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Washington D. C. July 24—There is a drive on congress by small wheat farmers to amend the law which provides a penalty of 40 cents a bushel for raising surplus grain beyond the allotted quota. Carvass of the Oregon-Washington delegations disclose that none of the wheat growers of the Inland Empire are protesting. Under the allotment plan the farmer has a fixed price for his wheat, but if he raises more than his allotment and tries to sell it he is fined 40 cents a bushel.

All this was known when wheat farmers of the country voted to carry on the plan for another year, and did so by a big majority. Now, however, small wheat men (those with a few hundred acres, not farmers with thousands of acres like Oregon and Washington) want the government guarantee on their allotment and also the privilege of selling their surplus on which they consider a 15c bushel penalty is ample.

Oregon growers realize that price fixing means production control and that without control the price of wheat would drop. For this reason they are willing to abide by their allotment. This appears to be the attitude of wheat farmers in all important wheat sections, and only those who raise chisel. These latter are looking for support from congressmen who represent metropolitan districts whose only knowledge of wheat is that it is something bread is made of. Some newspapers in the national capital (there isn't a head of wheat within the range of their circulation) are giving editorial and news support to the protestants from Pennsylvania, Maryland and other small wheat crop states.

Leon Henderson is waiting for congress to give him authority for price fixing. As the head of Office of Price Administration and Civilian Supply (OPACS) Henderson was assigned the task of preventing inflation and he has surrounded himself with other economists, drawing many from eastern colleges and paying them far more than they received in private life.

Mr. Henderson started off briskly fixing prices. Then he ordered automobile makers to cut the price of their cars. Politely, one of the manufacturers told him to go jump in the lake. Then it developed that Mr. Henderson had no authority to place a ceiling on anything; all he could do was suggest that no prices be increased. His orders could be ignored; many have been.

This situation, of course, had to be remedied and congress was asked to give him the authority; congress refused to be rushed. Meanwhile, prices are going up as ever; how will it be, and will go higher unless Mr. Henderson can place a ceiling on commodities. In congress there is a farm bloc, and it generally gets what it wants. The farm bloc objects to price fixing generally and on farm products in particular. It would like to compromise and have no price control until after this year's harvest. Toward this they are working.

Before a senate committee Mr. Henderson explained that he wanted power to place a ceiling on everything but one commodity—wages of labor. This, he was told, is the nub of the entire program. Labor costs enter into all production, whether on farm or in shipyard, and to permit increased wages would make it impossible to control prices. There the matter rests; Mr. Henderson still wishes to exempt labor, but place a ceiling on everything that is produced or consumed. This is the main issue to be threshed out by the senate.

Although Mr. Henderson is disinclined to interfere with wages, the government has no intention of permitting the workman to escape. A British economist visited the White House and explained how his plan to take part of the pay envelope works in England.

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Nazi Tank Re-Loads With Shells for Reds



German soldiers load shells into a Nazi heavy tank at Grodno, U.S.S.R., after capture of that former Polish city from Soviet forces, while Josef Stalin, Soviet premier, warned his people that they must defend each inch of soil and fight to the last drop of blood. This photograph was transmitted via radio from Berlin.

Aluminum Is Gathered By Scouts and Others

Gathering of aluminum utensils no longer valuable for originally designed use has not been a major enterprise in this county this week, but through services of girl scouts in Moro and others, quite a collection of this governmentally needed metal has been brought to the old pump house.

At Wasco Marshal Charles Everett has been caring for the aluminum at the city hall and county agent LeRoy Wright has sent out letters to 4-H club workers instructing them about gathering the metal.

In Moro the most work was done by girl scouts, Patty French, Janet Schadewitz, Sharon Hennagin and others, instructed by Mrs. H. B. Parkerton, their leader.

F. S. A. Committee Meets In Hood River

A majority of the newly appointed members of the Farm Security Administration advisory board for Sherman county attended a regional meeting in Hood River Tuesday and heard, and took part in, discussions about the work of that governmental organization.

Two panels for debate on problems confronting the unfortunate farmer were held, one to define his problems and another to talk about means of aiding him.

Present from Sherman county were Lester Barnum, Mrs. B. Estelle Hailey, Paulen Kaseberg, LeRoy Wright and Mrs. A. D. Richelderfer. Not making the trip were Charles Barnett and L. E. Clark.

Harvesting Yields Good Everyplace

Harvesting continued with almost perfect weather aiding its progress during the week. Many fields are already cut in the Wasco section and this week will see many farmers all through with their harvesting in the north end of the county.

At Grass Valley and Kent harvesting is general although some have not started. Yields are universally good so far as the earlier winter wheat is being cut. It is making in excess of 30 bushels to the acre, reports being made of a 32 bushel yield and one of 37 bushels in the Kent country.

The Turkey Red field of Tom Alley's was said to have produced 37 bushels at Grass Valley and it was considered one of the best.

The point country is making the biggest crop anyone can remember and ordinary to poor land is making as much as twice or three times its average yield for the past ten years.

John Karlen Killed By Youth Last Week

John Karlen, 77 year old resident of Tygh Valley, was found dead last Friday morning near the railroad tracks along First St. in The Dalles.

Investigation by state and county officers led to the arrest of Irwin Russel Jones, at the home of his parents at Canby, who is said to have made a complete confession that he killed Karlen with his fists and feet while engaged in robbery.

John Karlen was in Sherman county Tuesday of this last week and was engaged in settling his city and county indebtedness on lots in Grass Valley owned by him and the C. W. Moore estate, which he claimed to have sold. He was said to have been boasting about having money and that this presumed to have caused the attack.

Born in Switzerland

Karlen was born in Berne, Switzerland and came to this country when a young man. He engaged in the sheep business and was a part owner in the early day mercantile store of Moore & Karlen which succeeded Grass Valley's first store, Moore & Rollins.

He retired from this in 1903 and remained in the sheep business until the depression when he lost most of his property. For several years he had been living near Tygh Valley on a limited income.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at Tygh Valley and interment was made in the cemetery there. A distant cousin is the only known relative in this country.

Sherman Riders To Be Featured

Developments in planning the Sherman county fair have not been very swift during the harvest season. Things are moving however.

The Sherman County Riders will be given a place to show their skill at the start of each days program. The drills they have been practicing all spring and summer will be shown before the grand stand the first day, immediately after the crowning of the queen, which will be the first official act of the Friday program.

The queen and her court will be chosen by the votes cast by ticket buyers in a contest that is to begin next week, August 1.

Judge for the cattle, sheep and swine classes will be Al Oliver, of OSC, who was here in the same capacity last year. Helen Cowgill will again place the winners in 4-H and domestic science classes. Taylor's announcing system will be used again to inform the crowd of the progress of events.

Crested Wheat Seed Price Established

County Agent, LeRoy Wright has received word that prices paid for Crested Wheat grass seed this year will probably be higher than those paid in 1940. The expected increase is 20 percent, which will make the local price around 12 cents.

Harry Avery of the Blue Mountain Seed company of La Grande, has already sold some seed and is anxious to have more for this year's delivery. Production, per acre, is reported as being 30 percent under that of last year.

County Court Buys Right of Way For Road

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS: Commissioner's Court Docket, July 2 Term, 1941 July 2, 1941 being the time for the regular term of the County Court for Sherman County in the State of Oregon, the Honorable County Court did on said date meet in the County Courtroom in the Courthouse at Moro at the hour of ten o'clock a. m.

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

The following proceedings were had at said term: In the matter of the payment of claims presented against the General Fund, Dog Tax Fund and Law Library Fund. Claims allowed as presented and ordered paid.

In the matter of the payment of claims presented against the Road Funds. Claims allowed as presented and ordered paid.

Re: County Treasurer's report for the month ending June 30, 1941. Report accepted and approved.

Re: Sheriff and Tax Collector's turn-over of current and delinquent taxes collected from March 15, 1941 to June 15, 1941. Sheriff's Tax turn-over accepted and approved.

In the matter of the Application of W. B. Rice for damages to sheep killed by dogs. Claim for damages to sheep killed by dogs. Full claim allowed \$42.01 to W. B. Rice.

Re: Claim of Jonathan N. MacInnes for \$24.00 for Bang's Diseased cattle slaughtered. Claim allowed and ordered paid \$24.00 to J. N. MacInnes.

Claim of Jonathan N. MacInnes for \$7.00 for Bang's Diseased cattle slaughtered. Claim allowed and ordered paid \$7.00 to J. N. MacInnes.

Claim of Donald B. MacInnes for \$12.00 for Bang's Diseased cattle slaughtered. Claim of \$12.00 allowed and ordered paid to D. B. MacInnes.

Claim of Donald B. MacInnes for \$48.00 for Bang's Diseased cattle slaughtered. Claim of \$48.00 allowed and ordered paid to D. B. MacInnes.

Claim of Walter L. Blau for \$12.00 for Bang's Diseased cattle slaughtered. Claim of \$12.00 allowed and ordered paid to W. L. Blau.

Re: Agreement with Victor Anderson for removal of Gravel from Anderson premises for stated price of \$200.00. Agreement approved and ordered filed. Stated price of \$200.00 ordered paid from General Road Fund. (Warrant Issued 7-2-41)

Re: Purchase of Right-of-Way from Christina McCoy for Fulton Canyon-Wasco road at price of \$15.00. Deed tendered and accepted. Clerk instructed to issue warrant from General Road Fund. (Warrant issued 7-2-41)

Re: Purchase of Right-of-Way from Herbert Root and wife for Fulton Canyon-Wasco road at price of \$30.00. Deed tendered and accepted. Clerk instructed to issue warrant from General Road Fund. (Warrant issued 7-2-41)

Re: Purchase of Right-of-Way for Fulton Canyon-Wasco road from Geo. W. Kaseberg and wife at price of \$12.00. Deed tendered and accepted for Right-of-Way. Clerk instructed to issue warrant for \$12.00. (Warrant issued 7-2-41)

Re: Purchase of Right-of-Way for Fulton Canyon-Wasco Road from Marion M. Powell and wife at price of \$2.50. Deed tendered.

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Two Crews Building Roads In County

State and County Spending Money For Construction This Summer

Two outfits are crushing rock for improvement to Sherman county roads this summer and one of these is working on a federal project that is constructing another link in the Fulton canyon road which will bring it within three miles of Wasco.

The Youm company has the general contract for the grading, rock and oiling of the six miles from the end of the 1940 contract west of the Victor Anderson place to a point near Herb Root's place. The new road will have a different location down the hill from the Anderson place and up the canyon through the Hugh White farm. From there it will follow the old road with slight deviation.

It is understood that the lower end of the Fulton canyon road may be improved within a year or two to make this important market road a really good highway, surfaced to withstand the heavy use it gets every harvest when a sizeable part of the county's wheat is hauled over it to Millers.

Leonard & Slate are in charge of the grading and oiling work on this job and their huge dirt moving equipment is grading and making ditches for the right of way.

East of Wasco the Rogers outfit is crushing rock on a contract with the county. Seventy five hundred cubic yards are to be used at the present location and a similar amount is to be crushed near Beardon nearly all of which will be placed immediately on county roads. Possible delay may be caused by harvest and the danger of cutting up the roads.

The contract west of Wasco is a state and federal one. It is let by the highway commission and is an additional \$50,000 or road work in this county as its part of the federal moneys.

A. D. Edgington Takes Machine Shop

A. D. Edgington, formerly with the Cheney Weeder company and the Calkins Manufacturing company, has leased the Sherman Garage and Machine Shop building and equipment in Wasco and is open for general repair business. Machines are being put into shape for accurate work and new equipment is to be added. Machine work on farm and industrial equipment will be done.

Mr. Edgington has traveled over the northwest and is well known to farmers and manufacturers.

Organization Survey Now Being Made

C. M. Crutchfield is here this week as a representative of the WPA historical survey agency which is making a survey of non-profit organizations engaged in civilian defense for what might be available for such use if needed. Organizations such as chambers of commerce, luncheon clubs, social agencies, women's clubs, etc., are to be listed. All towns of 2500 persons or over and all county seats are being surveyed and their organizations listed as a part of the civilian defense.

Farmers Given 1942 Acreage Allotments

Farmers were told this week by letter from the AAA committee how much land they could sow to wheat for 1942 crop.

The local committee has divided the land of the county giving each farmer a share of the 96,675 acres this county is permitted to grow under the farm program. Farmers in the United States will be allowed 5,000,000 acres of land in wheat.

In this county the reduction is exactly 30 percent of the wheat land of each farmer for the year, permitting him to grow wheat on 35 percent of his entire tilled acreage.

Order Numbers Given Boys In National Draft

The drawing of last Thursday of the serial numbers of the new registrants for the draft resulted in placing order numbers for the men in this county. Official determination of those places has not been received by the local draft headquarters but it is not expected to differ from the published lists.

Order in which Sherman county 21 year olds will be called is as follows according to unofficial computation: Gordon Reid, Harry Stark, Lewis Riggs, Ivan Blagg, David Richelderfer, Wayne Barton, Philip O'Meara, Robert Speelman, Charles Bryant, Kenneth Barnett, Carl Peetz, Daniel Hoskinson. Regulations regarding the method of placing these men in the regular draft list has not been received.

Stock Prices Staying High

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

CATTLE: Good grain fed steers \$10.00 to 11.50. Good grass steers \$9.25 to 9.85. Good grass heifers \$8.50 to 9.50. Good beef cows \$8.75 to 7.75 (young cows to \$8.00) medium \$6.25 to 6.50, common \$5.75 to 6.25, canners \$4.75 to 4.75. In lbs. medium to good \$8.25 to 9.25, good to choice \$12.00 to 13.00.

HOGS: Good to choice, 170 to 215 lb trucking \$11.75 to 11.90; 230 to 285 lb butchers \$11.00 to 11.50; lightweight butchers \$10.75 to 11.25; packing sows \$9.00 to 9.75. Feeder pigs \$11.00.

SHEEP: Good to choice spring lambs \$9.25 to 9.50; medium to good \$8.50 to 9.00; common \$7.50 to 8.00. Slaughter ewes, good to choice \$3.50 to 4.25. Feeder lambs good to choice 8.00 to 8.50.

State Makes New Lease Form

A lease form prepared in such simple language that it hasn't a single "whereas" or "party of the first part" is available for tenants and landlords in any county agent's office in Oregon, announces W. L. Teutsch, assistant director of extension. These lease forms have been prepared by the U. S. department of agriculture after consultation with tenants, landlords, state colleges and others. They are designed to aid both renter and land owner in arriving at an agreement which will be put down in writing to avoid future disputes and which will be fair to all concerned.

One major objective is also to reduce the number of annual shifts from farm to farm by tenants. A flexible feature of these simplified lease forms provides for automatically continuing the lease from year to year if no notice is given by either party at least three months in advance of the end of the lease year.

Forms are also available for leases of three years or more in which case the period of notice to terminate is usually not less than five or six months.

Stock Auction Scheduled For Fair

A new high in the number and quality of animals that will go to the block at the 4-H club boys and girls auction sale at Oregon state fair September 1-7 in Salem is promised by club leaders. This will be the third annual 4-H stock sale.

For the first time the clubbers will offer a number of baby beefs, as well as 100 head of fat lambs and a number of hogs. At least 15 head of baby beef being fattened for the fair sale are now on feed in the Willamette valley. Lambs and hogs will come from many parts of the state.

The club auction, only livestock sale conducted at the fair, is scheduled for the fifth morning, Friday, September 5, at 10 o'clock.

Restaurants, packing plants, meat markets, business houses, one chamber of commerce and other institutions made lively bidding at the 1940 club sale and even greater interest is anticipated at the 1941 state fair.

Wheat Fires Numerous As Lightning Hits

Electric Storm Sets Many Fires Friday Afternoon and Night

Harvesting goes ahead with increased speed this week because of the serious fires that destroyed over 400 acres of grain since harvest began. While the weather is not so hot or dry as it was and thunderstorms and lightning not so common there is haste to get the wheat in before another change in the weather makes fires again likely.

Friday afternoon lightning was striking all around the county and a high wind made it doubly dangerous. It ignited the Nichols Bros. wheat near the Cottonwood road and a southeast wind drove it across the field at a speed described as "faster than a man could run." About 150 acres of standing grain was burned in a very few minutes. A heavy rain fell in that section of the county and prevented it spreading to other fields.

Across Hay Canyon another grain fire burned 80 acres of wheat belonging to Marie Barnett, Cooper and Wes Fuller on the Potter place. A like amount of allotment land in Crested Wheat grass and threatened the Klondike warehouses and the store building. Hastily set backfires were all that saved the buildings from destruction say those who battled the flames.

Another fire burned stubble on the Youm place and Charles Wallace places and about 200 sacks of wheat were burned over and smaller fires were started but none that did heavy damage.

With what was burned last week this makes a total of over 400 acres of wheat burned this year along with threshed grain and stubble. Two barns and nearly 300 tons of hay were also destroyed to make this one of the costliest years in history from the point of view of fire losses in harvest.

The very hot weather, the rank growth of wheat and the presence of the lightning (uncommon here) are given as the main reasons for the greater than usual loss.

First National Adjusts Pay

A scientific plan for salary adjustments designed to protect the staff of the First National Bank of Portland against increased living costs is announced this week by E. B. MacNaughton, President. He states "Salary adjustments under this plan will be made monthly based upon telegraphic reports received from the United States Bureau of Labor, and for July this increase amounts to over \$6400."

"This plan," MacNaughton said, "Does not supercede nor conflict with our long standing program of periodic salary increases based on seniority and regular promotions. It is an over-all additional payment which will continue for the duration."

This adjustment applies to all members of our staff excepting only 16 "brass hats". Out of a total of 788 employees in 41 branches, 772, or 98 percent will receive the increase. That reads as though we are about as good as Ivory soap, which claims to be 99.44 percent pure, but let that rest. The idea is that we are helping our staff to keep up with the high cost of living. We have a fine group and we want every one of them freed of living-cost worries incidental to inflation so they can put all their effort into a high standard of service. That's just good sound business, any way you look at it."

Station Crop Cut

Threshing has begun on the experiment station and the nursery rows are being put through a little thresher at the rate of hundreds of sacks a day.

No yield results have been computed so far and probably will not be until threshing is ended. Several varietal tests and tillage method tests are being watched with special interest by farmers and the results are being awaited.