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CHANGE NEEDED

A story in this paper relates that farmers are to be asked to quit raising so much wheat and try other crops—crops that are needed instead of a crop that there is no storage for.

This story from the AAA indicates that the USDA itself is convinced that the present farm program doesn't work. It has stimulated the production of a surplus crop by benefit payments until there is enough for two years, while other crops are needed to feed the people of the nation.

Parity has been a catch word of the past ten years and its use is about gone. It is economically impossible to put a part of the nation on parity without doing the same for the other parts. There is no justification—or reason—why farm income should be frozen at the 1909-14 level, for bushels or by actual income. The increased efficiency of the wheat farmer since 1914 has been remarkable and no note was taken of this when the parity idea was thought up.

Payment of a subsidy to growers of a surplus crop is another error of the farm bills of recent vintage. It has resulted in building up a surplus out of all proportion to the need for the product, and has assured that if there is any profit in wheat raising in the near future it will be through a continued federal subsidy and not through the production of a crop that is economically in demand.

Payments to farmers should be made—and there is much justification for them as long as we maintain the tariff principle—on the basis of production of needed crops. This method would do the thing the farm bill proclaimed necessary which was to make agriculture fit the needs of the nation. It would also have protected the wheat growers of naturally one crop countries like Sherman county. Under such a plan they would not have had to compete with growers of wheat on lands better adapted to some other crop. A change in the program, if it is made realistically and not politically, will be a good thing.

ART & MRS. J.

Children of the Moro community are longer faced than usual since it was announced that general Art Johnson would not be janitor at the school house next winter. For around a dozen years he has welcomed the shy little tots to school and given the graduating classes his good wishes. Each class has been "a darn good bunch of kids" to Art and Art has been patron saint to every one of them.

The board will find some one who can sweep the floors and keep the fires without too much trouble. They will probably never find another who will be friend to every child in need as has Art. Mrs. Johnson has been linotype operator in this office since the present owner took over and for an untellable number of years before that date. In cold weather and in hot, whether in good spirits, good health or bad, she has wrestled cheerfully with the intricacies of linotype mechanics that often try the soul—and vocabulary. No one could have been more faithful.

They are now leaving Sherman county for a position they feel will in general be more satisfactory. They have won a place here and surely will win one wherever they go. Good luck to them both.

WE DON'T TAKE 'EM SERIOUS

Americans are a rather unexcitable lot. We have been reading about war for many, many months and it has always been off in some unpronounceable part of the globe. It became so prosaic it could hardly compete with the balgame in public interest. Now along comes a Jap submarine (we think) and drops shells on the Oregon coast, less

than 200 miles away. What happens? Nothing. People discuss it as calmly as if it were Chungking being shelled instead of Astoria. Maybe it is lack of interest, or maybe we expected it anyway, maybe it is determination to take the rap without comment and wait for a chance to hit back—hard. What ever it is Americans have to have their little joke about it.

If the Jap army marched up the streets of Moro right now there would be some irrepressible citizens who would stand on the street corner and make ribald remarks about the strutting, banded one in the front rank.

NO JUNE THAW

This cold weather is fine. It isn't exactly what we have been trained to expect of June but it is great weather when you get used to it. Along last fall when it began to get cold there was some personal concern over the chill in the air and now after some eight months of it we are used to it. It's no trick at all to get up and light a fire in the furnace in June when it becomes a habit.

This may not be the coldest June on record. Finding out about June records before some time in July isn't done any more. Probably up in Alaska or on the Aleutian Islands there have been colder Junes, maybe Admiral Byrd could relate a story of a cold June that would beat the 1942 version of Sherman county June.

Anyway the weather raised hob with plans for keeping some coal on hand and saving the red flannels for next winter. It's too late now.

WE CAN GROW SOMETHING

The production of Austrian winter peas in Sherman county for the past two seasons gives rise to some optimism about the possibility of making them a substitute crop for wheat another year.

The governmentally established price for the peas is 5 cents a pound. On the station last year the crop was 1500 pounds. It may be as much this year. Crops of 2000 pounds are often grown in more favorable climates. Land that will produce 25 bushels of the acre of wheat (Chas. Smith's estimate) will grow peas successfully.

Carroll Sayers has 27 acres of good looking peas. There is a market for 12 times the quantity of peas now grown. There is mustard seed, soy beans, red beans, forage and feed crops which we can sell instead of store. These are but some of the possibilities we may use when we have every thing full of wheat.

In Other Days

From the Observer, June 27, 1913

The first party to cross the Cascades by the Barlow route arrived in Shaniko June 17, says the Star. They reported six feet of snow in a number of places and roads in very bad condition.

C. A. Nish was very busy last week putting the finishing touches to the phone line between Moro and Monkland with direct long distance service through Moro.

E. W. Lewis has disposed of his interest in the Moro tonorial parlors to J. N. Landry who took possession Monday. We understand that the shop will remain in the same location and with new equipment.

J. M. Parry left Moro Sunday morning for Portland where he became one of the 75 survivors of the battle of Gettysburg who left by special train for the scene of that historic event. It is the 50th anniversary.

From the Observer June 29, 1923

Notice: The Hay Canyon warehouse, contaminated with small-pox, has been thoroughly disinfected under my personal supervision. Dr. S. L. Richelderfer.

Ira M. Peterson has been selected as the orator of the day for the Fourth of July celebration at Grass Valley. Program to begin at 10:30.

The board of regents of Oregon Agricultural college and Gov. W. Pierce will visit the experiment station Friday afternoon. The Moro Community Club will entertain them at Hotel Moro at noon.

The Sunday school rally held last Sunday was a splendid success. At the Sunday school session at 10 o'clock over two hundred were registered. Later about 300 people were in attendance.

From the Observer, June 26, 1903

The lady who lost a wheel off her perambulator in a crack at the City Market alley crossing should present the bill to the common council.

Mine Host Hampton of Month-mouth hotel fame was here this week on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Pernie Johnson. From him we learned that Miss Ella Anderson of the Observer staff was a live and well and enjoying her W-foot outing. Grass Valley main street is to

be 20 feet wider its whole length. Now is the time to do it as less than 20 buildings will have to be moved.

Rev. M. F. S. Henton brought in Tuesday a sample box of the Hunn strawberry raised this season at DeMoss. If the weather had been cool Mr. H would have been able to ship several hundred dollars worth more than he did, demonstrating that this county can equal if not surpass any section as a grower of small fruit.

Kelly's Column

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board for priorities; the fire equipment requires steel and copper, and WPB is husbanding these metals for ships, tanks and guns. Twenty-two thousand tin hats for air wardens, the first made, were a botched job; they were all of one size and that size too small for an adult.

American troops in Alaska are classified as overseas which will increase their pay 20 percent. The buck private's pay has been jumped from \$21 to \$50 a month, and for troops in Alaska this will mean \$60 a month. Australian soldiers are paid the highest rate for any army, but they are barely above the new rate for the American soldier. A few of the Democratic senators, when the bill was in the senate, quietly slipped around and passed the word that the president would veto a \$50 wage but would stand for \$46; however it was evident that they had been misinformed for when the bill landed on the president's desk he lost no time in signing it.

Statehouse Gossip

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materialized.

Threats of regional directors of the civilian defense organization to step in and take over the state set-up were apparently only a bluff to force acceptance of their demands for a greatly enlarged civilian defense effort on the part of the state. At least such was the assurance brought back from Washington this week by Jerrold Owen, Oregon's coordinator of civilian defense, after a conference with James M. Landis, national coordinator. According to Owen the national coordinator regards civilian defense as a state rather than federal function and there is no intention on the part of the federal organization to step in and interfere with the states unless they fall down on the job completely. The threats voiced by his subordinates were evidently made without the knowledge or consent of Landis who promptly rebuked his lieutenants for their assumption of this autocratic attitude toward state defense programs. Owen said that Landis was highly pleased with the civilian defense program in Oregon and explained that his criticism of the Pacific coast states on his recent trip through the west was not intended to apply to this state.

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Nearly 6,000,000,000 feet of logs were removed from state and county and privately owned lands in Oregon during 1941 according to a report by State Forester Nels S. Rogers. A total of 323,790 acres were logged during the year.

A full time paid executive director is to be employed by the newly created Oregon highway traffic advisory committee it was announced following a meeting of that body here this week. The director will be paid out of funds of the federal public roads bureau. The advisory committee operate as an adjunct to the office of defense transportation.

1942 PROGRAM OF AAA

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Flaxseed for oil, feed crops, Austrian winter peas and canning peas are some of the war crops adapted to Oregon which can be grown instead of wheat. Many western Oregon growers this year replaced wheat with winter legume seed crops and further shifts out of wheat to cover crop seed production will be encouraged to meet needs for the seed in southern states.

Wheat payments to growers will probably be based on fulfillment of a farm plan that will call for use of each farms resources in such a way as to make a maximum contribution to production of crops needed for the war effort.



W... are you trying to say you want me to be... on your year savings Bonds from now on?

Kent Family Obtain Piano for Friendly Act

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wallace were returning from Wasco Sunday evening when they were stopped by a man who had overturned a trailer loaded with a piano and some office equipment. Wallace helped him and was given the piano in return. It looked like a hopeless task but Wallace now has the instrument in good shape.

Mrs. L. W. Amick and Wren Hogue left Monday for Eugene to attend the funeral services for Mrs. Ed Sanburn who passed away Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wilson and family of Moscow, Idaho were visitors in Kent Sunday at the home of his father, J.H. Wilson.

J. C. Wilson and Mrs. Alfred Lyons went to Bend Sunday to visit Mrs. H.C. Nelson. Mrs. Earl Gregg returned home with them to visit here in Kent for awhile. She is now staying at the Grace Giegge home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Smith went to The Dalles Monday where Mr. Smith was to receive a physical examination before being inducted into the army.

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to spend a couple of weeks with her. Richard Stakely returned home Sunday with a new horse for which he traded at Wamic. Mr. and Mrs. Grover Young and family of Grass Valley were here Saturday afternoon.



COUNTY COURT

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CLAIMS PRESENTED AND ALLOWED AGAINST THE GENERAL FUND JUNE TERM, 1942

Table with columns: Claimant, Account, Amount. Lists various claims against the general fund for June term, 1942, including items like 'Sherman Co. Branch, First Nat. Bank, Gen. Assn.', 'Clarence Mersinger, Labor at DeMoss Park', etc.

WIPE THAT SNEER OFF HIS FACE!



A Great Kentucky Whiskey Celebrates its 50th Anniversary!

Advertisement for Sunny Brook Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey. It features a bottle of the whiskey and text celebrating its 50th anniversary, stating it was born in 1892 and is 'cheerful as its name'. Price is \$1.25 per bottle.

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CLAIMS PRESENTED AND ALLOWED AGAINST ROAD FUND JUNE TERM, 1942

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NOTICE

OREGON-WASHINGTON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION COMPANY AND UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY hereby give notice that on June 8, 1942, they filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington, D.C., an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity permitting abandonment by the former and abandonment of operation by the latter of the branch line of railroad extending from Eggs to Shaniko, a distance of approximately 69.79 miles, in Sherman and Wasco counties. OREG. Finance Docket No. 13780. OREGON-WASHINGTON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION COMPANY UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR SHERMAN COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of Hinrich Peters, deceased. SS. Final Notice. To whom it may concern: You are hereby notified that Herman D. Peters the duly appointed, qualified and Acting Administrator of the above entitled estate has filed and presented for final settlement and hearing his final account in said estate, and that the Honorable Court has appointed Monday, July 27th, 1942, in the County Court room, in the County Court House at Moro, Oregon as the time and place for the settlement of said final account and hearing objections if any there be, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The undersigned Katherine Andrews has been appointed Executrix of the last will and testament of John D. Patjens, deceased, and has qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same duly verified to the undersigned at her residence near Grass Valley, Oregon, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, to-wit: June 5, 1942. Katherine Andrews Executrix

ROSCOE KRIER

Attorney for Executrix The Dalles, Oregon 31-5

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County her Final Report and Account as Administratrix of the estate of Glen P. King, deceased, and that Saturday, June 27, 1942, at ten o'clock a. m. of said day, at the County Court room, in the Courthouse, at Moro, Oregon, has been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Report and Account and the settlement of said estate. Frances King Attorney for Administratrix. 30-34