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A LETTER FROM COL. JOHN

The Oregonian last week published a letter from Col. John Leader, in the last war a military advisor to the men who trained the S.I.A.T.C. and student drill corps at the University of Oregon.

Besides reporting that he has finally had his official age reduced to 29 so he can again go to the front, he gave his ideas of the way to settle the fate of Europe after the victory which he apparently feels to be certain for England.

It may be doubted if Col. Leader was in a very serious vein when he wrote that letter. Extreme seriousness seldom overcame his sense of humor, anyway. In any event he is not likely to be one of those who make the peace terms when written. It is possible that he does express a theory held by many Englishmen and if so, comes close to giving a possible war aim as well as it has been done heretofore.

If this nation knew what the combatants are fighting for and what each one would do in case of victory we would be much better able to determine what we would do about the neutrality bill. As it is, no one knows what might come from any course of action.

HOW ABOUT SOME RAIN

Here it is November and no rain. The days are chilly at both ends but at midday it is warm enough for one to whittle along the curb in comfort. That's great weather for November. But the fact remains that fine weather is usually poor weather for wheat growers. We prefer, regardless of physical comfort, a fall in which it rains, a winter that brings deep snow so the roads are mere narrow lanes between huge snowbanks and a cool spring and summer for wheat is not a hot weather plant.

We are complaining now because the weather is too nice. It just isn't wheat weather. There are prophecies aplenty that some of these days it will begin to snow before it rains and we will have winter before there is a chance to seed in wet ground. It may well be and there are years in which that very thing has happened.

It seems hardly likely that the weather man would put two dry years together. The crop season of 1938-39 was the driest on record and this continuation far into the 1939-40 season is adding troubles together in an almost unbearable manner. Let's have some moisture.

RELIABLE RESOLUTIONS

During this month committees composed from farmers from the wheat counties of Oregon will be meeting to discuss problems of the industry and make tentative resolutions to be presented at the fall meeting of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League at Condon, early in December.

The league has a reputation of trying to obtain complete information before passing on any proposal and for that reason has had to recant on but few policies.

It is as true as can be that the only way for an individual or a group to form an opinion that is a real expression of feelings or judgment is to have full information, pro and con, before making a decision. This is what the county committees will be meeting to obtain and while there are many things to discuss and a great number of decisions to be made by the membership they can do a good job in the time allowed.

SCHOOLS

Within a few days the county school redistricting board will get into action in this county. Its

report, and hearings preceding it, will be worth watching. It has the power to consolidate school districts, although a vote may be taken thereafter by the residents of the districts affected.

This county's children suffer, in the minds of most observers, by the smallness of its schools. There have already been many consolidations and not one of the unions have been broken up by later action on the part of the patrons of the schools. This speaks well for the idea of consolidation when once tried and the first prejudice against it has been overcome.

Those parents who want their children to have the privilege of taking manual training, domestic science, Smith-Hughes work and the many other specialized courses now available to high school students in other counties will of necessity be in favor of high school consolidation or very high taxes for school purposes.

Consolidation of districts into a very few or one would bring this a step nearer. Whether it is possible or not depends, certainly, on the state of the public mind regarding it. Members of the board will certainly welcome constructive opinions on the subject they have before them.

DEER

Information we believe to be accurate is to the effect that there are a number of deer in this county. They are along the rivers and in the better protected canyons adjacent thereto.

As it is possible to get over most of this county on horseback, these deer have little protection from those who are able to hunt them when mounted and it seems reasonable that we request the state game commission to protect them by declaring this county a closed area for deer for a few years until they have a chance to multiply. This would give us some deer hunting close to home and would serve to preserve a bit of wild life.

This is one of the very few counties in Oregon where deer are not plentiful and the supply, now very small, could be increased in this manner. The suggestion seems well worthy of action by the local game organizations.

In Other Days

From the Observer, Nov. 5, 1920. The city election resulted in the election of A. M. Wright, F. A. Sayers, and R. S. Goff as councilmen for two years and G. B. Bourhill, W. S. Powell and O. A. Ramsey for the four year terms.

The new city hall was completed this week and the city recorder and marshal finished moving the books of the city to the new building.

From the Observer, Nov. 2, 1900. Capt. Nelson is loading five of his acetylene gas machines for persons at Mitchell with 1250 feet of pipe equipment all turned put by the Moro Manufacturing company.

Kent is beginning to assume the appearance of a suburban city. Two more new buildings, and an addition to B. M. Brown's grocery and post office are just completed. One of the new buildings is for a millinery store and the other is a restaurant and boarding house.

All the carpenters who want employment about Moro are busy now, H. S. McDanel, Sam McDonald, Mr. Peabody, Mitchell & Foss, Mrs. Anderson, J. O. Elrod, R. E. Hoskinson are rushing new buildings.

Claud J. Thompson's team got away from him at the gate as he was returning to Monkland Sunday p. m. after a drive. The horses ran three miles and piled up in a ditch without killing either of them. Three wheels of the buggy were mashed and the top torn off. It was unfortunate that Claud didn't have—with him to hold the team if the gate.

Elwood Thompson is delivering his entire crop of 14,600 bushels of wheat to the DeMoss Union warehouse in horseless wagons. From the Observer, Nov. 4, 1910.

About forty young people from Moro were pleasantly entertained at the L. V. Moore-home Halloween evening. A header box half filled with hay served as a means.

Miss Vivian Strong celebrated her birthday anniversary Sunday at a nice family dinner with some friends at home.

Moro experiment farm has a new machine worthy of the attention of Sherman county farmers. It is a smut cleaning machine. Grass Valley Journal, Nov. 5, 1920.

Next week there will be a meeting at the court house with Chester Grey of the National Farm Bureau as speaker.

Ringling of the fire bell early Sunday morning did not arouse many who thought it was a Halloween prank but the back rooms over the Barnett confectionery nearly burned up before the fire was out.

A. A. Dunlap, Matt Simon, Chas. McCutcheon, Chas. Forrester and Fred Haynes were in The Dalles Tuesday evening attending Elks lodge.

Statehouse Gossip

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tain steady employment will be rewarded by a reduction in their payroll tax.

Opinions as to what constitutes an "adequate reserve" fund as expressed by those attending the hearing, varied widely. Employers generally appeared to favor a small reserve while representatives of the workers inclined toward a large reserve. T. Morris Dunne, chairman of the Unemployment Compensation Commission, gave it as his personal opinion that a reserve of from \$3,500,000 to \$4,000,000 would be adequate to insure the continued solvency of the fund. Other members of the commission thought that the reserve should be larger, as high as \$5,000,000 or even \$6,000,000.

The reserve, when established, will act as a cushion to protect the fund against depletion in times of extraordinary unemployment when benefits might be expected to exceed contributions to the fund, temporarily at least, pending readjustment of the commission's program to meet the emergency situation.

Another and final hearing has been scheduled by the commission for December 6 when a much larger attendance is hoped for.

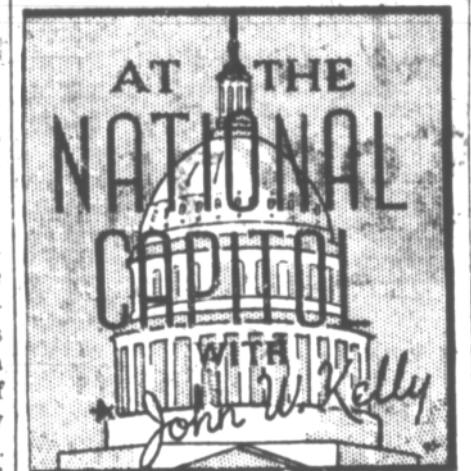
In 1939 forest fire season was officially terminated at noon last Friday through a proclamation by Governor Sprague issued upon the recommendation of State Forester J. W. Ferguson.

Howard S. Merriman of Goshen, Lane County, has been appointed by Governor Sprague as a member of the State Welfare Commission to succeed N. A. Bonn of The Dalles, resigned. Merriman was a former state representative from Lane county.

More than one third of the persons killed in automobile accidents in Oregon during September were pedestrians, it was revealed this week in a report by Secretary of State Earl Snell. Of the 13 pedestrians killed by automobiles during the month a majority were more than 65 years of age.

The excess in actual income tax payments this year over the estimates included by the tax commission in their annual levy does not mean that the state will have any more money to spend, members of the commission explain. Income taxes operate as an offset to levies on property and any excess in collections this year must be taken up in the estimate of 1940 tax payments to be included in the next levy.

A substantial improvement in the employment situation in Oregon is indicated by reports compiled by the state unemployment compensation commission. Only 51,163 claims for jobless insurance were filed during the first nine months of the current year compared to 84,032 claims filed during the same period a year ago. Benefit payments during the first nine months of the current year totaled only \$3,470,261 compared to payments of \$5,021,344 of jobless workers during the first nine months of 1938.

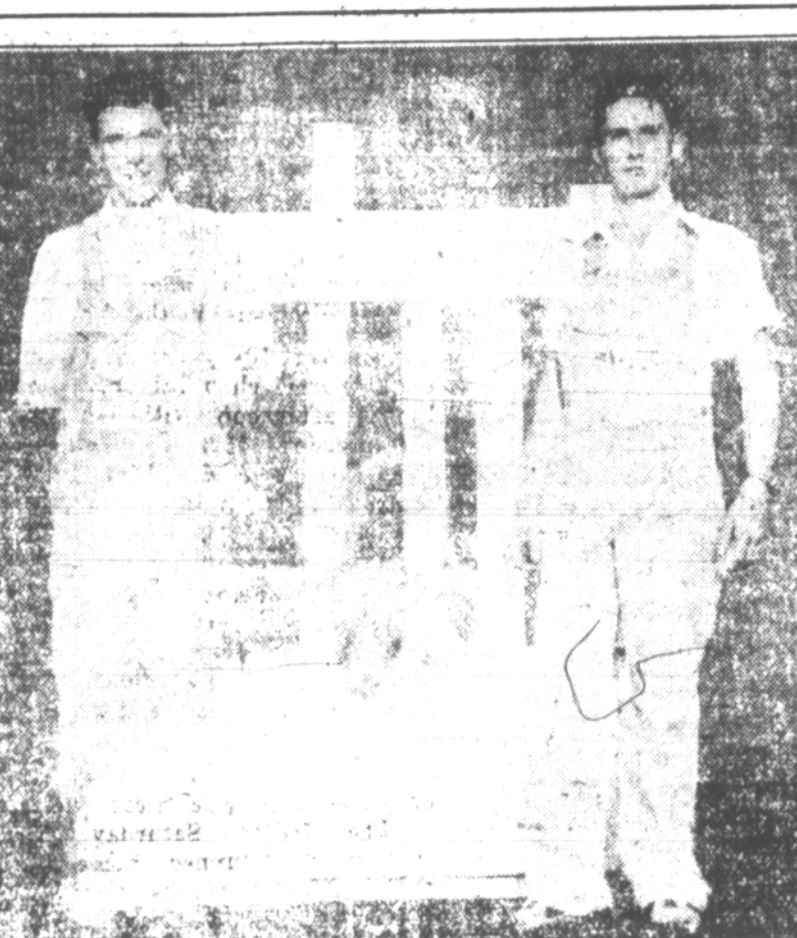


laboratory is to deal with products of the Pacific northwest, such as wheat, potatoes, fruit, vegetables and alfalfa. The government is seeking to learn how these products and waste material at canneries can be utilized in industry and to discover new uses for the commodities. Secretary of Agriculture Wallace warns, however, that it may be several years before any discoveries are made that will be practical and aid the farmers.

To enforce wage-hour law, 500 inspectors will be in the field in a few months, compared with less than 100 now; the litigation branch will increase its staff of lawyers from seven to more than forty.

A business census will be taken in January; the population census next spring. Supervisors of each district will receive training in December. Each district will have a supervisor, an assistant, a stenographer and two clerks. Sufficient enumerators will be employed in each district to count noses. Designers of the towns for district headquarters is made by the bureau of census, which relieves congressmen of making the decision between competing communities.

OREGON 4-H DAIRY TEAM TO WORLD'S FAIR



Modern methods in dairy cattle management reported heads and the Oregon 4-H Dairy Team will represent the state at the World's Fair in London, England. The team consists of the National Champion, a Holstein Friesian, owned by Mrs. J. E. Knicker, and a Jersey, owned by Mrs. J. E. Knicker, and a Jersey, owned by Mrs. J. E. Knicker. The team will be accompanied by a driver and a veterinarian.

Commodity Credit Corporation Has Heavy Investment Here

Special Washington, D. C. Oct. 25.—Commodity Credit Corporation announces that as of October 4, loans had been made on 4,506,000 bushels of wheat in Oregon, of which 4,191,000 bushels were in elevators and 314,000 bushels in farm storage. The loans for Washington were on 8,443,000 bushels, of which 7,848,000 bushels were in elevators. The loans were far greater than last year.

Increased production and somewhat higher general price level compared with 1938 will make Oregon's cash farm income for 1939 larger than last year, although not as large as in 1937, according to L. R. Brelhaert, extension agricultural economist at Oregon State college. Oregon's cash farm income in 1938 was estimated at \$104,300,000 and at \$131,400,000 in 1937.

This information is contained in the October monthly review of the agricultural situation issued by the extension service, which also contains reports on market prospects for apples, potatoes, and turkeys. Copies may be obtained free.

Despite some recession during recent weeks, the Oregon index of the general level of farm prices has moved up substantially as a result of sharp price advances in most of the principal farm products from mid-August to mid-September. The Oregon farm price index gained nine points during this period, bringing the general price level considerably above a year ago. On the whole, it seems probable that the general average of farm prices in Oregon during the full year, 1939, will be around 4 per cent above the rather low average for 1938, according to the report.

Great thoughts of the Chinese people were early put in the form of poetry. Their songs and ballads date back beyond any knowledge of authors.

T. Lester Johnson LAWYER

WASCO MORO

Bethlehem Chapter, No. 78.O.E.S. Moro, Oregon Meets Every Second and Fourth Thursdays in each Month. Visiting members Invited. Rose Amidon, W.M. Ruth Sparling, Secretary.

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Moro, Oregon Meets 2d & 4th Tues. day of each month. Visiting members welcome. Rebekah Wilson, N.G. Florence Johnston, Sec.

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A-F & A-M Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us. A. B. Christianson W. M. C. V. Belknap, Secy.

Moro Lodge No. 113, I.O.O.F. Moro, Oregon Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the I.O.O.F. hall. Truist and visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us. Vernon Miller, N. G. Joe Truist, Secretary.

Blonde Erika of the Folies Bergere at the San Francisco fair is a native of the Austrian Tyrol. Having milked a cow before, she took 3 pounds, 15 ounces of milk from Mary, blooded Jersey to win first prize in the exposition's milking contest.

Kent News

Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson and son Kenneth were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Smith at Moro Sunday.

H. C. Nelson and nephew, Harry Nelson of Bend were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson Monday evening enroute to Connell, Washington to attend the funeral of the former's mother, Mrs. William Nelson, who was buried Wednesday at Connell.

Vivian Fritts of Grass Valley was a weekend visitor at the J. H. Wilson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Smith and daughter Joyce of Mormouth were visitors at the G. S. Shilling home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Olds of Grass Valley were dinner guests at the L. W. Amick home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson and daughter Nellie were dinner guests at the home of Mrs. Ida Davis at Moro Sunday.

W. C. Guyton, Lester Wilson, and J. Decker left Friday for Willowa county, elk hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Amick were dinner guests of Mrs. Grace Gregg Sunday.

Moro Community Presbyterian Church

Church: Sunday, Nov. 5, 1939, 10:00 - Sunday School, Classes for all ages. 11:00 - Morning Worship, 8 men theme, "The Challenge of Participation." Special music, from the Senior Choir. 6:30 - Young People's Meeting led by Miss Reatha Sayers.

7:30 - Evening service, Special from the Junior Choir, Sermon by the pastor. The Senior Choir had an unusually fine practice last Monday night with 20 in attendance. Special plans are being laid for Thanksgiving and Christmas music as well as for functioning each Sunday morning. The Missionary Society will meet next Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Selva Seay.

Henry G. Hanson, Pastor.

Moro Christian Science Society

Church services are held every Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. The subject of the Lesson Service for next Sunday is "Adam and Fallen Man." Sunday School begins at ten o'clock. All those under the age of 20 years are welcome to these classes. The Wednesday evening in singing is at eight o'clock and includes the singing of healing. The reading room in the rear of the church building contains the Bible and other literature. Christian Science literature may be read, borrowed or purchased. All are welcome at these services.

Wasco Methodist Church: Bible School - 10 a. m. Worship Service - 11 a. m. Sermon topic "Lift up your eyes." Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Evening Service at 7:30 p. m. Sermon topic, "What the Bible teaches concerning 'It's Self.'" If you do not attend church elsewhere, we invite you to worship with us.

Evening services will start this Sunday, November 5. Sermon on "What the Bible teaches" will be heard each Sunday evening for several Sundays. The Church needs you, and you need the Church. John 4:35. "Say not ye, There are four months and then cometh the harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white already unto the harvest." Wallace Patrick, Minister.

Wasco Church of Christ: Bible School - 10 a. m. Worship Service - 11 a. m. Sermon topic "Lift up your eyes." Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Evening Service at 7:30 p. m. Sermon topic, "What the Bible teaches concerning 'It's Self.'" If you do not attend church elsewhere, we invite you to worship with us.

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