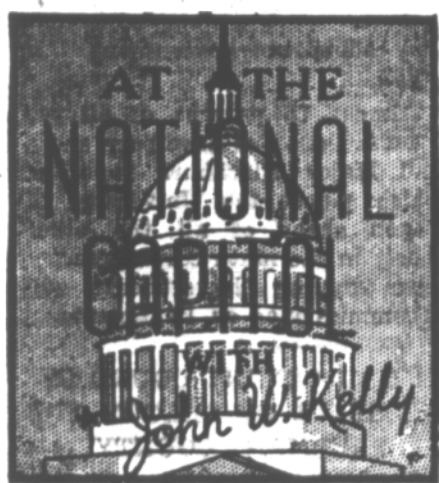


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Washington, D. C., May 1.—It has not been announced yet, but the department of agriculture plans increasing the acreage of hairy vetch and Austrian winter peas for the crop year of 1941 to bring in an additional million dollars revenue. Under the soil conservation program the department looks to the two states for its principal supply of vetch and peas used to be used in building up the depleted soil of the southern states.

In Oregon, alone, 45,000 acres are in hairy vetch this year, with estimated yield of 11,025,000 lbs. or 245 pounds to the acre on a four-year average. Austrian winter peas consist of 60,000 acres, with estimated yield of 41,700,000 pounds. These crops brought \$1,477,443 in 1939, will bring \$2,455,662 this year. The department wants to see another million added next year.

Official guarantee is 3 cents a pound for Austrian winter peas and 7.25 cents a pound for hairy vetch. There are possibly 250,000 acres in Hungarian vetch in Oregon and Washington and while there is no guaranteed price for this type, the department states it will probably bring 5 cents or better a pound.

Some time in June inland producers will feel the effect of the shortage of vessels needed to carry shipments between the Pacific northwest and the Atlantic coast, the maritime commission has been informed by citizens of that region. These westerners asserted that farmers growing peas for canning, the flour mills of the interior, the pulp mills and wool growers and producers of other commodities which must move by water will find the shortage of cargo space a serious obstacle. Many shippers are already at their wit's end.

In a session of many bitter fights one of the most intense is raging this week over a proposed amendment to the wage-hours act which, if adopted, will effect the income of probably 60,000 or more men and women in the two northwestern states. Specifically, the Barden amendments would apply to every employee in a cannery or packing plant; pickers in hopyards; labor in the orchards; those handling grease wool or mohair; labor in the poultry yards and in handling eggs and all lumber operations or sawmills where less than 15 men are employed.

President Roosevelt has expressed his disapproval of exempting these classes, explaining that they are the lowest paid and are more in need of the protection afforded by minimum wages and maximum hours. Contentions of those advocating the amendments is that most of the groups are in highly seasonal occupations, dealing with perishable commodities when hours must be disregarded if the fruit and vegetables are to be saved.

Dream of grain growers of the Inland Empire for cheap water transportation may be indefinitely delayed if congress enacts the bill placing control of water transportation, which means rates, in the interstate commerce commission, which now regulates railroad rates. All boats which are common carriers come under the act must, like motor trucks, apply for a certificate of convenience and necessity. The ICC is not likely to permit freight rates on the Columbia river to be appreciably lower than rail rates. That has been the history of motor transportation since it was turned over to the ICC.

Tentative plans for President Roosevelt's swing to the Pacific coast in June include a stop at the great Shasta dam, south of the Oregon line, which is a conservation project for flood control, irrigation and power. There is to be a brief visit to Bonneville, then to Olympic national park. The president will dedicate the park. He, recently, by executive order, increased the area of the park and there is considerable protest against it.

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Women Leaders Plan 1940 Centennial Congress



Problems concerned with the advancement of mankind, achievements of women during the past 100 years and the present status of women will be studied by delegates to the Woman's Centennial congress late in 1940. Planning the New York meeting in November are (seated) Miss Josephine Schain, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, Miss Henrietta Roelofs and Miss Mary W. Hilger. Standing: Mrs. Helsey Wilson, Miss Alta H. Wilson and Mrs. Albin Johnson. Other leaders are Pearl S. Buck, Frances Perkins and Dorothy Canfield Fisher.

Wasco Defeats Fossil In First Baseball Game

The Wasco baseball entry in the Wheatland-Timber league won its first start last Sunday on the local diamond when Fossil was defeated by a score of 10 to 1. The game was originally scheduled for Fossil but was brought to Wasco because of rain in the Wheeler county metropolis.

Winning pitcher was Jensen who has been chucking for Wasco for the past two or three years. He fanned 14 Fossillites and allowed but two hits during the nine innings.

In the mean time the locals were bawling out ten hits for as many runs although a rally in the sixth inning accounted for most of the scoring.

The schedule for games in the league is in process of being changed so it is not known when the next game will be played. Condon and Kinzua are the other entries in the league.

The Box-score:

Wasco	RH	Fossil	RH
Kirkelle, B	2 1	Philbrick, S	0 0
McKean, M	2 1	Miller, M	0 0
O'Meara, M	1 2	Jackson, J	1 0
O'Meara, L	1 2	Prindle, L	0 1
VanGilder, R	1 0	Royce, R	0 1
Watkins, W	1 0	Conklin, C	3 0
Spencer, S	0 0	Meisner, M	2 0
Williams, W	2 1	Blann, B	0 0
Jensen, J	1 1	Jobe, J	3 0
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Declamatory Contest Won By Moro

The fifteen children who emerged as final contestants from the 170 who entered the speaking contests in this county met at Rufus Tuesday night for the finals. Each of the three divisions had a full quota of five contestants.

Winner in the first division comprising the first three grades was Wily Knight of Moro who's declamation was entitled "A Small Boy's Troubles"; second was Lorraine Millard of Rufus and third, Leon Moore of Grass Valley.

The second division, fourth, fifth and sixth grade youngsters, was won by Dick Oveson of Moro, speaking "Smoky Blues." Mary Louise von Borstel of Kent was second and Eileen Lemley of Grass Valley third.

In the seventh and eighth grade division the judge could not decide between Patty French of Moro and Cleo Lafoon of Kent and awarded them both the first place. Patty spoke "Aunt Minnie Gets Her Face Lifted" and Cleo spoke "Vera At the Vaudeville." Mary Lou Zevely of Grass Valley was second and Patsy Edwards, substituting for Leland Schwendel of Wasco was third.

Mrs. R. C. Chisam of The Dalles was judge.

Earl Thompson, field man for the AIAA, is here today checking up with local administrators.

Two More Measures Filed At Salem For November Vote

By A. L. Lindbeck

Salem, Or., May 1.—Preliminary petitions for two more initiative measures were filed with Secretary of State Snell this week.

One of these, sponsored by the Anti-Liquor League of Oregon, the Oregon Women's Christian Temperance Union and others, provides for a law that would confine the sale of all liquors of more than one half of one per cent of alcohol by weight to state liquor stores.

The other proposed initiative, sponsored by the C.I.O., seeks to write several important amendments into the unemployment compensation act. One of the proposed amendments would extend the act to cover all employers of labor regardless of the number employed; another would increase the weekly benefits paid to temporarily jobless workers and a third would reduce the waiting period before benefit payments begin. The measure would also make the Unemployment Compensation commissioners elective instead of appointive and fix their salaries at \$4200 a year.

The Oregon Commonwealth Federation, meeting in Salem Sunday, voted to write in the name of Robert M. LaFollette of Wisconsin as candidate for vice president on the Democratic ticket. The session throughout was strongly "Roosevelt" and "third term" and the president's candidacy was endorsed with out debate. The convention withheld any endorsement for national committeemen, balking at both Howard Latourette and Flavel Temple and withheld any endorsement of Bruce Spaulding for attorney general because he was regarded as a "lieutenant" of General Martin, and of Col. C. A. Robertson of West Salem for Congress. Endorsements of the convention included Lyman Ross of Washington county for state treasurer; Walter M. Pierce of LaGrande for Congress from the second district, and Nan Wood Honeyman of Portland for Congress from the third district.

Secretary of State Snell has picked the color combination for Oregon's 1941 automobile license plates. They will consist of white numerals on a green background. This combination has not been used in this state since 1921, Snell said.

Nearly 50 percent of the benefits paid by the Oregon unemployment compensation commission go to jobless workers in the Portland area, according to a report of the commission. Of the \$11,605,000 paid out in benefits up to March 31 reports of the commission show that \$5,356,711 was paid through the Portland office. The Eugene area was second with benefits aggregating \$621,196. Klamath Falls and Salem rank neck and neck for third places with payments of \$608,327 and \$607,389 respectively.

Construction of 250 additional tent floors, a new warehouse, a commissary building, two regimental warehouses and a motor repair garage are to be undertaken at

Camp Clatsop this summer according to Major General George A. White. The program, calling for the expenditure of \$206,000 will be financed through a PWA grant.

A well organized move on the part of county courts to open the pension rolls to new applicants is reported to be under way throughout the state. The move which is said to have had its inception in the Hood River county court, is understood to be receiving support in practically every county. The State Welfare commission closed its pension books to new applicants

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Band Festival Due At Wasco Tomorrow

Saturday the Mid-Columbia band festival is to be held at Wasco, thereby coming back to the city of its first meeting. Since 1934 it has become an event of the last month of the school year for children in high and grade schools over all the mid-Columbia area from Condon to White Salmon.

This year at least fifteen bands are expected to compete. They will come from a distance of nearly a hundred miles in some instances.

The morning will be given over to concerts by the different bands who will, in previously arranged order, play for the pleasure of parents and patrons of the schools.

In the afternoon there will be a picture show at the school house for the children who will be gathered for the festival. At night a dance will be given at the opera house for elders and youngsters alike.

This event is given by the various schools in the district and is singularly free from commercialism. All those interested in giving support to school bands and music in the schools will attend.

Estimates Made On Census Figures

Census figures are being released for some cities and towns in Oregon already showing desirable speed by census takers. No official information has been given for Sherman county towns so far. It is presumed that populations are smaller than in 1930 in this county, however.

In Moro there are 312 people although the count of the census enumerator has not been told for this city. Unofficially Wasco is given as 303. No local estimate or figures for Grass Valley are at hand.

MORO 19. GRASS VALLEY, 2

The soft ball game played at Grass Valley Monday night between the team of that town and Moro resulted in a victory for Moro by a 19 to 2 score, quite different from the former close game played at Moro a week before when the score was low and close.

Primary Election Causing Little Interest Here

Political Position and Nominations Fail To Interest Local Voters

Probably no election in recent years has caused so little excitement in this county as the one scheduled for May 17. While it is a primary election in a presidential year the voters seem to be taking it as calmly as Joe Louis awaits his many challengers. So far as known the blood pressure of no voter has been raised as much as one degree by the pleas of any candidate.

Nominations for president of the United States are to be made but experience has shown that it doesn't make much difference who is chosen from Oregon. Often, as this year, there is a restricted choice in this matter.

Purely political offices must be filled and first of these is national committeewoman and committeeman. The Republicans will choose between Mrs. George Gerlinger and Mrs. Florence Runyan for the first job and between Arthur Geary, Milton Kluepper, T. M. Weed and Ralph Cate for the latter.

Four women are in the race to be committeewoman for the Democrats. There is Emily Edson, Cecilia Gavin, Nora Hitchman and Eva Nelson. The veteran incumbent, Howard Latourette is opposed by Flavel Temple.

Then there is a long list of men wanting to go to the national conventions. The fun, experience and expense are all theirs. Four are to be elected at large and two from each congressional district.

Also at this primary election five men are chosen by each party to be presidential electors in case the nominee of that party is chosen as president. There isn't much to that job except the thrill of being counted.

Each congressional district in the nation is to choose another congressman or keep the old. Republicans vying for the doubtful honor of engaging Walter Pierce in political combat this fall are Roy Ritner and Rex Ellis both of Umatilla county.

This is an off year in state politics. Yet a state treasurer and board of control member is to be elected. Leslie Scott, Floyd Cook and Earl Hill want the Republican nomination. Scott is a son of the well known Harvey Scott, and former highway commissioner. Cook is a Portland insurance man and former Republican state chair man. Hill is a state representative from Lane county and successful business man of Cushman.

On the Democratic side Al Brown, Multnomah county auditor, and Lyman Ross, Washington county senator, are competing.

No contest will be held in this election for the job of attorney general as I. H. VanWinkle is unopposed for the Republican place and Bruce Spaulding for the Democrat.

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Jury List Chosen For May Court

The jury list for the May term of court was drawn this week by the sheriff and county clerk. The following men will appear May 20 to be jurors in whatever cases come to trial. All are farmers but two, one being a merchant and one an oil salesman.

Grover Young, Grass Valley; Donald Clodfelter, Grass Valley; J. B. Coon, Grass Valley; Bruce Millard, Rufus; Truman Strong, Moro; Wallace May, Grass Valley; H. T. Peugh, Wasco; Chas. L. Powell, Moro; Chas. Lemley, Grass Valley; Arthur Justesen, Kent; Robt. H. Davis, Rufus; Jas. E. Brown, Grass Valley; Fred Cox, Grass Valley; Herman Schilling, Grass Valley; Dell Olds, Grass Valley; T. W. Alley, Grass Valley; Paul May, Moro; Clarence Lafoon, Kent; Ted C. von Borstel, Kent; John J. Decker, Kent; Jewel Herlin, Rufus; Walter A. Morris, Rufus; Faye H. Brackett, Rufus; M. Duuma, Moro; J. L. Davis, Kent; Tommy Barnett, Grass Valley; Carl Schadewitz, Kent; Bobb. LeRieu, Grass Valley; W. H. Carlisle Miller, Vernon Miller, Moro; Col. P. Moore, Moro.

County Court Has Large Road Fund

The county court's problem that required the greatest amount of time was the passing on the road work done for the county in Hay canyon. The four thousand yards of rock cost a dollar a yard and the hauling was in addition to that. A thousand yards were scattered below the bridge and a like amount above.

It was voted to close the Fulton canyon road from the first of May to the middle of June to make the construction work there easier for the contractor. The bridges are being built and blasting will be started soon.

Authority was granted the power company to put the Kent system poles along the county road.

Acceptance of the county treasurer's report was another detail of the day's work. This report showed a total of \$148,186.41 on hand in all funds in her charge. The county funds contain \$57,919.24 and the road fund \$48,597.35. The county still carries \$13,347.82 in the road bond sinking fund although all available bonds have been paid. As \$6000 in bonds are still out this amount must be left in that fund when it is eventually transferred to the road fund.

Sherman County Has Few Tax Delinquencies

A preliminary report of the state tax commission on tax delinquencies in the 36 counties of Oregon gives Sherman county a tax delinquency of 8.2 percent for all delinquent taxes. This is the lowest in the state. This includes real property taxes only.

The average property tax delinquency in Oregon is 16.92 for a total of \$39,112,412.19. In this county \$136,494.85 still remain to be collected.

Wasco county has a delinquency of 16.06 percent, Gilliam of 14.88, Morrow of 15.19 and Wheeler of 15.36. Poorest position held by any county is that of Curry where 41.56 percent of all levied property taxes are in arrears.

Three Plays Entertain Moro Citizens

The three one act plays given by the Breakfast club Saturday night brought out a large audience of appreciative neighbors. The first play, Station YYY, was based on early days of radio. There was little action putting a greater burden on the actors to carry the play which they did very well. Taking part were Gertrude Gillmor, Eddie Peters, Helen Sayrs, Alice Henderson, Betty Templeton, Bob Hoskinson, Carrel Bennett, and George Martin.

"Find the Thief" was a drama with only three characters, Merrill Oveson, Naomi Van Gilder and Paul May. It contained elements of several kinds of tragedy and ended in the death of the confessed thief. Mrs. Russell Hollinshead directed the first two plays.

"The Ghostly Passenger" was a mystery play directed by Mrs. Lloyd Hennagin. Striking feature of this play was the screams of Evelyn Ritner, who, as negro maid, gave a realistic performance. Others taking parts were Ray Blake, Mary Williams, Howard Conlee, Leis Melzer, Nellie Jackson, Teddy Thompson and Mary Pinkerton.

P P & L Co. Drivers Make Safety Record

The record of the group of trucks operated by the Pacific Power & Light company stands in first place among all large public utilities in the United States at the two-thirds mark of the nation-wide fleet safety contest sponsored by the National Safety Council, according to a report just received by R. V. Lockhart, agent for the company.

Nearly 120 fleets are competing in the contest, which includes all industries in the United States. In the utilities division are 149 fleets, 49 of them in the large utility section. The contest ends June 30.

During the first eight months of the contest, Pacific Power & Light company's trucks were driven 706,000 miles—equivalent to more than 28 times around the world—with only one accident.

High School Track Meet Ends In Tie

Wasco and Grass Valley Both Have 35 Points Moro Third, Kent Fourth

The Sherman county track and field meet, held at Grass Valley Friday of last week, resulted in a tie for first place between Wasco and Grass Valley in the high school division and a victory for the Wasco youngsters in the grade divisions.

Wasco was well ahead with a good chance to win before the relay race was run. Score was 35 for Wasco with Grass Valley having 30 points. In the relay the Grass Valley boys led the first two laps. Royce of Wasco, third runner for that school, was trying valiantly to catch up when he pulled a muscle and had to withdraw from the race. Thus the meet ended with 35 all for the two schools making the 1940 event little the closest meet of the entire county history.

Hines of Wasco was high point man with 17 markers won in the hundred and 220 dashes, the shot and the pole vault. Todd of Grass Valley made 10 points winning the mile and 440.

Times and distances were better than last year in nearly every event.

Prof. H. H. White, one of the three principals who, with W. C. Bryant, then county school superintendent, started the field meets for county school contestants back in 1907, attended the meet as an interested spectator.

The events:

Mile: Todd, Grass Valley, first; French Moro, second; Melzer, Moro third. Time 5:22.8.

100 yard dash: Hines, Wasco, first; Stark, Grass Valley, second; Norton, Kent, third. Time 10:7.

Half mile: Barzee, Moro, first; Hogue, Grass Valley, second; F. vonBorstel, Kent, 3rd. Time 2:25.8

440 dash: Todd, Grass Valley, first; Payne, Grass Valley, second; Lutje, Moro, third. Time 50:3

220 dash: Hines, Wasco, first; Stark, Grass Valley, second; Royce, Wasco, third. Time 24:8.

Javelin: Richelderfer, Wasco, 1st; Martin, Moro, second; Blackburne, Rufus, third. Distance, 130 feet.

High jump: Martin, Moro and Stark, Grass Valley, tied for first; King, Grass Valley, third. Height, 5 feet 3 inches.

Discus: McDermid, Wasco, first; Messenger, Moro, second; King, Grass Valley, third. Dist. 114'8"

Broad jump: Norton, Kent, first; Royce, Wasco, second; Hogue, Grass Valley, third. Dist. 18'9"

Shot: Norton, Kent, first; Hines, Wasco, second; Crews, Grass Valley, third. Dist. 36'11"

Pole Vault: Hines and Richelderfer Wasco, tied for first; Martin, Moro, third. Height: 7'6"

Relay: Grass Valley first; Moro, second. Time 1:51.

Grade school events: (7-8 grade boys)

100 yard dash: Wilson, Kent, first; W. Lutje, Wasco, second; G. De Moss, Moro, third. Time 13.

50 yard dash: Lutje, Wasco, first; Wilson, Kent, second; Thompson, Rufus, third.

High jump: Graham, Rufus, and Wilson, Kent tied for first; Lutje, (Continued on page four)

Club Makes Money With Plays

The Breakfast clubbers Wednesday morning were entertained by W. D. Crookes of the Union Pacific railroad who showed a sound film of Sun Valley, the resort sponsored by that company in Idaho.

Pictures of people amusing themselves at all sorts of sports available at that resort in the summer were shown in sufficient variety to intrigue the interest of every member. No winter sports scenes were shown.

M. A. Feagy, traveling freight agent, was also a guest of the club.

Only business transacted by the club was the acceptance of the report of the recreation committee about the three plays given Saturday night. More than fifty dollars was cleared. On motion it was voted to give \$15 of this to the local library and an expression was given favoring the purchase of a drinking fountain by the club.