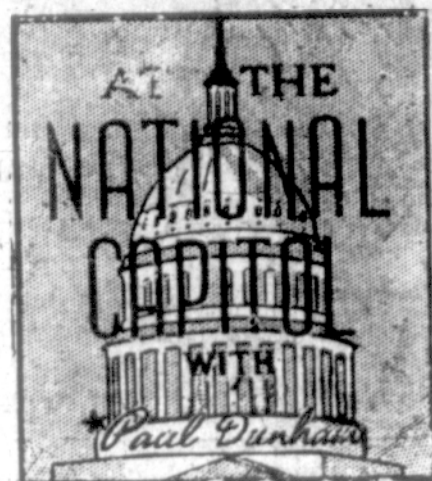


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June Puts Wheat In Favorable Growing Order

Wet Month of Wet Crop Year Makes Prospects Good For Wheat

Washington, D. C.—Is Henry Kaiser, shipbuilder, the miracle man he is supposed to be? Lots of big-wigs around here don't think so, and have never thought so. Whenever Kaiser's name and his shipbuilding accomplishments were discussed this certain group would say nothing, but do much thinking. Stories of extravagance and waste in Kaiser's west coast shipyards have been going the rounds for over a year. This same group was instrumental in arranging for a thorough investigation of the Kaiser operations at the Richmond, Calif., and a like investigation will be made of the several shipyards located around Portland and in the Puget sound region, including others besides Kaiser. With not a thin dime of his own funds invested (the U.S. maritime commission furnishes all the money) the miracle shipbuilder Mr. Kaiser, in a report just submitted to a congressional committee, is charged with waste, extravagance and lousy management in every sense of the word. Accusations made in this report are astounding and appear to be based on concrete facts. The congressional sub-committee will continue its investigations in Richmond, Portland, Tacoma and Seattle in the next few weeks.

Old Mother Nature turned on the heat this past week but so far the cooking oven has not been turned to a very high figure. The sun, unshaded by the clouds that have shielded us for a month, seemed hot but the temperatures did not rise above 90 degrees and a cool breeze helped the wheat. Wheat in the north end is turning slowly to harvest hues which means that the kernels are filling and beginning to get lighter. In the middle section of the county the kernels are about formed in winter wheat. The Richmond, Calif., and a like investigation will be made of the several shipyards located around Portland and in the Puget sound region, including others besides Kaiser. With not a thin dime of his own funds invested (the U.S. maritime commission furnishes all the money) the miracle shipbuilder Mr. Kaiser, in a report just submitted to a congressional committee, is charged with waste, extravagance and lousy management in every sense of the word. Accusations made in this report are astounding and appear to be based on concrete facts. The congressional sub-committee will continue its investigations in Richmond, Portland, Tacoma and Seattle in the next few weeks.

Wednesday the temperature at the experiment station reached 88 degrees although a cool wind helped the wheat. Rainfall for the month of June was 1.04 inches making it a very good month for wheat production. Normal June precipitation is but .63. For the entire crop year—the rainfall has been 15.78 making this crop year one of the wettest in the history of the county. Normal rainfall for the first ten months of the crop year is a little over 11 inches.

Non High Budget Committee Meets

The budget committee meeting of the nonhigh school board was held Friday night at the court-house. The resultant budget appears in another column. The decision of the Grass Valley district to abandon their high school and transport has caused additional pupils to come under the supervision of the nonhigh school board with attendant problems of taxation which comes from changed base and additional levy.

Slaughter's Licencees Must Report

Every local slaughterer and butcher who holds a permit to slaughter livestock for the sale of meat will be required to submit evidence by July 15, to substantiate the amount of livestock slaughtered during the period in 1941 and 1942 upon which his current quota is based, the War Food Administration said today.

Purpose of the ruling is to establish a more uniform system of permits and quotas and also to adjust those quotas already issued, so that they will represent the normal share of total slaughter for each section of the country. Because of the rapidity with which the permits originally were issued, the permits in granting the quotas varied somewhat from section to section.

Adams Elected

James B Adams has been elected director of the Oregon Business & Tax Research association and will serve for the eastern Oregon district. The group is active in making studies of tax problems and advising clients about tax matters. It also reports on doings of legislative assemblies.

Death, Destruction, From Six-State Flood Tests Shown



Rushing water from rivers swollen by several days of incessant rain overflows onto six midwestern states. Thousands of persons in the inundated areas were left homeless by the flood, and so much planting has been ruined that food production in the area is seriously threatened. Above: Soldiers in Indiana erect a sandbag dike. Below: A Boy Scout rescues another youth.

Naming of Pioneer Landmarks Often Done By General Agreement

Nature provided enduring signposts along the route of the Old Oregon Trail for the guidance of travelers. First of those strange freaks of nature looked, from a distance, like a mighty structure, causing the beholders to liken it to a court house, so it was given the name "Court House Rock."

Nearby was a smaller formation, which was named "Jail Rock." Perhaps the most striking and peculiar landmark on the Trail was Chimney Rock, which could be seen for many miles. A beacon rock and guide for all travelers. It is located across the Platte river from Bayard, Nebraska. It is five hundred feet in diameter at its base, rises cone-shaped for about three hundred feet, then a tall spire rises, another two hundred feet.

The children of the train expected to see smoke coming out of it and were quite disappointed that none did. Next came Castle Rock, near the present McGrew, Nebraska. That rock is fifteen hundred by two thousand feet at the base and rises seven hundred feet above the Platte river. It looked like a castle and romantic persons expected to see the gates of the castle fly open and mailed knights ride out on horseback.

Then appeared the famous, imposing landmark known as Scott's Bluff. It was named for a trapper named Hiram Scott who was wounded by Indians and who crawled for many miles to the shadow of the bluff to die. This famous bluff is thirty-seven hundred feet in height at its base and rises eight hundred feet above the Platte river.

Truck Operators To Deal With OPA

The story published last week in which the local OPA office was quoted as saying that truck owners would have to report to ODT in Portland before obtaining new certificates of necessity was found to be incorrect the following day when a telegram was received by the local OPA. Truck owners may obtain their new stickers and gas quotas from the county office of the OPA at Wasco.

Miss Georgia Harper, who has been chief clerk of the local rationing board since its establishment, resigned as of July 1. Mrs. Mabel White, who has been employed at the office for several weeks, has also resigned as of the first of the month.

To date no one has been obtained to take for the office on either a permanent or temporary basis. Additional members are also wanted for vacancies on the board.

Visiting Farmers By Station Heads

Annual Trip Over Station Made By Forty Farmers

Despite lateness of farm work, gas and rubber rationing, about 40 farmers visited the experiment station Saturday to look over the experiments and learn as much as possible from them.

After visiting the three hog lots where methods of feeding are being tried to determine how hogs may be fed most economically, the group loaded themselves into cars and started to the field.

First stop was at the trashy fallow plots where the three methods of making fallow under experiment were explained. The moldboard, the disc and the sub-surface tiller, all at five and eight inches depth, are in the experiment. There has been less run-off from subsurface tilled land, and less on moldboard plowing than on disc. More soil, however, has escaped from moldboard plowing. Crops vary with the lay of the land more than from difference in the tillage to date.

At the hay trials where alfalfa and crested wheat grass has been grown alone and mixed the visitors from Gilliam county claimed that the grass will average from 12 to 8 percent protein if cut early although grass cut after full heading makes but 5 percent on the station. Alfalfa has bested the grass this year although the grass was best previously.

Dr. Hill Talks

D. D. Hill, of OSC, talked a bit about grasses saying that after the agriculture of this section becomes settled after the war grasses may be of more importance than at present when the demand is for wheat. The old grass plot has been plowed up this year and only those grasses of promise are being grown.

The tillage experiment has to do with April, May and June let plowing and the results are about the same as the average over a long period of years as indications were that the early plowing will produce best, as it has the better stand and growth. Hot weather may make the June, untillied plot the best, however, as it has before.

Crop rotations have never had much of a place in Sherman county farming but the experiment station continues to produce rotations to show what can be done. The plot in peas since 1912 has had an average of 12 bushels of them. The peas and spring wheat test has produced 1363 pounds of spring wheat and 600 pounds of peas in two years compared to 1500 pounds of spring wheat if sown after fallow. Ordinarily the yield of wheat after peas is three bushels less than after fallow. Fertilizer has shown no results in this county.

The nursery does not show up well this year as a part of it was frozen out last winter. The spring wheats are good and may yield as well or better than the winter wheats.

The question of plowing Crested Wheat acres to plant wheat was brought up in a question. Discussion was to the effect that perhaps land that would successfully produce wheat might be well put into that crop although the grass was doing well. A wheat crop cannot be produced until 1945, however, and the demand may not be heavy by then. Land that was put into grass to prevent erosion or because of low yields of wheat might produce more or the war effort by remaining in grass it was agreed.

Dr. Hill recommended that everything be saved this year, all the grain possible, all the right-of-ways and any other farm product worth anything as feed for man or animal.

The visitors went to the small plots where new crops of wheat and other crops are being tried and finally disbanded after cooling drinks on the station lawn.

Bob Christianson Gain In Stock Now Bombardier Lieutenant

WEST TEXAS BOMBARDIER QUADRANGLE, -- The ranks of the men "who are already invading the continent of Europe" received a four-fold addition today as large classes of bomb-wise "Hell from Heaven Men" were graduated from the schools of the West Texas Bombardier Quadrangle.

With twelve weeks of intensive training behind them at the Midland, San Angelo Big Spring or Childress bombardier schools, these bombardier graduates will go on to assignments at Army Air Forces navigation schools, to operational training units or to posts as instructors for future classes of lords of the bombsight.

Among those who received their silver bombardier wings was Robert K. Christianson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Christianson.

Lily B. Austin Buried In Molalla

Lily B. Austin, mother of Mrs. Syble McMillan of Wasco, passed away Saturday at The Dalles hospital after a short illness at the age of 84.

She was born May 12, 1859 at Salem, Oregon. Besides Mrs. McMillan, her only daughter, she leaves eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren. The funeral services were held at Molalla Tuesday, June 29th at 2:00 P. M. with Callaway and Son in charge. Mrs. Austin has lived with her daughter in Wasco several years.

Mrs. Esther King Dies In Portland

Mrs. Esther King, 54, sister of George Wilcox and a resident of Sherman county for many years died in Portland June 18 and was buried there June 21. She had been partially paralyzed for several months.

Mrs. King was born July 20, 1888 in South Dakota and came to Oregon at the beginning of the century with her parents. After marriage she lived near Bourbon for several years before moving to Grass Valley where Mr. King owned a general store. They moved to Portland twenty years ago. Surviving is her widower and one daughter, Mrs. Nadine Dalrymple, four brothers and one sister.

New Dehorning Method Told

One of the most practical methods of dehorning young calves that has come to the attention of the state department of agriculture veterinarians is a hot iron which looks like an old fashioned soldering iron except that the heat carrying part is cut off square and has a depression or cap in the end that will fit over the tiny horn point or center. The Tibbett, well known rancher of the Imnaha district in Wallawa county.

The dehorner rides the horn follicle so the burn is applied immediately over the forming horn and around the horn-producing tissue on the calf's poll or head. The horn follicle will drop or slough out on a few days and the poll will heal much as occurs when a fire brand is applied.

The hot iron dehorning is generally used before the calf is 3 weeks old. Two horns may be treated with one heating if an iron about an inch thick tapered at the contact end and about five inches long is used.

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Cattle Increase While Horses and Sheep Numbers Decline In County

The report of assessable property in the county has been made by county assessor Charles Ruggles and it indicates a slightly larger value of property than last year. Locally owned property is now \$7,785,230 as compared to \$7,456,820 for the 1942-43 tax period.

Valuation on the 266,837 acres of tilled land has been set at \$21.30 instead of \$21.27 while the valuation of 191,793 acres of non tillable land has remained at \$1.51. With improvements on lands the total value of real property locally owned is \$6,806,840.

As for personal property the valuation of merchandise is set at \$87,000, that of farm machinery at \$395,480.

Cattle, Hogs Increase

Livestock values have changed considerably. The 1426 horses and mules of last year were valued at \$17.97 while the 1346 remaining in the county this year are considered worth \$17.15 each. Cattle have increased from 9869 to 10651 and the value has jumped from \$24.25 to \$37.01. Sheep numbers have dropped as in nearly every county in the state, from 3829 to 7122 and the value from \$4.82 to \$4.22. Last year the county had 3116 hogs which has been increased to 3950 and the valuation from \$5.52 to \$7.42 each. Poultry numbers have gone up from 5885 to 7382 although the valuation put on them is 37 cents instead of 41 cents.

Public Utility Assessment Coming
Total personal property is valued at \$981,130 for the 1943-44 tax year.

Valuation of public service corporations will be made by the state tax commission and will not be received until later.

It may be noted that the valuation of cattle in the county is \$390,440 and the valuation of farm machinery \$395,480, an indication that livestock, especially cattle, is obtaining a greater place in farm management here.

Employment Office Started By Government

The federal employment administration has established an office in Moro to serve Sherman county during the harvest season. Rev. James D. Moberg is in charge of the office as last year.

The office has been set up in the building formerly occupied by S W Searcy's hardware. Telephone number is 571.

This service is expected to continue for about two months as it is thought that harvesting proper may not start much before August first. Haying operations have already begun rather slowly and men are needed for that work. Estimate on the number of men required to put up the hay that will be cut and thresh and haul the grain this year is 300, although it is considered doubtful if that many men will be available for harvest labor this year.

Wages Not Set

Wages scales have not been set nor has generally accepted price been agreed upon. What hiring has been done has been on a barter and ask basis with conditions of employment, length of job and former relationship having much to do with the pay asked and given.

The employment office will work closely with that of the county agent.