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ALLOTMENT VOTE

A week from today farmers of Sherman county along with those of the nation who grow 15 acres of wheat will vote on a matter that will be more important than it looks. They will decide whether to keep the price or sustain acreage allotments at a smaller price. On the surface it looks like a decision to decide which is larger two times 68 or one times 100. Yet, it isn't that simple.

The writer has only a secondary financial interest but is very much interested in the result of the election as it may appear in five or ten years.

It is to be expected that wheat growers will sustain the allotment and hold to the 90% parity price. It requires two-thirds but that number has been rather easily reached before. It seems natural that the smaller farmers would favor the high price more certainly than the large.

The wheat grower whose acres are fitted for no other crop are being eliminated from the wheat business by allotments based on temporary wheat production. In the nation the cut is 20%; in Oregon the average cut is 26% while in Sherman county and most of the mid-Columbia wheat counties it is 32%. Those who have but a short history in the wheat business are pushing the long time wheat grower out of business. He has no other crop that he knows can be grown successfully and profitably.

If the long time wheat grower can grow wheat cheaper than his new competitors on irrigated land, marginal land, valley land, he is eventually going to have to prove it by reverting to competition on price. Competition (if such be the word) under the present federal program is helping the new comer and not the long time wheat man. Under this federal program there is almost no competition on quality. On that basis the real wheat land of the nation is probably superior and the elimination of quality does the real wheat farmer harm.

The 40,000 acres taken out of production in Sherman county is almost a total loss, except for the production of some barley for a year. Land taken out of production in more diversified areas will be used for other crops. The loss of the real wheat farmer is much greater than that of other farmers. Faced with the slow loss of his market and his acreage he might be better off to vote to compete on price now while he has a surplus on hand rather than wait until he is in poorer financial position and the competition is stronger.

SENATOR TAFT

There was a man for the biographers. Brave enough to be honest; honest enough to be independent; independent enough to change his mind when evidence pointed to error, he was such a leader as this nation has too seldom seen.

LOOTERS OF PUBLIC DOMAIN

The rabble-rousing epithet is usually applied to some person who gets something from the government first, or who gets something that someone else wants. The fact is that nearly everyone who has developed anything is a looter of the public domain. Had no one cut timber, plowed land, dammed rivers, drilled for oil we would all be living like Indians whose looting of the public domain was confined to shooting deer and picking berries. Fact is, progress consists of looting the natural resources to make them useful to mankind.

If the looting means making a profit from them everyone is still guilty although profits vary from a living to millions and depend as much on resourcefulness as on opportunity. Who looted this domain, right here in this county. The homesteaders came in and paid \$2.50 an acre for land. The Dalles Military Road company looted it faster by building (sic) a road to Fort Boise; the railroad company got land for building the railroad and sold it for the same price as the government did but without the

residence requirements. The road company sold some of the same price.

In other counties some persons received donation land claims which didn't cost a cent; some cut timber, caught fish, etc. The public domain that made us wealthy and also the ingenuity of mankind that made the public domain usable to us.

CLOTHES

The women have the men beaten four ways in the matter of clothes. Their clothes are cooler and better adapted to climatic conditions, are more easily changed and easier to keep clean. In addition to that their clothes are so cheap they can have a dress for every mood or occasion.

A man wears a suit which may be two or three piece, the coat two or three button and of small variety in colors. Other than that it is a suit made of wool, drab in color, durable in existence. Most men look the same whatever suit they have on.

But the women can, and do, wear reds and green and purples and vari-colored suits and dresses that put the rainbow to shame. By changing their dress they can appear gay, or somber, or enticing, or even practical although that is a bit more of a chore. A woman in a red dress is a different character than the same woman in black; and any woman can shake off 20 years with a gay and fluffy white.

Mens' clothes are fastened on with suspenders, and zippers and belts until getting him strapped into them is like putting the harness onto a horse; women slip out of this and into that with a zip and a twist that is veritably like changing moods. If it wasn't for fixing the face and hair it would hardly take time at all.

Mens' only color is in their neckties and they would all be brown or blue if it wasn't for the feminine influence. Beside the cock pheasant he looks like a weather-worn fence post. When he will begin to dress like the gay blade he would like to be and make a little variety in his life we don't know and we suspicion we won't be here to enjoy it, either.

GIVEAWAY PROGRAM

The president is reported to have defended the foreign policy of his administration before the assembled governors this week. He denied that it was a giveaway program but that spending money abroad was the most certain way for this nation to obtain peace.

If the president meant that this nation, being rich, has a certain responsibility toward other residents of this world and that we should try to bring their way of life nearer to ours we can agree whole heartedly.

If he means that we should send food abroad in an effort to keep foreign peoples fed to keep them from adopting communism as an ideal we are less inclined to agreement.

What we need to export is the American way of doing things. Mere feeding foreigners is no way to make friends and no way to develop their countries. Damming of rivers, development of irrigation systems, digging of minerals, building of railroads and highways all are more valuable than feeding people. Neither should we do the work ourselves. We do know how to do many things that other people do not know how to do.

We are not convinced that government is the best agency to export this know-how. It costs too much to have governments do things. What with bureaucracy, politics, disinterested management has made a poor record in efficiency. There would be opportunities in foreign lands that American citizens would embrace if assured of government protection and a chance to reap the benefits of such development, or a part of them.

We have grown so used to letting—or asking—government to do all things that it is almost revolutionary for us to look to private industry for anything. To that extent we have adopted the communistic argument against the capitalistic system. In some ways, and in some places, Americans are making a big argument against private industry. We fear it although it is the system that has made this nation great and big government has no such record here or anywhere else.

MORE PAY

The man who has thrown the switch and killed two or three hundred persons in the last few years has resigned because his pay is only \$150 per person. That is too cheap. When we go to war and send war materiel overseas and train millions of men to operate it the cost runs much, much higher. Even the killing of Chinese and North Koreans ran higher than that and the boys learned to do that wholesale. It looks as if a man who operated on a retail basis should receive more.

Wasco News

Mrs. Joe Drinkard

Jack H. Hines, husband of the former Miss Ethel P. Harrington of Elgin and son of Mrs. Elva Dehler of Wasco, was recently advanced in rating to aviation machinist's mate first class, USN, as a result of navy-wide competitive examinations.

Hines reported to navy air transport squadron eight (VR-8) in March 1952 for duty, and is serving in the squadron's engineering department. He is a graduate of Wasco high school and is also a graduate of the navy's aviation machinist's mate school in San Diego, California. During World War II he served aboard the USS Marcus Island in the Pacific area.

His squadron VR-8 operating under the Pacific division of the Military Air Transport Service (MATS), is currently engaged in the Pacific airlift to the Far East. MATS is supporting United Nations troops in Korea with an around-the-clock airlift of critical cargo and personnel at the rate of 110 pounds per minute. More than 60,000 Korean casualties and military patients have been air evacuated to the United States.

VR-8 planes alone have flown over 18 million miles since the historic Berlin airlift came to a close in July 1949.

Divine worship service in the Wasco Methodist church next Sunday 10:30 a. m. to 11:30 p. m. This is the unified service of Sunday school and worship. The minister will preach on the subject: "The Gospel of the Shut Door".

Mr. and Mrs. John Capaci and daughter Rosalee of Los Angeles, California were houseguests for several days of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Nisbet and family. Mr. Capaci is Tony and Johnny's father. While here they visited and were quite impressed by the Maryhill museum.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Fridley Jr. of Tillamook are parents of a 6 lb. 4 oz. baby girl named, Teresa Ann born July 30. Her grandparents are Clyde Fridley Sr. of The Dalles and Mr. and Mrs. D. McConaughy.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Nisbet were hosts at a birthday dinner honoring his grandfather, John Royse. Besides the guest of honor were Mrs. Royse, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Nisbet and family and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Royse and family.



WINS JUST THE SAME—These twins made medical history when they were born 56 days apart—in different years. Mrs. Alan Goodwin of Sidney, Australia, holds her sons, Denis (left), who was born on Dec. 16, 1952, and David (right), who appeared on Feb. 10, 1953.



BANNED PANTS—Targets of an anti-immodesty campaign by West Berlin teachers, these German schoolgirls were sent home to change their pedal-pushers and shorts for skirts. Loud protests were raised by bicycle riders when tight-fitting slacks, pedal-pushers and shorts were banned from classrooms.

WHEAT CROP HAS BAD AND GOOD CONDITIONS

Sherman county farmers are harvesting a crop that for six

months had all been anything any wheat crop ever needed. Seeding time was unfortunate and while some of the wheat was put in the ground with deep furrow drills not all of it came up and through the long, dry fall it looked terrible. Many re-seeded. There was no rain in October and November was dry.

January was as wet as an orphanage baby and from then until early in June every month brought more rainfall than normal. Ten full inches of rain fell in the first five months of this year. The wheat boomed to great heights, especially that which was early sown and which came up early. Later sown wheat did not emerge until January and is shorter and, from all reports, will produce a much better crop.

After the first week in June no rain fell of consequence and there were a few warm days early in July that are being given the blame for damaging the wheat crop, particularly the early early wheat.

LEGAL NOTICES

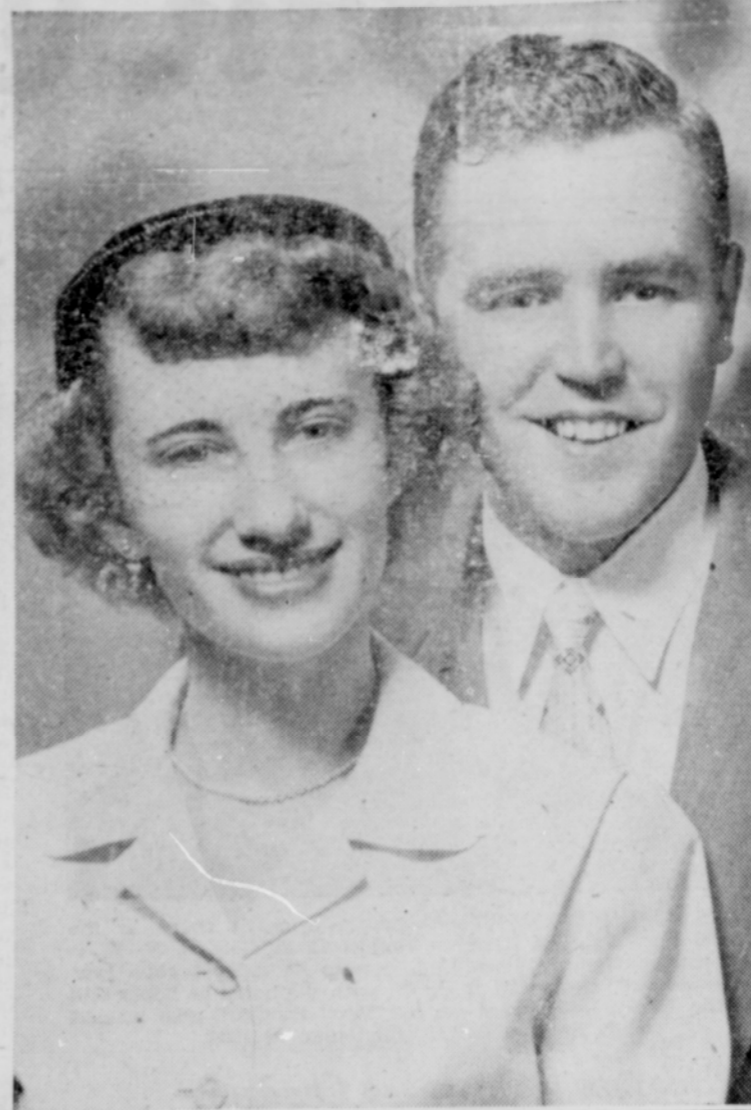
NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County their Final Account as Executors of the Estate of A. H. Barnum, deceased, and that Monday, the 24th day of August, 1953, at 10:00 o'clock A. M., of said day, at the courtroom in the courthouse in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Account and for the settlement of said estate.

Orville Barnum Theodore Barnum Executors

T. Lester Johnson Attorney for Executors

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 her Final Account as Administratrix of the Estate of William S. Powell, deceased, and that Tuesday, the 8th day of September, 1953, 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 for the settlement of said estate.

Opal Parkins Administratrix T. Lester Johnson Attorney for Administratrix 40-3c



Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Antler-son who were married at Vancouver, Washington last month.

WANT ADS

FOR SALE: Alfalfa Hay, \$28.00 Ton. See G. A. Merritt, Wasco, 39-40p

Mr. and Mrs. Gene McConaughy of Richland, Wn., are parents of a girl born July 21 weighing 5 lbs. 15 oz. and named Cynthia Kay. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dwight McConaughy of Wasco and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Brown of Portland.

WANTED: Man with car, part or full time, to call on farmers in Sherman county. Wonderful opportunity, \$15 to \$20 in a day. No experience or capital required. Permanent. Write today. McNeess Company, 2423 Mag-

Christening services were held for Alexander William Macnab at St. Michael's church in Wasco after mass on July 26. The boy was born July 19 and is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Macnab. His two grandmothers, Mrs. Bee Macnab and Mrs. Kelly of The Dalles were present for the event. The Tom Macnabs have two daughters, Janie and Mary. Sponsors for the baby were Mrs. Leiland Medler and Peter Macnab.

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