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State House Gossip

By Ernest L. Gray.
The Oregon State Police, an organization which has been built up quietly after a hard legislative fight in 1931 to create it, has more than come into the limelight the past few weeks and has likewise come in for considerable praise. Former Governor Meier must be given credit for battling the entire legislature for the establishment of the constabulary.

Just a few weeks ago the organization was called upon in the strike situation in Washington county and came off with a creditable showing. Then the quick work in getting the Redmond bank robbers, and at the present writing cooperating fully with the Federal G-Men in the search for the kidnapers of young George Weyerhaeuser.

While much of the credit for the fine organization goes to the calibre of the men themselves, it must be remembered they were selected by their superintendent Charles Pray, drilled and trained by him and working under his fine direction. Much credit also goes to George Alexander, deputy superintendent, and to the first work done by Harry Niles, now chief of police of Portland. Oregon has reason to be proud of its state police.

Salem units of the Oregon National Guard and the local veterans of the World War were reviewed on Memorial Day by three generals, an unusual event. The generals were Major General Charles H. Martin, Major General George A. White and Brigadier General Thomas E. Rilea, the latter four years ago when promoted being the youngest brigadier general in the United States. It is claimed there are five major generals and two brigadier generals in Oregon, the largest any state has within its boundaries. This will be checked and their names announced later.

This next week the Oregon National Guard will join with troops from the other northwest states in the greatest peacetime maneuvers the West has ever seen and the greatest concentration of men under arms in the northwest since the World War, at Fort Lewis. About 7,000 men and 600 officers will be in intensive training for 15 days beginning June 11.

We have frequently heard of political crucifixions where officials have "hanged" themselves by their own ill-advised actions, but not until last Saturday did we hear of a human requesting he be nailed to the cross to win anything. Nails must hurt terrifically in hands and heels. Surely a religious fanatic, but what nerve! He gave his name as R. J. Riggs, 35, of High Point, North Carolina.

The situation may be apropos to that of John Beckman, Portland Democratic Attorney. He had been promised a long time back the attorneyship of the state liquor control commission, but in the meantime he had solicited funds from restaurant and others for his services as lobbyists for the cocktail bill during the recent legislature. The liquor commission the past week named an attorney, but it was not Beckman. How could they name him after his actions.

While an appointment of an attorney for the commission, relieving the attorney general's office of those duties has not been questioned, the reasons given for the action has resulted in one of the major controversies the past week. The attorney general was held to be derelict in his operations for the liquor control commission, which charges the attorney general refused in no uncertain terms last Saturday. The criticism by the liquor commissions seems to have been one indiscretion which may be hard to overlook.

The other major controversy of the week has been the University professors' report on W. J. Kerr. The more one reads about it and knows about the picture the more the report appeared uncalled for. It is the result of petty jealousies on the part of certain members of the staff at the University of Oregon. The uncalled for report gives Oregon's education another black mark just at a time when it ap-

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Consolidation of Four Districts Proposed

Indebtedness Will Be Kept By Some Districts

Voters in school districts 23, Grass Valley; 24, Rutledge; 32, Rosebush; and 33 Buckley, will decide June 17 whether or not they will consolidate or not.

In case the vote is favorable to consolidation each of the districts will have to pay its present indebtedness on its own property and indebtedness will not be transferred to taxpayers in other districts. Any two adjoining districts that vote for consolidation will be joined together. In case all districts agree to the move the total valuation will be \$1,391,768 making the largest district in the county.

Present rural districts that join with a district in which there is a high school will cease to pay the non-high school district tax which is now 2.7 mills. Present state and county school funds would be divided as in 1935 for five years after consolidation.

Insurance Rates Cut By Improvements

Refunds May Be Had On Insurance Premium

The effects of the survey made this spring by a representative of the insurance rating bureau are being announced as lower rates and new classifications come into force. The lower rates are caused by better water service and a fire department and equipment.

For years Moro has been a class ten town, meaning that there were no general rates for insurance. The new ruling makes it a number eight town. Insurance rates for the ordinary dwelling house will be twenty to twenty five cents lower than formerly and probably will average .60 per hundred. Business properties have been reduced as well.

Those having insurance may get a part of their premiums back upon application to their insurance company.

Wheat Contracts Expected In July

Wheat Farmers Revised Vote Shows Large Percentage In Favor of AAA

Wheat growers of the nation voted 85 per cent or approximately 6 to 1 in favor of the continuance of the AAA wheat control program, according to official tabulations released from Washington. This is almost exactly the majority by which the plan carried in Oregon in the recent referendum.

With this overwhelming mandate from the growers the administration will offer new contracts in the near future, probably by July 1, George E. Farrell, chief of the wheat section announced. There contracts are understood to run for four years with provisions for withdrawal earlier if desired.

The official tabulation of Oregon's vote made by the state college extension service shows that 5271 contract signers voted to continue the plan while 840 voted against it. Among wheat growers not holding contracts 76 voted yes and 14 no.

Overwhelming approval of the wheat plan was voted in the nine Columbia basin wheat counties. There the count stood 3395 yes to only 210 no, making a 94 per cent favorable vote. Wheeler county had a unanimously favorable vote, and Gilliam and Morrow had only six and eight negative ballots compared with 287 and 385 favorable respectively. The Umatilla vote was 956 to 39.

The 10 Willamette valley counties, despite the fact that wheat growing is more or less of a side issue, voted 74 per cent favorable. Irrigated counties cast an 80 per cent favorable vote.

Grange Planning Public Picnic At De Moss Park

Special Invitation Given To Pioneer Residents of Sherman and Nearby Counties

Gill Will Address Crowd

Basket Dinner Will Be Spread Under Trees In Grove; Program Being Prepared

The Pomona grange of Sherman county is sponsoring a picnic which will be held at DeMoss park June 22, Saturday the longest day of the year. The grangers of Wasco, Gilliam and Wheeler counties will be invited guests and all are invited to attend.

The grange will provide coffee for all; each family is expected to bring a basket lunch with which to fill in the vacant spaces about noon.

Henry DeMoss, pioneer of Sherman county, and one of the founders of DeMoss park, will come up from Lake County to attend. He longs to see at least one more big picnic in the park that bears his name. Many other members of the family are also expected.

Committees Working
Committees were appointed at the meeting of the Pomona grange at Harlandview last Saturday. They include Wilford Belshe, who is arranging for speakers and the band, Corlius Andrews who is handling the publicity, Ross Guilford, plays, and Mrs. Mae Johnson, program.

Mr. Belshe has secured Ray W. Gill, master of the Oregon state grange to be the principal speaker of the day, and the Moro school band will provide the music for the occasion.

A program that will interest all who attend has been promised and the social pleasures attendant on large gatherings of folks engaged in a common industry will make the day enjoyable.

Worthy Matron Phillips Visits Sherman County

State Officers Of O. E. S. Visit In County

Eastern Star lodges of Moro, Wasco, Grass Valley and Antelope were hosts last Saturday night to the state grand officers of that order in Wasco. Present from out of the district were: Mrs. Edith I. Phillips, grand matron; Miss Nellie McKinley, grand secretary; Mrs. Isabelle Lowe, grand treasurer; Mrs. Reba Byers, grand Ruth; Milo Mack, grand sentinel; Mrs. Emma Schultz, and Mrs. Helen Friday.

State officers of Sherman county who assisted in making the preparations for the event were Mrs. H. D. Proudfoot and Mrs. W. C. Harper of Wasco and Mrs. W. W. Knigthen of Moro. Many guests came to attend the meeting from nearby lodges. A program of many numbers was given with M. L. Burnett of Biggs acting as toastmaster. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

College Men Wanted By U.S. Government

Soil Conservation Service Can Use Specialists

A number of college graduates with training in agronomy, soils, forestry, range management, and agricultural engineering will probably be employed during the next few weeks by the Soil Conservation Service, according to recent instructions from W. O. Lowdermilk, Associate Chief.

The applicants selected will work on an hourly basis until they have received sufficient training in the Soil Conservation Service to adapt their technical college training to specialized erosion control and soil conservation work. Time spent on the special course of training which candidates will receive will not be included in hours of pay.

The candidates for employment will be selected largely from colleges in the Pacific Northwest for work in this region, and will be rated according to their training and ability.

1934 Compliance Being Examined

A. A. Dunlap Now Taking Compliance Records

Farmers can materially aid the work of the allotment committee by having their 1934 production figures ready when A. A. Dunlap, supervisor of compliance work, calls upon them. He is now working in the Locust Grove territory says Perry Johnston, county agent. Time saved for Mr. Dunlap is money saved for the allotment group of the county and speeds the date when compliance can be completed in this county.

Word has been received by the local office that the new contracts will be ready some time in July. George E. Ferrell head of the wheat section, sent out the word. As far as the local office knows, according to Mr. Johnston, there is no basis for the radio accounts reporting that there will be no new contracts because of the unconstitutionality of the NRA.

Children Leaving Soon For Summer School

Summer School Attracts Club Children Of County

4-H Club children who will attend the summer school at Corvallis from this county are: From Moro, Reatha Sayrs, Frank Sayrs, Dorothy Fraser, Gordon Fraser, Mary Pinkerton, Carl Peetz, Dale Johnston, Betty Powell, Ronald Powell, Doris Thompson and Imogene Johnson. From Kent: Frank von Borstel, Maxine Plueneck and Anita Dunlap. From Grass Valley: Ramona Spoor, Wanda Tiller, Rachael Poley, Isabelle Fortner, Bobby King, Billy Ball, Bobby Eaton, Billy Eaton and Kelly Tiller. From Rufus: Catherine Tom and possibly Lila Morris and Ina Jones. They will leave Sunday night at 6.40 from The Dalles and will return after twelve days of intensive instruction and some fun.

Cold Room Made In Wasco Store

James Maddox Buys Interest In Grocery Store

The Atwood store at Wasco is building a refrigeration plant in the rear of the store building for the storage of products by farmers who rent space. This is the first commercial refrigeration plant in the county although some Sherman county men have used such space before.

The first unit is composed of sixty individual boxes of an average size of 10 cubic feet. Users may store meat or other products in need of refrigeration with certainty that it will remain fresh. The plant will be ready for use next week.

James Maddox, who has been an employee of the Atwood store for the past six years has purchased an interest in the store and will continue as manager. The name will remain the same in memory of R. C. Atwood, pioneer business man who established the store.

McKee Examining

Marion McKee and wife left Sunday for Portland where Marion will assist other members of the druggist's board in giving the examinations to students in pharmacy. A. W. Schlador, of Portland, is in charge of the drug store.

MORE CHECKS COME

A few more wheat checks were received by the allotment committee this week, some \$1300 being on hand now for those farmers whose money has been delayed.

ROSE ON VACATION

A. Rose and wife left Saturday night for Sacramento, California, to visit with their daughter, Mrs. J. C. Harper and family. A. M. Nelson is in charge of the Union Pacific depot in their absence.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
MAY. 30	65	49	.00
" 31	61	44	.00
JUNE 1	67	46	.00
" 2	70	36	.00
" 3	85	38	.00
" 4	98	48	.00
" 5	96	54	.00
Total for week			.00

Court Session Ends; Plaintiff Gets Damages

Judge King Given \$1000 In Suit Against Clarence Morrison Over Accident

Long Session Unusual Here

Four Jurors Serve On Every Case And Miss None of Eleven Day Session

The longest session of circuit court held in this county ended Saturday night about nine o'clock when a jury empaneled for the King vs Morrison case brought in a verdict awarding damages of \$1000 to the judge of Jefferson county who sued Clarence Morrison for over \$10,000 and property damage as a result of an accident on the Sherman highway last December.

This last case required two days of court time including the selection of a jury which was composed of Vernon Van Gilder, L. L. Peetz, O. K. Eaton, S. P. Boice, C. W. Johnson, foreman, Chas. Engel, George Hennagin, H. B. Belshe, W. H. Andrews, R. A. McPherson, R. Abel and Dan McDermid. Attorney for Mr. Morrison was Frank Senn, of Portland and Mr. King was represented by Bernard Ramsey of Madras.

Traffic Case Tried

It was alleged by the plaintiff that while traveling south on the highway on a night when the road was slippery his car was struck by one driven by the defendant and that he, the plaintiff, was on the proper side of the road. Mr. Morrison testified that his car skidded and that he drove to the wrong side of the road in an attempt to get entirely off the traveled portion of the road and clear the way for Mr. King's car.

At the time of the accident Mr. King was accompanied by the deputy sheriff of Jefferson county, Howard Turner, Madras banker, and by the station agent at Madras all of whom testified regarding the accident. Local witnesses were Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, and their daughter Doris, who was with her father the night of the accident. Collis Moore, Melvin Schadewitz and Sheriff Chrisman.

Counter Suit Filed

Two full weeks were required to try the one criminal case, State of Oregon vs Urban Jensen, which resulted in acquittal, and the two civil cases, Eldridge Illingsworth vs Union Pacific Stages and King vs Morrison. No damages were assessed in the first case and in the second the plaintiff received but a small portion of the amount asked. A counter suit has been instituted by Clarence Morrison against King.

One peculiarity of the recent jury panel was that four men were on every case, which meant that they warmed a chair for eleven days listening to evidence and the impassioned pleas of fervid or fevered attorneys while the farm work went undone and the wives grew lonesome. The hard worked four were O. K. Eaton, S. P. Boice, L. L. Peetz and C. W. Johnson. Others on the panel did not hear their names called at all. They missed the grand jury and all three of the court juries.

Instruction In Various Household Arts Given

Many Prizes Awarded At Cooking School

The cooking school sponsored by the Pacific Power and Light Company held here Friday and Saturday was attended by fair crowds despite the unpleasant wind and the counter attraction of an interesting court session. Instruction was given in cooking and other household tasks and information regarding home lighting was an added feature of the show. Winners of the prizes given during the show were Mrs. Wiley McDonald, Mrs. R. W. Pinkerton, Imogene Johnson, Mrs. Jack Eva, Mrs. Orval Thompson, Laura Ruggles, Mrs. Oscar Ruggles, Mrs. Darold Belaha, Jane French and Mrs. Charles Huls.

Historical Contest Won By Rufus Boy

Four Prizes Given For Grade Children

Earl Williams of Rufus, who wrote the history of Cooper's Mill, won the high school division of the Sherman county historical contest this year according to a decision reached this week. He was a senior in the Rufus High School and resides near the old mill that made his subject. Anna Altruda Beletski, of Wasco, was named as second place winner with an interview with Frank Fulton, and Ida Coats of Rufus was third with a story of the flood at Grants in 1894. Winners will receive prizes of \$5.00 for first, \$3 for second and \$2 for third place.

In the grade school division Donald von Borstel was 1st with a story of Shearer's grade and toll road and bridge. Virginia Murray of Fairview school was second, writing about the Hay Canyon flood of 1916. Wyman French was third with a story about the DeMoss family and the projected townsite and Grace May Zevely was fourth with a story of the early Grass Valley school. Winners of this division received prizes as follows: first \$3.50, second, \$2.50, third \$2.00 and fourth \$1.00.

News Writing Contest Decided By L. Spraker

Moro Girl Wins Scholarship In News Writing

Imogene Johnson was adjudged to be the victor in the news story contest undertaken by the 4-H club boys and girls of this county. Donald von Borstel was second and Anita Dunlap third. The basis of judging was on the quantity written, the quality of it and the neatness of the note book which was handed in to the judge. Lawrence E. Spraker, publisher of the Condon Globe-Times was the judge of the contest.

Thompson Clan Holds Picnic

Annual Family Picnic Held Sunday Brings Clan Together

The 14th Annual Thompson Round-Up was held at DeMoss Park on June 2nd with fifty of the clan present and three guests. A bountiful picnic dinner was spread at one o'clock which all enjoyed. An interesting program consisting of reading of the last years minutes, reading by Mac Hall, recitation by Lois Melzer, recitation Priscilla Melzer "That Fool Boy," a poem composed by I. Owen Thompson and of himself was read by C. A. Nish. Facts of Boyhood Pranks, was told by A. C. Thompson. Jokes and stories of early days were brought to light by N. W. Thompson, J. O. Thompson told a "Believe It or Not" story of early day deer hunting with the bounds. Mrs. A. Nish told of the many homes she has lived back as far as she could remember and spoke of some special interesting things about each of them. Myra Bullard told of how her father and mother with Owen and she came here in a covered wagon and of making their home in this same wagon for six months. Claude Thompson spoke of the lives of Grandfather and Grandmother Thompson and of interesting early dates in the family history of which he had composed some verses. Songs were sung by everybody. A few pieces of instrumental music by the younger generation.

Births, Deaths Recorded

Since our meeting in 1934 there has been two marriages. Corienne Thompson Bishop, Eugene, Oregon, daughter of Jesse Thompson Willis Henry Elliott of Sheridan, son of Milo H. Elliott. Two births: Eugene Stephan born on June 29, 1934 to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Elliott of Sheridan, and Curtis Leslie was born on September 21, 1934 to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Thompson in Pasadena, California. One death Lulu Meloy Johnson of Postell, Idaho, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Meloy. Those coming from out of the county were Jesse Thompson of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dill and family of Clem, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Nish of Mikkaloo, J. O. Thompson of Tygh Valley, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Nish of The Dalles. The guests were Mrs. Peak Ray Hafferty and Russel Belshe.

DRY AND WARMER

Further deterioration in the wheat crop has been evident this week as the weather man dished out cold and drying winds or sunny days that brought the temperature up to 96 on Wednesday. Thursday was cooler with an east wind. The hoped for clouds are still beyond the horizon or around the corner with prosperity.

P. C. AXTELL IN EUGENE

P. C. Axtell was called to Eugene by the death of his mother, Mrs. O. W. Axtell, Monday morning. The deceased was for many years a resident of Sherman county but has lived in Eugene for several years.

Court Listens To Furnace Talks; Asks For Bids

Fairview School Petition Refused By Boundary Board; Too Few Pupils Attend

DeMoss Is Being Improved

Fair Board Expects To Ask For Loan From Government Agencies For Improvements

The forenoon of the county court's day of supervising the affairs of the county was taken up with discussions of different makes of furnaces by four different salesmen representing companies in the heating plant business. No decision was made due to the unavoidable absence of Perry Axtell, commissioner, but bids will be sent in during the month of June and action will be taken at the July meeting. Either slack coal or oil will be used to heat the building when the new furnace is installed.

The court decided to move the rocks piled back of the court house when the basement was dug, on petition of city officials of Moro, which will make a requested improvement in the appearance and usability of the land in question.

Park To Be Improved

The court visited the DeMoss park where some betterments are projected before the grange picnic scheduled for that place the 22nd of this month. It is the desire of the court that the park be used by people whenever such a place can be used and constant improvement will be undertaken if there is a demand for its use.

A long list of bills caused by the recent meeting of the circuit court was presented. It included pay for jurors and for witnesses in the criminal case. The civil case witnesses are paid by the parties contesting.

\$21,000 On Hand

The sheriff's report showed that \$21,051.92 in taxes is on hand ready to be turned over shortly after the next payment date which is June 15. This sum represents the amount collected since the last turnover.

The fair board was present and debated the possibility of getting a SERA or other relief project for improvement of the fair grounds and buildings but nothing definite was done.

The petition of the Fairview school was disallowed. This district had asked that it be permitted to continue receiving its state and county school fund for another year. The law states that in case a district has less than six pupils in average daily attendance it shall not receive such school funds and the letter of the law was adhered to in this case. The county boundary board is given the discretion in the matter.

CATTLEMEN SATISFIED

Any general stimulation of cattle production will bring disastrous price reaction by 1937 predicted Harry Petrie, chief of the AAA cattle and sheep section in an address to the annual Oregon Cattle and Horse Raisers association in Enterprise. The cattle business is in a healthy condition now and can continue so if growers will avoid over expansion, he said. Meat prices are not high compared with the 1929 level, but the industry must take cognizance of consumer reactions to price advances, he added.