

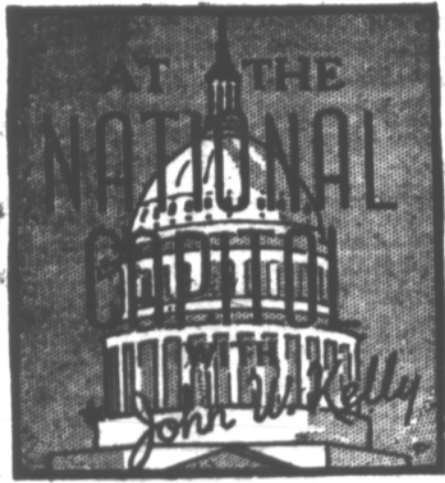
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Queen To Rule Over 1940 Fair; Contest Coming

Decision Made To Elect Queen To Add Interest In county Fair

The 1940 Sherman Fair will have a queen to rule over it.

Managers, secretaries, board members, judges, contestants will have a ruler, young and comely, to obey. She will be outfitted in a western costume befitting her station in the fair and will be mounted on the best horse that can be obtained for her.

Who will she be?

That depends on the choice made by the people of the county themselves. For, determined as we are to have a queen, she must be chosen by a democratic process. She will be elected.

To Meet Wednesday

Next Wednesday night at the county agent's office at the court house a meeting will be held by representatives of the several organizations of the county for the purpose of setting up an organization to elect a queen. Representatives of the three granges are expected to be present, some one from the Wasco Civic club and the Moro Breakfast club and other groups that wish to take part in the contest to find the fair queen.

It is planned to have the contest start early in August and continue until September 3, which will give fair officials ten days to make plans and outfit the queen. Each Wednesday after the start of the contest the votes will be counted and announced. It is the preliminary plan to give 5000 votes for each season ticket sold and 500 votes for each day ticket.

Cow Elk Tags Now Available

Sportsmen wishing cow elk or antelope tags should make application at once at the office of the Oregon State Game Commission, in Portland.

A total of 2000 cow elk tags will be issued and 1500 antelope tags. Should less than the quota be applied for by August 1, the tags will be issued in the order in which applications are received. Otherwise, a drawing will be held.

No formal application blanks are being issued. Those desiring the tags should send in their names and addresses and the kind and number of the hunting license they hold, together with a check or money order for \$5.00 for each tag.

The elk season this year will be from November 1 to 16, inclusive; the deer season from September 20 to October 25; the bull elk season in Clatsop county alone, from August 24 to September 2, inclusive; and the antelope season from September 29 to October 6, inclusive.

Wheat Subsidy Removed Friday

The subsidy on wheat shipped to foreign countries was taken off last Friday by the government although its removal was on a temporary basis, reports the Commercial Review. The subsidy on flour still remains and flour is still being shipped to China. One boat load of wheat left Portland this week for Norway having been subsidized previously.

It is not known whether the subsidy will be put on wheat again or not. To the farmer it makes little difference because he is protected by the loan. On a long range basis, however, he is greatly concerned for if the surplus is built up much larger there will be greater chance for serious price drops. The principal objection to the Farm Board was the fact that it held wheat after loaning farmers money on their crops.

The subsidy costs the government considerable sums but has aided in reducing the surpluses held here.

Wendell Balsiger is home from the hospital but is staying pretty close to home so far.

British Anti-Aircraft Guns Alert for Nazis



English anti-aircraft gunners snap into position at their post somewhere along the coast on the alert for surprise attacks by hordes of Hitler's planes. Elsewhere throughout the United Kingdom similar defenses were ready. Defense of the homeland against Nazi onslaughts by air, sea and parachute troops became a problem vital to the continued existence of the British empire after the complete defeat of France.

Mobilization of National Guard Raises Problems For Members

By A. L. Lindbeck

Salem, Oregon, July 25.—The pending mobilization of the national guard for an extended period of intensive training has overshadowed every other activity in state circles the past few weeks.

Long before the public announcement of the mobilization program came out of the national capital Major General George A. White and his staff were busy with plans for placing the Oregon troops in readiness for the expected call to service so that now, with most of the units enlisted up to authorized strength it is only a matter of issuing the mobilization order to set Oregon's citizen soldiers in motion toward the tent city at Fort Lewis which will be their home for the next year or more.

In an effort to avoid the experience at the close of the World War when many of the soldiers returned to find their jobs filled by stay-at-homes General White is asking that all employers of guardsmen sign an agreement to keep the job open for the soldier when his period of service is ended.

General White reports that the prospect of mobilization of the guard has resulted in an epidemic of weddings among enlisted men, who are seeking this avenue of escape from military service inasmuch as married men are being offered an opportunity to resign from the guard. A number of commissioned officers have also handed in their resignations rather than spend a long period in training. So serious has this situation become that General White has issued a notice that no further resignations will be accepted from officers based only upon "personal convenience."

In anticipation of the prolonged absence of the regular guard organization from the state General White and Governor Sprague have discussed plans for the organization of a force of militia or "home guard" similar to that built up during the world war. Such an organization it is understood would be composed of men willing to debate their service and subject to call only in case of riots or other internal disorders beyond the capacity of the state police to cope with.

Mobilization of the guard will strike heavily into the ranks of Oregon officialdom. More than a score of employees of state departments and institutions hold commissions as officers in the guard, in addition to which there are a number of state employees who hold commissions in the army reserves. Among state employees who will be affected by the mobilization order will be Cecil Edwards, secretary to Governor Sprague, who is a lieutenant in the guard and aide to Brigadier General Thos. E. Rilea; H. G. Mason, assistant superintendent of the state police, who is a captain in the 162nd infantry; William Hammond, head of the operators division in the motor vehicle department of the secretary of state's office, who is aide to Major Gen-

eral White with the rank of captain, and Clifton M. Irwin, an employe of the public utilities commission, who is colonel in command of the 249th coast artillery corps.

Return of the state archives to Salem is being considered by the Board of Control. The archives were entrusted to the care of the Oregon Historical Society following the disastrous capitol fire in 1935 and are now housed in Portland. More than 26,000 documents are included in the collection, all of which have been card indexed by the Historical Society to make their contents more readily available.

Approximately 1000 young men are now enrolled in training centers in Oregon preparatory to taking jobs in defense industries according to O. D. Adams, state director for vocational education under whose direction these courses are being set up. These training courses which are open to young men over 18 years of age are being opened in centers which offer adequate shop and laboratory facilities. The entire cost of the training program is being met by the federal government as a part of the national defense program.

The annual apportionment of state school funds to the various counties has just been completed by the State Land Board. The fund this year, created through interest earnings of the irreducible school fund, totalled \$304,361, more than \$3000 under the 1939 apportionment. On the basis of 264,662 children on the school census rolls this amounted to an allocation of only \$1.15 per child. Apportionment of the fund by counties included: Benton, \$5860; Clackamas, \$17,163; Columbia, \$6560; Coos, \$9641; Deschutes, \$6713; Douglas, \$7640; Gilliam, \$814; Hood River, \$4100; Josephine, \$4594; Malheur, \$7261; Marion, \$22,741; Multnomah, \$81,285; Polk, \$6752; Wasco, \$3496; Washington, \$11,999; Yamhill, \$8,099; Union, \$5528.

Oregon's greatest need is more population in the opinion of J. D. Mickle, state director of agriculture, who has just returned from a tour of the eastern counties where he found crop prospects good and farmers and ranchers in an optimistic mood.

The capitol flag pole situation has narrowed down to a question between wood and steel. Board of Control members have tentatively accepted the recommendation of the capitol architects for two poles one at either end and at an angle of about 45 degrees from the corner of the building. The \$6000 surplus in the library building fund will be used to finance this improvement.

Frank C. Dillard of Eugene is the new member of the Oregon Hydroelectric commission. Dillard

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Crop Insurance Being Paid To Many Farmers

Payment of crop insurance by the federal government is going to be more extensive in this county than was at first estimated, according to Dewey Thompson, local administrator. Already 25 farmers have applied for payment under the insurance as their harvest has turned out less than three quarters of their ten year average of wheat.

Some others have threshed within a very few bushels of their insured amount and will either be paid very little or will receive nothing.

A few wheat loans have been made and those who finish their harvest and wish to take the loan will find the machinery all set up and ready to function at their will. The loan rate of approximately 64 cents is so far much higher than the market price. It is expected that loans will be taken on all wheat grown here this year.

Fred Haynes Buried Wednesday

Word was received by Mrs. A. A. Dunlap of Grass Valley Monday afternoon that her father, Fred Haynes of Corvallis, had died from a heart attack. He was 73. She, with her brother Roger, who was visiting here, left immediately for Corvallis.

Fred Haynes and wife lived in Sherman county near Kent for over twenty years while their family was growing to adulthood. They lived on a farm then later in Kent. Mr. Haynes was always in Republican politics and for several years acted as deputy assessor in this county.

They moved to Corvallis about ten years ago and have lived on a farm near that city. Surviving him are his widow, Augusta; Guy, John and Roger of Yamhill; Frank of Philomath; Donald of Los Angeles; Darrel of Philomath; Ralph of Pittsburg, Pa.; Marjorie of Yreka, Cal.; Louise of Eugene, Dorothy Mrs. Dunlap, of Grass Valley.

The funeral was held Wednesday at Corvallis.

1941 AAA Program Similar To 1940's

Next year's AAA farm program will continue to emphasize soil conservation and soil improvement, will strengthen the "ever-normal granary" plan of balanced production, and will give Oregon farmers increased opportunity to fit the program in with their individual farm requirements.

This summary of 1941 AAA plans was brought back to Oregon by Will Steen of Milton, chairman of the state agricultural conservation committee, following his attendance recently at the national AAA conference in Washington D. C. Plans for the following year must always be made in advance of final seeding time.

N. C. Donaldson, in charge of the state AAA office at Corvallis, accompanied Steen to Washington. While at the conference, they offered a group of suggested changes in the 1941 program, as made previously by the 36 county AAA committees throughout the state. Some of these were accepted and will be incorporated into the official farm program for next year, Steen said.

An important recommendation concerns expansion of the grant of aid plan under which farmers receive advance of lime, superphosphate and similar conservation materials, with costs reduced from payments which they have earned. Another recommendation is that farmers be permitted to earn portions of their payments only by carrying out specified soil building practices most needed in their communities.

In general, next year's farm program will follow very closely that now in effect, Steen said, and pointed out that there have been few major changes in the agricultural adjustment act since 1938.

Malheur, Deschutes, Umatilla, Morrow, Wasco, Union and Baker counties have various degrees of county-wide organization through the county court or weed councils for weed control work.

County School Audits Show Good Condition

Rural Pupils Fortunate In Price Paid For Educational Advantages

The audit and the report of the county school superintendent are done, making it possible to obtain some figures on the operation of the county's schools for the past year.

The report shows the average daily attendance of high and grade pupils and those transported to school.

School	Grade	High	Total	Tr.
Rufus	33.4	10.6	44.1	34.7
Wasco	63.8	32.8	96.6	35.5
Kent	41.6	16.6	58.2	34.3
Moro	56.8	30.4	87.2	31.6
G. V.	60.1	28.9	89.0	39.9
Total	255.7	118.3	375.1	176.0

The total number of children transported is 176 but this includes those transported in Kent and Rufus where the transportation is owned by the district in which the pupils reside. Another report shows 115 as actually being transported from districts having no school. Of these 75 were grade pupils, about thirty per cent of the total coming from rural districts.

Expenses paid out do not show much variation between districts except in a few instances. The district clerks got \$897.29 last school year, the rate usually being \$25 for rural districts and \$50 for town districts expect in two instances when a larger sum is paid.

Legal fees and bond takes \$250. Principals drew \$8015.00 and teachers were paid \$27,330.75. They were permitted supplies totalling \$1029.97 and text books cost \$1507.16. Janitors cost \$4,872.50 and they used \$589.61 for supplies. Fuel cost the county schools \$2,126.39 and light and power cost \$963.25.

These and other minor costs total \$55,659.29 during the school year of 1939-40. Of these actual expenses the report shows that the 75 grade pupils transported paid thru their districts \$5803.61 or about 11 percent of the total expenses.

Debts Very Low

School districts of the county are in very good position financially this year with \$35,498.20 in the banks or in the hands of the county treasurer. Delinquent taxes, if paid, would raise the total assets of the several districts to \$51,820.49 in the form of cash. This is nearly enough to run the schools another year.

The only district with outstanding bonds is Rufus which still owes \$22,500. Unpaid warrants, both old and new, make the total indebtedness \$25,310.78 of all school districts in the county.

Estimates of the value of school buildings varies somewhat. Rufus values its building at \$32,000. Wasco exactly the same, Kent's is valued by its owners at \$15,000. Moro school board estimates the value of its school at \$40,000 and Grass Valley \$27,000. The total valuation put on the school buildings is therefore \$158,300. Grounds and equipment account for an additional \$19,485 to make the total property of the districts \$177,785. Insurance of \$154,610 is carried on this property.

Because of differences in times of closing books makes it difficult to obtain an accurate picture of all the activities of the school boards but this is from the reports and the audit.

Grain Hauling Now In Full Swing

Grain is being received in all the elevators in the county in good quantities this week but little wheat has been hauled to the warehouses so far. In the north end of the county where there are no elevators, except those built by farmers, the warehouses are being filled.

The elevator at Hay Canyon has taken in over 50,000 bushels and the one at Moro a little under 40,000 up to the middle of the week and this is probably between a quarter and a fifth of the total crop in that district.

Weather Cool; Could Be Hot

Oddly enough and also unfortunately, the weather for the latter part of July has been cooler than during the last of June and first of July when cool weather was needed. Consequently there was damage to the wheat and lately there has been a few cool mornings when it was difficult to thresh grain at all.

Date	Max	Min	Precip
July 18	78	54	
19	89	54	
20	80	55	0.18
21	82	48	
22	90	48	
23	82	61	
24	78	54	

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