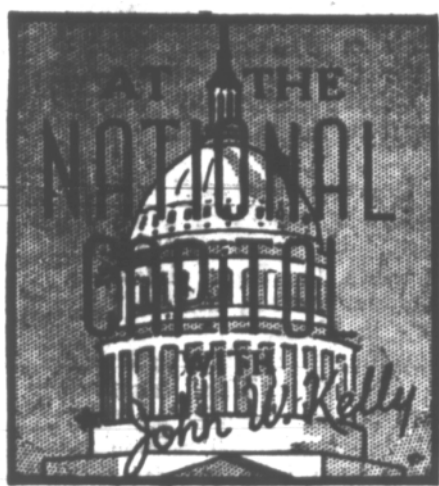


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Washington D.C. March 21 — People of the general type in the Vale-Owyhee area will be used to colonize the 1,200,000 acres of the Columbia basin. Mostly they are poorly financed but are willing to work and establish homes. Without any advertising, the 600 families in that area have been canvassed until everything is known about them: their background, former occupation, number of children, finances, where they came from.

From data thus assembled, government officials are attempting to work out a plan which will be applied to prospective settlers at Grand Coulee. The plan will estimate what it will cost a settler to start with and keep his family until crops can be grown. Also the plan will provide a recommendation on how the necessary finances can be raised, the money being loaned from some government agency with ample time granted for repayment.

A survey indicates that there are enough migrant families in Washington, Oregon and Idaho to settle 50,000 farms in Columbia basin.

Pinch of the war in Europe is being felt increasingly in the Pacific northwest, despite the neutrality law. First to feel the disruption and loss of business were the growers of apples and pears. Then the lumber industry received an additional jolt as exports were curtailed. Now England and France have placed a regulation against the importation of canned goods, such as are produced in the packing plants of Oregon and Washington and which had a market in those belligerent countries.

Anti Japanese propaganda and talk of embargoes against Japan have subsided to a marked degree in the national capital, and no longer is there even discussion of the abrogation of the trade treaty. Very friendly commercial relations continue to exist between the two nations and business goes on as if nothing had happened.

President will probably have an opportunity to veto a rivers and harbors measure. The chief executive informed senate leaders that he does not want such a bill this year as the money can be used for other purposes, such as army and navy. There are so many rivers and harbors projects however, a number in Washington and Oregon, which are needed by various communities that a bill will be prepared and very likely will pass. Then if the president doesn't like it he can affix his veto. There are members of congress who feel that this country needs other things as well as warships. For example, one of the proposed super battleships costs almost as much as all the money voted for the department of the interior (reclamation, fish, etc., etc.) which is \$119,000,000.

For some unexplained reason, the report of the bureau of public roads dealing with inter-regional highways "of military importance" has not been filed. This report was to show the advisability of a super highway from Boise down the Columbia river, and from Tacoma through Oregon on the route of the Pacific highway War department would like these routes of military importance but does not want the money for them to come out of appropriations for the army.

Senator McCarren, Nevada, is asking for a senatorial investigation of the administration of public lands in the 11 public land states of the far west. The inquiry would also include a quiz of the Resettlement Administration and Farm Security Administration concerning their withdrawal of so-called submarginal lands. The senator implies that all is not on the up and up in the administration of the Taylor grazing act (11,978,370 such acres in Oregon, which includes 1,800,000 acres of state lands; no grazing).

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## Arizona Indians Renounce 'Desecrated' Swastika



Four tribes of Arizona Indians, the Navajos, Papagos, Apaches, and Hopis, through their head men at the Indian conclave in Tucson, have banned use of the swastika from all designs in their basket weaving and blanket making. The use of the swastika by the Nazi party and the Indian's resentment against "acts of oppression" by the Nazi government was given as reason for their action. Florence Smiley, a Navajo girl, signs the parchment document drawn up by one of the Indian artists.

## Crop Loan Wheat Being Moved Now

Oregon farmers who took out federal crop loans on their 1939 wheat harvest gradually are placing their grain on the market, and to date have liquidated about two thirds of their loans, according to Edgar L. Ludwick of Corvallis, supervisor of the loan program for Pacific northwest states.

Loans were made to Oregon farmers on 5,650,000 bushels of wheat. To date, approximately 3,500,000 bushels have been liquidated, Ludwick said.

He also stated that Washington and northern Idaho have a similar percentage of loan wheat released with southern Idaho, Utah and California showing favorably.

The loan program has been of material assistance, Ludwick declared, for growers have been able to sell their liquidated wheat at an average price of about ten cents above loan value. Without the loan, many of them would have been forced to sell their wheat at harvest time, taking the lower price then prevailing, he said.

Orderly marketing of the loan wheat has kept markets from becoming depressed, Ludwick observed. He expects farmers to continue marketing their loan wheat throughout the next few weeks, since all 1939 loans mature on April 30. Growers whose loan wheat is stored on their farms under seal may renew the loans and have their bins resealed. About two and a half million bushels of wheat is stored on farms in the Pacific northwest.

## Sherman County Wins Seal Sale Cup

Sherman county has again surpassed all counties in the state by buying the most T. B. seals per capita, or 15.7 seals per person. The health association will be presented with a silver cup for the third successive year at the state medical meeting to be held in Bend April 2 and 3.

The 1939 seal sale for Sherman county was closed last week, the gross sale totaling \$467.83. Seventy-five percent or \$350.87 will remain in the county for utilization by the Sherman County Health association which sponsors both pre-school and school children, tuberculosis, diphtheria and smallpox tests and medical supplies for use in clinics. The association also furnishes doctors who conduct the clinics and pays \$100 toward the cost of a part-time county health nurse. The state association will receive 25 percent or \$116.96 to help pay for costs of the campaign.

Lynn Harris of the farm crops department of Oregon State college, who is working with weed control methods, was here Wednesday to visit at the experiment station.

## Oregon's Income Tax Returns Higher This Year Says Commission

By A. L. Lindbeck

Salem, Ore. March 21—Residents of Oregon enjoyed a greater measure of prosperity in 1939 than they did in 1938 if income tax returns can be accepted as a reliable barometer.

A study just completed by Tax Commissioner Earl Fisher shows that net incomes of individuals reporting to the commission in this state are running approximately 16.47 percent higher than the incomes of the same individuals the previous year.

Tax payments are also higher not only because the net incomes are larger but because of the boost in the tax rate by the last legislature. Commissioner Fisher's study made from tax returns taken at random from the files of the department shows that although individuals in the low income bracket—under \$2,000 net—enjoyed an increase of 8.47 percent in their income in 1939 they actually paid less taxes by 7.73 percent on their 1939 income than they did on their 1938 income. Individuals in the medium salary bracket—\$2,000 to \$4,000—were not so fortunate. While they show an increase of 15.21 percent in income their tax payments have increased by 43.84 percent. And in the \$4,000-\$7,000 income bracket with incomes 36.28 higher in 1939 than in 1938 tax payments were 80.22 percent greater this year than last.

Property owners are offered a bit of comfort in Fisher's report which shows that except for the income tax they would be paying 6.4 mills more toward the support of the state government this year. All told, since the present income tax became operative in 1930 revenues from this source have aggregated \$35,051,188.02, all of which has gone toward reduction of the property tax levy. Commissioner Fisher pointed out.

The Oregon Pension Federation initiated its own pension measure this week. The measure seeks to insure all persons over 65 years of age of an income of \$40 a month. That is if an aged person has an income under this amount the difference is to be made up through a pension to be shared equally by the state and federal governments. No proposal for raising the necessary revenue to finance such a program is included in the measure, the sponsors insisting this is a function of the legislature.

Members of the Oregon national guard will probably put in three full weeks of intensive training this year instead of the customary two weeks according to information from guard headquarters in Salem. Furthermore the training which will take place probably in August will be held at some other point than Camp Clatsop. This information tends to confirm rumors current lately that the guard units of all northwest states will probably train this year at Fort Lewis where they will engage in "army maneuvers" in cooperation with regular army troops. Major Gen-

eral George A. White, commander of the 41st division is now in Washington, D.C. attending a conference of division commanders where it is understood the training program is under consideration.

Governor Sprague who this week asked for the resignations of the members of the San Francisco World's fair commission has said he would not appoint a new commission unless and until the State Emergency Board has approved an appropriation to finance an Oregon exhibit at the 1940 fair. The commission has presented a tentative budget calling for the expenditure of \$35,000 for the 1940 exhibit but Budget Director Eccles has trimmed this to \$20,000 of which the Emergency Board will be asked to provide \$10,000 with the highway commission providing the other \$10,000 from its tourist travel information fund.

With only ten days remaining until the doors will close on the entries for the primary race, filings of candidates have hit a decidedly faster tempo this week—a tempo that can be expected

## Grass Valley Church To Give Concert

A concert for the benefit of the Baptist church building fund will be held in the Grass Valley auditorium Saturday April 6. Arrangements have been made to bring former Grass Valley residents who have had training elsewhere return for the concert. Among them will be Mrs. Ellen Cox Roberts of Corvallis and Dale Baker of Battleground, Wash. Two sisters of Rev. Gerald Dryden, Joan who plays the violin and Cara, who plays the vibraharp will be here and Max Peck of Portland who has been here before will come.

The purpose of the concert is to raise funds for the rebuilding of the Baptist church at Grass Valley which was destroyed by fire last year.

## Health Association Will Meet Thursday

The Sherman county health association will hold a meeting next Thursday afternoon, March 28, at two o'clock at the court house. Dr. M. C. Davis of the state public health board will be here to tell members of the work being done in other counties of Oregon. In addition to the talk by Mr. Davis election of officers will be held. Mrs. Theo von Borstel of Kent is present president and Mrs. C. L. Poley of Moro is secretary.

Frank Sayrs, Vivian Fuller, Robert Gilmore, Dean Pinkerton, Jim Futter, Lawrence Kenny are home from OSC for spring vacation as is Carl Peetz from the University.

## Moisture Tests Show Soil Well Soaked

Wasco Farms Tested

First; Others To

Be Made Next Week

First moisture tests of the 1940 season have been gathered, weighed, dried and re-weighed to give the first information from a scientific standpoint of the percentage of moisture in Sherman county soil this spring.

These soil samples were taken from fields near Wasco a week or so ago and are not directly comparable with the usual tests made each spring from soil on the experiment station.

Everyone realizes that last fall the earth was dry, very dry, and although the months of December, January and February were wet enough to suit a duck it was all needed to bring the moisture up to a satisfactory level.

Tests as usual were made to a depth of six feet and the four of them showed an average of 13.4 percent of moisture. On the Albert Kaseberg farm the moisture showed just 13.4. Haggy Proudfoot's had 13.2, Lyle Barnett's 13.7, and on L. P. Haven's Sharpsteen place it was 13.3.

The sixth foot was generally much drier than the first five, which may be readily accounted for by the lateness of the moisture, which did not permit it to penetrate to the sixth foot at the time the tests were taken. The sixth foot averaged 8.3.

The Proudfoot place had 17.8 percent in the first foot and 16.5 in the second for the highest surface moisture, although the lower depths were drier, indicating slower penetration.

If the average season is experienced and the records of past years can be taken as a criterion this presages a crop of around 30 bushels to the acre. This will not be bad at all when the drought of 1939 is taken into consideration.

Further moisture tests will be taken by M. M. Oveson, head of the experiment station, as soon as the work of seeding has been accomplished.

## Woman's Club Play

The group of Wasco players who presented "It Happened One Night" appeared at the school gymnasium Monday night to give the play here under the auspices of the Moro Women's club.

There was nothing very serious or heavy about the plot of the play but as an amusing incident in the life of the Tanker family it brought many laughs. Bill Clothier, as the father of the house, starred with his many funny lines and capable acting. Lois Hildebrand as his wife and Georgia Bracken as his daughter showed themselves well able to direct him at will. Glenn Van Gilder as a suitor, temporarily butting, added to the confusion. Cleone Kirkelle was the maid and Mrs. Afton McIntyre a negro cook.

## Cooking Expert To Come To Wasco To Conduct School

Miss Esther Nuernberger who comes from the Home Service kitchens of General Electric institute at Nela Park, Cleveland, to conduct cooking demonstrations in Wasco on Wednesday, March 27th ranks among the leading home economists of the country.

Her appearance in Wasco was arranged by the General Electric company in co-operation with General Electric's Home Service section. Demonstrations to which housewives of Sherman County are invited will begin at 2:00 p.m. As a General Electric home economist, Miss Nuernberger tests recipes and kitchen equipment in the famous G-E Institute, and makes lecture tours to leading cities.

Before joining the General Electric staff, she had charge of the Home Service department of the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power company in Lincoln, Nebraska for ten years. There she conducted all phases of home service including home lighting, kitchen planning, and cooking.

## Larry Cries In Jail; Confess To Robbery

Larry Cries, 28, whose home is at Reedsport, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Roy Wells Thursday morning and lodged in the county jail by Wells and Sheriff Wilson, charged with breaking into and stealing money from the Gus Smith pool hall at Grass Valley and stealing a horse from Dick Reckmann.

According to Cries' statement he came up the Deschutes to Maupin and walked back to the Twin Tunnels before striking up over the hill to Reckmann's sheep camp where he stole a horse and saddle. Riding to Grass Valley he broke into the pool hall, opened the safe, took some food and went to the railroad yards where he went to sleep in a box car.

He had started to leave the country when he was apprehended. He is said to have served one term in the Oregon penitentiary. He formerly worked for Gus Smith.

## Easter Cantata Will Be Presented

An Easter Cantata, "Easter Angels" will be sung by the choir of the Moro Presbyterian church next Sunday evening, March 24 at 7:30 at the church. The program will be as follows: Processional "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" Junior and senior choirs.

Invocation, Rev. Henry G. Hansen The Children's Hosanna and Hosanna to our Saviour King by junior choir; Piano Introduction, Mrs. Martin Melzer, accompanist; Angel Guards, (Baritone solo and women's chorus) Tom Fraser; The Angels at Gethsemane, (Chorus and soprano solo) Mrs. Lloyd Hennagin; The Wondering Angels at Calvary, (Chorus and soprano solo) Mrs. J. K. McKean; Rock of Ages, (Alto and baritone duet) Mrs. Irving Hart and Tom Fraser; The Angels of the Resurrection, (Tenor solo and chorus) Mr. R. N. McGlasson; The Victory is Won, Chorus; Scripture and prayer, Mr. Hanson; Offertory, Mrs. Melzer; Thou Art Gone up on High, (Baritone solo and chorus) Mr. Tom Fraser; Joy in the Mansions of Light, (Contralto solo and women's chorus) Mrs. H. B. Pinkerton; The Angel's Adoration, (Tenor solo and final chorus) Mr. R. N. McGlasson; The Old Rugged Cross, Junior and senior choirs, Benediction, Mr. Hanson; Recessional, Mrs. Melzer. Mrs. Russell Hollinshead is director of the chorus and choirs.

## Many Children Treated At Health Clinic

The child health conferences held in this county March 11 to 13 brought 58 children of infant and pre-school age for the examination. Of these 11 were vaccinated for smallpox and 22 were given their first immunization for diphtheria. Twelve were given the Schick test, according to information given out by Miss Lucille Vale, county health nurse.

## Woman's Club Meets

March 15

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Following a brief business meeting Mrs. Darwin VanGilder told something of the home and showed several pictures of the work there. Mrs. Ramsey told briefly of the visit she made there a few years ago.

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The next meeting will be April 5, when Public Health and Safety will be the topic.

## Registration Ends For Primaries; Republicans Lead

Loss Suffered By

Both Parties But

Republicans Lose Most

Registration of voters for the special election to be held April 16 ended last Saturday night. Because the special election and the primary come so close together this year it will be impossible to again until after May 17.

The list of voters who are eligible to cast ballots at the two elections has therefore been made up. The following figures from the county clerk's office show the number of voters and their political affiliation.

Rufus has 66 republicans, 75 democrats and one socialist; Locust Grove has 50 republicans, 52 democrats; Klondike has 44 republicans, 47 democrats; Monland has 64 republicans, 28 democrats; and two independents; Rutledge has 36 republicans and 9 democrats; Kent has 99 republicans and 39 democrats; Grass Valley 116 republicans and 83 democrats; Moro 184 republicans 107 democrats and 3 non-partisan; and Wasco has 113 republicans, 74 democrats, 2 socialists and 2 independents.

This makes the totals for the county 772 members of the republican party, 514 democrats, 3 socialists, 4 independents and 8 non-partisan, for a total of 1296 eligible voters who may decide the elections.

Before the primary election of 1938 834 republicans were registered and 538 democrats and 14 non-partisan or others. All divisions of political faith have lost in numbers since then, largely because of deletions from the rolls and the earlier registration of this year made necessary by the special election.

## Breakfast Club Decides On Clean-up Day

Entertained by a delightful skit in which Jerry Cunliff acted the part of a travelling non-gentle gentleman the Breakfast club met Wednesday morning and listened to some rather pertinent criticism of the city through the eye of a stranger.

Business of the meeting had to do with the federal appropriation for the experiment station and a proposal from The Dalles-Wasco county chamber of commerce relative to the putting up of highway signs along the route of the highway south to California.

A committee was named to set a date for the annual clean-up day and some suggestions were made about what should be done on that day.

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