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Official Paper for Morrow County

### Ghost Towns

"THERE are 76 ghost towns in western Washington and Oregon, the result of cutting away timber which supported the communities." That is the report of John W. Kelly in his Washington column this week, quoting a report of Representative Walter M. Pierce.

Ghost towns are a sad thing, for they represent the failure of the land to further support life once existing there. The deserted buildings echo with blasted hopes and promises of people who had been forced to start life anew elsewhere. The circumstances which created them were not in accord with philosophy of democratic government—that this shall be a land of equal opportunity. The statement in Mr. Kelly's column is cause for alarm just now in Morrow county, not because there is immediate danger of forest denudement, but because timber resources that are her natural heritage may be diverted to those who have no just claim to their benefits. Large blocks of privately owned timber are already sold to mills operating outside the county, and there is strong agitation that federally owned timber be diverted to these interests. It is vital that this timber be sawed in Morrow county, and under the selective logging plan for sustained yield advocated by the forest service—to guarantee not only that future generations will have lumber, but that they shall also be protected in a watershed, ranges and wildlife which the forests area affords.

A concerted move is being made just now to bring recognition of this just claim from qualified authorities in the national capital. We in Morrow county have a right to claim some benefit from the national forest area that has paid no local taxes through the years. We must demand that we be protected not only in the forest's future maintenance, but that such commercial benefits as are naturally derived be reflected here to the greatest extent. There are mills now operating in the county that offer to pay the going market price for timber on the reserve area, asking an equal amount of federally owned timber for what they themselves hold, and agreeing to log their own as well as the federal holdings under the selective logging regulations of the federal forest service. Such a proposal is in accord with complete protection of the public interest, and should satisfy the regulating body in Washington.

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### Science Session at OSC Set March 8

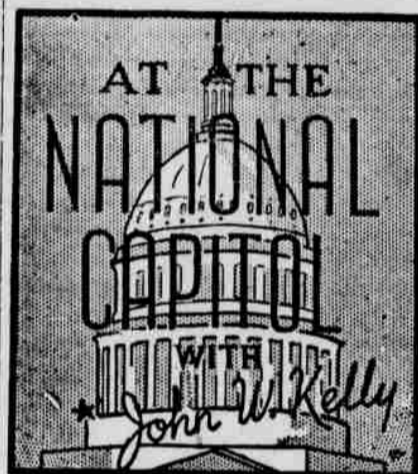
Oregon State College—High school science teachers, physicians and the general public interested in a popular presentation of latest scientific developments in the field of biology have again been invited to attend the third annual Biology Colloquium sponsored by the Phi Kappa Phi honor society here Saturday, March 8.

Principal visiting scientists at this year's colloquium will be Dr. C. B. van Niel of the Hopkins Marine station at Pacific Grove, Calif., and Dr. Henrik Dam of the University of Copenhagen, Denmark, discoverer of vitamin K. Discussions will cover the subjects of plant growth, abnormal growth, vitamins in metabolism and prenatal growth. The evening address by Dr. van Niel is on "Biochemical Aspects of Synthesis and Growth."

**"WASHED AND GULLIED PARTS OF A FIELD OUGHT TO BE LEVELED AND SMOOTHED, AND AS FAR AS IT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED, COVERED WITH LITTER, STRAW, WEEDS, CORN STALKS OR ANY OTHER KIND OF VEGETATIVE RUBBISH TO BIND TOGETHER AND PREVENT THE EARTH FROM GULLYING."**

... *GEORGE WASHINGTON*





Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—Dollar a year men flocking to Washington are, in many instances, making a good thing of their temporary federal job. They are doing so well by themselves and their friends that OPM is quietly easing some of these men out and a congressional investigation is nibbling at them. A few of the top \$1 a year men, such as Bill Knudson and Sydney Hillman of OPM, pay no attention to hours and work until late at night. Others, however, make an appearance and after a couple of hours consider that they have performed their duty.

In the past ten days so many rumors are circulated in the capital about monkey business with awarding contracts of various sorts that a regular house committee is calling witnesses and delving into the reports. In the senate a resolution for a senate committee has been approved, and it will probably go into action shortly.

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A few known cantonments were to be used, but with the selective service many more were required. Came a rush to locate them, and also came a realization that the army was not prepared. Cantonments have been selected in places where there was no available water and after a start was made in construction the camp had to be abandoned and a new site found. One camp has been located on the edge of a swamp and millions of dollars will be required to drain the swamp and fight malaria, when a good dry location could have been found elsewhere. A racket developed in the purchase of cantonment sites and the government has paid a pretty penny to operators in the deal. Abstracts for land have been exorbitant.

Rackets developed in cantonment construction. It has been necessary for an American citizen to join a union before he could work for national defense. To join a union applicants paid from \$50 to \$300, depending on the locality. Protests have come to members of congress against this practice in various sections of the country but nothing has been done about it by unions, contractors or army officers. And congress has only talked.

Why the price of army shoes has jumped; who tells the army where the contracts should be given; what part is being played by the dollar a year men—all these are subjects which are to be investigated. Unless the remainder of the nation looks out, the Columbia river area will be the principal source of pig aluminum in America. Contract is being negotiated to expand the Aluminum Company of America's use of Bonneville power to 200,000 plus kilowatts. Reconstruction Finance Corporation is all set to finance the Reynolds Metals Company in that area and the federal power commission has approved a special Bonneville rate for the Reynolds company. Millions of pounds of pig aluminum will be manufactured on the Columbia in 1942, with thousands of employees. National defense commission now admits there is a serious shortage, although a few months ago the statement was made that there was an ample supply. The increased airplane program is responsible for the demand and OPM is urging all manufacturers of aluminum to speed up.

There are 76 ghost towns in western Washington and Oregon, the result of cutting away timber which supported the communities. As many more towns are threatened with a similar fate, according to Rep. Walter M. Pierce of Oregon, unless something is done. Representative Pierce has offered this session two bills in an attempt to save the forests. One measure provides \$60,000,000 of federal funds to purchase land containing 62 billion feet of timber in Oregon and Washington. Main object of the proposed legislation is to assure selective logging on a sustained yield basis, which would perpetuate the forests and prevent causing more ghost towns. Government officials are now fighting to keep prices down. There is a tendency for prices to take a balloon ride. So far as the government is concerned, prices can be pegged by refusing to pay more than a certain sum, and production can be curbed by priorities. Insiders hint that many articles will soon become luxuries and point to the statement of Mrs. Roosevelt that we may yet learn to get along without things now considered as necessary.

Use G-T want ads to dispose of your surplus stock.

### 14 4-H Members Win U. P. Scholarships

Fourteen 4-H club boys and girls in as many Oregon counties served by the Union Pacific railroad have just been named as winners of the annual Carl Raymond Gray memorial scholarships of \$100 each to attend Oregon State college. Each winner is paid \$50 at registration, \$25 the second term and \$25 at the start of the sophomore year.

Each selection was based on records indicating the winner to be the most outstanding club boy or girl in the county for the past year who is prepared to enter college in 1941 or 1942. Three eligible counties have not yet made recommendations, says H. C. Seymour, state club leader.

The list of winners as announced by Earl G. Reed, supervisor of agricultural and industrial development for the Union Pacific system at Omaha, follows:

Clatsop county—Lorraine Filliger, Star of the Sea high school, Astoria. Alternate, Helen Lee, Astoria.  
Crook county—Raymond Reif, Redmond Union high school, Redmond.

Deschutes county—Virginia Park, Redmond Union high school, Redmond. Alternate, Glenn Young, Bend high school, Bend.

Gilliam county—David Childs, Arlington high school, Arlington. Alternate, Lila Lee Larch, Condon high school, Condon.

Grant county—Allen Tanler, Mt. Vernon high school, Mt. Vernon.

Hood River county—Mary Helen Alexander, Parkdale high school, Parkdale.

Malheur county—Marjorie Groot, Nyssa union high school, Nyssa. Alternate, Harold Kurtz, Nyssa union high school, Nyssa.

Morrow county—Peggy Tamblin, Heppner high school, Heppner. Alternate, Mildred Clary, Heppner high school, Heppner.

Multnomah county—Manerva McMillan, Gresham union high school, Gresham. Alternate, Lillian R. Anderson, Gresham union high school. Sherman county—Claudine Thompson, Moro high school, Moro.

Umatilla county—Herbert Parent, McLaughlin union high school, Freewater. Alternate, Phillip Hoon, Umatilla high school, Freewater.

Union county—Rita Irene Harris,

### CALL FOR WARRANTS

All outstanding warrants of School District No. 1, Morrow County, Oregon, up to and including Warrant No. 6486, will be paid on presentation to the district clerk. Interest on said warrants ceases Friday, February 28, 1941.

ROBERT V. JONES,  
Clerk, School District No. 1,  
Heppner, Oregon.

### NOTICE OF SALE OF ANIMAL

Notice is hereby given by virtue of the laws of the State of Oregon that I have taken up the hereinafter described animal, and that I will on Saturday, March 8, 1941, beginning at 10:30 o'clock, A. M., at my place in Heppner, Oregon, offer for sale and sell said animal to the highest bidder subject to redemption of the owner thereof. Said animal is described as follows:

1 light bay horse, gelding, wt. 950 lbs, 2 white hind feet, left front foot white, white strip on forehead.

S. M. MORGAN,  
Heppner, Ore.

Cove high school, Cove. Alternate, Howard Bingaman, Imbler high school, Imbler.

Wallowa county—Don Miller, Enterprise high school, Enterprise.

Wasco county—Garland Mayhew, The Dalles high school, The Dalles.

Wheeler county—Virginia Norton, Mitchell union high school, Mitchell. Alternate, Barara Guinn, Wheeler county high school, Fossil.

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