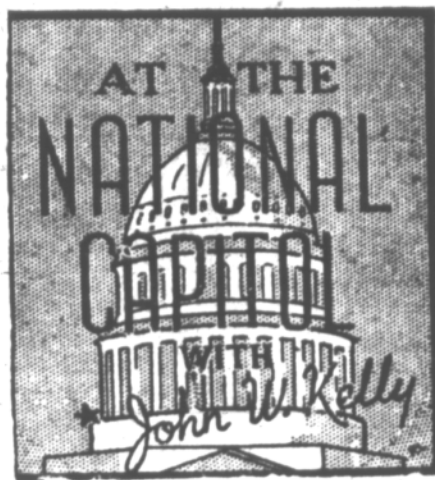


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AAA Board Has Same Personnel For Next Year

Joe Peters, Art Smith and Wallace May Again Chosen As Farm Program Leaders

Election of new officers for the Sherman county AAA resulted in a few changes in the community boards and none in the county board. When this board met for its first meeting the same men were chosen to do the work of the AAA for 1942.

Joe Peters will be chairman, aided by A. J. Smith of Wasco and Wallace May of Grass Valley.

The Locust Grove district elected A. C. Kaseberg chairman, H. D. Proudfoot, vice chairman and W. L. Blau as board member. Alternates are E. H. Watkins and L. P. Haven.

The Wasco community re-elected O. G. Hilderbrand as chairman, T. L. Fields, vice chairman and R. N. Guilford as a third member of the board. James Tate is first alternate and Jewel Herin, second.

At Kent Kenneth Martin was chosen chairman. John Wilson vice chairman and W. K. Haggerty as board member. R. P. Barnett will serve as first alternate and L. E. Clark as the second alternate.

Grass Valley AAA members chose George Wilcox as chairman, Millard Eakin as vice chairman and J. B. Coon as the third member of the board. Willard Barnett is first alternate and Roy Schilling second.

Joe Peters was elected as chairman of the Moro community board but as he was later chosen as county chairman that place will go to Carroll Sayrs who was elected as vice chairman. Harvey Thompson is the third member of the board. Clarence Sparling is first alternate and S. A. Hall second.

Members of the county board spent the first three days of the week in Corvallis attending the annual conference.

Year's Tax Turnover Will Be Large

The sheriff's office expects to make a turn over of well over \$20,000 in taxes by the first of the year. To date \$19,688.96 has been collected and more will come in. This makes the total collection for 1941 \$183,684.59 which is nearly 130 percent of the 1941 tax roll.

Norma Melzer Weds Edmund Cushing

Miss Norma Melzer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Melzer, was married Sunday, December 14 in a pretty church wedding to Mr. Edmund Cushing, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Cushing of Vancouver, Washington. Rev. James D. Moberg performed the double ring ceremony standing at the cedar decorated altar.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a white satin gown with train, a finger tip veil and a coronet of orange blossoms. Her bouquet was of pink roses. Her attendants, Lois Melzer, maid of honor, wore pink chiffon and carried carnations. Jane Norene of Portland, Mrs. Warren Elliot of Hillsboro and Mrs. Ted Thompson of Moro, brides maids, wore blue chiffon and carried pink carnations.

The candles were lighted by Priscilla Melzer, sister of the bride, and Keith Thompson, a cousin. Kenneth Schrieber of Washougal, Washington, a cousin of the groom was best man. Ushers were Gene Reynolds, Ted Thompson and George Martin and were aided by Millard Melzer and Donald Thompson.

Mrs. J. K. McKean sang "Because" and "At Dawning" accompanied by Miss Trounce and Warren Elliot played the wedding march.

Immediately after the ceremony the young couple left for Vancouver where they will make their home for the present. She is a graduate of Moro high school and a former Pacific University student. He graduated from Vancouver high school and is now employed by Beall Pipe and Tank company in Portland.

Postmaster Ill, Grocer Married, Artisans Leave, In Moro This Week

Jay C. Freeman was taken to the hospital last week and found to be suffering from diabetes. He has remained there although doctors are reported to have said that he may be able to come home in a week or so. His son, Neal, and daughter Greta, were here for a few days to see their father.

Miss Pauline Davis and G. Douma obtained their marriage license from the county clerk last week and drove to Bend where they started their honeymoon returning to Moro the latter part of this week. In order to keep the groceries going out to the customers Tom Douma and Lester Conlee went behind the counter again while Twin was away.

Virgil Conlee was up from Portland last week end returning Sunday accompanied by his wife who had quit working at the Douma Market Saturday night.

Charles Montgomery left this week for Portland where he will spend the winter with his niece and family.

Joe Ritner will finish a course in electric welding this week at a Portland school and start work in the shipyards as a welder soon after that. He has closed his garage in Moro permanently.

A. H. and Henry Barnum shipped two cars, of cattle to Portland Saturday night.

O. C. Cothran, brother of Jack Cothran, is here to visit a while coming from Oklahoma.

George Kruger is now one of the guards of the John Day railroad bridge and Dan McLachlin is on the Deschutes bridge.

Tuberculin-tests to a total of 131 persons. No positive reactors were found. These tests were sponsored by the Sherman County Health Association and given by Dr. Donald Bourge.

All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars may get in touch with the Examiner on Monday, December 22, 1941 at the City hall in Wasco between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m.

Defense Now Holds Interest of All State Officials, says Lindbeck

Every other state activity in official circles since the outbreak of the war with Japan has been subordinated to the effort in behalf of civilian defense.

Many who were wont to scoff at the civilian defense program instituted by Governor Sprague early last summer learned to appreciate the importance of this organization in the emergency that confronted Oregon along with the other Pacific coast states in the emergency precipitated by the attack on Hawaii. Within a few minutes after the first flash of that attack was heard in Oregon telephone calls began reaching Jerrold Owen, state director of the civilian defense organization announcing that county defense groups were on the alert and awaiting orders. The value of this preparedness was further demonstrated in the blackouts observed throughout most of western Oregon during last week when thousands of volunteer air raid wardens, previously assigned to their posts and instructed in their tasks, contributing largely to the success of these defense precautions.

A high tribute to the forwardness of Oregon in its preparation for defense of the civilian population, was paid by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt on her visit to this state for a study of defense preparations last week. After listening to Governor Sprague and Jerrold Owen describe the steps already taken by this state to protect the life and property of its citizens from possible enemy attack Mrs. Roosevelt told this writer:

"It is very evident that Oregon is far ahead of other states in this movement. Many states and cities had splendid organizations worked out on paper but had made no move to put them in to operation until we were attacked. Apparently Oregon realized that what has been happening in Europe might also happen here and was prepared for the emergency when it arrived."

At the same time the civilian defense organization was swinging into action the state police, under the direction of Superintendent

The Moro firemen held a meeting Monday night at the office of the Moro Grain Growers. It was voted to change the by-laws to permit the enrollment of men under 21 years of age with permission of their parents. In order to provide for the use of the booster pump in cold weather a stove was bought to keep the fire house warm and this will be installed as soon as possible. Several new members were signed up and a practice session for Sunday morning was arranged. Officers acting were A. J. Bucholtz, president and Robert Christianson, secretary.

Marion McKee spent the week end with his family. He reports that down in the valley, where he has been, a blackout was a real thing and that night travel was almost impossible.

Bob King came home last Thursday from Chicago where he had been as one of Oregon's representatives to the 4-H congress. Bob went as a producer of market meat. He will begin school again at Oregon State college next term.

Youngsters from the colleges will come home this week end for their Christmas vacations.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ruggles were in Portland the first of the week in order that Charles might have the final operation on his injured eye which is greatly improved.

Gordon Reid is now at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. and Howard M. Conlee who went from Crook county is stationed at Biloxi, Miss.

Dewey Thompson was in Corvallis for the AAA conference the first of the week. Lois Melzer, who had come from school to be maid of honor at her sister's wedding, went down with him and came back Wednesday when he returned.

Fred Ruckman, who has been painting and decorating in this community for several years, left Wednesday for Hermiston where he expects to work permanently for the government painting the new buildings of the ammunition dump. He sold his house in town to Roy Kessinger.

Chas. P. Pray, was also busy. Armed guards were promptly placed at all strategic bridges and tunnels of the state highway system while special guards were thrown around industrial plants under plans worked out months ago in conferences between Pray and industrial leaders. In his proclamation declaring a state of emergency Governor has called for the cooperation of all sheriffs and police officers with the state police in the task of enforcing the laws in the war emergency.

Completing the preparation for home defense organization of a State Guard, authorized by the last legislature, has been completed this week. Invoking the authority conferred on him by the 1941 legislature in anticipation of just such an emergency, Governor Sprague last week authorized Lt. Col. Elmer V. Wooten, adjutant general, to organize the new military regiment which is to be commanded by Brigadier General Alvin C. Baker, veteran of the World War, and a retired national guard officer. The new guard organization will not be called into active service at once but will be equipped and trained and held in readiness for action in any emergency that cannot be handled by the state and local police officials according to Governor Sprague.

Mrs. C. B. Doyle Buried Monday

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon for Mrs. C. B. Doyle who died Friday at her home here from a heart attack. Mrs. Doyle had been a resident of this part of the county for nearly forty years.

Rev. Gerald Dryden, pastor of Mrs. Doyle's church, officiated and Mrs. Lawrence Todd and Miss Cora Beyer sang accompanied by Mrs. Dryden. Pall bearers were L. K. Smith, Gus Engstrom, Frank Bayer, I. D. Pike, Ben Payne and J. S. Newcomb. Interment was made in the Odd Fellows cemetery under the direction of Zella. The Rebekah lodge was in charge of the graveside services.

Kent Grange Elects Officers At Meeting

Louis Sather To Be Master During 1942; Other Kent News Related

Kent Grange No. 688 held an all day meeting Saturday with a potluck dinner served at noon. Officers for the coming year were elected in the afternoon and were as follows: Master, Louis Sather; Overseer, John Wilson; Lecturer, Peggy Justesen; Steward, Roy Justesen; Assistant Steward, Robert Schilling; Chaplain, Mary Wilson; Secretary, J. L. Matthes; Gate-keeper, Merrill Sather; Ceres, Helen Howell; Pamona, Clara Helyer; Flora, Leona Sather; Lady Assistant Steward, Edna Schilling; Treasurer, J. M. Wilson.

The Kent high school basketball team defeated the St. Mary's team of The Dalles by a score of 24 to 23 Saturday night on their home floor.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Jones motored to Hood River Friday evening returning Saturday evening.

J. C. Wilson went to Portland Tuesday to spend the week end with his wife and daughter, Nellie. J. H. Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Davis transacted business in Grass Valley Thursday.

Mrs. Rosellen Jennings of Cow Canyon spent Tuesday and Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Jefferies.

Mrs. Guy Hoskinson and sons and Mrs. Charles Purchase attended church in Grass Valley Sunday. Sam Carone spent the week end in Portland with his wife and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Thomsen of Antelope were brief callers at the Robert Schilling home Friday evening.

Mrs. L. M. Schadewitz and children of Klamath Falls, spent the past week here with relatives returning to their home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cox of Grass Valley hauled a load of furniture to Klamath Falls for her.

A. A. Dunlap was a business caller here Friday from Grass Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wilson and sons were shoppers in The Dalles Monday.

Mrs. Walter Beyers of Shaniko transacted business here Saturday. She was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. McKay, going to the carnival at Grass Valley Saturday evening accompanied by her daughter Thelda.

Mrs. John Wilson, Mrs. Chauncey Rambo and son, Bobbie and J. H. Wilson were shoppers in The Dalles Thursday.

Those attending the carnival in Grass Valley Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Jones, Esther Cammack, Shirley Pratt, Helen Halverson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank von Borstel and son Jackie, Mr. and Mrs. Amanda von Borstel and children, Helen, Mary and Carsten. Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Barnett and sons Lee and Leland, Dewey Adams, Roy Justesen, J. M. Wilson and sons Jerry and Dick, Merrill and Glen Sather, Doris Stiles, J. E. Norton, and Hugh Hoskinson. The Kent orchestra played several numbers.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. William Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Decker transacted business in The Dalles Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Schilling went to Antelope Saturday and spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. Millard Thomsen.

J. C. Wilson returned from Portland Monday accompanied by Geraldine Norton, who will visit at her home until after the holidays.

A Christmas program will be held at the school house Monday evening December 22. The school band and rhythm band will play several numbers and each room will put on a short skit.

WEATHER WET

The snow of last week lasted but part of a day and this week rain has been on the meteorological bill of fare nearly every day of the week. It has been the kind of rain the Willamette valley is noted for, a steady drizzle that comes so slowly the ground takes it all in without a bit of run off. Weather experts are prognosticating a big snow and cold weather after the first of the year. They often do.

Sherman County Defense Council Boy Wins Place As Lamb Feeder Takes Another Step Forward

Elton Medler of Rufus placed second in the wheat league's lamb feeding contest at Heppner by placing 11 of his 12 lambs in the top bracket. Winner was Phillip Hoon of Umapine who had all 12 of his lambs of top grade. Third was Harold Smith of Pilot Rock with 10.

Bobby Van Schoiock of Heppner made the biggest gain with 36 pounds per head. The value of wheat in fattening lambs was well demonstrated again in the 4-H club lamb-fattening contest sponsored by the Eastern Oregon Wheat league, in the opinion of H. A. Lindgren, extension livestock field man, and L. J. Allen, assistant state club leader, who were in active charge of the contest. At the same time the feeding of 324 lambs by 28 different boys and one girl served to show the importance of correct feeding methods as well as the use of proper feeding materials, they pointed out.

Musical Program Heard By Club

The Moro Women's club met on December 5, with the program arranged by the music committee. Several interesting papers and short talks by Mrs. Harry Pinkerton and Mrs. Carl Melzer and group singing by the club; the following special numbers were given, "A Basque song and dance by Annajean Knighten; a solo, "After" by Mrs. J. K. McKean; three American folk songs by Mrs. Reba Nye and Miss Mary Williams.

A doll sale was held at the close of the meeting to raise funds for the club's activities.

The next meeting will be the Christmas party on December 19 with Mrs. Collis Moore as chairman of the program.

Candlelight Setting Scene of Wedding

At a beautiful candlelight ceremony Sunday, December 14 at the home of Mrs. B. Estelle Hailey, Dana Jean McMillin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. McMillin, became the bride of Chester Donovan Watkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Watkins.

White snow flowers, calla lilies and chrysanthemums formed the setting for the wedding which was held in front of the fire place. Rev. F. L. Cannell officiated. Mr. McMillin gave his daughter in marriage.

The bride wore a wedding gown of white satin, trimmed in lace with a fingertip veil held in place by a pleated coronet. She carried a white prayer book with pink streamers of ribbon and bouvardia. Miss Hazel Marie Watkins was maid of honor wearing powder blue faille dress with a matching coronet of blue flowers. She carried a nose gay of pink rose buds and white freesia.

Joan Watkins was flower girl wore a dress of pink taffeta and carried a basket of white chrysanthemums. Arthur Watkins was best man for his brother.

Miss Agnes Clifford sang "I Love You Truly." Mrs. Hailey played the wedding march.

A reception was held after the wedding at which Mrs. Eugene McMillin of Portland served the wedding cake and Mrs. Leland McMillin of Stevenson cut the ices. Mrs. Everett Watkins and Mrs. Albert Kaseberg, potored. Mrs. Fred Hennagin received at the door and Miss Mary Fortner, Miss Olive Robinson and Mesdames Francis Watkins, Eugene McMillin Jr., Melvin Walsh, Leonard Fields and Carl Everett assisted about the rooms.

For traveling the bride wore a brown suit with brown accessories and a powder blue hat. Mr. and Mrs. Watkins went to Portland on their wedding trip and will return to Wasco to make their home.

Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McMillin, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hammock, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McMillin, and Charles Brown of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Frederick, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Comini, Mrs. Hal Holmes and Shirley Holmes of The Dalles, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Judy of Walla Walla, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. McMillin of Stevenson, Miss Agnes Clifford of Molalla.

Progress Made Toward Complete Organization of County for Defense Effort

The Sherman county defense council met again Wednesday morning; this the second of weekly meetings.

Wily Knighten, co-ordinator, while at Salem received directions on blackouts. This area is under the second interceptor command. Precautionary blackouts are over in Oregon and the next blackout call will be the real thing. The practices have done much toward leading officials to believe that blackouts will be easier and more complete from now on.

Officers, the co-ordinator, the sheriff will be called by phone or by telegraph when a blackout is needed or word will be given by radio. These orders will come direct from the interceptor command, the state co-ordinator or state police.

Travelers will pull to the side of the road and turn out all lights as soon as warned by officers. They will stay there until all clear signal is given.

City councils will meet in special sessions within a few days and are expected to pass ordinances similar to those of other cities setting punishments for those who disobey blackout regulations. Eastern Oregon has had no blackout practice and this will mean added watchfulness on the part of air raid wardens to see that all lights are extinguished.

The matter of communications is proving difficult for the local board. There is no central place to call and no provision for warning all members of a rural telephone line. This is practically impossible with the dial system. Those wishing to give warning or ask aid may call Sheriff Wilson or the city marshal at Moro, city marshal at Wasco, and E. M. Alley at Grass Valley.

The Grass Valley Grain Growers is guarding its warehouses and elevators at Grass Valley, Bourbon and Kent. These guards that are so employed will be special deputy sheriffs, will have authority and be armed while on duty and on their post.

R. V. Lockhart reported that there are a good many spray outfits in the Yakima valley that might easily be converted into fire fighting equipment for wheat fires and that they could be bought reasonably. They have gasoline engines, 250 gallon tanks and high pressure hose and nozzles.

The selection of air raid wardens was discussed but selections were not made until more discussion has been had about the job and with the men selected.

The Auxiliary is expected to begin the job of gathering of waste paper soon.

Another meeting of the council will be held next Wednesday, December 24 at 9 a. m. These meetings may be attended by the public or anyone who has any part in the defense job. They are held in the county court room where there is ample room.

Baptist Society Meets At Grass Valley

The Deschutes Baptist Young Peoples rally was held at the Baptist church Sunday. The rally started with a banquet at noon with 75 present. Mrs. Celia Swain of Prineville acted as toast master calling on a speaker from each of the following towns: Grass Valley, whose toast was The Compass; Prineville, whose toast was The Anchor; Redmond, The Helm; and Bend, The Pilot. A group of young people from The Dalles were guests. A business meeting was held after the banquet when Miss Faith Danielson of Bend was elected president and Robert Zeigler, vice president. The devotional services were in charge of Robert Zeigler with Miss Danielson as pianist. Special numbers were a vocal duet by members from Bend, vocal duet by Mr. and Mrs. Peden of Redmond, and a vocal solo by Miss Shirley, a guest from The Dalles. Rev. L. T. Anderson was the speaker for the afternoon.