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on the Northwest**

Inevitably the cost of new housing must come down. The department of commerce has had to reconsider and revise its estimate of new building, which was made last November. But last November prices were so high that building fell off, and last month the costs were still higher and there was a 20 percent falling off. The emergency program for housing for veterans has come a cropper because the prices were beyond what the veterans who had started to build last year left their dwellings to the reach of the average veteran only partly completed and offered them for sale. This is a condition which exists everywhere in the United States.

The plea of President Truman and the warnings of the housing expediter have had no effect. Prices have gone up steadily. Contractors will not agree to build for a flat sum; they insist on cost-plus, for they admit there are so many factors involved that they have no assurance that they can get labor and materials to warrant a flat sum.

All the while the housing shortage continues. Houses are still hard to get and those which have been built are usually sold to someone who is desperate.

The department of commerce predicts (but not too enthusiastically) that the peak of cost has been reached, that there will be a tapering off downward and that this reduction, possibly of 20 percent, will be apparent before the end of this year. However, there is no reduction in sight of the wage scale of the various unions. These have been upped and upped until the labor costs (as distinguished from material costs) have discouraged veterans and non-veterans from attempting to build.

Dealers in materials argue that their prices are not too high considering what they must pay for labor. It adds up that labor costs makes materials high, and the wage scale of tradesmen on job is high and there appears to be nothing that can be done about it. And, again, building contractors assert that the workmen they hire do not attempt to do a day's work for a day's pay, and this is another unfortunate feature. There is complaint at the cost of lumber, which is admittedly high, but lumbercost is a small share in building the average dwelling.

Earlier this year the government entered millions of bushels of wheat for relief program in Europe. Other buyers rushed in and made a killing. These purchases were reflected in the domestic economy and resulted in an increase in the price of bread and other items and have been charged with having been responsible for part of the inflation. Congress heard of these matters and made inquiries and this is what they discovered.

Wealthy European refugees and displaced persons who were in this country were an active element in the speculative market and they reported cleaned up on the operation. As this story circulated among members of congress it did not help the advocates who have been urging that the immigration laws be suspended and displaced persons be admitted freely and without number for a few years. The story also recalled that immigration officials have declared that thousands of aliens are sneaking into the United States every year; this being the estimate of those who are not caught.

The world bank has been worrying over its securities. For a time it appeared as though large investors, such as insurance companies, would not be in the market for them, but this has been ironed out. An order will be issued almost any day permitting national banks to take the world bank securities up to the limit of their capital. The order has been held up during the illness of Preston Delano, comptroller of currency. Delano was formerly a business man in Seattle, in Portland and Grants Pass, and among other duties it is his job to call for bank statements without giving advance notice and sends his trained examiners into the institutions, also without prior notice.

Veterans administration says there are 35,000 dependents of veterans in England; 6,000 in Italy; 4,000 in Poland; 680 in Mexico and 300 in France. Checks in a steady stream, bringing a few dollars monthly to parents, to these dependents, go forward wives and children of men who were the uniform of the American fighting man.



**VEGETABLE GROWERS SERVE** . . . Five hundred pounds of seeds donated by National Junior Vegetable Growers association are donated for the youth of Greece. James Spell, 17, Columbia, Miss., president of the junior growers organization, presents, in the name of his organization, the seeds to Jason Dracoulis, Greek vice-consul in New York City. National Junior Vegetable Growers association played an active part in garden work during the war.

## Legion Post Elects Bob Axtell Commander

Chris Schultz post, American Legion, chose Bob Axtell as commander for the coming year at its meeting Wednesday night. Andy Paulson was elected vice-commander and Ed Eaves adjutant. Other officers elected were Ronald Powell, sergeant at arms, Carl Meizer, chaplain, and Ollie French, Jack Lawrence and Theodore Johnston as members of the executive committee.

As delegates to the state convention which will meet in Portland June 26-28 the members elected Bob Axtell and Ed Eaves with Theodore Johnston and Ollie French as alternates.

Discussion at the meeting was partially concerned with sponsorship of a swimming pool for the community but definite plans will await the accumulation of more information.

## Veteran Loan Plan Expanded

Important revision in the Oregon veterans' home and farm loan act, including an increase from \$3000 to \$6000 in the amount the World War II ex-serviceman may borrow, were explained today by Director George E. Sandy following certain interpretations of the new law by Attorney General George Neuner.

The act, including amendments passed by the 1947 legislature, now provide:

1. A loan of 75 percent of the appraised value of the property, not to exceed \$6000, for the acquisition of a farm or a home by World War veterans with at least 90 days' service who were Oregon residents before entering the armed forces.
2. Repayment at 4 percent interest, over a period of 20 years or less.

The veteran must own the property, and give a first mortgage to the state as security when the loan is completed.

The term "acquisition" now means purchase of real property and its improvement; payment of balance of purchase price and interest on a contract; and refinancing of an existing purchase money mortgage.

The act also now permits a loan for the construction of a new home on property already owned by the veteran, according to a recent opinion handed down by the attorney general.

Another provision is that the state can act as a lending institution for the veteran seeking a home or farm loan under the G. I. loan guaranty after other lending agencies have turned him down. In these instances the veteran may borrow up to \$10,000.

Applications should be made through the Department of Veterans Affairs, State Library Building, Salem, or at 416 S. W. 11th Avenue, Portland.

Art Schilling took his daughter, Diane, to The Dalles Tuesday for medical treatment.

## Sherman County Clubbers Get \$11,000 for Stock

Recapitulation of the results of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League Fat Livestock Show and Sale shows the large part played by Sherman county boys and girls in that event.

In the eight classes of steers Sherman county took 5 firsts, 3 seconds, 3 thirds, 3 fourths, 4 fifths, 1 sixth, 2 sevenths, 3 eighths, and 1 ninth and also grand champion and reserve champion as well as breed champion for the three breeds. In addition Sherman county boys won in showmanship taking first second, third, eighth and ninth in junior showmanship and first second, fifth, and ninth in senior showmanship as well as champion and breed champion showmanship ribbons.

In sheep's three classes this county took 3 firsts, 2 seconds, 1 fourth and 1 fifth and also second in sheep herdsmanship, first, second, third, fifth, & eighth in sheep showmanship, grand champion and reserve champion lamb.

For the two classes of hogs the county had first and second with champion hog showmanship and grand champion single hog.

Receipts of the exhibitors from the sale of the stock totaled \$11,156.63 of which \$924.15 was from steers, \$979.63 from sheep and \$311.85 from hogs. Sherman county stock placed highest in sales of all divisions the hog bringing 36 cents, the sheep \$2.10 and the steer \$2.00.

Sherman county had 28.7 percent of the stock at the sale and received 36 percent of the sale money. Average for steers was 40.25 cents and was 34.60 cents excluding the grand champion. Steer prices averaged 31.38 cents, sheep 48.85 and hogs 27.73. In the entire show there were 108 steers, 35 lambs and 35 hogs of which Sherman county youngsters showed 31 steers, 15 lambs and five hogs.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank von Borstel accompanied her brother and his wife Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clodfelter and family to Portland to a birthday dinner in honor of her father, S. O. Clodfelter, Sunday a week ago, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harland Clodfelter of Oregon City. Mrs. John D. Goodrich of Yreka, California, was also present to complete the family reunion. Mrs. Goodrich drove Mrs. von Borstel home to Kent on Monday and remained until Friday when she motored to Portland to meet her husband who had flown from California.

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## HENRY CALLAWAY SUCCEEDS McCULLOCH

Announcement was made this week of the appointment of Henry C. Callaway as local representative for Standard Insurance company. Mr. Callaway has many acquaintances in Sherman county and until the war he made his home for many years in The Dalles. He has been an employee of the Pacific Power and Light company for a number of years and recently resigned as manager of that company's office in Wapato, Washington.

Mr. Callaway is taking over the office of the company's former representative for this territory, Paul McCulloch, who was promoted to branch manager and transferred to the main office in Portland. Mr. Callaway's office is in conjunction with that of Ben Musa, accountant and tax expert at 405 East 2nd St., The Dalles.

## 60 Inch of Rain Makes Fall Crop Prospect Better

Rainfall for May was very light at the Moro station, there being a mere 12 inch during the entire month and 40 inch of that fell the last 10 days as part of the storm still in progress.

With May being so short the total crop year moisture is but 4.50 for most of the 10.24 average. However, since June 1 30 has fallen to make the shortage 2.50 to one.

The early June rain has already exceeded the June normal of 46 inch making that the only month except April when the average has been exceeded since September 1.

No heavy rains have fallen during the storm except in small spots and although the forecast is for continued rain there is no great concentration of clouds. There may be enough to insure a spring wheat crop or merely enough to wash it along to filling time. Winter wheat is considered safe for an average crop.

## Mrs. Jerry Wilson Flies To See Mother

Mrs. J. E. Wilson flew to Fullerton, Washington with her son George, Saturday to be with her mother, Mrs. Betty Kelly who is seriously ill. George Wilson returned to Moro the same day.

Mrs. Anna Robertson arrived from Fullerton Sunday. She and Mr. Robertson will live on the George Wilson ranch while he is working on the Wilson's new home.

Mrs. Helen Bothwell and Luther Davis motored to Portland Monday.

William Mitchell and Volna Guyton and one Billy and Bobby of Portland were weekend visitors at the home of Mrs. Wilson.

Mrs. Paul Wilson and daughter Opal and Dorothy were guests Sunday at the A. A. Dunlap home in Grass Valley.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Kulick arrived at the home of Mrs. Kulick's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theo. von Borstel May 22 after a motor trip from Berry Indiana. Mr. Kulick is now with a real estate firm in Portland. Mrs. Kulick expects to spend much of the summer with her mother who has been quite ill.

Miss Marie von Borstel returned home last Tuesday from St. Mary's Academy for her summer vacation.

Kent students graduating from the Moro high school last Wednesday were Richard Wilson, Carl von Borstel and Edd Fritte.

Jim Lang of Seattle, Washington was a visitor last Tuesday at the home of his brother Leo Lang. His son Gordon who has been living at the Leo Lang home during the past school year returned him to Seattle Wednesday.

Mrs. Ruth Harrison and son, Larry of Portland were weekend

## Representatives of Communities Like County Club

Representatives of all parts of the county met Wednesday morning at invitation of the Moro Breakfast club to discuss the possibility of forming a county wide organization to inform and be informed about civic matters pertaining to the county.

Merle Becket, Breakfast club president, directed the discussion in which many participated. LeRoy Wright reported on the excellent showing of the 4-H club boys and girls from Sherman county at the Eastern Oregon Wheat league stock show held last week.

Speaking on behalf of a county organization were George Potter, Arnold Dunlap, Paul Goddard, T. Lester Johnson, J. M. Wilson, Kenneth Fridley and Giles L. French.

A committee was named to arrange for a further meeting which members announced would be held in Moro June 18. Preparation for the program and discussion of by-laws will be done at a committee meeting to be held at the experiment station office Wednesday evening, next. Members of the committee are Merrill Oveson, A. A. Dunlap, George Wilson, L. E. Kaseberg and Kenneth Fridley.

It was the general opinion that such an organization would be helpful, that it should be based on civic improvement without specific attention to internal economics of the county.

## 'Cotton' Morrow Dies In The Dalles

Louis M. (Cotton) Morrow died at his home in The Dalles last Friday and was buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery there Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Morrow was born in Logan county, Illinois, April 9, 1872 and came with his parents to Sherman county in 1888. He made his home here until a few years ago when he moved to The Dalles.

Surviving are his widow, Maude, a son Barnard of Ashland, a brother, Hal of The Dalles and three sisters, Mrs. L. M. Webster of Hood River, Mrs. Ed Kaseberg of Portland and Mrs. Annie Gollhofer of Salem.

## PARALYSIS CHAIRMAN VISITS IN COUNTY

Eugene Hall, representative of the Foundation for Infantile Paralysis was in the county Monday while on a trip through eastern Oregon. He reported that Sherman county had topped other counties in the recently ended drive for funds by raising 77.55 cents per capita whereas the state average was 32.64 cents. Gilliam county was second with 63.01 cents.

## WATER MAIN REPAIRED AFTER BREAK FOUND

A leak was discovered in the watermain leading from the pumping plant to the cistern Monday caused by a rusted watermain. It was repaired by Marshal Beardsley Tuesday morning which should make some improvement in the amount of water put into the system hereafter. Enough was lost to water a good sized garden however.

## visitors at the Eugene Norton home.

Edwin Smith, son of Dr. and Mrs. Noel Smith of The Dalles is visiting at the Lester Wilson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wilson and family were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith of The Dalles.

Those attending the Historical picnic Sunday at DeMoss Springs were Mr. and Mrs. Theo. von Borstel, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Kulick, Marie von Borstel, Mrs. Frank von Borstel, Mr. and Mrs. Amanda von Borstel, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schaderwitz, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Martin and family, Dorothy Reese Joe Wright, Judge J. M. Wilson and Richard Wilson.

Mrs. Margherita von Borstel of Oregon City was a guest at the Theo von Borstel home during last week. She returned home on Monday with C. J. Kulick.

Mrs. Phillip De Courcy and the son Denis of Kilkittat, Washington were callers at the Theo. von Borstel home Monday.

## Wasco Meets Fossil Sunday In Hard Test

Next Sunday the Wasco base ball team in the Wheat-Timber league will meet the Fossil team on the home diamond for what will probably be the deciding game of the 1947 season. When the teams met before Wasco won by a 3-0 score after a nine inning pitchers' battle. Fossil has lost another game to Kinzua and Wasco has lost one to Condon. There's not much difference between them and each is anxious to prove its supremacy in this particular game. It will start at 2:30 p.m.

## Rachael Poley Weds Steve Gammon

Miss Rachael Poley, daughter of Mrs. Stella Poley of The Dalles and long a resident of Sherman county, was married Sunday to Stephen Gammon, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Gammon of The Dalles, with Rev. H. G. Hanson of Portland officiating.

Many Sherman countians attended and took part in the ceremony, with Misses Joan Oveson and Diane Christianson lighting the candles. Robert Poley gave his sister in marriage. Mrs. Carroll Says assisted in welcoming guests and Mrs. E. H. Moore served.

The young couple will live in The Dalles where he is employed by the Mid State construction company.

## D. D. WILLIAMS GOING TO NEA CONVENTION

Delos D. Williams, principal of the Rufus High school, will represent the Oregon Education association as one of 29 Oregon delegates to the annual convention of the national association in Cincinnati, Ohio, July 7 to 11. Gates were announced Friday.

Current educational problems will occupy the attention of the 2000 delegates from all parts of the nation who will attend the five day meeting. The convention is the largest annual gathering of educators in the United States.

## BEEF CATTLE TOUR SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

The Oregon Beef cattle tour sponsored by the Western Live stock Journal will be in Sherman county June 24, Tuesday, while on its way from Bend where the start is to be made to Walla Walla where it will end.

Stops in Sherman county will be made at the Ted Ball ranch, and at Millard Eakin's, Fred Cox Ralph Eakin's, Elton Eakin's and at Harold Eakin's. Lunch will be eaten at the Moro Hotel and the party will be in Arlington Tuesday night.

## AMBULANCE FUND BENEFIT PLANNED

For the benefit of the ambulance fund the Moro Dim Stars and the Grass Valley Playboys, with some long forgotten reputations or ones strictly in the future, will play a game Sunday at Grass Valley. Admission will be by donation for the fund.

## GAME BIRDS RELEASED

Representatives of the state game commission accompanied by N. E. Fields released over 500 full grown China pheasants in Sherman county Wednesday, bringing them down from the Umatilla county farm. It is expected that they will hatch a crop of young in time for some fall shooting and were placed in best located and protected spots with that intent.

## SHANIKO NEWS

Tom Morelli was in Portland last week to see his brother, Joe who is recuperating from spotted fever at Good Samaritan hospital. Tom reports that Joe has lost weight and will have to learn to walk again.

The Ivan Olson store is getting a new coat of paint. Shaniko stockmen and farmers are smiles over the rain of the past week.

Mrs. Daisy VanFossen and son, Albert of Maupin were guests of Mrs. Maude Garrett from Monday until Wednesday and all attended the graduation exercises at Moro when Bill Garrett graduated. Mr. VanFossen returned them to their home Wednesday evening.

Among those attending the graduation were Mrs. James Philton, W. J. Croizer, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Patjens all of Shaniko.

## Historical Picnic Draws Crowd Despite Clouds

By accidental and close timing Sherman countians Sunday were able to have their historical picnic and their rain, too. So anxious were residents for a rain that they would have gladly given up the picnic but while the skies threatened to continue the rain that fell early in the morning, it was nearly four o'clock and program's end before the rain came to disband the crowd.

A program of music and reports on society doings as climaxed by the address of E. B. Lemon, native Sherman countian, of OSC, who intermingled with reminiscences of earlier days gave some general advice on preparation for a future on a scale slightly different from that taken by the former generations.

A scientist, he reported, has presumed that eastern Oregon counties might be seriously damaged by prosperity. They might forget soil conservation, crop rotation and other necessities of an aging agriculture so long that the county's economics would be harmed beyond speedy repair.

He praised the county for its changed school system and trusted that the end was not yet, for schools, too, said the speaker, must be kept abreast of the times.

P. Waldo Davis brought his musical bells and golden chimes and played them, the Rufus quartet sang, Mrs. Lillian MacFarlane, Frank Says and Rev. Howard Schilling gave musical numbers. Rev. F. L. Cannell gave a sermon using early day churches as a text.

The stage was filled with pictures of early times, many taken 70 years ago and all indicating some phase of community life in a pioneer county bent upon achieving all evidences of modernity.

Elected to office were Roy Belshoe, president; G. H. Root, vice-president; Mrs. Millie von Borstel secretary-treasurer; Giles French historian; Mrs. Lola Hilderbrand five year director and H. B. Plankerton to succeed G. H. Root as four year director.

Present from out of the county for the day were Mrs. Margarita von Borstel, Oregon City; Mrs. and Mrs. George Simon, Eugene; Robert Urquhart, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Jay Price, North Bonneville; Lloyd Dunahoo, The Dalles; Mrs. James Dunahoo, Oakland, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ragdale, The Dalles; Joe Morrison, Hermiston; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Helyer, The Dalles; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Adams, The Dalles; Mr. and Mrs. Phil Searcy, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Ealling, Ellensburg, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Goetjen, British Columbia; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith, The Dalles, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Woods and son, Centerville, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Belshoe, The Dalles; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Henkle and family, The Dalles; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Karl Landstrom and daughter, Portland; Mrs. Hazel Woods, Drain; Mr. and Mrs. Allan Murray, Hood River; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Powell, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Moore, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Elbert DeMoss, Eugene; Mr. and Mrs. George Belshoe, Los Angeles, Calif.; (who had not been here for 47 years) Mrs. Walter Williams, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Ross Smith, Okanogan, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Fridley, The Dalles; Mrs. Laura Lofton, Salem; George Brock, Salem; Hershel Davis, Eugene; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hines, The Dalles; Ann Ealling, Forest Grove; Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Jackson, Hood River; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Patterson, The Dalles; Mrs. Mabel Lemon, Corvallis; W. B. Rice, The Dalles; Mrs. W. B. Johnston, Salem; Mrs. Stella Dillinger and grand daughter, Salem; Mrs. Lena Searcy, Beaverton; Mrs. Jeff Wilson, The Dalles; Mrs. Julia Hansen, Portland.

## VETERANS PLAN RODEO AT THE DALLES

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post 2471 at The Dalles will present a rodeo in that city on June 14 and 15 according to information received here from post commander K. B. Peterson. Professional rodeoter Sonny Bain will provide the stock for thrills and spills of the event, with professional cowhands competing for the big purse money going to winners both days and to the rodeo high point winners.

Seating capacity for 3500 people each day has been provided, with new chutes and arena built to provide ample seating and good visibility. Bronco riding, roping, bareback riding and other attractions will provide a full afternoon of top entertainment. Peterson said, A street parade will start the two day show at 10:00 a. m. Saturday. There will be a rodeo dance at the city auditorium Saturday evening.