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The farm labor supply program of the state department has been extended for six months, ending December 31. The reason for the extension was that disastrous results might occur if the workers were canceled in the middle of the harvest season. The new expiration date is a warning to farmers that no such imported farm labor will be available in 1948 and those who have been depending on this source should make other arrangements.

Mostly the aliens are used for handling crops, where stoop labor is imperative. In 1946 there were 275,000 aliens imported under the program of the state department. The high year was in 1944 when 84,581 were brought in. By nationalities there were from Mexico 201,621; Jamaica 47,890; Bahamas 12,351; Barbados 4,095; Canada 9,980 and Newfoundland, 1,735.

Along the Pacific coast the stoop labor came from Mexico. The federal government established 161 farm labor camps in 25 states. The government paid for transportation of these laborers from their native land to the United States and return, plus subsistence. The cost to the government was \$30,000,000.

Wages to these laborers ran from a low of 35 cents an hour in Louisiana to \$1.06 an hour in California. Charge has been made that the large land owners in states where farming is big business, wanted these aliens because they were low cost labor.

The first of the laborers were imported in 1943 when there was a shortage of farm workers because of the large number of young men who were taken into the military service. The aliens were then imported to save crops, which otherwise would have gone to waste. The Mexicans performed a good job in the Pacific Northwest. In the eastern states the imported labor came from the Caribbeans. Although natives of Puerto Rico are considered as Americans, very few were brought to the mainland as farm laborers.

It is estimated that there are about 2,000,000 people in the United States unemployed, but the average American refuses to perform stoop labor on a farm. It is said that by next year mechanical devices will be available to do a major part of handling sugar beets and other crops requiring stoop labor and need for imported labor will no longer be required.

Best guess today is that David Lillenthal will be confirmed by the senate as chairman of the atomic energy committee. However, the confirmation will not be a pushover and Lillenthal may feel as though he was put through a wringer before the vote is taken. This will be no routine confirmation and it is expected to consume the better part of a week at least, with everyone having a chance to express himself in debate. Champions of Lillenthal are attempting to smear his opponents by asserting that the opposition is being fomented by the so-called power trust. While it is true that Lillenthal did dispose of one private power company in the TVA area by purchase, he made the deal with Wendell Wilkie who was such a good horse trader that he made Lillenthal pay several millions dollars more than what some people contend the private holding was worth.

One of the reasons for opposition to Lillenthal is his personality and his dominating TVA in all matters and riding roughshod over the other two members of the commission, those who are aware of this fear that his same TVA tactics would be very serious if he attempted to be the whole show with the atomic energy commission. The hearings have disclosed that although Lillenthal is not a communist, he ignored the communist cells and the fellow travelers who were active at TVA.

Lillenthal will have some powerful supporters for confirmation and some equally influential senators opposing the confirmation. Labor leaders realize that the

Midco Purebred Breeders Meet Monday

The Midco Purebred Breeders Ass'n. held their meeting Monday afternoon at the Courthouse in Moro. The sale date has been changed and will definitely be held at the Sherman County Fair Grounds in Moro, September 26 and 27. The Board of Directors appointed Art Jaeger of Condon, L. K. Smith of Goldendale and William Brinkert of Grass Valley as a sales committee.

It is planned to have 25 angus, 25 shorthorn and 50 herefords consigned for the show and sale. The cattle will be judged September 26 beginning at 9 a.m. followed by a banquet at 6:30 and the annual meeting and election of officers. The sale will start at 12:30, September 27 with H. B. Sagar of Bozeman, Montana as auctioneer. Bob Teale of Orofino, Idaho, will be salesmanager and efforts are being made to secure Prof. C. W. Hickman, chief of the animal husbandry department, University of Idaho as judge.

72 Weed Control Plots Established

Tom Fraser, Jr. fieldman for American Cyanamide Co. assisted LeRoy Wright in establishing 72 weed control test plots using a different chemical at various concentrations on the L. V. Moore ranch and the Belshee & Hall ranch in the Moro community. These plots are established for the purpose of working out and discovering the best methods and chemicals for use in the county for the control of annual weeds in grain.

Later on this spring Lin Harris of Chipman Chemical Co. has agreed to assist the County Agent to establish a series of test plots using various chemicals on morning glory and Russian knapweed. In an effort to discover the best chemicals for spring control work on these noxious weeds. Materials will be applied both on summer fallow and growing crops for control purposes. These new chemicals can be used with distinct advantage to the growers since none of them have the undesirable effect on the soil that results from the use of the chlorates. In any weed control program however, the operator should include in his plans cultivation, the selective sprays and dusts and the chlorates. The selective sprays and dusts are 2,4-D acids, the dinitro-phenol and methol esters. More emphasis is being placed by all of the chemical companies on weed control sprays than ever before which is an indication of the weed problem nationally.

Equipment companies are developing new equipment whereby the operator can govern the amount of material being applied on a definite basis with new and improved machinery available in most all areas.

Moro High Presents 'The Ghost Train'

One of the most successful plays in recent years was given Wednesday night by the Junior and Senior classes of Moro High. A Samuel French production, "The Ghost Train," was fast moving throughout and kept audience interest high through the three acts of the comedy-mystery. The plot revolved around a small group of people stranded in a little out of the way railroad station. This group included Charles Murdock, played by Allen Pinkerton, his wife Peggy (Dorothy Reese); Richard Winthrop (Herbert Peters); his wife Elsie (Sharon Martin); a rather old spinster, Miss Bourne (Jean Zevely); and a silly ass Englishman, Teddy Deakin (Dick Oveson). Bill Garrett played the old station master. Members of the smuggling ring who were behind the Ghost Train business were Bill Platt, as Herbert Price, Bob Hoskinson as Jack Sterling and Verna June Coyle as Julia Price.

The play reached a climax when Teddy, in reality a Scotland Yard man blows up the Ghost Train, which is loaded with dope and captures the gang with the aid of detectives, Lefty Jackson, played by Carl Zeigler, and Hennagin, played by Dick Wilson. "Ghost Train" was well casted and very well attended. Mrs. B. H. Roberson was the director.

Salem Session About To Finish Work

Lawmakers Tired, Pale And Nervous; Sales Tax Bill Passed By Senate

Some slight things have happened.

The senate has passed the community property law which will help about three per cent of the people of the state by giving them extra exemptions from federal income tax. It will, if passed, complicate the inheritance and real property rights of everyone else, but the powers that be want it. It has passed the senate and will probably pass the house.

Real property taxpayers are able to benefit from the regulations permitting farmers to divide their income if they give their wives a share in their property but bond and share owners and others deserving income from rents, commissions, etc., want to also be able to divide income from federal income. It will probably pass the house. Then look out, it will be a complication to all titles, and all wills, and all inheritances.

A sales tax bill has passed. It is probably the poorest tax bill that has ever passed the Oregon house. Of special importance is the provision that divides the money from the sales tax on the basis of population instead of assessed value. That robs eastern Oregon of several millions of dollars and is a further attempt by the valley counties to capitalize on their poor assessment ratios. It will probably be changed in the senate where a greater amount of thought usually goes into tax matters.

In fact, the entire sales tax bill may be changed in the senate. There seems to be no doubt but that the people will defeat it in June, which will mean a special session of the legislature. The house assessment committee has utterly failed to provide revenue for the state, which is its bounden duty. It relied on the sales tax and is sending it to the people as a means of settling the tax problem of the state. The fact is that there are plenty of bills in that committee that would have raised enough money for the state without a sales tax but they have not been reported out. The people are to be told that the sales tax is mandatory because that is the only means of raising revenue, when that is not so at all. No one acquainted with the situation thinks that the people will be fooled by such simple presumptions and all but the few extreme sales taxers are sure that the sales tax will fail again as it always has in the past.

That means a special session sometime early in the new fiscal year so that the people can be given the right to vote on a transference of funds from the offset, or income tax fund to the general fund so that the state can go on. This may seem a high price to pay for legislative arrogance, but is cheaper than voting a new tax that is not needed.

It is likely that the session will end sometime in about the middle of the second week from March 24 but adjournment sine die may occur next Saturday night if enough haste can be engendered between now and then. There is still the labor bills, all the tax measures, the school bills, now ready for passage in the senate and some other reasonably important legislation to be passed. Almost nothing has gone through both houses.

The house has been the block to most of the action and this because those in authority have been persons of little executive ability who have fumbled their duties so seriously that the session has dragged. It seems impossible that the senate will be able to digest and amend the house bills into sensible legislation within a week, when it has taken the house ten weeks to straighten it out.

There has been a multitude of salary bills, of the counties, which are paid by the counties, and of the state, which are paid by the state. This has been one of the most generous legislatures in history, and one of the most beset with difficult problems about the raising of money.

Welfare has troubled the legislators for weeks and it has finally broken out into the open. We may have to curtail relief in order to all pay about the job they have meet the budget. The real trouble done.

Ex-GI Lost Male in Nursing Class



Even from his front row seat, John Malavear no doubt often finds it hard to concentrate on his studies. He is the only male in a class of 40. Malavear was a wounded GI in the 36th Division and was leg under educational benefit.

County Claims Presented For February Terms; Approved, Paid

CONDENSED REPORT OF COUNTY COURT DURING MARCH 5, 1947 MEETING

In re: Claims against County General and County Road Funds allowed as presented, with one exception.

Report of County Treasurer showing fund balance as of March 1, 1947 approved and filed.

Quarterly report of Sheriff covering tax collections from November 15, 1946 to February 15, 1947, presented, approved and filed.

County Agent's annual report covering activities between December 1, 1946 and November 30, 1946 presented and filed.

Financial Report of Sherman County Fair Board covering period from January 1, 1946 to December 1, 1946, filed in suspense.

Bids of George W. Drinkard for purchase of tax foreclosed property in Wasco and of L. S. Hines for purchase of tax foreclosed property in Wasco accepted, and properties declared sold.

Court approves and signs deed from County to Albert Tate pertaining to purchase of tax foreclosed property in Wasco.

Clerk directed to make transfers of budgeted items pertaining to Road Fund appropriations.

James W. Coons appointed County Road Foreman.

Letter from City of Wasco pertaining to desired Road and Street Improvements, referred to Road Foreman.

In re: Request by Sheriff that County owned Police Radio be mounted in Sheriff's private car; Request granted conditionally.

Mr. A. A. Dunlap appointed as Budget Committee member for three year term. Court directs that collections made, from and after March 5, for sales of Crushed Rock be credited to the Post War Road Construction Fund.

In the matter of a controversy pertaining to a passageway through private property: Matter held in suspense pending further investigation.

In re: Future work days to week of Road Employees; Matter left to discretion of Road Foreman and employees.

Claims for Office Help in Assessor's office to be held over to be paid out of 1947-48 Budget Appropriations.

No further matters being at issue Court adjourned.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR FEBRUARY 1947 AND APPROVED MARCH 5, 1947 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT

Naomi VanGilder, County Treasurer, General Assistance, \$33.73;

is that no one really believes that everyone on relief should be there, which means that the general opinion is that people should be responsible for their own fate and welfare. It is just an old American ideal that has survived the new deal and there isn't much that can be done about it, for there is a definite suspicion that the people feel the same way about it.

Most of the members are looking pale from lack of sunshine and weak from overwork. They will be home in a week or two looking like something that has been through a hospital, and most of them will be apologetic and not at all happy about the job they have met the budget. The real trouble done.

Rod & Gun Club Get Fish On Monday

On Monday of this week the State Fish and Game Commission planted two truck loads of fish in the Deschutes river near tunnel No. 1 just below where the new road connects with the old railroad grade. The fish, according to those who were there, looked ready for the pan. The size averaged seven and a half inches in length, however the fish have been on a liver diet and it is said the liver taste will predominate for six to eight weeks. Earlier last week two truck loads were planted at Sherar's bridge also.

The men in charge of planting the fish were well pleased with the new road and had no trouble getting in or out. On their next trip they plan to take pictures of the canyon.

C. P. Moore and B. H. Roberson met the trucks at Grass Valley. Mr. Moore acting as guide on down to the river.

The Rod & Gun club will hold its annual meeting in the Circuit Court rooms at the Courthouse in Moro, Monday night, April 7. All members and others who are interested are urged to attend.

Mrs. O. B. Messinger Dies Wednesday

Word was received Wednesday of the death of Sarah Adeline Messinger at St. Helens, Oregon. She was born Sarah Adeline Sutton on April 18, 1876 at Amity, Oregon and was married July 5, 1893 to Otis B. Messinger of Sherman county. They made their home in this county until 1925 when they moved to St. Helens.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. J. F. Noonan of Moro and Mrs. J. A. Newton of Farmington, New Mexico; two sons, V. Otis of Astoria and J. Ray of Bakersfield, California, an adopted grand-daughter, Mrs. Arthur Sabar, St. Helens; ten grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at St. Helens with a graveside service at Moro Sunday morning.

WASCO CHURCH HOLDS SPRING TEA

The Spring Tea, given by the ladies of the Methodist church Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. M. Huckin, was well attended. The following program was presented: A quartet composed of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stierle, Mrs. O. G. Hilderbrand and Jean McConaughy sang; "Flowers That Bloom In The Spring" by Carmon Royse, Salp Fields and Phyllis Watkins accompanied by Mrs. Al Dormalier; A reading by Mrs. J. Hilderbrand; a duet by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stierle; A soap opera written by Mrs. Collis Moore of Moro given by Mrs. Albert Dormalier, Mrs. O. G. Hilderbrand, Patricia Kaseberg and Jean McConaughy; another reading by Patricia Kaseberg accompanied by Mrs. J. T. Johnson and two songs by the quartet accompanied by Mrs. Albert Dormalier. Dainty refreshments were served in the late afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Lamborn motored to Portland Monday to visit their son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Burness Guy. They were accompanied by their granddaughter Mrs. Albert Dormalier and Maxine.

Fred Anderson who is attending Willamette University at Salem spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arvid Anderson.

Stanley Anderson, John Hilderbrand and Phyllis Medler who are attending Oregon State are spending ten days vacation visiting their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Wallace are being felicitated on the birth of a daughter "Mary Sue," March 20th, at The Dalles hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wallace of The Dalles and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ginn of Moro.

Mrs. Andrew Shearer was taken to the Mid-Columbia hospital Sunday.

Leonard Workman of Bend was a Sunday guest of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ora Workman. He was accompanied home by his sister Mrs. Ruby McCann.

Mr. and Mrs. Maryin Howell and son Robert were week-end guests in Portland.

Wayne Hull of Portland was a week-end guest of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Crews.

Weed Spraying With 2,4-D Being Done

Dust Processes Have Been Used And Prove To Be Successful

Work has been done in the county on spraying annual weeds, black mustard, curly mustard, Jim Hill mustard, tar weed, pepper grass and filaria, with 2,4-D chemical applied at the rate of 1/2 to 1 lb. to the acre. This material is being put on in both spray and dust treatment. On Will Powell's ranch 200 acres were sprayed as was 100 acres on T. L. Fields ranch. There were 300 acres of Charles Kuypers and 500 acres of W. E. Bruckert that were dusted using 5 per cent 2,4-D at the rate of three-fourths to 1 lb. to the acre.

This year is the first year 2,4-D dust has been used in this section of Oregon. The sprays have been used in different concentrations of water per acre. On the Will Powell lots 50 to 100 gals. of water per acre was used and on T. L. Fields from 25 to 50 gals. of water per acre. The limiting factor in semi-arid sections in using spray is the water supply.

At present there is apparently little difference between dust and sprays. The application of dusts are limited due to the draft caused by the wind. It appears that results are governed primarily by moisture conditions in air due to the fact that chemical has to stick on the leaves for best results. Sprays have been applied at rates as low as 5 gals. to the acre. It has been ascertained that high pressures aren't necessary in using 2,4-D as long as the material can be readily applied to the leaf surface in quantities necessary for the killing effect. Controls range from 90 to 100 per cent kills. The use of 2,4-D on Morning Glory and other noxious weeds when applied in growing crop should not be in concentration heavier than one lb. of parent acid per acre. Concentrations of the material when treatment is carried on in summer fallow, Morning Glory should be at rates of 2 lbs. to 3 lbs., applied to the plants at the first bud stage. 2,4-D should not be used in grain for control in weeds after the crop is in the boot.

Lin Harris formerly of Oregon State college, now of Chipman Chemical Co. spent Monday and Tuesday in the county checking results of the chemical treatments being used. Virgil Freed, Crops Specialist in charge of weed control from the college, also visited the fields where control methods are being used and made favorable comment regarding both dust and spray treatments.

Moro Womens Club Has Hobby Day

Friday was Hobby Day at the Moro Woman's Club with Mrs. Collis Moore as director, who gave a short talk on "Why Everyone Should Have A Hobby." She presented her mother, Mrs. J. C. Huntley who had part of her interesting button collection with her. These were very attractively mounted, some carrying out designs. Mrs. Huntley told of incidents leading up to taking up her hobby, also about some of the rare buttons in her collection. Carol Burnett presented her collection of Story Book dolls. Mildred Eakin displayed her collection of miniature horses and Joan Eakin her collection of paper napkins. Mrs. Theodore Johnston had some old fashioned dolls. Various other members told of their hobbies, which were impossible to bring. Mrs. Collis Moore had brought David Moore's collection of badges to show what a boys hobby is like. She also demonstrated how her pressed flower pictures are assembled, and points on how to press and prepare flowers for these pictures.

Hostesses were Mrs. Ralph Eakin, Mrs. Robt. May and Mrs. Robt. Belshee. The next meeting will be April 4th when the American Home Department will have charge of the program. The Philippines will be the main topic. Mrs. Tom Alley of Grass Valley will be guest speaker. Director, Mrs. E. Amidon, hostesses Mrs. Lloyd-Henrichs and Mrs. E. E. Barzee.