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### Erosion Problem On Wheatlands is Reported Serious

(Editor's Note: This is the seventh of a series of articles prepared by the extension service at Oregon State college on the report and recommendations of the Oregon land use planning committee on how Oregon's agricultural program may best be adjusted to meet the impacts of war and national defense.)

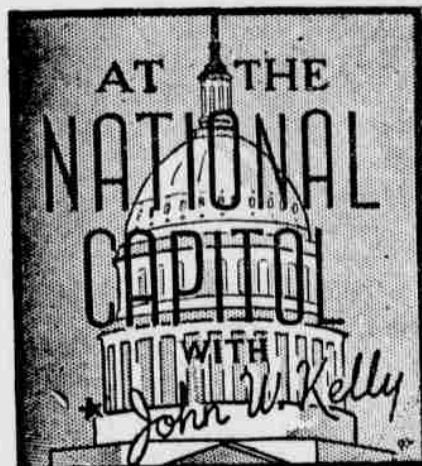
The most serious soil erosion in eastern Oregon is occurring on the Columbia basin wheat lands, where heavy soil losses have occurred from both wind and water erosion, according to the report and recommendations of the Oregon land use planning committee. Acting upon the recommendations of this committee, plans are under way to organize definite programs to combat this erosion in the five principal counties affected.

Citing studies made by the Soil Conservation service on representative farms in the Columbia basin, the planning committee reports that on 42.5 percent of the crop land up to 25 per cent of the surface soil has been removed. On 51.7 percent of the crop land, between 25 and 75 percent of the surface soil has washed or blown away, or been relocated. On another 5.5 percent of these wheat lands more than 75 percent of the surface soil is already gone.

The summer fallow type of wheat farming universally practiced in the Columbia basin is conducive to the development of erosion, the committee points out. While this type of farming is necessary as far as present knowledge is concerned, immediate steps will be required if better than half of the crop land is to be prevented from becoming marginal or sub-marginal for wheat production.

Much progress has been made in the past few years in lessening losses from erosion by the adoption of practices such as trashy summer fallow, cross seeding of slopes, and a certain amount of strip cropping using crested wheat grass. The plan of the coming campaign will be to make more general use of such practices already found effective.

The planning committee also called attention to the danger of erosion developing on the U. S. army bombing range and ordinance depot areas unless preventive measures are taken.



Washington, D. C., Oct. 9.—When congress debates the price control legislation the bill proposing a ceiling on many commodities and excepting farm prices and labor will undoubtedly be enacted, but with modifications. Instead of one man, Leon Henderson, being in control there may be a board. It is recognized that wages are an important item in costs of any article, from potatoes to automobiles, and the contention is made that unless wages

have a ceiling the prices will soar. Instead of a ceiling on wages, however, government officers suggest that wages can be maintained at a level by voluntary agreement with unions.

Farmers will be hurt. That is expected. In the first two years of the first world war farm products went up 12.6 percent, according to the office of emergency management, and already they have gone up 43.1 percent. These are wholesale prices, not what the farmer receives nor what, yet, the consumer will pay. The full force of the increase will strike the consumer within a few months. The retailer has had to pay the increase and he can not sell at the old price without going broke. Early next year prices will be sky high unless the price control legislation is passed.

DEPARTMENT of justice, propaganda department, is making a great fuss over the speeches which appeared in Congressional Record by isolationists and which were in envelopes bearing their free postage frank. Among others were the franked envelopes of Rep. John Coffee of Washington, Rep. Hamilton Fish of New York, Senator Gerald Nye of North Dakota. There is an intimation that postal inspectors will investigate this use of the franking privilege.

To tell the truth, what Coffee, Fish, Nye and others are doing is the same thing that Senator Norris, Senator Bone, Representative Leavy, Representative Rankin, Representative Pierce have done in Washington and Oregon when their articles and franked envelopes were used in fights against Washington Water Power Co. of Spokane, the proposed PUD in Portland, Baker, Eugene—all to bring about government ownership of power. Administration was silent on these canned speeches and free mailing privileges, and it now is regarding various agencies possessing a postal frank. Assertion is made that isolationists are running up the cost of postal service. And while this is going on the grazing service of the department of the interior (now transferred to Salt Lake City) is franking out of Washington, D. C., press releases to the papers of the northwest containing five copies of a single article which will cost a taxpayer six cents to send through the mails, and neither Secretary Ickes nor the postal department utters a peep about stuffing the mails with this dope.

A BLOWUP can be expected over the contract signed by Jess H. Jones, RFC administrator, with the Aluminum Company of America, which has been declared "outrageous." The contract provides that the plants can be taken over by Alcoa after the war, although they are being built with government money. The original intention was to pay Alcoa a managerial fee. The Alcoa contract and the actions of the company in selecting sites is declared responsible for the delay in building aluminum plants in Oregon and Washington. It is now four months since the government-owned plants were recommended by OPM and nothing has been done in the way of construction. There are congressmen who are becoming curious.

ESTIMATED number of employees in August in non-agricultural establishments in Oregon and Washington amounted to 783,000. Of this number 499,000 were employed in Washington and 284,000 in Oregon. From July to August 9,000 new workers were on the job in Washington and 8,000 were added to Oregon payrolls. Compared with August, 1941, the number employed in Washington increased 65,000 and in Oregon 34,000. As the defense program speeds up these states will have an all-time high of employment in 1942. The figures give an idea of the number of workers to come under the social security payroll taxes.

RUMORS have been circulating for months that the federal government is contemplating the establishing of a pulp mill somewhere in Oregon or Washington to manufacture an ingredient in smokeless powder, and probably placing it in the "fog belt." This report has reached the territory affected, but no amount of inquiry in the national capital has been able to uncover any supporting evidence. All the present two score pulp and pa-

### County Warrants Drawn for September

WARRAANTS DRAWN ON GENERAL FUND

Harriet Pointer, Dep. Sal.	\$ 90.00
Neva S. Wells, Deputy Sal.	134.69
Earle Bryant, Deputy Sal.	114.69
Gertrude Applegate, Dep. Sal.	92.00
J. O. Archer, Janitor Salary	75.00
Henry E. Neer, Ct. Reporter	25.00
Dr. A. D. McMurdo, Phys. Sal.	25.00
George N. Peck, Co. Court	31.50
L. D. Neill, County Court	44.70
Doris Jenison, Tax Collections	92.00
Earle Bryant, Sheriff Mileage	14.50
C. J. D. Bauman, Sheriff Mile.	64.75
Shorb's Stationers, Sheriff	5.82
Kilham Stationery & Print. Co. Sheriff \$15.06, Circuit Court \$4.10	19.16
Bushong & Co., Sheriff \$0.80, Clerk \$24.25	25.05
Huston's Grocery, Jail Exp.	12.55
Heppner Market, Jail Expense	5.70
Laura Warfield, Tax Exten.	30.00
E. M. Kenny, Deputy Strylar	6.66
N. D. Bailey, Assessor \$20.30,	

per mills in the northwest are reported to be working on a 24-hour basis, so great is the demand for their material.

#### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to our many friends for their kindly expressions of sympathy and beautiful floral tribute at the time of our bereavement. We are especially grateful to our neighbors who so kindly helped us during the illness and death of our beloved husband and brother.  
Mrs. Harry Archer, Mr. Jim Archer.

#### THIRD YEAR OF AIR TRAINING

Oregon State College—The third year of civilian pilot training work here has started with provision for 30 in the primary course and 20 in the secondary or advanced course.

Court House	\$2.50	22.80
Tum-A-Lum Lbr. Co., Cthse.		1.00
Pacific Power & Lt. Co., Ct. House		36.40
Bureau of Labor, Courthouse		5.00
J. N. Allen Supply Co., Court House		9.38
Thomas J. Wells, Assessor		
\$2.50 Field Work	\$57.35	59.85
J. O. Turner, Circuit Court		15.00
P. W. Mahoney, Circuit Court		
\$6.50, Dist. Attorney	\$10.00	16.50
C. J. D. Bauman, Sheriff		15.13
Oregon State Library, Library Appropriation		190.96
Pac. Tel. & Tel. Co., Current Expense		59.61
State Dept. of Agriculture, District Sealer		6.15
Lucy E. Rodgers, Supt.		24.92
Gwen Glasgow, Supt. Asst.		26.50
Heppner Gazette Times, Sher.		
\$24.00, Assess. \$44.70, Offic. Pub. \$7.05, County Court		76.75
Rosewall Motor Co., Weed Control		3.09
Earl McCabe, Weed Control		130.11
Bushong & Co., Justice Court State Ind. Acc. Com., Weed Control \$2.17, Sheriff Sal.		3.53
\$31, Sheriff Dep. \$62		6.93
Green's Hardware Co., Courthouse		1.50
Judge Bert Johnson, General Assistance		191.20
Bert Johnson, County Court		6.85
Bert Johnson, Judge, Old Age Assistance		349.80
Bert Johnson, Judge, Aid to Dependent Children		49.60
Bert Johnson, Judge, Blind Assistance		6.00
Norton Lundell, Courthouse		1.20
WARRAANTS DRAWN ON GENERAL ROAD FUND		
Citizens Branch U. S. Natl. Bank		
\$181.26, Columbia Equipment Co.		
\$154.27, Howard Cooper Corp. \$294.59, H. & L. Company \$49.30, Eastern Oregon Motor Co. \$2.26, Bit Service \$10.96, Braden-Bell Tract. & Equip-		

Co. \$245.93, Crystal Barlow	\$6.04
Lexington Oil Cooperative	\$1.50
Munnell & Sherrill	\$136.46
Tom Caldwell	\$4.29
Edith K. Hendrick	\$3.67
Oregon Motor Service	\$5.52
Heppner Garage	\$3.90
E. W. Peck	\$6.38
Heppner Lumber & Box Co.	\$65.88
Standard Oil Co.	\$492.04
H. W. Tucker	\$80.01
H. Tamblin	\$116.64
Gilliam & Bisbee	\$43.03
Ferguson Motor Co.	\$30.19
Frank Nixon	\$29.85
Union Oil Co.	\$521.73
Feenaughty Machinery Co.	\$85.29
Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co.	\$17.23
Pacific Power & Light Co.	\$2.10
Rosewall Motor Co.	\$495.00
H. S. Taylor	\$107.76
H. Schwarz	\$84.24
Albert Connor	\$4.49
Chas. Williams	\$40.75
Jack Stotts	\$74.75
Walter Gilman	\$74.75
Ray Massey	\$75.03
Harold Sherer	\$112.25
Clair Ashbaugh	\$112.25
L. N. Morgan	\$116.74
W. Cunningham	\$77.74
E. A. Kelly	\$114.49
A. J. Chaffee	\$42.65
Dale Ray	\$28.40
Robt. S. Wilson	\$35.90
Chauncy Grimm	\$1.12
Clyde Robinson	\$2.24
Bill Robinson	\$2.24
Lewis Bush, Jr.	\$3.62
Russell Miller	\$2.99
Lewis Bush, Sr.	\$1.12
Jim Simmons	\$2.24
Smith Machine Shop	\$5.50
Kane's Garage	\$18.10
Gamble Store Dealer	\$14.53
State Ind. Acc. Comm.	\$32.50
Green's Hardware	\$3.30
Walter Gilman	\$50.00
Montgomery Ward & Co.	\$24.78
Harry Tamblin	\$25.00

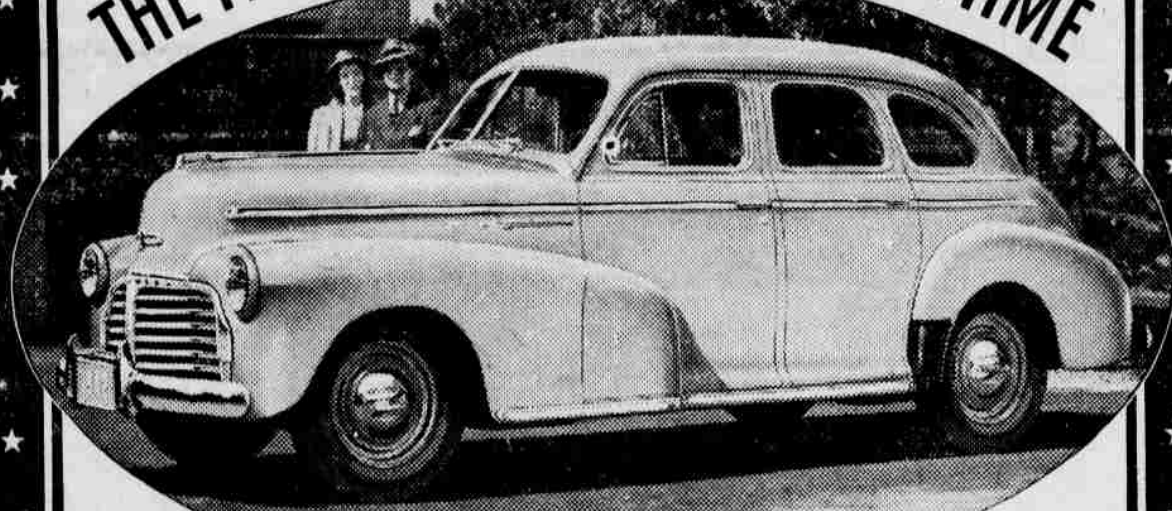
#### WARRAANTS DRAWN ON MARKET ROAD FUND

H. Tamblin	\$142.58
Frank W. Gentry	\$143.50
Allen Johnston	\$65.78
A. J. Chaffee	\$67.35
Dale Ray	\$43.35
State Industrial Accident Comm.	\$8.51

#### WARRAANTS DRAWN ON MISCELLANEOUS FUND

Frank S. Parker, Dog Fund	\$ 17.25
Mrs. Leola Tannehill, Fair Fund	500.00
Fred J. Nicholson, Taylor Grazing Act	59.23
Wayland Ritchie, Taylor Grazing Act	31.50

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