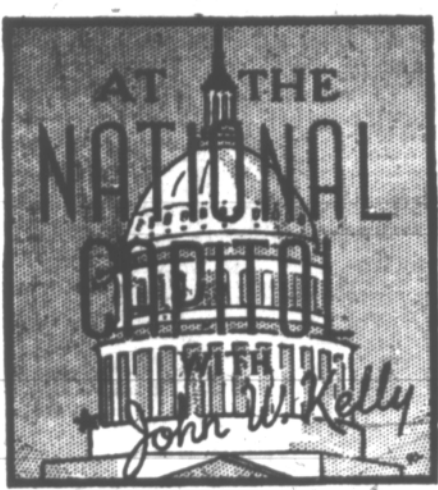


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Washington, D. C.—Great Britain is showing its appreciation for repeal of the embargo (making U. S. an arsenal for the allies) by cancelling concessions to the United States under the trade treaty. It has applied an import embargo on 19 items; controls on 27, and import licenses on 42. Before the reciprocal trade agreement the 88 items represented \$250,808,000 sold by the United States to the British.

On the embargo list, affecting Oregon and Washington, are fresh apples representing \$7,330,000; fresh pears, \$3,426,000; canned asparagus and tomato juice, \$404,000.

On the control list, with value of export before the treaty: Timber, \$16,651,000; wheat, \$8,312,000; feedstuffs, \$483,000; dried fruits, (prunes) \$564,000; canned salmon, \$6,352,000.

Items for which licenses must be obtained: Honey, canned beans, hides, skins.

The reciprocal trade agreement cut down Pacific northwest exports to the United Kingdom; now the British cut out supplies from Oregon and Washington almost entirely.

Unemployment benefits of Social Security board amount to \$9,508,333 in Oregon since January 1, 1938, to the first of the present month. For Washington the board reports payments of \$5,106,980 since last January to November 1. Washington was a year later than Oregon in complying with Social Security requirements. Claims were paid in Oregon to 25,240 persons; in Washington to 27,773 in the past ten months.

Two Oregon state-wide WPA projects have been approved as eligible for funds by the president. One project, estimated to cost \$68,605, is to receive, store and transport packages and account for food and other surplus commodities allocated to state public relief by federal, state or other agencies. The second project, to cost \$27,810, is to transcribe, tabulate and summarize economic and basic data on present land use and tenure, prepare maps, record assessed valuation and distribution of livestock and assemble information on tax delinquency as associated with land use. Sponsor for this project is Oregon State college.

Oregon's 150 acres cultivating cranberries are the most productive of any such acreage in the United States, according to the bureau of agricultural economics. Oregon's acreage is relatively small but highly prolific, an acre averaging 40 barrels, just double the productivity per acre of Washington's 11,000 acres. New Jersey growers are fortunate to pick 3 barrels to the acre.

Federal maritime commission is so disgusted with its experience on the west coast that it plans trying to sell the government's ships which have been leased to private operators and furnishing service between Puget Sound and the orient. Members of the commission explain that they are constantly having disputes with the union, and rather than continue the arguments they prefer withdrawing from active participation in the operation of ship lines out of Pacific coast ports.

On November 1 there were 10,954,000 boxes of apples in cold storage in the United States. Washington State had eight out of every ten of these boxes. Oregon's share of the total was 989,000 boxes.

One of the issues of the campaign next year will be the reciprocal trade agreements. From the Pacific coast to the Mississippi river it will be a live topic. Protest against the way Pacific northwest products have been treated by Secretary of State Hull have been filed by Senators Bone and Schwelbach of Washington, Senators McNary and Holman of

L. R. French Dies In Portland After Brief Illness

Wednesday morning, November 29, death came to L. Roy R. French at his home in Portland. He suffered a stroke of paralysis Friday morning and had been slowly declining until Wednesday.

He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, May 9, 1861, being 78 years of age at the time of his death. He moved with his parents to Michigan when a boy and grew to manhood there in the period of that state's greatest lumber production.

In 1883, he and his family came to Washington where they cleared land on the site of Seattle and in 1884 came to what is now Sherman county to take up land and begin the life of farmer and stockman.

Later he engaged in business in Grass Valley and Moro, owning stores in both towns at different times. For over thirty years he had been dealing in real estate in this county and in Portland where he had lived for the past ten years.

Surviving are his widow, Leola, a daughter, Mrs. N. E. Butkitt of Portland, a son, Giles L. of Moro and four grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Lucy Howard of Boston Mass.

Funeral services will be held in Grass Valley Saturday.

Farmers Asked To Make Application

All farmers in Sherman county expecting to request Farm Security administration assistance for next year's operations are asked to make application before the holiday season to avoid delay, announces Milburn A. Stout, county FSA supervisor, Hall building, Hood River. Funds are now available to meet all current demand for loans.

Eligibility for FSA assistance requires that the farmer has a rent, lease, purchase contract or ownership from the local banks or credit production association to meet his operating needs, and maintain a "going unit." Letters of reference from place of origin is required where farmers have not established legal residence.

The FSA program makes available operating loans for necessary livestock, feed, seed, machinery, household goods, and cooperative facilities; supplemented by practical farm and home plans providing for business-like management and home production of family food needs. Where debt burdens are beyond capacity of the farm to carry, debt adjustment services provide for friendly negotiations between debtor and creditor to reach an equitable solution through refinancing, time extensions or other adjustments.

Applications may be filed at the Hood River office from 8:00 to 4:00 o'clock on every day in the week except Saturday, when the hours are 8:00 to 12:00. Information may be secured by written or personal request.

Christmas Seal Sale Opens Today

Confidence in the success of the Christmas Seal Sale which opens December 1, was expressed by Miss Marjorie Kunsman, county chairman, as final plans for the campaign draw to a close.

She states: "Distribution and purchase are greatly simplified by the method of mailing out the seals. The addressed return envelope is a convenience to the purchaser and the gray bookmark enclosed in each letter will find its place between pages of the best sellers read in the homes. The public has never failed to cooperate in this annual campaign against tuberculosis and the committee is confident that there will be no let down this year."

"Protect Your Home From Tuberculosis" is the theme of this year's campaign. Show your thanks for health by buying your seals now and using them early.

Should you fail to receive seals notify your community committee woman and she will gladly respond to your needs.

Local chairmen are: Mrs. J. M. Wilson, Kent; Miss Cassie Holme, Grass Valley; Mrs. E. H. Moore, Moro; Mrs. H. A. Walker, Wasco; and Mrs. Harland McDonald, Rufus.

Annual Rainfall For 11 Months Lowest Recorded

Ground Moisture Percentage Also Lowest Recorded Since Station Was Started

Tests made by the force of the experiment station at the several places in this area where nurseries are maintained show a very wide variation in the percentages of moisture at seeding time this fall.

The Grizzley plot, in Jefferson county, tops the list with 20% moisture in four feet. Soil there was so wet it could hardly be seeded. Being of a clay type it retains water better than the more porous soils on which most of the wheat of the Columbia basin is grown.

At Moro the moisture percentage was 7.4, the lowest it has been at any seeding time since the station was established here. It was, however, the only one of the plots where six foot tests could be made. At Kent the percentage was 10.1 in three feet, at Madras 9.0, at Mayville 11.8 in three, at Condon 8.2 in four and on Shultz flat 5.4 in four feet.

Although the skies are cloudy, and have been through a large part of November, it has been the driest November in the history of the station—only .03 inches having fallen up to the next to last day of the month.

The entire calendar year has been the driest too, having yielded a mere 4.34 inches since January first. This is about two inches below the previously lowest year.

The normal rainfall for December is 1.64; for January 1.60 and for February 1.14; for March .86. Usually but a half of this amount is retained in the soil. If the normal falls in the next four months the percentage of moisture at the end of March will be but a fraction over ten percent or about the same as in the spring of 1935 when an average of 12.2 bushels was harvested. In 1929 there was 9.5 percent moisture in the spring and the yield averaged 9.3 bushels.

The above indicates as clearly as figures can the need for another winter of the big snow.

Drop In State Bank Balance Nearly \$7,000,000 Says Pearson

A. L. Lindbeck
Cash on hand in the state treasury shows a decline of approximately \$7,000,000 in the past 18 months according to a report by State Treasurer Walter A. Pearson.

From the all time peak of \$16,096,089 reached in May, 1938, deposits and short term investments of inactive state funds had dropped to \$9,099,854 on November 10, 1939, Pearson's report shows. This heavy shrinkage in the cash balances in the treasury are explained by Pearson as due to huge expenditures for relief and to the retirement of outstanding bonds.

The state's bonded debt after payment of bonds due on October 1, last, was \$38,718,085. Interest paid to date on state bonds issued since 1917 amounts to \$46,667,941.57, or \$8,000,000 in excess of the remaining indebtedness.

The motor transport division of the Public Utilities Commission paid a total of \$1,113,923 into the state highway fund during the first ten months of 1939, according to Commissioner O. R. Bean. More than 12,000 motor trucks are licensed by the department.

The Oregon Hydro-Electric commission has set December 29 as the date for hearings on proposals to create Peoples Utility Districts in Clackamas and Yamhill counties. The Clackamas county hearing will be held at the court house in Oregon City at 2:00 p. m. while the Yamhill county hearing is scheduled for Dayton at 8:00 p. m. The proposed Clackamas county district would include all of the settled portions of the county with the exception of the city of Canby. The proposed Yamhill county district would exclude the city of McMinnville and adjacent territory already served by the municipal plant.

While it yet remains for the supreme court to speak the final



What does the future hold for wheat? Charles W. Smith, secretary of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League, tries to read the answer in this crystal bowl filled with wheat, to be given by the league as a trophy to the county in the United States showing best compliance with the federal wheat adjustment program. A representative of the county will be given a free trip to the wheat league's 12th annual convention to be held at Condon, Ore., on December 8 and 9.

Baker County To Represent Oregon

Baker county will carry Oregon honors into the finals of the national wheat acreage compliance contest sponsored by the Eastern Oregon Wheat League when the national winner is determined and announced at the twelfth annual convention of the league in Condon, December 8 and 9.

Twenty-four states submitted county records to the executive committee of the wheat league in connection with the contest. The winning county from each state has its record submitted in the national finals to determine the county in the United States, producing 10,000 acres or more of wheat, which compiled most completely with the federal wheat adjustment program in 1939.

Other county winners on the Pacific coast and in the northwest are Butte county, California; Asotin county, Washington; Latah county, Idaho, and Fallon county, Montana. Oregon counties with records nearly as high as Baker's (Continued on page four)

Wasco Civic Club Hears Fatland, Others

Speaker of House Talks On Problems of State; Littleton, Proudfoot Speak

The Wasco Civic club, with a variety of speakers, who expressed opinions on a number of subjects held an interesting meeting Monday night at the Sherman hotel with one of the largest crowds in the history of the organization present.

First introduced was L. A. Littleton, manager of the United States National bank in the Dalles, who reviewed the organization of his bank and spoke of the services it may provide for its customers in this territory.

E. R. Fatland, speaker of the Oregon house of representatives, was next introduced. He talked of the size of the states' business and commented on the fact that it was carried on largely by men who work part time and who do the work as a side line or a hobby.

The responsibility for government, regardless of elected or appointive officers, rests in the hands of the people and whether government is good or bad depends on them.

He reviewed a number of the problems of the state mentioning especially the transportation problem which is a three way fight between the railroads the trucks and the waterways. Tourists are a source of income in this state directly attributable to the development of highways, he said.

The speaker urged care in voting PUD districts and full understanding of the problems involved in whatever measures are put to the people.

In reviewing the relief situation he noted the appropriation made at the last session which was \$21,600,000 comprised of federal, state and county funds and warned that if there was not discussion used the growth of this demand would eventually swamp the finances of the state.

Harry Proudfoot, president of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League told of the preparations being made for the annual meeting at Condon the 8-9 of December giving especial emphasis to the contest for most complete acceptance of the federal program. Twenty-six states are expected to send representatives to the meeting to vie for the bowl of wheat that is being given to the county in the United States that has followed the wishes of the federal government most religiously.

The farm problem, said Mr. Proudfoot, will not be settled in this county, this state or probably not in this nation, but the opinions of farmers here may have a bearing on that solution.

Golden Wedding For N. W. Thompsons Held

A reception in honor of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Thompson on their fiftieth wedding anniversary was attended by about 150 friends and relatives who called during the afternoon to pay tribute to the long wedded Sherman county pioneers.

On Thanksgiving day, back in 1889, N. W. Thompson, then a young farmer, led Miss Ella Thompson to the altar of the Spaulding chapel in Hay Canyon. During the fifty years that have elapsed they have watched their family grow up and have taken an active part in the development of the county.

Their three children were all present, Grace of Hillsboro, Frances of Moro and Harvey of Donaid, with their families. Mrs. Thompson's sisters and her brother, came with members of their families and the Thompson family, a large part of which lives near Moro, were present.

About forty members of their family had dinner at the home before the reception started at 2:30 and the Odd-Fellows hall was filled from then until 5, with friends who called. A fireplace set, a gift of the community, was presented to the couple by Walker Ruggles and Mrs. Thompson made appropriate response. At the close of the afternoon Mr. Thompson voiced his appreciation of the occasion.

E. Owen Thompson, brother of

Milk Control Board Holds Hearing Here

A. E. Engbretson and Glen B. Marsh, members of the Oregon Milk Control board, accompanied by a stenographer, Miss Whiting, held a public hearing at the court house Tuesday morning for the purpose of obtaining evidence relating to the advisability of keeping this county under the requirements of the milk control law.

Mr. Engbretson, as chairman, opened an informal discussion during which each one present had his or her chance to express approval or disapproval of the law and its operation here. Dairymen and consumers were consulted.

Formal testimony was then taken with few availing themselves of the chance to make a statement. Arguments opposing the continuance of the board in this area were that the dairymen are not equipped to stabilize their milk, and that it is unnecessary, conditions here are different than in the dairy counties and the law does not fit our conditions, it is too difficult to administer the law here and there has been no enforcement. Dairymen expressed themselves as desiring enforcement if it could keep out the one cow dairy that provides most of the serious competition. The chairman explained that the law does not include the owner of but one cow.

M. Clarke Webb, sanitary inspector for this district was present at the meeting. All regulations regarding cleanliness are in his hands and not under the milk control board.

Lois Bryant Married In Eugene Church

An event of Sunday afternoon at four o'clock was the wedding of Miss Lois Bryant, daughter of Mrs. Elva Bryant of Hood River, and Ethan Lee Newman, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Newman of Eugene.

The service was read by Reverend Ernest S. Bartlam, rector, in the chapel of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, at Eugene. Candelabra lighted the altar, flanked by standards of white chrysanthemums.

The bride wore a gown of ivory brocade with short train. The full, shirred sleeves were long and pointed at the wrist, and the collar was of hand-made point lace. Her full-length illusion veil was held by a tiara of bouvardia, and she carried a white prayer book with streamers of bouvardia tied to white satin ribbons.

Miss Helen Bryant, sister of the bride, of Portland, was maid of honor and wore a gown of turquoise taffeta fashioned with heart shaped neck-line, puffed sleeves, and a slight bustle. The bridesmaids, Miss Elaine Newman, sister of the groom, Eugene, and Miss Ruth Bryant, sister of the bride, Portland, both wore frocks of wine taffeta made with full, bouffant skirts, heart shaped neck lines, and puffed sleeves.

Mrs. Huntington Young at the organ played Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata," Bartlett's "Andante," and Macfarlane's "Serenade" preceding the ceremony, and the traditional wedding marches from "Lohengrin" and by Mendelssohn. "Oh, Perfect Love" was played softly as background for the reading of the wedding service.

Following the wedding, a small reception for the wedding party, members of the immediate family, and a few close friends was held at the home of Mrs. O. E. Parsons, 1020 Mill Race Drive. The serving table was prettily appointed in white, silver and green, being centered by the bride's cross-shaped cake, with an edging of white pom-pom chrysanthemums, and flanked with white tapers. Mrs. O. A. Ramsey of Moro, poured.

For her going away apparel, the bride wore a two piece outfit of forest green wool, the eton jacket having lapels trimmed in sheared beaver. Her hat was a close fitting model in forest green suede. A single gardenia surrounded by violets completed her costume.

Mrs. Newman is a graduate of Whitman college at Walla Walla, Washington, and a member of Delta Delta Delta. Mr. Newman is a graduate of the University of Oregon.

After a short wedding trip, the young couple will be at home at 379 East Tenth Street in Eugene.

Budget Hearing Causes Drop \$700 In Levy

Mandatory Dropping of Inland Empire Waterways Fund Biggest Cut

With a reduction of \$700 the budget for Sherman county for 1940 was passed by the county court Monday after a lengthy discussion of several items by interested tax payers who attended the meeting.

A lengthy discussion was held about the budget for the county agent, and information about the method of financing the extension service in each county given those present. Finally an increase of \$150 over the 1939 budget was made instead of an increase of \$300 as allowed in the published budget. This was passed with the understanding that the county's appropriation would result in a raise of salary for the office assistant of the county agent.

At noon adjournment the debate on the salary of the county school superintendent had reached a climax. At the beginning of the afternoon session it was decided to place the item for office help at \$600 instead of \$700 as set in the published budget. There was more discussion on this item than any other in the entire list of appropriations.

An increase of \$50 was made in the budget for the county health nurse to make it \$650 instead of \$600 upon an explanation by Mrs. Policy that it would be necessary to have \$750 for six months nursing service instead of \$600 as stated in the first meeting. The health association will raise \$100 and the county \$650 to provide the desired sum.

The relief budget was passed as published.

\$500 Taken Off

The item of \$500 for the Inland Empire Waterways association was removed from the budget because of an opinion by the attorney general which held that such appropriations were illegal in Oregon. A letter from the Union Pacific railroad was read stating that that company might find it impossible to pay taxes if this item was included. The railroads, naturally, have not been friendly to the work of the inland empire waterways group.

A switch was made in the emergency appropriation and the road fund which made the emergency fund stand at \$7000 instead of \$12000 and raised the road fund to \$22,800 from \$17,800. The court agreed that its intention had been to use this money for road purposes and that putting it into the road fund was done for the purpose of making their actions more definite.

Total result of the meeting was a reduction of \$150 in the county agent's budget, \$100 in that for the school superintendent and \$500 in that for the waterways group. Only raise was for health work, thus a decrease of \$700 was made.

The burden of speaking for the taxpayers was borne by J. B. Adams who expressed the attitude that real property taxpayers could not continue to carry the load of taxes if they continue to mount each year.

Auxiliary To Send Clothing Away

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet December 6, Wednesday, at the home of Mrs. M. A. Bull at 10:00 a. m. for the purpose of sewing on five Red Cross dresses. Donations for the bazaar which will be held later in the week will be received at that time. It is hoped that it will be possible to send the Christmas presents of clothing, for boys and girls over ten years of age, to Portland by Monday and those contributing may leave them with Percy Thompson today and tomorrow.

SHERMAN COUNTY HAS GOOD RECORD

Dr. C. L. Poley has just received word that Sherman county is the only county in the state of Oregon that hasn't had a maternal death in the last five years.

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