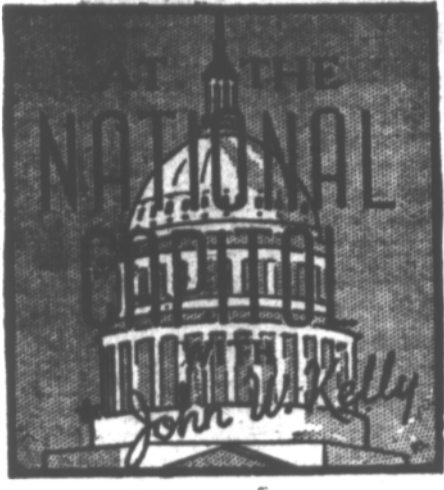


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## Fair Program Printed; Same As In 1939

General Features of Fair Days To Be Retained This Time

Washington, D. C., July 18.—Within a few months every man between 18 and 65 years may be required to register for compulsory training. This would effect practically the entire male population of the Pacific northwest. But for immediate training only those between 21 and 31 years are subject to selection.

Every member of the national guard in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana can expect to be under canvas, equipped and taking orders sometime in September, for on October 1 intensive training will be launched by the war department. The president can call out the guard for 15 days, but as plans now in the making provide, the guardsmen will be in the field for months and civilians caught in the compulsory training mesh will be kept under arms for 18 months, if the high command of the army has its way.

These activities are contingent on action by congress, however. Congress must first authorize the president to mobilize the national guard and congress must also enact a compulsory military training law. These are two pieces of legislation to which congress will address itself upon its reassembling following the Democratic national convention. There is small doubt about the power to mobilize the guard being given the president (the guard officers have been almost howling to be mobilized for the past 2 months) but compulsory training, being a new idea in American life, will only be adopted after heated debate and stubborn opposition.

The war department does not want all men between 21 and 31 placed in training at once, preferring to absorb them gradually. One reason for this is shortage of equipment. There is shortage of everything from rifles to uniforms, and time is needed to obtain the needed supplies. The guardsmen will have the task of assisting in training the compulsory trainees after the guard has been brushed up.

Compulsory military training and mobilization of the national guard will not mean teaching "back privates" to march in formation. "Squads right" is a minor matter in modern warfare, and the training will consist in making each man a specialist in the mechanism of combat cars, trucks, tanks, anti-aircraft equipment, machine gun, photography, radio and telephone communication. A commissioned officer will have to be a master mechanic.

Such are some of the features of national defense which will touch the life of every man in Oregon and Washington between 18 and 65—and within the next few months.

With the United States building the greatest navy the world has ever known, 580,000 men will be required to man the ships under construction and planned. The admirals say they want their share of the draftees.

President Roosevelt has been reminded that if he expects army tanks, howitzer and anti-aircraft guns to be shifted around the Pacific northwest he will have to see that highways and bridges are provided which can sustain the pounding and the weight of these monsters of war, as existing bridges and pavements can not. This is the best argument that has developed to have the government construct the long talked of military highways.

First contracts the navy is awarding in the northwest are for boats that lay steel nets to protect harbors against submarines. Four will be built on Puget Sound, three in Willamette river. They will cost about \$500,000 each.

A substantial order for woolen goods for the army has been placed.

The job of printing the 1940 fair books or premium lists is done and they will be ready for distribution by the time farmers and other exhibitors are finished with harvest and ready to turn their attention to the matter of the annual county entertainment.

Principal change in the books this year is in the organization of the 4-H club work in home economics which has been made to conform with the state fair regulations.

The program of judging and exhibiting of stock before the grand stand will be identical with that followed last year. Judging will be done Friday, September 13, when 4-H club stock will be passed on by the judges. Saturday the horse classes, will be judged at the barns in the morning and cattle, hogs and sheep will also be rated in front of their barns.

The parade of livestock will be held Sunday, September 15 when stock will march past the spectators in the annual display of the fine livestock grown in this county.

The racing program will be similar to that given last year with the six horse driving contest, a three day event, carrying a purse of \$100, a shetland pony race for two days, a quarter mile and a half mile saddle horse race, the chariot race, another half mile saddle horse race and one big race each day.

The Friday race will be the Fitz Hampton futurity, for two year olds. On Saturday the Sherman County Derby which is the three year old race will be held and Sunday there will be the Sherman County Handicap and consolation for the two year old race. The handicap is practically an open race to all horses owned in the county.

Entries in the fat cattle class will be judged a bit differently than before. In case there are ten entries there will be seven prizes, six to ten entries call for five prizes and less than six entries will call for but three prizes. There will be three divisions of this class the 650 to 800 pound class, the 800 to 1000 class and the heavier class of over a thousand pounds.

## Rolfe Stallion Among Ten Best

The purebred stallion Senator Diplomat Brown owned by T. M. Rolfe, of Grass Valley, has been named one of the 10 best Percherons in the country, according to word received by Mr. Rolfe this week from the Percheron Horse Association of America, Chicago.

The horse placed among the top ten in a nation wide contest conducted by the association. Winners were chosen by a committee of 17 prominent live stock judges from pictures submitted by the horses' owners.

Sixty-five animals, most of them winners at recent state fairs or livestock shows, competed in the contest, the fourth of its kind to be held.

Rolfe's horse, a black five year old, was sired by the well known stallion Diplomat II. He has a long record of winnings, including grand championships at the Pacific International Live Stock, exposition and Oregon state fair.

An innovation in this year's contest was voting by breeders thru the pages of the Percheron association's publication. Remarkable unity of opinion as to Percheron type desired by farmers was indicated in the vote.

## BLOCK BOUGHT BY COUNTY

Word has been received from the owner of the block of land on the hill on which the county desires to build a machine shed and a small sum sent him for signing the deed to the property. It is presumed that work of construction will begin as soon as plans can be made for the shed.

## Welfare Head Asks \$52,000 For Biennium

The anticipated needs of the Sherman county welfare administration have been estimated by Kenneth Walker, local administrator, and sent in to state headquarters where they will be incorporated with those from other counties and eventually put into the state budget. On the basis thus made the next legislature will be asked to appropriate money and levy taxes.

The total needs anticipated for this county are \$52,000 of which the greater part will be used for old age assistance, some \$31,000 in fact.

## Geo. W. Schwartz Buried In The Dalles

The funeral of George W. Schwartz was held in The Dalles last Tuesday. He died Saturday evening after a long illness.

Mr. Schwartz was born October 2, 1860 in Hennepin county, Minn. of parents who came from Germany and Switzerland. Mr. Schwartz and his brother, Charles, who died a few years ago, came to Oregon in 1883 and settled on land south of Grass Valley which was still owned at the time of George's death. In addition to wheat farming they were among the first of the county's settlers interested in raising good horses.

Mr. Schwartz was married in 1904 to Annie M. Scott, a sister of Mrs. Fred Krusow and Mrs. James Dennis and one son was born to them. He now lives in The Dalles. Other survivors are two sisters, Mrs. Otto Bucholtz of Portland and Miss Anna Schwartz of Grass Valley.

The funeral was conducted from Zells funeral home and interment made in the cemetery at The Dalles. Friends from this county drove down to pay their last respects to one of the rapidly departing pioneers.

## Rev. and Mrs. Hanson Leave for Conference

Rev. and Mrs. Henry G. Hanson left for Portland Tuesday morning to attend the annual meeting of the Synod of Oregon in session at Mt. Tabor Presbyterian church July 16 to 19. This is the 50th anniversary of the organization of Synod and appropriate exercises will be held at the closing session on Friday. Chaplain John W. Beard of the host church is the retiring moderator who also preached the sermon on Tuesday evening.

Among visiting church leaders at synod this year were Dr. William Barrows Pugh, Stated Clerk of General Assembly, and Dr. Paul Calvin Payne, new secretary of the Board of Christian Education. Both of these have their headquarters in Philadelphia. Dr. Robert N. McLean, pastor of the Santa Barbara Church, California, and well known in Oregon, had charge of the Bible study hour each day. Governor Chas. A. Sprague, member of the Salem Presbyterian Church, was one of the other speakers at the fellowship banquet on Thursday evening.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry G. Hanson will remain in Portland, taking their month's vacation immediately after synod. They also plan to make brief visits to Salem and Corvallis where Mrs. Hanson has sisters.

## Democrats To Hear Pierce

Hood River county Democrats have set Sunday, August 4th, 1940, as the date for a Democratic picnic and rally at Kobeg Beach, two miles east of Hood River, on the Columbia river highway.

Walter M. Pierce, United States Representative from the Second Congressional District will be one of the principal speakers. Mr. Pierce has indicated that his talk will be directed in a large part towards the wheat and fruit farmers in the Northwest and will be of vital importance to them. The Democratic National Committee is arranging for another speaker of national recognition to address the picnic, but his name will be withheld until after the Democratic National Convention. State and county candidates will be present at the gathering.

## Nazis' Paris Parade Recalls Days of 1871



A field artillery regiment of the conquering Nazi army parades through Paris following the capitulation of the French forces. In the background is seen the famous Arc de Triomphe, landmark of the captured city on which are inscribed the military triumphs of the French armies under the Emperor Napoleon. Once before—in 1871—a conquering German army occupied Paris, following the Franco-Prussian war.

## Electricity On In Kent Line Since Thursday

After weeks of work putting up the new electric line from Grass Valley to Kent with its many laterals the juice was turned on Thursday at noon. This was within a few days of the original schedule made when the work began.

Reason for hurrying the job was the need for electricity to power the Kent elevator which changed over from diesel power to electricity and which is in need of power to handle the wheat that is beginning to be hauled.

Some potential users will not be ready for electricity this week because wiring is not completed in their buildings, but as a general thing the entire country from Grass Valley to Kent along the line are ready for electricity. This means that stoves, refrigerators, etc., are installed and houses lighted.

Two commercial cooling units are being built in Kent by George McKay and J. M. Wilson, service station operators, who will rent boxes to residents of that vicinity.

## Parking Strips Painted On Street

A two man crew from the state highway paint department were here Monday to paint parking strips along the sides of the street. These were painted in white and conform in size with those found all over the state where the highway department has been doing this job in an effort to make parking regulations standard. In addition to the white paint wide yellow strips were put across the street to mark out pedestrian zones. It is the understanding that hereafter the city will have the job of painting the zones and strips.

## Indian Teachers Wanted By U. S.

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations for the positions listed below.

Teacher in Indian community and boarding schools, Indian Field Service (including Alaska), Department of the Interior. Various optional branches are given, with entrance salaries ranging from \$1,620 to \$2,000 a year. Applicants must have had appropriate college education and teaching experience. They must not have passed their forty-eighth birthday. Closing dates for receipt of applications for the continental United States are August 12 and August 15, 1940; for applications received from Alaska the closing dates are March 15, 1941, if received from points south of the Arctic Circle, and May 15, 1941, if received from points north of the Arctic Circle.

## Notification Ceremonies; Location Now Being Decided By Party

By A. L. Lindbeck

Salem, Ore.—Political interest throughout Oregon these days is pretty well centered in the pending ceremony at which Senator Charles L. McNary is to be officially notified by the Republican party that he has been selected as their candidate for the vice-presidency. This ceremony, the time nor place for which has yet been fixed, is expected to attract between 10,000 and 20,000 persons to Salem, including many members of Congress and other dignitaries high in the ranks of the Republican party.

Senator McNary has expressed a desire that the ceremony be staged at Fircone, his beautiful country home, north of Salem. A survey of the situation this week by Governor Sprague and Ralph Cate, republican national committeeman for Oregon, has revealed that arrangements can be made to accommodate a huge crowd at Fircone but these arrangements include the uprooting a number of the senator's young filbert trees. Whether McNary is willing to agree to any such agreement or would prefer to waive personal sentiment and agree to the use of Oregon's capitol as a setting for the notification ceremony is to be determined at a conference between the senator and Cate in Washington this week. This conference will also probably determine the date for the ceremony, which, it is understood, somewhat hinges upon what Congress will do about adjournment.

## Census Gives County 2328 People

Returns of the census bureau in Portland have been made by Byron Carney, director. These show Sherman county as one of the six counties with a drop in population during the last ten years. In fact Sherman county had the highest per centage of loss with nearly 22 per cent. Gilliam, Morrow, Jefferson, Crook and Wallowa counties also lost residents. Consolidation of wheat farms is given as the cause.

Sherman county had 2978 people in 1930, according to the census, and now has but 2328, a loss of exactly 650 persons. This is a few less than was locally estimated before the announcement. These figures are preliminary and some changes may be made later.

Figures for nearby counties are:

County	1930	1940
Gilliam	3467	2830
Morrow	4941	4340
Wheeler	2799	2961
Wasco	12646	13178
Jefferson	2291	2039

## THEFTS MADE FROM PARKED CARS

A pair of binoculars were stolen from the Walter Ruggles car Monday night while it was parked in front of their residence, and the same night Bob Hoskinson lost a pair of gloves, a flashlight and some gasoline. These thefts indicate that prowlers may be at large at this time of year when more strangers than usual are in town. Sheriff Wilson warns car owners to lock their cars to prevent thefts.

Should the ceremonies be staged at Fircone, it is pointed out, it will be necessary to construct temporary seats for thousands of visitors in addition to a platform for the speakers and the distinguished guests. If, on the other hand, the state capitol is selected as the site for the ceremony the notification would be staged from the steps in front of the building with "standing room" for thousands available in the huge plaza.

Governor Sprague has refused to grant the request of Claude E. Cline, condemned slayer, for executive clemency because of insanity. The governor's refusal was based upon a report by Dr. John Evans, superintendent of state hospital, that an examination of Cline revealed no evidence of insanity. Cline is under sentence to die July 26 in the gas chamber at the state prison for the murder of his mining partner, George Chetty. Cline refused to appeal his case to the supreme court, relying instead on the hope that the governor might be moved to set aside the death sentence.

Pedestrians are getting a break at last. They contributed fewer members to the long list of traffic fatalities in June than during any month this year, according to Secretary of State Eadl Snell. Of the 35 persons who met death as a result of traffic accidents last month only eight were pedestrians, Snell reports.

State Treasurer Walter Pearson reported Saturday that he had borrowed \$100,000 on liquor certificates to keep the state relief fund on a cash basis. This is the first borrowing found necessary since the last legislature wiped out the relief debt and started the relief fund out with a sizeable cash appropriation for the current biennium. With the general fund appropriation long since expended and relief outlays considerably exceeding liquor profits Pearson figures that it will be necessary to borrow between \$800,000 and \$1,000,000 for relief purposes before another legislative session rolls around to make another appropriation.

Governor Sprague took time out from his other duties this week to shake up the State Board of Medical Examiners. As a result, Dr. Joseph F. Wood, secretary of the board, and his assistant, Mrs. May Casey, were both shaken out of their jobs and Miss Lorraine M. Conley was installed as executive secretary. Dr. Wood, prominent Portland Democratic party worker, who also resigned as a member of the board, charges that the shake up was purely political. This was denied by the governor who says that he found it necessary to "take the bull by the horns" to reorganize the administration.

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## Harvest Started; Yields About 75 Percent Normal

Crop Insurance Will Be Paid To Few Farmers This Year

Although harvest is well started in Sherman county very few fields have been finished and yields are still estimates albeit much closer ones than were possible a few days ago.

A large number of farmers took out crop insurance last fall on winter wheat or this February on spring grain. Everyone, without exception took insurance for three quarters of the crop. That is, under the policy the government guarantee them three quarters the number of bushels they have received on the average for the past ten years.

Now, with harvest getting well started, a great many farmers are wondering whether they are going to collect anything from the government or not. It makes little difference to the farmer. He is just going to get about three quarters of his normal crop anyway.

So far only a few farmers have finished enough land to be sure they are going to get paid by Uncle Sam and some others are now sure that they will not be paid any insurance.

Estimate 1,500,000 Bushels Still

If this proves to be the correct assumption the county will produce about 1,500,000 bushels of grain this year. Dewey Thompson, crop insurance administrator who has been around much of the county this week, believes that the crop will be a "little bigger" than this, probably nearly 16 bushels per acre.

Loading on wheat is now possible as the machinery is all set up as soon as there is wheat stored for loans. The schedule was given last week and although much of the grain is pretty light very little of it will be too light to obtain the loan.

## License Needed To Sell Property

Many people do not realize that a license is necessary to sell real estate, according to Claude H. Murphy, Real Estate Commissioner, and have been selling and renting property for their friends without understanding that they were committing an unlawful act, punishable by heavy fine and imprisonment.

Prosecutions are now being made against unlicensed operators in Baker and Multnomah counties.

Murphy stated that Oregon has had a real estate license law since 1919 and that there are now 34 states with similar laws. Under the Oregon real estate law, which is known as Chapter 380, Oregon Laws 1939, it is unlawful for an unlicensed person, for a commission or other valuable consideration, to have anything to do with sales or exchange or leasing of property.

In view of the number of violations of the above section of the law suits are being filed against such offenders. Murphy states that the penalty for such violations shall for the first violation be punishable by a fine of not less than \$200 nor more than \$500, or by imprisonment for a term not to exceed 90 days, and for a second violation a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1000 or by imprisonment for a term not to exceed two years or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

## SEARCY'S HOLD FAMILY REUNION

A reunion of the sons and daughters of Mrs. Lena Searcy with their mother was held at Bear Springs last Sunday with everyone of the children present with their families. A basket dinner was served. Those present were Nina, Mrs. H. B. Pinkerton, and family of Moro; Philip and family of St. Helens; Seral and family of Moro; John and family of Hillsboro; Chester of Redmond, Owen and family of Salem; Morris and family of Portland, and Helen, Mrs. Charles Ruggles of Moro.

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