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Geodetic Survey Party Locating Bearing Points

Information About County
Sought By Interior and
Army Departments

A party of 35 men with Lt. Commander E. B. Brown in charge moved into Grass Valley Sunday to establish an additional 41 points for the coast and geodetic survey and bring nearer completion the job of surveying the north central area of Oregon of which Sherman county is a part.

First work of the geodetic survey was done here in 1916 when points were established at a point near Maryhill and another called Stacker about 11 miles west of the mouth of the Deschutes river and in Washington. Another point was established east of Grass Valley near the John Day, which was given the shortened name of John.

In 1932 a point was established east of Antelope and in 1939 others at Kaser in Wasco county, at a point called Spencer near the Howard Spencer ranch in northern Sherman county and another at Kuypers, near the air plane beacon. Earlier this year a crew working out of Condon established eight points in eastern Sherman county.

Using these as known observation points this crew is marking the 41 points.

Original points are established from observation of the stars and are correct to exact latitude and longitude, at least, as correct as present day science can make them.

From this information, definitely known and recorded, mapping of the area can be corrected for the army, the department of interior or of commerce, the department under which this crew works. Desire of these government branches to obtain more exact information about this area has prompted the survey now in progress.

A practical use may be made of the survey for local residents in case of disputes over boundaries. From any three established points the exact location of any section corner can be determined.

There is a day crew and a night crew. All observation and checking is done at night as points are built high enough to be seen from several others and lights are flashed to make this certain. Points are built on concrete and made sufficiently solid to permit of no variation in observations. It is expected that six to seven weeks will be required to establish all the points which range in location from north-eastern Wasco county to south of Tygh Valley.

A geodetic survey takes into consideration the curvature of the earth's surface. For large areas the geodetic survey is much more accurate.

This crew started at Bend and has worked north, having finished in Jefferson county last week. It will move to Portland to make a survey and map of that city as soon as it ends this duty.

Crew members, many of whom are accompanied by their families, are housed in modern trailers and are occupying the Grass Valley park. Robert Eneahl is assistant to Commander Brown in doing the surveying.

Wheat Movement On Last Lap

Shipment of more than 300,000 bushels of wheat from the elevators and warehouses of the Moro Grain Growers is going on rapidly now as the demand for wheat sends trains into the farming country to gather the food for hungry Europeans. The end of the government loan period, and the 30 cent boost in price has moved the ownership of most of the wheat that was not turned to the government in February when request was first made.

Within this month it is expected that over 150 cars will be shipped from the four local stations and that warehouses will be empty for the first time since 1941.



"ALABAMA" PRESENTED TO TRUMAN... Future Farmers of America, and 4-H clubs, presented President with an aluminum Angus bull calf as proof that Alabama can raise cattle as well as cotton. Left to right, Dorothy Fuller, Birmingham, Ala.; Max McLaughlin, Blue Springs, Ala., state president of Future Farmers of America; Luther Fuller, Birmingham, and Billie Smith, Fosters, Ala., president of 4-H clubs of Alabama.

Veteran Questionnaire Gives Information on What May Be Done

These questions are among the most asked of the Veterans bureau

Q Do I have to pay income tax on my pension?

A No. Amounts paid as benefits from the Veterans administration are not taxable.

Q If I use my loan guarantee here, can I sell my house and go to some other part of the country and get another guarantee?

A Not unless you have used only part of the maximum guarantee. You are entitled to \$4000 guarantee for a real estate loan and after this guarantee is used, you are not eligible for any more under the GI bill.

Wheat Trading Ends For Period

There has been practically no trading in cash wheat in the established grain markets for domestic usage during the week ending April 25, according to reports to the Production and Marketing Administration, USDA.

The prices of cash wheat for domestic usage are unchanged and remain at ceilings in most markets, but the bonus of 30 cents per bushel paid by the Commodity Credit Corporation for wheat to be exported under the Emergency Wheat Purchase Program precludes any trading in wheat at market or ceiling prices at the present time. The official United States Department of Agriculture crop report as of April 1, just released, shows that the total wheat stocks in all positions in the states of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho to be only 30,919 million bushels, which is 46 percent less than for the same time last year. The stocks in interior mills, elevators and warehouses to be 10,789 million bushels which is 66 percent less than for the same time the previous year.

The price structure on wheat at Portland has been somewhat disrupted in the local markets since the 30 cents per bushel premium was announced by the Secretary of Agriculture on April 19 for wheat to be delivered to the Commodity Credit Corporation before May 25, 1946 under the Emergency Wheat Purchase Program. When the flour mills in this area have exhausted their present stocks of wheat which in most cases will be only a few days, they will be entirely dependent upon the Commodity Credit Corporation for their supplies of wheat if they are to continue to manufacture flour. Shipments of wheat to the Pacific Northwest terminals hit a new low for the second week with only 221 cars received at Columbia River and 184 at Puget Sound terminals.

Q How do I go about converting my insurance?

A If you have decided on the permanent plan best suited to your needs, fill out insurance form 356, and mail to the Veterans Administration, Insurance Division, Washington 25, D. C. How ever term insurance issued prior to this year may be continued without conversion for 8 years from date of issue and it is advisable to wait until you are sure of your future economic status before converting to higher premium payments.

Q Will National Service Life Insurance ever pay a dividend?

A National Service Life Insurance policies may participate in and receive such dividends as may be determined. Any dividend so apportioned may be taken in cash and if not so taken shall be left on deposit to accumulate at such rate of interest as the administrator may determine, payable if not previously withdrawn at the maturity of the policy.

Q Can I take a correspondence course under the GI bill?

A Yes. Contracts have been made by the VA with 38 institutions making available courses in virtually every field of study, academic subjects to trades and professions. No subsistence allowance is payable to veterans taking correspondence courses.

Mrs Tom Fraser Chosen Mother

Mrs Tom Fraser has been chosen as the representative of Moro in the annual nomination of candidates for Oregon mother. Delegates from the Sherman County Republican club, the Moro Community church, the Moro Woman's club, the American Legion Auxiliary, the school, the Eastern Star, the Rebekahs and the Missionary society agreed that Mrs Fraser most nearly met the qualifications which are:

1. Be a successful mother as evidenced by the character and achievement of her children.
2. Embody those traits most highly regarded in mother: courage, moral strength, patience, affection, kindness, understanding and home making ability.
3. Have a sense of social and world relationship and have been active for the betterment of her community.
4. Be equipped by nature to meet people easily and make friends.

Mrs Fraser has four children, all of whom graduated from college, and all the three boys were officers in the army during the war.

Wasco Loses First Game 5-4 In Eleven Innings

Fossil Pitcher Wins Own
Game With Three Bagger
In Overtime Contest

The first baseball game of the season in the Wheat-Timber league resulted in a defeat for the Wasco entry although it took Fossil 11 innings to do it.

Fossil scored early in the game and held the score at 1-0 until the fifth when Wasco put Dormal, Macnab, and Sylvester over the plate to go into the lead, Mellenthin, Wasco left-hander, kept up his steady pitching through the sixth as did young Milo Prindle of Fossil and both teams ended the inning in 3 up and 3 down fashion. In the seventh Fossil evened the score on some hitting aided by three errors on Wasco. Both scored in the eighth, Fossil on a hit and error and Wasco on a hit by Jim O'Meara.

Mellenthin gave way to Partlow, a right hander from Portland and George Prindle came in from right field to relieve his brother on the mound for Fossil. The cloudy skies brought a chill wind and the game went into a decline as far as hitting was concerned.

Then in the eleventh George Prindle, first up, drove a long hard one into left and moved to third before O'Meara could recover the ball. He scored on a past ball but the hitting went on. Wasco was lucky and threw out two men at third and the pitcher got the last one. That ended the scoring as third base was the farthest the local boys could get.

Lineup:
Wasco
Watkins, 1
Sylvester, 2
White, 2
Macnab, 3
Dormal, 3
Richelderfer, r
J. O'Meara, m
S. O'Meara, l
Williams, c
Mellenthin, p
Partlow, p
Umpires: Nisbet, Rothrey.

Cancer Drive Progresses As Solicitors Work

The cancer drive in Sherman county started this week when workers in each of the towns of the county began collecting. The county quota is only \$163, which should be easily reached for many are interested in the campaign to eradicate the disease.

Mrs Lois Hilderbrand is county chairman and is being aided by J. E. Norton at Kent, Mrs Paul Goddard at Grass Valley, Mrs G. Douma at Moro, Mrs Joe Hilderbrand at Wasco and Mrs Miller at Rufus. Those who do not receive a call from any of these may participate in the campaign by sending in their donation which will be used to fight this most dangerous ailment of the human race.

Cowherd Explains Job To Breakfasters

Charles Cowherd, selective service clerk and important cog in the machinery of obtaining service for Sherman county veterans, spoke to the Moro Breakfast club Wednesday morning and told of the need for service work among men discharged from the army and navy.

The value of insurance and necessity of encouraging veterans to keep what they have was emphasized, the absence of surplus property, an early worry, was remarked and some information about the methods of obtaining education or job training was given.

Vernon Platt reported on the meeting with the Kiwanians in The Dalles, Wendell Balsiger of the clean-up day, May 15 and Willy Knighten presided in absence of President LeRoy Wright.

Fast Driving Makes Fast Killing

Average speeds on Oregon rural highways this year are the highest in the history of the state, and that peak is being reflected in the highest traffic fatality toll in the history of the state, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell Jr., said today.

The average speed of Oregon motorists during the first four months of 1946, as checked by automatic speed recorders maintained by the traffic engineering division of the highway department, was 51.3 miles an hour, Farrell reported.

Average speeds for the past few years were as follows: 1941, 48.5 mph; 1942, 43.1 mph; 1943, 40.3 mph; 1944, 41.1 mph. 1945, 44.2 mph; first four months of 1946, 51.3 mph.

Farrell called attention to the fact that the average speed for 1941, at 48.5 mph, was the highest prior to this year. Traffic fatalities in 1941 were the highest prior to 1946 and for the first three months of this year, traffic deaths are 45 percent higher than for the comparative period of 1941.

"Speed too great for existing conditions combined with heavy traffic volumes, plays an important part in the traffic accident increase noted so far this year," the secretary of state declared. "Drivers must realize the danger of high speeds and high volumes if we are to stop the death carnage now rampant on Oregon highways."

"Unless the present trend is reversed, Oregon traffic will claim in the neighborhood of 600 lives during the year 1946. Avoidance of unsafe driving and walking practices will enable us to prevent this tragic death toll."

SCHS MEETING DATE

The annual meeting of the Sherman County Historical Society will be held at the Moro park the first Sunday in June, which is the second, according to Theodore Johnston, president, who has already appointed his program committee to arrange for the meeting. It is expected that a speaker will come to talk on the early days of the county and that, following a pioneer custom, there will be picnic foods aplenty for the members. Further details are in the hands of Dewey Thompson, chairman of the program committee, for development.

Army Engineers Approve Dam At Big Eddy

Locks, Fish Ladder and
Power Units Recommended
In Completed Structure

The army engineers have issued a public notice about the proposed Columbia river dam near The Dalles-Cello canal and is favorable to the construction thereto.

The engineers recommend construction of the dam and reservoir, navigation lock, power plant, fishways and other related structures. The pool would be 160 feet above sea level which means about 72 foot of dam. Backwater would reach to six miles above the mouth of the John Day, and would raise the mouth of the Deschutes some 30 feet.

Three power units of 75,400 KW capacity each are recommended.

Adequate fishing is to be furnished the Indians to take the place of their flooded facilities. Payment to Oregon and Washington would be made for costs of relocating any proposed interstate bridge.

The navigation lock would be on the Washington side; the spillway would be on the rocky stretch between the mouth of the present Cello canal and the Washington shore and the power house would be just below the present lower end of the Cello canal.

The 31 mile slack water pool would take the place of the 8 1-2 mile canal and 22 miles of dangerous navigation now encountered. All interested parties may present their views to the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors in Washington D. C. within four weeks from May 5.

Relocation of both the highway and the railway would be necessary under the proposed project and as shown the highway would remain on the upper side of the railroad between the overhead crossings.

The main part of the river, that comes from Big Eddy to the Oregon shore just below the lower end of the Cello canal would be dammed with rock and earth. The river would then be thrown farther north to cross the spillway on the present rock layer north of the present channel. The railroad on the Washington side would be relocated and the ship channel would pass slightly to the north of it. A concrete wall would be erected above the locks which would be at the far end of the present channel, where it turns west again after crossing the river below the present locks.

Mrs Guy Andrews Dies At Wasco

Mrs Guy Andrews died last Thursday after a long illness and funeral services for her were held at Wasco Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs Andrews was born in Wasco 58 years ago, exactly on the day she died, a daughter of Mr and Mrs Roxie Bowles. She has lived her entire life in this county.

Surviving are her widower, two sons, Philip of Tacoma and Chester of Salem, a sister Nita of New York and a brother, Howard in California.

Interment was made in the Sunrises cemetery at Wasco.

REGISTRATION DOWN

Registration of voters in this county has been completed as to totals and show less interest in the election than in the fall of 1944. Registration has dropped from 1212 for the general election in that year to 1145 for the May primaries.

At that time there were 681 Republicans and 461 Democrats and only two nonpartisan voters. Sixty eight soldiers registered to vote without giving party preference.

The drop has been mostly among the Republicans which now have 649 and Democrats have 466. Thirty are registered non-partisan.