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"Sloppy and unfair," is the way Representative Daniel A. Reed of New York refers to the operations of the farm security administration in handling farm loans. The state of Washington has had 125 approved borrowers and the approved obligations represent \$1,062,289. For Oregon there have been 100 approved borrowers and the total of approved obligations has been \$775,381. The FSA buys farms for non-farm owners, supplying 100 percent of the price on a loan basis of 40 years with an interest rate of 3 percent. The total number of borrowers has been 35,146, so that the 40 year loans to Washington and Oregon farmers is a mere trace of the aggregate.

The largest number of tenant farmers provided with farms by the FSA are located in the south. Georgia leads the country with 2,496, Arkansas 2,091, South Carolina 1,994, Tennessee 1,620, Louisiana 1,402, Missouri 1,160, Oklahoma 1,591. These states have received millions of dollars or rather, non-farm owners have been set up in business by FSA, such as a Mississippi farmer receiving \$13,337,739 and farmers in Georgia even more.

The GI bill provides for loans to veterans, but their loan is for 30 years, instead of 40, and they will pay 4 percent interest, compared with the 3 percent paid by farmers, who have received everything from land to houses and equipment from FSA.

However, there is nothing to prevent a veteran from trying to be financed by FSA instead of taking advantage of the provisions of the GI legislation. The hint is made that the reason so many farmers have bought homes in the south is that FSA is anxious to keep those states in the new deal column, a charge which is repudiated with indignation by FSA.

Word here is that the administration plans big things for the Columbia river and that among other activities it will do something about establishing permanent ship building following the war. The Umatilla dam is on the drawing boards and the army engineers are conducting a study to determine the many uses to which the waters of the Columbia can be put—from power and navigation to domestic supply. A report on the waters of the Columbia basin is now in the making and should be ready within a few months. The engineers have been working on it since last year.

For the inauguration of the president in January 1945, \$25,000 has been appropriated which is a saving of \$10,000 from the appropriation made four years ago. The money is spent exclusively in building stands for the accommodation of the public. However, owing to travel conditions it is not expected that as large a crowd will assemble in this city as for previous inaugurations. It is not always fair weather when the president holds up his right hand and takes the oath.

When Taft was inaugurated there was a blizzard which disrupted communications to such an extent that the only story sent out of Washington went to Baltimore. In 1936 the Roosevelt inauguration took place in a post-awful downpour of rain and thousands of visitors who came for the ceremonies never left their automobiles, arriving home looking

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Club Welcomes Teachers At Annual Affair

The annual Woman's club reception for the school faculty drew a large group of parents and friends of the school to the school auditorium last Friday night. The Grass Valley teachers were present in addition to those from Moro.

Mrs. Eugene Amidon, club president, extended a welcome and introduced principal, Tom Preece, who in turn presented the teachers. Mrs. Carroll Sayers and Mrs. Martin Melzer were program directors and had provided a musical program consisting of a piano duet by Miss Vivian Tounce and Patricia Pinkerton, a piano solo by Mrs. C. Crews and a group of songs by Merdames Carl Melzer, Harry Finkerton, James Moberg and Edward Cushing.

Then a grand march divided the crowd into teams for some games that dispersed the formality for the remainder of the evening. Refreshments were served before home going.

Mrs. Amidon announced the club's bond drive which started September 15. Additional information will be given at the next meeting, which will be held October 4 Thursday instead of Friday.

Members may attend the high school football game.

Van Fos'en-Garrett Wedding Held

In the presence of relatives and a few friends, Miss Daisy Garrett, daughter of Mrs. Maude Garrett, became the bride of Roy Van Fos'en of Maupin, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Van Fosson of Weiser, Idaho, at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Don Smith, Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock with the Rev. Lloyd T. Anderson of The Dalles officiating.

The bride wore a tan gabardine suit with brown accessories and a corsage of white gardenias. The attendants were Mrs. Berenham of Warrenton and John Block of Grass Valley.

Refreshments were served after the ceremony by Mrs. Don Smith and Mrs. John Block. The young couple left for Maupin where they will make their home.

County Manager Plan On Ballot; Advocated

Plan Is Permissive And Designed To Improve County Administrative Government

As election time approaches consideration of the measures that will be on the initiative and referendum ballot must be taken.

It is not likely that there will be sufficient space to discuss them in this newspaper although an attempt will be made to do so.

At least one of the measures will rest on its merits, in that there is no campaign fund to push its advantages. As far as is known there is no group against it. Those who sponsor it are men and women whose only interest is providing a method of reform in county government.

The bill is a constitutional amendment referred to the people by the legislature. If adopted it will permit counties to adopt a county manager system which will probably be somewhat similar to the city manager system used by a number of Oregon counties.

It is well known that county government is the most restricted of any of our governments. Even the salaries paid are governed by state law. A county court, at present, has very little power. As the county court is the representative of the people of the county it naturally follows that the people of a county have little control over themselves as far as county affairs are concerned.

Under present law the legislature makes all laws for a county. That is a very unhandy arrangement, especially in Oregon, for Oregon counties vary in size, industry, population. About the only thing they have in common is that all are in Oregon. The state books are crowded with laws that cannot be written into a general law.

The purpose of this county manager amendment is to make it possible for a county, if its people so vote, to establish a home rule system of government. There is no need of having the legislature set the rules for stock running or large in Sherman county, now establish the sums that shall be paid county officials. County government can best do that.

The amendment is strictly permissive. It would make it possible for counties to adopt a county manager system or systems. A majority of the voters in any county would be necessary, of course.

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Ship Launching Ceremony Set For October 4

Date for the launching of a ship by Sherman county war bond sales staff members has been set for October 4, next Wednesday. Details of the launching have not been received, nor the name of the ship, nor the yard which the ship is to be slid into the water.

Information on these matters will come from the Kaiser company which is the official host or from the war bond staff at Portland which makes the preliminary arrangements.

Moro 7, Goldendale 0 Score of First Game

The Moro Huskies, playing their first game of the 1944 season, met and defeated the Goldendale eleven in a thrilling contest in the Washington city last Friday.

Moro scored fairly early in the game after a fumble by Goldendale and a 12 yard run by Foster. Roberson carried the ball over and the conversion was made. In the latter stages of the game Goldendale twice came to the third yard line only to be turned back by the desperate Huskies.

In the line the Moro boys very much resemble the successful 1943 team, having Wilcox, Melzer, Brisbane, Keith Bayer, Christianson, aided by Hartley and Melzer. Back field was made up of Roberson, Foster, Lemley and Noonan with many other members of the squad getting a chance at the game.

This Friday the boys go to The Dalles to play the Paposes and it is expected that a crowd as large as that which attended the Goldendale game will attend.

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Patton-Bradley Tour Brittany



* Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, left, and Lieut. Gen. Omar L. Bradley are shown aboard a C-47 plane used on a tour of the Brittany peninsula. General Bradley's troops cover so much area in France that he finds it necessary to use a plane to visit the far-flung fronts. In the plane was a jeep, used by the generals on tour.

Kenneth Barnet Dies In South Pacific Of Heat

Word Tells Meager Details Of Death Of Sherman County Native Son

County Native Son

A telegram was received by Mrs. Kenneth Barnet, Tuesday giving the information that her husband, Kenneth Emmett Barnet, who was a pharmacist's mate second class in the U.S. Naval Reserve, died September 18 from the effects of heat exhaustion while in the service.

Further information was that there was no definite information about burial, it was probable that he was either buried at sea or at some point near the locality of death. Further information was promised when available.

Kenneth Emmett Barnet was born in Grass Valley March 17, 1920 being a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Thomas Barnet. He obtained his education in the Grass Valley schools and lived in that part of the county all of his life until he entered the navy December 11, 1942. He has not been home since his departure.

He is survived by his parents, two sisters, Ethel and Margaret, and his widow, Anita Dunlap Barnet, whom he married June 27, 1941 at Grass Valley.

Ben Payne Celebrates With Reunion

Sunday was the 55th birthday of Ben Payne and his twin sister, Mrs. Frances Yearry of Portland and the occasion was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen McLachlan, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Payne near Moro. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Payne and Mrs. Yearry and all nine of the Payne children, Benny having only a few days before returned from two and a half years in the South Pacific. Mr. and Mrs. Con Rust and two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Belshe, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Fulkerson, and daughter, Dale Fulkerson. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Emerson of The Dalles, Alfred Payne and family, Benny, Frank and Della Payne, Mr. and Mrs. McLachlan and children, George, William, Lyle, and Fulkerson and Veda Belshe made up the party of thirty that set down to dinner in the McLachlan yard.

Bob Boynton Here After Overseas Stay

Bob Boynton is here this week while on leave after having been in the American air force in England. Bob has become a second lieutenant since entering the army in the fall of 1941 and has made many trips over Europe in the big bombers. He has been attending school in Texas and is now ready to go back to the fight.

County Court Transacts Two Months Business At September Meeting Held the Sixth

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNTY COURT AT MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 6, 1944:

Claims against County General Fund, and General Road Fund covering months of July and August allowed as presented.

Monthly statements of County Treasurer showing balances of funds for months of July and August received and approved.

Claims of \$38.10 covering indemnity for Bang's diseased cat allowed as presented and allowed.

Court issued Order pertaining to issuance of salaries for Deputy County Clerk Donny Sheriff for period July 1, 1944 to June 30, 1945 incl.

Court allows wage increase of ten cents per hour to certain employees.

Court approved and signed deed to W. A. Nisbet and Louise Nisbet and to William Clither and Mable Clither covering sale of T. Foreclosed property in Wasco.

Semi-Annual Report of County Clerk covering period from January 1 to July 1, 1944 and also the Annual Report of County Clerk covering period from July 1, 1943 to June 30, 1944 presented to Court and approved.

Sheriff presents court with a Supplemental Report covering tax collections during period from January 1, 1944 to June 30, 1944 relative, which was approved by Court.

Court issues Order designating location of Electric Power Line erected along county road between Wasco and Klondike.

Mrs. Rella A. Clither appointed Clerk to serve unexpired term of Mrs. Maud Akers deceased, as tin, bounty 1-coyote pup \$2.00; T. Clerk of Wasco Precinct No. 11

Election Board.

Frank Lemley appointed as clerk of Grass Valley No. 9 precinct Election Board to serve unexpired term of Lawrence Todd.

Court directs clerk to pay \$125 to Clarence Mersinger for operation of County Fire Truck during harvest season.

Delegation from Rutledge community appears before court relative to improvements of road in Rutledge district. No definite action decided upon.

Court directed construction of cesspool back of courthouse to take care of sewage from county jail.

No further matters being at issue court adjourned subject to call of County Judge.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR JULY, 1944 AND APPROVED AT AUGUST 1944 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT THERE OF:

GENERAL FUND

First National Bank, General Assistance \$3.47; Theodore Thompson, bounty, 1-coyote pup, \$2.00; End Kock, bounty, seven coyote pups \$14.00; Theo. von Borstel, bounty 1-coyote pup; \$2.00; William F. Blue, reward Burrell murder case \$50.00; Arthur Donlan, reward Burrell murder case \$50.00; Mrs. Mary Jauron, reward Burrell murder case \$150.00; Norman Smith, reward Burrell murder case \$250.00; First National Bank, Aid to Dependent Children \$52.00; First National Bank, Old Age Assistance \$133.40; Kenneth Martin, bounty 1-coyote pup \$2.00; T. Clerk of Wasco Precinct No. 11

expenses \$7.50; Pacific Power & Light Co., lights for courthouse \$38.35; DeMoss Park, \$1.00, total \$34.35; City of Moro, water for courthouse \$15.40; Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co., telephones all offices \$28.58; Department of Agriculture, sealer, weights and measures \$3.76; State Industrial Accident Com., peace officer's protection \$5.42; Underwood Elliot Fisher Co., adding machine Assessor's office \$108.50; Sherman County Journal Ad county fire truck \$7.50. Sheriff's report \$4.10. Treasurer's report \$27.50, co. Printing \$7.25, total \$46.35; First National Bank, withholding tax \$98.14; Foss & Co., official car \$2.00, courthouse expense \$1.00, total \$4.00; The Nations Schools, Superintendent's office supplies, \$2.00; Harper & Brothers, Superintendent's office supplies \$2.12; Western Union Telegraph, Superintendent's office supplies \$0.63; Willy Knighten, Superintendent's office help, less tax \$55.80; H. N. Crandall, courthouse expense \$4.00; Moro Lumber & Fuel Yard, slack coal for courthouse \$384.10.

GENERAL ROAD FUND—ROAD EMPLOYEES PAY ROLL—L. L. Peetz \$95.02; E. McPherson \$87.10; C. Bargesholt \$86.72; J. Genzler \$80.24, Ora Workman \$89.32; L. L. Peetz \$41.40; E. McPherson \$95.36; Sherman Co-op Grain Growers, miscellaneous \$31.20; Geo. B. Moon, miscellaneous \$16.75; Pacific Power & Light Co., lights \$2.00; O'Meara Supply & Imp. Co., general supplies \$11.84; Walther-Williams Co., tires & tubes account \$110.35; T. L. Field, crushed rock \$135.70; C. A. Ruggles Agency, Insurance \$356.95;

First National Bank, withholding tax \$65.22; Foss & Co., general supplies \$24.85; City of Moro, miscellaneous \$1.75; Union Oil Co., gas & oil \$96.04; Wes. Wilder, repairs \$19.45; National Hospital Ass'n., wages \$5.00.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR AUGUST 1944 AND APPROVED AT SEPTEMBER, 1944 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT THERE OF:

GENERAL FUND

First National Bank, Old Age Assistance \$136.40; First National Bank, Aid to Dependent Children \$52.00; First National Bank, General Assistance \$32.92; David Reid, County Commissioner \$8.00; Vernon I. Miller, County Commissioner \$9.00; T. Lester Johnson, District Attorney expenses, \$8.45; Pacific Power & Light Co., lights courthouse \$18.56; DeMoss Park \$1.00, total \$19.56; City of Moro, water for courthouse \$18.70; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph, telephones \$17.05; W. R. Reid and Son, courthouse expense \$1.70; Drs. Morse and Moore, professional call courthouse—suicide case \$5.00; Oregon State Agriculture College, first-half budget item for fiscal year, 1944-45, County Agent \$1105.00; B. Estelle Hailey, Insurance on Legion Hall at Kent Kean, repairs \$51.54, gas & oil \$39.05, total \$90.59; Geo. B. Moon, sealer weights and measure \$3.76; Sherman County Journal, Clerk's semi-annual report \$32.20; May & Son, Board of prisoners \$9.28; set Motor Co., repairs \$5.80; Stan West Coast Printing & Binding Co., sheriff's office expense \$9.84; Union Oil Co., gas & oil \$200.00; C. C. Wilson, Sheriff's expense May & Son, general supplies \$2.00; Foss & Co., official car \$2.00; Hartley's Garage, repairs \$51.61.

expense \$3.00; Standard Oil Co. of Calif., official car expense \$33.09; First National Bank, withholding tax \$128.69; State Industrial Acc. Comm., peace officer's protection \$3.82; J. C. Freeman, P. M., clerk's office stamps \$10.00; Carroll Sayers, bounty, 1-male coyote \$3.00; David Moore, bounty 1-male coyote \$3.00; Ted Thompson, bounty 1-female coyote \$4.00; Russell Belshe, bounty 1-female coyote \$4.00; Western Union Telegraph Co., supt. office expense \$1.76; Willy W. Knighten, supt. office help, less tax \$78.00; Charles Logan, audit Co. books, \$80.00; E. M. Alvey, county coroner expense \$9.00; R. A. Twiss, official car expense \$3.30; Clarence Mersinger, salary driving fire truck, less tax \$100.00.

GENERAL ROAD FUND—ROAD EMPLOYEES PAY ROLL—L. L. Peetz \$95.10; E. McPherson \$86.30; C. Bargesholt \$88.80; L. L. Peetz \$112.00; E. McPherson \$112.00; C. Bargesholt \$112.00.

Account—State Industrial Accident Comm., insurance \$17.92; National Hospital Ass'n., wages \$5.00; First National Bank, withholding tax \$74.80; City of Moro, water Moro machine shed \$1.77; Pacific Power & Light Co., lights \$2.00; Walther-Williams Co., tires, ad tubes acct. \$90.97; Foss & Co., general supplies \$9.95; J. K. McKeen, repairs \$51.54, gas & oil \$39.05, total \$90.59; Geo. B. Moon, repairs \$36.46; Service Garage, repairs \$8.49; O'Meara Supply & Imp. Co., repairs \$1.17; Sunday morning on a furlough from the army. He left Monday for Portland to visit relatives there returning Wednesday to complete his visit here.

Deer Hunt For Oct. 1 Opening

The annual deer season in Oregon opens for a month on October 1, with a general bag limit of one deer having not less than forked horns.

For a certain section of Grant county, however, 3000 tags have been issued for the taking of deer. All hunters in this area, whether hunting for deer or not, will be required to check in and out of the area at stations established for this purpose by the Game Commission at the following places: John Day, Mt. Vernon, Prairie City, Unity, Umpier, Forks Guard Station, Dale Ranger Station and Long Creek. Checking stations will be open from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m. with the exception of Mt. Vernon, which will remain open all night. Hunters may start checking into this area on September 29 and the checking stations will remain in operation through November 1.

The special deer season in the federal Hart Mountain Refuge extends from October 7 to October 15, inclusive, and will be limited to the holders of the 200 buck and 300 doe deer tags authorized for this hunt.

S-SGT PEETZ HERE

S-Sgt. Carl Peetz arrived Sunday morning on a furlough from the army. He left Monday for Portland to visit relatives there returning Wednesday to complete his visit here.