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Jurors Chosen For May Term Of Circuit Court

Panel of Jurors, May Term, 1941. L. P. Haven, Wasco; Vernon Shipley, Grass Valley; Alfred J. Payne, Grass Valley; Gordon Harper, Wasco; W. A. Mills, Wasco; Glen Karnes, Grass Valley; James W. Tate, Rufus; W. Roy Belshee, Wasco; H. A. Van Gilder, Wasco; Vernon Van Gilder, Wasco; Howard Spencer, Wasco; Leon Smith, Wasco; D. H. Wright, Moro; Richard Bruckert, Moro; Estol Hartley, Grass Valley; Floyd Root, Wasco; Earl Richeldefer, Wasco; Paul Wilson, Kent; Fred Cole, Wasco; Tom Coyle, Grass Valley; Robert H. Davis, Rufus; James D. Kuny, Moro; Curtis A. Tom, Rufus; Lester L. Wilson, Kent; Archie Fortner, Grass Valley; A. Douma, Moro; A. Macnab, Wasco; Robert Heijer, Kent; Vern Mobley, Kent; Fay H. Brackett, Rufus; Walter Blau, Wasco.

Washington D. C., May 8.—Investigation of national defense reveals that the army has fallen down: that it had no vision, no progress (other than M-day), and that the housing for 1,500,000 to 2,000,000 men was not anticipated. Army's explanation is that it never occurred to them that so many troops would be raised and the smaller number estimated for mobilization on M-day could be taken care of at race tracks at state and county fairsgrounds. Army says that when congress, at the request of the president, authorized a tremendously increased personnel it did a good job in locating sites for cantonments, letting contracts for the shelter.

To his the senate investigating committee inquires: What has the army been doing for the past 20 years? Committee asserts that a smart board of strategy would have years ago decided on locations and either acquired the land and held it in reserve or made arrangements to purchase, instead of waiting until the emergency and then having landowners tip up the price in many instances beyond reach. The army should have prepared blueprints of cantonments, with barracks, hospital, mess halls, roads, sewers and water—had everything prepared to swing into action at any time.

Lack of this forethought caused the army to pick sites recently which were in no way suitable for encampments; in swamps, in places where there was no water supply and to ignore old cantonments of world war No. 1, where there were installations of roads, water and sewers. An army officer (retired) picked one site and shifted the location for a hospital in order not to interfere with a golf course used by officers. Estimates of cost have been invariably too low, which the officers explain was because they did not take time to prepare carefully drawn plans, and someone in Washington (whose identity has not yet been revealed) gave orders to construction quartermasters which greatly increased the costs. It can be stated that, aside from under-estimates, there has been no indication of shenanigans on the west coast.

What took place in cantonments has been repeated in other directions. The plain fact is that no one, apparently, in the United States realized 12 months ago that this nation would have to prepare for more than a moderate national defense. Britain was taking care of itself, purchasing goods in the United States, and aside from good wishes this country was regarding the European conflict in an academic manner. Of a sudden it was realized that if Britain was to win the United States must furnish the finances and the munitions, and a grand scramble started to locate and build factories to expand existing plants, all with taxpayers money.

Germany's sinking of millions of tons of cargo ships resulted in the United States preparing the greatest shipyard activity in history, of acquiring every merchant vessel available with which to aid the allies. Survey, a year ago, disclosed that not enough powder was being manufactured for a good, old fashioned broadside by the fleet; therefore the government built plants and hired private concerns to operate them, for powder was needed for the navy, for the army and the British. The same deficiency was noted in small arms, small ammunition, tanks, bag loading plants and airplanes, both for training and fighting.

Only now is the United States beginning to come to life. The mass production will not attain its peak for another 12 months—and much can happen in a single year. The first 30 ton tank was delivered to the army last week after long preparation in changing design, armor and equipment. On the assembly line these armed monsters will be rolling steadily for at least the next two years; tanks for national defense and tanks for the British.

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Donkey Ballgame New Feature of Lamb Show

Bartlett's Trained Donkeys Brought For Afternoon Show; Shepherders Will Dance

Jack Bartlett's well known string of trained donkeys will be an added feature of the afternoon of the Lamb and Wool show at Wasco next Saturday afternoon. Opposing teams will be from the Wasco Civic Club and those Wascoites who are not members. A soft ball game and a spill show will be given. These donkeys have appeared several times in this county and their perfect training is well known to many residents which assures a crowd for the show. The Civic Club is sponsoring it.

Good Lambs Expected

The Lamb and Wool show will be held in the morning and the many entries insure a stiffer competition for the winners than before. Ample grass and the later date for the show will make better lambs than usual, declare those in charge of this part of the day's entertainment.

The Wasco band will give a recital during the day. Traditional end of the festival will be the Shepherders' ball which will be held at the Opera house in the evening. Bill Hune's dance band has been engaged for the occasion. Past years experience make it easy to assure a good time.

Stock Prices Drop Slightly In Week

The following quotations are based on prices being paid in Wednesday's trading:

CATTLE: Good grain fed steers \$9.25 to 10.75. Good grain fed heifers \$9.50 to 10.35. Good beef cows \$8.00 to 8.50, medium \$7.25 to 7.75, common \$6.25 to 7.00. Calves \$5.00 to 6.00. Bulls, medium to good \$7.75 to 8.75, common \$7.00 to 7.75. Vealers, good to choice, \$10.50 to 11.00. HOGS: 170 to 215 lb truck-ins \$8.90 to 9.10; 230 to 285 lb butchers \$8.25 to 8.50; lightweight butchers \$8.00 to 8.50; packing sows \$7.75 to 8.25. Feeder pigs \$9.50, choice light weights quoted to \$10.00.

SHEEP: Good to choice spring lambs \$10.00 to 10.40; one lot \$10.45; medium to good, \$9.00 to 9.50; common \$8.50. Slaughter ewes, good to choice \$3.00 to 3.50. Grossy shorn lambs \$6.50 to 7.50.

Vote On Payments Due May 31

Wheat farmers of Oregon as well as other states will be called upon May 31 to decide by ballot the nation's future policy in regard to wheat, announces Will Steen, Umatilla county wheat farmer and chairman of the state AIAA committee. The wheat quota proclamation scheduled for May 10 will be followed by the nation-wide referendum on the last day of the month.

Each wheat community in the country will have its polling place where three local farmers will be in charge of the referendum. The county committee will be responsible for posting public notices of the election and for seeing that each eligible farmer has an opportunity to cast a secret ballot.

Every farmer who will be affected by the wheat quota is eligible to vote in the election, points out Chairman Steen. So far as known now, this will mean that every grower who is listed as having an average production of 200 bushels or more may vote. A proposal is pending in congress to change the provision so the quota will apply only to those who produce 15 acres or more of wheat, but action on this was not completed the first week in May.

Smaller wheat producers will also profit by the plan, Steen believes. Every grower who plants within his acreage allotment will be able to market his wheat just as before, and at much better prices than if the quota plan is turned down and the loan support is lost.

Wasco Takes 12 Inning Game From Fossil

Wasco won from Fossil last Sunday at the Wheeler county capital although it took them 12 innings to do it. Score was 4 to 3. Jensen went all the way for Wasco and allowed eight hits, the same number as Kelsey, who pitched 9 innings for Fossil, and Prindle, who relieved him, allowed Wasco.

Wasco expects to play the Oklahoma Oubs on the local grounds next Sunday.

WASCO

Rostad, s
H. Richeldefer, m
O'Meara, L
Jensen, p
Bisset, 3
D. Richeldefer, r
Watkins, 1
Williams, c
Bryant, 2
Wilde, r

FOSSIL

Philbrick, 2
Miller, m
Prindle, L
D. Bird, r
Schaeffer, c
Schomp, 3
Friswall, 1
C. Bird, s
Kelsey, p
Wham, 1

Clean-up Day Halted By Rain

Clean-up day in Moro resulted in the clean-up idea itself being cleaned-up. Although 50 citizens came to breakfast dressed in work clothes and although the program was shortened to permit work to start, it didn't start, because the leaden skies sent down a discouraging drizzle that wet the grass, filled the tree leaves with water, kept the surfaces too wet to paint and killed the early morning enthusiasm.

It was a great day for the wheat farmers.

Whether the clean-up day was merely postponed or indefinitely adjourned will depend on the weather and the chances of engendering the civic enthusiasm all over again.

Eakin-Coats Wedding Held In Wasco

Wasco Methodist church was the scene of the wedding Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock of Miss Mary Coats, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Coats of Wasco, and Elton Eakin, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Eakin of Grass Valley, with Rev. F. L. Cannell reading the impressive marriage ceremony before a candle lit altar, decorated with iris, tulips and spiraea.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a powder blue silk crepe dress trimmed in blue lace, with corsage of pink rose buds, and lilies of the valley. Mrs. Carl Rutschman, the bride's sister, acted as matron of honor. She wore a silk frock of old rose crepe and a corsage of white carnations. Virgil Coverhill of John Day acted as best man, and the ushers were Lawrence Todd of Grass Valley and Carl Rutschman of Dufur.

Preceding the wedding ceremony a trumpet solo was given by Jim Coats, accompanied by Mrs. J. T. Johnson; vocal solo "The Sweetest Story Ever Told," by Ellen Eakin, accompanied by Mrs. L. Todd; violin selection by Mrs. Vernon Eakin; vocal solo "Because" by Miss Clara Mathieson, both being accompanied by Mrs. J. T. Johnson on the pipe organ, who also played the wedding march.

Assisting at the reception in the church parlors were Mrs. Inez Sargent, pouring; the Misses Ellen Eakin and Lois Coats, and Mrs. Marguerite Eakin serving. Many friends and relatives from Grass Valley, Moro, Dufur and Rufus were in attendance at the ceremony. After a short honeymoon the young couple will be at home near Grass Valley.

Licenses Required

Licenses are now required to shoot or hunt non-game animals or predators, just as a license is necessary to take game animals.

This change came about through provisions of Senate Bill No. 147, granting power to the Game Commission to fix seasons and bag limits. Previously, the attorney general had ruled that no license was required for shooting of non-game animals or predators. The recently enacted legislation which, because of the emergency clause already in effect, makes it mandatory for any person to obtain a license before shooting any wild animals or predators.

Band Festival, Grade Field Meet Here Today

Promise of Good Weather Raises Hope For Big Crowd At Annual School Event

Friday morning the five school bands of Sherman county will start their annual program of music. Weather permitting, this will be held at the city park in Moro and, in event of rain, it will be at the school gymnasium.

The Kent band will be the first to play followed by the Grass Valley band, led by I. V. Kane, the Rufus band, the Moro band and the Wasco band which is led by Andrew Landies. The Kent, Grass Valley and Moro bands are under the direction of Clyde Simpson. Each will play three selections.

At 1:30 the grade school track meet will be held at the fair grounds. This event is in three divisions and includes both boys and girls. The 7-8 grade group, the 4-5-6 group and the little tots in the lower grades will compete against each other in dashes, jumps and relays.

Wily Knights will act as starter, Florence Lawrence and Claudine Thompson will keep score and hand out the ribbons to the victors and Omer Sayrs, J. M. Wilson and Edgar Alley will judge the events.

There will be 21 events with contestants from each school and if past meets can be taken as indicators, some very close competition.

After the meet is ended the Moro Breakfast club will sponsor a donkey soft ball and polo game. Players from Moro will mount the donkeys and show their—or the donkeys—skill.

Jack Bartlett will bring 12 donkeys and promises that there will be spills and thrills to suit the most critical watcher of amusements.

District Library Meeting In Wasco

The annual district library conference will be held in Wasco this year with librarians and library trustees of the eastern Oregon district invited to attend. Next Monday, May 12, is the date set by the state library board.

After the roll call, during which librarians will be expected to report on their work for the year, Mrs. Wilma Koehler of Hood River will talk on "How Shall We Tell the Public?" and Giles French will discuss "The Role of the Public Library in American Life Today."

At luncheon Mrs. Catherine DeMoss of Hermiston, author of Blue Bucket Nuggets, will speak. In the afternoon Miss Eleanor Thompson of Bend, who is in charge of the Deschutes County library, will talk about children's books and Miss Mary Blossom of the Portland library will tell of new books for adults.

Missionary To Talk At Grass Valley

Last Sunday, May 4, the First Baptist church of Grass Valley was privileged to hold dedication services for its new edifice with Dr. E. B. Hart of Corvallis as guest speaker. On May 11, the church will continue to celebrate this occasion by having as its guest preacher, Dr. Frank E. Eden of Berkeley, California for both morning and evening services.

Dr. Eden is a world traveler. For some years he was pastor of the English speaking Baptist church in Rangoon, Burma. He has also held pastorates in some of the larger churches in the United States. At present Dr. Eden holds the position of Area Director of Evangelism for the Pacific Coast states. He will speak on the topic, "Power for Daily Living" at 11 a. m. and "Who's Who in Whosoever" at 8 p. m.

Mrs. Frank von Borstel and Mrs. Wily Knighten will be in Bend next Monday for a meeting of the district Auxiliary. At three o'clock that afternoon from KBND, Bend Mrs. von Borstel will broadcast as a part of a fifteen minute program staged by the Auxiliary during its conference.

Baptists Dedicate Court House Job Started With Cloud of Dust

The new Baptist church at Grass Valley was dedicated to the use of the church last Sunday, May 4, with a ceremony that brought many former residents and members of the church back to visit and talk over other days.

Dr. E. B. Hart of the First Baptist church of Corvallis was the speaker at the morning service and after a basket dinner in which everyone took part he led the dedication ceremony. Special music was given by Miss Jean Dryden, Mrs. Ellen Cox Roberts, Mrs. Ed Cofer, and Max Peck of Portland.

Many visitors came from all parts of the state to attend the services. Old time members of the church and their descendants were among them. Rev. Alfred Danielson of Bend, Rev. T. L. Anderson of The Dalles, Rev. S. L. Boice, a former pastor now of Portland, were aiding in the services of the day.

Enough money was presented to the church Sunday to make it possible to dedicate the church absolutely debt free.

Insurance Payments Less Than Premiums

By A. L. Lindbeck.

Salem, Ore., May 8.—Residents of Oregon paid out \$22,306,929 in life insurance premiums during 1940 according to the annual report of the state insurance department. Claims paid by insurance companies on policies held in this state totaled \$12,192,409, the report shows. Life insurance in force in Oregon on December 31, 1940, totaled \$756,087,580 compared to \$729,379,073 on December 31, 1939.

Oregon automobile owners paid out \$2,433,870 in premiums for liability insurance, with the companies paying \$1,071,534 in losses during the year. Premiums paid on automobile property damage insurance amounted to \$794,216 with payments totalling \$353,083. Automobile collision insurance premiums for the year amounted to \$467,342 with losses totalling \$202,773.

Two acts of the recent legislative session designed to purify Multnomah county's voter registration lists are now under attack via the referendum. One of the measures provides for investigation of voters now registered. The other provides for the investigation of voters who register after January 1, 1942. Both measures were bitterly opposed by democratic and Commonwealth Federation members in the House and Senate. The referendum attack is sponsored by Walter W. Whitbeck of Portland.

Gross inequalities in assessment are being revealed by field men employed by the state tax commission in appraising properties throughout the state.

These inequalities are not confined to any particular county or group of counties but are found in every county, in some in greater degree than in others and are believed by the commission to be due largely to the use of part-time local assessors, a practice which is now gradually giving way to the use of better trained and full-time assessors.

As an example of some of the inequalities being exposed by the commission's appraisers it is pointed out that a residents property, in a Willamette valley county, admitted by its owner to be worth \$1200 was carried on the assessment rolls at a valuation of only \$40—three percent of the appraised value. At the same time the adjoining property was being assessed at 40 percent of its assessed value.

A residence property in another county appraised at \$2490 was being assessed at \$100—four percent of actual cash value—while another residence in the same block appraised at \$570 was being assessed at \$250—nearly 50 percent of its cash value.

While these are extreme cases, they are by no means isolated cases but are typical of inequalities in assessments found to exist throughout the state.

In its effort to equalize assessments of properties within the

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New Vault, New Jail To Be Installed For County Officers and Prisoners

With dust covering the tables and floors and with county officials pursuing their tasks behind closed doors the county court met Wednesday at the court house while the contractors pounded and razed parts of the building.

Work on reconstruction of the court house has fairly started. Before it is done there will be an enlarged vault space for the county clerk, a space that will reach from the present vault to the hall wall. The treasurer and sheriff will have a vault between their offices. Prisoners, who happen to meet with the law, will have a new jail which will be attached to the rear of the present court house behind the clerk's vault space. And there will be an office room where the jail is at present.

The work will cost the county \$6700 and the Mid-Columbia Construction company is doing the work.

With all this going on about them it is not surprising that the court did little work. It did contract for some 15,000 yards of gravel to be crushed for them by the Rogers company from sites near the Charles Harper place and just north of Bourbon from where it will be distributed to the county roads. Price is 88 cents.

A delegation from the north end of the county asked speed in getting aid of the weed control district to eradicate some noxious weeds. Settlement was made with the city of Moro as to the hall recently decided to the city by the American Legion and numerous minor matters were handled.

Frozen Eggs Keep If Properly Treated

Homemakers who have access to frozen lockers may store eggs successfully in these lockers during the heavy laying season for use when egg prices are higher, according to experiments carried out at the school of home economics at Oregon State college.

Commercial freezing of egg whites and yolks has been practiced successfully for many years, but little if any work has been to adapt the process to small scale use in the home. A successful procedure for such small scale freezing as well as experiments with the use of frozen eggs in cooking, has been carried out this winter by Gladys Hedlund, graduate assistant, under the supervision of Miss Agnes Kolshorn, associate professor of foods and nutrition.

Egg yolks, particularly, require treatment before putting in a frozen locker, else they will be gummy and difficult to use when removed from storage. Miss Hedlund's experiments showed that the addition of a small amount of honey to the eggs before freezing is the most effective treatment, although salt, sugar, or corn syrup may be used satisfactorily for this same purpose.

Eggs for freezing must be clean before breaking and need to be handled in a sanitary manner, as it is important to keep bacterial contamination to the lowest possible point. For that reason cracked eggs are not recommended for use in freezing, even though the eggs are broken before being stored.

Yolks and whites may be frozen together, although they are more commonly separated for convenience in later use. Miss Hedlund found that the use of small dishes for separating these is advisable as then an occasional bad egg will not spoil the large batch.

Whites can be placed immediately in waxed cartons or jars and need no treatment. Yolks are stirred thoroughly and one tablespoon of honey added to every two cups of yolks. One tablespoon of sugar or one teaspoon of salt may be substituted for honey.

RUMOR IS JUST RUMOR

Latest report is that little is to be expected to come from the rumor that went over the county about the possible construction of an elevator at the lower end of Wasco on the old mill property.