

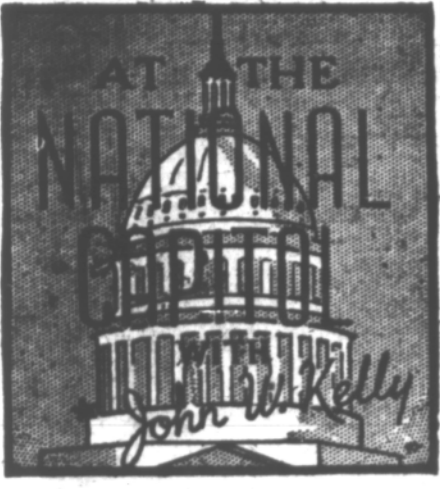
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Registration of Pupils Drops In Most Schools
High Schools Getting Smaller But Primary Enrollments Show Slight Increase

Monday Sherman county youngsters of school age trod the grounds of the school yards again after a rest of over three months. As a general rule there were fewer registered in the classes than last year although the drop is not startling. In Sherman county the decrease in school enrollment is an old story.

No figures are at present available for the Kent district but the other districts have a total of 297 pupils.

District	HS	Grade
Wasco	30	63
Rufus	8	31
Moro	22	56
Grass Valley	29	58

Kent has between fifty and sixty pupils in all probability.

Student Body All Boys
An oddity is the enrollment of the Rufus high school as all eight of them are boys, none of them are seniors and it is expected by the principal, John F. Jenkins, that the basket ball team will be as good as usual.

Wasco has the largest school with 93, Grass Valley next and Moro third.

A comparison between the first graders and the high school that will be graduated next May. The classes that have been graduating are larger than usual for a large number of children were born in the post-war years of 1920 to 1923.

First Drawing Won By Stanley Coelsch
The drawing for the Moro Community Club prize this week will be held at Foss & Company. The time has been changed to 5.30 in the afternoon which will be after the fair program. Stanley Coelsch is driving more safely now since the drawing of last week.

Sheriff Wilson Brings Man Back To Jail
Sheriff C. C. Wilson drove to Prosser Tuesday night to return Ophir Baker to the county jail here. He is charged, according to the sheriff, with stealing a car in Klamath county, a tire and tube from Hartley at Grass Valley, beating and robbing a garage man at Condon and stealing another car at Heppner. State police are expected to take charge of the prisoner before the end of the week.

Helyer Horse Wins Place At Salem
Prince Rupert, bay gelding belonging to W. C. Helyer, placed in the steeple chase at the state fair Saturday. Earlier in the week he placed first, with two seconds, in the musical chair race. He will appear in the races at the Sherman county fair. Sir Kent, grey gelding belonging to Durward Helyer, was sold after the state fair to L. R. Banks, of Portland for \$200. He will be used in a sheriff's posse.

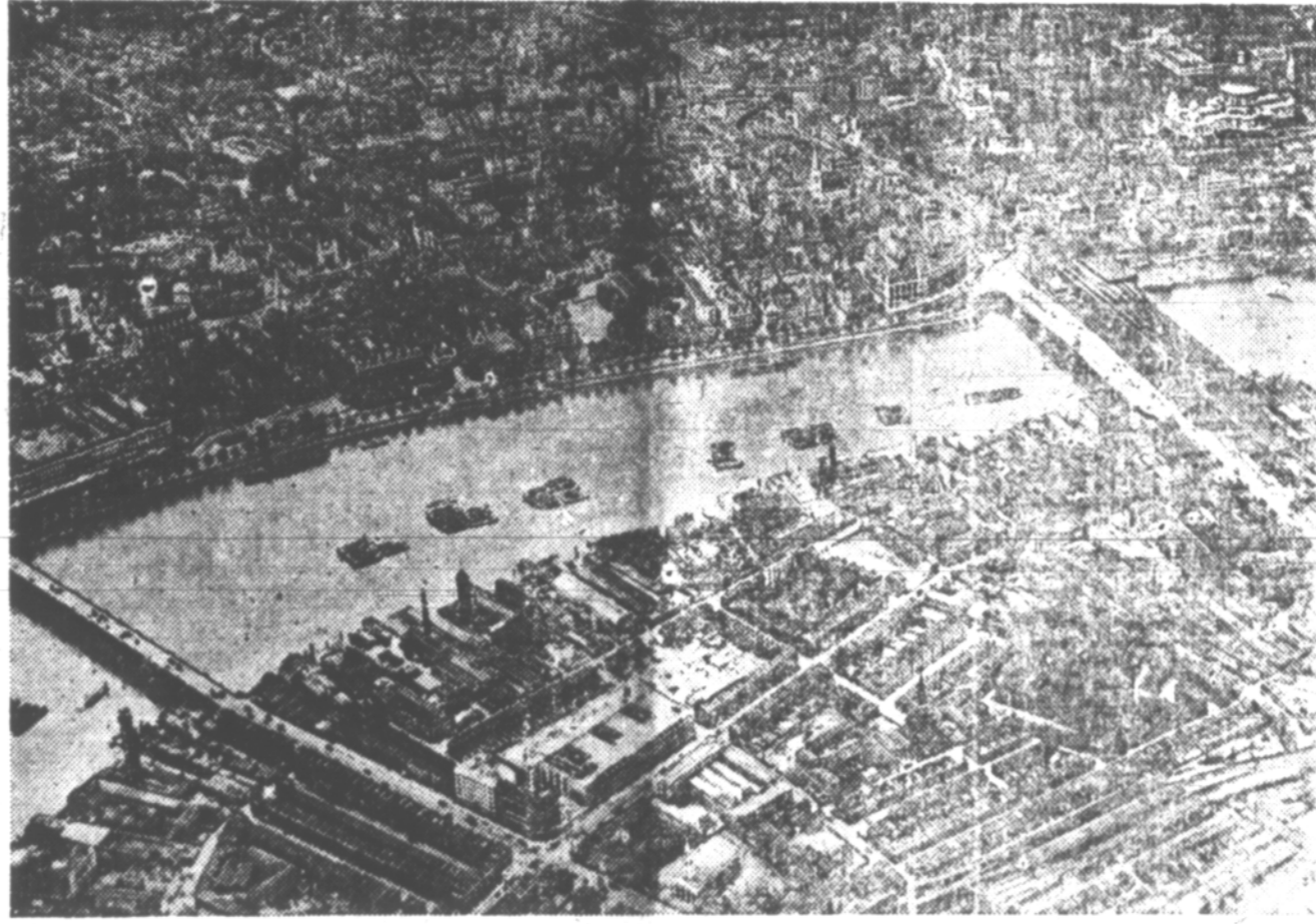
Rain Comes To Wet Track For Fair
First rain of the season came Monday evening after a day of sultry heat and for a few minutes the rain came down like the start of a flood. Only .24 inch was recorded at the experiment station, however, which was light compared to the 1.10 that was reported at Condon. A much heavier rain fell at Kent, also.

John DeMoss, back from the Mitchell country, reports a minor cloud burst in that town with mud and debris washed into business houses and over the highways.

The skies still threaten, and more rain may fall before the end of the fair week. What has come has been of great aid to the track and has insured a cleaner fair than sometimes can be held.

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A Bomber's-Eye View of City of London



Here is an aerial view of a section of London's waterfront as it appears to the bombardier of a raiding plane. In the foreground are some of the piers and warehouses that stretch for miles along the Thames; across the river, magnificent public buildings and residential estates. London, heart of England, and nerve center of the British empire, has been in a continual state of alarm recently, as Hitler's air armadas swoop in from across the channel. The Thames is a silver signpost that leads air raiders right to the front door.

Mobilization of National Guard Makes Change In State Offices

By A. L. Lindbeck
Salem, Or., Sept. 13.—With the Oregon National Guard scheduled for mobilization into federal service next Monday state affairs have assumed a decidedly military atmosphere this past week.

Governor Sprague on Thursday signed the formal order transmitting the president's proclamation calling up the Oregon troops for a year of intensive training but even before that machinery had been set in motion for a prompt and orderly compliance with the mobilization order.

The adjutant general's office which is also the headquarters of Major General George A. White, commander of the 41st division, has been a veritable hive of industry as a substantially augmented force of clerks and stenographers have labored over time to grind into the numerous orders and whip into shape the documents and records incident to the mobilization of Oregon's more than 4500 officers and men.

When Governor Sprague this week signed the official order calling up the national guard for federal service it was the 3rd such order issued by an Oregon Governor in the past 25 years. The first of these was in 1916 when the Oregon troops were inducted into service for duty on the Mexican border and the second in 1917 when Uncle Sam again turned to Oregon for help against Germany.

General White announced this week that Oregon guard units will be billeted in local armories where that plan is practical from the time they are mobilized next Monday until their departure for the concentration camps on September 23. Where local armories are not available or are not adequate quarters will be rented for the troops. Where it is not practical to set up unit kitchens and mess facilities arrangements are being made to feed the men at restaurants.

Governor Sprague in addressing the state convention of the American Legion at Seaside this week made public plans for the organization of an "Oregon State Guard" if the need should arise for armed troops during the absence of the national guard. This "State Guard" would be made up of veterans of the World War, already well trained as soldiers and hundreds of whom have volunteered their services in any emergency.

The governor, however, expressed the belief that state and local police would be adequate to handle any ordinary situation that might arise with the help of a body of police reserves which it is planned to organize to supplement the state police force.

The state board for vocational education meeting in Salem this week gave its approval to plans for a substantial expansion of the entire state program in order to meet the increased demand imposed of the present national-defense program.

Mass Meetings Announced For Stamp Plan

Mass meetings of all food retailers in Morrow, Sherman and Wheeler counties are being held the latter part of this month to discuss details of operation of the Food Stamp Plan which will be inaugurated in the eastern Oregon area on October 1st.

Mass meeting of food retailers for Sherman county will be in Arlington Friday, September 20. These meetings will be held in the evening.

It is essential that all food retailers attend the mass meeting most convenient to them in order that they may be informed as to their part in the plan.

According to Donald A. Fareed, Oregon representative of the Surplus Marketing Administration, federal agency which administers the Food Stamp Plan the volume of new food purchasing power represented by surplus food stamps is equal to a new industry with a sizable payroll coming to each of the counties.

"To illustrate the importance of the Food Stamp Plan to the farmers, retailers and public assistance families in the thirteen county area," said Mr. Fareed, "we can take the amount of surplus food stamps which will be used in the area annually as estimated at \$125,000. It would take a new industry with a yearly payroll of \$400,000 in the area to result in \$125,000 being spent for food."

Guyton Family Has Reunion
The Guyton family met near Government Camp for a reunion Sunday. There were forty-four relatives and friends present. This is the first gathering of the family since the death of William F. Guyton, pioneer of Wasco and Sherman counties, over ten years ago. There were only four of the six living sons and daughters of Mr. Guyton present. Eleven grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren were also present. Plans were laid for making these gatherings an annual event and a president, vice president and secretary were elected and committees appointed to assemble a history of the family and make arrangements for the reunion which will be held at Bear Springs next June when it is hoped, the whole family will be present.

Sherman County Horses Win
Tom Fraser brought his horses home from the state fair Monday decked with many more ribbons than when they left late in August. His string won 12 of the 15 places in the Belgian classes including grand champion stallion. He also took second in the six horse team driving exhibit.

T. M. Rolfe's Percherons also came home Monday from the state fair with a number of ribbons despite the competition of the Norval Martin string from The Dalles. His stallion is also grand champion of the state's Percherons.

The Sherman county horses required over half the draft barn room used at the state fair. They are now back in Moro ready to display their quality to the home folks.

Pari-Mutuel Betting Arranged For Fair

First and Second Places To Be Used In Experiment With State Controlled System Of Wagering; All Fairs Profit

Announcement was made Wednesday by the fair board that an arrangement had been made to have pari-mutuel betting the first two days of the fair this year.

Now that a larger number of horses are on hand and ready to race than before and the horsemen anxious for a try at the state regulated betting system, this was thought to be a good year to try the method here.

Robert J. Murray, who has handled the Multnomah county fair for several years is here to handle the betting which is under the supervision of the state racing commission.

No machines will be used this year as Mr. Murray is a calculator of the days before machines were used. "Straight" and "place" tickets only will be sold and there will be no quinnella tickets.

The Huggins carnival company began moving into town Monday evening to set up in the flat. Rides for the youngsters and games for the older folks are being drawn from the wagons and set up. The Huggins shows played at Salem and Goldendale.

Mac Barber is in town with a string of buckers which he says is a little tougher than he has brought here before. At the top of the list is Whiz Bang, the tough little bay, CB, Red Bluff, Reservation, Tip Top, High Hat and Johnny Jay and to ride them Jerry Ambler, Jack Sherman, Don Bentley, Cecil Bedford and a host of other riders are at the grounds today.

Moro Budget Meeting Set

The city council met Tuesday night and decided on a date for the budget committee meeting which is to make up the expense list of the city for 1941. Named on the committee to assist the councilmen in making the estimates were J. F. Foss, S. W. Searcy, J. K. McKean, Joe Truitt, Dewey Thompson and E. E. Barnum.

In addition to holding this meeting on September 24, Tuesday, it was voted to hold the bi-annual caucus on the same evening at the same place. This caucus will have as its duty the nomination of a mayor, a treasurer, and three councilmen for two year terms. Councilmen whose terms will expire the first of January are M. E. McKee, L. R. Conlee and Ralph Brisbane.

Instead of holding the saddle class judging before the meet on Saturday, it will be held Saturday morning. George Gochnour will place the saddle horse classes, the ladies and gentlemen's classes.

The rain the first of the week put the track in fine condition, the best it has been in years, say the horsemen, and this is expected to insure times as good as ever made here. Races are consistently run in 53 and 54 for a half and often in 51 and 52 seconds.

Republican Leader To Visit Here
Mrs. Grace M. Wells, vice chairman of the Republican state central committee, will be in Moro next Tuesday for a brief conference with members of the party and county central committee officials. A luncheon is being arranged by Mrs. Howard Conlee and Mrs. Collis Moore, vice chairman and secretary respectively of the county organization. This will be at Moro Hotel. Reservations are now being made for the luncheon which is to be attended by precinct officers and other interested party members.

Sept. 28 Date Wasco Library Festival

The 17th annual Wasco library festival will be held in Wasco Saturday, September 28. A parade of children and their pets will start at 1:30 and will be followed by the crowning ceremony for the junior and senior queens of the day.

A program will be given by the schools in the afternoon. The fraternal societies will serve dinner at their hall at 6:30 and in the evening Ivan Koerber will play for a dance at the Opera house. Local concessionaires will take over Main street in the afternoon.

Money raised by the festival will be used to maintain and enlarge the Wasco library. Wasco high school has named the following as candidates for senior queen of the affair: Shirley Juhnke, Gladys Stone, Thelma Lutje and Idabelle Spence.

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FAIR ADVERTISED MEMBER HURT

A small group of fair enthusiasts went to The Dalles Wednesday afternoon to arouse some interest in the fair. Glen King and Claud Thompson transported the horses and the queen and princesses were there dressed in all their regalia to parade the streets mounted. Some little attention was drawn to the fair program.

Roy Barnett was seriously hurt Tuesday afternoon while driving his chariot team on the track. The tongue of his chariot broke at the double trees and Roy was thrown out. He sustained a bad cut over one eye, a cut on his arm and a lot of stiffness which kept him in bed for a day or two. Mr. Barnett is a member of the fair board.



Jack Bartlett's famous donkeys will again be at the Sherman county fair with a new show. There will be a grand entry, donkey soft ball, polo and bucking. The field will be lighted Saturday night for the donkeys. This event is put on by Bartlett and not the fair board although it derives a percentage from the gate.

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