, 103 per cent increase; August, 141 per cent; July, 19 per cent increase; June, 43 per cent increase; May, 160 per cent increase; and April, 5 per cent decrease.

The Dalles, covering Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam and Wheeler counties accounted for 51, or .6 per cent of the state total for September.

EXAMINER COMING

All those persons wishing permits or licenses to drive cars may get in touch with the examiner at the Court house, in Moro on Monday, October 23 from 1 p. m. to 5 p. m.