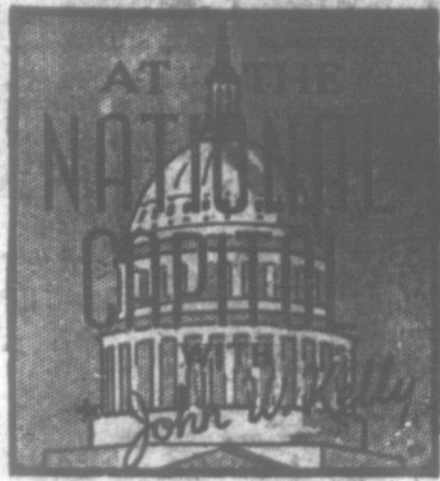


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Washington D. C. — From all appropriations available to the forest service in Oregon during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1942, there was spent \$3,807,778 says the forestry annual report. All departmental reports are published from eight to 10 months after the fiscal year ending June 30, and the statistics although they are not current. Of the money collected from the national forests \$2,107 was from sale of land and timber, the state receiving 25 percent from all such transactions, and another 10 percent, \$82,402 was used for forest trails and roads. The major contribution to Oregon was for fire protection, wildlife conservation, COC activities, grazing, etc. The heaviest sale of national forest timber was in Grant, Curry, Deschutes, Douglas, Wallowa and Malheur counties. Every county in which there is a national forest is receiving its share of the 25 percent fund.

There is now before the congress a road bill which if enacted will enable a number of Oregon cities to receive a share of federal money, particularly towns on the Pacific highway. This is something that several communities have been asking for years, when they have applied for a part of the state highway funds. Regardless of this, however, there will be funds for expansion of the market roads system and the post roads system. This is to be a postwar project and it is being debated whether the government should vote one billion dollars a year for three years or just one billion spread over a three-year period. Oregon would like \$100,000,000 to complete its statewide road program, but this is more than Oregon's share will be if the three billions are authorized.

One of the hot spots is what should be done with American-born Japanese. The army is inducting a few thousand and some of the older evacuees wish to go into the harvest fields or be employed by someone, such as Secretary of the Interior Ickes, who has three on his farm looking after the chickens and eggs. Members of congress are of two minds. One group insists that the native born Japanese, being citizens have a right to leave the relocation centers and take farm jobs because of manpower shortage; others share the view of General DeWitte military commander of the Pacific coast, who says 'a Jap is a Jap' regardless of where he is born and that his loyalty to the United States can always be questioned. The Japanese were removed from the Lake Labish region, from Hood River orchards and from several agricultural sections of Oregon although many of their American neighbors were ready to vouch for their attachment to the United States and were hustled off to relocation centers.

Directions have been issued for farm machinery manufacturers to increase the output from the low point originally set, but it is so late in the season that the permission is not expected to catch up with the demand before 1944. This is one of the items wherein OPA and WPB made a bad guess in their efforts to divert steel to the makers of munitions. It has required more than a year for the bureaucrats to recognize that farming is as essential as building an airplane carrier. Another bad guess was in the matter of meat for the logging and mining industries. Loggers had to be limited to two pounds a week.

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"They Give Their Lives—You Lend Your Money"

Foss-Watkins Wedding Unites Two Well Known County Families

Hazel Marie Watkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett H. Watkins, and Sergeant John Austin Foss, son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Foss, were married Easter Sunday at the St. Paul's Episcopal Church in The Dalles. E. Earnest Taylor officiated. Mrs. Norville Bennett played the wedding march and "Because".

The bride, given away by her father, wore a cream slipper satin dress trimmed with seed pearls and a long train with a finger tip veil falling from a coronet matching that of her dress trim. She carried a white prayer book with a natural orchid, white satin streamers and Lily of the Valley.

Mrs. Francis Watkins, sister-in-law of the bride, was Matron of Honor. She wore a powder blue faille dress with a shoulder length blue veil held in place by a coronet of matching flowers and carried a Colonial bouquet of sweetpeas, iris and Lily of the Valley.

A reception was held later in Remington hall. The table was set with snap dragons and white lighted candles and bore a three tiered wedding cake. Mrs. Lawrence Kaseberg, sister of the groom, cut the cake. Mrs. Albert Kaseberg, aunt of the bride, poured and was assisted by Mrs. J. L. Matson of Red Bluff, California, sister of the groom. Mrs. Estelle Hailey served the ices. Assisting about the room were the Misses Jean McBride, Betty Prideau, and Mrs. Robert Skibinski of Portland. Misses Patricia Kaseberg, Janet Kaseberg and Mrs. Leon Smith, Mrs. Paulen Kaseberg of Wasco and Mrs. Ronald Powell of Moro.

For going away Mrs. Foss wore a silk suit of gold color with brown accessories and a orchid corsage.

The bride attended St. Helen's Hall for three years and Hastings business college for one year in Portland. The groom attended Oregon State College for two years and the University of Oregon two years graduating in 1942. Mr. Foss is a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity.

Out of town guests attending the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kaseberg, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Harwood, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kenneth Kaseberg and daughter, Barbara of Portland; Mr. and

Club Women and Daughters Have Party

The members of the Moro Woman's club entertained their daughters Wednesday evening at the Community Church. The program consisted of a welcome by the president, Mrs. T. H. Fraser group singing, toast to the daughters by Mrs. Orval Thompson, responses by Mary Kenny and LaVelle Schilling, songs by the trio, Veda Belshe, Patricia Pinkerton and Mary Sayrs, and a play given by Mrs. Meberg, Mrs. Van Gilder, Mrs. Oveson and Mrs. Holinshead. The speaker for the evening, Mrs. Edward Ouslette of The Dalles spoke on "The Search for the Beautiful." The main auditorium of the church was tastefully decorated and refreshments were served by the hostess committee. About 100 were present.

The next club meeting date has been changed to May 6 on account of the music festival on the regular date. Election of officers will be held.

Assessor Successor To Be Named

When the county court meets next Wednesday it will have the rather serious job of naming a successor to Margaret W. Peetz former county assessor. Men or women with training to handle the job are not very plentiful although the court expects to receive some applications for the position. The salary is \$1800 although for a two year period the assessor will receive payment at the rate of \$2000 per year.

New Type Fallow Being Tested

Joe Belanger has been in Sherman county for a couple of weeks making field trials of a new kind of summerfallow. Old timers do not call it summerfallow at all, but it is tillage at least.

With a newly designed duck-foot attachment on plow beams the ground is lifted and loosened leaving all stubble on top of the ground and often in its former upright position. When weeding is needed the same machine will be used. A new type drill will be used to seed the land. It has been tested in experimental station plots.

There are two plots in the county, one on the Moore Bros. farm south of Moro, along the highway, another north of Wasco on Barnett Est. land. The former is of 36.5 acres and the latter of 30 acres. Owners of the land will provide seed and will harvest. Tillage work is all being done during the experiment by Mr. Belanger with SCS funds.

Breakfast Club To-Rise and Shine

Next Wednesday, May 5, the members of the Moro Breakfast club are expected to meet for breakfast at the usual hour of 6:30 at the hotel after which they will begin the onerous but satisfying job of cleaning up the town.

Crews have been named to whitewash the trees along the streets and thin out the trees in the park and otherwise clean up that civic meeting spot. A smaller crew has been named to help the women of the community spread the lunch, set the tables and make coffee (yes, coffee) for the workmen's hard earned lunch.

The word from Breakfast club headquarters is for everyone to save a couple of expendable vitamins for the day's work.

J. E. Coleman arrived from Los Angeles Friday of last week expecting to remain in Sherman county throughout the summer.

Margaret Peetz Buried Monday, Illness Long

With Husband Deceased Had Served Nearly 40 Years As County Assessor

Funeral services for Margaret Whalley Peetz, county assessor, were held from the Moro Community Presbyterian church Monday afternoon at 2:30. Her death occurred early Saturday morning in a hospital in The Dalles where she had been since February 5.

Mrs. Peetz was born April 7, 1888 in Lawrence, Mass., and was brought to Washington territory by her parents when two weeks old. Her father remained in Washington but a few years, during which time he served in the first legislature of the new state. He then moved to Portland where he later served as a member of the Oregon legislature.

Mrs. Peetz attended the old Portland academy, Pacific university and graduated from the University of Oregon after which she taught school. In 1916 when teaching at DeMoss she was married to Otto Peetz who was the county assessor. Following his death in 1924 she was appointed to his position and held it until her death. As Mr. Peetz had been assessor since his first election in 1904 that office had been in their immediate family for nearly forty years.

Rev. H. G. Hansen preached the funeral sermon and spoke of the active interest of the deceased in the community and the church, her work in education and in fraternal orders. For twenty years she had kept the church decorated with flowers when available and had developed the court house grounds by planting and caring for flowers there.

Mrs. Peetz was a member of the Rebekahs and the Eastern Star and of the Moro Woman's club.

She is survived by one son, Carl, who will finish his work at the University of Oregon this year, one sister, Mrs. Carroll Sayrs of Moro and two brothers, Frederick and Benson of Portland.

Quota Restrictions Lifted On Two Items

The removal of county quota restrictions for two important items of rationed farm machinery was reported this week by the Oregon USDA war board. Quotas no longer apply to milking machines or grain handling equipment—either blowers or farm elevators. Purchase certificates are still required, and as is the case of other no quota items, a farmer applying for these types of equipment is required to satisfy his county farm rationing committee that he has located a dealer who will fill his order if the purchase certificate is issued.

Assessor Office History Recalled

The death of Margaret Peetz brought to realization the fact that the office of county assessor had been held by her and her husband for nearly forty years, certainly a long public service for two individuals.

Investigation shows that Sherman county in all its 53 years of existence has had but seven assessors. C. C. Myers was first appointed to the position when the county was formed. In the election of 1892 Wm. Heinrichs was chosen only to give way to C. C. Kune in 1894. B. F. Pike served for the six years beginning with 1896. R. L. Cambell was elected in 1902.

The following election, that of 1904, saw Otto Peetz elected and he and Mrs. Peetz held the office until last week.

City Orders New Pump For Conlee Well

The Moro council met Tuesday night and ordered a new pump to be installed in the Conlee well. The new pump is a rotary type with a three inch column of pipe, small enough it is felt, to work successfully in the hole. It has speed of 1750 RPM and will pump 50 gallons into the cistern when aided by the centrifugal booster now on hand.

The new centrifugal pump attached to the shallow wells in the flat has been filling the cistern very rapidly since it was started and there is now little danger of the city being out of water. The other well will be pumped out next week which will make it possible to pump almost continuously from these shallow wells.

The council estimated that the water in these wells would probably fall by the time the new pump can be obtained making the purchase necessary. Whether or not a well will be drilled has not been decided. It depends on the availability of drillers, the success of the new pump and factors that cannot now be decided.

Ralph Brisbine Awarded Service Pin

Ralph Brisbine was awarded a pin signifying 25 years service in electric service work last week with Glen Corey, branch manager of the Pacific Power & Light company presenting him with the diamond studded pin. Ralph started with the city of Moro, served for a time with the old Sherman Electric and since the PP&L has been here has worked for them.

Agricultural Men To Change Stations

Changes in stations for three district men of the state department of agriculture will be effective May first, officials have announced.

Working out of Pendleton will be M. Clark Webb, who has been living at The Dalles for a number of years. His territory will be enlarged to include Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam, Wasco, Sherman and Hood River counties.

Marines Are Wearing.



This smart forest green uniform is now being worn by members of the U. S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve, recently organized to free Leathernecks for combat duty. Aside from a flared skirt, the only striking difference from the regulation Marine winter uniform is a scarlet cord decorating the front of the visored cap. A scarlet wool muffler is a feminine complement to the top coat.

Rain Unneeded Falls To Make April Very Wet

Crop Year Showing Nearly Five Inches Above Normal For Showery Month

Tuesday night it rained, rained so hard and so steadily that farmers did not sleep that night or Wednesday except in a few instances. Most of them do not need the rain and are inclined to gaze on it with an unseeing eye. They would prefer it in June, when an inch of rain is considered manna from heaven, instead of having it fall in a damp April when the ground is already wet and the season late.

It rained over .50 inch to swell the April total of rainfall to a bountiful 1.20, much greater than the .78 inch average for the past years have afforded.

For this crop year which began September 1, nature has sent 14.32 inches of rainfall instead of the 9.39 inches that is the average over the past 30 years. Thus we have nearly five full inches in excess of normal, enough to insure another good crop.

There can be a poor crop even with plenty of moisture, but that is not customary. Stands of wheat are not heavy, there are some weeds, there is a large percentage of spring wheat, the season is late, but as long as moisture is plentiful the chances for crop are good.

Poppy Sale Arranged By Auxiliary

Poppies in tribute to America's battle dead of two wars will be worn in Wasco on Saturday, May 29, Inez Sargeant, President of our Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary, announced today.

The poppies this year will honor the men who have given their lives in the present conflict, as well as those who fell among the poppies of France and Belgium 25 years ago, she said. The money contributed for the flowers will be used for the welfare of victims of both wars and their families.

Roseburg Hospital To Get Cushions

The American Legion Auxiliary of Kent held its regular meeting Wednesday afternoon at the home of Dorothy Dunlap in Grass Valley. Fifteen cushions made by Millie vonBorstel with covers by Dorothy Dunlap and Clara Kock were on display. These will be sent to the Veterans' hospital at Roseburg to be used in the day rooms. Five dresses made by Cassie Holmes were reported sent to Child Welfare center in time for Easter. About \$10.00 of other new clothing had been purchased by unit for child welfare centers.

The poppy posters from Grass Valley, Kent and Antelope schools were on display and were judged by Mrs. Dorothy Perry. The Auxiliary will give awards of war stamps to the five winners in each class, \$1.50 first; \$1.25 second; \$1.00 third; \$.75 fourth; and \$1.00 fifth. Winners are: 4-5-6 grades Scott Fritts, first; Carole Norton, second; Marie vonBorstel, third; Connie Wilson and Jackie Rust, fourth and fifth. Honorable mention Bill and Bob Schultz, Willie Borthwick, Upper class; Ellen Walton, first; Nancy Kallner, second; Philip vonBorstel, third; Ed Fritts fourth; Sharon Martin, fifth. Honorable mention Dick Wilson, Carl vonBorstel and Sam Holmes.

A senior banquet for Kent High school students was planned by the Auxiliary. After the meeting a surprise birthday party with lighted cake, ice cream, flowers, gifts and a poem was held in honor of Mrs. Floyd vonBorstel, state vice-president of the Auxiliary.