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Under an order issued a few days ago by Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes, the Bonneville administration is designed as the marketing agency for all the hydroelectric plants built or to be built by the government in the Pacific northwest. These include the flood control projects in the Willamette valley, all the proposed installations on Columbia and Snake rivers, and the Hungry Horse project on the Flathead river in Montana. Also, Bonneville administration is directed to integrate all these projects and build physical connections with such municipal electric plants as now exist or which may be established in the future.

When these authorized projects have been completed there will be set up a system closely rivaling the TVA in territory and volume of electric energy generated by government owned and operated plants, dwarfing all the privately owned companies in the Pacific northwest, dominating the field hitherto served by them, and, directly or indirectly, controlling their rate structure. The policy of Bonneville administration and the rates set up by it will be determined in Washington D. C., wholly independent of state control and free from taxation by the states in which it operates.

The evident purpose to create a vast government owned electric power empire in the Pacific northwest is causing some uneasiness in the minds of congressional delegations from the states affected, but the pressure to obtain congressional authorization for more dams, more flood control, more irrigated land, and more electric energy is so great as to negative any objections which might be made to further expansion of government control of stream development. In cloakroom discussion, however, the belief is expressed that the ultimate purpose of the interior department under policies promoted by Secretary Ickes is to eliminate private enterprise in the hydroelectric field, or at least bring it wholly within control by the federal government.

Success of this policy would, of course, make unnecessary the creation of a Columbia valley authority, several bills for which have been introduced but to the passage of which much opposition has arisen. If the same end can be obtained by orders of the interior department, it would be idle for Secretary Ickes to waste time and energy in attempting to induce congress to accept legislation to create a Columbia valley authority.

On January 1, 1944, there were 45,511 doctors in the army; on September 1 there were 46,017. January 1, last, there were 15,103 dentists and on September 1 there were 14,583. Senator Reed of Kansas regards this situation as scandalous, in view of the shortage of doctors in civilian life and he wants something done about it. Specifically, the Kansas senator wants to know why there was an increase of 500 in the number of doctors in uniform during the first half of the year and a decrease by approximately the same number in army dentists. From an army source, however, it is learned that more doctors were required for physical examinations prior to discharge of service men, and that the release of 13,000 physicians and 26,000 nurses will be effected prior to July 1, 1946. This latter statement does not satisfy congress, however, and action is demanded on several resolutions now pending in the senate.

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Report on Use of Wheat for Starch and Dextrose Offers Ideas

A report of the Washington State Planning Council about starch, syrup and dextrose sugar from wheat and potatoes gives an opinion about the manufacture of those products that is pertinent to farmers of Sherman county who are now faced with a decision regarding the formation of a company in The Dalles for a similar purpose.

The report is dated June 1944. There is a company now operating in Washington that makes several products out of surplus wheat. Of war-time manufacture of these products the council's report is inconclusive saying, "It is apparent that under wartime conditions, the prospects for or against the success of a new industry cannot even be roughly appraised."

Under the heading of post-war prospects for wet-milling of wheat the report says, "The alternative use of low-grade wheat as a feed in order to increase Washington livestock production would probably net the farmer an income as large or larger than would the industrial utilization of this wheat." A note shows the 1930-39 Seattle value of syrup as \$3.56 and shows a price differential of \$2.22 in favor of hog feeding.

The report shows that there is as much dextrose in a pound of wheat as in a pound of corn and tells of the development of corn refining and manufacture. Con-

panies in this business in mid-west are well financed and able to utilize any new methods discovered. Only two companies are making wheat starch and these produce a small quantity. It is, however, higher in price than cornstarch.

There are many uses for starch other than for food, adhesives in manufacture being a most important one of them.

The conclusions of the council's report are not so positive as have been those of the chemists who have talked before the Eastern Oregon Wheat League in recent years. These have said that wheat was valuable as human food and stock feed and was neither adaptable to manufacturing, nor could be relied on for that purpose as in times of shortage it would be demanded for human food and manufacture would be halted.

Main argument for the construction of a plant is that this is normally a surplus area for wheat production and that diversion of some wheat to starch, dextrose and syrup manufacture would make a market for more grain. That has been true in recent years when surpluses have been large and is expected to continue.

In the meantime plans for the factory are going ahead as the project has been given an o.k. by the state corporation commissioner and stock is understood to be for sale by those interested.

Kent Neighbors Honor Return Navy Man

Merrill Sather of the U. S. Navy was honor guest at a party given last Thursday night by Mr and Mrs Kefneth Sather. Other persons present for the occasion were: Mr and Mrs J. J. Decker, Mr and Mrs Allan Bekkadahl, Mr and Mrs Pete Smith, Mr and Mrs Blaine Miller, Mr and Mrs Louis Sather, Miss Betty Olds and Marion Crews.

Mr and Mrs Farrar of The Dalles spent Tuesday evening visiting their son in law and daughter, Mr and Mrs Kenneth Sather and family.

Miss Lillian Schaefer, Mrs Ina Milne, and Mrs Ken Hicks of The Dalles were Sunday visitors at the Davis ranch.

Many people were present at the Davis ranch Sunday when they dipped cattle.

Republican Women Elect Officers

The newly formed Sherman County Republican Women's club held its meeting for the election of officers at the woman's club rooms in Moro Thursday afternoon. Officers were recently elected and the constitution adopted temporarily. According to the state regulations election of permanent officers is to be done early in November and this meeting was for that purpose.

Mrs Frank vonBorstel is president, Mrs Howard Conlee, vice-president and Mrs T. M. Rolfe, secretary.

Grain Growers Visit Chemurgy Plant Saturday

A group of men from Sherman county who are officers of the grain growers units were in Wenatchee, Washington last week to inspect the chemurgy plant that makes dextrose and starch and other wheat products. Purpose of the trip was to inspect the plant and obtain information that might be useful in determining the investment of grain grower funds in a similar plant in The Dalles.

Among those making the trip were Carroll Sayrs, Harvey Thompson, George Wilcox, V. B. Eakin, A. A. Dunlap, Roy Baker, Tracy Fields, Ormond Hilderbrand, from this county who joined with others from Umatilla and Morrow counties to compose the party.

Hog Slaughter Down At Lowest Point

Current hog slaughter under federal inspection is near the lowest of record. Preliminary estimates indicated some increase in the number of hogs in the country next January 1.

The goal for the 1946 spring pig-crop is about equal the spring crop of 1945, however. Effective October 1, 1946, to September 30, 1947, the support price Chicago basis is to average \$12. That is compared with \$13 at present and until next September 30.

Although the average support for the year ending September 30, 1947, is to be \$12, there will be seasonal adjustments according to normal seasonal change in hog prices. For example, the support price in December, 1946, is to be \$10.75 at Chicago and \$13.25 in September, 1947. There will also be regional differentials above and below the Chicago basis. These seasonal and regional adjustments are intended to encourage more normal hog production.

The support price is intended to reflect 90 percent of the expected parity price. As of September 15 the parity price for hogs was \$14.10 or 112 percent of parity.

Consumer demand and purchasing power is so strong that terminal market prices have held firmly at the ceilings. The average farm price of hogs in Oregon at mid September was \$14.90. That compares with \$8.60 as the 1935-1939 average.

Moro Wins Last Condon Game By Close Score

Lack of Point After Score Saves Moro From Defeat In Exciting Game

Moro's high school eleven won a thriller over the Condon lads at Condon last Friday afternoon by a score of 19 to 18.

Moro scored first and seemed to have the game well in hand in the first half which ended 13 to 6 for them. In the second half they made another touchdown to make 19 points. On the kickoff after that touchdown, with the score 19 to 6, Condon ran back across the field for its second touchdown.

In the last quarter, with the Moro boys trying to hold their lead, they threw a pass into the flat zone when in mid-field and a watchful Condon back intercepted it and ran for Condon's third touchdown to make the score as it was at the finish.

Only the inability of Condon to make points after touchdown kept the Moro boys from defeat.

A game against the Pappooses from The Dalles was played here Thursday afternoon, it being the first of two games scheduled with the second stringers from the river city.

Fatalities Mount As Traffic Rises

With motor vehicle use sloping sharply upward during the month of September, traffic fatalities increased almost in exact proportion to the increase in traffic volumes for the month, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell said today.

There were 30 fatalities in Oregon traffic last month, an increase of 77 percent over the fatality toll of 17 for September of 1944. Traffic volumes increased 76 percent in September of this year.

Unemployment Comp. Applications Up Legion Auxiliary Appoints Chairmen

Returning servicemen and women and a cancellation of war contracts have caused a sharp increase in the claims filed with the State Unemployment Compensation Commission. In order to staff adequately the various offices of the Commission, the Merit System Council in the Mead Building in Portland has announced examinations for qualified applicants for both the claims and auditing series of positions. The Commission maintains offices in strategic locations throughout the state and would welcome applications from those who would work in local offices. Veterans in particular are being sought for these positions, as under the Servicemen's Readjustment Allowance Law, usually referred to as the G. I. Bill of Rights, Veterans who desire to file a claim for readjustment allowance must file at an office of the State Unemployment compensation Commission.

The regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary of Chris Schultz Unit No. 71. Department of Oregon was held at the home of Mrs Claude Thompson in Moro, Wednesday, October 31.

Roxie Thompson, Florence Johnston and Abbie Melzer gave interesting reports on the District meeting at The Dalles, which they attended this month.

The public initiation to be given on November 14 by the American Legion for their members was mentioned and all auxiliary members urged to attend.

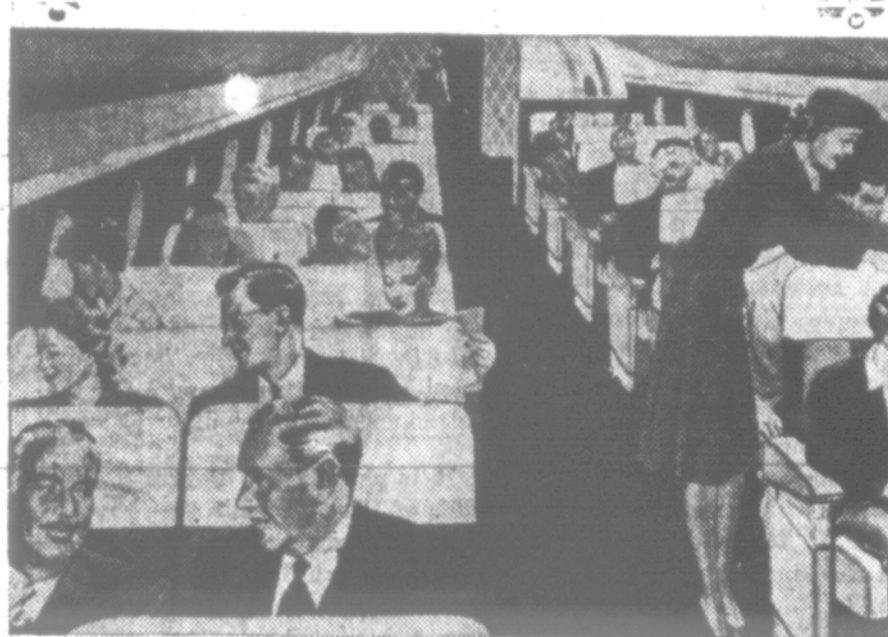
The president announced committee chairmen for the years work as follows: Americanism—Roxie Thompson; Child Welfare—Lilah Bull; Community Service—Delia Douno; Music—Vivian Trousne; Constitution & By-laws—J. Martin; Girl State, Junior Act—F. Martin; Legislation—Maude Lawrence; Membership—Florence Johnston; National Defense—Christina Platt; National News—Buelah Moberg; Pan-America—Daisy Byers; Poppies—Elizabeth Thompson; Publicity—Buelah Moberg; Radio—Coila Belshie.

Mrs. W. S. Powell Buried Sunday

Funeral services for Mrs W. S. Powell were held Sunday afternoon at two o'clock from the Moro Community church with Zell's in charge and Rev. James Moberg giving the sermon.

Mrs Powell was born Frankie Landry near Pullman, Washington and came to this county with her parents when a small girl. She has lived here all her life since her arrival having been married to Mr Powell January 1, 1896. Surviving are her widower, William Powell, two daughters, Mrs Opal Parkins and Mrs Volma McKean and one grandnephew, Nancy McKean, a brother, Jess of Moro and a sister, Mrs Clara Barnum of Portland.

Airliner Soon to Circle Globe



Above is an artist's drawing of the Constellation's interior, showing the seating accommodations for the passengers. This will be typical of the accommodations that will be found on most airliners in this country, as well as those covering around-the-world routes. They will also be provided with kitchens and service rooms for comfort of travelers.

Bond Sale Starts The Dogs Bring Well Although Much Fair Money

Whatever has happened to other sections of the moral code, there has been no let up on betting on the dogs during the war. County Treasurer, Naomi Van Gilder, took time out to figure the county's receipts from the dog races for recent years and discovered that the county fair has gotten ten times as much from racing this year as in the thirties.

The record shows: 1933-\$628.47; 1934-\$576.39; 1935-\$494.44; 1936-\$702.78; 1937-\$737.25; 1938-\$658.61; 1939-\$738.27; 1940-\$783.89; 1941-\$897.22; 1942-\$1197.22, now look at it, 1943-\$3127.68; 1944-\$6041.66; 1945-\$7325.00.

There is now nearly \$18,000 in the fair fund on account of the war workers who have gone to the dogs. That is going to make it easy for the county fair board to put on a fair next year.

Veteran Information Available Here

There are several matters about which every returning veteran should be informed, in the opinion of members of the county committee which has taken up the duty of handling rehabilitation of Sherman county's service men.

Any veteran who is in any doubt as to his status regarding insurance should see his selective service board or some member of the committee. At present active committeemen are Willy Knighten, LeRoy Wright; A. A. Dunlap, David Reid, J. E. Norton, A. VonBorstel, Giles French. Others will be added as they indicate interest.

There are many educational opportunities for veterans. Jobs are available.

Unemployment compensation is possible, both for those who work for others and those who work for themselves.

Federal taxes. Awards for special service. Legal service for problems. Loans. Surplus property. At the November 13th meeting George Moscrip, head of the surplus property division of the RFC, will be present. Veterans who are interested should arrange to attend the meeting.

OTEGON VOTER GIVES BOND INFORMATION

The Oregon Voter, a magazine of economic, financial, taxation and public affairs, in Portland reviewed the history of bond sales in its latest edition. The story notes Sherman county's E bond record and questions whether any county in the nation can equal it.

Official treasury figures, quoted, give the county's E bond sales for the period ending September 30, 1945 as \$833.50 per capita. Next county is Multnomah with \$571.34 and the state average is \$434.95.

In sales of all issues Sherman county is second to Multnomah which has \$1945.38. Sherman has \$1124.70. Oddly the state average is \$1215.67, higher than any but the highest county.

Rain Comes To Delight Farmers; More Wanted

Seeding Going On Now That Ground Is Wet; Many Beat Gun, Seed in Dust

It began to rain Sunday afternoon.

Previously some rain had fallen in September, 71 to be exact, but it had all been absorbed by warm winds and dry soil. It had rained a mere .08 a week before as sort of a faint promise.

When it started Sunday it rained in earnest .18 falling that day and .41 coming the next day. While .67 of rainfall at this time of year is nothing for a farmer to brag about it does make his chances for a crop much better than a week before when the grain was being put into dry ground.

It is likely that half the county has been seeded in the dust arid, unless something unfortunate happens it should sprout and come up yet this fall.

Those who have been waiting for the moisture can now go ahead with farm work, assured that their wheat will come up, for there is not much chance of ground getting dry from now on until spring.

Sheriff's Collections Of Taxes Good

The Sheriff's office has been taking in the dough pretty fast, reports C. C. Wilson. On hand last Saturday was \$46,953.20 out of the \$175,068.21 that must be collected if the county, schools and cities are to have the amounts budgeted last May and June. The sheriff says that he is taking in about \$10,000 per day. Final date for collections with 3 percent rebate is November 15.

C. V. Belknap has sold his barber shop to Ernest Eslinger who will dispose of it later to some one who will remain in the present location. Mr Belknap does not expect to leave Moro immediately as he finds that housing conditions are easier here than any place he wishes to go.

Jim Welch returned Saturday from a trip to Topeka, Kansas to see his father who was very ill. The elder Mr. Welch is now recovering.

Portland Headquarters For AAA Office

Portland will be headquarters by March 1, 1946, for the state office of the field services branch, Production and Marketing administration, the new agency created by the recent reorganization to streamline U. S. department of agriculture services to farmers in the production and marketing fields.

The announcement was made by R. B. Taylor, Adams, state director of PMA's field services branch, following a meeting of the state AAA committee at which the decision was made to locate the state headquarters in Portland.

Affected by the move are the AAA offices, now located on the OSC campus in Corvallis, and the Portland office of the former US DA office will be established before March 1, but the exact time will depend on the availability of office space in Portland.

Taylor said that state and county agricultural conservation (AAA) committees will continue to operate under that name, handling the agricultural conservation, crop insurance, commodity loan and production payment programs. Other duties in the fields of production and marketing probably will be given to the farmer committees, he reported.

C. R. Tulley, formerly head of the Portland Office of Supply, is assistant state director of PMA's field services branch.