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State Lands To
Be Reclaimed
By IndividualWm. Kittredge Makes
Offer To Make School
Lands More Valuable

By A. L. Lindbeck

Members of the Oregon State Board of Control made a flying trip to Lake county Saturday.

Boarding a plane at the Salem airport Saturday morning the official party made the 300 mile hop to Lake county, attended to their business, took in the Lakeview round-up and were back in the capital that night.

Business that took the board members to Lake county was the inspection of 10,000 acres of swamp land the state owns in south Warner Lake. The board also visited the ranch of William Kittredge, Lake county stockman, who has reclaimed some 4000 acres of land similar to that owned by the state and which is now in a state of high productivity. Kittredge has proposed to lease the state lands which he would also reclaim and the board is understood to be giving his proposition serious consideration.

Board members making the trip included Governor Charles A. Sprague, Secretary of State Earl Snell, State Treasurer Walter A. Pearson, and Louis Griffith, clerk.

There is still a lot of room for improvement in Oregon's public school system in the opinion of Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction. Many of the state's 979 one-room schools could be consolidated to the advantage of both the tax payers who support these institutions and the pupils who attend them, Putnam said. Putnam also favors a re-vamping of the method by which public education in this state is supported in order to equalize the financial burden.

The 74 law school graduates who successfully passed the bar examinations held here this summer are to appear before the supreme court to take the oath of office as attorneys on September 20.

Salem, Oregon Sept 5.—An additional 1584 recruits will be needed to bring Oregon's national guard units up to full peace time strength.

This was revealed by records of the adjutant general office here following unofficial but apparently reliable reports that the guard would be put on a peace time footing immediately following its mobilization into the regular army, tentatively set for September 16.

At the present time there are 4567 officers and men in the Oregon guard contingents. These include the 162nd and 186th infantry regiments, the 218th field artillery regiment, the 249th coast artillery corps, the Lebanon company of the 116th medical regiment and the headquarters companies and detachments of the 41st division and 82nd brigade.

It is understood here that there will be a period of ten days between actual mobilization of the guard and the departure of the units from their home stations for camp at Fort Lewis. This time will be allowed the men to set their private affairs in order for their extended absence from home. During this waiting period also efforts will be made to bring the various units up to peace strength by intensive recruiting drives in the various cities in which guard organizations are located.

Supporters of the candidacy of Dean Walker for the presidency of the state senate are now claiming that the veteran Polk county legislator has enough votes pledged to assure his election. The only other candidate for this post so far is Senator Douglas McKay of Marion county.

Reargument of the highly controversial anti-picketing case before the state supreme court has been scheduled for early October when it is expected that all seven justices will sit in on the arguments. When the case was argued before the high court several months ago two members were absent, Justice Bean being ill and Justice Bailey being absent from the state.

Accumulated profits from the
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Princess Marjorie



Princess Claudine



Queen June



Princess Virginia



Princess Catherine

Dress Up Day
Proclaimed For
Saturday, 7th

Whereas, the time for the annual Sherman County Fair is again nearly upon us, and

Whereas, the citizens of the county desire to give it proper respect and announce it to the world by the wearing of bright colored costumes, and

Whereas, such man and woman and each boy and girl, enjoy this part of the exhibition,

Therefore, I, George G. Updegraff, president of the Moro Breakfast Club do hereby declare Saturday, September 7, as Dress Up day for the Sherman County Fair.

And proclaim that each citizen and especially each member of the club bedeck himself in such clothing as will inform the public that goings both extraordinary and enjoyable are about ready to begin. And that such clothing shall be worn until the end of the fair.

Signed:
George G. Updegraff, president.
Attest, Carrel S. Bennett, secretary

Thogerson-Searcy
Wedding Held

Before the immediate families of the two young people the wedding of Miss Audreyella Searcy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seral Searcy of Moro, and Orval Thogerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Thogerson of Battle Ground, Washington, was held Sunday, September 1, at the Thogerson home near Battle Ground.

Attendants were Arnold and Marguerite Thogerson, brother and sister of the groom, who stood with the contracting couple in front of the gladiola bedecked fireplace.

The bride was a graduate of the Moro high school last May and the groom finished here a few years before. After the ceremony a wedding dinner was served and the newly weds left for their honeymoon at an unannounced place. They will return to Moro for the fair.

Red Cross Sends
Clothes To Europe

The Sherman county Chapter, American Red Cross has completed its quota of Refugee garments; Mrs. V. B. Haufelt, Production chairman, reports the following garments were made by the volunteer workers of the county: Five women's dresses, five girl's dresses, five women's shawls, five men's sweaters, two layettes.

Mrs Allie Fleck
Dies Wednesday

Mrs. Allie Fleck, widow of Peter Fleck, founder of Fleck orchard where many a Sherman county citizen first saw fruit growing and perhaps first tasted fresh peaches and apricots, died in the Mid-Columbia hospital Wednesday after a long illness.

Mrs. Fleck was born in Logan, Iowa November 9, 1856, and came to Sherman county in 1886 with her husband. During the major part of her life here she lived at Rufus, but later moved to a stock ranch on the John Day.

She is survived by a son, Roy Fleck of Maryhill, a daughter, Mrs. Frank Medler of Rufus, two sons, James Brady of Vernonia and Joe Brady of Rufus.

No definite arrangements have been announced for the funeral.

Kelly Says This
State Safe For
Willkie-McNary

Washington, D. C., Sept. 5.—After three weeks of interviewing in Oregon and Washington it can be asserted as of this writing that Oregon will be carried by the Willkie-McNary ticket and Washington state will be in the column of Roosevelt-Wallace that Idaho will go Republican. This forecast is based on the considered opinions of several hundred men and women who are supposed to know the answers in matters political. However, all forecasts in this campaign are subject to what may develop in the European war between now and November.

In agreement are new deal politics and republicans that if Oregon does not go republican, with Oregon's Charley McNary on the ticket for vice president, then the republicans can not carry ever, Maine or Vermont; therefore Oregon is in the bag. It is known, however, that the administration, much as Mr. Roosevelt admires Senator McNary and feels obliged to him for his sportsmanlike leadership of the senate republicans, will bend every effort to carry the state, and there are whispers of large sums to be dumped into Oregon for this purpose.

Republicans claim they have a fighting chance to carry Washington state, but from talks from scores of people that chance appears to be very slender. There are more industrial workers in Washington than in Oregon and also more people on relief, and as a rule workers favor Mr. Roosevelt. How far the attitude of John L. Lewis of CIO and of William Green of AFL (neither of them enthusiastic for Mr. Roosevelt) will influence the members of their respective labor groups is anyone's guess. Of the two, Lewis has been abusive of the president, whereas Green has placed his complaint against the manner in which the National Labor Relations board has administered the Wagner labor act. CIO "got the breaks" from NLRB and testimony shows the board was prejudiced against AFL.

Because of the war, markets formerly dominated by the British and Holland are being lost, temporarily at least, to the United States. A milk evaporating plant in Washington is operating 24 hours a day filling orders for the far east, a territory heretofore held by Holland and English milk factories. Pulp mills of Oregon and Washington are speeding up to provide supplies for Australia, India and way points, as the Scandinavian source has been shut off by the blockade of the German navy. This also applies to the United States, as the Scandinavians are shut out of this market for the same reason.

Next week the senate finance committee will get down to business in studying new taxes to pay the bill for national defense. What the final form of the tax measure will be no one is in a position to say at this time, nor until it passes the congress. All the congressmen can say is that the bill will be devised to raise more taxes than ever before and the American people will begin to realize what taxation really means. Many common place articles will become luxuries under the new tax bill and Uncle Sam will reach deeper into the pocketbook of John Q. Citizen than he did during

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June Wilde Wins Queen Contest In Race As Close
As Sherman County Fair Horse Races

The ballot boxes were stuffed. Every one was so crammed with votes hardly another one could have been put in. Three girls were said to have over a million votes. Then the counters took charge of the mass of paper representing the hopes of five contestants and spent all afternoon, figuring and adding, until it was found that June Wilde of Wasco had received the most

voter and duly proclaimed her the first queen of the Sherman County Fair.

Miss Wilde is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Wilde of Wasco and was a graduate of the high school there last May. She is an accomplished horsewoman having a horse of her own.

Runner-up in the contest was Virginia Helyer of Grass Valley

who was but a few votes behind and third was Claudine Thompson of Moro.

Total votes recorded were:
June Wilde 1,396,000
Virginia Helyer 1,331,200
Claudine Thompson 917,700
Catherine Fridley 194,850
Marjorie Rich 153,300
Total votes 4,003,950

The contest being the first that has been tried in this county developed some discrepancies that will be ironed out if another is tried but as a whole it was satisfactory. The costumes for the princesses and the queen have been ordered and they will be worthy of the effort made.

First Aid Class
Being Organized

The Sherman County Chapter, American Red Cross will sponsor a class in first aid any place in the county where there is sufficient interest according to Mrs. C. L. Polley. At the present time a class is in process of organization in Moro although more members are needed to make the plan complete. Carrel Bennett is secretary of the class and will take names of those interested. C. A. Tom, of Rufus, will conduct the class as he is an accredited teacher of Red Cross first aid methods with several years practice.

New Cars Cost
More In Canada

Commencing July 1, the Canadian government is imposing heavy taxes upon new car purchasers, according to Dr. E. B. McDaniel, president of the Oregon State Motor Association. Tax is ten per cent on car values up to \$700 (manufacturer's price to dealers), 20 per cent on excess of values over \$700 and up to \$900, 40 per cent of the excess value over \$900 and up to \$1200, and 80 per cent of the excess value over \$1200.

The total tax on a \$1500 car is \$470, plus same percentage of tax on time sales charges. According to the motor association president, the new taxes will drive the higher priced cars from the market, pave the way for increased production of war materials, and increase prices for used cars.

Persons that believe that taxes on vehicles originated after the advent of the automobile must now consider new evidence that such levies are much older than the horseless carriage.

According to the Oregon State Motor Association a tax receipt, more than 120 years old, was discovered recently at Birdsboro, Pennsylvania, showing that \$2.00 was paid as a year's license on a two-wheel carriage.

One Third Wheat
Loaned On

Dewey Thompson reports that loans have been made on over 550,000 bushels of wheat in Sherman county under the provisions of the crop loan program. The average price for this wheat has been about 60 cents.

County Court
Has Light Job

The county court met in solemn session Wednesday and found nothing to do but pay a few bills and adjourn. A matter of compromising some personal property taxes has been before the court for some months and this was again discussed but no decision was announced.

Soil Conservation
Being Discussed

Land owners in four Oregon localities will decide during September whether to form soil conservation districts under the terms of the enabling act passed by the last legislature, announces W. L. Teutsch, assistant director of the O. S. C. extension service and secretary of the state soil conservation committee.

Only one such district has been formed since the passage of the act, the South Tillamook district, put into operation last April. The four additional proposed districts are Clatsop, Baker and Klamath counties. Residents in each petitioned the state committee for the formation of a legal district by which to carry out organized erosion control or other soil conservation work.

The state committee, composed of Robert Warren, Forest Grove, chairman; G. W. Franklin, Enterprise; Charles E. Stricklin, Salem; Dean Wm. A. Schoenfeld and Teutsch, Corvallis, held hearings in each locality following receipt of the petitions. The committee recently passed all four districts as feasible and arranged for referendum elections as required by law.

To organize such a district a majority of the landowners representing at least 70 per cent of the area included must vote in favor of the plan. Those owning at least ten acres within the district are entitled to vote.

Goldendale Show
Ready This Week

Zolo Brooks was here last week in the interest of the Goldendale Jamboree and Rodeo and was full of information about the new features to be brought to this area by the management of that show.

Most exciting of these is dog teams. Goldendale in September is not considered dog team territory as a general thing, but this year there will be dog teams nevertheless. These teams have been at San Francisco. They pull a regular dog sled mounted on low wheels, but when hooked to a good sized truck the dogs can start it on the track just to show what they can pull.

Riding and roping and bull dogging make up the major part of the show which many Sherman countians usually attend.

Advance Sale
Over \$1700.00

While the total of money collected in the queen contest has not yet been accounted for at this date latest report estimates the advance ticket sale at \$1750. Total gate of the 1939 fair was just a few dollars below \$2000.

Wes Fuller and family came home from their trip to the Oregon coast this week.

County Fair
In Last Stage
Of PreparationMany Race Horses
Assure Faster, Closer
Meet Than Ever Before

This is how it is:

A certain race horse owner said the other day that he figured he would win some races this year by starting early and putting his horses in a little better condition than anyone else. He knew that the potential speed of the colts was very much the same.

When he saw the other entries he found that several of them had had the same idea and now he don't know whether he can win at all or not.

The barns at the grounds are filling up and in the early morning the hoofs clatter on the track as the colts are worked out. They look hard and fit and they finish their laps with little blowing and puffing. There'll be some races this year that will be talked of whenever sporting events are mentioned.

Mac Barber's bucking string is appearing at fairs and rodeos over this state and California and will be in its usual fine fettle.

Best Parade Expected

Clowns, two sets of them, and trick horses will be on hand to amuse the crowd during the periods between races and these will not be long.

The parade will be longer this year and there will be more horses, for the Rolfe string will be on hand, fresh from the state fair at Salem as are the Fraser string. Helyer's six horse outfit will make three such entries. The northwest's best will be in the arena when they perform, for the Rolfe and Fraser horses are appearing at Salem, Puyallup and Portland.

Four H club calves will equal past fine exhibits and go from here into fine competition at the Pacific International.

And the queen will be crowned Friday and will ride each day with her princesses and there's a lot of other features worth seeing. And lots of friends to visit with.

Young People
Have Meeting

The young people of the Moro Community Church held a party last Tuesday evening as the guests of Rev. Henry G. Hanson at the manse. The evening was spent in playing games, after which a short business meeting was held, and officers for the coming year were elected, as follows: Theodore Thompson president; Millard Melzer, secretary treasurer; and Ardis Truitt pianist; and Donald Thompson assistant pianist. Committees will be appointed by the officers in the near future. The first meeting will be held next Sunday night at 7:30 with Carrel Bennett as leader. The place and subject will be announced next Sunday morning. Present at the gathering were Lois Melzer, Florence Lawrence, Jane French, Ardis Truitt, Betty Templeton, Gene Erishine, Theodore and Donald Thompson, David McLeod, Carrel Bennett, Dean Pinkerton, Millard and Vernon Melzer, Mac Hall, George Martin and the host, Mr. Hanson.

Accidents Come
From Hurrying

Excessive speed, failure to yield right of way and driving off the roadway, in most cases probably due to speed too great for conditions, were the chief actions of drivers contributing to traffic accidents, the study disclosed. Of the 95 fatal accident drivers who had some driving fault checked against them, 86 per cent fell in the classification listed above.

There was a total of 17,389 traffic accidents in Oregon during the first half of the year, with 161 persons killed and 3,160 injured. Sixty per cent of the fatal accidents reported from cities, only 29 per cent occurred in business districts. Train automobile crashes claimed four lives, bicycle automobile crashes took five lives all being persons under 24 years of age.



Wally Overman who is here for the county fair, is a world famous clown cartoonist. He claims to be able to draw faster than a Chinaman can write laundry tickets. He says he has had lots of experience touring in vaudeville and with Sells-Floto circus.