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Veterans are writing the Department of Interior asking for information regarding reclamation projects. They wish to acquire one of these farms. There is a steady flow of inquiries regarding the Columbia Basin project, the Modoc and the Deschutes projects. The ex-service men are impatient to get on the land and start farming. While it will be years before the Columbia Basin project is fully completed and all ready for settlers, the veterans wish to establish themselves on the first units available. What has happened in Yakima and Wenatchee through irrigation is inspiring veterans to urge the development of the Columbia Basin in the shortest possible time. Some do not wish to ranch, but desire to become merchants and they inquire where the many contemplated townsites will be located. Every applicant for land on the reclamation projects will be screened. The Interior Department does not want inexperienced men attempting to farm without knowing the fundamentals. Those who survive the screening must have resources, either cash or stock and equipment.

With times becoming normal, the Japanese-Americans who were ousted from the Pacific coast states to camps are now interesting themselves in attempting to recover their property, or collect claims for damages thereto. There are several thousand with claims which they desire adjusted. It was suggested that a congressional committee be designed to receive and hear the claims and make a decision. This idea went as far as the Senate and was there stopped. The conclusion was that instead of a congressional committee (there is one with respect to Philippine claims) the claims should be handled through the courts. In the aggregate the Japanese-American claims total a number of millions of dollars. These claims are those of native born Americans of Japanese ancestry and not those of older Japanese who elected to return to Japan. While most of the claims will come from California, the next will be Washington state and the third in importance from Oregon. The Oregon and California claims mostly involve farm holdings, with Washington's claims centering largely on business and buildings property.

From the Department of Commerce, Secretary Henry A. Wallace has dispatched two representatives to Moscow to stabilize trade relations. E. C. Ropes, chief of the Soviet Union Division and Lewis Lorwin, a department economist, are now discussing the trade relations at the Kremlin. This year Russia has shipped to the United States \$31,000,000 in goods, chiefly furs, while the United States has exported to the Soviet \$113,000,000 in the first three months of this year, and this import-export business has been going on while the Big Four have been disagreeing upon policies having to do with foreign affairs. Policies are one thing and business is another. Instead of so much fuss, the representatives of the Department of Commerce are suggesting that Russia export to this country timber, pulpwood, chromite and manganese.

There was considerable agitation in the lumber industry in the Pacific Northwest in the latter days of the Hoover administration at the exportation of lumber from Siberia, which was produced by indentured labor and at a cost that would make a Douglas fir lumberjack turn up his nose. The Russians were then eating into the Japanese market

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Sheriff, Police Capture Car Thieves In Field

A bit of excitement was provided last Thursday afternoon when Sheriff Fields and a state policeman captured two 17 year old California boys who had stolen a car at Celilo.

The boys left the car just south of Moro and took to the fields when the old car would go no further. One was found in the old barn on the Moore place and the other was captured as he ran through the Moore wheat, but only after a few shots had been fired to convince him the officers were in earnest.

The boys were Frank Carrico and Lawrence Salisbury of Glendale, who had been working in the fruit until they had taken the car, which belonged to an Indian at Celilo. They were taken to Wasco county for trial.

What Should A Veteran Do?

Q. What effect does the guaranty of a loan for a veteran before the act was amended have on his right to guaranty on other loans?

A. Any amount of guaranty which was used is deducted from the amount to which the veteran is entitled under the act as amended.

Q. How many veterans are attending school or receiving on-the-job training under the provisions of the G. I. bill?

A. At the end of June, 932,230 veterans actually were enrolled in educational institutions or taking on-the-job training as provided in Public Law No. 346. In the Branch 11 area (Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Alaska) 29,353 were taking advantage of the education and training provisions of the G. I. bill.

Q. May a veteran purchase real property with a non-veteran and obtain a loan guaranty?

A. Yes, but the amount of the loan on which the guaranty is based is in proportion to the veteran's interest in the property.

Q. May unemployment compensation under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act be paid concurrently with subsistence allowance for a veteran in training?

A. No.

Q. If I am drawing a disability compensation, can I assign all or any portion of it as premium payments on my National Service Life Insurance?

A. Yes, File Form 887 at your nearest VA office.

EXAMINER COMING

A drivers license examiner will be in Moro Wednesday, August 14, 1946 at the courthouse between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.

Crop Insurance Urged By PMA Officials

New Rates and Amended Plan Said To Make Insurance Suited To County

John Shepard, member of the state AAA board, and Al Geiss, field man for PMA, were here Tuesday night to meet with the members of the county AAA committee and others in an effort to increase the county coverage under the federal crop insurance program.

Using the example of a man with 100 acres of 20 bushel land, Geiss showed the cost per acre to be 52 cents per year for half coverage, ordinarily enough to cover full cost of production. For this sum one might insure for \$1730 at present prices, said Geiss.

A farmer may insure for the cost of production, if he desires, which further reduces the cost. If a farmer takes crop insurance for five years and has no loss his premium rate is automatically cut to ten percent under the new regulations. After he has paid in an amount equal to his possible loss his premium rate is cut 50 percent, Geiss said.

It is necessary to have 50 farms or one-third of them in each county insured before the plan is effective in any county. Each county is a unit so far as rates are concerned and Sherman county's rate is 3 bushel per acre, a rate that is designed to equalize conditions on high and low producing farms, said Shepard.

What action will be taken by the county board was not decided, but a meeting at a later date will probably be held to more fully acquaint AAA committee members with the provisions of the insurance and make arrangements for selling the plan. Solicitors receive about \$10 per contract on insurance sold.

More Money Given For Soil Conservation

An additional \$140,850 has been made available for assisting Oregon farmers and ranchers with soil and water conserving practices under the 1946 agricultural conservation program, it has been announced by E. Harvey Miller, chairman of the state PMP committee.

Oregon's share of the funds provided by congress for conservation practice payments to farmers in 1946 has been increased to \$2,953,650 as compared with the original allocation at the start of the year of \$2,813,000.

Dr. C. L. Poley Dies After Long Illness

Dr. Clarence Leighton Poley, who for nearly 30 years administered to the medical needs of Sherman and southern Wasco counties, died at his home in The Dalles about five o'clock Thursday morning, August 8, after a long illness which followed a stroke of paralysis.

C. L. Poley was born in Ashland, Oregon and obtained his higher education at the University of Oregon where he was a distance runner. He took his medical degree at Northwestern University of Chicago where he was assistant to Dr. Murphy for a time.

He came to Moro in 1912, following the Duffins and remained here in active practice until a few years ago when inability to make long trips caused him to go into practice at The Dalles hospital.

Announcement of funeral services will be made later, pending word from his son, Robert of San Diego, California. A daughter, Rachel, and his wife, Mrs. Stella Poley, and a sister, were with him at the time of his death.

Precinct Officers Being Sought

Filing for the office of precinct committee men and committee women in Sherman county's eight precincts is being done this week before the dead line of August 12.

Activity toward getting a full ticket is being shown by Mrs. Howard Conley, Republican county chairman and Ross Ornduff, county clerk, for the Democrats.

A change in the law now makes precinct committee men elected in November so that they will hold over through the general election instead of new ones being chosen at the beginning of the campaign.

Oregon Deaths Fewer Per 100,000 Miles

Oregon's highway death rate is falling, it has been announced by Robert S. Farrell Jr., Secretary of State.

Fatalities were slightly over ten for each hundred million miles of driving during the first half of this year, the decrease being 14 percent from last year's rate. This decrease is in the face of a sharp increase in the actual number of traffic deaths, and reflects the unprecedented mileage being piled up on the State's highways. Last year's rate was almost 12 deaths per hundred million miles.

Ram Sales Readied For Sheepmen

Dates of three annual Oregon ram sales have been announced by sponsors at Albany, Pendleton and Lakeview where some of the best Oregon rams of various breeds will be offered at auction, says H. A. Lingren, extension livestock specialist at Oregon State college. Lingren will head the selling committees at the three sales.

This will be the twentieth annual Pendleton sale where the Oregon Woolgrowers association is again sponsoring this oldest ram auction in the state August 16. Wayne Stewart, president of the association, has appointed Vic Johnson, Umatilla county agent, as manager of the sale. Johnson was formerly county agent in Lake county where he served for five years as manager of the Lakeview sale.

Bob Weir is heading the Southern Oregon ram sale at Lakeview scheduled for September 9. Details on numbers and breeds have not been announced yet.

VETERAN CAN'T GET BOTH

Renewed warning that veterans in training under the G. I. bill cannot draw subsistence allowances from the Veterans Administration concurrently with unemployment compensation from the state was made today by John W. Joergers, VA representative in The Dalles.

Big Yields Noted But Overall Estimates Drop

County Crop Probably Under 3,000,000 Despite Some Fine Yields

Stories of high yields keep the optimistic convinced that the county will still produce 3,000,000 bushels of wheat this year. There is some justification of their belief.

Reports are that Everett Watkins got 43 bushels on some fields Pat Kaseberg is getting from 35 to 40, Truman Strong harvested 39.3 measured bushels per acre, Jess Landry is well above the average, Moore Bros. beat 35 bushels east of town. Others are in the 35-40 bushel class.

Pessimists point to the fact that many farmers are reporting yields of slightly over 20 and that the district east of Moro and generally all along the county is saying little.

Monday night the Sherman Grain Growers had 545,000 bushels in storage, probably a little over half this year's total. The Moro growers had 375,000 bushels Saturday night and the total at Grass Valley is not known. Harvest is probably not quite half through all over the county and indications are for a crop nearer 2,500,000 bushels than any other round figure.

If the county raises 22 bushels per acre on its 120,589 acres it will produce 2,652,950 bushels which will be a good crop, even considering the big ones of the early forties.

Weather has been good for harvesting except for an almost daily wind that is inconvenient. Nights have not been very damp and no rain has fallen to stop work. Elevators have not been blocked and except for a lack of extra parts harvest has gotten along as well as usual.

Flour Controls Stop Wheat Milling

The wheat markets in the Pacific Northwest have been quiet with prices unsettled and a slightly easier trend evidenced in light trading in cash wheat during the week ending August 1, according to reports to the Production and Marketing Administration, USDA. The feed trade appears to be well supplied with grain for immediate use and has not been active in the markets for wheat this past week. A number of large flour mills in the area have not been operating during the month of July, and others at only small capacity part time, resulting in very limited buying of wheat for milling domestic flour. The prices for which flour may be sold in the domestic trade are very uncertain at the present time with flour under OPA ceilings, when wheat is not, and the milling subsidy that was in effect before June 30 has not been reinstated. The milling of domestic flour is practically at a standstill until this price situation in wheat and the downward trend in prices when the movement to the terminal markets is rapidly increasing. The confirmation on July 31 by the PMA that the CCC will buy wheat at ceilings or the market to at least 250,000,000 bushels has had the effect of steadying the market near the end of the period under consideration.

NURSES COURSE OFFERED

Eastern Oregon college during the coming year, will continue its affiliated program with The Dalles hospital in the training of nurses. This combination college-hospital training provides the student with one year of pre-clinical work on the college campus after which time a transfer is made to The Dalles hospital for specialized training. The R. N. may be earned at the end of a three-year training course.

There is a grave scarcity of nurses due in part to the belief of many women that there will not be opportunities in the field of nursing because of the discharge of many nurses from the services. This condition is far from fact since many of the nurses being discharged are married and are anxious to return to their homes.

Wheat Loan Upped By CCC To Meet Parity

A new schedule of wheat loan rates has been put out by the Production and Marketing administration for wheat stored on the farm or in county warehouses.

The new rate is \$1.501 at Millers and Biggs, \$1.495 at Rufus, Grant, Klondike, Sandon, Sink, Thornberry and Wasco, \$1.489 at Grass Valley, Hay Canyon, Moro, and Nish and \$1.483 at Bourbon and Kent.

The loans are made on a basis for No. 1 wheat. Reductions are made one cent for No. 2, three cents for No. 3, six cents for No. 4 and nine cents for No. 5. Mixed wheat carries a discount of two cents and smut is discounted two cents for 1/2 to 1 percent smut and six cents for over one percent.

It was announced some time ago that loan rates might be raised to care for the increased parity figure recently announced. It is possible that many farmers will take the loan this year, despite those who desire to hold their wheat until 1927 may want the fact that the price is higher loan before then.

World To Have More Food If Crops Reach Present Expectations

World food crop prospects continue to be reported more favorable than last year, according to a review of current farm market, price and outlook information by L. R. Breithaupt, O.S.C. extension economist. The world wheat crop is expected to be considerably larger and may equal the pre-war average. Reduced carryover stocks, however, may leave the total 1946-47 available supply no greater than in 1945-46.

Total food production in continental Europe may be 10 percent greater than in 1945, yet, around 10 percent below the pre-war level. This means a need for further imports, as even before the war the continent imported about 10 percent of its food. More food will be available from southern hemisphere countries.

Despite the record-breaking U. S. wheat crop estimated July 15 at one billion 132 million bushels, the reduced carryover may put the total United States wheat supply for domestic use and exports in 1946-47 around 150 million bushels smaller than this season. America has earmarked 250 million bushels of wheat for overseas shipment in 1946-47. That is 150 million bushels below 1945-46 shipments but much above exports in any other recent year.

The world rice crop, so important in the Far East is also expected to be larger than last year although still considerably short of pre-war production. Conditions in southern China and some other far eastern areas have been unfavorable for planting rice and other crops.

Sugar production is expected to be somewhat larger, especially in Europe. More fats and oils will be produced in the world this year but supplies will still be much below requirements.

Rattlesnake Road Still Open As Signatures Seen

Sharp's Plea For Closure Not Voted On Leaving Situation Unchanged

The county court failed to take action on a request by E. F. Sharp Wednesday for closure of the Rattlesnake grade. There was little new about the request as Mr. Sharp based his claim on his 1939 petition for the same purpose. The court brought out the opposing petition which had been signed by many more persons and did nothing.

Sharp recounted that he had surveyed Rattlesnake back in 1895 and said that it had never been finished. Freighters used the old Harris grade to Rattlesnake and then went up the point to the upper part of the grade.

The petitioner charged fishermen with stampeding cattle and causing a fire hazard. He said he wanted to keep them off his land and that he intended to keep them off because he owns deeded land between the end of the grade and the river.

He said the road up the river, the old abandoned railroad grade, could not be used because of danger, and that fishermen were already effectively banned from the river. Closing the grade, he said, would only make more certain a condition that already exists.

Judge Wilson argued that the court could not grant his petition because more citizens had signed the opposing petition. Commissioner Peters said that the road might as well be closed unless the county wanted to improve it and the river road. No action was made. Commissioner Miller being absent, the matter was dropped when the court took up other matters.

Order was given to purchase a small weed spray outfit, having a seven foot boom and two hand nozzles. It will be used on weeds in county roads and for small patches. The larger machines, used for big patches of weeds, were not considered feasible for county purposes.

Unemployment Benefits Dropping

With seasonal work picking up all over the state and with nearly 21,000 workers exhausting their 1946 benefits, Oregon's payments to unemployed civilians decreased 44.7 per cent in July to reach a new monthly low of \$831,104 since last November.

In the same period readjustment allowances to veterans dropped 23.3 per cent to \$592,141 for the lowest monthly total this year, while payments to the self-employed also declined for the first time since last fall. Checks for \$226,259 went to 2,301 former service men and women just entering business or farming for themselves.

July benefits to civilians brought the 1946 total to \$14,080,925, more than double any other complete year. Veterans' readjustment allowances reached \$6,159,653 for the year, while self employment payments totaled \$1,125,817.



LIE VISITS PRESIDENT TRUMAN . . . Trygve Lie, secretary general of the United Nations, who arrived in the U. S. for the meeting of the security council in New York, is shown as he conferred with President Truman and Secretary of State James F. Byrnes at the White House.