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NEWS of the WEEK by FOSTER GILROY

Bank Loans Eased
Washington, D. C.—A sweeping liberalization of bank loan requirements is announced as a move to encourage the flow of private capital into industry. Chief of the new rules which both state and federal examiners will follow after July 1 permit banks to make commercial loans for a longer period than nine months; also to invest in bonds of small local corporations not quoted on stock exchanges.

Prince Substitutes for Father
Wilmington, Del.—The sudden illness of Crown Prince Gustaf Adolf of Sweden on board the liner Kungsholm made necessary the substitution of his 26-year-old son Prince Bertil in the ceremonies of presenting to President Roosevelt the monument given by Sweden to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the first Swedish settlement in Delaware. After an exchange of addresses, the President turned the monument over to Governor McMillen of this state.

Russia 100 for Stalin
Moscow, U.S.S.R.—Elections to the Supreme Soviets revealed a 100 percent vote for the Stalin regime, there being only one candidate in each district. The occasion was made a national festival, with motor trucks carrying the aged and infirm to the polls and trained nurses caring for children while their mothers voted.

Union Leader Scores Communists
Camp Tamiment, Pa.—Addressing the Economic and Social Institute Summer Session, president of the United Automobile Workers Union, second largest CIO unit, declared "there can be no compromise with a communist" in justification of his recent removal of five high officials of his union for Communist activities. He warned that unauthorized strikes in defiance of agreements jeopardized the whole union cause.

Higher WPA Pay in South
Washington, D. C.—Half a million WPA workers in 13 Southern states will receive wage increases ranging from \$4 to \$11 per month. Explaining that the boosts were directed by President Roosevelt, Administrator Harry Hopkins said, "This wage scale means that no one who works in the WPA will receive less than \$1 per day in any region."

Educators Assemble
New York City—More than 15,000 delegates and an equal number of visitors attended the 76th annual convention of the National Educational Association. School and educational problems of every nature were discussed by leading educators in hundreds of section meetings throughout the city.

Another Chaco War Impends
Buenos Aires, Argentina—After three years of mediation, delegates to the Chaco Peace Conference have failed to arrive at a satisfactory settlement of the boundary dispute between Bolivia and Paraguay and another resort to arms between the two nations is feared. The six nations represented in the conference were Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru, Uruguay and the United States.

The Business Week
The cut in steel prices, followed by a 2 point rise in production, convinces the steel industry that the slump is definitely at an end. . . . Wall Street looks for a continuance of the decided advance which gave the stock market its best week's increase in prices since 1929, with the largest turnover in stocks since October, 1937. . . . Suez Canal directors announced that 1937 saw the largest movement in ships and tonnage in the canal's history, with 6,635 transits representing 36,491,000 net register tons. Two voluntary reductions in tolls were made to shipowners. . . . Delegates to the New York State Bankers Association at Saranac Lake expressed the belief that a definite upturn in business is at hand. . . . Westinghouse Economist predicts a marked spurt in building.

Long Air Route Opened
Southampton, England—With 20 passengers and a heavy load of mail the first Imperial Airway flying boat left here for Australia, a distance of 13,000 miles. She is due in Sydney July 5th and the regular service is expected to occupy 7 days, with bi-weekly departures.

ONE-HUNDREDTH OF A CENT TO REACH READER HERE

It costs you less than one two-hundredths of one cent to put your advertising message before a reader of The Courier-Reporter. Some bargain, what! Your want-ad can be inserted for 25 cents, and the news about the cows, chickens, or household goods you have for sale will be seen by more than 5,000 readers. If you mailed a penny card to each of them, it would cost you \$50 for postage alone. Let us do the work for one two-hundredths of one cent; that's just a fraction of what one of those aluminum doughnut tokens costs you!

All is Ready For Kennewick's Big Celebration

Attendance this year at Kennewick's big three-day celebration will break all records, it is indicated. Several reasons contribute to this belief. In the first place, no other town within a long distance is having a celebration, the advertising has been much more extensive and much more interest is being shown by outside communities.

Placards, banners and newspaper ads are covering the district from Spokane to Ellensburg and the ads on private cars and trucks have spread the news to still further limits.

Everything that can be thought of to be done to make the show successful has already been done. The grounds are in shape, both the park and the rodeo grounds, the horses and riders are ready, the booths and their stocks are ready, the queen has been chosen, the bands have finished practicing and some of the floats are getting the finishing touches.

Pictures for the Pioneer Reunion are coming in in much greater numbers this year, a loud speaker has been arranged for the program, which will have H. S. Hughes as master of ceremonies.

Several excellent numbers have been secured for the free open-air program at the park Sunday evening, the magician show will be operated all three days and evenings, the airplanes will be ready to take passengers, the box fighters are rarin' to go—everything is set.

Rodeo will be all three days, as will be the airplane flights. Smoker will be on Saturday and Monday nights only, as will also the dances in town and at the Highland clubhouse. In town the Heppner Rhythmen will furnish the music, while the Highlands will have Hessler's orchestra.

The Pioneer Reunion and picnic will be Sunday only and the open-air program will be Sunday evening. The magician show will be all three days and evenings.

The races and parade will be on Monday only.

The committee sends out the word—"Celebrate in Kennewick—three big days and three big nights. Come early and stay late!"

Kennewick's 1938 Cherry Crop Totals 110 Cars

The harvesting of Kennewick's largest cherry crop is now a matter of history, as today saw the final windup of the packing. The crop totaled approximately 110 cars, according to a rather close estimate made today by H. W. Desgranges, manager of the Big Y warehouse here.

This is the biggest crop ever grown here, Mr. Desgranges said. The next largest was shipped ten years ago, when some 70 cars rolled from this point. Records this year have shown that more than 25 percent of all the cherries shipped from this state were Kennewick grown.

The crop ten years ago, however, brought the growers more cash than this year's larger tonnage. The crop was of an excellent quality, Desgranges said, the cullage, including the small ones received in the last days' cleanup, would probably average less than fifteen percent. Most of this was for doubles, virtually no damage being done by the rains causing splits.

Probably three hundred people were employed in the four packing houses handling the crop after it had been delivered from the orchards. At that, local equipment was insufficient to handle the crop and much of it was shipped to other Big Y houses, seven of them working on the Kennewick crop a portion of the time.

More than 200 tons of Kennewick cherries were processed at the Richmond cannery.

IT'S RODEO TIME IN KENNEWICK



Left, top, is a likeness of "Blackie" Bryant of Walla Walla, taken at Kennewick last year when he was wrapped around a steer in a bulldogging event. Right, top, is Athena's Bryce Baker signalling for the ambulance to hurry up. Below is a striking picture of Albatras going to town at Kennewick in 1937. Note—Art Beckner, North Dakota, is the grotesque figure suspended in the air.

Chamber Opposes Passage of Initiative No. 127

The chamber of commerce this noon passed a resolution opposing the passage of Initiative 127, the proposed bill giving incorporated cities a larger proportion of the gas tax money.

County Commissioner Jay Perry appeared before the chamber quoting figures as to the effect it would have upon the local situation. These figures coincided with those as discussed by the local council and the grange officials. After the explanation the motion was passed as above stated.

This initiative, while the backers have sufficient signs to have it put upon the ballot, is being much discussed by civic organizations throughout the state and it is probable that it will be withdrawn before the closing of the final date.

As a result, however, of the discussions, much of the controversial matter contained in the present highway bill will probably be eliminated in future and a greater spirit of cooperation shown between county and city officials.

Passage of the bill will give Benton county the net result of a reduction of some twenty-five thousand dollars a year for road money, while increasing the proportion allocated to the three incorporated cities of less than five thousand dollars—a net loss to the county as a whole of more than \$20,000.

Victor Rogers Attends Agriculture Meet

Victor Rogers has returned from Portland, where he attended a week of school which was sponsored by the Swift & Co. for the agricultural instructors of Washington. The teachers were instructed on the entire operation of the plant from the buying to the finished product. The last day of the school the group went on a field trip to the O.S.C. campus at Corvallis.

Attend Convention

Mrs. Al Morgan and A. A. Edwards, who were elected as delegates to the Rebekah and Odd Fellows convention are in Wenatchee attending the sessions this week. Others from here attending the convention were Mrs. Edwards, J. B. Siagenhaupt and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Safford.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Muldrow were down from Benton City Wednesday.

Democrats to Meet

The county Democratic Central committee will meet at 10 a. m., Saturday morning, July 2 in the old Moose hall which is now the Camp Fire Girls headquarters. The committee is headed by Harley E. Chapman, county auditor, of Prosser. Delegates will be elected to the state convention which will be held in Tacoma July 13. All Democrats are invited to attend this meeting.

Kangaroo Kourt Creates Kackles

Attendance at the evening sessions of the outdoor Kangaroo Kourt conducted by komikal commander Kit Gifford, is increasing. Kit's krazy kops capture kautious Kennewickers who are not kaintly kustomed according to kweenly kommands and they are quickly karried to kourt. Kit kausus kustomers to kick in with quarters while he kides the krowd with komikal cracks concerning koler of noses, klothes or konsense.

Gosh! The court sessions have featured impromptu programs and everyone in the audience is having a good time and even the "victim" doesn't feel too badly about the "fine" the judge levies.

Legion Post Elects

At the Legion meeting which was held last Thursday the following officers were elected for the coming year: Willard Campbell, commander; Herman Campbell, first vice commander; Ray Boldt, re-elected adjutant; Paul Richmond, finance officer; Ben Van Patten, chaplain; executive board, E. H. Behrman, P. O. Stone, Odin Staley, Willard Campbell and Ray Boldt. Willard Campbell and Ray Boldt were elected as delegates to attend the state convention which will be held in Bellingham, August 18 to 20. The alternates elected are Herman Campbell and William Drenin.

Room for 26 More at C.M.T.C. Camp

According to word received on Wednesday there are twenty-six openings for additional applications for Citizens Military Training Camp at Fort George Wright. Any of the boys in Benton County, who are considering the camp are urged to contact Charles L. Powell, Civilian Aide for Benton County. The time is short and any such action contemplated should be taken at once by those interested.

Engineers Already Starting Work on Umatilla Dam

Engineers are at work, a sounding dredge is on the site, materials are being unloaded for temporary buildings at the site of the Umatilla Dam on the Columbia river twenty-eight miles below Kennewick.

Passed and endorsed by the government army engineers, approved by the rivers and harbors department and asked for by senators from the three Northwestern states, the project awaits only the legal determination for an appropriation from the president. Confident that means will be found to finance the project, already the preliminaries are being started.

A direct WPA appropriation of \$25,000,000 is being asked for the job, with the provisions that the work be started by November of this year and completed by November 1940. Engineers claim that the work can be rushed, allowing two full low water seasons.

The navigation dam would be installed three miles above Umatilla. According to engineers, it will be 56 feet high, 6,000 feet long and have an elevation 310 feet above sea level at its crest.

It would create slack water for a distance of 35 miles up the Columbia river as well as up the Snake river.

The dam would be of the straight concrete gravity type with discharge gates and a single lift lock, 60x360 feet with a depth of 9 feet at the sills. The lift lock would be on the Washington side of the river.

Included in the dam are both fish ladders and locks, fish ladders to be on both banks with a fish lock in the middle.

The dam would drown out the Umatilla Rapids which are 14,000 long and in which there is an average fall of 6.3 feet per mile. Also it would drown out the Homily Rapids, which are located just above the town of Hozer. These are 9,000 feet long with an average slope of five feet per mile.

No provisions for the generation of power are included in the present plans. The creation of the slack water would open the river to navigation from Lewiston on the Snake and Kennewick on the Columbia to the ocean.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Schilling have left after a month's visit with their son, Dr. Frederick A. Schilling, rector of St. Paul's church, for their home in Lincoln, Nebraska.

QUEEN JOYCE

As we go to press a flash gives the information that Joyce Larson has been declared Queen Kennewick III in the election completed this afternoon. Selection of the queen was made on the basis of the button sale, and Miss Larson was closely trailed by Jean Mitchell. The other contestants in the race will be considered Princesses in the Queen's Court. A royal breakfast will be served at 10 o'clock Sunday morning for the queen and her attendants.

Spud Growers Favor Holding Culls Off Market

More than 80 growers from five of the state's largest potato growing counties, meeting in Ellensburg June 20 for a state hearing on the proposed federal marketing agreement, left the definite impression that they favor withholding culls from interstate shipment.

Next step in consideration of the proposed agreement will be a grower referendum, to decide whether growers approve the final draft of the agreement. Testimony offered by growers and shippers at the various hearings will be considered in framing the final proposal. A two-thirds majority of the growers by number or potato volume is necessary before the order can be approved by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace.

Major Albert D. Hadley, San Francisco, representing the solicitor general of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, conducted the hearing and taking testimony from growers and handlers, and encouraging cross-examination of witnesses by those in the audience.

Although no objections were offered to prohibit shipment of culls, there was considerable discussion of the make-up of the area, committee, amount of assessments for administering the agreement and size of potatoes to be included. Representatives of Benton county asked that special consideration be given to their district which sold early potatoes.

Captain James A. Bull, representing the consumer's council of the AAA, questioned shippers on the relative prices of No. 1 and No. 2 potatoes, pointing out that the price difference was such that consumers who could not afford No. 1's should be protected.

Lawrence Myers of the marketing section of the AAA presented the economics of the potato situation.

Washington, along with all of Oregon but Malheur county, and Siskiyou and Modoc counties, California, is in Area 6 of the proposed agreement. The area committee would be made up of two producers and one handler from Washington, three producers and one handler from Oregon and one producer and one handler from California.

Those attending the Ellensburg hearing from Benton county were: W. S. Muldrow, Sam Kuh, Ted Watkins and C. A. Hackney.

Fourth Parade to be Long One Beste Reports

"I think the parade this year is going to far surpass any we have ever had before," Howard Beste said today. "We have had a lot of encouragement and the floats will be better than any we have seen before, judging from the enthusiasm already shown. The privately decorated cars will be more numerous, too."

Mr. Beste has charge of the parade arrangements and he has given the following as the line of march, and the prizes for the entries in the parade.

Fifteen dollars will be first prize for a float in the commercial division, \$10 second. First in the organization class will be \$10, second \$5. Five dollars for the best decorated private car, \$2.50 second. Best cowboy rider will get \$3 and the best cowboy the same. The best decorated bike will get \$2.50 and the most unique entry in the parade, in any class will win \$5.

The parade will form at the old grade school on Washington street, follow down Washington to Kennewick Avenue, west on Kennewick to Fruitland, south to First Avenue, east to Dayton and south to the park.

"We do ask that everyone having a car or float or bike, and all the riders, be ready at nine o'clock so that the parade can move off at ten sharp," Mr. Beste said.

All Camp Fire Girls are asked to meet in their headquarters promptly at 7 o'clock Friday evening, July 1, for a first-aid demonstration meeting.

City to Back Grange Against Initiative No. 127

Kennewick's city officials, under the leadership of Mayor E. H. Behrman, are going down the line with the Grange Initiative No. 127. After a series of conferences with representatives of the Grange and the members of the city council, Mayor Behrman stated that he was in full accord with the grange objectives.

For some time city administrations have been hard put to manage their street improvement programs with the small budgets permitted under the 40-mill tax limit laws, plus the present division of the state gas tax money. Particularly difficult because of the strict supervision of the expenditures which the state highway department demanded. Bound by red tape, the smaller cities were unable to spend their share of the state tax money except on certain specified type of improvement on state specified streets.

This supervision and the high handed demands of the highway department, such as was experienced locally when the state spent all of Kennewick's gas tax money on making replacements on the state highway between town and the bridge.

In this case three sections probably needed replacing, but the state arbitrarily replaced ten additional ones, at a figure which city officials considered exorbitant.

Because of this sort of thing the cities of the state became organized and endorsed a change by initiative, eliminating the red tape and placing the expenditures back in the hands of the city officials. The initiative also gave the cities a larger division of the state gas tax money, twenty percent.

As the larger cities had the most influence in drawing up the bill, they profited most by the new division. An analysis of the initiative, however, displaced the fact that while the city of Kennewick gained an increase of almost one hundred percent, the county as a whole lost about \$20,000 from the state gas tax collections.

In fact, a similar condition existed in all the counties in the state with the exception of King, Pierce and Spokane counties. Now, one by one the smaller counties are dropping their backing of the initiative.

Because of this feeling throughout the state sponsors of the initiative are seeking a compromise, whereby the initiative will not be filed. Under the compromise, the cities will be allocated fifteen percent of the tax collections, but the counties will not lose by a reduction.

This action has the endorsement of the granges and the smaller cities are anxious to join in their movement.

\$150,000 in Farm Lands Made to Local Ranchers

Farm security loans totaling \$150,000 have been made to 210 Benton-Franklin county farm families unable to secure adequate commercial credit for livestock, feed, seed, farm equipment and cooperative facilities, reports A. D. Stocking, FSA Supervisor, Courthouse, Pasco.

Farm and home plans providing for maximum production on the farm of food, feed and seed needs, as well as a crop and livestock program that provides the greatest cash income without depleting the soil, have been worked out by each FSA borrower and his wife with the aid of the supervisor. Each plan is designed to meet the individual family's needs, type of farm operated and accumulated assets and liabilities.

Supplementing farm security plans, 4 community and cooperative services have been established, making it possible for 19 families to jointly use purebred sires, heavy machinery and similar facilities.

As stable tenure of a potentially productive farm is one of the requirements for an FSA loan, assistance in working out improved leases and rental agreements on a written basis to improve the relationship between landowner and renter, has been extended to several families.

Progress of farmers cooperating in the program a year or more indicates that each has increased the net worth of his farm, has more livestock and a better crop and feeding program, while the homemaker has greatly increased the amount of food canned for the family and produced on the farm.

Mrs. Emma Higley returned Tuesday morning from Los Angeles, where she was the Kennewick delegate to the Townsend Club convention. The convention was in session five days, June 19 to 23.