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Washington, D. C., Oct. 9. — When congress debates the price control legislation the bill proposing a ceiling on many commodities and excepting farm prices and labor will undoubtedly be enacted, but with modifications. Instead of one man, Leon Henderson, being in control there may be a board. It is recognized that wages may be an important item in costs of any article from potatoes to automobiles, and the contention is made that unless wages have a ceiling the prices will soar. Instead of a ceiling on wages, however, government officers suggest that wages can be maintained at a level by voluntary agreement with unions.

Farmers will be hurt. That is expected. In the first two years of the world war farm products went up 12.6 percent, according to the office of emergency management, and already they have gone up 43.1 percent. These are wholesale prices, not what the farmer receives nor what, yet, the consumer will pay. The full force of the increase will strike the consumer within a few months. The retailer has had to pay the increase and he cannot sell at the old price without going broke. Early next year prices will be sky high unless the price control legislation is passed.

DEPARTMENT of justice, propaganda department, is making a great fuss over the speeches which appeared in Congressional Record by isolationists and which were in envelopes bearing their free postage frank. Among others were the franked envelopes of Rep. John Coffee of Washington, Rep. Hamilton Fish of New York, Senator Gerald Nye of North Dakota. There is an intimation that postal inspectors will investigate this use of the franking privilege.

To tell the truth, what Coffee, Fish, Nye and others are doing is the same thing that Senator Norris, Senator Bone, Representative Leavy, Representative Rankin, Representative Pierce have done in Washington and Oregon when their articles and franked envelopes were used in fights against Washington Water Power Co. of Spokane, the proposed PUD in Portland, Baker, Eugene—all to bring about government ownership of power. Administration was silent on these canned speeches and free mailing privileges, and it now is regarding various agencies possessing a postal frank. Assertion is made that isolationists are running up the cost of the postal service. And while this is going on, the grazing service of the department of the interior (now transferred to Salt Lake City) is franking out of Washington D. C. press releases to the papers of the northwest containing five copies of a single article which would cost a taxpayer six cents to send through the mails, and neither Secretary Ickes nor the postal department utters a peep about stuffing the mails with this dope.

A BLOWUP can be expected over the contract signed by Jess H. Jones, RMC administrator, with the Aluminum Company of America, which has been declared "ultra-coccus." The contract provides that the plants can be taken over by Alcoa after the war, although they are being built with government money. The original intention was to pay Alcoa a managerial fee. The Alcoa contract and the actions of the company in selecting sites is declared responsible for the delay in building aluminum plants in Oregon and Washington. It is now four months since the government owned plants were recommended by OPM and nothing has been done in the way of construction. There are congressmen who are becoming curious.

ESTIMATED number of employees in August in non-agricultural establishments in Oregon and Washington amounted to 783,000. Of this number 499,000 were employed in Washington and 284,000 in Oregon. From July to August

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City Budget Made By Group Of Freeholders

The city budget was made up Tuesday night with S. W. Searcy, Dewey Thompson, George Updegraff, W. S. Powell and John Foss as members of the committee. Estimates of city needs for the first six months of 1942 were slightly larger than for 1941 because of additional expenses incurred by the city. It is not likely that the proposed budget will raise the millage however. The decrease in assessments caused by foreclosure of taxes by the county may cause some rise in millage.

The budget will be published in next week's Sherman County Journal and the final meeting, when taxpayers can have their hearing will be held November 10.

Mrs. Mary Knox Dies At Wasco

Mrs. Mary E. Knox, long time resident of Wasco, died at her home there Monday morning. She was born in Missouri May 5, 1859 and had lived in Oregon for the greater part of her adult life. She lived at Tygh Valley for many years.

She is survived by three sons, Frank of Wasco, E. K. of Pendleton, and W. B. of Wamic and one daughter, Mrs. Nellie Lofstrand of Yakima and a sister in Missouri. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 p. m. at the Methodist church and interment was made in the cemetery in The Dalles. Mrs. Knox was a member of the Baptist church.

Horse Buyer Coming To Helyer Ranch

Next Friday morning at 8:00 a. m. the government horse buyers will be at the W. C. Helyer ranch south of Kent to inspect and buy horses suitable for the cavalry.

Horses must be in good health and good flesh, papers, if available, should accompany the horse. The government will buy geldings, four to eight years old, 15 hands high, weight 975 to 1150, bay brown, black or chestnut, at a price ranging from \$150 to \$175. The horses must be gentle to ride and handle.

Helen Morrison Married Sunday

At the home of Mrs. Gladys Morrison, Sunday, October 5, a double ring ceremony united Miss Helen Morrison, daughter of Mrs. Gladys Morrison and Clarence Morrison, and Calvin Dawson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Dawson of The Dalles. The nine o'clock ceremony was read by Rev. F. L. Cannell before the fireplace banked with asters.

Preceding the ceremony Mrs. Ronald Parbell sang, "Because," accompanied by Mrs. Collis Moore. The bride was given in marriage by her father and was attended by her sister, Mrs. Stanley Coelch and the groom's attendant was Earl Disney.

A reception breakfast was held immediately after the ceremony being served by Mrs. George Kruger, Miss Gertrude Gillmor, Mrs. Roscoe Moore and Mrs. L. V. Moor at coffee tables.

The young couple left immediately on a wedding trip to Salt Lake City. They will be at home in The Dalles after October 12. Both are graduates of The Dalles high school.

Out of town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dawson of Bend, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dawson and Alma, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Morris and Don, Mr. Woods, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Morse, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McFadden, Mrs. Leo Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McGlean and Jack Jr., Miss Loream Hindrickson all of The Dalles; Louis Davenport of LaGrande, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Woods of Wasco, J. B. Morrison of Boardman, Mrs. H. X. Christianson of Hood River, Mr. and Mrs. George Wilcox and sons, George and Dean of Grass Valley, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Cushman and children Jack and Mary Ann of Condon.

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Wasco Farmer Killed In Truck Accident

Ross Hilderbrand's Head By Overturning Truck, Death Instantaneous

Roscoe Bert (Ross) Hilderbrand, of Wasco, was killed instantly Monday night about six o'clock as he was returning to his home from Wasco where he had been repairing machinery. His light truck swerved off the road as it started up the grade about two miles west of Wasco. It hit the soft shoulder on the outside of the road and plunged into the bank. As it overturned Hilderbrand's head was caught between the top of the right door and the roadbed crushing his skull.

Coroner E. M. Alley of Grass Valley and Sheriff Wilson were called and found that death was due to accidental causes. The body was taken to Callaway's.

Hilderbrand had been working on Mrs. Augusta Huckin's ranch for several years being in charge of farming operations. He was born near Wasco, August 6, 1901, attended Wasco schools and Ore-State college. He worked in the old Barnett bank at one time.

He is survived by his widow, Anna, a son, Billy, three brothers, Ormand and Joe of Wasco and Walter of Sunnyside, Washington, three sisters, Mrs. Grace Medler of Wasco, Mrs. John Mathias of Sunnyside and Mrs. Cleeta Bingham of Spokane and his mother, Mrs. Rebecca Coryell of Vancouver, Washington.

The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 2 p. m. from the Methodist church with Rev. F. L. Cannell giving the sermon. Interment will be made in the cemetery at The Dalles.

New Welfare Head Arrives Monday

May Hurst arrived over the week end to take up the duties of the welfare office for this county. She has had 15 years in welfare work and is a member of the state welfare office staff of qualified workers in this work.

A month's mail will cause some delay but the wheat and chaff of mail has been separated, she will visit those who are receiving public funds.

Sherman County Wheat Wins

News from those who have returned from the Pacific International is that the hard white wheat exhibited from Sherman county by Harry Proudfoot had the sweepstakes ribbon pinned on it and that many other wheats exhibited by Sherman countians had won blue ribbons in their classes.

Shelton Fritts jr. won first place in the medium size Hereford calf class and was second in this division. An Angus steer was made grand champion of the show. Visitors at the show report that other local boys won prizes but the list is not available.

Rain Helps Seeding Operations

While rain fell in some parts of the county, particularly near Grass Valley, in sufficient volume to do much good the rain gauge at the station recorded but .07 inch this week. Total for the month so far has been .18.

Rainfall for September is normally .72 inch but this year it was a little better, although not as much so as the cloudy days made it appear. There was .83 in that month.

Seeding is going on rapidly in the north end of the county and some are seeding all over. Others will wait until the last of the month unless heavy rains fall.

Lowell Stockman stopped here Friday while on his way home from Roseburg. He expects to enter the race for the Republican nomination for Congress. Mrs. Stockman accompanied him.

County Health Ass'n Officers Plan Campaign

The Sherman County Public Health association met at the office of Lucille Vale, county nurse, Wednesday afternoon to make plans for the opening of the seal sale for this year.

Tentative plans were made to hold a joint meeting of the Wasco and Sherman county health units at Moro some time in the latter part of October at which time the seal sale will be officially started. An invitation has been sent to Mrs. Sadie Orr Dunbar to speak at the meeting.

Last year the county health association received over \$300 from their 75 percent of the seal sale and this money has been used in furthering public health throughout the year. Conferences are held regularly at which children are examined and preventive work is done each week by the health nurse, who is now regularly employed, and by Dr. Bourg, who comes at least one day each week.

From the results of the audiometer tests it was found that 22 children have hearing that is not normal, high school athletes have been thoroughly examined before starting the season.

Monday afternoons in The Dalles an immunization clinic is held at the association offices at 510 Court St. Sherman county children may attend these clinics as the two counties have joined hands in all health work. Adults may be tested for tuberculosis at the child clinics which are held each Tuesday in Sherman county. The 21st the tests will be given at Kent in the afternoon. On the 28th Rufus and Wasco children will be tested.

Mrs. M. A. Mills of Wasco will be chairman for the county for the seal sale campaign and chairman for each of the communities will be named in a short time.

Janet Wilcox Weds Maynard Nelson

In the presence of friends and relatives Miss Janet Wilcox of Vale, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Wilcox, of Grass Valley, became the bride of Mr. Maynard Nelson of Cottage Grove, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Nelson, of Van Hook, South Dakota, Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Baptist church in Grass Valley. Rev. Gerald Dryden read the single ring ceremony.

Miss Wilcox was attractively gowned in white brocaded satin with train and full length veil and carried a bouquet of pink and white asters. Bridesmaid was Miss Nadine King of Portland, cousin of the bride, who wore floor length formal of rose satin and carried a bouquet of pastel asters. Mrs. Stanley Coelch of Moro, Matron of honor, also a cousin of the bride, wore a floor length formal of yellow net and carried pastel asters.

The bride's father gave her in marriage, Keith Bannister of Eugene, friend of the groom, acted as best man. William Dalrymple of Portland, Stanley Coelch of Moro, Dean Wilcox, brother of the bride, and Duane Lemley served as ushers.

Mrs. Orville Ruggles played the wedding march and accompanied Mrs. Arzell Lemley and Mrs. Wilber Barnett who sang "I Love You Truly," preceding the ceremony.

A reception was held in the ante room of the church by relatives and friends and members of the wedding party.

A hand crocheted lace cloth and white tapers decorated the serving table where a wedding cake was cut by the bride and groom and was then served by Mrs. H. X. Christianson, of Hood River, aunt of the bride. Mrs. Clyde Davis served the punch. Those assisting with the serving were Miss Helen Morrison, Miss Cora Bayer, Mrs. Lila Lee Alley, and Miss Betty Barnett.

Maynard Nelson, the groom, sang "Because," accompanied by Mrs. Orville Ruggles at the piano.

For traveling the bride wore a wine colored velvet dress and fur jacket with a corsage of pink rosebuds. The young couple left for the valley on a wedding trip.

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Pay Day for Dollar-a-Year Men



Here are some of the 262 dollar-a-year men in the defense program on their recent "pay day." Total of all payments was only \$126 to the 262 workers as many of them had not worked a full year and could not receive their "total" salary. Distributing checks above (center) is Edward Stettinius, priorities director.

Rolfe, Fraser Horses Win Top Honors At PI

Four Grand Championships Taken By Local Horses At Pacific International

The two purebred herds of Percheron and Belgians owned in this county by T. M. Rolfe and Tom Fraser took practically all honors in the draft horse classes at the Pacific International when judging was completed Monday.

Fraser won grand champion for both mare and stallion and won first in all stallion classes. In competition with the Luther Harrel horses Fraser took all top honors.

Rolfe won grand championships for both stallion and mare, taking every blue ribbon but two. All championships, both sexes, seniors, juniors and reserves were taken.

Judges were Prof. Ickler of Maryland for Percherons and J. C. Holbert of Iowa for Belgians.

Interim Committee Without An Appropriation, None Available

By A. L. Lindbeck. Salem, Ore., Oct. 9.—The State Emergency Board meeting here Friday turned thumbs down on a request for an appropriation of \$15,000 for use by the Industrial Development Commission of Oregon in the employment of expert aid in a study of state and local governmental problems.

The request for the appropriation was presented by David Eccles, state budget director and chairman of the 18-man commission, and was supported by Robert Farrell, Jr., member of the emergency board as well as member of the commission which was created by the last legislature under the terms of a resolution sponsored by Farrell.

In voting against the appropriation Dean Walker, senate president, explained that he did not consider the request as covering an emergency board which could not have been presented before the last legislature. Voting with Walker against the appropriation were Senator Ronald Jones of Marion and Representative Angus Gibson of Lane. Voting for the appropriation were Representatives Farrell and C. C. Bradley of Portland and Henry Bolwen of Klamath and Harry Howard Belton of Clackamas. Five votes are necessary to approve an emergency appropriation.

The board gave its approval to the use of national guard funds in financing the work of the civilian defense council and for the extension of the state police organization. A maximum of \$25,000 for the biennium was placed on expenditures for the civilian defense commission while additional funds for the state police were fixed at a maximum of \$30,000 a year. Chas. P. Pary, superintendent of state police, told the board that the state would require the addition of from seven to ten men to his present force.

The unemployment compensa-

Prices of Beef, Pork Remain High On Market

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

CATTLE: Good grain fed steers \$12.50. Good grass fed steers \$9.50 to 10.00. Good grass heifers \$8.50 to 9.50. Good beef cows \$8.00 to 8.50, few to 9.00, medium \$7.00 to 7.75, common \$6.00 to 6.75, canners \$4.50 to 5.50. Bulls, medium to good \$8.25 to 9.50, common \$7.00 to 8.00. Vealers, good to choice \$12.00 to 13.00.

HOGS: 170 to 215 truckings, good to choice, \$10.75 to 10.85; 230 to 285 lb butchers \$10. to 10.25; lightweight butchers \$9.75 to 10.15; packing sows \$8.50 to 9.25, feeder pigs \$10.00 to 11.50.

SHEEP: Good to choice spring lambs \$9.75 to 10.00; medium to good, \$9.00 to 9.50; common \$8.25 to 9.00. Slaughter ewes, good to choice, \$4.50 to 5.00. Feeder lambs, good to choice \$8.50 to 9.00. Shorn lambs \$8.25 to \$8.75.

Elmer Barzee, Collis and Roscoe Moore and Dick Lockhart went to Portland Saturday to see OSC win from the University of Washington.

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tion fund passed the "ceiling" of \$14,373,511 on September 30 when more than \$297,000 in employer contributions were poured into the commission's offices. This means that penalty rates ranging as high as four percent being paid by hundreds of Oregon firms under the terms of the new experience rating will be abolished and a maximum rate of 2.7 percent established until such time as the fund drops below the "ceiling" figure. There will be no change in premium rates being paid by other employers with more favorable employment experiences. Reflecting the improvement in the labor situation in Oregon due principally to the defense boom records of the commission account for employer contributions so far this year totaling more than \$6,000,000 while only a little more than \$2,000,000 have been paid out to employees because of time lost between jobs.

The first consignment of Oregon's 1942 license plates reached the motor-vehicle division of the secretary of state's office this week. The new plates which will be distributed to early applicants beginning about December 15 are blue with white lettering and numerals. Already several thousand motorists have sent in their applications for low numbers and the annual drawing for these will take place early in November according to Secretary of State Earl Snell.

Warden George Alexander of the state penitentiary insists that his "boys" are just as patriotic as and citizens on the outside. Scores of prisoners are investing their savings in defense bonds, according to Alexander, one inmate buying a \$1000 bond on the day the bonds were first offered to the public.

The Multnomah county tax middle is of state wide interest, as a test of the authority over county assessments vested in

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Meetings Called To Talk New Farm Regulations

Robert Taylor, State Chairman, Calls For Sherman County Meeting Oct. 14

Two series of meetings reaching every county in the state between the 14th and 24th of October have been arranged by the Oregon USDA agricultural defense board as a means of acquainting workers in each of Oregon's 36 counties with the task ahead in the farm defense program and in preparing to carry it out. The meetings in Sherman county will be held October 15 and 22.

The USDA agricultural defense board, headed by Robert Taylor of Adams, includes representatives of all agencies of the federal department of agriculture active in this state. The board has been called upon by Secretary of Agriculture Wickard to direct the work of agricultural defense in this state, the chief item of which is increasing the production of certain foods including milk, meat, eggs, and vegetables both for processing and home and market use.

By using a large number of teams made up of specialists from the various agencies on the defense board, it will be possible to complete each series of meetings in four days. Each meeting will start at 9 o'clock and will be presided over by the chairman of the county defense board, who is also the county AAA chairman. The first or kickoff meeting will be attended by one representative of the state USDA defense board and such other specialists as are needed from the member agencies, which include the extension service, the AAA, the FSA, the SMA, forest service, SCS, FCA, BAE, and FFA.

The first meeting will be devoted to considering the work to be done in each county and in establishing the county goals. The morning session will be for defense board members, and at the afternoon session a larger representation, including county land use planning groups, certain committees of previous economic conferences, and AAA supervisors and community committees, will plan detailed procedure for obtaining the individual farm sign-up in the defense program. The second or training meeting will be for those people in each county who will contact farmers for the purpose of assisting them in completing their farm plan sheets.

Naval Reserve Getting Local Aid

Legion post commanders of this county are on the search for men who would like to serve their country in the navy during the present emergency. It is the naval reserve that has their immediate interest.

Those who enlist will have the same opportunities given to all navy men as far as educational advantages are concerned. They will be signed up for four years instead of the six year period of normal navy enlistments but in case the emergency is ended or the war is over they will be returned to civil life.

For the man who does not want to make the navy a career the naval reserve is held by the post commanders to be ideal.

Woman's Club Talks About Government

The Moro Woman's Club met on Friday, October 3 for the first meeting of the year.

Mrs. Wily Knighten directed the program on American Citizenship. After the flag salute and singing of The Star Spangled Banner by the club there was a panel discussion on total defense led by Mrs. Darwin Van Gilder. Mrs. Orval Thompson, Mrs. Harvey Thompson, Mrs. Blaine Miller, and Mrs. Vernon Miller.

Mrs. Irving Hart sang "God Bless America" and the meeting closed with a tea honoring the teachers of the school.

The next meeting will be held on October 17 and will be held at 8 p. m.

All club members are asked to remember the district convention at Wasco on October 11.