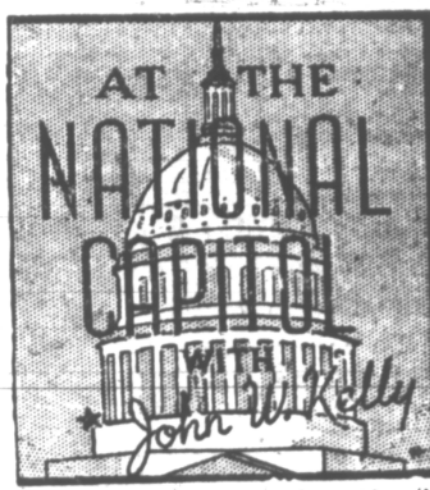


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Washington, D., Jun 19.—At long last the administration is giving its active support to purge organized labor groups of the subversive elements which have caused so much trouble and delay in the national defense program. There has been unusual tolerance of the communists, left-wingers and "fellow travelers," from before the sit-down strikes and anyone who directed attention to the activities of these un-American groups was promptly branded as a "red baiter." From now on things will be different, if spokesmen at the White House know what is in the wind.

Practically every strike on the west coast, and others threatened but not called, is known to have been instigated by communists who had wormed their way into the unions. Three years ago the Dies committee seized literature from the communists directing what should be done to cause a strike in national defense; how to cause trouble and delay production in aircraft factories, in shipyards, in the lumber industry, etc. The committee even found the names of communists who were sent to the Pacific coast to start the trouble. These discoveries were laughed at: the Dies committee was ridiculed from the White House down through the cabinet to chiefs of division. Not a finger was lifted by the administration to assist the committee in uncovering the termites gnawing at the fabric of government.

The Dies committee made other discoveries. It learned that some high placed federal officials, some holding very important positions, were playing with the communists. The committee published a list of some 600 names of men and women on the federal payroll in the national capital who were members of the League for Peace and Democracy, a front organization. Instead of being praised, the committee was condemned for attempting to besmirch these government upper-case officers, stenographers, lawyers and file clerks. But the expose caused the league to fold up. Later most of the 600 were found on the membership rolls of other organizations which were under suspicion.

The National Labor Relations board, which notified sawmill operators and other employers of the Pacific northwest that they were violating the Wagner act if they mentioned that a union was under the control of communists (even if true), or discharged a worker known to be a communist. The secretary, who almost ruined the employers of the country by his instructions to field agents, is now out, but he is demanding that the radio be given to Harry Bridges in order to offset the newspaper accounts of the trial of the alien labor leader. Congress had to specifically provide that no funds of NLRB should be used to pay another radical in the organization.

A former candidate for governor on the communist ticket is drawing \$3,200 a year in a government agency. Others invested their funds in the bonds of Soviet Russia but not in United States securities. When it was suggested these and others on the government payroll be discharged, they have asserted that their civil liberties were being violated. The navy yard in Washington D. C., contains a group of communists who publish their own paper and scatter copies around the plant. The navy yards, from Bremerton to Philadelphia, still contain reds, working on government ships. Two new cruisers were damaged on their trial trips when someone drove phonograph needles into the electric cables; by leaving a tool in the gears which ground them to bits.

These matters were called "accidents," but the intelligence service knew better, just as they know that the scattering of communist leaflets on navy crafts in San Pedro, Los Angeles, Puget sound and Panama was no accident. From the Pacific northwest the Dies committee assembled data on many reds who were in important union positions and that there was

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Defense Council Will Meet Friday at Ten

The first meeting of the Sherman county defense council will be held at the court house Friday morning at ten o'clock according to announcement made by George A. Potter, who, as county judge, is empowered to call the first meeting. First action will be to name a chairman and vice chairman and choose a coordinator who will work with the state and federal coordinators.

Deer Season Remains Unchanged

Oregon's 1941 deer season will be sold at the same time this year as last, September 20 to October 25. The bag limit will be one mule deer or one blacktail deer, having not less than forked horns. This was decided by the Oregon State Game Commission at its June meeting.

A total of 3,000 doe tags will be sold at \$2.00 each for does in all of Grant county and a small portion of Wheeler and a part of Crook counties.

In the Fremont area located in Klamath and Lake counties 800 doe deer tags will be sold. Three thousand tags will be sold for antelope shooting from September 28 to October 5, both dates inclusive. Antelope territory is included in Lake, Malheur and Harney counties.

Applications for the special doe deer and antelope tags will be filled in the order received beginning August 1. Any applications sent in prior to that time will be held and considered with those received on August 1.

Northwest Wants Three Man Board

Despite President Roosevelt's reported suggestion that the proposed Columbia Power Authority be administered by a single administrator answerable to the secretary of interior, the Northwest Public Power Association today sent to Northwest congressional delegations a resolution further urging establishment of an independent three-man board to administer Grand Coulee-Bonneville power.

In letters to Washington and Oregon senators and congressmen, B. R. Lean of Cheney, association president, said the TVA-type authority "represents the desires of the people of the Northwest and of almost all groups here who are particularly interested in the problem."

The Northwest Public Power Association is composed of municipal power systems and operating PUDs of Oregon and Washington.

Lean said the association has amended its proposed bill to exclude a provision for local nomination of candidates for the authority. As it now stands, the measure calls for a board of three members, to be appointed by the president, who will devote their full time to the job and reside in the northwest during their terms of office.

Kent Auxiliary Closes Year

At the last regular meeting of the summer, the Kent American Legion Auxiliary elected officers for the coming year as follows: President, Helene Lemley; 1st vice president, Ada Guyton; 2nd vice president, Clara Kock; Treasurer, Cassie Holmes; Secretary, Dorothy Dunlap; Chaplain, Sylvia Gilkison; Sgt-at-Arms, Hilma Rooper.

The following chairmen were appointed by the incoming president: Americanism, Floye von Borstel; Child Welfare, Cassie Guyton; Legislative, Ellen Rooper; Membership, Dorothy Dunlap; Music, Mildred Norton; National Defense, Norma Everett; Poppy, Millie von Borstel; Poppy Poster, Mae Hospinson; Radio, Clara Kock.

An initiation was held. It was announced at the meeting that Floye von Borstel, Dist. President, had been asked by the state President to represent the State Department at the V. F. W. State convention to be held in Bend June 18th & 21st.

Wheat Acreage Of 104,988 May Yield 3 Million bu

Estimators Have Low of 2,500,000 bus. But The Sky Is the Limit

Total acres of wheat to be harvested in Sherman county this year is given as 104,988 acres. This includes the allotment wheat, which is 98,460 acres and the wheat of farmers who are in the federal program. The total acres allotted to this county is in excess of 107,000.

Probably some of these allotted acres will be cut for hay because the crop will not properly mature. Other land will be used for hay production generally, however.

To reach a crop of 3,000,000 the county must average 30 bushels per acre which would be very, very high. Conservative estimates are about 2,500,000 bushels but there are many ordinarily cautious observers who consider this low.

This crop year has not been so damp although one might think so from recent weather. To date, including the .46 received in June, the precipitation since September 1 has been 12.13 inches. In famed 1916 we received 16.62; in 1915 13.31 and in 1917 14.22 inches.

The south end of the county has fared better than the remainder which may be lucky as most of the spring wheat is there. It has rained 1.16 inches at Kent. At Bourbon 87 inches has been measured and just south of Grass Valley .62 in has fallen. This has been showers and some places have gotten much more, and some less amounts.

Rain and hail fell Thursday afternoon to insure that another day would have its little storm.

County Court Meets Several Days During Past Month; Work Done

Commissioner's Court Docket, May 14th Special Term, 1941. Court met in special session, in response to call of county Judge, in the County Courtroom in the Courthouse in Moro, Oregon at 10:00 o'clock a. m.

The following being present: George A. Potter, County Judge; Ross Ornduff, County Clerk; David Reid, County Commissioner; J. M. Wilson, County Commissioner; T. Lester Johnson, Dist. Attorney.

The following proceedings were had and taken, to-wit: Re: Weed Control Committee for 1941: The following appointments were made; appointments to expire December 31, 1941: Weed Committee appointed: C. M. Kuypers, Rufus; A. C. Kaseberg, Wasco; Roy Powell, Moro; Dean Reynolds, Grass Valley; J. L. Davis, Kent.

Re: Appointment of one member to Sherman County Fair Board to fill unexpired term of O. G. Sayrs, resigned. Joe Peters appointed to fill unexpired term of O. G. Sayrs, resigned.

Re: Appointment of party to act as County Engineer during construction of addition to and remodeling of Courthouse. W. A. Raymond appointed as inspector during new construction period.

Re: Order of Sale, in the matter of the sale of Real properties acquired by Sherman County by foreclosure of Delinquent Tax Liens. Ordered that sale be held and designating minimum prices to be sold for and Sheriff ordered to publish notices of sale and sell properties to highest and best bidder.

Court adjourned subject to call of County Judge.

Commissioner's Court Docket, May 19, Special Term, 1941. Court met in Special Session, in response to call by County Judge, in the County Courtroom in the Courthouse in Moro, Oregon, at 10:00 o'clock a. m.

The following being present: George A. Potter, County Judge; Ross Ornduff, County Clerk; David Reid, County Commissioner; J. M. Wilson, County Commissioner; T. Lester Johnson, Dist. Attorney.

The following proceedings were had and taken, to-wit: Re: Contract with Mid-State Construction Company for changes of Sewer line and for enlargement of toilet rooms, installation of radiator etc; for sum of \$363.47.

Tax Turnover Gives Units More Money

A turnover of \$8506.26 has been made this week from the sheriff to the treasurer for distribution to the taxing units of the county. A large part of this turnover is delinquent taxes and interest, although \$3722.40 is current taxes indicating that some taxes in this county are paid on the quarterly basis.

Payment of delinquent taxes is often spotty in that some districts received more than others because of large payments that apply to one district. County, elementary school and general funds, however always receive their share.

Cities will receive tax funds as follows: Moro \$376.13; Wasco \$177.06 and Grass Valley \$56.44. School districts will obtain some funds, the larger districts getting the lions' share because many of the rural districts have levied no special tax for years. All will share in payments to the elementary fund, however.

Sunday Schools Will Rally Sunday

The annual Sherman County Sunday School rally will be held June 22 at the Christian church in Wasco beginning at ten in the morning. After the morning's program dinner will be served in the Wasco park if weather permits, otherwise the church basement will be utilized for that purpose.

In the afternoon the program proper will be given and each of the six Sunday schools of the county will have a chance to give some numbers on that program. This program is to begin at 1:30. Everyone is invited to come and spend the day.

Field Day To Be Combined With Picnic

Grangers Invite Public To Spend Day With Them at Park

The annual field day at the experiment station will be combined with the Pomona grange picnic to make a full day of instruction and entertainment.

The field day trip over the experiment station will begin at 9 o'clock in the morning and will require approximately three hours as there are many plots on the station that will be of interest to the group including trashy fallow experiments conducted by the SCS, the new grass experiments which include crops of grass and alfalfa, and other mixtures for forage and soil building, the plowed plots that were once in grass, the winter barley plots, tillage and dates of plowing and sowing wheat, new developments in new wheats, new grasses, etc. that will make it a day well worth remembering and taking notes about.

After the meeting at the station the crowd will join the women in the Moro City park and prepare to dine on the baskets full of food that each family is expected to bring to the picnic. Plates and coffee will be furnished by the grange.

Visitors expected for the day are Prof. G. R. Hyslop, Dr. D. D. Hill and E. R. Jackman from Oregon State college, all well known to Sherman county farmers and all well acquainted with the station and its work.

The committee in charge of the day are Dean Reynolds, George McDonald, M. M. Oveson and LeRoy Wright.

The public is asked to come to the station for the field day trip and many are expected from other counties. Also the grange picnic is public and everyone is invited to meet with them Saturday, June 29 at both the station and the park.

Wheat Production Estimated Large

A total wheat production of 910,699,000 bushels is indicated by conditions on June 1. This includes 697,692,000 bushels of winter wheat and 213,007,000 bushels of spring wheat. The estimated production of spring wheat is based on an indicated yield per seeded acre, taking into consideration the June 1 reported condition, weather factors and soil moisture conditions, time the acreage seeded to spring wheat as reported in the Prospective Plantings report published in March. Such a total wheat production would rank among the larger crops ever harvested and would be about 12 percent larger than the 816,698,000 bushels produced in 1940. The 10-year (1930-39) average production is 747,507,000 bushels.

The indicated production of winter wheat of 697,692,000 bushels is about 7 percent or 45 million bushels larger than indicated a month ago, and is 18 percent larger than the 1940 crop of 589,151,000 bushels. The 10-year average production of winter wheat is 569,417,000 bushels. The present prospective crop is the third largest of record, being exceeded only in 1919 and 1931. Winter wheat crops of about this size were harvested in both 1938 and 1939.

Prospects in the Northwest (Oregon, Washington and Idaho) are very favorable for both winter and spring wheat. June 1 conditions in this area indicated a winter wheat crop of 77,331,000 bushels and a spring wheat crop of 21,294,000 bushels, or a total of 98,625,000 bushels. This is somewhat above both last year's total production in the Northwest of 83,375,000 bushels and the 1930-39 average of 86,969,000 bushels.

It was further agreed that a seventy-two inch in diameter culvert, which is to be used for drainage purposes and also as a stock pass tributary to the Anderson property is to be installed by the State or County and at the expense of the State or County.

It was further agreed between the Court and Mr. Victor Anderson that the County is to pay Mr. Anderson the sum of \$100.00 for one and 32-100 acres to be used as a quarry site.

It was further agreed between the Court and Mr. H. A. White that the County pay Mr. White (Continued on page four).

Grass Fire Burns 3000 A Near Kent

A lightning caused fire burned over an estimated 3000 acres of grass land owned by J. L. Davis and the King Estate last Friday afternoon doing damage that can not be easily estimated. While many neighbors came to aid it was so difficult getting to the location of the fire that little could be done. Mr. Davis and Sherril Helyer prevented the fire from reaching the buildings and camp at the North Pole ranch, however.

Cattle Drop Little At Portland Yards

The livestock market at the Portland Union Stock Yards opened the trading this week with hog prices in the highest level since 1937; the sheep market was practically steady; while grassy beef cows were weak and lower, and some steers 25c lower, with other classes generally around steady prices.

Fat ewes brought \$3.50 to 3.75, with common grades down to \$2.00 and under.

Wednesday's lamb prices were quoted around 25c lower, with the bulk of the good to choice kinds going at \$9.25 to 9.50, although there were some wet fleeces in the offerings.

By Wednesday the following quotations were being made:

CATTLE: Good grain fed steers \$9.75 to 10.75. Good grass steers \$8.50 or under to 9.50. Good grain fed heifers \$9.75 to 10.00. Good grass heifers \$8.50 to 9.00. Grass beef cows, good to choice, \$6.75 to 7.75. Common cows \$6.00 to 6.50, canners \$4.50 to 5.75. Bulls, medium to good \$8.00 to 9.25. Vealers good to choice \$11.00 to 12.00.

HOGS: Good to choice 170 to 215 lb truckins \$11.00 to 11.25; 230 to 285 lb butchers \$10.35 to 10.60; lightweight butchers \$10.00 to 10.35; packingsows \$8.25 to 8.75. Feeder pigs, good to choice \$11.00 to 11.50.

SHEEP: Good to choice spring lambs \$9.25 to 9.50; medium to good \$8.75 to 9.00; common \$8.00 to 8.50. Slaughter ewes, good to choice \$3.50 to 3.75. Feeder lambs good to choice \$8.00 to 8.50.

Isla Gene Brisbine Married Sunday

Miss Isla Gene Brisbine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph P. Brisbine was united in marriage to Carrel S. Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Bennett of Tacoma, Washington, in a formal ceremony at the Community Presbyterian church Sunday, June 15.

Preceded to the altar by bridesmaids, Florence Lawrence, in a pink gown, Jane French in peach, and Margaret Schroeder in pink, and Lois Melzer, maid of honor in green, the bride came down the aisle dressed in traditional white with long veil and carrying a white prayer book to which was appended orange blossoms. She was accompanied by her father and led by Sally Hansen, a charming flower girl in peach formal costume.

Attendant of the groom was Bill Brines a friend from his home town. Ushers were Carl Peetz, Dean Pinkerton and Ted Thompson. Rev. H. G. Hanson read the impressive ring ceremony before the lighted altar.

The wedding march was played by Miss Vivian Trounce who also accompanied Mrs. Velma McKean who sang "I Love You." Misses Claudine Thompson and Clara Messenger lighted the candles at the beginning of the ceremony.

Following the wedding the bridal party retired to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Freeman where a reception was held with many pictures being taken of the bridal group and friends. After refreshments the young couple left for a brief honeymoon after which they will reside at Tacoma where Mr. Bennett is cashier of the new Fort Lewis bank.

Guests from outside the county were Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. John Stradling of Goldendale, Mr. and Mrs. V. N. Freeman of Eugene and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fortner and daughter Eleanor of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hansen and daughter Sally Ann of Goldendale and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brines and daughter. Three thousand tags will be sold

School Boards Generally Elected Again Monday

Few Changes Made In School Election That Aroused Little Interest Among Voters

Election of new, or re-election of old, school boards and clerks was the chief public business of last Monday and although no serious fights were reported a few changes were made in school board personnel.

At Wasco a comparatively large crowd was out for the evening meeting of the board and many questions were asked about the conduct of the school and finances of the district. When it was over, however, the director who would accept another term was returned to office. Mrs. W. A. Mills was re-elected for a one year term to take the place left vacant by J. E. McClure, resigned, and Lewis Hastings was chosen for the three year term. C. C. Caldwell was re-elected clerk.

At Moro a small turnout attended and while a few explanations were asked the budget was adopted as posted and the retiring director was put back into office. Carroll Sayrs will serve another three year term and Seral Searcy was made clerk instead of R. G. Cunliffe who has held the place since the departure of Joe Truitt. At the Monkland district meeting Wesley Fuller was made director instead of Orval Thompson. Mrs. Thompson was re-elected clerk.

At Grass Valley Arzell Lemley was re-elected as director over two opponents and Mrs. Arch Cantrall was named clerk for another term.

In district No. 1 Clifford Trumbull was made director and George Fox, clerk. In district No. 5, Fred Hennagin was returned to the board and Mrs. G. H. Root was re-elected clerk.

At Harmony R. J. Bruckert was again given the job of director and C. E. Crites, one of the oldest clerks in the county in point of service, was returned to office. At Klondike Marvin Thomas was given the position as director and George Potter renamed as clerk. At Erskine H. C. Ginn was re-elected director and Wily Knighten again made clerk.

Sherman County Riders Meet

The Sherman county riders met at Kent last Sunday and rode into Buckhollo following the county road that was made some years ago to give access to the swimming pool in the upper part of that canyon.

Twenty seven riders took part in the ride and about 50 attended the picnic and lunch which was held at the swimming pool site. Wm. McLeod and family were down from Bent and took part in the ride. Art Barnum rode again into that part of Buckhollo for the first time he could remember for 43 years.

Next ride will be held Sunday, June 29, at the fair grounds near Moro.

Many Getting Licenses Now

State driver's license examinees expect to be busy during the license renewal period, but one examiner found considerable more than he bargained for recently.

A construction camp in Umatilla county requested Secretary of State Earl Snell to send an examiner to their camp, explaining there were 15 or 20 persons who wished to obtain driver's licenses. Expecting to handle approximately 20 cases, the examiner went to the camp—and before the day was over he had issued licenses to more than 90 applicants.

With new licenses due before July 1st, approximately 45,000 persons already have applied for their permits. Persons 70 years of age or older and those who are not currently licensed to drive in Oregon are required to take the driver's license examination but persons holding current licenses and who have suffered no physical or mental disability during the past two years are not required to take any examination.

The license fee this year is \$1.50 the extra 50 cents going into the newly created motor vehicle accident fund.