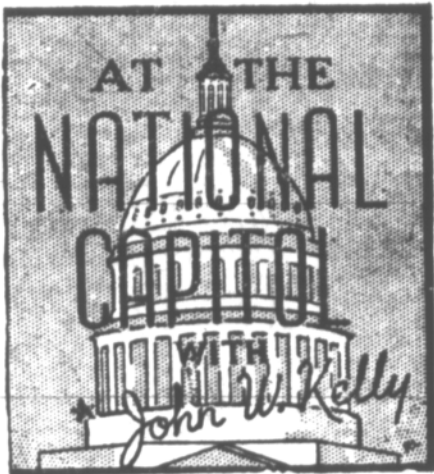


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Washington, D. C. July 3—There is so much "paper work" in producing supplies that months are required before a contract is finally signed. A house subcommittee has made a sizzling report on the subject, but its publication was withheld. This paper work applies to the lease-land act as well as national defense and there is so much red tape that it is strangling urgent supplies.

An officer fighting in the desert put in a rush order for certain equipment. Weeks passed before the order received an O. K. in England, and only after more than 50 signatures had been attached. The order was then sent to the British embassy here, was taken up with a dozen agencies and each attached a signature. Eventually it went to the president's desk (he is the only one that can spend the land-lease money). The president is a busy man. Several weeks passed before his approval appeared and the order then went to the buyers who must make the contract. More than four months were lost while the signatures were being gathered; turning out the goods was a matter of less than three weeks, and they must get to the officer in the Red Sea area—almost half a year from the time he asked for the equipment in a rush.

The contract for the ammunition base at Hermiston is another example of delay. After the base was selected (the site) the interminable paper work went full blast and at long last the contract was awarded under pressure, Oregon and Washington contractors being ignored. That base will be greatly enlarged before the present contract is completed.

Some of the delays came from the OPM, but not all. OPM only steps into the picture when a contract is for \$500,000 or more. This connects OPM with the building of plants of all sorts, powder making, shell loading, factories for tanks, anti-aircraft guns and similar large operations. Before any of these plants are started there is selection of a site, a survey, architects and, finally, a contract.

The government will operate aluminum plants in the Pacific northwest, but a contract with a private concern to operate them is another matter. This will consume weeks of negotiation and consultation with lawyers, with provisions and stipulations and myriad details. There are only a few concerns in the country that know how to manufacture aluminum—probably not more than three—and one of these is anathema to Harold Ickes, secretary of the interior.

Oregon contributed \$2,068,000 in federal taxes in 1939 (latest compilation) for the gasoline consumed. What it will be in 1941, with gasoline possibly curtailed and taxes increased, is uncertain. The average state tax paid by an Oregon motorist in 1939 was \$5.60. The state tax is 5 cents and the federal tax is 1.5 cents (the total a trifle more than the tax on a package of cigarettes). In 1939 there were 2,847 service stations. Of gasoline consumed 88 percent was used on public highways. Consumption of heating oil was 1,973,000 barrels or 900,000 barrels more than was sent to Russia from the Pacific coast. In 1940 consumption of motor fuel in Oregon was 262,505,000 gallons, or 1.09 percent of the total consumed in the United States.

Bureau of mines is now drilling on certain beaches in Oregon behind the seashore to determine the quantity of chromite which they may contain. People are still figuring on how to build roads to reach chromite in southwestern Oregon. To reach the best "kidneys" the ore would now have to be transported on packhorses, and the price of the ore does not justify this primitive method.

Everyone guessed wrong last year. When the war department was told by an Oregon member that shiploads of rubber, tin, chrome

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Breakfast Club Talks Roads; 4-H Clubbers

Moro's service club, the Breakfast club, met Wednesday morning for the regular session with a crowd somewhat diminished because of the press of farm work. More serious business than usual was taken up. A discussion of ways and means of having the Sherman Highway improved and the anticipated bridge across the Columbia built at some convenient spot for travelers through this county. In charge of future work on this subject will be H. O. Kunsman, O. G. Sayrs, W. F. McLeod, L. L. Peetz and Giles French. They were named with authority to take whatever steps they deem advisable to do the job.

LeRoy Wright talked about the 4-H club summer session praising the group of Sherman county youngsters who made the trip and telling of the activities of the boys and girls while on the campus.

4-H Boys Have Real Fat Calves

Four-H boys in this county who are feeding steers for entry into the fat classes this fall at the local fair and the Pacific International have been doing an especially good job according to LeRoy Wright, county agent, who says that nine of the calves already weigh more than 1000 pounds. Heavy calf belongs to Don King. It tips the scales at 1080 pounds and bids fair to be a real big star by the middle of September. Harry Richelderfer has a calf that weighs 1062 and Carsten von Borstel's calf pulls the scale down to 1078. These calves are about a year old and are the largest to be produced by club boys.

Youths Register At Age of 21

Registration of men who have reached the age of 21 since the last registration day last October resulted in the signing of 16 new names to the draft list in this county. Of these, five live elsewhere making of 11 net. Other residents may have registered in other places in which case their names will be sent to the local board.

Registering were: Robert J. Spelman, Biggs; Glen W. Reid, Rufus; David R. Richelderfer, Wasco; Philip O'Meara, Wasco; Harold W. Barton, Wasco; Carl Peetz, Moro; Ivan A. Blagg, Grass Valley; Kenneth E. Barnett, Grass Valley; Harry I. Stark, Grass Valley; Louis A. Riggs, Grass Valley and Daniel L. Hoskinson, Kent.

Those from outside the county were Herbert R. Worrell, Yakima; Max J. Baker, Yellville, Ark.; Glen E. Palmer, Jerome, Idaho; James E. Anthony, The Dalles; Don C. Ragsdale, LaGrande.

It is not yet known in what order these men will be called.

Guyton Family Meet In Mountains

The annual Guyton family reunion as held Sunday at B. J. Springs with forty-eight members of the family present. Every one of the Charles Guyton and Ed Nachapf families were present. After a picnic dinner had been enjoyed by all, pictures were taken, and lots of visiting; the president, Ada Guyton called a business meeting. One member of the family passed away since the group last met: Anna Guyton, wife of the late "Dad" Guyton. The group remembered "Mother" and "Grandmother" by a moment of silent meditation.

There was a standing committee appointed at the previous meeting to compile a history of the family. This history, though not yet complete, was presented and read in its present form to the group. It consisted of a chronology of the early Guyton family since the first member came to America from France to escape persecution during the period of Huguenots, to Wm. F. Guyton, father of the present branches of the family, including his personal history.

Officers elected for next year were Cora Guyton, president; Maud Walton, vice president; Dale Guyton, secretary. Next year the reunion will be held at Bear Springs and again it will be held on the last Sunday in June.

Field Day Held Saturday For Farmers' Visit

Grangers Picnic In City Park After Seeing Experiment Station

The experiment station field and grange picnic encountered heavy weather last Saturday but a good sized group of farmers made the trip around the station despite the wind and chill.

The pasture plots of mixed grasses was visited first and here the growers of Crested Wheat grass had an inning for stock has eaten that grass better than any of the others on the plots.

Joe Belanger was down from Pendleton to explain the purpose of his trashy fallow experiments. Three types of fallow are being tried and results checked. This is the second crop to be grown on them. Trashy fallow made with disc tillers, with a new digger plow and checked with regular mold board plowing are under test with results as yet indeterminate.

The grass nursery was found to contain many types of grasses some of which seem desirable for field use in this climate. The mixed alfalfa and grass plots created interest. Alfalfa produced nearly 2700 pounds per acre, the Crested Wheat grass and alfalfa 3300 pounds and the grass alone 4700 pounds.

The date and depth experiment in tillage always causes many questions as these are basic questions in the production of wheat. The June plowed plots are still more mellow than the earlier plowed plots and a continuance of this condition may result in some change of farming methods.

New varieties of wheat are a major problem of this station which has produced many new wheats that are grown over the entire northwest. The new crosses that appear to be most desirable are Oro-Rex, Rio-Rex, Federation Oro and 40Fold-Federation-Oro, but additional experiments will be made with these before they are released for field trials.

The fertilizer question has not been a serious one in this country where very little is used and that only in experiments. Contemplating the time when its use may be necessary experiments are being conducted with several kinds and these plots were carefully observed by the visiting farmers.

New crops are also a subject of experimentation and new wheats, barley, oats, as well as mustard, flax, safflower and soy beans are being grown against the day when other crops will be in demand.

After the field tour the men joined the women in the city park where the grange picnic was held beneath the trees where the wind's violence was broken.

Anita Dunlap Weds Kenneth Barnett

The wedding of Miss Anita Dunlap, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dunlap of Grass Valley, and Kenneth Barnett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Barnett, also of Grass Valley, was solemnized Friday morning, June 27 at 11 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, in the presence of members of the immediate families, with Rev. F. L. Cannell of Wasco reading the ring ceremony.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a white organza gown with full length veil and carried a bouquet of gardenias, rose buds and sweet peas.

Mrs. Kendrick Dunlap, sister-in-law of the bride, was her only attendant. She wore a light blue net gown with a corsage of rosebuds. Ivan Blagg acted as best man.

Preceding the ceremony, Mary Lou Sayrs sang "I Love You Truly," accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Lavon Hart, who also played the wedding march.

A reception followed immediately with Mrs. Tommie Barnett, mother of the groom, cutting the wedding cake, and assisting with the serving were Mrs. Paul Wilson, Miss Betty Lou Olds and Mrs. Clyde Smith.

For going away the bride wore a navy blue dress with white accessories. After a short wedding trip to Ocean lake Mr. and Mrs. Barnett will be at home to their friends at the Jesse Barnett house in Grass Valley.

Moro To Buy Buildings on Main Street

Purchase of the property on the southeast side of Main street in block 5, City of Moro, was voted Tuesday night at a council meeting. The vacant corner lot, the Binder building and the Brisbane building are on the list of property recently foreclosed on by the county. The city exercised its right to buy at the minimum price net which is \$250 for the above mentioned parcels. Present intent of the council is to sell the buildings for removal at a price that may return something on the city's street improvement lien.

The treasurer was instructed to pay the interest on the bonds for the period ending July 1. The resignation of M. E. McKee as councilman was accepted as he does not expect to remain in town for the remainder of his term.

Marshal Cothran asked what could be done about the grass in the new part of the park as it is being tramped out in places. This grass is but a year old and has insufficient sod under it to make it very durable. Care on the part of park patrons will make it possible to have a good lawn by next year was the consensus of council opinion.

Court Changes Precinct Boundary

Boundaries of the Grass Valley election precinct were enlarged by the county court at the regular meeting Wednesday and the Rutledge precinct was correspondingly reduced. The change will make it possible for Sam Stark and his family and George Wilcox and family to vote in Grass Valley instead of in the Rutledge school house.

Other work of the court included payment of the bills and meeting with the Wasco county court for a discussion of ways and means to obtain some state and federal money to apply on the Shearer's road next spring. It was announced at the meeting that the remaining six miles still unfinished on the south end of the Sherman highway will be done this fall.

Scrap Aluminum Asked of Citizens

Mayors of the three incorporated towns of the county and J. M. Wilson of Kent, Carl Thompson of Rufus and George Potter of Klondike were asked by the county defense council to arrange for places where scrap aluminum may be gathered during the campaign which will begin shortly. This campaign will be for the purpose of collecting used aluminum for national defense.

LeRoy Wright will be in charge of collection of aluminum in rural areas of the county. After this metal has been collected the Office of Production Management will designate places to which it may be delivered, sorted and transported to smelters, where it will be used by the government.

Stock Market Prices

The spring lambs offered on Wednesday's market sold in the spread of \$8.75 to 9.00 for the good kinds, with choice offerings very scarce.

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

CATTLE: Good grain fed steers \$9.25 to 11.00. Good grass steers \$9.50 to 9.65. Good grass heifers \$9.50 to 9.25. Good beef cows \$7.25 to 7.50, medium \$6.50 to 7.00, common \$5.75 to 6.50, canners \$4.75 to 5.75. Bulls, medium to good \$8.25 to 9.25, common down to \$7.00. Vealers good to choice \$11.00 to 12.00. HOGS: 170 to 215 lb truckins \$11.75 to 11.85; 230 to 285 lb butchers \$11.00 to 11.25; lightweight butchers \$10.75 to 11.25; packing sows \$9.00 to 9.75. Feeder pigs \$11.00 to 14.00.

SHEEP: Good to choice spring lambs \$8.75 to 9.00. Slaughter ewes, good to choice \$3.50 to 4.00. Feeder lambs, good to choice \$8.00.

A farmers license plate bearing the number F 5-931 has been turned in to the sheriff and may be obtained by the owner.

County Farmers Permitted to Sow 96,675 Acres

1942 Farm Allotment Given By State Committee This Week

It was announced here this week by county agent, LeRoy Wright, that the farmers of this county will be permitted to grow 96,675 acres of wheat in 1942. This order comes from the state AAA committee and represents this county's share of the 55,000,000 the government will allow to be sown to wheat.

This is a slightly smaller acreage than the county has been allotted for any one year. The other year when 55,000,000 acres could be sown Sherman county's allotment was larger and 97,000 acres were sown.

This year the entire county could have planted 109,327 acres and those in the federal farm program could have sown 107,884 acres. Of this amount 104,884 acres were sown to legal wheat. The allotment for next year's wheat acreage at 95,000 or a reduction of about 12,000 acres below this year's crop.

The 1942 acreage is based on a reduction of 30% in acreage in the United States.

Total tilled acreage in Sherman county is given as 292,000 from air maps of the county. This means that ordinarily the county might produce in all crops 146,000 acres without deviating from the summer fallow system. Next year with 96,675 acres in wheat there will be room for over 195,000 acres in summerfallow or other crops, including grass.

C. M. Kuypers Killed In Tractor Accident

C. M. Kuypers, prominent farmer of Rufus, was instantly killed last Thursday when hauling hay on his farm. Mr. Kuypers was driving a tractor which was pulling a wagon loaded with hay. One track slid off the plowed field and the machine turned over crushing Mr. Kuypers. It is reported that the machine turned over seven times before coming to rest.

Charles M. Kuypers was born in Wahoo, Nebraska, December 10, 1872 and has been a resident of this county for 35 years. He is survived by his widow, Elizabeth and a son, Charles F. Kuypers, of Rufus. He was chairman of the county weed control board.

Funeral services were conducted Monday from The Dalles with Rev. Eck in charge and interment was made in the cemetery there. The Masonic lodge of which he was a member had charge of graveside services.

Answers To Defense Bond Questions

Q. What is a U. S. Defense Savings Bond?

A. This Bond is proof that you have loaned money to the United States Government for national defense. Your Bond bears interest at the rate of 2.9 percent a year, if held to maturity (ten years.)

Q. Why should I buy Defense Bonds?

A. Because money talks. To dictators it speaks defiance. To friends of freedom, it says, "Here's my hand!"

Note—To purchase Defense Bonds and Stamps, go to the nearest post office or bank, or write for information to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C.

Harvest Ready To Begin Soon

Despite the fact that there has been some rain during the past week, warmer days and nights and a larger amount of sun indicate that we may get harvest weather in time to prepare the grain for threshing. Some fields are nearly ready to thresh as far as the heads are concerned but the straw is still too tough but a few warm days will make threshing possible and it is expected to start soon after the Fourth in the north end of the county.

County Now Entirely Out Of Debt

For the first time in many years County Treasurer Naomi Van Gilder was able to make a report on county finances when she wrote, "No Indebtedness." It is true that all bonds were paid or money for payment put in the sinking fund some years ago but all the bonds were not turned in until last Friday. They were paid from the sinking fund and the county is now without bonded or warrant indebtedness of any kind.

In addition to this nearly all school districts are out of debt. Rufus district, which borrowed \$10,000 in 1929; ewes \$17,500 at the present. Grass Valley's bonds were paid January 3, 1938; Moro paid up February 1, 1940; Wasco finished paying its indebtedness April 28, 1937 and Kent bought back its bonds June 2, 1939. Klondike issued \$1600 in interest bearing warrants but has redeemed them.

Only other public indebtedness is \$15,000 owed by the towns of Moro and Wasco.

Mr. & Mrs. E. E. Barzee Honored By Friends

Members of the Masonic and Eastern Star lodges, in the last meeting for the summer, paid honor to Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Barzee who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary August 30. Mr. Barzee has been a Mason for 38 years and he and Mrs. Barzee members of the Eastern Star over 29 years.

After a bountiful dinner and a program a table full of presents was uncovered and the guests of the evening given the tokens of the community's regard. Other couples who had lived together for 50 years were on hand to welcome the Barzees into the goldenwedded fraternity. Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Martin.

From Corvallis came Mrs. E. G. Barzee and her daughter Wilma Appleman and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Buell came from Roseburg for the occasion.

Lamb Feeding Test Planned For 4-H

A lamb feeding contest with wheat as the only grain used has been announced for eastern Oregon 4-H club members by the Eastern Oregon Wheat League in cooperation with the Oregon State college extension service. The feeding period will begin about September 1 and will continue 90 days, ending at the time of the annual convention of the league at Heppner.

While feeding wheat to livestock is not likely to be as profitable as formerly under the increased price of wheat, the contest will be carried through as a means of acquainting more people in each county with the possibilities and methods of feeding wheat in preparation or a lower price period following the present defense emergency, says Charles W. Smith, state county agent leader and secretary of the wheat league.

Each contestant will be sold 12 white faced lambs this summer, which will have been graded in advance so that each boy or girl will receive, as nearly as can be determined, the same quality of lamb as the other. After the feeding period, each contestant must exhibit 10 lambs at the state convention. Expert graders will be on hand to rate each lamb as to market value after which each contestant will receive a bonus of 50 cents per head for each lamb grading top market quality.

The feeding project is being handled by a general committee consisting of the county agents and a wheat livestock grower in each of the chief wheat counties: H. A. Lindgren, extension livestock specialist; D. E. Richards, superintendent of the eastern Oregon branch experiment station; L. J. Allen, assistant state club leader, and Smith.

The only requirement as to feed used is that wheat be the only grain fed. The contestant may use any roughage he desires, or even add other concentrates, although accurate cost records must be kept and reported. Approximately 32 club members are expected to participate in Gilliam, Sherman, Walla, Morrow, Wasco, Baker and Umatilla counties.

Defense Council Arranges For Registration

Week of July 7-12 Set For Civilians To State Abilities

Citizens of Sherman county are to be asked to register as Oregon Civil Reserves next week, July 7 to 12. This registration is a part of the national program for civilian defense.

In each community in the county men have been named by the county defense council to arrange for places for registration and personnel to handle the applications and type them.

Men are to be asked their name, race, citizenship, age, marital relationship, dependents, military experience, health, experience in several things that may be needed, occupation, possession of firearms and willingness to serve.

Women will be asked the same personal questions but the civilian experience covers different fields, including home economy, first aid, and ability as instructor in several fields.

The civilian defense is being organized on a broad scale because it cannot be known what may happen within the next few years. The purpose of the registration is to obtain information about the abilities of citizens and their willingness to serve their community in case of disaster in time of national crisis.

Already members of the American Legion and Auxiliary have been registered and many other groups have signified their willingness to give whatever aid to the nation they are capable of giving.

It is expected that in this county, populated by descendants of pioneer families, there will be a large proportion of the population that will be anxious to register.

The committee in charge of registration are: J. M. Wilson, Kent; E. M. Alley, Grass Valley; Giles French, Moro; T. Lester Jensen, Wasco; Carl Thompson, Rufus; George A. Potter, Klondike. Arrangements will be made so registration will be as convenient as possible for those who offer their services to their country.

Other work done by the county defense council at its meeting Wednesday afternoon included the appointment of chairman for several committees although many places were left vacant until the registration is over. Appointments were as follows: C. Wilson, police; L. C. Wright, fire; C. A. Tom, first aid; C. L. Poley, medical; A. J. Bucholz, telephone; L. L. Peetz, transportation; R. V. Lockhart, electrical; G. L. French, publicity; A. A. Dunlap, finance.

Stock Feeding Here being Studied

Ralph Besse and H. A. Lindgren of Oregon State college were here last Friday to meet with a group of stockmen about the possibility of establishing a cattle feeding experiment on the local station this winter. Stockmen were insistent that they have some local source of information about feeding their livestock.

Mr. Besse and Mr. Lindgren agreed that an analysis of the feed value of grain in various stages of development was advisable and such analysis will be made this year. Whether cattle will be brought here for feeding though, has not been made certain.

Farmer May Hold Crop of Hot Wheat

Another question about hot wheat has come to light this week and has been answered by the county agent.

Question: If a farmer having a crop of hot wheat stores it until next year will it be hot wheat if the quota vote is against quotas?

Answer: No, it can then be sold.

Question: Can the farmer enter the 1942 program?

Answer: Yes.

It thus appears that if a farmer stores his hot wheat—and can afford to—he can sell it on the market when the present restrictions are relaxed. This may more than one year.