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Washington D. C., March 27.—Bonnieville power administration is in desperate need of \$1,500,000 with which to service the Reynolds Metals Co., the new aluminum company which has located at Longview, Washington, instead of Cascade Locks, as originally planned. Production is wanted by June 15, but it will require many months to assemble materials for a substation or to run a transmission line to Longview, even though the money was available—which it is not.

After Administrator Raver signed the 20-year contract, agreeing to bring power to the Reynolds company, he asked for a "deficiency" appropriation from congress which would enable him to take power to the Longview site. He was told to wait for the regular appropriation bill for the fiscal year 1942. For reasons best known to himself, neither Raver nor his assistants solicited the help of the Oregon delegation, but had seen Washington's Senator Bone and Representative Leavy.

A third draft of the proposed Columbia power authority has been completed and is under study. It does not provide for home rule, like the previous drafts centers the authority in the hands of the secretary of the interior, Harold L. Ickes. In the northwest the increasing demand for local "authority" directed by local people, and not a single head in Washington, D. C.

As previously predicted in this column, the navy has awarded contracts to the Joe Dyer shipyard at Astoria, and to Kruse & Banks at Coos Bay, each for four 135-foot boats. These will be mine sweepers. Several hundred men will be required in each of the yards. Later the old shipyard at St. Helens will probably be given a contract to build freighters for the maritime commission, as the government now plans letting work for 200 additional freighters, a number of these to be allocated to yards on the Pacific coast.

There is such a need for destroyers that the navy is considering placing orders in the Columbia Willamette river region. The yards on Puget sound are now loaded with all the orders they can handle.

In the midst of war's alarms, the biggest sensation in the national capital last week was the strange disappearance of a Forest Grove, Oregon girl. A new arrival in the defense program, brought here to work in the war department making maps, she left her office and that was the last seen of her for two days. Newspapers carried pictures and scare-head stories. When found the young woman was located in a park, suffering from amnesia.

One reason President Roosevelt does not want much river and harbor and flood control work now is that he wishes to build a back log of employment against the time when national defense is over and peace reigns in the world. The administration realizes that there will be a terrific let-down for the United States when the emergency is over and that something must be planned to meet the unemployment situation and the inevitable depression. This also applies to new reclamation projects, and for the same reason there will be no extensive development of the Grand Coulee reclamation, though a start will be made.

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## Breakfast Club To Sponsor Father-Son Feed

The Moro Breakfast club will sponsor the first Father-Sons banquet to be held in Moro for several years, next Wednesday evening at 7 p. m. at the Moro hotel.

This meeting will take the place of the regular Wednesday morning meeting which will not be held.

While the club is sponsor for the dinner of fathers and sons the invitation is given to any who wish to attend and bring a son. It is not restricted to club membership.

Program will be by and for local people and a picture of interest to all will be shown.

## Sportsmen Over 65 Now Licensed for 50c

Sportsmen 65 years of age or over, who have been residents of the state of Oregon for 10 years or more, may obtain annual combination fishing and hunting licenses for 50c. However, to obtain this concession, each applicant must make an affidavit before the county judge or chairman of the board of county commissioners of his county that he is unable to pay the regular \$5 license fee.

No such license may be issued until June 14, when the new law becomes effective. By that time application blanks for this type of license will be in the hands of all county judges and county commissioners, and will also be obtainable at the Portland office of the Oregon State Game commission.

## Federal Wheat Insurance Figures

Final figures on federal wheat crop insurance in Oregon, for 1941 show that 48,056 growers have taken out insurance this year compared with 20,019 in 1940, reports Will Steen, chairman of the state AAA committee. The paid-up applications cover about 300,000 acres compared with about 294,000 last year, and guarantee that growers will have 4 1/2 million bushels of the 1941 crop to sell.

Last year, 3,654,054 bushels were covered, while total indemnities paid at the end of the season amounted to 146,339 bushels. Wind, drought, frost and hail were the causes of crop losses to growers last year, although only 23 per cent of the insured growers sustained losses.

The greatly increased number of policies written this year, but which represent only a slight increase in acreage covered, is caused by the fact that a far larger number of smaller wheat producers in western Oregon and other sections outside of the main Columbia basin wheat belt took insurance this year, according to Steen.

## Hinrich Peters To Be Buried Sunday

Hinrich Peters died quietly in a hospital in The Dalles at 11:20 Wednesday night, March 26, after a brief illness.

Mr. Peters was born in Hanover, Germany, February 15, 1859, served for a time in the German army, married and moved his young wife and young family of three children to this country in 1888. They arrived at The Dalles the night of January 1, 1889 and before spring had settled on a pre-emption claim. Later Mr. Peters took up a homestead and this has been his home from that day until his death.

A real farmer, who loved to till the soil, Mr. Peters has been active on his farm all his years and but a few years ago took a place in harvest. His interest in public affairs was demonstrated in his service as school director as he has been on the board of the Rosebush school since it was formed in 1889 except for one year.

Surviving are four sons, John, Henry, Herman and Fred, a daughter, Mrs. W. D. Barnett, all of this county. Others have gone on before and Mrs. Peters died over twenty years ago.

The funeral will be held Sunday, March 30 at 3 p. m. with the Rev. W. I. Eck of the Lutheran church officiating and interment will be made in the IOOF cemetery at Grass Valley beside the family.

## Moisture Content Of Soil Indicates Good Yields

Average Beaten In All Tests Made For Soil Moisture

Comparison between the moisture content of the soil this spring and other springs gives an indication that the wheat crop this year may be better than the average.

On the plots at the experiment station that are plowed in April and kept clean of weeds the average percentage of moisture in early March is 12.9. This year the same plot contains 15.1 per cent of water which, if it can be used for the crop, should increase the yield.

On plots plowed in May the average is 12.6 percent and this year that plot has 15.6 percent of moisture, a clear three percent more than the average.

June plowed plots average 12.5 percent of moisture, nearly as much as the earlier plowed plots in average years. This year there is but 13.2 percent of moisture in these late plowed areas.

This is due to the fact that late plowed plots usually absorb more moisture in the winter than do the earlier plowed ones. Nitrates are generally deficient in late plowed plots which causes poor stands and often a poorer grade of wheat.

Tests taken on several farms in the county show that there is enough moisture in the soil to produce a good crop if it is utilized for crop and not dissipated in other manners. On the Proudfoot place the average of two tests showed 13.7 percent of moisture.

At Dave Reid's it was 12.9. Walter Blau had 14.0 and L. P. Haven on the Sharpstein place had 15.1. These tests were all for six feet of soil and the lower three feet were good and wet as well as the upper three feet.

Glen King's land in one test contained 20.0 percent of moisture in five feet. On the J. B. Coon place 19.0 percent moisture was found in four feet and farther south Corliss Andrews had 19.8 percent. Theo von Borstel 21.7 and Wilbur Haggerty 17.4 percent in three feet for each.

On the station the early plowed land, well cultivated has good moisture down to the fifth foot and the sixth foot has 13.4 percent. The June plowed land, however, drops to 11.9 in the fourth foot, 10.7 in the fifth foot and 9.0 in the sixth foot, indicating that crops on this land might not stand the summer heat as well as the better cultivated soil.

## Wheat Fed Hogs In Demand

With hogs at their highest market level for several years and prospects of continued demand for pork, Oregon producers have an opportunity to convert low priced wheat into high priced meat, judging from the results obtained in surplus wheat feeding experiments at the Oregon experiment station.

Wheat has been fed to hogs in direct comparison with corn and other feed grains at the station and has been found just as valuable pound for pound. In one test the average amount of feed required for 100 pounds grain was 369 pounds of corn, and 364 pounds of wheat. Furthermore, it was found that wheat-fed hogs had firmer carcasses than corn-fed hogs shipped in from the corn belt, which confirms the oft-repeated opinion of Portland meat packers that western wheat-fattened hogs excel in this respect.

The tests carried on recently bear out previous experiments to the effect that the feeding values of ground wheat and ground corn are equal so far as average gains with hogs are concerned, and that western buyers at least prefer the wheat fattened animals, says OSC livestock men.

## COUNTY TREASURER ATTENDS MEETING

Mrs. Naomi Van Gilder attended the meeting of the state finance officers in Eugene last week leaving here Tuesday and returning Friday. The meeting was held in conjunction with the commonwealth congress annually held in the university city.

## Grass Valley Elevator to be Enlarged

Construction of an addition to the Grass Valley elevator began early this week with razing of the warehouse north of the present elevator. Before harvest a new 60,000 bushel elevator will be built on this site.

Cost of the new structure will be \$9000 and it is being built because of the expressed intent of farmers to bulk their grain this year on account of the high price of sacks and the difficulty in getting them at all.

Work will be done with local labor as much as possible and a firm from The Dalles has the general contract.

## New Plowing Method Tried Here

A new method of plowing summerfallow is being tried at the experiment station this year. Land that was in barley last year is being plowed with an ordinary rod weeder to which has been attached a series of shovels about six or eight inches across which are fastened to a bar that sets just back of the rotary rod.

This land is fairly soft for this time of year and is nearly free of weeds or volunteer. It is loosened up to a depth of four or five inches in good shape and if some surface cultivation was done it would make a very good looking summerfallow. Increase of seed crops will be put on this land next year and different drill methods tried.

## Services Held For Mrs. Etta Rich

Funeral services for Mrs. Etta Ann Barnes Rich were held Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Rich, who died March 23, was born in Jackson county, Iowa, October 10, 1863 being one of a family of twelve children. One sister and four brothers still survive.

She was married to O. H. Rich in Smith county, Kansas, October 16, 1882 and their home was in that region until they came to Sherman county in 1902 where Mr. Rich entered the stock business. He died here in 1921.

Of five children born to the couple four are still living, the eldest son, Leroy having passed away in 1936. Surviving children are Zetta Beach of Petaluma, California, E. P. Rich of Wasco, Opal McCoy of Eugene and Ruby Agee of Portland. Six grandsons, a grand daughter, and one great grandson were with her in her last days.

Mrs. Rich was a lifelong conscientious christian who joined the Christian Church in early youth. She was a charter member of the Neighbors of Woodcraft and the Rebekah lodge. She was much pleased to be able to return to Wasco to spend her last years.

Palbearers were Earl Richelderfer, Tracy Fields, Ove Hansen, Sam Brock, Art Smith and Bert Watkins.

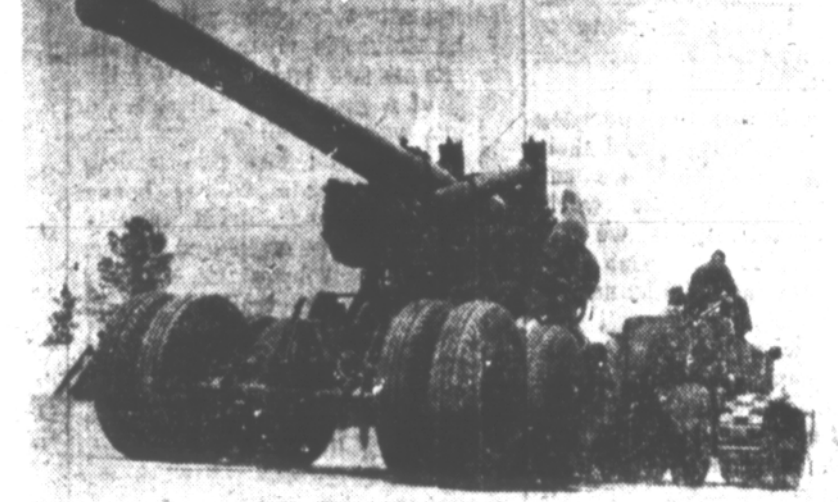
## Livestock Market

The livestock market at the Portland Union Stock Yards for the week ended March 22nd tended to the strong side, with hogs taking the lead in the advance. There were 2,165 cattle, 330 calves, 3,285 hogs and 2,960 sheep sold on the open market during the past week.

The following quotations are based on prices being paid in Wednesday's trading: CATTLE: Good grain fed steers \$9.75 to 11.00, one load Monday at \$11.25. Good grain fed heifers \$9.25 to 10.25. Good beef cows \$8.00 to 8.50, young cows up to \$8.85, medium \$7.00 to 7.75, common \$6.25 to 7.00, canners \$4.75 to 5.75. Bulls, medium to good \$7.25 to 8.50, common \$6.50 to 7.00. Vealers, good to choice, \$12.50 to 13.50.

HOGS: 170 to 215 lb trucking \$8.85 to 9.20; 230 to 285 lb butchers \$8.25 to 8.50; lightweight butchers \$8.00 to 8.50; packing sows \$7.00 to 7.75. Feeder pigs \$8.25 to 8.75, choice \$9.00. SHEEP: Good to choice fed woolen lambs \$11.00; medium to good \$9.50 to 10.25; common \$8.25 to 9.25. Slaughter ewes good to choice \$6.00 to 7.00. Spring lambs good to choice \$12.50.

## Machines Protect America



Machines play the leading role in modern defense. Shown above are machines for soil defense and national defense. The cannon is one of a number of U. S. guns capable of long-range destruction. The earth-moving equipment at top is of a type used by many farmers in building dams and reservoirs. In 1939 farmers moved more than 11 million cubic yards of earth in performing this conservation practice, equivalent to the volume of material going into Columbia river's huge Grand Coulee

## Labor Made Substantial Gains During Recent Legislative Assembly

By A. L. Lindbeck.

Salem, Oregon, March 27.—Labor made substantial gains through enactment of the recent legislative session. Amendments written into the workmen's compensation act and the unemployment compensation act provide for increased benefits aggregating more than \$1,140,000 a year.

A new schedule of awards written into the workmen's compensation act provide for increased benefit payments to injured workmen and their dependents amounting to an estimated \$522,000 annually. Amendments to the unemployment compensation act provide for increased benefit payments to temporarily jobless workers amounting to an estimated \$621,000 a year. Reductions of the waiting period from three to two weeks also account for an increase of \$250,000 a year in benefit payments while changes written into the seasonality section of the act another \$300,000.

Increased premium rates averaging 15 per cent were announced by the State Industrial accident commission this week in order to meet increased drains upon the workmen's compensation fund. Still further increases in rates are in store for Oregon industries in order to meet increased benefit payments written into the law by the last legislature but which do not become effective until after July 1, 1942.

The recent legislative session was not only, next to that of 1939, the longest on record in Oregon, but also next to that of 1839, the most costly. The payrolls of both the House and Senate were substantially higher than those of the 1935 session which lacked only two days of equalling that of 1941 although considerably under that of the 1939 session. Senate clerks and stenographers drew an aggregate of \$26,874 in payment for their services during the recent session compared to \$32,033 for the 1939 session and \$21,644.50 for the 1935 session. House clerks and stenographers were paid \$44,279 for their services during the recent session, compared to \$47,047 in the 1939 session and \$38,278 in 1935.

If the members of the Oregon legislature are looking for an answer to the negative reaction of the voters to their repeated requests for an increase in their per diem pay they can find it in such tumultuous scenes as those enacted in the House on the closing night of the recent session. And if, as has been charged, this negative reaction is a bit more pronounced in Marion county than in other sections of the state it is only because the

voters of this county are closer to the scene of action and are more frequent spectators at these disgusting scenes than are those of more distant sections.

Granted that the inebricated Representatives constituted only a small minority of the House membership and that their antics were anything but typical of the conduct of the legislature as a whole, it cannot be denied that it is upon such demonstrations as this that opinion is based in the minds of a public that is prone to judge by surface indications.

The state hospital for insane at Salem came in for severe criticism at the hands of the Marion county grand jury which made its annual inspection of the state institutions this week. While the management of the hospital was given a clean bill of health the institution was said to be "almost unbearably overcrowded" while certain of the buildings in which inmates are housed were declared to be "fire traps of great hazard." The first move in a building program to improve conditions at this institution was taken by the recent legislature which, acting upon the recommendation of the Board of Control authorized the

## Remount Service Wants 1000 Horses

The federal government's remount service is in search of 1000 horses, weighing between 975 and 1150 pounds, 15 to 16 hands high, solid colors (white marks permitted) well broke, gentle, with only three gait. Price will range from \$150 to \$175. Breeders will be given preference over dealers and no one need pay a commission to sell a horse. A very few mares can be taken and these must be registered.

The buyer will be at The Dalles Monday, May 5, at the Riding club stables at 8:00 a. m.; at the Mays ranch at Tygh Valley at 10:00 a. m. and at the W. C. Helyer ranch south of Kent at 2:00 p. m.

## Wasco Garden Club Invited to Moro

The Wasco Garden club has been invited to meet with the Moro Woman's club on Friday, April 4, when Mrs. Eunice Brandt, landscape architect, from Oregon State college will speak.

Mrs. Brandt will speak on "Planning the Home Grounds." Members of the Club are asked to be present at 1:30 p. m. on that day in order that Mrs. Brandt may have plenty of time for her part of the program.

## County Receives Large Part of 1941 Taxes

Two-Thirds of Current Tax and \$11,000 of Delinquent Taxes Collected

Collection of taxes for the year has totalled \$108,648.85, according to Sheriff Wilson, who also reports that \$97,370.21 has been in current taxes and \$11,314.64 has been from delinquent taxes.

Of the current taxes the largest sum will go to the general fund which will receive \$20,093.91, next greatest amount will go to the road fund which will receive \$15,222.10. School district No. 3, Rufus, will get \$10,294.05, the third largest amount to go to any one purpose. This is largely because of full tax payment on the part of the railroad company.

The elementary school fund will get \$9,289.39, Wasco school \$5,040.04, Moro school \$4,598.84, Kent school \$4,147.29 and other taxing units will get some of the funds which are being distributed by the treasurer. Market roads will get \$3,246.68, county school fund \$3,396.47, non-high school district \$4,706.96, Wasco \$3,467.93, Moro \$1,756.99, Grass Valley \$1,414.24.

Taxes for 1940 were paid to the extent of \$360,028, for 1939 to \$529,656; 1938 for \$305,166; 1937 for \$129,566; 1936 for \$157,338; 1935 for \$114,935 and for 1933-34 and prior years \$5143.31 was paid.

These payments are large enough to insure that the taxing units of the county will have funds on which to operate for the remainder of the year with other tax payments that will come in at later tax paying periods.

## Woman's Club Holds Meeting

The Moro Woman's club met March 21 with the program in charge of the Drama and Literature committee. Mrs. Foley was director for the day. Mrs. Russell Hollinshead sang a group of four songs. Mrs. Carroll Sayre reviewed the book, "The Family" by Nina Fedorova. Mrs. Hollinshead and Claudine Thompson gave a musical St. Patrick's day skit. The Bible committee report was given by Mrs. LeeRoy Hanson and the music committee's report was given by Mrs. Ray Blake followed by Richard Strauss' Reverie played by Mrs. Chas. Ruggles on the piano.

Mrs. Henry Hanson conducted a memorial in honor of Mrs. Robert Pinkerton in which Mrs. Russell Hollinshead sang a solo. A decision was made for each member attending the Mother's and Daughter's banquet on April 18, to bring 25 cents to cover cost of obtaining a speaker for the evening.

## Graveside Services For Mrs. McGinnis

Graveside services were held at the I.O.O.F. cemetery of Moro with Rev. Henry G. Hanson in charge, last Tuesday morning for Mrs. Margaret Jane McGinnis of 205 North 7th Street, Corvallis, who passed away in that city last Saturday morning at the age of 79 years.

Mrs. McGinnis was born in Bremer county, Iowa, but grew up in Page county near Clarinda, Ia. After teaching school there for some time she married Thomas R. McGinnis. They spent some time in Kansas and later migrated to Sherman county, where they lived for ten years. In 1905 they moved to Corvallis, where she has since made her home.

She was brought up in the Reformed Presbyterian Church and through all her life she was a member of the Presbyterian Church U. S. A. She took an active interest in the Corvallis Church for many years. Mr. McGinnis, formerly sheriff of Sherman county, passed away in Corvallis in 1932.

Mrs. McGinnis is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Henry Odeen of Houston, Texas, Mrs. C. H. Odeen of March Field, California; three sons, Lea R. McGinnis of Corvallis, Forrest of Minneapolis, Minnesota and Luther of Spokane, Washington; a sister, Mrs. E. J. Ginn of Moro; a brother James E. Coleman of Moro; eight grandchildren and many other relatives.