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Prices in many instances have gone up since OPA was killed but the people, apparently are policing the situation by picketing and holding little buyers' strikes around the country. However, many merchants do not need this type of strike as they are doing their best to retain prices at the old level—which was still fairly high. Dry goods stores are advertising that they are not upping prices and word comes from New York that buyers for some department stores have refused to consider lots of goods which the manufacturer had given a boost. One class which has been accused of chiseling are the landlords—not all, but enough to bring odium on the group. Newspapers carry stories of Mr and Mrs. Joe Doakes having their rents hoisted from \$40 to \$50 a month to \$10 a day, or some similar ridiculous price. If the newspapers would publish the names of the grasping landlords instead of publicizing their tenants, the landlords might have a change of heart, but as they remain anonymous the general public does not know who they are. To be listed as a chiseler is advertising few would be able to take.

Telegrams and letters continue arriving in the offices of members of congress, pro and con on the existence of OPA. Caught in the midst of the controversy are the people with a fixed income, and they are sending letters to their congressmen—they cannot afford to pay for a telegram. To the White House also goes a steady stream of messages on the subject. There are so many conflicting opinions that a congressman should sit down and figure out what he considers is best for the country, for regardless of how he votes he will alienate part of his constituents. There are rumors of consumer goods—washing machines, radios, vacuum cleaners, refrigerators—filling warehouses with the manufacturers ready to feed them to the public when they learn that OPA is dead for good, and the same reports are heard about shirt manufacturers, clothing and shoes.

The Roosevelt memorial at Hyde Park is, possibly, to be the forerunner of other monuments to the former president. Representative Keogh has offered a bill for the creation of a federal memorial commission to consider and formulate plans for the construction in Washington D. C. of a permanent memorial to the memory of Franklin D. Roosevelt. The measure has been referred to the committee on the library. The suggested plan is a monument, something like the Lincoln Memorial, one of the most beautiful show places in this national capitol. There is still no proposal to raise a monument to Woodrow Wilson and the home in which he died on "S" Street is regarded as just another house.

With the war over (unofficially) the fur farmers of America are alarmed at the prospective importation of silver fox and mink furs from abroad. Raising furs in America is a small business, but there are about 9,000 fur farms of all sorts in this country located in 38 states and with a capital investment of \$130,000,000. This year products from these farms will approximate \$25,000,000. During the war years the fur dealers abroad were unable to ship their pelts to the American market and there has accumulated an immense stock which is being prepared to invade the United States. The American farmer is asking for protection, alleging that higher wages and other costs make it impossible for the domestic fur farmer to compete with the foreigner.

Attention of congress has been called to the American fur farmers by Representative John W. Byrnes, Wisconsin, who has introduced a bill to limit importation of mink and silver fox furs



Oregon's best-known figure in journalism is George Turnbull, (left), whose appointment as dean of the University of Oregon school of journalism was announced this week. The appointment of Russell I. Thackrey as dean of journalism to succeed Dean Turnbull in 1947 was also announced this week. Dean Thackrey was in Oregon in June and addressed members of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association at their Gearhart meeting.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF NAOMI VAN GILDER, COUNTY TREASURER OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FROM DECEMBER 31, 1945 TO JUNE 30, 1946

County General Fund	
Cash on hand December 31, 1945	\$ 22,852.66
Rec'd from Tax Segregation	1,060.10
Rec'd from Tax Foreclosed Property	407.93
Rec'd from County Clerk - Clerk's fees	502.00
Rec'd from County Sheriff - Sheriff's fees	64.47
Rec'd from Clerk - Rent Co. Agents office	330.00
Rec'd from R.O. Scott, Justice of Peace - fines	179.50
Rec'd from County Clerk - Beer License	5.03
Rec'd from County Clerk - Sale of County owned property (Shiel land in Gilliam Co.)	1,250.00
Rec'd from Clerk - Refund on Sheriff's and Sheriff's deputies' bonds	149.05
Rec'd from miscellaneous small receipts	71.90
Warrants paid on County General Fund	\$ 15,482.23
Cash on hand June 30, 1946	11,390.38
	\$ 26,872.61 \$ 26,872.61
General Road Fund	
Cash on hand December 31, 1945	\$ 36,955.28
Rec'd from Tax Segregations	1,545.55
Rec'd from Tax Foreclosed Property	117.06
Rec'd from Sec. of State - Motor Vehicle Reg.	1,535.57
Rec'd from R. O. Scott, Justice of Peace - fines	376.75
Rec'd from Co. Clerk - Refund on gas and oil	13.47
Rec'd from Co. Clerk - Sale of equipment	100.00
Rec'd from Sale of Gravel & Material:	
E. R. Blaylock	4.50
L. P. Haven	11.00
Clyde Stradley	40.25
City of Grass Valley	672.25
T. J. Coyle	10.20
Carroll Sayrs	20.25
W. C. Fuller	5.20
J. R. Yocum	2.90
Union Oil Company	56.40
Rec'd from Rent of Equipment:	
Vincent C. Genteman	6.60
J. E. Brown	14.60
Pacific Power & Light Company	8.00
Sherman Cooperative Grain Growers	30.00
E. H. W. Watkins	35.02
Rec'd from miscellaneous small receipts	3.26
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Warrants paid on General Fund	\$ 27,410.95
Cash on hand June 30, 1946	14,153.01
	\$ 41,563.96 \$ 41,563.96
Bridget Fund	
Cash on hand December 31, 1945	\$ 6.49
Rec'd from Tax Segregations	49.19
Rec'd from Tax Foreclosed Property	8.77
Cash on hand June 30, 1946	\$ 64.45
	\$ 64.45 \$ 64.45
Post War Road Construction Sinking Fund	
Cash on hand December 31, 1945	\$ 40,824.48
Rec'd from Tax Segregations	60.27
Rec'd from Tax Foreclosed Property	431.52
Paid accounts against Post War Road Construction Sinking Fund	\$ 40,344.42
Cash on hand June 30, 1946	972.05
	\$ 41,316.47 \$ 41,316.47
Post War Road Construction Sinking War Bond Account	
Bonds & Interest on hand Dec. 31, 1945	\$ 14,762.00
Rec'd from Interest on Bonds	85.00
Bonds and Interest on hand June 30, 1946	\$ 14,847.00
	\$ 14,847.00 \$ 14,847.00
County High School District Tuition Fund	
Cash on hand December 31, 1945	\$ 6,347.85
Rec'd from Tax Segregations	455.23
Rec'd from Tax Foreclosed Property	187.06
Rec'd from State School Support Fund	333.42
Paid Warrants of County School Sup't	\$ 42.50
Cash on hand June 30, 1946	7,261.06
	\$ 7,303.56 \$ 7,303.56
County Per Capita School Fund	
Cash on hand December 31, 1945	\$ 6,850.42
Rec'd from Tax Segregations	922.59
Rec'd from Tax Foreclosed Property	70.69
Paid Warrants of County School Sup't	\$ 7,490.08
Cash on hand June 30, 1946	153.62
	\$ 7,643.70 \$ 7,643.70
Elementary School Fund	
Cash on hand December 31, 1945	\$ 1,853.96
Rec'd from Tax Segregations	203.32
Cash on hand June 30, 1946	\$ 2,057.28
	\$ 2,057.28 \$ 2,057.28
State School Support Fund	
Cash on hand December 31, 1945	\$ 19.94
Rec'd from Sec. of State	8,310.34
Appportioned to Districts and Non-High Dist.	\$ 8,291.00
Cash on hand June 30, 1946	39.28
	\$ 8,330.28 \$ 8,330.28
State School Fund	
Cash on hand December 31, 1945	\$ 341.77
Paid Warrants of County School Sup't	\$ 337.81
Cash on hand June 30, 1946	3.96
	\$ 341.77 \$ 341.77

County Valuation Totals \$9,683,966 For 1946-47 Year

Slight Rate Made In Valuation As New Building Done

A total of valuation of \$9,685,966.48 for Sherman county for the current tax year has been announced by C. A. Ruggles county assessor, upon receipt from the state tax commission of the valuation figures for utility property within the county. Utility valuations were set at \$7,850,000.00, which, added to the \$1,835,966.48 of local valuation gives the total. Increase over last year is approximately \$36,000.00.

The Pacific Power & Company properties are valued at \$72,614 for transmission lines, \$22,050 for the distribution line in Grass Valley, \$15,750 for the distribution line in Moro and \$25,200 for the distribution line in Wasco. In addition, the rural lines are valued at \$54,650 and the company has \$882 in material and supplies. The newly built Michigan line is valued at \$100,195. The main line of the Union Pacific (14.79 miles) is valued at \$633,600.00 and the sidings at \$236,478.00. The branch line is valued at \$503,453.10 and the branch sidings at \$28,809.90. Oddly the main line is valued at exactly four times the branch line per mile—\$42,540 for the main line and \$10,635 for the branch.

The Railway Express will have to pay on a valuation of \$1020 for its truck service ad \$857 on the rail service. The Oregon Trunk tunnel is held at \$746.33. The Pullman company, now owned by the railroad is valued at \$17,281.34.

The western Union is valued at \$10,405.36, that being \$51.66 per mile or single wire and \$129.78 per mile of poles. The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company has a valuation of \$123,228 and the smallest utility of the county at \$1575, the valuation of the Rufus water works.

Tillable land in the county averages \$21.26 in value, non-tillable land at \$1.53, making the real property valuation \$6,862,900.

Buyers Hold Off From Wheat Market

In Portland trading in cash wheat has been very active, but it has been largely by representatives of the feed trade for use in the manufacture of dairy and poultry feeds. Reports indicate that most of the flour mills in this area are closed on account of shortage of wheat, but they are not active in the market at prices being paid by the feed trade. The milling interests appear to be giving more attention to the new crop which is now being harvested. Reports from Walla Walla indicate that yields in that area are considerably above average with the lighter yielding from 25 to 30 bushels and heavy land expected to yield from 45 to 55 bushels. Wheat that has been threshed is going high in test weight. White at 60 or better pounds per bushel and some Tur key Red as high as 62. Wheat receipts at Columbia River terminals during the week consisted of 108 cars and Puget Sound terminals only 83 compared with 130 and 152, respectively, the previous week indicating that CCC wheat for export is about all shipped from producing areas. Prices paid for wheat during the week ranged from \$1.90-2.00 per bushel which is 10-15c lower than week before.

MINISTER COMING HERE FOR SERMON TEST

The Rev. James Kerr MacFarlane of Florence, Wisconsin, will preach as a candidate in the Moro Community Presbyterian church on both the first and second Sundays of August. Mr and Mrs A. B. Christianson and Diane returned from a trip to the beach Saturday accompanied by Gayla Stevens, a cousin from Astoria, who will spend a part of the summer here. Mrs Marius Douma has been very ill for this week because of having an infected tooth pulled.

Court Pays Bills and Transfers Funds At End of Fiscal Year

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON, GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR JUNE 1946 AND APPROVED JULY 1946 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT.

GENERAL FUND: Naomi Van Gilder, Co. Treas., General Assistance, \$26.45; Naomi Van Gilder, Co. Treas., Old Age Assistance, \$145.40, Aid to Dependent Children, \$24.80, \$170.20; James W. Jones, expense of Government trapper, \$50.00; Clarence Mersinger, Janitor's salary, less tax, \$103.40; Vernon I. Miller, County Commissioner \$15.50; Joe Peters, County Commissioner, \$11.40; T. Lester Johnson, District Attorney expenses, \$10.50; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., telephones all offices, \$39.82; City of Moro, water courthouse, \$12.85; Pacific Power & Light Co lights courthouse, \$22.58; R. T. Morgan van in courthouse yard, \$15.00; Foss & Co., courthouse expense, \$1.00; Chas R. Logan, Audit of County Books \$400.00; Lester K. Smith, 3 bang's diseased cattle slaughtered, \$36.00; George A. Potter, rent of hall for election, Klondike precinct, \$5.00; Department of Agriculture, sealer, weights and measures, \$2.50; Lewis Lutje, bounty of 6 coyotes @ \$3.00 ea., \$18.00; West Coast Printing & Binding Co., Sheriff's office \$51.00; Assessor's office \$99.05, Sup't office \$9.65, Clerk's office \$47.60, \$207.30; The Frank Shepard Co., Law Library account, \$47.50; West Publishing Co., Law Library account, \$67.00; The American Law Book Company, Law Library account, \$56.00; Bancroft-Whitney Co., Law Library account, \$56.50; May & Son, county Jail expense, \$4.02; Hotel Moro Coffee Shop, board of prisoners, \$9.05; Wily W. Knighten, expenses to Superintendent's conference, \$44.50; Wily W. Knighten, office help, less tax, \$74.23; Mid-Columbia typewriter Shop, typewriter Assessor's office \$114.30; Addressograph-Multigraph Corporation, equipment Assessor's office, \$279.58; C. A. Ruggles, reimbursement for office equipment, \$40.24; C. A. Ruggles appraisal and field work mileage, \$8.10; Helen S. Ruggles, Assessor's office help, less tax, \$29.40;

Norman E. Fields, Sheriff's office expense, \$9.96; Norman E. Fields, traveling expenses re: Mentally diseased and prisoner \$33.15; Norman E. Fields, traveling expenses mentally diseased \$32.50; J. C. Freeman P. M. box rent due for quarter ending 9-30-46, \$3.15; Wasco Motor Company DeMoss Park expense, \$2.20; Drs. Morse & Moore, examination of mentally diseased, \$10.00; State Industrial Accident Commission peace officer's protection, \$4.60; Wasco County, Wasco-Sherman Public Health Unit, \$500.00; First National Bank, with-holding tax, \$86.10; Sherman County Journal County Printing, \$11.40; Fred A. Holman, Guard of Prisoner (Rudin) The Dalles Hospital, \$86.00; L. M. Martin, Guard of Prisoner, (Rudin) The Dalles Hospital, \$98.00; Fay Bryant, Guard of Prisoner, (Rudin) The Dalles Hospital, \$8.00; F. W. Sonders, Guard of Prisoner, (Rudin) The Dalles Hospital \$91.00; Wily W. Knighten, 4-H Club Fair funds (Budgeted item) \$200.00.

ROAD EMPLOYEES PAY-ROLL: L. L. Peetz, \$103.30; C. Bargaenholt, \$101.60; E. McPherson, \$103.30; Frank Bazzel, \$97.30; Pete Maenab, \$98.30; W. E. Kelley, \$117.00; Earl Rehr, \$104.90; L. L. Peetz, \$96.40; C. Bargaenholt, \$97.30; E. McPherson, \$96.60; Frank 30; W. E. Kelley, \$108.00; Earl Bazzel, \$98.90; Pete Maenab, \$94.90; Rehr, \$96.60.

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Wasco Gets Bulk Of Tax Sale Cash

Wasco, and districts having Wasco as a part, gained most from the sale of tax foreclosed property during 1945-46, according to the report of distribution of such funds made by County Treasurer, Naomi Van Gilder.

Biggest check was one for \$960.68 to the City of Wasco, the Wasco school district got \$351.55. The county general fund profited by \$362.93 and the post-war construction fund received \$431.53, this because the distribution is made on the last tax year instead of on the many tax years of the delinquency.

Moro received \$60.45 and Grass Valley \$43.92; school district \$, \$69.78; 17, \$35.45; Harmony \$215.00; 23, \$23.52. Lesser amounts were received by other taxing units.

Jack McMillan Buried At Wasco Tuesday

Jack McMillan, elder of the pioneer McMillan family, died at Prineville last week and funeral services were held at Wasco Tuesday afternoon. Jack McMillan was one time stage driver on the Biggs south run before the days of the Shaniko railroad and was freighter and horseman for years previous to that time. In recent years he lived at Post where he had a ranch and for a year or two has lived in the city of Prineville where he passed away. Steve McMillan is the only surviving brother still a resident of Sherman county. Jack McMillan was never married.

CAR COUNT ORDERED FOR PORTLAND

A cordon count of motorists entering and leaving the city of Portland will be started July 24 in connection with the present origin and destination traffic survey under way in that city, it was announced today, by J. Al Head, State Highway Traffic Engineer in charge of the survey. The cordon count will obtain information on the origin and destination of drivers who live outside the city and who wish to drive to points within the city limits, Head explained. Thirty-one stations will be established around the fringe of the city with traffic counters operating from 6:00 a. m. to 10:00 p. m. Each motorist stopped will be asked questions concerning where his trip started, exactly where he wishes to go in the city and what route he wishes to follow. Each interview will take 50 seconds. The survey will extend from July 24 to Sept. 19.

Crop Estimates Continue High As Harvest Starts

Quality Good and Satisfying Yield Seems Certain

Although harvest has started on thirty or more farms in Sherman county no accurate information about yields is available. Farmers are always reluctant to judge their crop from the first few rounds. Reports, however, remain on the cheerful side and 30 bushel reports or better will probably be current by another week.

Some grain in the north end where weeds interfered with the stand and the growth is said to have dropped to eight bushels in yield but this was for a small quantity. On the good land west of Wasco there are reports of 40 bushels which verifies the judgment of farmers who had their crop insured for 35 to 40 bushels per acre.

The grain is generally of good weight, indicating that little damage was done by hot weather. What will be the test weights on spring wheat will not be known for a week or so and it may be found to be hurt by the hot days of the week end.

Hot weather hit southern Oregon and the Willamette valley much harder than it did the wheat fields of eastern Oregon. While Medford had a temperature of 115 admitted degrees the highest the mercury rose here was 102 last Saturday.

Merrill Oveson, station superintendent, says that some late maturing varieties of spring wheat are apparently damaged but that most of it is plump and probably not hurt much. Record for heat at the station for the week: Thursday-88; Friday-85; Saturday-102; Sunday-100; Monday-95; Tuesday-92; Wednesday-93.

HOT WEATHER CUTS WATER RESERVE

These hot days have caused a greater use of water in Moro and the city cistern has been dropping despite the fact the pump runs 24 hours a day. If citizens will exercise caution about the use of water until the weather gets cooler there will be enough for necessary purposes.

Mr and Mrs Claude Thompson and daughter, Mrs Merle Brown, returned Tuesday from a trip to Eugene. On their return they stopped at Camp Sherman to visit Owen Thompson.

The Sherman County Sheriff's posse had its first real drill Sunday at the fair grounds when 28 riders turned out. Horses and equipment were reported to be very good and a colorful troupe is expected to develop. The next drill will be held August 3, according to Sheriff Fields. Fred Hill will come from Pendleton some Sunday after the rudiments of the drills have been mastered by the local riders.

Mr and Mrs L. E. Webb and daughter, Virginia Anne, were here Thursday while on their way to Prineville to visit Mrs Webb's brother, Norman White, who is ranger at the Ochoco Forest Reserve headquarters. From there they will continue on to King City California where Mr Webb has been history instructor for many years. They have been spending their vacation at Rockaway.

LOSSES COME FROM HIGHER WAGES

The Twelfth Regional Wage Stabilization Board reported today that 1,379 employers in the Pacific Northwest have received penalties totalling \$2,475,337 in income tax disallowances for violation of wage controls since the Wage Stabilization Act went into effect October 3, 1942. The penalties included \$1,693,987 in income tax disallowances levied against 826 employers under the Board's jurisdiction in Washington, Oregon, and Alaska and \$781,350 against 453 employer operators in Washington, Oregon, California, Montana and Idaho under the jurisdiction of the Board's West Coast Lumber Commission.

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