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The practice of placing farm products on a quota basis in an effort to restrict production where surpluses were apparent was not explicitly authorized in the Steagall amendment, but was resorted to by the department of agriculture as a measure of self-protection to lessen the cost of the price stabilization policy under which surpluses are purchased at a fixed percentage of parity and re-sold or otherwise disposed of. The out-of-pocket cost of this method of handling the potato crop was approximately \$15,000,000 and the result was not satisfactory to anyone concerned. Thousands of bushels of potatoes rotted in the fields and other thousands were plowed back as fertilizer. The effect was that taxpayers not only paid for the unused potatoes but paid a higher price for the potatoes they consumed than would have been the case had normal marketing practices been permitted.

Farm organization leaders favor restrictions on production where a surplus is imminent, but farmers don't like this and insist that parity prices be maintained whatever the cost. The problem of Republican leaders in congress is to evolve a plan by which the cost of government will not be unduly high while maintaining prices satisfactory to farmers. This may compel adoption of restrictions on production, which under the incentive of war needs rose to an all-time high for wheat, potatoes and some other items. As of the present, American farms are producing more than can be absorbed by the domestic market and the financial condition of foreign countries does not offer a rosy prospect for export on a cash basis. The so-called Steagall law will expire Jan. 1, 1949, and new legislation will be necessary before that time if there is to be assurance of farm prosperity in that and succeeding years.

While other members are engrossed with the problem of how to curb labor without losing labor's vote, how to reduce taxes and at the same time balance the budget, and other matters of domestic and world-wide concern, Congressman Kee of West Virginia is giving his attention to a reforming of the calendar and to pointing out the defects in the Gregorian system of calculating time. He wants to take the lead in advocating a world calendar which would he says, "fix the year in perpetuity, reapportion the days of the months, establish an equal working month of 28 days, and fix holidays so they will always fall on the same day and date." It would also provide another holiday at the year's end "apart from all other days and appropriately dedicated to world peace and friendship." Resolutions to this end were introduced in the 79th congress but no action was taken.

In view of the fact that the sugar allocation law will expire March 31, price control on June 30, and the basic sugar act on December 31, Representative Hill of Colorado believes the whole subject should be gone into and a new law written for the protection of domestic sugar producers. While the per acre production of sugar in the United States is greater than in Cuba, lower labor cost and lower taxes enable the Cuban growers to undersell in an open market, and it is to meet this contingency that Mr. Hill asks for legislative study and action. Under the quota allocation system, a processing tax is imposed on sugar and from this source benefits are paid to beet and cane growers in the United States. These benefits will be lost if action is not taken prior to next March 31.

Get ready for an increase in all classes of postal rates except first class mail, which will remain at three cents per ounce. The postoffice department has shown a deficit in 83 out of the

Sherman County Calves Going To EOWL Show

Over sixty head of Sherman county livestock, mostly fat steers, will go to The Dalles next Monday as entries in the Eastern Oregon Wheat League Livestock Show and Sale. There they will compete with similar classes from all counties in Oregon's wheat belt.

Sifting of stock will be done Tuesday morning and judging contests, and showmanship contests will start early that day to keep the young herdsman busy until late in the afternoon when The Dalles Chamber of Commerce and allied service clubs will give them a boat ride to Celilo canal. A banquet for the 4-H clubbers and others interested in the show will be given that evening.

Expense of the show is being under written by others so the entire proceeds of the sales will be received by the boy growing the animal. The sale will begin Wednesday evening with Frank Wink, local auctioneer, getting the bids. Buyers from all over

More Bonds Being Bought Than Cashed

The war bond staff for the state of Oregon has made a cumulative report of bond sales for the year 1946 for Sherman county showing total sales of \$73,702 and redemptions of \$89,832.

March was the biggest month for redemptions when \$29,714 in bonds were redeemed by owners. September was the largest month for sales when \$14,761 were bought, although both November and December were good months. Of the amount bought the larger part was in E bonds.

Sales in January 1947 totaled \$47,032 against sales of \$6,819 in January of 1946 indicating a renewal of interest in the sale of government securities.

A goal of \$60,000,000 in bonds has been set for the state of Oregon for 1947. Of this amount Sherman county has sold \$64,987 in the first three months and has a quota of \$175,013 for the remainder of the year.

Court Claims Paid; Lots Sold

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON, GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR APRIL 1947 AND APPROVED MAY 1947 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT.

Naomi VanGilder, Co. Treas., General Assistance, \$4.50; Norman E. Fields, expenses for return of prisoner from Kansas, \$500.00; Naomi Van Gilder, Co. Treas., Old Age Assistance, \$127.60; Russell H. Belshee, Grand Juror, \$4.00; P. L. Finley, Grand Juror, \$5.00; Carl Schadewitz, Grand Juror, \$5.50; C. A. Bagenholt, Grand Juror, \$4.00; Max Brown, Grand Juror, \$5.00; B. W. Blaylock, Grand Juror, \$4.00; Donald MacInnes, Grand Juror, \$6.10; C. Mersinger, Janitor's salary, \$99.97; James W. Jones, expense of Gov't Trapper, \$50.00; J. C. Freeman, P. M. stamps Treasurer's office, \$25.00; Vernon I. Miller, County Commissioner, \$18.00; Joe Peters, County Commissioner, \$11.40; Pacific Power & Light Co., lights courthouse, \$29.33; City of Moro, water courthouse, \$4.25; Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co., telephones, \$15.00; Pacific Paint & Chemical Co. courthouse expense, \$27.05; City of Moro, courthouse street light 3 months, \$4.65; Charles R. Logan, audit of county books, \$255.00; W. R. Reid & Son, subdules DeMoss Park, \$1.00; Department of Agriculture, sealer weights and measures, \$2.58; West Coast Printing & Binding Co., election supplies, \$3.30; Burroughs Adding Machine Co., Sun's office expense, \$3.36; B. Petreille Haller, Bond of K. Fridley Fair Board member, \$5.00; Sherman County Journal, County Printing, \$21.65; Stevens, 1947 Annotations, \$10.00; Western Union Tel. Co., Sheriff's office expense, \$3.69; Paul Cynhars, transportation of Lyons to Kent, \$0.75; T. Lester Johnson, District Attorney's expense, \$7.50; State Indus. Acc. Comm., Police Officer's protection, \$4.23; First National Bank, with-hold. tax, \$61.10; Public Employees Retirement System, retirement fund, \$160.82; C. Mersinger, supplies for courthouse, \$1.15; J. C. Freeman, P. M. stamps Clerk's office, \$10.00; Doris Jones, Sun's office help, \$4.50; Katie Geiser, Supt. office help, \$17.25; Helen

Historical Society Plans For June 1 Picnic at DeMoss

Program makers for the Sherman County Historical Society picnic to be held June 1, at DeMoss park, have about completed their job of preparation and getting promises for the numbers that will inform and entertain the Sherman Countians, old and recent, who are expected at this second annual meeting.

P. Waldo Davis will be on hand to play his musical chimes and Erwin B. Lemmon of Corvallis, where he is registrar at OSC, will give the address of the day, drawing on his memory of earlier days at Grass Valley and his knowledge of pioneer people and their tribulations.

There will be reports by the committees that have been working on historical matters during the year and many musical numbers including some by Miss Vivian Trounce, Lillian MacFarlane, Frank Savers, the Rufus quartet, Rev. Howard Schilling, Rev. F. L. Cannell will give the history of Sherman county's country churches.

The program will begin at 11:30 a. m. and after an hour will stop for the basket dinner that will be served under the trees of the park. At two o'clock the program will begin again. A public address system has been loaned by the power company for the occasion.

Every resident of Sherman county is welcomed to come, whether a resident of olden times or a new one.

Auxiliary Elects Mollie McLachlan

Chris Schultz Unit, American Legion Auxiliary, met Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Mollie McLachlan and elected officers for the year which will actively begin after harvest and vacations are over.

Mrs. McLachlan was elected president. Florence Thompson, vice-president, Abbie Melzer secretary. Frances Henrichs will act as past president, having ended her presidency.

It was reported that all peoples had been sold and all other business ended for the season. Dick Ovesson won a \$5 prize in the essay contest sponsored by the auxiliary and the unit gave \$25 to the ambulance fund. Lunch was served to the 15 members present.

Dim Stars Bright Enough To Win 15-14 Decision

The ball game between the Dim Stars and the high school team resulted in a close 15 to 14 victory for the Stars, although the youngsters were breathing down their neck at the stretch, and only the put out of the tying run at third base prevented extra innings.

The Stars made 16 hits compared to five for the high school boys but the boys made use of what opportunities they had, whereas the Stars made as many as three hits in one inning without scoring. Hoskinson, Peters, and Baver pitched for the school team and Coelch and Eaves did the chucking for the elders. None was airtight.

At the end of the sixth inning each team had six scores. The Stars made two in the next inning and the kids but one. In the last two innings each side made seven runs. Longest hit of the game was by Pinkerton who homered over the left field warehouse. Ray Jewel crossed up his proteges by hunting with the bases full a bit of strategy that scored two runs.

Playing were: Pinkerton, Hoskinson, Platt, Knighten, Phil von Borstel, Thompson, Harvey Peters, Newhill, Moore and Mav for the high school, and T. Thompson, Paulson, Bennet, Coelch, Robertson, Eaves, Howell, Perry, McKean, Boynton and Jewel for the Stars.

Total collection of \$220.54 was made for the ambulance fund.

YOUNG CHURCH PEOPLE MEET AT WASCO

The church young people of Sherman county had a get together last Friday evening at the Wasco Methodist church. A good group of around 60 attended this first planned rally. The churches represented were the Grass Valley Methodist, Moro Community, Wasco Church of Christ and the Wasco Methodist.

The program consisted of group singing a special number by each of the churches representing a number by the Wasco Methodist choir, a short message by Rev. Howard Schilling, a period of fellowship and recreation, and concluded with refreshments and a friendship circle. Miss Patricia, president of the Wasco Methodist Youth Fellowship was in charge of the program.

Everyone attending seemed to have a very enjoyable time. Other such rallies are being planned for the future.

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Court directs that treasurer draw on Taylor Grazing Act Fund to extent of \$200.00 and that Clerk remit same to Echo Grazing District No. 7 to be used for purpose of retaining sufficient personnel.

Court authorizes and directs that Treasurer draw on Taylor grazing Act Fund to extent of \$60.00 to be used by Fish and Wild Life Service (Rodent Control Division) for procuring of rodent control supplies to be used principally upon Taylor Grazing District lands in County.

Clerk directed to communicate with Oregon State Highway Commission asking that adequate fireguards be provided from Joun Day river to Deschutes river and along Highway No. 30.

Representatives of Maryhill Ferry interests appeared before Court relative to proposed changing of location of road leading from Highway No. 30 to Ferry landing; Court is of attitude that road should be located and maintained exclusively by State Highway Commission.

County Assessor C. A. Rugles presents Court with resignation to become effective June 1st. Resignation accepted and filed.

Court designates May 12th as date for first meeting of County Budget Committee compiling of proposed 1947-48 Budget.

Court defers action on two applications for appointment to office of County Assessor.

Deed executed conveying tax foreclosed property in Wasco to Levi S. Hines and Mary D. Hines. Court adjourned subject to call of County Judge.

PROCEEDINGS OF MEETING OF COUNTY COURT DURING MEETING HELD MAY 12, 1947

Court issues Order directing that a Special Election be held on June 20th for purpose of voting on the issue as to whether or not special tax levies in excess of the 6% limitation for the years 1947-48 and 1948-49 shall be made for the purpose of improvement for county roads.

Bill E. Todd appointed County Assessor to serve until such time as an Assessor may be elected and qualify for said office.

Court adjourned to call of County Judge.



WINNING PEN OF HOGS . . . Leo Hulbey, 18, of Chatsworth, Ill., exhibits his winning pen of three Chester Whites at the Chicago Junior market hog show and sale. In addition to first ribbons, young Hulbey received the Pillsbury award. With more than 1,000 hogs exhibited from four states, winners faced stiff competition. Hulbey and hundreds of other 4-H club boys and girls have made a paying business out of their various farm enterprises.

Breakfast Club Considers Wider Service to County

The Moro Breakfast club, in a meeting dedicated to consideration of club business, reviewed the years work and made preliminary plans for a fuller year ahead.

At the next meeting, which will be held June 4, specific invitations will be sent to citizens of Sherman county from all sections. The meeting will be an open meeting as usual, but these will be requests for attendance. Purpose is to broaden the activities of the club so that here will be an organization of all the county instead of merely the community.

Merle Becket, president will appoint a committee to handle the coming meeting. Sentiment was expressed that considering the shrinking population of the county and the growing population of the state, the entire county was the proper basis for a civic club instead of one town of the county. Everyone with opinions on means of achieving that end is welcome to attend and express them.

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GRASS VALLEY CLEAN-UP DAY SET

Clean up day in Grass Valley will be Wednesday, June 4. A pot luck dinner will be served at noon in the park. The committee B. C. Baumgartner, Art Bibby, Arch Central, Paul Goddard and Art Schilling urges everyone to collect and pile their rubbish where it can easily be picked up by truck. Special projects planned are to trim trees at the park build additional picnic tables for the park and white wash the trees along the highway.

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

The Memorial day program will be held in the Courtyard north of the court house on Friday, Memorial day at 10:00 a. m. according to Theodore Johnston who is chairman of the American Legion committee in charge of the annual service.

Legion and VFW colors will be massed around the marker bearing the names of those who served. Rev. J. K. MacFarlane will offer prayer, Ray Jewel will lead the pledge to the flag and Alvin Hensen will play a saxophone solo. Members of the Community church choir will sing two numbers and Tom Fraser will sing a solo.

The address will be given by Percy Larson of The Dalles, veteran of two wars and one time district commander of the American Legion.

PICTURES WANTED

The picture committee for the Sherman County Historical Society has been named by Theodore Johnston. Its duty will be to gather and display pictures of old time scenes. Those having such pictures may loan them to any member of the committee who are Mrs. Clara Kock of Grass Valley, Mrs. A. H. Barnum of Moro and Mrs. Casha Yates of Wasco.

Sherman Riders Take Prizes at Goldendale Show

Sherman Riders came back from Goldendale with \$100, about a quarter of the prize money, and with three firsts, one second and two thirds in the competition in Goldendale's first Amateur Western Horse Show, which was sponsored by the Klickitat Posse and the No. 12 Riding club of that county.

About 30 Sherman Riders attended, taking their horses in trucks donated by members. The drill featuring 24 riders, that was given at the county fair last fall was again presented and well received by the spectators and nearly 200 horsemen present.

Winning prizes were Mrs. J. K. McKean, first in the pleasure horse class riding "Coquette"; Merle Becket, third in the pleasure horse class, riding "Cola"; Marjorie VanGilder, first in Ladies Stock horse class, on her white mare, Diane Christianson, third in Ladies Stock horse class, riding William Brinkert's palomino stallion, "Pal".

Carl Schilling, second in Boys and Girls quarter horse race riding Diane Christianson's "Lady"; William Brinkert, third in Men's Stock saddle horse class riding "Pal"; Connie Wilson, riding Merle Becket's "Cola" and Willard Coons riding McKean's "Baron" in the Matched pair event.

Merle Becket requests that all ribbons won be brought to the bank so they can be labeled and displayed.

VERNON FUTTER KILLED

Word was received here by Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Thompson Thursday morning that Vern Futter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Futter of Centralia, Wn., had been killed while working with a tractor near Centralia. Young Futter spent a large part of his boyhood here, attending Moro schools, and joined the marine corps where he became a flier. He was 27 years old. Funeral services will be held Saturday in Centralia.

BARTON TRIAL JUNE 17

Judge D. N. Mackay was here the first of the week to attend to circuit court matters coming to issue in the regular term of court. A few motions were heard and some divorce matters decided. Trial of James Barker, indicted for theft of an automobile, was set for June 17, when the judge will return from a Portland session on the bench.

FOOTBALL GAME DUE

The seniors and the scrubs of the Moro High school football squad have teamed up to compete against the boys who hope to make the regular team next fall. In order to increase the ambulance fund, these two teams will play on the grassed field Friday afternoon at 2 p. m. and a collection will be taken up from those who wish to donate.

WASCO WINS OVER FOSSIL BY 3-0 SCORE

Wasco's baseball team went into a tie with Fossil and Condon last Sunday when it defeated the heretofore unbeaten Fossil nine on its home diamond by a score of 3 to 0. Jensen went all the way and bested two Fossil pitchers in a pitcher's duel. Wasco had Welsh as a substitute for the injured Fridley and Macdon played short in place of Philfer, putting Dormaler on first.

Graduation Comes For County School Classes

Graduation of high and grade school classes in Sherman county occurs before the end of the month with Rufus already having sent its classes into the world with a ceremony Thursday night. Leonard Peterson finished Rufus High School and Bill Barnham, Wayne Eaton, Carol Smith and Howard Steward passed into high school from the eighth grade.

At Wasco the ceremonies ending school will be given to night when Clyde Beard of The Dalles will give the parting address to six high school seniors: Lester Gray, Gordon Hilderbrand, Patricia Hilderbrand, Joseph Hines, Gene McConaughy, and Donna Jeanette Watkins. Eighth graders finishing the Wasco school are Floyd Gore, Motrona Alda Kaseberg, Charles Wallace, Sharon Briggs, John Buck, Russell Lewis, Darlene Machel, Richard Booth and Donald Richards.

The grade schools of Kent, Grass Valley and Moro will hold ceremonies at Grass Valley Monday night when Gordon Lang, Darlene McCallister, Marvin Rees, Fred von Borstel, Dorothy Wilson and Cecelia Balloni will finish the Kent school; Clarence May, Stephen Bibby, Roger Ball, John Alley, Alfred Kock Jr., Betty Saxton, Richard Rust, Roy Harvey and Carl Schadewitz will finish the Grass Valley school and Terry Bucholtz, Diane Christianson, Leslie Edwards, Viola Edwards, Evelyn Kirkelie and Connie Ruggles will end their grade school work at Moro.

Graduation for the Moro High school will be an event of next Wednesday night when Dr. Peters will come from Reed college in Portland to speak to the graduates and the assemblage. Finishing high school are Alan Pinkerton, Bill Garrett, Bill Platt, Dick Wilson, Bob Hoskinson, Ed Fritts, Keith Boyser, Carl von Borstel and Bettie Todd.

Womans Club Ends Years Work

The Moro Woman's club held its last meeting Friday with a bounteous pot luck dinner for husband and families.

At the business meeting it was voted to change the club day to Tuesday for trial for the coming year. The club voted to give twenty-five dollars to the ambulance fund this year and plan on a benefit next year to give an additional sum to the project.

Mrs. Tom Fraser installed the following new officers: Mrs. Clarence Sparling, president; Mrs. Robert May, vice-president; Mrs. Ernest Eslinger, secretary; Mrs. Orlo Martin, treasurer and Mrs. Darwin Van Gilder, publicity. Short talks were given by the new officers and both new and old officers were presented with corsages.

The new president and her committee are busy working on the program for next year. Their plans are to study Oregon.

Agriculture Standing Well Now says Bell

Agriculture came through World War II and the early stages of the postwar period in a much stronger position than it did following World War I. Dr. E. J. Bell, assistant to R. E. Brown, president of the Federal Land Bank of Spokane, told members of The Dalles National Farm Loan association at their annual meeting in The Dalles, May 10.

"Farmers capitalized on increased net income, resulting from good crops and favorable market prices, to retire indebtedness and build up reserves for lean years," said Dr. Bell. Following World War I they were going into debt."

W. H. Ragsdale, president, and Victor G. Peterson, secretary-treasurer of The Dalles National Farm Loan association, pointed to the progress of the association and its financial condition at the present time. The association, which makes services loans for the Federal Land Bank of Spokane, owe \$69,425.00 of capital stock in the bank; has \$15,825.00 in U. S. and farm loan bonds, and has built up its reserve account to \$3,588.00.

4-H WORKERS TALK

Three club workers from Sherman county appeared before the KODL microphone Wednesday noon along with county agent Wright to tell of their activities in relation to the coming livestock show and sale to be held in The Dalles next Tuesday and Wednesday. Appearing were Dick Ovesson, Diane Christianson, and Douglas Alley.