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**SOIL CONSERVATION**

The head of the soil conservation service is presented in picture and story telling about the values of trashy fallow. That is indicative of the reasons farmers often hold the soil conservation service in low esteem. Its conclusions are based on theory instead of experimentation.

The ordinary moldboard plow is considered to be an implement of agricultural iniquity. It wastes the land and permits erosion to begin and so on. Some milder means of stirring the top soil so seeds may be put into it is desired.

Perhaps there are places where such slight stirrings of the soil are successful in producing crops. Hereabouts it has not been profitable.

No one will deny that soil conservation is one of our most important jobs. We must eat and food must come from the earth. Keeping the five or six inches of top soil fertile and stabilized is a necessity unless we want to get to be the sort of a country China is now with its wasted hillsides and flooded valleys.

For several years the government, through the soil conservation service, has been paying farmers to follow certain tillage practices such as plowing with a disc plow or killing weeds or plowing under stubble. That scheme hasn't worked very well. There appears to be as much erosion as ever, and a lot more talk about it.

Of late there has been some experimental work done in this county. The station does some work of that nature. Joe Belanger had a series of experiments before he left government work.

The government would be in much better position to get soil saving started if it could demonstrate the best way to save soil. Payments as a bribe to farmers to follow certain practices are useless. If, through experimentation, the government can show that certain farming methods will save the soil and preserve its fertility, there will be no trouble getting them accepted. Note how closely farmers now grow the varieties of wheat developed at the stations in this northwest area.

It is perhaps true that our soil conservation department policy came about naturally. It never presumed that it would have such things as CCC camps thrust upon it and huge appropriations for dam building, tree planting, gopher baiting, fence building. It happened to get in the way of one of the social experiments of the screw ball era.

Soil conservation deserves better treatment. There should be money appropriated for experimental work, either to a greater extent on present stations or through actual field practice, which would be better.

There is no need of money for payments. The American farmer is as quick as anyone to pick up a useful idea.

**DEPRESSION COMING?**

For the very excellent reason that there has always been a "depression" after every war, people are looking for one soon. Economists are divided on the matter and very much divided as to when it may be expected.

After the first World War there was a flash depression that hit the farmers. Then it was ten years before a really serious depression stopped industry all over the nation; all over the world, in fact, for this nation was one of the last to feel the effects of it.

Farmers seem to be pretty well protected from low prices for wheat and meat as long as the United States continues to feed Europe. We might expect that demand for wheat and meat will drop within a year or so after Europeans are able to start growing their own food. That time, we guess, will depend as much on their spiritual condition as on their economic.

This nation is producing far too much wheat for home consumption. We cannot eat it all at home, nor can we ship it any place unless we are willing to pay for it ourselves. There is demand but no buying ability across the water.

As long as American labor gets good wages there will be a price for meat that is at least satisfac-

tory. The main reason it is high now is because people want it so badly. We are consuming more meat than ever in this nation, especially beef. Pork raisers prefer to sell the corn direct.

Which is merely to say that as far as Sherman county is concerned there will be no depression as long as prices for wheat and beef are high.

A great many people are waiting for the depression, and just a bit hoping that it will come. They hate to pay big prices and have put off buying until prices are down. That is good economics, but, if followed by many would hasten the time of depression prices.

As long as producers can sell at profitable prices and laborers can work at high wages there will be no depression. A reversal of this condition can start abroad through inability to buy or pay for our exports. Or, it can start at home through unwillingness to pay the price.

Trouble is that when such a thing starts there is no place to stop it until things are in a very sad state. The nation now, too, has a debt of some 260 billions dollars which is much different than the 25 billion dollars left in 1932.

**ABOUT WATER**

As usual Moro finds it necessary to enforce some water restrictions during the summer months. It is not unusual for Moro, nor for other towns in the semi-arid area. Nevertheless, it is not pleasant.

Now, or as soon as possible, the city will certainly do something to relieve the situation. It may build a bigger cistern, double or more the present capacity. Nearly all of the trouble could be obviated by this move, which has the added advantage of having a known cost and a known result.

It could drill another well, which would probably be better. If a good flow of water were obtained at a reasonable depth. That would give two wells and two pumps and a safer water supply. The city now has one of the best wells in the county and it would be expecting a great deal to hope to obtain another as good. It is possible but not probable. It is not possible to get a well from which enough water can be pumped to satisfy the city without storage. We will always use water faster than it can be pumped in hot weather.

The city will in any event have to put in some more and larger mains for already the line between the pump and cistern is giving out.

Discussion on this problem on the part of interested citizens will aid in satisfactory settlement of the problem. Solution will cost money which taxpayers will have to pay therefore their opinions will be given due weight.

**In Other Days**

From the Observer, July 13, 1928

Fire starting from a hot box on the shaft of the loading machinery at the top of the Grass Valley Elevator Co. building at Grass Valley Tuesday afternoon caused a fire that for a time threatened to bring the building to the ground in a smoldering mass of cinders and twisted iron.

The Moro Pharmacy business was sold the evening of July 5th by Karl Schade to Marion McKee son of County Judge E. D. McKee of Wasco.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers Elevator and Supply Co. was held in Moro the afternoon of July 6th.

A fire creeping through the grass in a draw at the Amick farm east of Kent Tuesday noon burned over 80 acres of standing grain before it was put under control.

From the G. V. J. July 12, 1918

About 30 acres of wheat belonging to L. D. May, in the Monkland vicinity, was destroyed by fire last Saturday afternoon; Mr May had his grain insured just the day before the fire.

Clem Eslinger, who is in the navy, was visiting his Grass Valley relatives and friends last week and left Monday for Forest Grove to visit his father and mother, Mr and Mrs Asa Eslinger.

Gus Schilling has disposed of his interest in the Standard Garage at Kent to his brother William.

The drawing for the Ford Sedan was held in The Dalles on the 4th and the first number drawn was Mrs J. G. Van Metre of Grass Valley.

From the Observer, July 10, 1908

Moro Fire Department has 200 feet of new two inch hose and nozzle to go with it, procured by the Moro Hardware and Implement company which was reeled on the hose cart Tuesday afternoon.

L. V. Moore is going to experiment on the plan of rearing and domesticating the Denny pheasant at his farm south of this city. E. G. Barzee is about to change

**Harvest Starts  
In Wasco Area;  
Yields Good**

Harvest of the wheat crop started here last week with the Klondike elevator reporting receipt of the first wheat of the 1947 crop on July 1 and the Wasco elevator receiving wheat on July 2. Reports from the office of George Harris, manager of the Sherman Cooperative Grain Growers, indicate that the yield is better than expected and may be slightly above last year's average. By the end of this week harvest will be in full swing.

Mrs George Bickel of Sealey Lakes, Montana who has been visiting her son in law and daughter, Mr and Mrs Joe Drinkard for the past two weeks is spending a week at the home of her son in law and daughter, Mr and Mrs Dale Howell at DeMoss before leaving for San Francisco for a short visit.

Mrs Ida Lumley of Pierre, S.D. and daughter, Mrs Clara Barnes, were guests of Mr and Mrs Norwood at the Dan McDermid home last week. Mrs Lumley is Mr Norwood's sister. Mrs Barnes was a student at the University of Oregon for the past year.

Mr and Mrs Darrell McQuillin left here Wednesday to make their home at Fossil where Mr McQuillin will open an electrical appliance store.

Mr and Mrs Bill Edwards who are spending the summer at the Johnny Robinson ranch visited in Portland over the weekend at the home of Mr Edward's parents, Mr and Mrs E. P. Edwards.

Mr and Mrs Ted Everett and daughter, Lois Ann, spent the holiday weekend at the home of Mr and Mrs Bruce Grady at Goldendale, Wn.

Mrs Orville Yocum came from Monmouth where she is attending summer school to spend the holiday weekend with Mr Yocum Mrs Marie Barnett Cooper of

his residence to Benton county, having sold his farm in Sherman county.

The new store will be ready for dedication July 17th, and the Moro Dancing club are making arrangements to give an all night party at that place on that date, with splendid music, good supper, etc.

**NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT**

Notice is hereby given that Beatrice Lanphear Baker as administratrix of the estate of Julia Lanphear, deceased, has filed her final account in said estate in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, and said court has fixed Wednesday, the 6th day of August, 1947, at ten o'clock a. m. of said day as the time for hearing of objections to said final account and the settlement thereof. On or before said day any person interested in said estate may file objections to said final account or to any item thereof and contest the same.

Dated June 20, 1947.  
Beatrice Lanphear Baker  
Administratrix  
A. S. Cooley  
Attorney for Administratrix

**NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County his Final Account and Report as Administrator of the Estate of William G. Macnab, deceased, and that Wednesday, the 6th day of August, 1947, at 10:00 A. M., of said day, at the Courtroom, in the courthouse, in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Account and Report and for the settlement of said estate.

Ronald S. Macnab  
Administrator

T. Lester Johnson,  
Attorney for Administrator 35-8c

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cordially invited  
to meet with us.

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Portland and Wasco, and Mrs Cordelia White of Portland arrived during the week and plan to stay until after harvest.

Weekend guests at the home of Mr and Mrs George Buck were their son and daughter in law, Mr and Mrs George Buck Jr, and children of Grants Pass.

Mr and Mrs C. R. Marshall of seaside and Mrs Myrtle Baines of Denver, Colorado spent the holiday weekend at the home of Mr and Mrs E. D. McKee. Mrs Marshall is Mrs McKee's sister and Mrs Baines is Mr Marshall's sister.

Mr and Mrs B. W. Guy and Mr Guy's mother, Mrs Bertha Halley, all of Portland, who spent the weekend here with relatives and friends left Monday by way of Goldendale for a short visit there before returning home.

Mr and Mrs S. P. Boice of Camas spent the holiday weekend visiting friends here.

Mr and Mrs W. R. Reid in company with their son and daughter in law, Mr and Mrs Bill Reid of Portland spent the weekend at Oregon beaches, driving from Newport to Astoria.

Mr and Mrs Bob Belknap, Mrs Wilma Wilde and James Maddox enjoyed an outing at Bear Springs on the 4th.

Weekend visitors at the home

of Mr and Mrs C. E. Coats were Mr and Mrs George Clark of Tigard.

Saturday Mr and Mrs Steve McMullin and Mrs B. Estrella Halley attended the water pagant in Bend and visited the Peterson rock gardens near there.

Mr and Mrs E. L. Woods of Portland visited friends and relatives here Sunday.

Mr and Mrs Farrell Fisch and daughters, Phyllis and Peggy, of The Dalles visited at the home of Mr and Mrs Dale Laughlin Sunday and also attended the Condon Wasco baseball game.

Glenn and Gordon Boice of Camas arrived during the weekend and plan to stay during har-

vest. Lee Dehier, Francis Watkins, Trace Fields and Ormand Hilderbrand were in The Dalles Sunday for the first shooting on the new grounds of The Dalles Rod and Gun club.

Mr and Mrs Phillip O'Meara are parents of a daughter, Margaret Patricia, born July 7 at The Dalles hospital.

Mrs Pearl Grosscup returned Tuesday from a business trip to Portland during which she spent the holiday weekend visiting at the home of Mrs Harley Garthwaite.

Mrs Dale Laughlin has been appointed clerk for school district No. 7 for the 1947-48 term.

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**From where I sit . . . by Joe Marsh**  
**Fish Bites Woman!**  
Willie Wells was coming home from Seward's Creek the other evening with a string of trout, when a stern looking lady (visitor at the Boxwood Inn) stops him, and tells him a man his size could be better occupied than catching fish.  
Willie tells her off real good-naturedly by saying: "Perhaps you're right, but if these fish had kept their mouths shut, they wouldn't be here." (At that, says Willie, laughing out loud, she looked just as if a fish had bit her!)  
Blabbing mouths never cause anything but trouble. Nobody who knew the facts would ever criticize Willie's right to go fishing on his one day off—any more than they'd deny his right to come home to a mellow glass of beer.  
From where I sit, the slower we are to criticize—and the quicker we are to recognize another's tastes, the better we'll get along together—whether those tastes apply to beer or fishing.  
*Joe Marsh*  
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**Statement of Condition**  
**FIRST NATIONAL BANK of Portland**  
June 30, 1947

RESOURCES	
Cash on Hand and Due from Banks	\$110,473,709.16
U. S. Bonds, including U. S. Government Agencies	225,570,488.66
Municipal Bonds	50,653,216.01
Other Bonds	None
Loans and Discounts	108,146,996.98
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	450,000.00
Bank Premises, Furniture and Fixtures	4,037,576.05
Other Real Estate	None
Interest Earned	1,989,174.71
Other Resources	305,547.69
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES</b>	<b>\$501,626,709.26</b>
LIABILITIES	
Capital	\$ 4,500,000.00
Surplus	10,500,000.00
Undivided Profits and Reserves	11,436,249.83
Reserves Allocated for Taxes, Interest, etc.	1,291,398.03
Interest Collected in Advance	545,220.76
Other Liabilities	228,168.03
Deposits (exclusive of reciprocal bank deposits)	473,125,672.61
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$501,626,709.26</b>

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**DEPOSITS**  
First National Bank of Portland and 40 branches \$473,125,672.61  
10 other Oregon Banks affiliated with First National Bank of Portland 84,838,574.43  
**TOTAL DEPOSITS \$557,964,247.04**

**LOANS AND DISCOUNTS**  
First National Bank of Portland and 40 branches \$108,146,996.98  
10 other Oregon Banks affiliated with First National Bank of Portland 13,554,474.05  
**TOTAL LOANS AND DISCOUNTS \$121,701,471.03**

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