

# GALLOWAY STANDS UP FOR APPRAISAL SYSTEM IN SPEECH

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lately alike; they are not appraising any persons, only property, and any men who did otherwise would be through right now."

Mr. Galloway explained the development of the appraisal program since 1920 when the work of his commission was reorganized and expanded somewhat. Depression, he said, had complicated many of the problems. What had been intended originally as a definite five-year program has been restricted at many points, but as rapidly as possible in all parts of the state, with the five or six men available for field work, the program goes on.

### Many Counties Participate

With small appropriations in various counties and with the state commission working along with county appraisers, important revisions have been made in Harney, Lake, Clatsop, Baker, Clatsop, Clatskanie, Yamhill, Washington, Benton, Wasco, Umatilla and Union as well as in Lane. A complete land survey is under way in Douglas county.

In Lane county, he said, the work so far has included the reappraisal of all sawmills. Lane county with 78 has more properties of this type than any other county. Likewise business properties and industrial machinery and inventories have been revised. In each case some values have been moved up and some down. In the aggregate increases have about offset decreases.

### Some Sawmills "Discovered"

Some sawmills in Lane county were not even on the tax books, said Mr. Galloway. Others had not been valued for many years. There was a "net add" of about \$150,000 on Lane sawmills, about \$140,000 on industries and a "net out" of about \$280,000 on business properties, particularly those on North Willamette and in stagnant areas of the town.

In various businesses, notably bakeries, laundries, canneries he said the appraisers found serious disparities in the assessment of big and small concerns. In some cases the unwillingness of owners to cooperate in giving information led to appraisals which might be too high but the commissions always would be willing to revise if proper facts were given.

Mr. Galloway challenged the theory that the division of state costs might be unfair because he says this figure for each county is calculated in dollars and cents and not in mills. The figure being reached by calculating the "actual value" of all property in any state and measuring this against the "actual value" for the state, the ratio of assessment in each county governing these calculations.

Questioned as to how often these county ratios had been revised or audited by the state commission, Mr. Galloway said that because of depression fluctuations and lack of men, no very complete check had been made for several years but that the policy in normal times is to check the county's ratio by comparing tax valuations with all recorded sales.

To have a simultaneous and uniform readjustment of the entire state, Mr. Galloway said would require 200 men and a vast appropriation; it would take a force of 20 men ten years, and the present choice is to do something or nothing.

Questioned as to the need of more adequate financing and staffing of the state's work, Mr. Galloway contended that Oregon is lagging far behind many states in this work, the total appropriations for this work being only a fraction of those in Washington. A complete aerial survey of the state, he said could speed the work ten times, but there are no funds for this purpose.

Mr. Galloway was followed by his chief appraiser, A. A. Seelander, who described some of the industrial reappraisals being made in Portland, particularly among breweries and oil firms. In one case a small oil company was valued at \$28,830 and a very large one at \$12,000; the large one was boosted to between \$80,000 and \$90,000. L. S. Gilkey, who was the deputy in Lane county offered to go over maps and charts during the day with all interested persons.

The question period developed some argument when Ed Boehm raised the claim that residence properties in Multnomah county are generally valued at a much lower figure than those in Lane.

Mr. Galloway did not deny this charge, declaring that it has been Multnomah county's policy "historically" to keep home valuations low, putting most of their burdens on business and industry. On the whole he said he believed the Multnomah ratio of 35 is nearly accurate as Lane's ratio of 54 per cent.

Mrs. Sam Rogh rose to declare this policy of low appraisals on Multnomah, some distinctly disadvantageous to Lane county and other counties which appraise them fairly high. She expressed the wish that something might be done to correct this situation.

Bert Prescott commended the tax commission, particularly its revision on downtown Eugene properties. He cited the Bank of Commerce building as one property which had been "virtually confiscated" by valuation so high as to make it unobtainable. Its taxes were cut from \$2500 to about

# DIFFICULT TASK



One of the most delicate diplomatic assignments in recent U. S. history has been given to William Phillips, above, under-secretary of state. He will go to Rome as American ambassador to seek solution of the problem raised by Italy's conquest of Ethiopia as it affects future U. S. diplomatic relations with the seized country. Recent U. S. policy has been to refuse to recognize territorial gains made by force.

\$1100 in the revision.

County Commissioner Cal Young and Assessor Welby Stevens expressed the satisfaction of the county with the cooperation of the state's men. Mr. Young promised additional county appropriations for the work the coming year.

Martin Svarverud, veteran secretary of the Realty board who arranged the meeting expressed the appreciation of all realtors for the state work and emphasized their interest in every phase of taxation. The meeting was conducted by R. A. McCully, president of the Realty board.

# LIGHT RAINS FALL OVER STATE; CROP CONDITIONS LISTED

PORTLAND, Ore., July 8.—(AP)—Rains fell in the western portion of the state and a few widely scattered showers in the eastern portion, according to the U. S. D. A. weather bureau report for week ended July 7. The rains were light except over very small areas in the northwest. Temperatures were moderate. Dust storms occurred in some of the mid-Columbia counties on the second.

Winter wheat is ripening except in elevated districts, and some has been harvested. Some early spring wheat is nearly ripe. Conditions have been generally favorable for small grain, but some further lodging occurred in northwestern localities, and there is local complaint of rust. Corn is improving.

Picking of cherries and cane fruits continues, and some apricots and peaches have been picked. Cane fruits are yielding well in most places. Slight further damage was done to cherries by rain. Walnuts will be a light crop in many places, due to the early winter freeze. Filberts are doing well.

# Dr. Titus Leaves For Dental Meet

Dr. Harry W. Titus leaves Thursday for San Francisco to attend the meeting of the American Dental association. He is going south with Dr. H. C. Flaxott of Portland and Dr. J. M. Miller of Eugene. Dr. Titus while there will also attend the meeting of the American College of Dentists of which he is a fellow. He also is to serve with the membership committee of 75 from the American Dental association. At this meeting, too, Dr. Titus is on the program for a paper.

PORTLAND, July 8.—(AP)—Seasons and bag limits for fish and game birds will be considered here Saturday by the state game commission.

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# RAINS GIVE LITTLE RELIEF IN STRICKEN AREAS OF MIDWEST

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in parts of the Canadian dry belt were received at the pit.

In its forecast the weather bureau said growing crops deteriorated rapidly and in a large northwestern area both feed and water had become scarce.

The corn crop, it reported, was entering the critical stage in many areas, although it had not yet suffered serious damage. In Iowa, the heart of the corn growing states, Meteorologist Charles D. Reid, said that "very dry from now on with temperatures of 100 degrees or higher means irreparable injury and deterioration" to the state's principal crop.

A further picture of the damage wrought by the terrific heat was given by Reid. "The grains have actually been cooked in the dough stage," he said in reporting that the oats and barley crops were reduced by half in the southern and western portions of the state. "Much of the crop is not worth harvesting and is being pastured."

Little Rain Needed. However, an immediate return to normal temperatures, he added, would bring most of the corn through without much rain.

A similar picture could be drawn in the other great corn-producing states—Illinois, Indiana and Nebraska—hope for a crop provided the temperature drops.

But in the northwest, the Dakotas and parts of Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska and Wyoming, the spring wheat crop was parched virtually beyond salvage, and authorities said the yield would be far below normal.

Possibility of light rains affording little relief to crops in the Dakotas, northwestern Minnesota and northwestern Nebraska tomorrow, and in the west and north portions of North Dakota tonight, was held out by Meteorologist J. R. Lloyd of Chicago.

Scattered showers have occurred in portions of the lower Ohio valley and the southern states, and light to scattered showers were rather general in the western mountain regions, Lloyd said.

At Winnipeg, Canada, heavy rains broke a drought over most sections of Saskatchewan and left property damage in their wake. Brief, heavy showers also brought welcome moisture to scattered parts in north Alberta.

# RODMAN TO SPEAK AT FORUM FRIDAY

Featured at the Friday noon meeting of the chamber of commerce forum at McCready's cafe will be James A. Rodman, president of the chamber, who will address the group on the advantages and disadvantages of a uni-cameral legislature.

Mr. Rodman, before coming to Eugene, was speaker of the state legislature in Nebraska, the only state in the union that employs a one-house system. He will describe his experiences with the efficiency of such a system as contrasted with the two-house legislatures employed in all other states. Oregon included. Of exceptional interest will be a discussion of the plans for the new Oregon statehouse, in relation to the efficiency and economy of a unicameral system.

# Civil War Veteran Again In Eugene

James Griffith, 104-year-old Civil war veteran, is back in Eugene for a time. He was here at the week-end, going on south and returning. Mr. Griffith is believed to be the only survivor of the Battle of Bull Run living today. He at times can recall many incidents of the Civil war as well as Indian skirmishes. He was to leave Wednesday afternoon for the soldiers' home at Roseburg.

# Eagles Plan Final Initiation Meeting

The Fraternal Order of Eagles initiated a class of candidates Tuesday evening, and set next Tuesday night as the final initiation of the recent club dues.

Next Wednesday evening, a 6 o'clock banquet will be given for the winning side, the losers eating beans. A staz party and turkey shoot will be featured on the program.

# BREVITIES

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assault and robbery, with a dangerous weapon, today entered a plea of guilty.

PORTLAND, July 8.—(AP)—Legion representatives from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Arizona, Nevada, and California will assemble here Saturday for a two-day conference on soldier rehabilitation problems and adjustment of claims.

ALBANY, Ore., July 8.—(AP)—Office of the state department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars arrived today to complete preparations for the annual state convention, starting tomorrow.

ASTORIA, July 8.—(AP)—Restoration of the historical frieze on the famous Astoria column will be attempted shortly by Attilio Pasteris, New York artist. Wind and rain damaged it.

McMINNVILLE, Ore., July 8.—(AP)—Linfield college's contribution to the University of Oregon's building-beautification program will be a huge figure of an athlete, to be placed in the new gymnasium at Eugene. The figure is being sculptured in cast-stone material by Walter Peitchard, Linfield art instructor.

# HARDEN SPEAKER AT LIONS MEETING

The changes in dairying during the past two decades and the development of the Eugene Farmers creamery to be an outstanding co-operative in this section were commented on in an informal talk given by G. A. Harnden, manager of the E. F. C. Wednesday noon for the Lions club meeting.

Today, quality is the feature of dairying, and Eugene can be proud of having about the best rate going, Mr. Harnden said.

The dairy industry in Oregon was in a haphazard state before the state milk control board was formed, and that group has done much to restore confidence, both for the producer and the consumer—the producer, because the set-up has strengthened his markets, and brought about more standardized and ethical business practices; the consumer, because he has confidence in the quality of milk and can buy his milk at uniform prices throughout the state, Mr. Harnden pointed out. The recent order from the board to boost milk one cent a quart to the consumer was done only after 21 public hearings had been conducted and a careful study and investigation made to strike a basic average figure.

Speaking of the growth of the Eugene Farmers creamery, Mr. Harnden pointed out how it had grown from a \$6000 investment to a \$160,000 one, from a one-department concern to a five-department one with many side products, from a staff of five to a staff averaging 35 throughout the year.

In making comments on the dairy industry generally in Lane county and its development, Mr. Harnden paid tribute to O. S. Fletcher, county agricultural agent, and the work he has done in this line.

Dr. John Kaykendall was chairman for the day and introduced the speaker, W. D. Hollingsworth was a visitor at the meeting. Dr. Sam H. Tyler, new president, announced the 1937 committees.

# Hills Reunion to Be Sunday, July 19

The annual Hills family reunion for all relatives and friends of the Cornelius J. Hills pioneer family will be held Sunday, July 19, at Seaside. Delight, G. E. Lately, manager of the resort, is a member of the clan. The picnic dinner will be served at 12:30 o'clock. During the day, a baseball game will be featured between Hills-Gustina and the Oakridge teams. The Hills-Gustina team is sponsored by Fred and Roy Hills; while the Oakridge team is sponsored by their brother, Charles Hills.

# Amos Burg Arrives In Alaskan Harbor

KETCHIKAN, Alaska, July 8.—(AP)—Sixteen days out in their 26-foot outboard motor boat, Amos Burg, Eugene, Ore., and Roy Pepper, St. Croix Falls, Wis., arrived here today. They said they planned to remain in southeastern Alaska until September.

Burg said they would do extensive picture taking and colored photography work going as far north as Skagway.

# EPWORTH LEAGUERS BEGIN REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER CAMP

Registration for participation in the annual summer institute of the Epworth League, held next week from July 13 to 20, at Suttle Lake, is under way here according to Richard Chambers, who is handling local registration for the state-wide event.

All young people of high school age are eligible for registration for the event, which is not denominational. Registration, if made here, will cost 50 cents; if made at the institute, in St. Louis, Mo., it will be charged for food, each member furnishing his own camping equipment or arranging to work out a co-operative plan with others. Transportation will be available from here for a nominal sum.

The mornings will be occupied with classes, and the afternoons in recreation such as swimming, horse-back riding, boating and motor boating, hikes, and archery. Evenings will be filled with social entertainment.

Each city is sponsoring a chaperone, the chaperone from here being Mrs. Mildred Hickman, 1424 Lincoln. All those wishing to register or inquire regarding registration, may contact Richard Chambers at 1432 Patterson. Suttle Lake is located on the Santiam highway, and is reached by going up the McKenzie highway to Sisters, then turning north on the Santiam highway.

# Playground Groups Slate Hike Friday

A hike for participants in the Eugene summer playgrounds will be held Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock for Lincoln and Skinner Butte playgrounds, under the supervision of Miss Thelma Brown, it was announced Wednesday.

The party will leave from Lincoln, and will journey west of town, each member bringing winners and buns. The hike will follow the city ping pong tournament, and will be over before dark.

# POSTAL CONVENTION PLANS COMPLETED

Completion of arrangements for the annual state convention of the National Association of Postmasters, to be held here July 12-14, inclusive, was announced Wednesday by Postmaster F. L. Armitage.

A meeting of various committee heads Tuesday evening at the chamber of commerce revealed that completion of allotted work had been made by each committee.

Dr. E. T. Hedlund, Portland postmaster, wrote that this year's session is expected to be the best of its kind ever held in the state, with a record attendance a distinct possibility. The first meeting will be Sunday evening, a meeting of the executive committee at the Osburn hotel.

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# 9 Lane Members To Attend Valley Projects Meeting

Representing Lane county at the Willamette valley project committee meeting at Salem next Friday will be a delegation of at least nine, it was declared here Wednesday by local members of the committee.

Of the delegation, four will be from the United States engineers' office, others including H. E. Massey, Springfield; Elmo Chase, new chairman of the Lane county planning commission; P. M. Morse, county engineer; John Durr, secretary of the Eugene chamber of commerce, and Judge Fred Fisk or another representative of the county court.

Main speaker on the program at the Marion hotel Friday evening is Col. Thomas M. Robins, chief engineer of valley projects. Discussion of several problems of the valley and different localities is also scheduled.

# FOOD COSTS SOAR IN U.S. AS DROUGHT GRIPS WHEAT AREA

WASHINGTON, July 8.—(AP)—Costs of food zigzagged upward throughout the nation today as the effects of a searing sun on crops were translated into soaring price tags on grocery shelves.

The bureau of labor statistics received reports on the direct connection between the ruination of wheat fields in the Dakotas and the cost of bread in urban centers.

Commissioner Lubin's latest wholesale price list for the week ending June 27 showed foods had reached a high of \$1 on the wholesale commodity index, figured with the year 1924 at 100. The \$1 mark compared with 73.7 on the first of April, indicating the effects of the drought were just beginning to be felt by householders.

Two weeks ago, Lubin's report continued, the wholesale prices of grains advanced 0.5 per cent. This advance presaged a similar rise in the price of meat, which is affected almost in direct ratio by the cost of livestock feed.

The latest retail figures released by Lubin were for the week ended June 16, before the drought became a matter of national concern. They showed nevertheless that the actual cost of all foods to the housewife had risen 2.1 per cent over the week before and had forced her to pay the most to feed her family since April, 1931. Lubin said the general increase was attributable in large part to a 32 per cent rise in the prices of fresh fruits and vegetables.

Washington's Martin Will Seek Re-election

SEATTLE, July 8.—(AP)—Governor Clarence D. Martin announced his candidacy for re-election this fall in a state-wide radio address last night. The governor, in an attack interpreted as aimed at King County Commissioner John C. Stevenson, another democratic candidate, declared: "I do not want to see Washington... fall under the blight of selfish political control."

# RUM RELIEF FUND FACES LIMITATION

SALEM, Ore., July 8.—(AP)—Liquor profits available for direct relief needs in Oregon from August 15 to the end of the year will be limited to \$600,000, Governor Martin said today.

The governor's statement was based on an estimate of anticipated revenues of the liquor commission, submitted by Arthur E. chairman.

Profits from the state for the rest of the year are estimated at \$425,000, with a dividend of \$255,000, for a total of \$680,000. It is anticipated that the state will collect \$200,000 in 1936, increasing the total to \$880,000, from which will be retired \$250,000 in 1936 indebtedness sold to finance July operations of the commission.

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