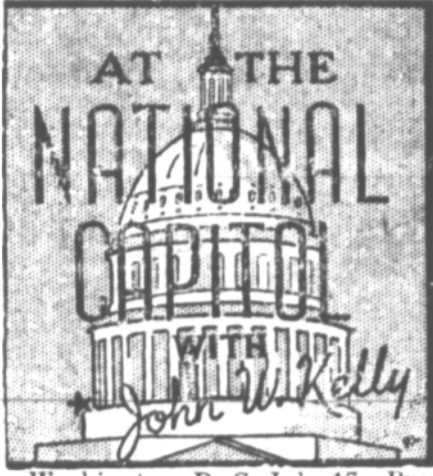


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Washington, D. C. July 17—Providing congress approves (and it has not yet disapproved anything in the way of an appropriation) the U. S. maritime commission will soon be given another fund of \$1,658,000 with which to construct 566 vessels of various types and sizes, all of which would be completed next year and in 1943. Out of the 566 ships the Columbia area will have an allotment. The Oregon Shipbuilding Company will undoubtedly receive some and there is a prospect of new yards being given orders at Vancouver, Rainier, Portland and Astoria. Yards at Coos Bay and Tillamook may be included.

The commission has heretofore preferred expanding existing yards (as at the Oregon Shipbuilding Company plant) to financing new ways, but if the present bill is enacted the commission will require 48 additional yards and to reconstruct old shipyards. The new yards will give the Columbia river area an opportunity to have at least two new yards, possibly three. The problem of steel enters into the situation and there may be such a shortage that the commission may abandon its present policy of all-steel ships and order some wooden boats. This would be a concession to Washington and Oregon, two states particularly qualified to build boats of wood.

Spread of American defense to Iceland and a base in north Ireland is new old news, but there are other surprises in store. American officers are being dispatched to India and can be expected before long at Singapore. The Pacific ocean is playing as important a role in the war as the Atlantic, although it has not been as dramatized as the latter. Wake island will be ready for occupancy in August. This is a small coral island presented on the map by a dot. The navy is having a station constructed there and while it is not completely the first of the naval fliers will settle down there in some three weeks. Midway island is another where contractors are building a base for the army and navy; Guam is being prepared, and little Johnson and Christmas islands.

Western congressmen are busy taking polls of their constituents by the post card method to make certain what the people think about going to war or keeping out. Many of these polls have not been completed, but the tabulation to date shows decided opposition to war in the Pacific northwest and in the middle west. President Roosevelt's own congressional district voted against war and his own precinct of Hyde Park found only six people favoring war. A poll in New York City, conducted by a newspaper, gave a slight edge for war, but New York contains the greatest foreign population of any spot in the United States, and they reflect the bitterness of European peoples.

In Alaska, on islands stretching toward Asia, workmen are hurriedly constructing air bases, cantonments and underground shelters. These workers were picked up in Oregon and Washington and sent north with no publicity on ships carrying supplies. The sudden storms which sweep down from Bering sea almost wrecked the steamer the day it landed in a small cove and the ship had to be beached, as it had lost its anchors. One of the important pieces of equipment at this naval air base will be meteorological instruments, for knowledge of the weather is very important in defense of Alaska. It is important that this particular station be completed before winter, and workmen are operating in shifts. Special clothing is now under contract for troops to be stationed there, a barren island with mountains and fierce storms. Building the underground retreats is a real struggle. This is only one of the Alaskan projects in the defense program.

Complaints continue pouring in from farmers who want workers (Continued on Page two)

## Hay Barn Burns From Hot Hay On Cooper Farm

A peculiar fire destroyed the barn on the Marie Barnett Cooper place Wednesday just before noon. A hundred eighty five tons of chopped hay had been stored in the barn within the past week or so and this became heated because it was too damp. It smoldered for an hour or so after it was discovered. Neighbors were called and a fire guard plowed around the barn and attempts made to put out the fire. These were unavailing and, with a minor explosion, the barn burned to the ground, leaving a great pile of closely piled hay that will burn for several days.

## Used Aluminum To Be Assembled

The campaign to gather used aluminum is to begin next week in Sherman county and the mayors of the three towns, J. M. Wilson at Kent, George Potter at Koniak and Carl Thompson at Rufus, are in charge of the work in the county. In Moro the girl scouts under the direction of Mrs. H. B. Pinkerton have volunteered to do the work of assembling the used metal. Any of the girls will convey the aluminum to the central station or anyone may get in touch with them by calling 102 or Mrs. Pinkerton. This metal is to be used in secondary defense work to release aluminum for airplane manufacture.

## Wasco Couple Marry In Portland

On July 10th at 7:00 p. m. in the First Christian church in Portland Georgia H. Bracken, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur P. Bracken of Multnomah and Gordon H. Rich, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Rich, Wasco, were united in marriage. The bride wore a white satin dress with a finger tip veil and carried a bouquet of Calla lilies tied with white satin ribbon. The bride's sister, Mrs. Harold Kimsey was matron of honor and the groom's sister, Marjorie Rich, was maid of honor. Jack Hill of Woodburn acted as best man and Elvis Rich, brother of the groom, was groomsmen. The decorations were simple but effective, consisting of a green background with baskets of white flowers and seven candles on each side. A reception was held at the Bracken home immediately following the service for the friends and relatives attending.

## Civil Service Jobs Ready For Farmers

The Civil Service Commission has announced an examination to secure Farmer-Fieldmen to interpret and present the program of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration to officers and members of Agricultural Conservation Associations. The positions pay \$2,600 a year. Applicants must have had six years of experience in certain positions in connection with Agricultural Adjustment Administration work and in practical farming. For the farming experience college study in agriculture may be substituted. The closing date for filing applications is August 7, 1941. Another examination announced by the Commission is for Junior Public Health Nurse, \$1,800 a year, employment being in the U. S. Public Health Service, Federal Security Agency and in the Indian Field Service, Department of the Interior. Certain nursing experience and education are required. Applications will be rated as received until further notice.

## Wheat Producing Bigger Crops Than Expected

Harvesting Results Please Farmers; Big County Crop Almost Certain

As harvest continues into the second week results indicate that the most optimistic estimates of the size of the crop were not far from correct.

Harvesters announce yields of 17, 18 and 20 sacks on land around Wasco and in a few instances a 21 sack yield is authenticated by figures of acres and yields. Estimated average of wheat around Wasco is between 17 and 18 sacks. A few are falling below that for various reasons and some are above. Few fields are entirely cut.

Yields in the central part of the county are nearly as good and are even better in comparison to the average of previous years. The Pape place on the point made 29.4 bushels. L. R. Conlee obtained 39 bushels of 63 pound wheat from his place and Moore Bros. had a yield of 42.7 bushels from the 58.6 acres near their house which was cut this week. These yields are all based on actual weights and measures.

Truck drivers almost unanimously report 30 bushels or better and until fields have been finished that will have to go as final. At this time, unless the hot weather of this week has seriously cut the crop in the south end of the county where there is more spring grain, it looks as if the county will produce 3,000,000 bushels of wheat.

Threshing has just started at Grass Valley and estimates of yields are as yet merely guesses. Roy Barnet, who started first, thinks his crop will yield very well.

## Corporations Must Be Careful

J. W. Maloney, Collector of Internal Revenue, announces that corporations filing Capital Stock tax returns for the period ended June 30, 1941, should exercise extreme care in declaring the value of the capital stock.

The Collector points out that the value now declared will form the basis for the adjusted declared value for the year ending June 30, 1942, and June 30, 1943, respectively; and that there is no election to increase this value in those years as was permitted for 1939 and 1940. Therefore, an adequate declaration is essential where corporations anticipate increased earnings during the next three low-tax taxable years.

Capital Stock Tax returns for the period ended June 30, 1941, must be filed on or before July 31, 1941.

## Earle Shipley Married In Portland

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Earle Shipley are now located at Ojai, California where Mr. Shipley is pastor of a church. They were married in Portland, June 27, at the First Christian church with Rev. T. L. Shannon reading the ceremony. Geraldine Powell, daughter of Mrs. Ruby Reese Powell, was accompanied to the altar by her sister, Aileen Powell and Mr. Shipley had his brother, Vernon of Grass Valley as best man.

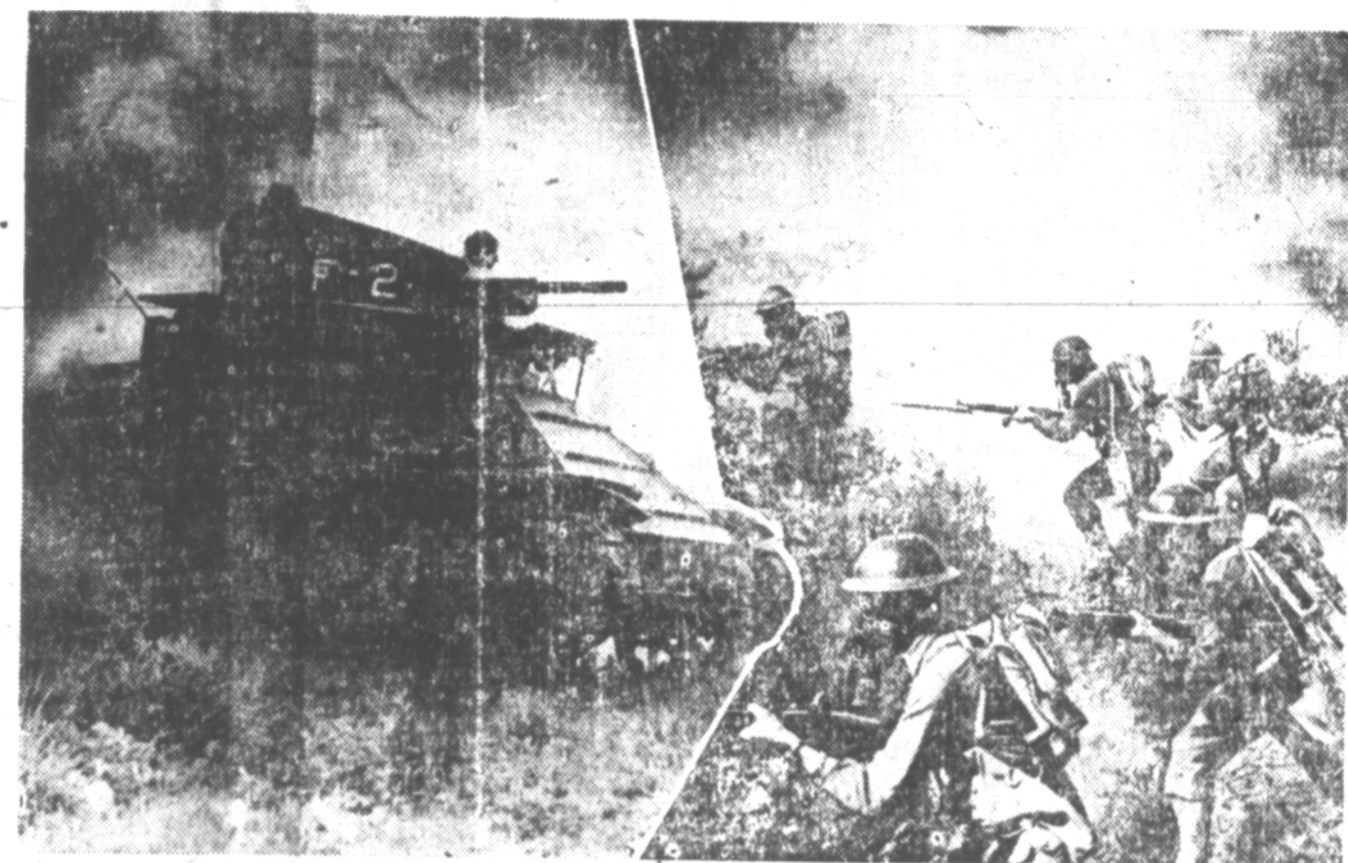
Mr. Shipley, son of Mrs. Tom Deuma of Moro, was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania this summer.

## Opening Available For Annapolis

The Second District of Oregon will have two vacancies for Annapolis appointment for entrance in June, 1942. Representative Walter M. Pierce announces that designation examinations will be given prospective candidates by the U. S. Civil Service Commission on October fourth, at the first and second class post offices in Oregon cities having applicants.

Any high school graduate who has maintained a high scholastic record and is physically fit, especially as to eyes, may enter this examination.

## Plenty of Excitement in U. S. War Games



At the left Blue army tanks crash through the Red army's lines amid a smoke screen to pave the way for an infantry attack in the war games near Hillsboro, Tenn. In picture at right steel-helmeted soldiers wearing gas masks and carrying bayoneted guns—members of Co. B 101st Infantry—plunge through smoke screen laid down by gas officers during successful "attack" on an objective hill at Camp Edwards, Mass.

## Claims Paid By County Court At July Term

Claimant	Account	Amount
First National Bank: General Assistance		\$90.51
First National Bank: Aid to the Blind		9.40
First National Bank: Aid to Dependent Children		22.20
First National Bank: Old Age Assistance		157.40
Otis Baker: Janitor's Salary		75.00
A. Shearer: DeMoss Park		5.00
J. H. McCone: Courthouse improvement—Night Watchman at Courthouse June 6 to June 30, inclusive		62.50
A. M. Zevely: Expenses Government Trapper		12.50
Oregon State Agricultural College—Agricultural Agent		925.00
Lucille H. Vale: Health Nurse Salary and Expenses		125.00
Department of Agriculture: Sealer of Wts. and Meas.		3.76
J. H. Steers: Employment office Operating Expense		7.50
Sherman County Journal: County printing		\$19.60;
Tax Foreclosure		\$164.40;
184.00		
West Coast Printing and Binding Co., Assessor's office expense		34.65
Marie Hodgkinson: Assessor's help		42.50
City of Moro: Water at Court house, months of May and June		28.00
Pacific Power & Light Co.: Courthouse lights		\$28.72;
Merchandise		25c;
DeMoss Park lights		\$1.00;
29.97		
Jonathan N. MacInnes: Bang's diseased cattle		24.00
Jonathan N. MacInnes: Bang's diseased cattle		72.00
Donald B. MacInnes: Bang's diseased cattle		12.00
Donald B. MacInnes: Bang's diseased cattle		48.00
J. C. Freeman, Postmaster: Box rent		3.15
Pacific Tel. & Tel. Company: Courthouse telephones		17.35
Wily W. Knighten: Supt. office help		50.00
State Ind. & Accident Comm.: Peace officers protection		4.99
The MacMillan Company: Supt. office expense		.67
Kilham Stationery & Printing Co., Supt. office expense		.98
Geo. A. Potter: County Judge Expense		7.00
J. M. Wilson, County Comm.		22.00
David Reid: County Comm.		16.00
T. Lester Johnson: District Attorney's Expense		8.00
Walter L. Blau: Bang's diseased cattle		12.00
S. W. Searcy: Court house expense		4.26
Stevens-Ness Law Publishing Company—Oregon Code Annotations		10.00
J. C. Freeman, Postmaster: Stamps Supt. office		13.00
Wily W. Knighten: County Supt. Expenses to conference at Salem		17.35
Moro Garage: Courthouse Improvement		6.00
Sherman County Law Library Association: Shepard's Oregon		

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## Temperature Goes To 107 This Week; Wheat Damaged

Summer weather of an undisputed sort came to the mid-Columbia area this week and while no records have been broken to date the days have been truly hot and the nights, although much cooler, have not been cool enough for good sleeping.

The record for hot weather at the experiment station is still 111 degrees which was established July 27, 1939. This was after a night of 77 degrees. It has been 110° back in 1928 and 107 in 1938.

The fact that the 107 top temperature of this hot spell is not the hottest we have had does not make it seem more agreeable to those who are fanning themselves and worrying about the heat.

The weather for the week:

Day	Max	Min
July 10	85	53
11	82	55
12	92	52
13	97	59
14	100	62
15	103	68
16	107	72

Duration of hot spells in this county is usually not over a week. Records show that the weather becomes hotter gradually for three to five days and then slowly cools off. The fact that the Willamette valleys had some very hot days will make the cooling off process rather slow this time.

Some damage has been reported to the spring wheat in the south end of the county and while some loss of crop is agreed on by all observers, the extent of the damage is not a question on which all can agree. A loss of from a quarter to a fifth would likely be an average of the estimates.

Winter wheat, especially if early sown, has ripened very well but the spring wheat, which was green, was hurt. This reduction in the crop may be enough to prevent the county from reaching 3,000,000 bushel.

## Hog Prices Still Going Higher

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

CATTLE: Good grain fed steers \$10.00 to 11.15. Good grain fed heifers \$9.25 to 10.00. Good grain fed calves \$8.75 to 9.25. Good beef cows \$7.50 to 8.00. Medium \$6.75 to 7.25. Common \$6.25 to 6.75. Canners \$5.00 to 5.75. Bulls medium to good \$8.50 to 9.50. Choice to 9.75. Common \$7.50 to 8.25. Vealers, good to choice \$12.00 to 13.00.

HOGS: Good to choice 170 to 215 lb. trucks \$12.00 to 12.25; 230 to 285 lb. butchers \$11.25 to 11.50; lightweights \$11.00 to 11.25; packing sows \$8.75 to 10.00. Feeder pigs \$11.50 to 14.00.

SHEEP: Good to choice spring lambs \$9.25 to 9.50; medium to good \$8.50 to 8.75. Feeder lambs, good to choice \$8.00 to 8.50 or above. Slaughter ewes, good to choice \$3.25 to 4.00.

## Five Men To Get Call for Army Service Soon

A preliminary call for five men from this county was made on the local draft board this week. The call is subject to further check. These men will leave for camp August 18th or 20th.

Whether or not time will permit one of the newly registered 21 year olds to be included is not known but it is possible that one may be included among the five.

If the younger men do not get the list will be made up of Jack Lewis, Grass Valley; Dewey Thomas, Wasco; Donald Macnab, Rufus; Kenneth Walker, Wasco and Arthur Spencer, Wasco.

## Land Use Group Make State Plans

The Oregon land use planning committee composed of farmers from different parts of the state and representatives of state and federal agencies has adopted and forwarded to Washington, D. C., a program for Oregon Agriculture for the years of the present emergency and these immediately following. This report has already been submitted to a regional land use conference where it was praised highly by federal officials as being one of the most complete and carefully prepared of those submitted by the states.

"The plans projected in this report are but a continuation and adaptation of work that has been carried on for many years by farm people and various agencies," says Dean William A. Schoenfeld, chairman of the state committee. "In another sense, however, these plans are but a beginning in the development of an effective and adequate unified program. This is a continuing and long-time job."

Plans for the preparation of the report which, as completed, covers 100 typewritten pages, were initiated by the state committee early in January. The primary purpose was to recommend adjustments which would permit Oregon agriculture to contribute most towards national defense and at the same time prepare it to withstand the impacts of the emergency period and emerge later to avoid the disasters which agriculture suffered following the first world war.

The preparation of the report as undertaken by four principal subcommittees, forestry, range live stock, general farming, and farm, home and rural life. As determined by the committee, the adjustments in Oregon agriculture for all-out defense fall into two clearly related classes.

The first includes measures to meet changed and changing needs in the field of production. In the class is included measures for improving the welfare of the people so that they meet the problems of defense with renewed vigor and with new confidence in the democratic way of life. These measures fall in the field of health, nutrition, security and general morale. Later articles will deal with recommendations on these subjects.

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## Survey Planned Of Organizations

The Oregon Historical Records survey, a WPA, organization has been put in charge of a nation wide inventory of civilian organizations which will cover all county seats, and other areas having 2500 or more population.

Moro has been listed as one of the towns to be surveyed in this state, according to word from E. J. Griffith, state administrator. The report must be in to the state by August 20 and in Washington by September 10. Nearly all kinds of clubs except those purely social, will be included in the survey which will give authorities in Washington a complete list of all organizations in the nation.

## Fire Burns Big Barn, 140 Acres Standing Wheat

Losses Heavy from Fire As Hot Days Dry Fields and Grass

The huge steep roofed, Joe Shearer barn on the Finnegan ranch was completely destroyed by fire Monday noon together with 90 tons of new meadow hay. The fire broke out so quickly that spontaneous combustion is indicated.

The haying crew had just stepped for noon and put their teams in the horse barn across the meadow when the barn was seen to break into flames so fast that shingles were blown off the roof to fall across the road to the west. Oville Ruggles, son of the owner, estimates that in ten minutes the entire structure was leveled.

Neighbors were called to put out the grass fire that threatened to run across the canyon and endanger the Schilling and Holmes wheat and range, and while the fire burned down the canyon for nearly a mile it was stopped before great damage was done.

The Shearer barn was built in 1885, according to Sam Holmes who came to the country that year. It was 110 feet long with two 16 foot sheds on each end making a total of 142 feet. It easily held 200 tons of hay and room remained to feed a couple of carloads of stock.

Mr. Holmes and I. D. Pike recall that Fred Quinifer was chief carpenter on the job and that B. F. Pike and Ned Quinn hauled the lumber from Joe Shearer's mill above Tygh valley. In those days there was no need to economize in size of timbers and they were of the best, as is proven by the fact that the barn was straight and square after 55 years.

It is understood that insurance was carried on the barn but that the hay was, as yet uninsured.

The same day another fire destroyed the wheat crop of John Robinson east of Wasco, when a spark started grass along the road on the north side of the place. An estimated 25 acres was saved when the county maintainer plowed a breaker strip around the buildings and some of the wheat. Loss is between 140 and 150 acres which was insured.

Another fire started on the Broadfoot place west of Wasco Monday evening but was put out with loss of about half an acre of wheat, according to reports.

Grain fires this year are almost impossible to fight as the wheat is so high and the heat so intense that fighters cannot approach it.

## Lightning Sets Wheat Fires

The lightning flashes Wednesday night started several fires around the county. It is reported that about 40 acres of wheat on the Fay Brackett place near Rufus was burned and that another fire was started farther north, on the Macnab place.

Wind caused an outbreak of the smoldering hay on the Ruggles place and lightning is thought to have started another grass fire near the Clodfelter place where several thousand acres were burned last week.

Lightning is also said to have caused other fires in the north end of the county during the night, one as late as four o'clock in the morning on the Tracy Fields place.