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Gossip

A column of chatter about Policies and Personalities at Salem

By Ernest L. Gray.

Mrs. Walter M. Pierce will be removed within the next two weeks whether she likes it or not, and her place on the state board of higher education undoubtedly will be taken by Robert Ruhl of Medford, newspaper publisher. Although Ruhl is a republican his paper supported General Martin during the campaign.

Governor Martin has informed Mrs. Pierce of a hearing, the date of which he would not divulge, at which time she can present her reasons why she should not be removed. But this is merely a formality. After the hearing she will be ousted on the grounds she has not been attending meetings, and she has no redress. The Governor's decision will be final.

For the first time in more than four years the members of the state board of control travel together, have luncheons together when they visit state institutions, and apparently are working in harmony. During their inspections of institutions they even have invited members of the press gallery as their guests. It is unusual for Oregon.

Two institutions have already been inspected by the new board—the penitentiary and the girls training school. Governor Martin has commented upon the fine treatment given prisoners, and upon the well managed girls school. Mrs. Patterson, head of the latter institution, was expected to retain her position.

In fact very few changes in institutional heads can be expected by the board of control. Governor Martin stated he was opposed to making these positions political footballs. "If they are experts in their lines what difference does it make whether they are democrats or republicans," the executive declared.

Possibility of a special session of the legislature during the summer which was admitted by Governor Martin, brought friends of the administration to the executive offices with protests against calling the 90 members of the assembly for a maximum of 20 days, expressing fears of what such a session would do.

In the first place, let's consider the three possible reasons it may be necessary to call a session. First, the state may be forced to make some legal changes in Oregon's statutes to make the national social security act operative in the state. And again there may be other changes necessary for the state to secure full benefit of any national relief proposals.

Second, the proposal to move drouth victims to the Willamette valley in Oregon may require legislative appropriations for the creation of an engineering force to make preparations and further there may be some tax base changes necessary before the federal government will take the steps. It was estimated Oregon could take care of at least 25,000 persons.

Third, if there is a session unquestionably the cabinet form of government will be proposed. And if it is brought up there are excellent chances of its passage. The system is a pet of Budget Director D. O. Hood, and it was understood he was anxious there be a special session so work could be started on the move for placing most of the state government directly under the governor.

But friends of the administration give some definite reasons why the governor should not call the session. In the first place, they argue, any changes necessary in the social security act may be done without any assembly. Also they argue the proposal to move drouth victims to Oregon is but a myth and was the result of the ingenuity of the mind of D. O. Hood when he was in the National Capitol.

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Children's Tests Due

First of Next Month

Dates for second semester tests have been scheduled by County School Superintendent, Wily W. Knighten, for May 1 to 3.

These tests cover the first eight months' work of the school year and are given to all students in intermediate and upper grades. The semester examinations will be followed by six weeks tests which are to be given at the close of the school year.

HEART AILMENT FATAL TO BERT THOMPSON

Life Time Citizen's End Comes After Short Illness.

Walter Albert (Bert) Thompson died in a hospital in The Dalles Saturday night after a week's illness. A heart ailment was the cause of his death. The funeral was held Tuesday morning in the Catholic church in The Dalles under the direction of Zell's Funeral Home. Interment was made at Vancouver, Washington, where other members of the family are buried.

Bert Thompson was born in The Dalles fifty years ago, the second son of Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson, pioneers of this section of the Mid-Columbia river country. When very young he came to Sherman County with his parents who settled on land southeast of Moro, now a part of the Hansen place. He attended school at Rutledge for many years.

After the family left the farm Mr. Thompson worked on many other ranches in the county being a teamster of the old school. He was taken ill almost exactly a week before his death while at the Bart Burrell place near Moro.

Surviving him are five sisters, Mrs. Mabel Barnett, and Mrs. Edith Sayrs of Sherman county, Mrs. Grace Nickerson, Mrs. Alice Thornton and Miss Ruth Thompson of Portland and one brother, Morris, of Portland.

Telephone Company Celebrates Anniversary

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, a unique radio program will be presented from 8 to 4 p. m. Pacific Coast time, Sunday, April 28, according to word received by Hazel Woods, Agency Manager here for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company. The full hour presentation will be heard by many millions of listeners throughout the country over the Columbia network. The program can be heard locally over KSL or KOIN station.

The anniversary broadcast will be of particular interest to the 250,000 employees of the Bell System, besides all users of telephone service.

Ted Husing, ace radio reporter of news and special events, will announce and serve as master of ceremonies for the program, which will open with four successive long distance calls to telephone officials at the four corners of the United States—San Diego, California; Eastport, Maine; Bellingham, Washington; Key West, Florida.

Another interesting feature will be dramatization of the telephone conference service, with Ted Husing and prominent personalities in widely separated parts of the country hooked up for long-distance round robin conversation so that each can talk to and hear the others. The voices of all will be audible to the radio audience.

Edwin C. Hill, noted news commentator, and Channing Pollock, eminent author and playwright who will be among several prominent persons participating in the program, will tell the story of the telephone in two groups of interesting dramatizations. One group will portray several historic events in the development of telephone service, including the first telephone conversation ever held—the one between Alexander Graham Bell and his assistant, Thomas A. Watson—and other significant episodes in the subsequent development of telephone service.

At the close of the program, Walter S. Gifford, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, will be interviewed by Edwin C. Hill.

VOTE COMING ON

WHEAT PROGRAM

All Contract Signers Entitled To Vote Once

MAY 25 SET FOR THE VOTE

Meetings Will Be Held In Counties To Inform Farmers

Farmers will have a chance to vote on the continuance of the allotment program for wheat on Saturday, May 25.

Before that time several meetings will be held in this county to give every interested farmer and land owner an opportunity to know the conditions affecting the wheat situation and the reasons for voting either for or against the allotment program. County agents and leaders of the extension service were in Walla Walla last Saturday to listen to AAA officials from Washington and to discuss the conditions in their own counties. County agent Perry Johnston was among them.

The vote will be restricted to one question: whether or not the voter wishes to continue the present allotment program. The government is anxious that each and every voter be informed on the world wheat situation and meetings will be held to give this information from AAA leaders.

Every one who has signed a wheat contract will have one vote. More contracts do not entitle him to more votes. One vote to the man is the rule.

Two methods of voting are under discussion and it is possible that both may be used. They are voting by mail, in which case a card or letter would be sent to each contract signer to fill out and return, or voting by ballot in each of the districts with an election board.

The schedule of meetings for this county has not been announced to date and will not be for a few days until more complete information is received by the county agent.

Woman's Club Meets At Strong Home Friday

The Woman's club met at the Truman Strong home for a garden day program, with Mrs. Gene Amidon in charge.

A committee was appointed to make plans for serving eats on Band Day. Mrs. Vernon Platt gave an interesting book review on birds, especially those found in this part of the country. Beatha Sayrs gave the reading "The Glory of the Garden" by Kipling. Melba Thogerson gave a tap dance accompanied by Miss Mary Pinkerton at the piano. Wyman French spoke the piece "Ma. Kin I Change My Undies." Two songs were sung by the Misses Pinkerton, Fraser, Amidon and Nahouse. Annajean Knighten's reading, "The Sewing Society" was very well rendered. Two piano solos were played by Helen Strong.

Members of the Wasco Garden club were guests for the afternoon. Mrs. McKee from Wasco gave an outline of the work of their Club. Tea was served with Mrs. Robert Pinkerton and Mrs. A. Rose pouring. After adjournment the lovely Strong gardens were visited.

The next meeting of the Women's Club will be the Mother's and Daughter's Banquet on Thursday, May 2nd, at the church, at 6:30 p. m. It will be a pot luck dinner and members wishing to attend will please notify the committee.

Typists Competing Here This Afternoon

The county-wide typing contest will be held Friday afternoon, April 26, Moro High School, at 2 o'clock, to determine the champion typist of Sherman County.

Present plans are that the high schools in the county will enter contestants in both novice and amateur divisions.

Clean-Up Day, May 6, Ordered By Council

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the City of Moro will be visited by a thousand visitors May 11, when the band and music festival is held, and, WHEREAS it is proper and fitting that the City be made as neat and clean as possible for the occasion, and

WHEREAS cleanliness is an effective preventative against fire, Be It Therefore PROCLAIMED that Monday, May 6, 1935 be designated as Clean-Up Day in the City of Moro and that every citizen spend the fore part of that day in working on the streets and public property of the city.

By order of the council this 23rd day of April, 1935.

Giles L. French, Mayor of Moro.

A spring housecleaning is under way in Moro. The final sweep of the broom and replacing of curtains will occur May 6, but until that time citizens who take pride in their town will be cleaning up their private property in order that when the public property is cleaned the town will present a pleasing appearance for the visitors expected for the band festival.

EXPECT USUAL CROPS IN SPITE OF DROUTH

Better Yields Are Indicated In Pacific Coast States

Despite the serious drouth situation in the Great Plains in an area which normally produces about 15 percent of the agricultural output of the United States, crop prospects in general are about average for this season of the year in most of the country, says a report on the agricultural situation just released by the state college agricultural extension service. The season is starting off with conditions good in the East, while crop conditions are above average in the West Coast states and better than average in the Intermountain area, although not up to average.

Wheat, pastures and milk production reflect the Great Plains drouth situation, the report points out. If a winter wheat crop is expected to fall about 183,000,000 bushels below the 1928-1932 average, nearly all due to poor prospects in Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma and Nebraska. The estimate, however, is 30,000,000 bushels above last year's winter harvest, with most of the grain east of the Mississippi and in the Pacific Northwest and California.

With pasture conditions exceptionally poor in the Great Plains drouth area, the general average condition of pasture for the whole country on April 1 was the lowest in 10 years, with the exception of last year, according to the circular. In this area are located one-third of all the cattle and one sixth of the milk cows of the country, despite large reductions made during the past year.

With new low records in milk production in the drouth area registered on April 1, milk production per cow averaged more than 10 per cent below average in the country, although slightly better than a year ago. Total milk production was about 4 per cent below a year ago owing to a reduction of about 5 per cent in the number of milk cows in the country.

MARRIAGE MADE EASY

It is now possible for matrimonially inclined couples to obtain a marriage license without going to the court house. Blanks have been received by the clerk's office which may be obtained on application and if properly filled out before a notary the clerk is empowered to issue a license at the end of the required three days. All of the information is given on the one blank including medical certificate.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
APR. 18	65	43	.00
" 19	73	37	.00
" 20	66	39	.00
" 21	53	35	.05
" 22	50	32	.00
" 23	54	30	.10
" 24	66	28	.00
Total for week			.15

BAND FESTIVAL PLANS FORMED

R. J. Cunliff To Head General Committee For Event

CITY PARK TO BE USED

Thousand People Expected In The City For Festival

Organization for the city for the county band festival to be held in Moro May 11 was started last Friday night when representatives of the school, the school board, the firemen, the woman's club and the city met with Clyde Simpson, band leader, at the school house.

It was announced at the meeting that at least eleven bands would be in attendance with a probability that there would be two or three others in addition. School bands from Grass Valley, Wasco, Rufus, Arlington, Dufur, Maupin, The Dalles, Stevenson, Goldendale, Condon and Moro will play and glee clubs and soloists will vie in competition for honors.

The band stand will be set up in the park according to present plans. In preparation for the event the park will be raked and shined to make it a pleasant place for the company. Luncheon will be eaten under the trees and light lunches will be dispensed by the woman's club for those who fail to bring their noon meal.

Firemen To Decorate

The firemen will have charge of the decoration under the direction of Art Bucholtz, fire chief. Streamers will be strung across the streets the city will be cleaned and white-washed and everything done to give a gala appearance to the town. Firemen will also have the decoration of the Legion hall in their charge.

John Foss was named as chairman of the finance committee which will handle details of raising and disbursing the money needed for the affair. Guarantees of funds from the city and the school board will be forthcoming.

Committees Named

Mrs. Anna Moore, president of the woman's club, will be the chairman of the committee to see that all visitors have a place to eat. Clyde Gillmor was put in charge of the building of the band platform, Vernon Platt, eating, Paul Goddard, registration, John Walker, advertising and M. M. Oveson and Tom Stephens, night dance. R. J. Cunliff will act as general chairman of the festival. Miss Eleanor Biggins is in charge of the glee club singing and other musical events.

Old Time News For Those Who Remember-and Those Who Don't

From the Observer April 30, 1896.

Hogs are a drug in the markets of Sherman county at present.

Born: April 25th, to the wife of G. N. Crossfield, a daughter.

Instruments for the Hay Canyon Brass Band are expected in about 15 days.

Mrs. Louisa Seely has returned from a very successful business trip to Wasco, and has reopened a really fine assortment of new goods, direct from the east, which she can sell at prices lower than ever. Ladies are invited to call and inspect these goods and prices whether they buy or not, at the millinery rooms over E. Peoples store, Main street, Moro.

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District Attorney And Judge Go To Portland

County Judge Geo. A. Potter and District Attorney Geo. G. Updegraff made a trip to Portland last Wednesday to appear before the State Highway Commission in Portland in an attempt to secure an allotment from the eleven million dollar Federal Highway appropriation to be used for the completion of the Sherman County highway between Kent and Criterion Junction.

PRESIDENT OF O.S.C. TO TALK AT CLUB

Inspection Trip To Stations Will Bring Prexy Here

Geo. W. Peavy, president of Oregon State Agricultural College, will speak to members of Moro Commercial Club and their guests at a banquet Saturday evening, April 27, 7:30 o'clock in the Hotel Moro dining room. His topic will be "Higher Education—Its Relation to the Future Development of Oregon." Also several other program features are being arranged.

All residents of Sherman county are invited by the Commercial Club to attend. However, banquet reservations must be made at Hotel Moro not later than Friday evening April 26.

While visiting in the county, President Peavy will inspect the Experimental Station and will spend Sunday looking over Sherman county crops and livestock.

Seventy-One Drivers Have Licenses Taken

Fortyone drivers lost the right to operate motor vehicles on the highways of Oregon during the month of March as a result of convictions on charges of drunken driving, according to reports compiled by Earl Snell, secretary of state, this week. A total of 71 revocations and suspensions were made for all causes.

Eleven of the drunken convictions were in Portland. In addition to the loss of license for operating while intoxicated, seven other drivers were penalized by revocations, three on charges of man slaughter, one for failing to stop at the scene of an accident, and three for driving while license was revoked.

Suspended licenses during March numbered 23, with 17 on charges of reckless driving, three for speeding, two for physical disability, and one for driving while license was suspended.

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REAL BALL GAME WON BY MORO

Grass Valley Boys Lose Chance For League Leadership

Walker pitched the entire game for Moro and struck out eleven of the opposing hitters. McKay in five innings struck out 9 Moros and Hill whiffed five more in the last three innings. Moro scored first in the initial innings when Walker hit, C. Dunlap walked and Goddard got a short hit to first. Walker scored on a passed ball. Another came in the second but it was the fifth before Moro made enough scores to make the game look safe at all.

Fifth Inning Rally Decisive

Dunlap fanned, Walker got on through an error, C. Dunlap singled to center and Goddard lofted one into the track in left field scoring the men ahead of him. Belsho was safe on an error and Thogerson singled to bring in two more scores and put Moro ahead.

Grass Valley scored in the third and made two in the fourth when Fritts and Malone both hit safely and scored on an out by Schilling and an error by C. Dunlap. They added another in the seventh and another in the ninth, both being by Hughes.

Teachers Have Big Day

Batting honors went to Hughes who entered the game in the 7th inning, came to the plate twice, hit twice and scored twice. Goddard hit four out of five time making a double and a single in the days work.

Hits were almost even, Grass Valley getting nine and Moro ten. Eight Grass Valley men were left on bases and nine Moros were left. Errors were three for Grass Valley and five for Moro.

The breaks of the game were in Moro's favor, Grass Valley losing one chance to score through a double play and losing another when a base runner was hit by a batted ball.

Line-up:

Moro	Grass Valley
K Dunlap, s	Roth, m
Walker, p	Rowe, s
C. Dunlap, 2	Hill, 2 p
Goddard, m	Squire, 1
Belsho, 3, 1	Fritts, r, c
Thogerson, 1	Malone, 1
Fraser, r	Schilling, c r
Pierson, 1	Coon, 3
Rice, c	McKay, p
Tomlin, r	Rolfe, 2
Moore, 3	Hughes, m

Wheat Market Influenced By The Weather

Crop prospects were the dominant influence in domestic wheat markets during the week. Severe dust storms were frequent in dry Western sections of the winter wheat belt and dryness spread eastward, particularly in Kansas. Helpful rains occurred in north-eastern Colorado and parts of Wyoming, but the moisture situation was not appreciably affected.

Cool weather retarded growths in the central valley in the northern Great Plains but rains improved soil moisture. Spring wheat seedlings were further delayed by snow and cold weather but moisture was increased, with conditions for the belt as a whole the best in several years. No important changes occurred in European crop prospects though complaints of dryness were more frequent in Italy and in North African countries with crops threatened. Winter crops were mostly favorable in France, but cool, wet weather was retarding growth.

Satisfactory prospects for winter wheat were reported in Germany. Spring seeding was under way in the Balkans and was making good progress after a late start in Russia.