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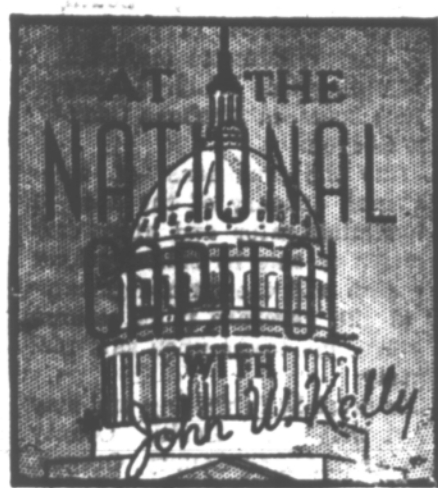
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SHE'S MISS EXPOSITION



Lila Deane is this pretty young woman who has been chosen Miss Exposition for the Fair in '40 on Treasure Island. She is to reign over the 1940 Golden Gate International Exposition as one of the streamlined beauties of the Golden Days of '40 show.



Washington, D. C. June 6.—Whether the United States can keep out of war is a debatable question. The national capital. In asking Congress for another billion dollars for national defense President Roosevelt's message contained no assurance that this country will not be involved. He said the possibility exists that all continents may become belligerents—and that includes the American continent.

Left to his own device, the average American wants peace, but at this time there is being promoted an intriguing program to influence public sentiment and land America side by side with the allies. Agents carrying on this propaganda plan to drag the United States into war as busy as bird dogs in this federal city. The principal argument—to inspire fear—is that Hitler's legions will attack this country after disposing of France and England. It may turn the trick yet.

Conditions in Washington now are following the pattern of the events which led to America's entrance into the first world war. The United States is the arsenal of the allies; a board of civilians has been appointed by the president to furnish supplies for preparation (now called national defense); the president is calling for dough-boys; congress is asked to take \$1,000,000,000 of taxpayer money and give it to the countries of the world every step is being taken except sending American troops abroad.

A calm view of the situation in the national capital (there are some who are keeping their heads) is that there is little likelihood of America entering the war unless Hitler, when and if he conquers England, tries to seize British, French and Dutch islands in the Atlantic and invades Canada. Then, under the Monroe doctrine, the United States will be compelled to take a hand and resist this violation of a century old American policy.

Sources close to the White House that it is this possibility—violation of the Monroe doctrine—that has aroused the president and has inspired him to ask for billions for national defense. Recognizing that seizure of the islands may be a matter of months, Mr. Roosevelt urges that the program be rushed for it requires time to manufacture planes, anti-aircraft guns, provide the rifles and other equipment. At least a year is needed to train and harden troops for a campaign.

Time is the essence. Everything is being speeded against the day when Hitler undertakes to possess the islands, particularly, A-side from the Monroe doctrine, the United States cannot permit the islands to fall into enemy hands as they could be used for airplane bases against the Panama canal. Not unless and until the western hemisphere is threatened will Mr. Roosevelt favor war, and only congress can make a declaration of war. But to put our house in order requires tremendous effort. Disregarding increase in the standing army and national guard, increased personnel for the navy, the great task is making of things. Things cannot be made unless men know how to make them. Consequently hundreds of thousands of young men are trained until they are skilled mechanics; regiments of men must acquire the technique of operating precision tools; the ground crews (mechanics) must be educated for the air program.

President Roosevelt was so entranced by photographs of scenes on the Oregon coast that he approves the idea of a seashore national park being created in Curry county, north of Brookings. Recommendations for the park were made to Secretary Ickes by the national park advisory board and Ickes took the matter up with the chief executive; a bill was prepared and has been introduced by Senator McNary.

There will be 30,000 acres in the area and, aside from a few acres

Child Clinics To Be Held Next week

Infant and Pre-School Child Health Conferences will be held in Sherman county June 10, 11 and 12.

The first of a series will be held in Moro on Monday, June 10, at the Moro Women's Club rooms. Appointments to be made with Mrs. Deway Thompson, phone 494. Kent will have its conference on Tuesday, June 11, in the morning. Appointments to be made with Mrs. Theo. von Borstel, phone 4F3. Tuesday afternoon, Grass Valley will have a Child Health conference. Appointment to be made with Miss Cassie Holmes, phone 202.

Call Mrs. McIntyre, phone 663 for appointments to the Child Health conference in Wasco.

Auxiliary Elects New Officers

The American Legion Auxiliary met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Charles Adlard and elected officers which resulted in the selection of Mrs. O. G. Sayas as president for the year, Mrs. Wesley Fuller as first vice president, Mrs. Carl Melzer as second vice president, Mrs. Willy Knighten, secretary and Mrs. Seral Seary as treasurer.

Two girls were chosen to attend the Girls State camp at Silver Creek falls this summer. This camp will be similar to the Boys state held at Hill Military academy. Vera Jean Henrichs and Ardis Truitt will probably go from here.

Girl Scouts Now In Camp

The summer camp for members of the girl scouts is being held this week at the cabin of Mrs. O. A. Ramsey near Wamic. The girls left Wednesday morning and will remain until Friday. Mrs. H. B. Pinkerton and Mrs. O. A. Ramsey are in charge of them.

At the camp are Mary Sayas, Patty French, Veda Belshee, Anajean Knighten, Carolyn Fisher, Gloria Douma, Frances Greer, Dorothy May, Janet Schadewitz and Patricia Pinkerton.

To date \$128,857.73 has been received in checks for farmers who complied with government regulations during the past year. The total to be received is in excess of \$170,000 at this time.

Instructor Tells Of Good Class Attendance

Word from Chauncey Del French, instructor of the students' driving school held here, is that "Moro has easily led all of the other schools in attendance. This helps to bear out my own impression that Moro had the outstanding school in central Oregon."

The instructor also expressed his pleasure at the cooperation given him by the parents of his pupils who were: Max Elmer Barzee, Isla Gene Brisbine, Margaret Josephine Caldwell, Betty June Coffman, Wyman John French, Mac Nish Hall, Vera Jean Henrichs, Florence Isabelle Lawrence, George William Martin, David Angus McLeod, Millard Dean Melzer, Vernon Carl Melzer, Lloyd Benny Noonan, John Pointer Shipley.

The last meeting of the class was held last Wednesday morning the end of seven weeks training in driving. Records kept of the students of these schools show that six of them per thousand have accidents whereas 28 per thousand of those without the instruction.

Light Company Proud of 30 Year Record

In celebration of its 30th anniversary, Pacific Power & Light company will hold open house for residents of Moro and vicinity at its Moro office Friday, June 14, from noon until 10 p. m. R. V. Lockhart, local agent for the company, announced today.

"Thirty Years of Public Service" has been selected as the anniversary theme because of the progressive record maintained by the company since its organization in June, 1910.

Starting with 8500 customers, the company has built up a system that now serves 67,000 customers, including more than 11,000 farms, in 130 Oregon and Washington communities. Average rates for residential service annual residential use is more than 80 per cent above national average.

Displays and exhibits at the open house carry out the anniversary theme and reveal the tremendous strides made by the electric industry in its brief half-century of existence. One exhibit traces the history of lighting for 2500 years. Other exhibits show the huge variety of lamps now available since the first successful incandescent electric lamp, invented by Thomas A. Edison, revolutionized lighting. This exhibit features a comparison between the "grain of wheat" lamp, smallest in the world, and a 10,000-watt (10-kilowatt) giant which dwarfs the largest of household lamps.

Modern developments in lighting, including fluorescent light and weird "black light," are explained in other demonstrations. Guests at the open house will be invited to try their skill at generating electricity—an amazing demonstration.

"Other displays include a power pole in "full dress," meter testing and a number of pictorial exhibits.

Sunday Schools To Hold Rally

The Sherman county Sunday school association will hold its summer quarterly meeting in the Methodist church at Grass Valley on Sunday, June 16 beginning with a covered dish dinner at 12:45. The afternoon program will begin at 2:00 and a special number from each school in the county is being asked for. The superintendents will also report as to the progress of their respective schools. An inspirational speaker will be provided but the name cannot be given at this date. Everybody is cordially invited both to the dinner and the program.

Weed Control District Voted By Court

Provisions of Law Asked By Group Fearful of Weed Menace

The county court Wednesday declared Sherman county a weed control district in accordance with the provisions of the Oregon law as amended in the 1937 and 1939 sessions.

Gas Taxes Now 40 percent of Price

Motorists in Oregon paid \$10,591,000 in state gasoline taxes in 1939 according to Ralph A. Coan, treasurer of the Oregon State Motor association. The national figure reached \$816,433,000—an increase of \$49,580,000 over 1938.

Levies on motor fuel now supply approximately one-quarter of all tax revenue of the states. Annual state gasoline tax receipts now exceed in amount the annual total of all tax revenue for the states prior to 1922.

Mr. Coan said that retail prices of gasoline in 50 representative cities in the United States was 12.91 cents per gallon—the lowest price since the 12.78 average of January 1, 1935. Taxes averaging 5.42 cents per gallon lifted the cost of motor fuel to the customer to the average of 18.35 per gallon. At present price levels the retail sales taxes on gasoline now average more than 40 percent.

4-H Summer School Starts Monday

Next Monday noon 23 children will start the 4-H summer school at the Dalles for Corvallis and the annual summer school term. There they will attend classes, listen to speeches by prominent men, play, eat and make a broadcast over KOAC during the ten days of the session.

Those who signed up for the trip are Jerry Wilson, Shelton Fritts, Bob King, Clyde Fridley, Ed Fritts, Elton Medler, Frank von Borstel, Carsten von Borstel, Bill Todd, Jack von Borstel, Lee Barnett, Leland Barnett, Claudine Thompson, Margherita von Borstel, Anajean Knighten, Cassie von Borstel, Leovina Barnett, Betty Juhnke, Shirley Juhnke, Phyllis Medler and Dick Wilson.

Vacation School To Start Soon

A two weeks session of the Daily Vacation Bible School will open at the Moro Community Presbyterian Church next Monday morning. Sessions will last from nine thirty to eleven thirty each day for five days of the week. There will be two general divisions—the little folks down stairs and the Junior-Intermediate section up stairs. All boys and girls over five years of age and through the eighth grade are urged and invited to attend.

Marine Corps Will Take Men

The United States Marine corps recruiting office in the U. S. court house at Portland has been authorized to accept an unlimited number of men for enlistment during the month of June, according to word received today from Captain James B. Hardie, officer in charge of marine corps recruiting activities in the Portland district.

This, Captain Hardie stated, is due to fact that congress has authorized the expansion of the marine corps to 34,000 enlisted men, its greatest peace time strength. Due to this great increase, promotion will be faster than it has been in the past twenty years, the Captain said.

Grass Valley Wins Close Ball Game

The Grass Valley baseball team went to Lyle Sunday and returned with a close victory, won by a score of 1 to 0, in what is described as one of the best ball games of recent years by the local club.

Notable also was the return of King Fritts to the mask and pad after a retirement of two years.

County is authorized to levy a tax to pay for weed control on public lands and roads and for cooperation with individuals and state and federal agencies.

A weed control district may be declared inoperative by the county court and must be so ended upon petition of a majority of land owners in the district.

Threshing machines are to be thoroughly cleaned before moving them along any road so as to prevent the unnecessary scattering of weed seed along the road or from one field to another.

The county accepted title with Moro and with Wasco to pieces of property on which the county and the cities have claims for taxes and street assessments.

Three Counties Now Have Food Stamps

With the addition of Clackamas and Marion to Multnomah, already under the food stamp plan, Oregon has an estimated additional 7300 relief cases eligible to assistance under this program. Double benefits accrue from operations of the plan, according to the state AAA office in Corvallis. First, needy families are aided in buying staple food in which their diets are lacking. Second, producers of surplus products are aided in moving them to consumers.

Under the plan, eligible families may buy orange colored food stamps and then receive free blue stamps in the ratio of 60 cents worth for each \$1 worth of orange stamps. They buy the regular foods at the grocery stores with the orange stamps while they buy foods designated as surplus commodities with the free blue stamps.

Speakership Contestants Out In Numbers Despite Distant Election

By A. L. Lindbeck
Salem, Ore. June 6—Even before the official canvass of the recent primary vote has been completed successful nominees in the race for legislative seats are scurrying around in an attempt to line up support for the House speakership.

The past week has developed two new candidates from middle-Willamette valley counties. Lyle Thomas, west Salem school principal and Polk county's representative has let it be known that he is ambitious to wield the House gavel and claims a substantial block of votes lined up back of this ambition. At the same time it became known that John Steelhammer, Salem attorney and a member of Marion county's House quartet also has ambitions in this same direction.

Friends of both Thomas and Steelhammer point out that it has been a long time since the Willamette valley section has been honored by the election of any of its favorite sons as presiding officer of either legislative branch. As against this claim, however, there looms the prospect that the senate is about to recognize the Willamette valley at the next session with Dean Walker of Polk county being prominently mentioned for the senate presidency. While some contend that election of either McKay or Walker to head the senate would detract from the chances of Thomas and Steelhammer on the theory that one honor should be enough for the Willamette valley friends of these candidates point out that eastern Oregon bagged both honors last year with Robert M. Duncan and Ernest R. Fatland.

Captain Tells Of Army Guns and Equipment

Officer Demonstrates With New Pieces Now Being Bought For Army

Captain James M. Gavin, seventh infantry, U. S. Army, was the speaker at the Breakfast club meeting Wednesday morning. He gave members much information about the mechanics of an army ordnance that has not been available heretofore. With talk of 75a automatic rifle, etc. the curiosity of mechanically minded men has been aroused and the captain's talk explained many questions.

Rain Comes To Lay Dust Cool Air

A rain of sufficient duration to be worth noting fell Thursday night and Friday. While it was of little value to the wheat it dampened the ground and laid the dust. In years when the winter and spring had not been filled with rainy days this recent wet spell might have been acclaimed as really something. This year it was just a shower.

A total of .40 inches fell during the storm, part of it in May and the remainder in June. It ended with a wind storm, which was strictly in the proper tradition. Total rainfall for May was .36 inch which makes that month the first in 1940 that was not remarkable for its precipitation.

The weather:

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
May 30	79	52	
31	69	45	.32
June 1	64	52	.08
2	68	46	
3	68	46	
4	63	47	
5	68	46	
Total			.40

Weed Inspector Needed

The weed inspector who is appointed by the court shall have the right to enter upon any land and inspect it for weeds, owners, or occupiers of land shall either kill or prevent from seeding any noxious weeds or be guilty of misdemeanor which carries a fine of from \$10 to \$100. If weeds are not either killed or controlled the weed inspector may hire men to treat them and the expense shall be levied against the land and put on the tax roll.

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