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Establishing a program upon which the marine and fresh water fishing industry of the United States may be placed on a self-sustaining basis is the purpose of senate joint resolution 112, which was passed without roll call and by unanimous vote and which authorizes the expenditure of not to exceed \$20,000 to pay the cost of a survey of the fishery resources to be made by the fish and wild life service of the department of the interior. As a result of the survey it is hoped to establish a permanent national fishery policy by coordinating federal state and international activities. No such program has even been attempted and the last thorough study of fisheries was in the early 1880s. The survey will be of especial interest to residents of the Pacific northwest and upon recommendations made in the report may depend the attitude of the United States toward the fishing industry in Alaskan waters.

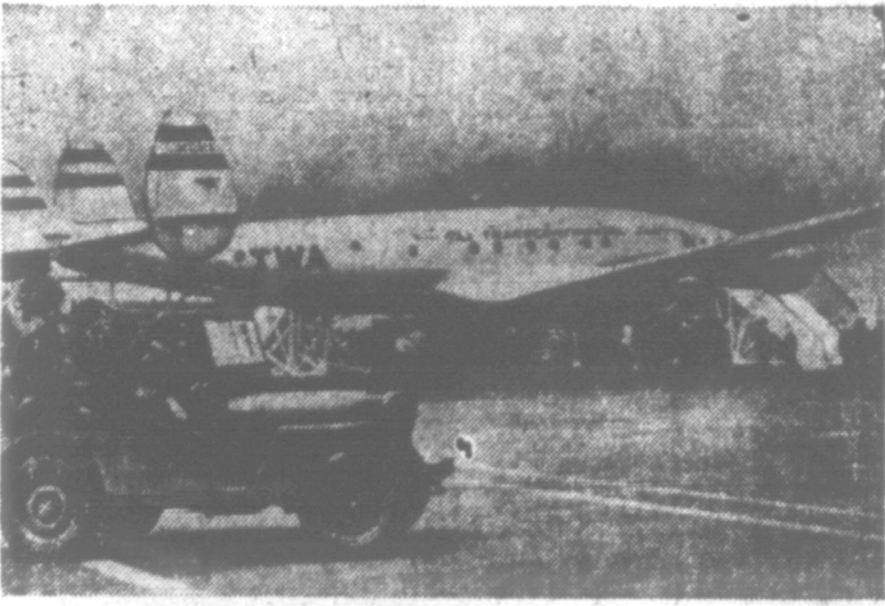
Every portion of land and sea jurisdiction of the United States is to be covered by the survey, including territorial possessions and waters in which the United States may have interest or right. It will cover current methods, practices and facilities in commercial fishing, distributing, transporting, and marketing, inclusive of recreational fishing, and a digest of all the laws and regulations affecting the industry. A report is to be submitted to congress not later than January 1, 1946.

Recommendations are asked for revised regulations and "such" measures as may be deemed necessary for the protection, conservation and management on a sustained yield basis of the fishery and other renewable marine and fresh water resources. The program is also to include stabilization of the fisheries and the federal, state or other assistance needed during the post-war period and "provide for the fisheries benefits comparable to those afforded the food production activities and industries dependent upon the lands." Reason given for the vast undertaking is the urgent need to preserve a source of food supply the future of which might otherwise be menaced by haphazard practices and a lack of cooperation in regulatory measures.

It is the belief of Harold Ickes, secretary of the interior, that on a reclamation project no farm should be larger than 160 acres. This is why he complained against the bill now in congress providing funds for reclamation (after the war) which did not contain this stipulation. Mr Ickes will have more to say on the subject. He regards 160 acres as sufficient for an irrigated farm and holds that unless there is a limitation of this character corporation farms will gobble up the irrigated country. His plan is now in effect in the Columbia basin country to irrigate which the Grand Coulee dam was built.

There are certain prospective projects where settlers graze livestock and they have prevented development because 160 acres is insufficient to run cattle. But irrigation projects are for growing crops and not raising stock. contends Secretary Ickes, and unless there is an agreement by present owners to dispose of all but 160 acres there will be no project. In one or two favored projects in the northwest 80 acres is considered ample for a settler, the soil being exceptionally fertile and more than sufficient to produce specialty cash crops.

Sky Giant Shatters Cross-Country Mark



Lockheed's "Constellation," 30,000 pounds of transport plane, alights at Washington airport for delivery to army after shattering transcontinental speed record with hop from Los Angeles in 6 hours, 58 minutes. The four-motored giant has a wingspread of 123 feet, is 95 feet long, travels with load of 10 tons at more than 300 miles per hour.

County Court Pays Claims; Sets Four Justice of Peace Districts

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR APRIL 1944 AND APPROVED AT MAY 1944 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT THEREOF.

Richard J. Crane, Court reporter for State of Oregon vs. Dan Morgan \$10.00; First National Bank, Old Age Assistance \$129.60; First National Bank, A'd to the Blind \$8.80; First National Bank, Aid to dependent children \$46.80; David Reid, County Commissioner \$20.00; Vernon I. Miller, County Commissioner \$5.60; T. Lester Johnson, District Attorney expense \$10.20; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., telephones all offices \$27.05; City of Moro, water court-house April \$3.30; Pacific Power & Light Co., lights courthouse \$33.33; Paulsen & Roles Laboratories, Janitor's supplies \$50.70; Giles L. French, Bond of Assessor \$15.00; Burroughs Adding Machine Co., Sup't supplies \$2.75, Assessor's supplies \$5.35, total \$8.10; Mrs. L. L. Taylor, Veterinarian's field helper \$3.00; West Coast Printing & Binding Co., Assessor's office \$7.50, Election supplies \$145.25, Clerk's office \$23.55, Sup't office \$9.22, total 185.52; J. C. Freeman, P. M., Stamps for Election \$20.00; State Industrial Accident comm., peace officer's protection \$5.20; C. C. Wilson, Sheriff's expense \$25.95; C. C. Wilson, Stamps \$10.00; Randall Martin, board of prisoners \$2.20; Department of Agriculture, sealer, weights and measures \$3.76; First National Bank, with-holding tax on county employees for month of April \$84.41; Foss & Co., official car expense \$3.00; Willy Knighten, County School Library Fund \$42.60; Willy Knighten, office help less tax \$30.60; J. M. Wilson, County Judge's expense \$40.00; T. Lester Johnson, Premium on Deputy Sheriff's bond \$50.00; Wasco Bakery, board of prisoners \$0.60, cricket control \$1.75, total \$2.35; Wasco-Sherman Public Health Unit, budgeted item for Health Nurse, 1943-44 budget \$600.00.

Proceedings of County Court during meeting held May 3, 1944. Claims against County General Fund and General Road Fund approved excepting two claims presented for indemnity for Bang's diseased cattle slaughtered. Monthly statement of County Treasurer, showing fund balances, presented, approved and filed. Bernice Morris of Rufus appointed as Clerk to serve on Rufus Election Board. Court approved and accepted deed from A. H. Barnum et ux to Sherman County covering approximately 1-3 of an acre adjacent to Eastern Oregon Experimental Station land. P. C. Astell, Fred Hennagan and Lester Barnum appointed to serve as members of Budget committee for compiling 1944-1945 Budget. Court sets date of May 17 as the date for the first Budget committee meeting. Court issues Order establishing Justice of Peace and Constable Districts and designates boundaries of each district. Deed approved and signed by Court members conveying Tax Foreclosed property in Section 28 Twp. 2N. Range 19 E. W.M. to Arthur F. Miller. Bid presented to court for purchase of Tax Foreclosed Property in Wasco, upon which action was deferred pending further investigation as to state of condition of property. No further matters at issue. Court adjourned subject to call of County Judge.

GENERAL ROAD FUND
ROAD EMPLOYEES PAY ROLL
L. L. Peetz \$93.58; E. McPherson \$25.42; C. Bargenholt \$86.72; D. J. McLachlan \$17.16; Alton Olds \$81.52; W. E. Kelley \$93.32; Jerry Wilson \$81.40; Jerry Wilson \$43.44; W. E. Kelley \$23.29; Alton Olds \$33.38; L. L. Peetz, \$91.76; E. McPherson \$73.76; C. Bargenholt \$86.00; D. J. McLachlan \$13.60.
ACCOUNT—A. H. Barnum, Miscellaneous account \$100.00 State Ind. Acc. Com. Ins. & Misc. \$29.10; First National Bank, with-holding tax \$80.35; National Hospital Ass'n. \$5.00; Pacific Power & Light Co., lights \$2.98; Hartley's Garage repairs \$18.85; City of Moro, water \$1.75; O'Meara Supply & Imp Co., repairs \$47.87; Columbia Machine Co., repairs \$2.00; Wes Will-de, repairs \$14.55; Foss & Co., repairs \$5.00; Standard Oil Co., gas and oil account \$76.18; Union Oil Co., gas and oil account \$99.56; J. K. McKean, repairs \$8.75; Walther-Williams Co., repairs \$2.00

Wasco Girls' Group Observes Holiday
The "Mystery Mothers" banquet was held at the Methodist church Friday night. This is always an outstanding occasion in the Standard Bearer girl's year and the time when it is their turn to be especially nice to meet and to entertain their mystery mothers and their own mothers. The dining hall was a glow with the table set in a hollow square and decorated with bright lights and beautiful spring flowers. Six young men act as waiters and with Mrs. F. L. Camell, the Standard Bearer leader, as general overseer of the occasion. Jean Shull, their president, was toastmaster and welcomed all present. (About 65.) Her mother responded. Carol Blakney gave the toast to the mothers and Mrs. Leslie Blakney responded. Songs were sung and dinner served. Then they repaired to the auditorium of the church where a program was put on by the Standard Bearers, consisting of readings, recitations, vocal solos and instrumental music.

Leland Andrew Barnet, of Grass Valley, was accepted for enlistment in the U. S. Navy as apprentice seaman. Barnet will upon completing school receive orders for duty about the 24th May. He will receive his training at the U. S. Naval Training Station, San Diego, California.

New Plants For Production of Rubber Here

Michael Nuttinson of Beltsville, Md., a representative of the USDA was here Wednesday to confer with Merrill Oveson about growing some plants for the production of rubber. As a result 650 plants were left here of a variety said to be a better producer of rubber than any heretofore in experimental work. It may produce 30 to 40 percent of its weight in rubber.

Name of the plant is tau-sauges, a native of Russia, where the natives chew it in much the same fashion as American adolescents chew gum. The tau of the name mean mountain, the sauges mean to chew; hence a free translation would be "mountain chew."

Grade School Boys Girls To Frolic

The grade school "Play Day" is an event of today (Friday) and all grade school pupils are gathering in Moro except those from Rufus where school closes that day.

Children will be divided into four groups, the two lower grade pupils, who will use the park for a playground, the 3-4 graders who will have a track meet in the morning and attend a picture show in the afternoon, the 5-6-7-8 grade girls who will hold a track meet in the forenoon and play volleyball in the afternoon, and the upper grade boys who will have soft ball games in the morning and a track meet in the afternoon. Competition will be between chosen teams and not between schools.

Young Men Leave For Service

Leaving for the army examination Wednesday were Paul Wilson, who has volunteered for the marines and hopes to go to active training without returning. George Jensen, Patrick Macnab, Keith Lynn Simms and Herman Ziegler. If Patrick Macnab is accepted he will be the sixth member of that family in the services.

All leaving were three transferees Alonzo Alberty of Jay, Okla., William Hubbard of Coquille and Robert E. Homes of Pittsburg, Mo. In addition Robert (Jackie) von Borstel left from Corvallis as a part of the Sherman county contingent.

Navy Men Must Sign 'ear Home

Chief Quartermaster Fallon in charge of the Dalles Navy Recruiting station has received orders placing the station on a quota basis for the enlisting of young men of 17. Quota for May has been filled. Young men, who desire to enlist in the Navy, first must call at the station and make application for enlistment, then they will be assigned an accepted number, when and ever a quota is assigned they will be called in turn as indicated by number as signed them. Young men in the Dalles district, which includes Wasco, Gilliam, Sherman and Hood River counties, must make application through The Dalles recruiting station. The navy recruiting station in Portland will not accept application from men in this district, due to the large number of men in the Portland district that will have to be enlisted through its quota assignment. In other words if you wish to enter the navy, you will have to make application in the district where you live.

Mrs. James Lamb was told in The Dalles Wednesday by Mrs. Finley Richardson that Joe Ritner who has been reported dead or wounded, was alright but had been transferred to another ship.

County Campaign Comes To Life With Contest

Name of Percy Thompson Proposed For Sheriff; Report Indicates Response Good

The local political campaign took on life for the first time this week when a local group, composed mostly of Legionnaires, started a write-in campaign for Percy Thompson for sheriff.

Thompson is secretary of the draft board and is a lifelong resident of the county. He is a republican although the campaign has been non-partisan in its activities. Present opposition to Sheriff Wilson is said to come from his incarceration of a World War II veteran, who had been discharged from the Marines after service at Guadalcanal. This aroused the ire of those interested in the case.

Wilson has a denial of malice in his action in this week's paper, in which he sets forth his position with an explanation. It seems certain that Thompson will receive the Republican nomination and, if he desires to resign his position on the draft board, may have his name on the ticket this fall.

Another contest that has aroused interest these last few days of the campaign is that between D. N. Mackay of Condon and Fred Finsley of Fossil. Finsley has been actively working in his own behalf in this county, visiting every farm and every city home. Mackay has relied on other forms of putting himself before the voters.

Finsley has recently returned to Fossil and the practice of law, after five years as state parole officer. He has been in The Dalles and Salem for eight years. He is young being 38 last November.

Mackay is an older man, whose age is not listed in Who's Who. He has practiced law in Gilliam county for nearly 30 years. He has held many public offices during his time there and is now district attorney of that county.

Local Bureaucrats Meet At Arlington

A meeting of the county officers of OPA, ODT, with extension men and the AAA was held in Arlington Monday with LeRoy Wright, Wallace May, George Potber and William Huck attending from Sherman county where they have positions with these agencies.

Farm transportation problems were discussed and the farm leaders told that there are 67,000 trucks in Oregon and 28,000 of these are farm trucks. Like other trucks in the United States these are being rapidly depleted in numbers. In 1941 the nation bought 740,000 trucks. At the end of March 1942 there were but 140,000 trucks remaining to be sold. Now all the heavy trucks have been sold and less than 5000 medium or light trucks remain on hand. These will have to last until new ones are made although the WPB is allowing 25,000 heavy trucks and 60,000 medium to be built this year. It is estimated that not more than one applicant in six will be able to get these trucks.

DOBBINS HERE

Harold Dobbins of the Bureau of biological survey was here Wednesday and met with the county court and budget committee to explain the situation as regards government trappers. He said he could promise a trapper in this county by the first of July. Rate of pay now for trappers is \$175 for experienced ones and they must be furnished gasoline as well. Because the county has some unused fund in the hands of the bureau it was not necessary to increase the budget to meet the demand of higher trapper wages. However an appropriation for gasoline was made.

Flying Weather Needed For Cricket Control

The job of controlling crickets in Gilliam and Sherman counties has suffered from recurring winds and of the past ten days only four have been suitable for flying. Seven cars of sawdust and necessary bran and poison to mix it into bait have been received and tons of the bait is ready for scattering when the weather is such that the flyers can get into the air.

So far, most of the flying has been done over Sherman county reports LeRoy Wright, county agent. Delay may result in a poor kill as the work is stopped when it is found that crickets have begun laying eggs. It is impossible for cricket killing to keep up with cricket fecundity, it is said, so when egg laying begins the crews disband until another spring.

MORO NEWS OF THE WEEK

Claude Thompson sold a three year old purebred Arabian stallion Sunday to a horse breeder from Wallowa county. The horse Allah Zeyd, a sorrel, was raised here by Mr Thompson from one of his purebred mares. Price was an even \$1000.00

Mr and Mrs J. C. Huntley came up from Portland Saturday to spend a couple of weeks here visiting with their daughter, Mrs. Collis Moore and family.

Mrs. James Woods of The Dalles joined her husband on their farm this week and will reside here during the farm working season.

Born: May 9th to Bill and Frances McLachlan a 5 pound, 7 ounce daughter at Camas, where they are living since Bill returned from the army.

Sales have attracted several of Sherman county's farmers during the week. The Hereford sale near Condon last Friday was attended by a number from here and others went to Shaniko Thursday to see Fisher's closing out sale.

Wilbert J. Martin is now able to be up and around the house a part of the time and wants to get home to Sherman county as soon as possible. He and his wife have been visiting a daughter in Sacramento and Mr Martin fell and broke his hip while there.

Fred Finsley and D. N. Mackay of Fossil and Condon respectively were in the county this week telling the voters of their qualifications as judge of the eleventh circuit district which comprises Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler counties.

Word from Darwin VanGilder received by his wife is that he is now in a hospital with dengue fever.

FOR SALE: 16 foot Case combine, Mrs. Frances Henrichs, Moro, Phone 438 28-30c
Mr and Mrs Art Bucholtz and Mrs. Irving Hart went to Portland Sunday with a couple truck loads of Bucholtz cattle.

Jim Brown, machinists mate 1c is now overseas, he writes to Willy Knighten, and is beginning to like life in the navy.

Mrs. Robert W. Belsee left Monday to attend to grand lodge of the Rebekahs of Oregon which is being held in Portland this week.

The high school track team that made the trip to Corvallis last week returned with one point made by Donald Thompson who took fifth in the half mile, running the race in 2:06.4, faster time than he had made previously. The other boys were eliminated in the preliminaries.

County Budget Includes Huge Post-war Fund

Appropriations Total About Same As Last Year As Cash Balances Offset Raises

Sherman county taxpayers will be asked for nearly the exact millage for the next taxation year as they paid in 1943-44 if the budget prepared by the budget committee here Wednesday is approved at the final meeting.

In actual appropriations there were increases totaling \$5920.50 which were largely offset by reductions of \$6189.00. Deductions were mostly in the road fund. A decided increase was made in the sinking fund for post-war road expenditures. The sums cut from the road fund and the cash balances were put into that fund to make an appropriation of \$40,000 for post-war road work. It is expected that it will be invested in bonds so it will be available when needed.

The road budget calls for \$21,400 with offsetting receipts of \$5700. The general fund budget is for \$49,999.10 with receipts of \$4015. This without the sinking fund. With this addition the total budget is for \$111,399.10. Deductions for receipts make it \$101,634.10. Unexpended balances of \$40,000 were declared to reduce the sum to be raised by taxation to \$64,384.10. This includes \$2500 for possible uncollected taxes. Millages will be almost the same as last year for the county fund.

The budgeteers called in to aid the court in making up the estimates were unanimous in desiring a large post-war sinking fund. Argument given was that it was easy now to raise money, that the roads and the road machinery is wearing out much faster than it can be replaced, that a time may come when available funds to keep from levying large taxes will be most welcome.

Detail of the increases in the budget were: increase in both deputies to \$1800 per year, a \$15 per month raise for the janitor, \$160 for welfare, \$250 more for the auditor, \$120 more for gasoline for the trapper (who was promised by Harold Dobbins) \$1500 more for cricket control, \$600 more for service organizations, \$500 for reward in the Bur-el murder case, \$1000 for coyote bounties, \$600 for Oregon Guiding Friends.

Reductions were made in the per capita school tax according to law, \$500 in charities, likewise according to law, \$4100 in the road fund, said sums being transferred indirectly to the sinking fund where they will serve the same purpose.

The budget will be published in the Sherman County Journal May 26 and June 2 and the final meeting will be held June 16. Reductions may be made freely in the budget but increases must be held to ten percent of any item.

Poppy Contest Winners Told

The winners in the Poppy contest sponsored by the Auxiliary were announced in class including pupils from the 4th, 5th and 6th grades were 1st, Marie Blagg and Lois Kelley; 2nd, John Alley and Carl Schilling; 3rd Bob Garrett and Alfred Kock; 4th, Roy Harvey and Dick Rust; 5th Roger Ball. Class 2, including pupils from the 7th, 8th and 9th grades were 1st James Hartley; 2nd, Jean Zevely; 3rd Joe Harvey; 4th Jacqueline Rust; 5th, Herman Peters. Class 3 including sophomores, juniors and seniors were 1st Mary Lyons; 2nd Mary von Borstel.

The Grass Valley grade school held an assembly at the school house Monday afternoon. Mrs. Ted Ball, president of the American Legion auxiliary presented the school with a picture, "Flag Code" from the American Legion.