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SHERIFF PUTS \$90,000 IN TREASURERS HANDS

Largest Tax Turn-over Since 1930
Made Tuesday

STATE TAX PAID TO OCTOBER

Taxing Units Will Be in Funds Again
When Distribution Made

Taxing districts that have been used to receiving tax turn overs totalling a mere handful of dollars are due for something of a shock when the March 20 turnover is mailed out by the treasurer's office within a few days. Tuesday Mr. Chrisman presented to the treasurer \$69,347.17 in current taxes and \$21,523.11 in delinquent taxes for distribution to taxing units in the county.

Deputy treasurer Naomi VanGilder has paid the first half of the state tax so that is off the mind of the county until October when another payment will be due. It may take a few days to get the money all handed out as there is quite a lot of work connected therewith, but it is on its way.

The largest turnover of taxes since November 1930 something over \$12,700 going into the general fund, \$6708.53 into the elementary school fund, \$3020.66 into the per capita school fund, \$5110.52 into the high school tuition fund. This will make a total of nearly \$15,000 for schools in the county above the amounts given out for special school taxes.

Among the districts to receive large amounts from special school taxes are Rufus which will get nearly \$7400, Wasco nearly \$4200, Moro \$3450.96, Grass Valley about \$2000, Kent 2560.

Cities will for the first time in recent years receive a substantial tax payment with which to catch up on some of their delinquencies.

On the current taxes paid the rebate which was given to those who paid all of their taxes or at least a part of them in advance of the due date amounted to nearly \$1500. This must be deducted proportionately from all of the taxing units to which the taxes were given.

The hurry to pay taxes in this county is part of a general movement toward tax payment that has been felt in every county in the state. While it is not thought that taxes will be as easily collected in June and September, the next two payment dates, it is the consensus of opinion that tax paying will be a more general thing in the next few years, especially if the promised recovery pans out.

Power Company Pays \$3000 For 1933 Taxes

Among the public services paying their full taxes before the end of the 3 percent discount period was the Pacific Power and Light company whose local manager, Stanley Reavis turned over \$3045.49 in checks and warrants to Hugh Chrisman last week. This sum was a part of the \$358,755.43 total which the company will pay to tax collectors in Oregon and Washington for 1933 taxes.

Milk Reduction Program Will Be Next Thing

The dairy program will be the next thing offered to the farmers of this county by the representatives of the AAA in charge of this state. Wheat acreage has been reduced 15 percent, hogs and corn have been cut by 25 percent and now farmers will have an opportunity to be paid for reducing the reduction of milk and butter 15 percent. A tax on butter will be used to raise the required money for the purpose.

Emergency Work Open To Veterans

The local American Legion Post has received from Dr. Paul Carter instructions regarding the enrollment of veterans in the veterans unit of the Emergency Conservation Work. As only a limited number of veterans can be employed on this work those showing the greatest need will be taken. Men should be physically able to perform ordinary manual labor before applying for the jobs. Clothing, bedding and camp equipment will be furnished. Work will be for eight hours per day, five days per week which includes traveling to work. Actual work will be six hours a work day. Base pay is \$30 per month with food and clothing furnished. Workers are expected to send three quarters of their pay to their families or dependents.

TB Testing of Cattle Possible Here Soon

Farmers or dairymen owning cows they wish to have tested should report to stock inspector James Stewart or may give the information to county agent Johnston who will keep a file at his office. Dr. Derflinger is expected to visit this county in the near future for the purpose of continuing the T. B. test on cattle. Already nearly 300 cows are listed for this test. In order that those in charge can work out a schedule, a complete list should be made up before the work starts.

Spring Wheat Seeding Less In Northwest

Statistics given out by the department of agriculture show that seeding of spring wheat in the state of Oregon will be but 30 percent of that shown last year. This condition is due, of course, to the fact that last year many farmers had to reseed their crop. Washington will seed 72 percent as much winter wheat, Idaho 105 percent and Montana 95 percent. The average seedings for the entire county will be 98.1 percent of the 1933 total. These comparisons are with the 1933 crop which was small in acres and in bushels.

Interest Rates To Farmers Lowered

Lowering of the interest rate of the Intermediate Credit bank of Spokane from 3 to 2 1/2 per cent became effective March 16.

On the basis of the present volume of loans outstanding which is approximately \$29,000,000, borrowers of Washington, Montana, Oregon and Idaho will save about \$200,000 by this reduction. The interest rate is now the lowest in the history of the institution. Since November 16, 1931 the bank has reduced its owning rate 3 per cent.

Producers of agricultural products, livestock men and cooperative marketing associations in the four northwest states principally do business with the bank. At the present time 31 production credit associations, 27 discounting corporations and about 15 cooperative marketing associations are affected by the low interest rate.

The 12 intermediate credit banks in the farm credit system, discount farmers' notes which have been endorsed by local financial agencies, such as agricultural credit associations, livestock loan companies, banks or production credit associations organized under the farm credit act of 1933. They loan to cooperatives on warehouse receipts covering readily marketable staple products.

Ed. Nachen, known to old timers, was visiting about Moro Wednesday for a few hours. Mr. Nachen resided in this county thirty three years ago and married Lola Guyton. They have been living near Oregon City until Mrs. Nachen's death last week. Beside her husband Mrs. Nachen leaves two daughters.



MISS LUCY A. CASE
Extension food specialist, Oregon State College who spoke at Homemakers Conference here.

Arthur Justesen May Make Commissioner Race

With state politics getting under way and national votes being cast for political reasons it is not surprising that county politics should begin to be talked of among those who interest themselves in who is going to be who in county affairs.

It is rumored—and perhaps more than that—that Arthur Justesen of Kent will be a candidate on the Democratic ticket for county commissioner this May. The outgoing commissioner this year is A. A. Dunlap, also from Kent. Mr. Dunlap has not signified his intention about another term and whatever he will do is sealed up in his head.

Whether the race will be fought on a partisan basis or whether it will be between communities cannot be foretold. The commissionership held by Mr. Dunlap is by popular sentiment left to the south end of the county. For several years the Kent community has held the job and candidates from Grass Valley have held their peace. The advent of Mr. Justesen into the race may encourage some other ambitious man to enter from farther north.

The general opinion about the places where politics are discussed is that the county race will be won and lost on the road program and the retention of the present road master. This may blow over and the voters may concern themselves with taxes, schools or some other phase of county government before November.

Aid Offered City Lawmakers By League

Eugene, Ore.—Uniform city ordinances covering rebonding of assessments, refunding, wholesale trade vehicles, alcoholic liquor, dog licenses and city planning commissions have been prepared by the Bureau of Municipal Research and Service of the University of Oregon, and are ready for distribution to any city desiring them, it was announced here by Heman Kehrl, director of the bureau and executive secretary of the League of Oregon Cities.

Th ordinances were prepared by Wm. M. Briggs, for 13 years city attorney of Ashland, and now consultant of the American Municipal Association. A large number of ordinances were studied and the best points of each incorporated in the uniform form prepared. Several city attorneys and other city officials collaborated in the work.

Dr. Butler is spending the greater part of this week in Moro in order to catch up on his work in this vicinity.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MAR. 21

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
MAR. 15	65	38	.00
" 16	56	41	.00
" 17	60	28	.00
" 18	66	33	.00
" 19	72	41	.00
" 20	69	48	.00
" 21	68	41	.00
Total for week			.00

HOMEMAKERS HEAR OF NEW METHODS

State College Extension Leaders Give
Demonstrations

VITAMINS BIG NEED IN DIET

Tests For Determining Clothing Value
Given

Women from five communities met in Moro today for the first annual Home-makers Conference, arranged by Perry N. Johnston, county agent and conducted by three members of the Home Economics Extension Staff of Oregon State college. Mrs. Cora B. Guyton, past chairman of Pomona Home Economics, presided. Attendance included thirty five from Moro, two from Kent, four from Wasco, one from Grass Valley, and one from Klondike. Organizations represented were: Kent, Harlandview, and Klondike granges, The Woman's Club of Moro, the Girls Cooking Club of Moro high school. Dinner was served by the ladies of the Presbyterian church.

The morning program which began promptly at 10:00 included group singing and recreation. Miss Claribel Nye, state leader of Home Economics Extension, then spoke on the subject "When the Home-maker Goes to School." Miss Nye emphasized the fact that recent research has proven that the adult years are the best years for learning and that age is not an important handicap in learning, and that the important points are desire to improve, time set aside for self improvement, and material for improvement. In the field of home making, science and art are constantly contributing practical and helpful information for the use of home-making notably in child development, nutrition, consumer buying, and housing. She referred to the recent Housing Survey of 6000 homes in Oregon, of which Sherman was one county, and reported that tabulations on this material would be available within the next week.

The last hour of the morning session was devoted to a lecture by Miss Lucy Case, nutrition specialist, on the subject "Can Food Change a Person and Personality." Miss Case gave data indicating that height can be modified to some extent through food and that weight, condition of skin and hair, muscular tone, posture, outlook on life, and even disposition, are related to food habits.

Following the noon meal at the Presbyterian church, Mrs. Azalea Sager, Clothing Specialist, demonstrated simple home tests for quality and textiles and spoke on the subject "Recognizing Quality of Materials." According to Mrs. Sager, many manufacturers have reduced the quality in materials seriously in this depression in order to continue in business. Others have maintained quality and the home-maker is unable to recognize the difference often because it all appears equally attractive. She may find that the material wears only a short time and quickly goes to pieces. In order to get her money's worth in materials, the home-maker needs to understand a few tests.

Following a question box, Miss Nye discussed various home making helps that are available in Oregon to all homes of the state and those present voted to request another home-making conference next year. Those present also expressed their desire for courses or projects in foods and in clothing and training in recreational leadership. Only a small part of this program could be scheduled for next year, but the second annual Home-makers Conference is assured.

Ladies of the Presbyterian church gave a chicken noodle dinner at the church Wednesday noon for visitors at the home-makers conference. They report a good crowd and diners report a good dinner.

Tree Planting Popular 4-H Club Project

Sherman county has started on the road to becoming a timbered country instead of what visitors from the tree lands often call a "treeless waste." About a hundred children are members of different forestry clubs in the county and each is resolved to plant at least the minimum of ten trees and nurse them to full growth. They have even planned the picnic to be held under them when grown. There is probably no 4-H club activity that will produce more lasting benefit to this county than this one and the fact that so many children are engaged in it is cheering to those who have advocated trees for Sherman county farms in years past.

Eastern Star At Grass Valley Reunite 14th Time

The 14th Annual Homecoming banquet of the order of Eastern Star at Grass Valley was held Tuesday night with 60 present, fourteen of whom were charter members of the lodge. A program consisting of a song by the boys glee club of the high school, a violin solo by Mrs. L. H. Ayres, a reading by Mrs. C. L. Foley, a piano duet by Mrs. W. Ray Blake and Marjorie Blake, a solo by Mrs. Ed Piercy, a tap dance by Charlotte Beardsley and a recitation of the anniversary ode by Mrs. Ruggles was given.

At the dinner, which was an important part of the event the toast master called upon the following for brief talks: Mrs. Floye von Borstel, A. A. Dunlap, Mrs. G. C. Vinton, who was the first worthy matron, Mrs. Ernest Eslinger, Donald Clodfelter, W. Ray Blake and Mrs. Willy Knighten.

Loan Committee Named For Production Loans

There has been a committee appointed to assist the production credit loan companies in this county. These men are charged with the responsibility of determining if the men applying for a production credit loan are really cooperating with the government in its crop reduction program. Personnel of the committee is Harry Pinkerton, who is a member of the wheat allotment committee, chairman of the emergency seed loan committee, and on the board of farm debt adjustment, T. M. Rolfe, who is on the emergency seed loan committee and a member of the production control association, and J. M. Yocum, who is chairman of the corn-hog county committee and the wheat allotment committee.

News Of Other Days, Other Times, Other People, Yet Sherman County

From the Observer March 28, 1895.

Eighteen pounds of blue stone for a dollar at Moores.

Those doubting Thomases who have chewed the quid of disappointment hopes concerning the erection of the Grass Valley hall must chaw on the other side now for Sheriff Holder informs us that the last nickle of funds has been raised.

Six new phones have been added to the Sherman County Telephone company line and it will be switched on to the long distance at Grants.

Three string bands—Wasco, Moro and Grass Valley—and three cornet bands, Moro, Michigan and Grass Valley, will be in attendance at the Musical Convention in Grass Valley June 27 and 28.

Cash Fairchild has put a six horse team on the road hauling rye to Grants.

From the Observer March 31, 1905.

An ugly hated breath of grisly winter blighted the warm sunny smiles of spring in this region Wednesday morning. Not a bit welcomed.

The amount of destruction to weeds by the cold spurt last month compensates for a lot of work incident to reseeding wheat where necessary.

Women Meet With Mrs. Seral Searcy

Moro Woman's Club met last Friday at the home of Mrs. Seral Searcy for a most enjoyable afternoon. Lois Barzeg contributed largely to the pleasure of those present by her recital of the vicissitudes of a director's life. Gayle Amidon, accompanied by Lavon Sayrs, sang "Auderella's Fella" and Mary Pinkerton and Genevieve Nahouse accompanied by Marjorie Byers sang "Sunshine and You" both numbers very enthusiastically received. Dorothea Moore gave a splendid report of the book "Daughter of the Samurai" and Mrs. Eugene Amidon gave the concluding paper on the work of Miss Isabelle Bliss.

Club will meet Friday, April 6th, at the home of Mrs. Eugene Amidon and all members intending to attend are requested to meet at the Hotel Moro about 2:00 p. m. so that transportation can be arranged.

Seed Loans Reduced; Committee Appointed

The emergency seed loan committee for Sherman county is composed of Harry Pinkerton, T. M. Rolfe and H. M. Stephens for this year. Two of these men served in the same capacity last year when several loans were made in this county. Loans for seed this year may be made for sums not more than \$250.

Wheat League Aids Sales Tax Fight

Pointing out that assessed value of property in Oregon is less than it was 20 years ago, but that property owners are paying almost \$10,000,000 a year more on it, J. B. Adams, President of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League, today announced his active entrance into a campaign in favor of the Emergency Sales Tax which has already been endorsed by the league.

"The Sales Tax" said Adams, "will not take away homes from the widows and orphans as our property tax is doing. It will not take clothes from the backs of the poor nor food from their mouths. It will not tax their bread, because there will be no tax on purchases to 25 cents, and only one cent tax on purchases up to a dollar.

"Anyone in fact, who has \$10 to spend, even for the necessities of life could get along very well on \$9.85, even if he did have to pay the tax; whereas, many property owners, if they did have to pay their taxes."

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WHEAT ACREAGE VARIES LITTLE FROM LAST YEAR

Reductions In Surplus Countries Met
By Increases In Others

RUSSIA AND INDIA PLANT MORE

Condition Generally Good In Northern Hemisphere

Wheat acreage and crop conditions are now figuring more prominently as market factors. Winter wheat acreage in the principal producing areas from data now available shows little change from a year ago. Reductions in winter seedings in North America, North Africa and Europe outside of Russia, have been slightly more than offset by gains in India and Russia. The acreage now reported totals 171,870,000 acres as against 170,318,000 acres for the same countries last year. Great Britain, Greece, Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria reported moderate gains, but decreases are shown for all other European countries, outside of Russia, for which data have been received. The second estimate of the Indian acreage is 34,503,000 acres as against 32,386,000 acres reported at the same date last year, and is the largest seeding since the record acreage of 1918. The Russian plan fixes the area at 87,970,000 acres of which 58,070,000 acres are for Spring Wheat and 29,900,000 acres for Winter wheat. Actual seedings of Winter wheat are placed at 29,785,000 acres as compared with 26,703,000 acres last year.

The condition of Winter wheat appears to be above average in the Northern Hemisphere as a whole. The United States crop has suffered from inadequate moisture in the Southwestern areas and from soil blowing in some places. Less abandonment was in prospect at the first of March than was indicated December 1, when probable loss was placed in the neighborhood of twenty per cent. Trade agencies placed the condition of Winter wheat March 1, about 15 percent higher than a year ago. European crop conditions are about normal but less favorable than last year. Local damage is reported from dry weather in southern Italy and from wet weather and winter killing in Northern France and parts of Spain. In Germany however, winter killing is reported light.

Mrs. Charles Belshee Celebrates 90th Birthday

Mrs. Charles Belshee was surprised Tuesday afternoon on her ninetieth birthday when nearly forty friends dropped in to congratulate her. Mrs. Belshee has been a resident of Sherman county since 1883 when, with her husband, she settled on a homestead just above Hay Canyon. Grand children James Morrison and family and Mrs. Lillian Montague were present from Gilliam county and grandchildren and other members of the family from Sherman county came in to call.

Car Wrecked In Collision With Trailer

A car wreck in which the only damage was done to the two cars occurred Saturday night between Grass Valley and Kent when Elmer Hansen and Charles Belshee met near the Bourbon cross road. Hansen was going to the dance in Kent and Belshee was traveling north with a trailer loaded with stock. Hansen's car struck the left trailer wheel breaking it off, then his car, the breaks useless sped on down the road, up a bank across a corner of the Peters field and into the Bourbon road before it could be stopped.