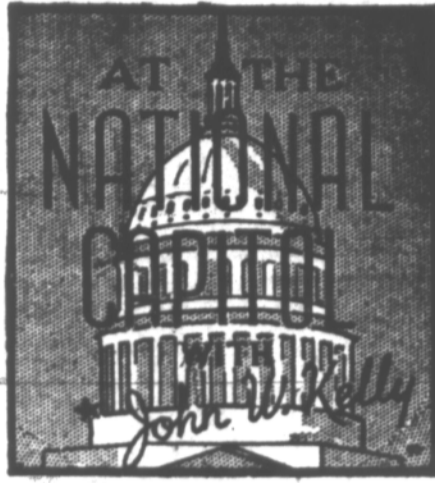


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Washington D. C., Aug. 28.—Allocation of funds has finally been made for improvement of airports in Oregon and Washington, five in the former state and twelve in the latter. Of the total appropriation of \$80,810,110 Oregon will receive but \$1,038,000 distributed as follows: Eugene \$113,000, Klamath Falls \$278,000, LaGrande \$105,000, The Dalles \$180,000 and Tillamook \$410,000. The total for the 12 airport projects in Washington is \$2,105,000.

Selection of these airports to receive federal funds was made by a board composed of secretaries of war, navy and commerce which certified that they were necessary to the national defense. This certification included 26 locations previously announced but on which work has not been started and 149 new locations. The WPA will do the work on 87 of the projects and part work on 15; the others will be let by bid. It is expected that all will be completed shortly after the first of the year.

While all projects are stated to be necessary to the national defense, there is a somewhat mysterious disproportion in the selections. For instance, Texas is given 27 airports on which \$5,942,000 in federal money will be expended. Far to the northeast, in Maine, 17 sites were chosen for which \$3,069,000 will be available, and with one less in number Georgia will receive \$3,178,000. Just why there should be more airports in Georgia than in Oregon or Washington is not clear, nor why Maine should be favored above other New England states, unless it is felt that the Pine Tree state affords a better jumping off place for the defense of Greenland and Iceland.

For the announced purpose of aiding South American countries to prepare an efficient personnel to operate airlines to be established by them to replace lines previously operated by German companies, a program has been set up for the training of pilots and technicians in the United States. The number from each country will be apportioned on an equitable basis and will total 404 pilots, 120 service mechanics, 120 instructor mechanics and 20 aeronautical engineers. The army will train 100 of the pilots and the balance will be under the direction of the Civil Aeronautics Administration. Hitherto all but a few of the airlines in South America have been either German owned or operated.

Emphasizing the fact that such gasoline shortage as may exist in any locality in the United States is due to lack of adequate transportation facilities, a department of interior report on production of natural gasoline shows that the daily average in June was 7,133,000 gallons as compared with 6,161,000 in June of last year. However, there was an actual decrease in the quantity on hand, 261,870,000 gallons this June as compared with 294,000,000 on hand June 30, 1940.

While no record was made of the vote in the house on extension of the selective service period, a teller's count showed 21 Republicans voting with the majority and thereby keeping draftees in the army another 18 months. Had the policy of Republican Leader Joe Martin not been opposed this number would have been considerably larger as other Republican members had previously expressed themselves as favoring a longer period of training. But Hamilton Fish rallied such strength against the house leader in a party caucus just prior to the voting that only 21 upheld the administration measure. This clash was only one of many recent almost open quarrels between Congressman Fish and the party leader.

Colonel Blank of the President, in full uniform, decided while in (Continued on Page two)

## Breakfast Club Arranging Cowboy Feed

A breakfast club committee met Wednesday night and arranged for a cowboy breakfast to be held Wednesday a. m. at the city park September 10. The regular meeting will be held next Wednesday at the hotel to make final arrangements for the event.

Everyone who thinks he or she can eat a steak for breakfast is asked to come out bedecked in their western show finery, and try chewing a steak cooked by Chief Chef L. L. Peetz or some of his crew of cooks, viz: Ray Blake, Merrill Oveson, Free Crews, Giles French, Lloyd Johnson, Shorty Olds or Corliss Andrews.

There will probably be singing—or music. There will be coffee for the well trained coffee making team of Dewey Thompson and Don and Mac McLeod have it in charge. The queen candidates will be on hand and every member of the club is charged with the duty of showing visitors a good time.

Time is seven o'clock. All required for the affair is to come looking like a drug store cowboy or like you had been riding herd all night and bring your feeding tools, a plate, if you like to eat off one, a good sharp knife. The club will furnish the appetite and the food.

## Antelope Tags Still Available

While hunters are purchasing more antelope tags this year than has been the case in any year since open seasons on this fleet footed animal were established, there are still tags available for hunters who desire them, according to announcement by the Oregon State Game Commission.

This year there are two antelope seasons: the first, in that part of Malheur county south of the Burns-Ontario highway from September 22 to October 5, both dates inclusive. The second antelope season will be held in parts of Lake and Harney counties from September 28 to October 5, both dates inclusive.

The bag limit is one antelope of either sex, the tags cost \$1 each for resident or nonresident hunters. This fee is in addition to the regular hunting license fee.

## 4-H Clubbers Going To State Fair

Contrary to normal this county is going to have some stock entries in the 4-H divisions at the state fair this year. Five boys are taking their fat steers to the show.

Jack von Borstel, Henry Richelderfer, Shelton and Ed Fritts and Don King are taking their larger calves to Salem for entry in the 4-H classes there. These calves are already large enough and fat enough that it is not considered best to hold them until the Pacific International.

David Richelderfer and Frank von Borstel are also taking pure bred heifers for entry in open classes. Wheat will be sent by J. B. Adams and others and, it is expected on past performance that it will bring home a good share of the prizes.

## Questions Answered About Stamps

Q. Why should Americans buy Defense Bonds and Stamps now?  
A. Among the reasons are: (1) It is the quickest way in which every citizen can both serve his country and conserve his earnings, and (2) the purchase of Bonds and Stamps helps not only to finance National Defense but also to prevent high prices and increased cost of living.

Q. Can I pledge a Defense Bond as collateral for a bank loan?  
A. No. Bonds are registered and not transferable. They are payable only to the persons named on the Bond.

Note:—To buy Defense Bonds and Stamps, go to the nearest post office, bank, or savings and loan association; or write to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., for a mail-order form.

## That 'Goldfish' Bowl Again



Staff Sergeant Robert W. Shackleton of New York, who was drafted last fall and has already earned his sergeant's stripes, picks the first capsule, No. 196, in the second peacetime national lottery at Washington, D. C. Lieut. Col. R. Morris, who also officiated at 1917 lottery, is at right.

## Committees Named In Defense Bond Sale

The executive committee of the defense bond sale movement in the county met Tuesday night at the council rooms and organized committees to carry on the work in this county.

Eight groups were named as follows: Agriculture, Governmental, Patriotic, Fraternal and Service, Women's organizations, Educational, Speakers, Banking and Finance, Defense Stamps. Complete committees were not named for all of these important posts and chairmen were authorized to solicit the aid of any one willing to do some work on this national defense project.

Heading the agricultural committee will be J. B. Adams, who will have as aides the following: Joe Peters, Wallace May, Millard Eskin, Amandus von Borstel, Elmer Helver, Arthur Smith, G. H. Root, David Reid, Ross Guilford and others that may be named later.

Clive Gillmor was chosen to head the governmental committee which will have the duty of seeing that all governmental workers are informed about defense bonds, their purpose and value.

Harold Eakin will be head of the Patriotic, Fraternal and Service committee and be charged with the duty of organizing the fraternal organizations of the county.

A complete list of the members of the women's committee is awaiting further word from other parts of the county. Leaders of social, club and health work will be on this committee.

## Education Committee Named

Principals of the schools of the county and the county superintendent will make up the educational committee which will be headed by Ray Jewel. W. R. Jones, R. G. Cumliffe, C. C. Caldwell and Russel Hollinshead will be other members of the group which will have a job of giving instruction to all teachers about the bond sale.

T. Lester Johnson will be head of the local speakers bureau and will assign speakers to various organizations when they are requested.

Ray Blake, new manager of the bank, will take the place of Lloyd Hennagin and handle the banking and finance angles of the sale.

Judge George Potter was appointed chairman of the defense stamp sale. This committee, which will be composed of business men of the county, will endeavor to have every business house keep a supply of savings stamps for sale. This is already being done in a limited way in the county and has resulted in much interest.

David Eccles, state budget director, and his brother Taylor, stopped in Moro Wednesday afternoon while on a trip to Pendleton to inspect the state hospital.

## Sherman County Soldiers Sent To Middle West

Word from the group of young men who left Moro last Monday for service in the army is that Jack Lewis was permitted to enlist in the army air corps and has gone to Wichita Falls, Texas for training.

Kenneth Walker and Dewey Thomas were both sent to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri where they will be at the Engineers Replacement Training Center.

The fourth lad, Arthur Spencer, failed to pass his examination and therefore was not accepted in the army.

## Winter Wheat Plans Demanded Now

Oregon wheat farmers are being contacted by county AAA associations to sign winter wheat plans for their farms prior to the deadline October 31.

Every farmer who will plant fall wheat this year must sign a plan for his farm if he is to be eligible for participation in the 1942 farm conservation program. By signing the plan the farmer declares his intention to seed with his wheat acreage allotment and also indicates the number of acres on which he will have wheat in 1942.

With 1942 marketing quotas already proclaimed and almost sure to be in effect, county officers are stressing the importance of seeding within allotments. Changes in the wheat program for 1942 provide that the non-allotment option can be chosen only by farmers normally cutting wheat for hay and with an allotment in excess of 15 acres. Those with allotments of fewer than 15 acres are exempt from quota restrictions, however.

The state AAA office also points out that it will not be possible for non-allotment farms to seed up to their usual acres, as was the case in 1941, without incurring deductions from parity and conservation payments.

## Remount Horse Sale Postponed

Information from the remount headquarters at San Mateo, California is to the effect that officers will not be buying horses in this territory in September as previously announced. The trip has been delayed and it will be October 10 to 18 before horses will be looked over for purchase. Definite dates will be given later.

## WRIGHT TO TALK

LeRoy Wright will appear over station KOIN Saturday about noon to talk about the wheat situation in the northwest according to arrangements made Wednesday thru the state AAA office.

## Officials Busy As Wheat Loans Are Made

Taxes, Chattel Leins and Mortgages Being Paid Rapidly

Nearly everyone at the court house is busy this week. Some are signing papers to signify that farmers are eligible for the government loan, some are attesting to the farmer's record as to mortgages and liens, some are taking in tax money and others are releasing mortgages.

It is probable that at least three quarters of the chattel mortgages will be released for good this fall. This very likely will reduce farm debt by well over a million dollars in this county. In addition to this many real mortgages will be entirely paid and others will be reduced until they can be carried easily with normal crops.

Except for the ever present record searches the pages of the clerk's books are filled with mortgage releases, chattel and real, to the exclusion of nearly everything else. The saving in interest alone will be more than \$100,000 per year.

There will be no chance to obtain accurate figures on the 1941 crop in Sherman county for some weeks yet, as warehouse men are still far too busy to stop and add up totals of intake of wheat. Estimates run as high as 3,500,000 bushels but this may be higher than actually can be found.

One sizeable block of land is known to have made in excess of 27 bushels per acre and this on rather poorer than average land. An average yield of 30 bushels on the 105,000 acres will make 3,150,000 bushels which will be one of the largest crops on record.

Savings in production cost and closer financing are responsible for much of the larger than usual profit made this year by farmers. These savings were made because of the necessity of past poor crops and low prices.

Wednesday 340 loans had been made in this county for a total estimated to be about \$1,250,000. This is about half the expected amount of loans to be made although last year but 520 loans were executed.

## Stock Prices Hold Steady Wednesday

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

CATTLE: Good grain fed steers \$11.50 to 12.50. Good grass steers \$10.00 to 11.25. Good grass heifer \$9.50 to 10.75. Good beef cows \$7.75 to 8.50. Medium \$7.00 to 7.50. Common \$6.25 to 6.75. Canners \$4.75 to 5.75. Bulls, medium to good \$8.25 to 9.50. Common \$7.25 to 8.00. Vealers, good to choice \$12.50 to 13.50.

HOGS: Good to choice 170 to 215 lb trucks \$12.50 to 12.85; 250 to 285 lb butchers \$11.75 to 12.00; lightweight butchers \$11.50 to 11.85; packing sows \$9.75 to 10.50. Feeder pigs, handy weights \$12.50 to 13.00, heavies down to \$11.25.

SHEEP: Good to choice spring lambs \$9.75 to 10.50; medium to good \$9.00 to 9.50; common \$8.00 to 8.75. Slaughter ewes, good to choice \$4.00 to 4.25. Feeder lambs, good to choice \$8.25 to 9.00. Shorn lambs \$8.75 to 9.00.

## New Teachers All Hired At EOCE

Eastern Oregon College of Education, La Grande, Aug. 25.—One hundred percent of the teacher-training graduates at the Eastern Oregon College of Education this spring and summer have been offered teaching positions for next fall and calls for additional teachers are being received almost daily, according to Dr. Roben J. Maaske, president of the college.

These teachers have been placed at an average salary of \$110 per month in both large graded schools and rural districts. A number have been placed as elementary school principals their first year at salaries ranging from \$110 to \$135 per month.

## Harvesting Halted By Heavy Rains

There has been no harvesting in Sherman county this week up until Thursday because of the heavy rain of Saturday. Monday a series of showers wet different sections of the county very seriously. About noon a very hard rain fell south of Kent, in the afternoon Moro had a hard rain and later in the evening small water spouts fell north of Wasco to bring dirt across the highway and halt traffic.

Cutting is finished at Wasco and around Moro everyone is through with one or two exceptions. It is thought that 50,000 bushels of bulk grain must be hauled yet and harvesting is going very slowly indeed. Grass Valley is nearly done with a few machines having a day or two in the field.

How much damage has been done to wheat by the rains is a subject for debate on the street corners with the assumption general that the loss has been up to \$2 per acre on still standing grain.

## Teacher's Institute Plans Made

Last Monday county school superintendents of this area got together and arranged for the program of the annual teacher's institute which will again be held in The Dalles. Dates are October 6 and 7. Counties concerned are Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam and Wheeler.

Schools in Sherman county will begin September 8. While some difficulty is being found with teacher's contracts it is expected that nearly all of those who signed contracts earlier in the year will be on hand when the first bell rings.

## Mrs. Dick Reckmann Buried At Kent

The funeral of Mrs. Dick Reckman Jr., was held from the Christian church in Kent Monday afternoon with Rev. C. F. Swander of Portland, officiating.

Mrs. Reckman died Saturday morning in The Dalles after an emergency operation. She was born November 30, 1910 at Tacoma, Washington, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Wilson. The greater part of her life was spent at Kent where her parents have lived for many years.

She was married in 1931 to Dick Reckman Jr., and has been living on the Reckman farm southwest of Grass Valley. She is survived by her widower, two daughters, Margaret aged 8, and Peggy, aged three months; her parents, two sisters, Mrs. H. C. Nelson of Bend, and Nellie Grace Wilson of Kent and her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Ida Davis of Moro.

Mrs. Reckman was a member of the church at Kent, and the Grange. Interment was made in the Kent Odd-Fellows cemetery.

## Votes For Queen Will Be Counted 3rd.

Votes for queen of the Sherman county fair will be counted next Wednesday, September 3 at 9 in the forenoon, according to announcement made by fair board members this week. The fair board will be responsible for the count.

The queen race this year has attracted less attention than before, largely because of the lateness of the harvest which has kept nearly everyone very busy.

Grain growers organizations of the county have taken over the job of aiding the girls in selling tickets and representatives of the growers have been contacting possible purchasers at every opportunity.

Three candidates are in the field which means that the queen will have two attendants. Outfitting of the royal court will be done by the grain growers.

Sale of farm machinery has been rapid here this week with farmers rushing to get their orders in while it is still possible to obtain heavy machinery. Orders for next year's combines are being taken already and tractors are selling like bananas.

## Fair Preparation Being Rushed As Dates Near

Horses Getting Ready For Races and Contests Of Three Days

A crew is working at the fair grounds this week changing the old CCC mess hall into a barn for 4-H club stock. This is being done to relieve a situation caused by overcrowding last year when the supply of stock far exceeded the available room. This year the open class calves will be put in the old cattle barn and 4-H calves will occupy the old mess hall.

The floor is being torn out and mangers will be installed to make the building suitable for the fat stock of the club boys and girls.

Mar Barbour was in town this week to report that his part of the annual show will be on hand, fit and ready, by time for the opening day, September 12. This means that such as Whiz Bang, Gin Fizz, Red Bluff, Reservation and Tip Top will be in the corral ready to be pushed into the chutes for saddling. Harry Ambler, who has already won first honors at several shows this year, will be here again to contest for the prize in bucking. George Nelson of Wamic, who took top honors at Heppner, is also expected.

At present at least 26 race horses are listed for the racing competition. These are all Sherman county horses. While some of the favorites of past years have been sold to the army others are coming up to fill the races and provide new names, and perhaps new records, for the spectators to watch.

Assurance was made this week that all of the six horse teams of this county will appear the three days of the fair. T. M. Rolfe's string is now at Salem, awaiting the opening of the state fair. Tom Fraser may not attend this year because of farm work but his bunch will be at the local fair as will the six horse hitch of W. C. Helver. This insures competition in this colorful event.

The new arrangements, combined with the old, assure every fair-goer something exciting for every minute he or she spends at the grounds. In addition to this the concessions will be located near the dance hall down town which will make of that corner a hot spot of excitement. Dances will be held three nights, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with Monte Brooks' famed dance band providing music.

## Driving In Britain Has Handicaps

British motorists not only have to get along on slim rations of gasoline, but also must find their way without the help of directional signs. Lt. Col. Lacey V. Murrow, who has just returned from England where he acted as an official observer for this Government on transportation problems, informed the Oregon State Motor Association.

Every car owner in Great Britain is rationed enough gasoline to run his car 150 miles per month. The limit of 150 miles per month has been established regardless of the mileage the car drives on a gallon of gasoline.

Col. Murrow further reported that no longer is gasoline sold by brands. The war situation has made it necessary to combine the import, storage, and distribution facilities of all the oil companies; hence, the gasoline is "uniformly of medium quality, and is known as 'pool.'"

"Driving in Britain is quite difficult under war time conditions," he said. "All directional signs have been removed; even the names of railroad stations, post offices, and banks have been obliterated or removed; and the home defense regulations prohibit the giving of directional information to strangers. It is quite often necessary to go to the local police authorities and submit proper identification papers before any information can be had as to the name of the community in which you may be at any time and to secure information concerning the direction in which you desire to travel."