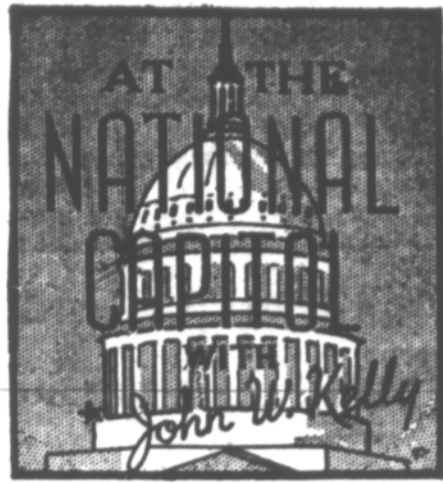


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Washington D. C., Aug. 21.—Start of work by the government on the irrigating of 69,700 acres in the Grand Coulee area waits only on the signing of contracts with irrigation districts for repayment of the costs. Negotiations for the contracts are now in progress. This is the first step toward reclamation of the 1,200,000 acres in the project, and it is estimated that about 1966 all the irrigable land in the area will be watered. First start will be made on 15,300 acres in the south district; 27,000 acres in the Quincy-Columbia district, and 27,000 acres in the east district. On these three areas water is expected in three years, the bureau having authority to spend \$2,000,000 on the initial program, the building of a pumping plant and an equalizing reservoir.

Examination has been made and blue prints drawn for a dam and reservoir in the Potholes, south of Mosses lake, to recapture water after it has been used for irrigation. The Potholes are sand dunes which cannot be reclaimed. The public lands bureau has withdrawn 11,500 acres for the dam and reservoir and these will be constructed later. Somewhere in the Grand Coulee program there will be a write-off of part of the construction charges to lighten the load on settlers.

Senator Wheeler's use of the frank to distribute one million postcards calling, in effect, for a referendum on war, recalls the opposition to prevailing extensive use of this privilege so frequently voiced by Jim Farley while he was postmaster general. Mr. Farley insisted he could save the government a vast sum of money if the congressional frank was used legitimately for official mail of members. (One congressman used his frank to send his laundry home each week.)

The presidential order fixing a ceiling for raw sugar prices is probably the first of others to follow until such time as congress provides a price restriction set-up by enactment of one of the several bills now being considered, and it is expected that discussion of these measures will furnish the real riot of the session. Neither of the measures so far proposed is satisfactory, but the administration intends to prevent inflation and some kind of price fixing will be necessary. What OPM does not like is OPACS stepping in and curtailing production. Office of Production Management insists the price fixing function belongs to it.

Indicative of improved conditions on the farm, the Farm Credit administration reports that about one fourth of all farms held for sale by the banks as a result of foreclosures in the past seven years were sold in the first six months of this year. An increase in farm sales also is reported by Federal Farm Mortgage corporation for which Federal Land banks have handled first and second mortgages during the past eight years. For the first time since 1934 the Federal Land banks are now holding less than \$100,000,000 worth of farms, or 19 percent less than their holdings one year ago.

Illustrative of the time required to manufacture major electrical equipment is the announcement that of the three additional generating units which have been ordered for Grand Coulee, delivery of the first turbine is not promised until 500 days from date of letting the contract, the second in 530 days, and the third in 620 days. The three units will not have been installed and in operation before the fall of 1943, at which time the plant capacity at Grand Coulee will be 648,000 kilowatts. The ultimate installation planned is 18 units with a final capacity of 1,974,000 kilowatts, making it the largest hydroelectric development in the world.

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The Marines Have Landed



This photograph was made at Jacksonville, N. C., during marine maneuvers—first time—between army-navy and marines on beach landing practice. Transports unloaded armored cars and troops carrying equipment, etc. Photo shows marines going over the side of transport into landing boats.

Heavy Rain Delays Harvest At Kent

A heavy rainfall fell at Kent and on south last Monday evening that completely stopped harvesting for a day or so and further delayed harvesting in the section that has the largest amount of wheat to be cut.

At Shaniko the rain assumed cloud burst proportions when seven-eighths of an inch fell in the first fifteen minutes of the storm. At Kent also the first part of the rain was the heavier. Rain fell for several hours.

A stream fifty feet wide rolled down the south fork of Buck Hollow during and after the storm and flooded over the Sherman highway in a few places doing no damage. Aside from halting harvest the rain was not serious. It did stop cutting and will certainly delay this operation for some days. Wheat in the Kent area has been wet six times since harvest began and while it is still standing it is well bleached. About a quarter of the crop still remains to be cut, some men being through and others just starting.

Rain again fell south of Grass Valley Tuesday but threshing is nearly done there. Summerfallow is now in shape for seeding with a little preliminary working but farmers do not want to put seed into the ground for another three or four weeks. Harvest rains have been heavy enough to practically assure good seeding conditions this fall.

To Burn Stubble Held Costly

"Don't burn anything that can be converted into humus," is a basic rule for maintaining the fertility of Oregon soils, according to Dr. R. E. Stephenson, soil scientist at the OSC experiment station, in a new station circular No. 143, entitled "Humus for Oregon soils."

Humus or organic matter is what keeps soils physically fit. Any waste products of the farm, or city lot for that matter, such as straw, weeds, stalks, stubble, vines, canes, or leaves are all valuable sources of humus and, when returned to the soil, help to prevent its becoming hard and baked. Where such materials are deficient in nitrogen their value is increased and their decomposition hastened by the addition of nitrogen fertilizer.

Estimates are that one year of legume sod will restore about as much humus as is lost with one year of cultivated row crops. The upper three feet of good soil may contain more than 200 tons per acre of organic matter, accumulated through thousands of years, which is lost under cultivation at the rate of about 750 pounds per acre per year.

Sherman County People To Picnic August 31

The annual Sherman County picnic for former residents of the county and those who still live here will be held August 31 in Laurelhurst park in Portland. This picnic is usually held the fourth or last Sunday in August. This year there are five Sundays which makes the picnic come on the last day of the month which has caused some confusion. It will be held at noon.

A larger number have been going down from here each year to meet with old time residents and friends and this year should find a good sized crowd at the picnic.

Hog Market Still Strong

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

CATTLE: Good grain fed steers \$11.25 to 12.25. Good grass steers \$9.75 to 10.50. Good grain fed heifers \$9.25 to 10.00. Good beef cows \$7.75 to 8.25, medium 6.75 to 7.50, common \$6.25 to 6.75, canners \$5.00 to 5.75. Bulls, medium to good \$8.25 to 9.50, common \$7.00 to 7.75. Vealers, good to choice, \$12.00 to 13.00.

HOGS: Good to choice truck-ins, 170 to 215 lb weights, \$12.50 to 12.65. 280 to 285 lb butchers \$11.50 to 12.00; lightweight butchers \$11.50 to 11.75. Packing sows \$9.75 to 10.75. Feeder pigs \$10.50 to 12.50.

SHEEP: Good to choice spring lambs \$9.85 to 10.00, carlots quotable \$10.25 to 10.50; medium to good \$9.00 to 9.40; common \$8.00 to 8.75. Slaughter ewes, good to choice \$3.75 to 4.50. Feeder lambs \$8.00 to 8.75.

Four More Men Called For Sept. 29

A call has been made on the draft board of Sherman county for four white men to be sent to the army on September 29, Monday, reporting to the local board. From there they will be transported to Portland and from there to whatever post requires them. It is not possible to tell what men will be sent at this time but the actual call will go out within a few days.

County Court Selling Tax Foreclosed Properties

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS, Commissioner's Court Docket, August 6, 1941.

August 6, 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; Ross Ornduff, County Clerk; T. Lester Johnson, Dist. Attorney.

The following proceedings were had at said term:

In the matter of the payment of claims presented against the General Fund. Claims allowed and ordered paid.

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

Re: Claim of Ormand G. Hildebrand for \$6.00 for Bang's Discarded cattle slaughtered. Claim allowed and ordered paid.

Re: Insurance Policy covering county owned trucks and cars, protection against collision and accidents. Policy accepted and ordered paid. Premium \$82.98.

Re: County Clerk's Semi-annual report of fees received and disbursements of same January 1 to July 1, 1941. Report approved.

Re: Clerk's Semi-annual report of disbursements for the period from January 1, 1941 to July 1, 1941. Report approved.

Re: County Clerk's Semi-annual report of claims paid against the General Road Fund, Market Road Fund and Bridge Fund, January 1, 1941 to July 1, 1941. Report accepted and approved.

Re: Indemnity Bond of Boys' and Girls' Aid Society covering lost Warrant Class "W" No. 610 issued January 2, 1941 to Boys' and Girls' Aid Society and request for duplicate warrant. Bond accepted and Clerk authorized to issue duplicate warrant in amount of \$50.00 Warrant No. "W" 948 issued 8-8-41.

Re: Compromise offer submitted to J. J. Deener in sum of \$2750.00 in full settlement of \$3000.00 loan secured by realty mortgage if paid

on or before August 15, 1941. Satisfaction of mortgage signed and filed.

Re: Sheriff's Return of sale on County owned real property acquired by delinquent tax foreclosure proceedings. Return of sale dated July 23, 1941. Order of sale accepted and Sheriff's Return of Sale approved and ordered filed.

Re: Agreement with The Texas Company pertaining to purchase of gasoline and oils. Agreement signed and filed.

Re: Request of Mrs. Carl V. Aronson, Jr., to defray expense incurred relative to house cleaning brought on by virtue of dust caused by rock-crusher. Request refused.

County Treasurer's Report for month ending July 31, 1941. Report accepted and approved.

Semi-annual report of Naomi Van Gilder, County Treasurer, of receipts and disbursements from December 31, 1940 to June 30, 1941, inclusive. Report approved and filed.

Re: Application for purchase of tax foreclosed property, by Sherman County, made by City of Moro in connection with the following described property:

Parcel No. One: Westerly 35 feet of Lot 2, Block 5, Original Town, Now City of Moro, Oregon.

Parcel No. 2: All of Lot 4, in Block 5, in the City of Moro, Oregon, according to the duly recorded plat thereof, except that portion 20 feet by 50 feet heretofore deeded to Herman Burmester and more specifically described in book "S" of Deeds, page 50, record of Sherman County, Oregon.

Parcel No. 3: Fractions of Lots 1 and 2, Block 5, in the City of Moro, Oregon, said fractions being more particularly described in book "V" of Deeds, page 289, Records of Sherman County, Oregon.

Bids of \$210.00 submitted by City of Moro. Bid from City of Moro in sum of \$210.00 accepted and Clerk instructed to have deed prepared conveying said property to City of Moro.

In Re: Application of City of Moro, for purchase of Tax Foreclosed property, owned by Sherman County, wherein the City of Moro exercises its preferential right of purchase, as by law provided.

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Poor Tillage Cuts Yield This Year Too

Well Tilled Plots Yield Better Than Poorly Treated

The results of the tillage tests on the experimental station grounds show that while this year was one in which poor land might have bested the normally good land, poor farming did not beat good farming.

Plots not cultivated in the early plowing group made 30.2 bushels, plots on which tillage was delayed made 35.0 and the plots that were cultivated immediately after plowing made 37.3 bushels.

On the May plowed plots the difference was less marked being 31.1 for no cultivation and 35.8 for immediately tilled fallow. This was not a year in which deep plowed summerfallow showed to an advantage over shallow plowed land. The average for 10" plowing on all plots was 29.8 bushels and that on the land plowed 5" deep was 31.2. This frequently occurs.

On plots that were poorly tilled or not at all the yield was much less on both types of fallow.

The regular experimental farm test between disked and plowed fallow showed disked making 28.9 bushels of winter wheat and mold board plowing making 29.4. When spring wheat was sown disked land produced 20.8 bushels and plowed land made 18.3 bushels.

Mold board plowing in one experiment made 33.8 bushel and that tilled with a lister bottom made 32.0 bushels.

Of interest this year was the test of new hybrids in a series of plots with Rex as a check. The Rex was better than the others making 48.5 bushels per acre for an average. A Rex-Rio cross made 45.1 bushels and a new bearded, late wheat, still unnamed, but parented by 40 Fold on one side and Fed x Oro on the other made 43.2 in one plot.

These tests will be tried again and wheat that did well will be multiplied for distribution if they prove worthy.

Fair Board To Build Platform

The fair board expects to build a platform on the south end of the grand stand for the pari-mutuel booths. It will be long enough to accommodate those who wish to pace bets on the ponies and will be so situated that quite a number can watch the races from that point. It is expected that this will result in less confusion in the grand stand between races.

Predatory Fish May Be Killed

Control work in several lakes in the Deschutes National forest is contemplated by the Oregon State Game Commission, according to announcement by C. A. Lockwood, assistant state game supervisor, in charge of this work.

At present Mr. Lockwood does not know in what lakes the control work will be carried on. However, there are a number of fine trout lakes in this area now infested with trash fish, and in some instances biologists employed by the Commission have reported trout afflicted with parasites and worms. Where this condition exists, the affected game fish will be eliminated along with the trash fish.

Mr. Lockwood, accompanied by Ross Newcomb, leader of one of the lake and stream survey crews, and Dr. Francis P. Griffiths, game commission biologist, will go into the area this week to determine what lakes will be included in the control work this year.

HEALTH CLINIC HELD

A maternal and child health conference was held in Kent August 19 at which time twelve infants and pre-school children were examined by Dr. Donald Bourg assisted by Lucille Vale, county health nurse. Routine immunizations were made. Dr. Bourg is the director of the Wasco Sherman health unit. Another conference will be held at Kent in October.

Delinquent Tax Statements Going Out

Sheriff Wilson is about ready to send out statements on delinquent taxes to all those who owe them. Some are for real property and some are for personal property. The law now is that personal property taxes must be paid when due or the sheriff is obligated to start proceedings against the owner. There are 300 lots of delinquent property in this county and an attempt will be made to collect the assessments this fall, says the sheriff.

Powell-Nahouse Wedding Observed

Miss Genevieve Nahouse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Nahouse of The Dalles, and Ronald Powell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Powell, of Moro were married Sunday night at eight o'clock in the United Brethren church at The Dalles before a large group of friends and relatives.

Mrs. Leslie Stewart, sister of the bride, was matron of honor and Austin Foss acted as best man for the groom. Miss Betty Powell was one of the bride's maids and Wayne Thompson and Lyle Nahouse were ushers.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents where Misses Jean Powell and Louise Barzee served the couple left for a trip to Canada after which they will live on a farm near Moro.

Aluminum Sent To Headquarters

Sherman county sent 384 pounds of aluminum to the Federated Metals company in Portland as its part of the drive to gather used aluminum and send it to plants where it can be used in defense work.

This is not a large amount but is very good considering that the campaign was put on in harvest time when everyone was very busy.

NO EXPORT MARKET HURTS FARMERS

Oregon's agriculture has suffered severe losses through the gradual but almost total elimination of export outlets for some of the principal crops of this state, even though growers have gone far in reducing the acreage of export type crops, the Oregon state land use planning committee points out in its summary of present conditions and recommendations for the immediate future.

Wheat, prunes, apples, and pears are the principal export crops of this state. During the last decade wheat acreage has been reduced approximately 24 per cent, prunes 26 per cent, apples 55 per cent, and pears 10 per cent. This means that Oregon's export crops, which formerly accounted for approximately 30 per cent of the total farm acreage, now occupy only approximately 20 per cent.

There remain approximately 800,000 acres of wheat, 41,400 acres of prunes, 14,100 acres of apples, and 19,000 acres of pears. Under normal conditions, approximately one third of the production of this total acreage would go to foreign markets, with two thirds used in the United States.

The state committee considered each one of these crops as to the problems involved and possible action to be taken. Much of the Columbia basin is ideally suited to continue wheat production and unsuited to diversified crops, the committee points out. A number of its recommendations for 1924 concerning wheat have already been put into effect by the AAA, including close correlation of acreage reduction with soil conservation, increase in loan values to nearer parity, and reduction of acreage allotment for 1942 to the minimum provided by law. Numerous other recommendations were made looking to the future.

Further reduction in apple acreage through the elimination of varieties not now in demand is recommended, while change in pear acreage might be limited to removal of diseased trees. Immediate and drastic improvement in prune quality is necessary to save the prune industry, the committee reported.

Queen Contest Starts With Three Entries

Two Start Work This Week As Fair Draws Near

With harvest nearing an end there has come activity in the race for queen of the Sherman county fair.

Until this week Cleo Laffoon of Kent has had the race all to herself, with what success has not been learned. Last week end the Moro Grain Growers started the ball rolling by sponsoring the candidacy of Reatha Sayre of Moro as queen. Early this week the Sherman Grain Growers of Wasco took out a block of tickets to be sold in behalf of Dorothy Jean Macnab of that community.

It is not thought that other candidates will contest with these three girls inasmuch as all have strong sponsorship, especially since the Grass Valley Grain Growers have begun activity for Miss Laffoon.

The first entry is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Laffoon of Kent and a student of Kent high school. Miss Sayre is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Sayre of Moro and is a student at San Jose college in the winter time. Miss Macnab is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Macnab of Wasco.

Because of the grain growers interest in the race the offices of the grain growers have been designated as places where the ballot boxes will be kept and where candidates can deposit ticket stubs indicating votes won.

If the race ends a week before fair time, as it did last year, there are but two more weeks in which to conduct the race and ticket sale and this surely means some hasty work on the part of those who are selling tickets.

Queens are outfitted with a riding habit including boots, hat, riding skirt and silk shirt and princesses are also bedecked with the habiliments of the western show. For three days they are rulers of the gay queenhood of Sherman county and have the time of their lives. Long live the queen.

Kent Auxiliary Repair Clothing

The Kent American Legion Auxiliary held its regular meeting on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Cassie Holmes in Grass Valley. Members from out of town included Hilma and Ellen Rooper of Antelope.

The afternoon was spent in repairing a large box of used clothing which will be sent to the Child Welfare Center in Portland to be used for needy families of the war veterans.

The traveling trophies won at the Convention were on display. The Kelly Cup was won for being the first Unit in the State to send in their renewals for all of last year's members except those by death or transfer. The Von Borstel-Cox-Francis gavel bell, given by the Presidents of Districts 5, 6 and 7, was won for being the Unit in these districts with a membership of less than 50 which most fully covered the Americanism program.

Plans were made for the installation of officers of the Posts and Units in the county. This will be held in Kent preceding a dinner on a Sunday, probably September 28.

The Auxiliary also plans to serve supper at the Harvest Ball given by the Legion at Kent, Saturday night, August 23.

Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served by the hostess.

Sherman Riders May Go To Condon

The Sherman county riders will meet at the fair grounds next Sunday, August 24. At this time every one who wishes to ride during the fair should put in an appearance as the drills will be set and made ready. It is likely that a group of riders will go to Condon, September 6 to ride at the Gilliam county fair. It is understood that 18 would make the trip.