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These Things We Note

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A hunter, lost in Morrow county, was down to his last cigarette when found. My, how close that came to tragedy.

TTWN
The United States is not exporting much these days and is importing quite a bit. The result has been a loss of gold. Nothing very exciting or very bad about that. It may indicate that we are getting tighter on credit which would really be startling.

TTWN
In Portland the courts may decide whether selling coffee too cheap is an unfair practice or not. It would be nice to have it decided whether selling coffee too high was unfair or not.

TTWN
It seems only fair to Halloween pranksters to offer thanks for making it necessary to wash windows before winter sets in.

TTWN
There was a time, we are told, when Christmas presents were made throughout the year. Now they are bought on the January check.

TTWN
We read of many suggestions to change the ballots, the method of writing ballot titles, places for voting and are not too much concerned over them. Oregonians voted in very good numbers and in most cases with discernment although there was some indication of lack of information about the measures.

TTWN
Some die-hard daylight savers are persisting in trying to find a way to quit earlier in the summer, despite a 70,000 majority against the measure last week. To many observers the vote indicated a greater preference for standard time than was expected. We consider it possible to have day-light time under the bill but the vote surely shows that the people want to remain on standard time. Do you suppose that upstate Oregon could control Portland in some minor thing like this?

TTWN
Do you suppose the world will get so crowded that the man who gets young will be considered a public benefactor?

TTWN
"Give us Men.
Men from every rank,
Fresh and free and frank;
Men of thought and reading,
Men of light and leading,
Men of loyal breeding,
The nation's welfare speeding;
Men of faith and not of fiction,
Men of lofty aim in action;
Give us Men—I say again,
Give us Men!"

—J. G. Holland

TTWN
American towns are already getting ready for the competition to have the longest Christmas tree. That is a case, we would say, where the spirit of competition comes in direct conflict with the spirit of Christmas.

TTWN
Be patient, in six weeks the days will start getting longer.

TTWN
John W. Kelly, an old newspaperman, died this week in Salem. Twenty years ago everyone read John Kelly's column to find out who was in Portland and who was who in state politics. He knew people, the good in the bad and the bad in the good.

TTWN
We wish some one would tell us what an isolationist is. We've asked a few persons who have the word of reproach but have no definition. Senator Taft says he doesn't know and such talk is foolish because isolationism is dead. Newspapers are saying Europe is scared because American isolationists may try to weaken them. Still no definition. If an isolationist is one who minds his own business and thinks the nation would be better off if it did too, there's a lot of them. If an isolationist is one who thinks this nation can exist without considering the world there's hardly any left, if there ever were any. Maybe like other terms of political opprobrium the word merely means a guy we don't like.

Jefferson Downed Power Company 27-6 By Hard Playing Huskies

The Moro football team, playing the best ball of the season, defeated Jefferson high school on the local field here Saturday by a 27-6 score. Moro scored in every quarter.

Jefferson, champions of their district of "B" schools had a team as heavy as Moro's but failed in pass defense. All season the Moro team has had trouble making its passes work, but Saturday that method of advancing the ball was found easy and secure.

Oddly Moro made three of its touchdowns on the same play. Upon getting within the 20 yard line Roberson went around his own right end with Lane taking out the opposition. The other touchdown was made by Lane who stood on the five yard line all alone and, with his back to the goalposts, caught a long pass unhampered by Jeffersonians. Jefferson had a very good backfield with Bill Mariett, No. 26, the heavy plunger and Blackwell and Hart, doing the end runs. At passing Jefferson was weak and neither could they stop the short over the line passes of Moro.

The Moro line had less trouble stopping the Jeffersonians than it had with most of the teams in this district. Duncan was in the opposition backfield on almost every play. LeRoy Martin and Roy Harvey alternated at left end and stopped runs to that side. Rust made some good runs to the left side

Taxes \$6582 In Sherman County

Real and personal property taxes of \$6582 were paid to Sherman county this week by Pacific Power & Light company, according to M. C. Thron, district manager for the power company. Taxes being paid by the company to 16 Oregon counties before the November 15 deadline total \$1,060,808, an increase of \$115,288 for the year, Thron said. This year's payments to counties in Washington totaled \$402,211.

Pacific Power & Light's total direct taxes for the year expected to run to about \$4,340,000, of which approximately \$3,320,000 is being paid to Uncle Sam for support of the federal government, Thron said.

ZIEGLERS AID PLAY

Carl Ziegler will be on the staging crew and Herman Ziegler will be chairman of lighting when "Time for Elizabeth" will be staged at EOCE, La Grande, this week end. Ina May Ziegler and Lois Kelly will be ushers.

of his line and did some south paw passing that was effective. Fred von Borstel played end and backfield for another successful game. Many substitutions were made in the Moro line giving new men a chance to play and none of them had difficulty in handling their assignments. It was the final game in Moro suits for Roy Harvey, Terry Bucholtz, Leslie Edwards, John Alley, Alfred Kock, Fred von Borstel and Dick Rust.

Forage Crops Subject For UP Train Visit

Importance of forage crops in perennial weed control will be among subjects stressed during the appearance of the Union Pacific railroad's agricultural improvement car in Moro Monday, November 27. It has been announced by T. W. Thompson, county extension agent.

During the car's one stop in Sherman county it will be located in Moro. Program plans call for two meetings while the agricultural improvement car is in Moro. Starting at 8:30 a. m., a program exclusively for local 4-H members will be featured. The afternoon will be devoted to a meeting with adults.

In discussing forage crops to prevent both erosion and as an aid in perennial weed control, Warren will stress use of these grasses in halting spread of morning glory, white top and Russian knapweed. He plans to tell how grasses such as crested wheat grass, alta-fescue, intermediate wheatgrass and creeping red fescue, among others, fit into forage crop programs. He will also show slides of harvesting practices in forage seed crop production.

While grain losses due to insect damage have never been considered serious in Oregon, Every states that food and drug administration personnel are becoming more stringent in their inspection. Grain insects could potentially become more serious for this reason, Every believes.

Sherman Countians Donate 94 Pints of Blood To Public Bank

Ninety-four persons came to the Community church last Wednesday and gave blood to be used for military and civilian purposes. Another 21 were turned away for some of the reasons of the medical authorities in charge.

Canteen workers for the day were Mesdames A. A. Dunlap, Dean Reynolds, Estel Hartley, George Wilson, Collis Moore, George Mitchell and Frank von Borstel, who was chairman for Grass Valley.

Typists were Mrs. Howard Pratt, Mrs. Clifford Wynkoop, Mrs. David Richelderfer, Mrs. Darwin Van Gilder. Hostess was Mrs. Earl Richelderfer, traffic regulators were Mrs. W. R. Reid, Mrs. Grace Medler; nurses were Mrs. Afton McIntyre, Mrs. Keith McDonald, Mrs. Theo. Irzyk and Mrs. Carroll Sayrs was nurses aid. From The Dalles came Mrs. Gene Elton, Mrs. Larry Littleton, Mrs. Dick Brouhard and Mrs. Ward Webber. From Portland came six registered nurses, two custodians and a doctor.

Names of those donating blood: Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Balsiger, William Platt, Harvey Thompson, Bob Hoskinson, Dean Pinkerton, Mac Hall, Althea Burnet, Charles Burnet, Ruth Martin, Lena Brown, Carrel Bennett, Floyd Lane, Dorothea Moore, Joan Wilson, Hope Belashee, Helen Sayrs, Abbie Melzer, Shirley Woods, Elsie Arstall, W. W. Gearhart, Gwen Mitchell, Darwin Van Gilder, Don Thompson, Claude Bayer, Vince Genteman, Harry Pinkerton, Michael Mulick.

Wheat Board Tells What It Has Been Doing

Instead of the normal carry-over of 30 million bushels of wheat in the Pacific northwest the coming year may find 50 or 60 million bushels on hand unless export conditions change according to opinion of local grain men and members of the Oregon Wheat commission as expressed at a meeting of the commission with wheat growers here Wednesday night. The Sherman County club was host for the meeting of the commission members with the farmers who came to learn what use was being made of the half cent tax on their wheat.

Ed Bell, administrator of the commission, told of the work done and planned. We are sending 70,000,000 of our normal 100,000,000 bushels of grain outside the northwest, he said. This has been going to the army for use in Japan, but the Korean war has stopped that outlet.

Methods Varied

General program of the commission, set up by a 1947 state law, is to be ready with a method of handling wheat when and if the loan program is ended for any reason. With this in mind a laboratory has been established at Pullman, Wash., to study uses of wheat and chemical analysis of wheat is being made at Albany, Calif., and Peoria, Illinois, to find new uses for protein content of wheat.

An effort is being made to hold freight rates down and a commission was sent to the Orient to try to develop markets there, the commission is studying the rain making scheme to find if it is workable, farm bread is being developed to use more flour, livestock feeding is being encouraged and wheat men are being urged to grow a product that is acceptable to millers and bakers.

Clean Wheat Necessary

Smut is one of the serious problems and in this connection W. T. Balsiger, Moro Grain Growers said that nothing would do as much good as growing smut free grain although if the North Pacific Grain Growers were able to clean wheat for sale it might remove some costs. A. A. Dunlap, of Grass Valley said that a carload of wheat had been refused because of weevils and Balsiger said that the new concrete elevator in Moro had weevil the first year. Weevil, he said, comes from the field, not from the storage. George Harris spoke about the grading process through which wheat goes.

Financial Report

In talking about the finances of the wheat commission Bell said receipts of \$241,028.18 and that \$95,924.20 was on hand the first of July, the end of the fiscal year.

The commission has spent \$11,433 for collection of the tax, \$34,330 for research (to which other agencies have added much more) \$17,894 for education and publicity; \$18,098 for program and policy.

The commission has learned enough about industrial uses of wheat to know why former attempts have failed. It will be necessary to have a plant that will utilize all of the grain instead of merely the starch, he said, in order to succeed. Such a plant will cost over \$2,000,000.

Two Price System Even

Discussion of the proposed two price system as compared to 90 per cent of parity brought statements from Paulen Kaseberg and Bell that there was little difference.

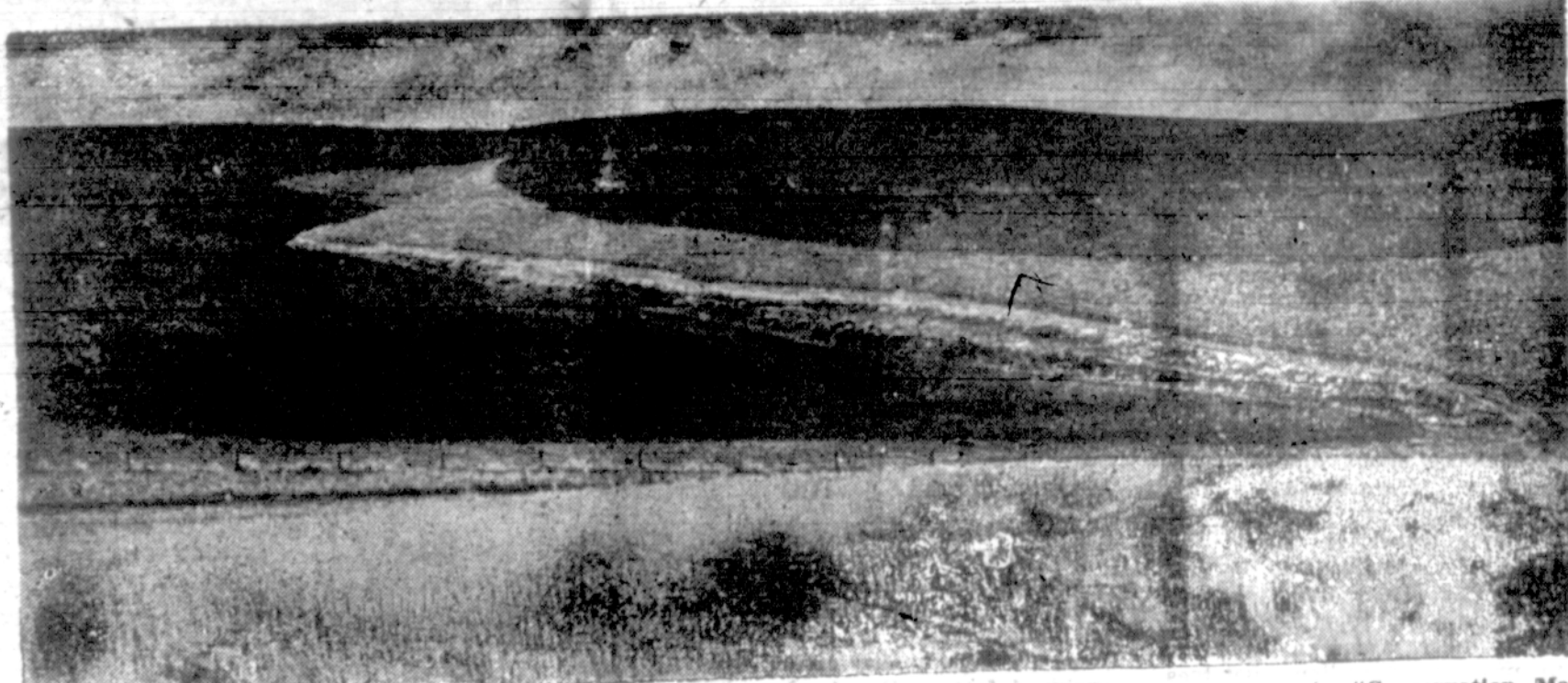
L. E. Kaseberg, president of the Sherman County club opened the meeting. Leonard Fields, executive committeemen for Sherman county introduced the guests. Paulen Kaseberg explained the relationship between the wheat league and the wheat commission. Present for the commission were Jens Terjesen, president, Marion Weatherford, Paulen Kaseberg, and Dick Baum, research analyst. Girls of the F.H.A. prepared and served the dinner which was held in the school gymnasium.

Grass and Trashy Fallow Make Blau Conservation Winner

Competition For State Award Interests Veteran

Soil conservation by the use of Crested Wheat grass won the Sherman county award as "Conservation Man of the Year" for Kenneth Blau of Wasco. Grass, for Blau, is used to combat both wind and water erosion because it is sown on hill tops and on steep slopes that might otherwise wash in spring run-offs. In addition there are three dams on the 2200 acre ranch.

Hill tops have been seeded to grass which takes out the required amount of land to satisfy the government and some addition solely for conservation purposes. All together there are



Permanent grass seedlings on hilltops and steep slopes check soil program which made Blau Sherman county "Conservation Man of the Year." Contest is sponsored by Wheat Growers' league.

380 acres of grass.

A section of it is used as a landing field for Blau's Stinson plane with which he flies on vacation and business trips. He keeps some beef cattle and some times cuts some seed for additional uses of the grass.

As another means of conserving the soil Blau practices trashy fallowing by leaving the straw on top of the soil. This requires special machinery and perhaps brings lower yields but it does retain the land. To combat some of the loss that is often caused by trashy fallowing Blau puts on nitrogen fertilizer to speed the rotting of the surface straw.

Blau is a third generation Sherman county wheat grower who returned from service as a marine pilot to take over the operation of the Fred Blau place from his father, Walter Blau. He is 28.

The competition which he has entered by being placed as Sherman county's man of the year in conservation is sponsored by the Oregon Wheat Growers League and the trophy is presented by the Oregonian. At The Dalles, at the annual meeting of the league, contestants from other counties will be judged to determine the conservation man of the year for Oregon.

The committee that passed on the competition in each county is appointed by the county member of the executive committee, Leonard Fields in Sherman county. A chart of all erosion control activities is filled out for each contestant.

Cuts courtesy of the Oregonian which will feature the Blau story in its Sunday edition.



Blau, 28, a marine war veteran, is youngest winner so far in conservation contest. He will compete for Oregonian award.



A seed crop, pasture and an air plane landing strip all are provided by versatile crested wheat grass. Leonard Fields, Sherman county executive committeeman for wheat league, here is examining a thrifty clump of grass on the Blau ranch.