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LITTLE TOWNS

The census bureau's figures show that the number of small towns with populations under 1000 has decreased 264 so that there are but 10,082 of them left. In them live 4,315,956 people, only 3.3 percent of the population.

In small towns of between 1000 and 2500 live 3.8 percent of the population or 5,027,954. The entire rural area contains 57,245,573 people which is now 43.5 percent of the nation's people.

In cities of a million or more live 12.1 percent of the people or 15,910,866.

This computation by the bureau shows how rare is the privilege of living in a small town where one is close to rural America, where there is time to think things through, where many use the gadget that make modern life and yet enjoy the call of the early morning pheasant and smell the good earth.

The big cities put a burden on small towns. It is from them that the cities obtain many of their executives. Country boys learn how to do things, using the tools at hand.

So extensive has been the spread of the sale of modern household machinery that residents of small towns may have almost anything that their city cousins can get. They hear the news as quickly, electricity keeps their food cool or cooks it, automobiles take them miles over country roads while city people are tied up in traffic.

In addition to all these are the pleasures of the country. Were some dispersal of industry possible surely a much larger percentage than 3.3 would live in little towns.

In Other Days

From the Observer June 16, 1922

Chris Anderson and wife, accompanied by R. Rasmussen and Mrs. Robt. Urquhart and daughter, Laura, motored to Portland Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Andersen continued to Monmouth to be with their daughter, Miss Bessie, who graduated this term from the State Normal. Miss Bessie has been elected by the Moro school board to teach the 6th and 6th grades next school term.

C. V. Belknap has moved to the Brisbane cottage, vacated last week by Frank Carey.

Mrs. Hazel Woods has purchased the W. R. Blake residence property and is now located in her new home.

From the Observer June 14, 1912
Garland Douma has been compelled to withdraw from business and expects to go abroad in search of health, which his score of friends here hope he may be successful in finding.

The Wasco fire department saved the Western Hotel by a plucky fight at a fire one day last week.

E. M. Olds and C. E. Nelson, middle aged men who got their start in Old Yamhill, are in Sherman county now, and its 2 to 1 that they will tie up and stay with us.

From the Observer June 13, 1902

Frank Sayrs, Will Powell, Alf Dillinger, R. J. Hunter and E. W. Moore left for Horse heaven Wednesday. They go with their own conveyances and camp outfits, for business and pleasure.

Chas. R. Porter, late nominee on the republican ticket for sheriff, has purchased J. D. Wilcox's interest in the lumber business at Grass Valley.

J. C. Coy and Miss Nancy Coy, M. Daymon, Taylor Bergin, R. E. Thompson and families, Bert Hennagin and his family are way up on Des Chutes river this week, next week, and the week after, catching speckled beauties, shooting cougars and taming wild elk.

Clarence Sparling is expected home from the east this week. He is bringing back a truck and has visited relatives.

D. E. Stephens Visits Friends; Inspects Station

D. E. Stephens came Saturday night and remained a few days here inspecting the work of the station and the soil conservation experiments before going on to Portland to see Mrs. Stephens who is there with her daughter, Mrs. Bob DeGraffe.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kaseberg and children and Mrs. John Foss returned Sunday from Red Bluffs, California where they had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mattson for a few days. Mrs. Mattson was formerly Gwendolyn Foss.

Attending Masonic and Eastern Star Grand lodge in Portland this week from the Moro lodges are W. A. Ruggles, W. F. McLeod; Dorothea Moore, Mrs. E. Amidon, Mrs. May Belshe.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Oveson left Wednesday for Corvallis where he will attend the convention of the western division of agronomists.

Mrs. Lena Walker of Alameda, California is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Wilford Belshe.

Miss Dorothy Fraser has received an appointment as Draftsman Stenographer in the office of the Eugene Army Cantonment where plans are being drawn for a cantonment for 35,000 men.

Mrs. Jennie Martin is visiting relatives at Cottage Grove.

Miss Sybil Belshe is at home from teaching in Portland, but plans to attend summer school later at Bellingham, Washington.

Mrs. Walter Ruggles entertained the Sam Gordon bridge club at her home Monday afternoon with Mrs. Walter Ruggles winning the club prize and Mrs. Robert Henson the guest prize.

Margaret Caldwell left Saturday for Portland where she entered nurses training at the St. Vincent hospital Monday morning.

Among students returning home from schools of higher education for the summer vacation are: Jessie Peters from Pacific University, Robert Gillmor from O.S.C. Austin Foss, Carl Peetz and Wynan French from the U. of O., and Reatha Sayrs from San Jose, California.

Judge Hendricks, of Fossil, came over Monday to the Lester Barnum ranch and is helping put up alfalfa hay for a little diversification.

O. B. Willis is here to take the place of Lloyd Hennagin in the First National bank while Lloyd and family are on vacation. He and Mrs. Willis are staying at the hotel.

Austin Foss started to work for the Pacific Power & Light company in The Dalles at the end of his school year and will work during the summer.

Marion McKee left Sunday for Klamath Falls where he will be assistant manager of the Wallgren drug store.

Election of officers to the board of directors of the three cooperative grain associations has been held this week as the annual meetings are held.

Mrs. Truman Strong underwent a major operation at The Dalles Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Ethel May was operated on Monday morning and is reported to be getting along fairly well.

LeRoy Wright is in Corvallis this week to be with the 4-H club children who went down from this county.

Men are in demand around Sherman county here hay is being cut and preparations are being made for harvest. Construction work on elevators and other buildings has taken all available men locally and some have gone to defense work centers.

Mrs. Gladdis Bucholtz is chairman and is selling tickets for the Sam Gordon bridge lessons to be held at the IOOF hall June 19-21. They are \$2.00 for six lessons.

Miss Faye Thompson is home again for the summer at her parents place near Moro. She is going to Portland this week to attend the wedding of a school friend.

Mr. and Mrs. Giles French left Thursday noon for Gearhart to attend the convention of the Oregon Newspaper Publisher's association.

Russel Hollinshead and family have moved to The Dalles for the summer as he will be employed as bookkeeper at Stadlerman Fruit Company.

Lois Melzer started work at the Moro Grain Growers Monday morning.

A marriage license was issued this week to Carrel Bennett and Miss Gene Brisbane who expect to be married at the Presbyterian church next Sunday.

Friends of Miss Irma Mae Morgan gave a shower in her honor Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. Stanley Coelsch, Mrs. Geo. Kruger assisting. She will be the bride of Don DeMoss, Sunday, June 22.

Mrs. L. L. Peetz returned from a trip to Salt Lake, Utah this week after an absence of a week. Gordon Reid left last week by airplane for Ohio to get a new truck and pick-up for his father, David Reid.

The warm days of this week, coming after a chilly and windy period, brought out brown spots in many fields throughout the county and farmers are now reducing their anticipated yields each day as the east wind continues at warm weather prevails.

No serious damage that could not have been expected has been done and wheat on land of fair depth still retains its healthy green color. Wheat on thin land, especially if a heavy stand, is generally browned by the warm days and its yield will be reduced.

Grass Valley

Continued from page one.
daughter Marie motored to The Dalles Friday on business, returning home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Clodfelter and family and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Osterich and family and Lois Coyner motored to Maupin where they enjoyed a picnic dinner on the Dechutes.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Ball left Sunday for Portland on business to be gone several days.

L. L. Stradley went to The Dalles Sunday and brought his daughter, Doris home on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Conklin of Yakima, Wn., visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clevenger over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Zehner of The Dalles and his father from Finn, Idaho were visitors here Monday.

Wallace Stark and Miss Anne Byers of Portland spent the week end visiting at the Sam Stark home.

Glen Karnes and Cleon Barker were business visitors at Hermiston Monday.

C. B. Andrews, Earl Olds and daughter Dorothy, Glenn Perry, Jack Lewis and Miss Virginia Helyer left Saturday evening for Paulina Lake on a fishing trip, returning home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Taylor were in Portland Sunday to visit his brother who is very ill at a hospital.

Dick Reckman went to The Dalles Friday to bring Mrs. Reckman and infant daughter home from the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cline and family and Hershel Riggs were visitors in The Dalles Saturday.

Among those who attended the Farmer's picnic at Dufur Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Willard Barnett and son, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Eakin and family and Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Eakin and Harold Eakin.

Cleon Barker returned here from White Salmon Thursday. Ross Fields, Doris Newcomb.

Kelly's Column

(Continued from page one)
By John W. Kelly

lect a dollar from Britain, China or any other country that the United States is helping, and they do not believe the people of the United States will go on taxing themselves for two or three generations to pay for these war expenditures.

This point will become clearer next spring when the people begin paying new taxes and increased old taxes. When the government starts taking 30 cents out of every dollar of income (some say it will exceed 30 percent, may go to 40) the people will discover that they are in a war, and in 1943 when the taxes are tilted still higher there will be grumbling and in 1944, presidential election year, it is believed the tax question will be the paramount issue.

There are ways of saving, however, by compelling the employer to take part of the payroll and set it aside for each worker, and the "doing without" can be accomplished by the government fixing prices or refusing manufacturers of consumer goods from being supplied with materials, such as is now being done with aluminum; no more aluminum ice trays in the refrigerator; no more aluminum pots and pans—the housewife will buy enamel ware, and like it. Some of these ideas on saving and doing without have been laid before the president within the past two weeks.

DANCE
Grass Valley
Sat. June 14

Claud Bayer and Lila Lee Alley were visitors in The Dalles Sunday.

Fred Cox and son, Don, were business visitors in Yakima, Wn., Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Stradley and family of Portland spent last week end visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stradley.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pike motored to Redmond Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. John Koepke and family.

C. W. Fields and Mrs. Rawleigh left Saturday evening for Hermiston to visit Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Goodrich and Mr. and Mrs. Louis May, returning home Sunday evening.

Dr. F. B. Belt, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Harkenrider and Curtis Simons of Hermiston stopped at the Matt Simon home Sunday on their way to East Lake on a fishing trip.

Harry and Helen Stark, and Arthur Roth motored to Sandy Sunday to visit at the Dick Huhmann home. Lydia Roth of Olympia, Wn., returned home with them to visit Helen Stark several days.

Mrs. A. A. Dunlap and daughter Anita, Mrs. Kendrick Dunlap, Mrs. A. F. McGinnis and Mrs. Lois Smith were visitors in The Dalles Wednesday.

Mrs. Cleon Barker and daughters and Mrs. Boyce Blaylock and children motored to White Salmon Wednesday to visit relatives, stopping in The Dalles on their way home.

Herb Worrell returned home Sunday after spending several days at Yakima, Wn., visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Ruggles, Mrs. Orville Ruggles, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Barnett and son Keith, Mr. and Mrs. Arch Fortner were among those shopping in The Dalles Wednesday.

C. B. Doyle left Thursday for Portland to attend the graduation exercises of his grand daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Baker left last Tuesday for their home in Gresham after spending the week here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Coyner had as their guests last week end their son, Harold, their daughter, Mrs. Ethel Miller, and James Koehler, all of Portland. Mrs. Miller took her son, Richard, home. He had spent some time with his grand parents.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the estate of Henry Johnson, deceased, are hereby notified to present them, in proper form, to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Administratrix of the estate of Henry Johnson, deceased, at the office of Geo. G. Updegraff, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice, to wit: May 23, 1941.

MaryEva
Administratrix
Geo. G. Updegraff,
Attorney for Administratrix. 29-32
SHERIFF'S SALE

BY VIRTUE of an attachment execution duly issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Sherman County, I will on Saturday, the 21st day of June, 1941, at 10:00 o'clock a. m., at the front door of the Court-house in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, sell at public auction, subject to redemption, to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all of the right, title, estate, claim, lien or interest of Welcome Ruby Agee and V. L. Agee in the following described real property, to wit:

Southeast Quarter of Section 31 and the Southwest Quarter of Section 32, all in Township 2 North, Range 17, East of Willamette Meridian; Also Lots 3, 4, 5 and 6, Block 4, Biggs' Second Addition to the City of Wasco, Sherman County, Oregon;

taken and levied upon as the property of Welcome Ruby Agee and V. L. Agee, to satisfy said attachment execution in favor of Independent Warehouse & Milling Co., a corporation, against V. L. Agee, for \$232.55, together with interest thereon at the rate of eight per cent per annum from January 10, 1927, until paid, less the sum of \$50.96 paid on interest, together with costs and accruing costs.

Dated at Moro, Oregon, May 23, 1941.

C. C. Wilson
Sheriff, Sherman County, Oregon.
Geo. G. Updegraff,
Attorney for Plaintiff. 29-32

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Herman Schilling,
Administrator.
Geo. G. Updegraff,
Attorney for Administrator. 29-32

Jack Rogers of Yuma, Arizona was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Clevenger Thursday.

Mrs. Charles Lemley was hostess to members of the Grass Valley bridge club and additional guests at her home Wednesday afternoon. Contract was in play at four tables with high scores held by Mrs. J. S. Newcomb and Mrs. Arzell Lemley and with low score held by Mrs. C. M. Clevenger. Refreshments were served at the close of the afternoon.

Captain and Mrs. Cronkhitte of Ft. Lewis were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Clevenger. Marcella Zurinden of Portland came up Wednesday to spend the summer with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Coyle, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Eakin.

Mrs. Estel Hartley returned home Friday from Jefferson, where she had gone to return her sister in law, Mrs. Collins and son, to their home there. She also visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Reckman at Kelso. Her son, Harry, who had been visiting with his grand parents for several weeks, returned with her.

A group of friends motored to the Shelton Fritts home last Tuesday to give a farewell party to Miss Vivian Fritts. The evening was spent informally, with refreshments being served to about 30 guests at a late hour. Miss Fritts left Sunday for Monmouth where she will enter Normal school.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Olds motored to The Dalles Friday night to meet their son Willard, who was returning home from Corvallis, where he was attending Oregon State college. He left again Sunday upon receiving word that he had a position in the office of the Forest Rangers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Eslinger and family spent Sunday visiting in Hood River.

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