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Twenty-one reclamation projects in Oregon and five in Washington which are recommended in the \$4,792,000,000 proposal of the reclamation commissioner are in the wishful thinking stage. Out of this immense sum Washington's share is specified at \$411,488,000 while Oregon's "take" is limited to \$97,353,200. The program for Washington is mainly taken up with the reclamation features of the Grand Coulee irrigation and power project, which is now being urged as providing an opportunity for returned veterans to start farming.

In one of the releases of the department of the interior, devoted to a discussion of reclamation, the statement is made that it will cost a settler about \$10,000 to get started, and this includes the cheapest kind of a shack in which to live while trying to raise a crop.

Most of the projects included in the Washington and Oregon programs have been studied and partly engineered and could be set in motion within a brief time after congress appropriates the money. There is much to be done before final action is taken on this reclamation program. It may be several years before congress finally arrives at the point where it is willing to make the money available and by that time the list of projects may have been substantially reduced. The reclamation bureau has included almost everything in the 15 western states where there is reasonable prospect of sufficient water.

As a long range program for the development of the west the proposals have much merit, but they will be opposed by farmers in the mid-west who have never looked with kindly eye upon irrigation districts, considering the irrigation farmer as a competitor which he is not.

One smart thing the report emphasizes is that a large part of the money for reclamation development is spent in the east for equipment, and this when translated into manpower and jobs makes a very respectable showing. For example, the Grand Coulee dam expenditures were almost entirely in eastern states and only a comparative trifle (aside from labor) remained in the Pacific northwest.

There has not so far developed any considerable support for the resolution introduced a few days ago by Representative Horan of Washington which would require heads of executive departments to appear before a house committee once a month for interrogation and report on current problems. Somewhat similar efforts have been made in the past to bring about closer association between congress and other government agencies but nothing along that line has been accomplished aside from a voluntary arrangement which was put into practice by Cordell Hull while he was secretary of state, and even this plan has been ignored under Secretary Stettinius. The advantages to be derived from such cooperation are admitted, but congress just doesn't seem able to agree upon how to bring it about.

Adopting the method followed by other government agencies to prolong their life after immediate need for their activities has passed, federal housing authority proposes to lay before congress an ambitious plan for the elimination of slums in every part of the United States, as an aid to veterans in purchasing houses and to ten-

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Paralysis Group Has Funds To Aid Sufferers

The annual meeting of the Sherman county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis resulted in the election of A. A. Dunlap as chairman and Mrs. Zella Kenny as secretary-treasurer. The executive committee is composed of the above officers and J. M. Wilson, George Pötter and David Reid. A financial statement was presented and approved. It shows a balance of \$170.03 from the 1943 fund. It showed that of the \$306 raised in 1944 all had been sent in to headquarters. It showed a total collection of \$480.80 for 1945. It was decided to send the national association its one half of the 1945 collection or \$240.40 less the over payment for 1944, (half of \$306.00) or a total of \$87.40. This leaves \$563.43 in the county fund which may be used to aid sufferers from infantile paralysis in this county.

Pete Dillinger Dies Of Heart Attack

Peter James Dillinger died suddenly Wednesday morning while on the way to the hospital at The Dalles. He was working for Walter Ruggles, east of Klondike and became ill at the breakfast table. Mr. Ruggles started to the hospital with him and death occurred as they entered Wasco. Heart failure was given as the cause.

Pete Dillinger was born near Scranton, Iowa, April 1, 1881 and lived 64 years and 17 days, a large part of which was spent in Sherman county where he farmed for a number of years.

Surviving are a son, Elmer Earl of Portland, two daughters, Mrs. Geneva Irene Alford of Portland and Edith May Andrews of Longview, Texas, five grandchildren, five sisters and one brother in Iowa.

Services will be held from Cal-laway in The Dalles Monday, April 23 at 2 p. m. followed by interment in the IOOF cemetery at that place.

RUFUS ENGINEERS SAID RESPONSIBLE FOR RHINE

A United Press story datelined Rufus told of the connection between the information discovered by the little group of army engineers stationed there and the crossing of the Rhine in March by the American army.

The story recounts that the size and make-up of the pontons used were developed through tests made at Rufus and that the Kaiser yards in Portland made them, building them smaller than heretofore. A new method of locking them together was also developed here.

Information about what was to be done at Rufus was carefully guarded when the detachment arrived. Any connection between the practice there and the then hoped for crossing of the Rhine was laughed away by the officers then in charge. New engineers were constantly coming to the camp, however, and crossings were tried in many ways before the camp was sent back to Texas. If history affirms the story that Camp Rufus played so important a part in the important Rhine crossing, it will be something for Sherman county to write into its history.

AAA COMMITTEE DECIDES

The hearing of the county AAA committee last Friday it was decided to pay 80 percent of established costs for extra work done on weed patches. These costs include \$1.50 for fall working in stubble, \$1.00 for duckfooting or blading and \$.60 for rod weeding in summerfall.

Payment will only be made for extra work done, not for the regular tillage operations. Weeds must be cultivated 8 to 12 days after emergence during the entire tillage period and if permitted to bloom no payment will be made.

Grain Storage Problem Grows With Car Shortage

War Conditions Causing Railroad Car Use

There is need for 100 cars a week from now until the first of July if the wheat now stored in Sherman county elevators is to be moved out in time for the arrival of the 1945 crop, according to LeRoy Wright, who expects to make an effort to obtain more shipping facilities by next week.

It is estimated that it will require 1000 cars to move the 2,000,000 bushels of wheat now occupying storage space in the county. When the produce of our 118,640 acres of wheat comes to the houses there will be no place to put it if the cars are not made available.

The condition that prevails in this county is general all over the nation. In the mid-west a similar plea is going up about the difficulty of shipping stored grain. In the northwest there is already a surplus of wheat.

Possibly because of the speed-up in shipment of war material to

Persons With Property Late In Reporting

Personal property assessments are due in the assessor's office by the second of March and not all of the personal property owners in Sherman county have sent in their return giving this information. The law makes this the responsibility of the property owner, not the assessor, and if not sent in the penalty is on the taxpayer. Penalty is \$10 per day.

the far Pacific and to Russia, the demand for cars for the government has increased greatly. It is reported that the army command-ers cars whenever any are available to ship food, guns or shells to ports of embarkation and it seems quite probable that storage will be at a premium next harvest.

Local grain co-operatives were anxious to keep the grain in storage as long as possible in order to obtain the greatest amount of return from storage space. Although farmers released their grain before the April 30 deadline little shipping has been done because of lack of cars. After that date all wheat can be shipped— if space is available. That seems doubtful at present.

Court Transacts April Business Quickly; Pays March Bills

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON, GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR MARCH 1945, AND APPROVED APRIL 1945, TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT.

General fund: First National Bank, Old Age Assistance \$136.80; Aid to Dependent Children \$30.40, Total \$167.20; Clarence Mersinger, Janitor's Salary \$101.00; James W. Jones, expense of Gov't Trapper \$50.00; Pacific Power Light Co., merchandise \$0.20, lights for February, \$65.23, lights for March \$31.65, total \$96.98; City of Moro, water for courthouse \$1.85; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., tele-phones all offices \$31.00; Foss & Co., official car expense \$5.85; E. M. Alley, Coroner's expense \$7.00; Sherman County Journal, County Printing \$5.55; Department of Agriculture, Sealer, Weights and Measures \$3.76; West Coast Printing & Binding Co., Assessor's office expense \$4.75; Wm. A. Pausch, bounty 4-female coyotes @ \$4.00, 2-male coyotes @ \$3.00, total \$22.00; J. C. Freeman, P.M., box rent due for quarter ending 6-30-45 \$3.15; First National Bank withholding tax county employees \$106.95; State Industrial Accident Commission, Peace Officer's protection \$4.62; David Reid, County Commissioner \$9.00; Vernon I. Miller, County Commissioner \$9.00; T. Lester Johnson, District Attorney Expenses \$7.50; West Publishing Co., 1945 Pocket Parts for Oregon Digest including pamphlet service, \$10.00; Mid-Columbia type writer company Treasurer's office expense \$2.00; Standard Oil Co. of Calif., official car expense \$16.82; National Education Ass'n., Superintendent's office expense \$5.00; Junior Historical Journal, Superintendent's office expense, \$2.50; Character & Citizenship, Superintendent's office expense \$2.50; Master Products Co., Superintendent's office expense \$4.24; Wily W. Knighten, Superintendent's office help, less tax \$24.60. General Road Fund:

Road Employees Pay Roll—L. L. Peetz, \$102.30; C. Bargenholt, \$93.80; Earl Rehr, \$86.50; E. McPherson, \$70.30; V. C. Genteman, \$60.20; L. L. Peetz, \$110.50; C. Bargenholt, \$106.70; Earl Rehr, \$104.20; E. McPherson, \$100.20; V. C. Genteman \$88.60.

ACCOUNT: State Industrial Accident—Commission, miscellaneous, \$28.13; National Hospital Association, wages account \$5.00; Union Pacific Railroad Co., freight \$0.72; First National Bank, withholding tax \$147.70; O'Meara Supply & Imp. Co., repairs \$129.98; Howard Cooper Corp., repairs \$186.45; Interstate Tractor & Equip. Co., repairs \$8.18; Foss & Co., repairs \$9.45; The Dalles Iron Works, repairs \$6.96; Walter Williams Co., miscellaneous, \$4.50; Andrews Equipment Service, miscellaneous, \$6.60; Bains Electrical Co., miscellaneous, \$8.73; Pacific Power & Light Co., miscellaneous \$9.54; J. C. Freeman, P. M., miscellaneous \$5.00; City of Moro, miscellaneous \$1.75; J. K. McKean, tires & Tubes account \$101.16, Gas & Oil Account \$31.10, repairs account \$7.30, miscellaneous account \$11.25, total \$150.81; Union Oil Co., gas & Oil \$40.06; Ernest Woods, miscellaneous account \$139.00; Standard Oil Co., Gas & Oil \$156.97.

CONDENSED REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF COUNTY COURT DURING MEETING HELD APR. 4, 1945. In re: Claims presented against County General and Road Funds: Claims allowed as presented. Monthly statement of County Treasurer, showing Fund Balances, as of April 1st, presented approved and filed.

Bid of Betty M. Wilson for purchase of Tax Foreclosed property in Wasco, accepted and property declared sold.

Bid of Carl and Astrid Tuggle, for purchase of Tax Foreclosed property in Wasco, accepted and property declared sold. Clarence R. Morrison appeared before Court on behalf of Torque Club of Wasco and discussed matters with Court pertaining to use of county road machinery for purpose of construction of or improvement of aerial land strip at Wasco. No definite action taken. Matter held over for future and further consideration. Appearance made before Court by G. A. Sargent and Paul F. Alley asking for consideration by court relative to graveling a portion of and general improving of road in vicinity of Sargent and Alley farms: Possible gravel, pit site to be investigated in vicinity of head of Fulton Canyon and request to be granted if possible at a permissible expense. Court authorizes construction of a board to be located on Court-house premises upon which is to be listed the names of all persons who entered the armed services from, or who had formerly resided in Sherman County, and which board shall be designated and known as the Sherman County Honor Roll. Court authorizes and directs Clerk to issue warrants in payment for such construction to the extent of \$500.00 or any such portion thereof as may be necessary to defray such expense. No further matters being at issue Court adjourned subject to call of County Judge.

War Bond Drive Starts In Some Districts

Sherman County Quota Up Under New Schedule; Campaign Due May 14

First of the series of reports from the Treasury department about the progress of the Seventh War Bond drive have been received. It is for the period April 9 to 15. In this campaign there is to be a preliminary campaign, especially for payroll savings that began April 9. For that period Sherman county had made sales of \$788 or .3 percent of quota.

The seventh of the nations campaign for war funds is to be on a different basis than heretofore. Treasury officials have heeded the arguments of some of the men in the field and are cutting down the quota of bonds for banks and raising that for individuals, especially those buying E bonds. The Sherman county E bond quota this time is \$190,000, compared to one of little over \$100,000 before. It is not, however, larger than E bond sales made several times before.

Individual quota for sales other than E is \$24,000 and for corporations the quota is \$19,000. The overall quota is more in line with the previous record of the county than any before, although the E bond quota is well above \$100 per capita.

Plans for completing the campaign in this county will remain as before in the main although some changes may be found necessary because of the changed national policy. It will be necessary to do a more careful job of selling E bond customers and there will be less urge to sell to others.

An effort will be made to hold a general meeting before May 14, when the campaign really begins in this county in order to fill in whatever gaps there may be in the county organization which has functioned so well in former drives.

There will be but two loan campaigns in 1945 although war time expenses are reaching higher figures per month than ever before.

Heavy Duty Scales Coming Soon

The state's heavy duty scales testing equipment will be in Sherman county for several days starting April 20, when all scales over 3,000 pounds capacity will be inspected by the state department of agriculture's deputy state sealer of weights and measures. Notice of desire to have scales tested may be given county agent.

This annual inspection of such scales as those over which livestock and grain is weighed is required by law for protection of both seller and buyer of agricultural commodities. On the whole Oregon scales tested so far this year have been in good working order but now and then such is not the case.

Webb recites an incident in another section of the state when he arrived to test a scale while some young steers were being weighed over it in a marketing transaction. The arrival was timely for the seller of the steers for it was found the scales were about 50 pounds light on a 1000-pound load. Because some of the bearings on the scale were worn, the seller would have lost—through no design on part of the buyer—about \$9 per steer if the scales had not been inspected and tested just at that time.

Many owners of heavy duty scales apparently are not aware that the law requires that scales over which livestock are weighed on the hoof must be located so that an approach can be made by truck to at least one end of the weigh-bridge and platform on a plane even with the surface of the road or street of at least a 40-foot distance.

Pioneers To Meet May 5 In The Dalles

Pioneers of old Wasco county will meet in The Dalles May 5, to revive old times and bring activity again to the association that lapsed during 1944. Roy Powell, president for the past two years, says the program for this year is to be prepared largely by Sherman county residents and he urges eligible pioneers of this county to attend.

At a meeting held last week the by-laws were changed so that everyone who has lived fifty years in the confines of old Wasco county may become a member of the association. Before that one had to have been here since 1887.

It is not to be a day of speech-making, but of pleasant visiting among old friends and old timers. There will be the usual baked salmon dinner at noon to which all are requested to bring a dish. Bread, milk, coffee and sugar are furnished.

On the program are to be Tom Fraser, P. Waldo Davis and Mrs. C. L. Poley all well known to Sherman countians.

Blood Donors For April 30 Wanted

Another call for blood donors has been put out by Wily Knighten, who acts as coordinator for the county in this regard. This county is expected to furnish 20 donors April 30 at 9 a. m. in The Dalles. No district quotas will be assigned. Those desiring to aid the blood plasma campaign may notify any of the following: Mrs. George Wilson at Kent, Mrs. Ed. Alley at Grass Valley, Mrs. Paul Wilson at Moro, Mrs. Afton McIntyre at Wasco and Mrs. Adeline McDonald of Rufus and arrangements will be made for them to make the trip.

Draft Deferment Possible

New and fuller information about the procedure farmers and farm workers are to follow in order to aid in carrying out the Tydings amendment has been sent to local draft boards by Col. Elmer V. Wooten state director.

In order to qualify for an agricultural deferment it must be established that the agricultural operation is essential to the war effort, that the registrant must be necessary to that operation, that the registrant must be regularly employed in the agricultural operation and that no satisfactory replacement can be obtained for him.

Evidence must be presented on form SS 37 accompanied by a recommendation by the county war board. A written statement from the county farm labor office that a replacement has been requested and none is available must also be given.

The employer must keep the local draft board informed of any change in registrant's employment. When, and if, all the above is satisfactorily done for registrant and his employer may be reasonably sure of deferment.

YOUNG IN MEDITERRANEAN WITH FLYING GROUP

When the 321st B-25 Mitchell Bomb Group of the 12th Air Force recently announced the completion of two full years of combat operations, one of the men assigned to the group who helped observe the anniversary was Corporal Harry W. Young, who is serving as an airplane mechanic. His parents, Mr and Mrs Grover C. Young, live at Rt. 1, Grass Valley, Oregon.

This group has flown combat duty in the Tunisian, Sicilian, Italian and Southern France campaigns and holds five campaign stars, as well as a War Department citation for distinguished service in battle.

Wage Hearing Decision Coming Next Week

Five Counties Make Stand On Farm Wages Before State Committee

The hearing on wages and farm practices held at Arlington Tuesday under the direction of the State Wage board represented by Vern Livesay of Redmond, John Ramage of Salem, John Shepard of Scio and Wm. Enschede of Forest Grove caused testimony to be given by several farmers regarding their wage rates during the past three years.

Larger part of the testimony was given by Gilliam county men who were closer to the hearing. They asked that ceilings of \$10 for header tenders and truck drivers be established and that cat drivers be paid \$12, combine men \$15, spring workers \$8. It was asked that 12 hours of actual work be considered a day and that the published rate be \$2 or \$3 below the ceiling.

Attending from Sherman county were Paulen Kaseberg, who made a statement saying that it was unfortunate that all farmers had been placed in the position of being evaders of the law before they had known of the law, J. M. Wilson, George Wilcox and LeRoy Wright.

From Sherman county 119 farmers had signed the petition for a hearing. This is less than the required 51 percent of the farmers of the county and it is not known whether the request for hearings must come from counties or from areas producing similar crops.

It was stated by Vern Livesay, who acted as chairman, that there would be no prosecutions for 1944 violations and no further investigation of them.

The ceiling for farm work as established by the federal government's wage board is \$2400 per year. From this must be taken board and room or other perquisites such as house rent, meat, milk or garden produce, which makes the exact rate indefinite.

Dave McKelvey Buried Wednesday

Dave McKelvey died in the county hospital near The Dalles Tuesday morning after an illness of several weeks. He was 91 years old, having been born in Pennsylvania August 24, 1853.

Dave McKelvey was an early citizen of Sherman county having been here in the days when homesteaders turned teamsters and brought the wool from the interior to The Dalles. Many tales are told of his prowess in the rough and tumble activities of those days. He was a small man, with attentive black eyes that snapped with life and he wore a black curly beard for the greater part of his life until the passage of well post-pone old age turned it white.

On his homestead above Jack-nife canyon he raised horses and entertained his friends until he moved to Kent for care, but that was at an age when men less tough and hardy, had long since given up the rough ways of life.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at The Dalles. Surviving are his widow, from whom he was long separated, still living at Fossil at the age of 82 and one son, Floyd, of Redmond, are the only ones listed.

NEW PHONES IN

The farmers of the Liberty community have completed their telephone line into Grass Valley and the power was turned on Sunday morning. This community has been without service for eighteen months. Those on the new line are: Claus Bardenhagen-465, Wm. Boucher-467, Joe Bibby-462, Shelton Fritts-466, Wm. Jefferies-464, John Reckmann-463, Carl Schadewitz-469, Theo. vonBorstel-461, Frank von Borstel-460, Grover Young-468.