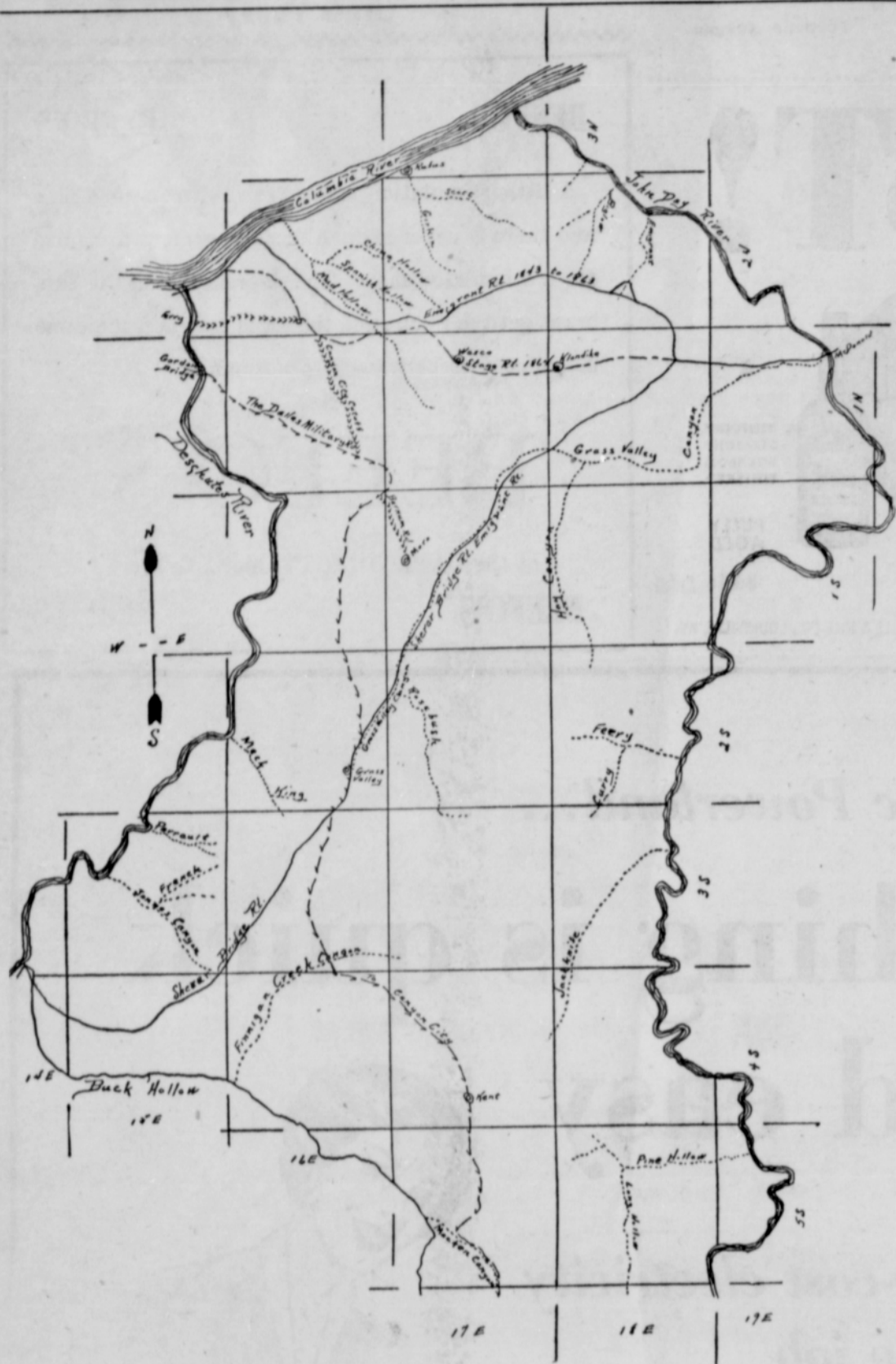


SEPTEMBER 11-12-13 SHERMAN COUNTY FAIR



There are 836 square miles in Sherman county which figures out to be some 535,000 acres. The assessor shows 268,400 acres as tillable which doesn't quite fit the PMA's of 149,999 that would have been in crop next year. Old estimates were that 292,000 were tilled. On any event more than half of the total land is tillable.

In the west that is a good record for canyons, water, timber, grass cut into tillable land in this section of the nation. No county in Oregon comes near to having so large a percentage of land under plow as Sherman county. In fact only two counties, Umatilla and Morrow, have as many tillable acres and Morrow has achieved its record but recently.

Eight counties are smaller than Sherman county. They are the very tiniest Multnomah, 424; Hood River, 529; Columbia 646; Benton, 647; Yamhill, 709; Washington 716; Polk 739; Clatsop 820.

In agricultural wealth Sherman county is about in the middle, producing over \$10,000,000 worth of food products in a good year. That is enough wheat to feed the state all of its bread, cookies, cake and breakfast food for a whole year.

We're going to talk about the county fair pretty soon when we

have sufficiently established the fact that Sherman county has resources that are worthy of being shown which we find an easy chore.

If and when the government goes to building dams on smaller rivers or starts making it possible for someone else to do it the fast and constant Deschutes will certainly have a lot of them. The John Day could stand a few also. Plans for building the John Day dam in the Columbia river are going ahead and that government project may be abuilding before the youngest child has started to school.

Looks like quite a county, eh?

It's fair is not representative of it. Especially the farm exhibits made by the men. Wheat, to them, is a business. The very idea of playing around with it after it has been threshed has no appeal. So the wheat exhibits are little larger than they would be in many another county which had a much lesser reputation for wheat production.

The women do better. They make things out of flour and display them and compete with them. Eating the product of Sherman county cooks is an experience no one should miss and we'll

bet we could convert a communist with a treatment of Sherman county food.

We do not exhibit in representative quantity the agricultural product of the county.

We do exhibit a lot of other stuff. Cattle, for instance. Garden stuff and the edibles made by kitchen manufacture into food.

There may be a group of persons who fail to thrill at the sight of food; it is possible that there are a few thin, disgruntled ones with ulcers who do not even want to look at it. We are sure their numbers are small. Some may open wide their eyes at fluffy cakes, others get an anticipatory response from their gastric zone over a ripe, red tomato, but food appeals to just about every one.

This is a remarkable county because of its quality, not its quantity. We like to think that its fair inherits some of the quality and has unique features to interest the visitor who comes for a day or two to see the fat heaves, the tight sheaves. We have been told many times that the fair is an excellent one. We believe it and wonder how to convince others unless they come and look for themselves.

Dalles Monday morning and will work for Myrie Smith during harvest.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clark and son, Michael of Eagle Creek spent a week end recently at the home of her aunt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Myrie Smith. Mrs. Clark will be remembered here as Leota Snyder. They all went to The Dalles Sunday and visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Van Metre.

Mrs. Arzell Lemley and daughter Carolyn and Yvonne Kirkelle of Moro went to Portland Monday to return Linda Hutchcroft to her home after spending a month here with them. They visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lemley at Gresham.

Grass Valley

(By Mrs. A. F. Balzer)

Cpl. Duane W. Ferguson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emery Ferguson, Grass Valley Oregon, reenlisted in the regular army for three years while assigned to the U. S. army

communication zone in France. Cpl. Ferguson, who arrived in Europe in July 1952, is an equipment repairman with the 27th engineer equipment supply company.

A former bulldozer operator for E. C. Gerber in Oregon City, he

entered the army in 1950 and completed basic training at Fort Ord, California.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Rennicker of Umatilla stopped Sunday evening to visit a while with Mr. and

Mrs. I. D. Pike on their way home from Prineville where they attended the rodeo.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Eakin and family spent several days at the coast last week.

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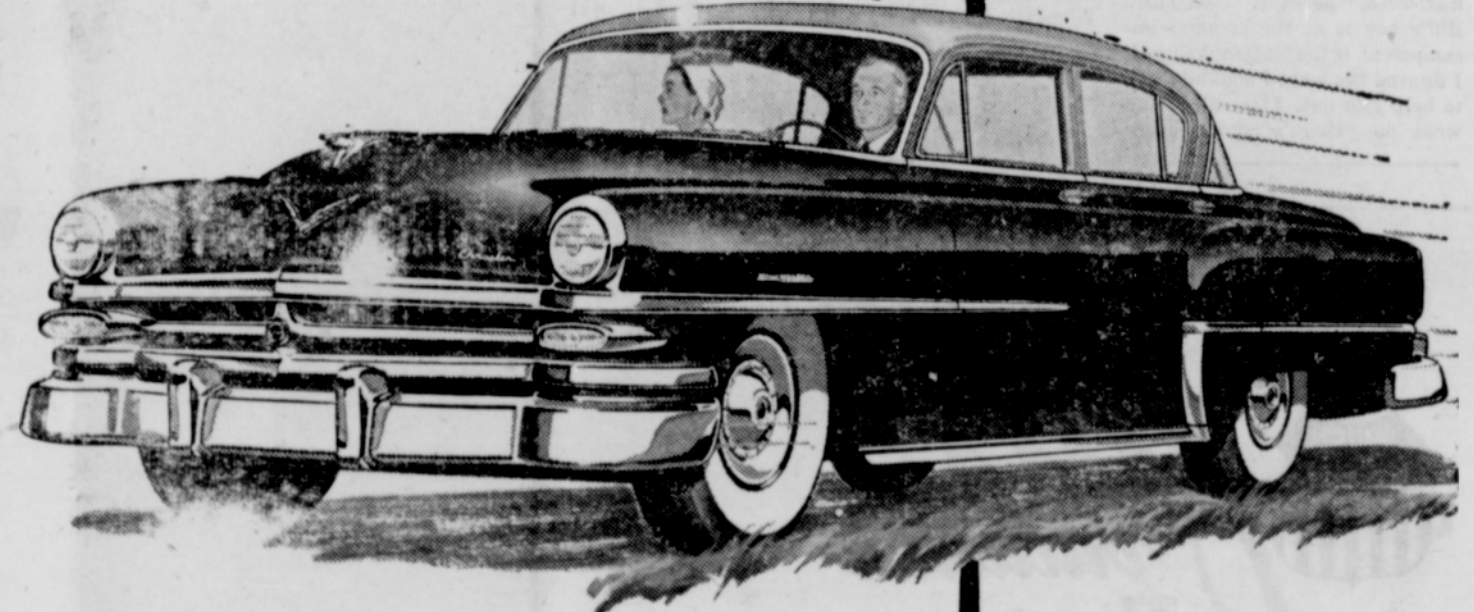
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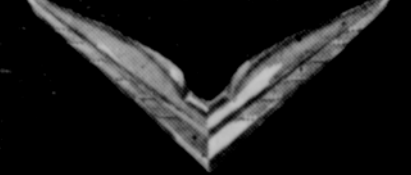
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Mrs. E. A. Fredeen of Portland arrived recently to spend several weeks visiting her son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William Brinkert and family.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brinkert had as their guests last Tuesday and Wednesday her cousin, Martin Tidet and children, Sylvia and Sharon, Anne, from Woodburn.

County fair Queen Elaine Brinkert and her princesses, Juanita McClain, Tonal Miller, Carol Briggs and Vaneta Peck went to Prineville Sunday to the rodeo. They rode in the grand entry parade. Bob Roberts flew up from The