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As the zero hour approaches when the lawmakers will again invade the state capital at the call of Governor Martin to consider the matter of a new capitol building interest turns to the House speaker. Who will get the gavel wielding job? Will it be John Cooter, the gentleman from Lincoln county, or some other ambitious democrat? For the democrats will still control the House in spite of the loss of a few members through appointment of republicans to fill vacancies.

Cooter, it should be remembered forfeited his seat in the House and also the Speakership, when he accepted a federal job. At least Attorney General Van Winkle has so held. Cooter is confident that he can secure the appointment of his county court to succeed himself and feels pretty sure of the speakership as well. However there are those, among his own partisans, who believe that the honor should pass to some other member. Jack Caulfield of Tillamook county, democratic floor leader in the regular session, is said to be ambitious to preside over the special session and Moore Hamilton, youthful Medford newspaperman is also looked upon as likely Speakership material. Both were outstanding in their leadership abilities in the regular session, the first, incidentally, for both of them.

Then there are at least two members of the Multnomah delegation who could be persuaded to accept the gavel wielding job without much difficulty, namely William Graham and Howard LaFayette. All of which will add spice to the House organization along with the right of certain democratic members to a seat in spite of the ruling of the attorney general to the contrary.

Forty-eight thousand requisitions pass over the desk of the state purchasing agent each year, covering every conceivable item from pins and paper clips at a few cents a box to snow plows at \$10,000 each.

Reports current here indicate that a number of changes may be expected in the employed personnel of the state liquor control organization soon "in the interest of peace and harmony." Governor Martin in denying any intent on his part to replace either of the liquor commissioners also made it plain that he did not propose to interfere in the internal affairs of the liquor control organization. Rumor has it that jealousy has crept into the ranks of the liquor set-up by the promotion of Eugene Kelly to the post of assistant administrator and Berwick Wood to the post of purchasing agent. It is not believed, however, that either Kelly or Wood will be disturbed in the pending shake-up. Neither is Administrator Allen's job believed to be in jeopardy.

Considerable surprise was occasioned among members of the State Land Board by receipt of a claim from the special master who took the testimony in the Malheur Lake litigation for \$10,877, representing the state's portion of the master's fee and expenses in the case. The state's general fund is already out \$2500 in defending the suit brought by the federal government in asserting title to the bed of Malheur lake and the irreducible school fund has been tapped for more than \$12,500 in paying attorney's fees and other litigation expenses. There still remains \$5581 of the \$18,000 authorized by the session of 1933 for defense of the Malheur lake suit which will be applied toward the master's claim and the next legislature will be asked to provide the remaining \$5246.

Press reports from the national capitol to the effect that President Roosevelt has approved a program under which the federal power commission will construct the transmission lines from Bonneville were received by Governor Martin as complete vindication of his stand against state-owned transmission lines. In his gubernatorial campaign Martin declared this to be a federal function. He reiterated this doctrine in his veto message attached to the so-called Grange power bill and has been severely criticized since by the sponsors of state-owned lines who

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Car Counting Project Now Under Way

Cars that pass in the night and also cars that pass in the day time are being counted carefully this week in Oregon. Sherman county has three stations where men mark down the car or truck, domestic or foreign and indicate the direction. In this county the work is under the direction of James Burton of Grass Valley who has Henry Clements, Tom Kaufman, Aden Axtell, M. Bull, R. T. Morgan, Joe Mee, A. M. Hicks, E. L. Weld doing the actual counting. They work in three shifts and cover the entire county day and night.

The man stationed at the junction of the Sherman and Columbia highways counted over 300 cars per hour the first morning. Just south of Moro the county runs nearly 300 per day. Another station is located at the junction of the Sherman highway and the Sherars secondary at Grass Valley.

Refrigeration Takes Boom In County

Refrigerating plants are becoming something of a rage in this county since the installation of the one at Atwood's store in Wasco and the hearty reception accorded it by farmers.

W. A. May and Son have one almost completed in the back room of the store building in Moro. It will be larger than any in the county and will use ammonia as a cooling method. At Grass Valley Earl Olds is installing an entirely new 97 box refrigerator which will be ready in a couple of weeks. It will be a complete cooling plant for his butcher shop as well and animals will be butchered as part of the service. A. R. Fortner is putting in a plant similar to the one in Wasco in his Grass Valley store.

State Fair Ready For Big Crowds

Counties All Invited To Send Exhibits This Year

Salem, Ore., (Special)—Repair work on the Agricultural building at the Oregon State Fair grounds is nearly complete and this week every county agent in the State received an invitation from the fair management asking the counties to have exhibits at the 74th Annual Oregon State Fair, August 31—September 7.

Premium Lists Sent

Premium lists were delivered to fair headquarters this week by the printers and mailing will be started at once to those who have requested the booklets.

A large sunken flower garden has been constructed in the center of the Agricultural building on the first floor. A large fountain has been installed and plans are to make the flower display one of the fair show places.

Fences are being repaired around the grounds and a temporary ticket office arrangement is being constructed at the Main entrance through the park grounds. Beauty is being considered as well as utility in the work going on.

Race Track Improved

The race track is being gone over again, following the auto races, so that it will be in fine shape for fast horse racing during the fair.

New paint for the buildings needing it, whitewashing of the fences and other decorative work is now in the process of being accomplished.

In writing to the counties, Director Solon T. White stated: "This year will be an especially good one to show our Eastern and Mid-Western friends just what we have."

"We pledge you our full and complete support in any exhibit you may bring and extend a sincere and cordial invitation to you and your county."

"If it is convenient, will you please let us know within the next few days as to whether or not you can be here. We want you."

Wheat Yields Continue To Exceed Estimates

Several Fields Approach 40 Bushel Mark; Protein Content Thought Low By Warehousemen Who Receive Wheat

Yields of wheat on lands being harvested in Sherman county are surprising, and surprising on the right side of the ledger. Farmers that estimated their crop at three or four sacks are harvesting five or six. The quality is generally above average and the test weight is well above 60 in most cases.

Estimate Raised

It is freely estimated that the crop in the Wasco country north and west of town will average 12 sacks of heavy wheat and some yields up to 16 and 17 sacks are creditably reported. Fear that the crop coming into the Wasco warehouses and adjacent houses would be less than 620,000 bushels received last year are dispelled and the estimate now is that 750,000 bushels will be taken there.

At Grass Valley crops now being harvested are making five sacks although it is felt that the average will be lower as the better wheat is being cut first.

30 Bushels Made

Despite the good appearance of the wheat little protein content is expected by warehousemen, who point out that it is usually the shriveled stuff that brings the premium.

When the final check was made on the Strong place it was found to have made 30 bushels. Frank Burnet and Collis Moore estimate that their crops will make up to 32 bushels according to present indications. In the country east of town yields of six or seven sacks are reported.

Dumping Ground Used Improperly

Complaints have been received by the city council for some weeks regarding the dumping of dead animals at the city dump yard. This practice is against the laws of sanitation, the laws of health and the laws of the state of Oregon and the city of Moro. The health officer has brought it to official attention and the nearby residents have done likewise. It is a matter that can be more easily settled by popular observance of sanitary rules than by legal action but the latter may be resorted to by the city or the state health board if necessary.

CCC Youth Exhibits Paintings & Cartoons

Wesley Gilmore, one of the LEM's of the CCC camp located here has allowed some of his paintings and cartoons to be posted in main street windows for the pleasure of local citizens. The paintings are in water colors and depict scenes from around the Cascadia camp in western Oregon where state trees abound. The coloring is remarkably good and the choice of subjects excellent. The cartoons are of camp life and drawings of characters around the camp.

Mr. Gilmore has consented to aid the Sherman county fair by doing some drawings on posters to advertise that event.

Another of the boys, Clifford Bain, apparently having the customary reaction to dust and dirt composed the following lines:

There is dust on the ground and dust in the air
They get dust in their whiskers and dust in their hair.
The boys are all busy as bees
At building a new camp for the CCC's

There are boys from the East and boys from the West,
And each and every one is doing his best.
And we hope in a few weeks more,
To have it all finished from top to floor.

Legionnaires To Portray Army Life For Public

The Dalles, Oregon, July 25. One of the most ambitious programs ever arranged for the entertainment of delegates and visitors to the annual state convention of the American Legion will be presented in this city August 14, 15, 16 and 17.

The convention will open officially at noon on Thursday, August 15, with the arrival of National Commander Frank N. Belgrano Jr. The convention celebration, however, will begin at 8 o'clock Wednesday night, August 14, with the presentation of a gigantic spectacle of World War service on land and sea. Soldiers, sailors, legionnaires and civilians to the number of 500 will take part in this spectacle, which is to be staged on Amotan Field, turf covered and flood lighted.

Airplanes To Crash

The spectacle is planned to follow the life and training of World War recruits from their entry into service until their participation in front line war fare.

Among the sensational features of the spectacle will be the crashing of an airplane on the field as the climax of a representation of a student aviator's first solo flight. This airplane has been especially constructed for the spectacle, with a wing spread of 24 feet and a length over all of 35 feet. The machine actually will fly over the field and will crash from a height of 75 feet to the ground below. Details of the method of control and the safety of the pilot when the machine lands are being closely guarded by The Dalles venture of the 40 et 8, sponsors of the World War drama.

Ships On Stage

During the night scene in the pageant, a transport ship, 74 feet long, picked out of the darkness by spot lights, will "sail" from a pier and will be conveyed by a torpedo boat destroyer, 35 feet long. Both the transport ship and the torpedo boat destroyer have designed and constructed with elaborate attention to detail and color.

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Pendleton Station Has Good Crop

Hermiston Project Gets Major Income From Dairy Herds

The Pendleton Field station is in the height of glory at this time of year with harvest just beginning on plots that will run over 40 bushel to the acre. The sight of it causes one from more arid regions to break the commandment against covetousness. They have an experiment wherein wheat is grown after corn, after wheat and after fallow and it all looks good. They are using Rex wheat, developed at Moro, a taller, longer headed wheat than Federation but much the same color, dark brown heads and white straw.

New Plants Tried

As an example of what stations are doing to increase the number of possible crops the Pendleton station has been growing safflower, a yellow-flowered plant with seeds that produce an oil similar to linseed oil and used for the same purpose. It may develop into something valuable. At the Hermiston station they are growing a plant that is used to make insecticides. Another project of the same nature. Alfalfa on the Hermiston station has been decreasing of late years because of several freeze outs and trouble in getting a stand started again. Dairying is the main income producer with poultry products second. The train loads of hay are shipped no more from that project.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
JULY 18	88	54	.00
" 19	93	54	.00
" 20	88	59	.00
" 21	95	63	.00
" 22	98	70	.00
" 23	89	66	.00
" 24	79	59	.05
Total for week			.05

Wallace Speaks For Continuance Of AAA Program

Use of Centralizing Power of Government For Farmers As Well As Industry Is Central Theme of Talk

Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace, speaking before a group of about 2000 farmers at Walla Walla Monday discussed the economic conditions of the nation and stated that the processing taxes levied by his department were a major cause of the bettered conditions he felt were here.

The secretary is boyish in appearance, youthful in his physical lines and enthusiastic and sincere in his statements regarding the adjustment administration. He paid tribute to W. J. Spillman, former professor at Pullman and speaker at the first Eastern Oregon Wheat League conference, by saying that the central idea of the allotment plan was contained in a pamphlet written by him fifteen years ago.

The central theme of the talk was a plea to obtain for the farmers the use of the centralizing power of government to the same extent as it has been used for industry. The opponents of the farmer in obtaining this power, said the secretary, are the very same persons who have derived advantage from it since the first tariff was established in the early days of the republic.

He reviewed the wheat situation by reciting the history of the country since the world war which caused us to become a creditor nation instead of a debtor nation, and changed entirely our export and import situation. Debtor nations are properly high tariff nations, he said, but it took several years for the new debtor nations of Europe to learn it after the war. Creditor nations are usually free trade nations, and we have not made the change in tariffs that our new condition requires.

Taxes Defended

He defined the processing taxes by saying they were the farmers' tariff and caused a faint rattle of enthusiasm in the crowd when he said that were the processing taxes removed it might be a good thing to remove the tariffs.

Consumer protection has been written into the processing tax because it establishes a point above which prices cannot go, he said, and added the challenge to the tariff makers to write the same condition in the tariff bills.

No Promises Made

As for the export debenture which aided the farmers of the northwest a year ago he made no positive statement. He did say that we could not expect to sell much of our wheat abroad, that the department would protect the farmers of the northwest when in its judgment such protection was needed.

He prophesied that were the processing taxes removed the ports of Seattle, San Francisco and New Orleans would suffer a drastic reduction in property values, because wheat would in all probability go down to twenty cents per bushel causing farm distress throughout the country adjacent to them.

He advised farmers to think at least five years ahead and a generation ahead if possible. In this line of thought he advocated the erosion work being done in the northwest and said that through it may come some change in land utilization that will aid in settling our farm problems.

Mr. Wallace was introduced by the originator of the Dayton plan of wheat reduction after representatives of the governors of Washington, Idaho and Oregon had spoken a welcome. A. R. Shumway was chairman of the meeting.

PUREBRED HORSES IN LOCAL DEMAND

Changes in the ownership of Percheron horses in this county as announced by the Percheron Horse association include the sale of a purebred mare by T. M. Rolfe to C. J. Thompson and the sale of two mares by Mr. Thompson to Mr. Rolfe. Rolfe's stock is of the La-gos strain of Percherons.

Easterner Finds Erosion Methods Valuable Aid

Charles Henn of Blanchard, Iowa who with Mrs. Henn owns the farm occupied by Wiley McDonald arrived Wednesday to spend a few days. The crops in Southwestern Iowa were as spotted as in this county, says Mr. Henn, as they ranged from six to thirty bushels. Erosion has been a problem there, too, and land constantly has to be built up by sowing clovers and careful tillage methods. Mr. Henn also operates some land in Texas and has found that in both states the one way disk plow is better for the land than the mouldboard plow, which is what the erosion folks are telling the western farmers now.

Central Oregon Gets Ducking and Shock

While residents of this county were experiencing light showers and watching the electric display in the heavens Tuesday night the country to the south of us was undergoing one of the most complete drenchings experienced for many years.

From Redmond and Madras to Fossil the entire country received a heavy rain that reached cloud-burst proportions in places. The highway was covered with water in many places, light wires and telephones were down and fields were washed and rutted. At Clarno the storm endangered several lives and did a great deal of damage to the Antelope-Fossil road which runs down Pine creek.

MARTIN TO BE READY FOR FUNDS

Governor Martin expects to have the application for federal funds for the new capitol ready to send back to Washington about August 1. As soon as these funds are earmarked and the terms of the federal grant are definitely known he will be ready to call the special session. In the meantime the planning board and various state departments are rushing work on plans for the new building and schemes for financing its construction so that there will be a definite program to present to the legislators when they do meet—possibly in September.

Kent Auxiliary Elects Officers

Delegates Chosen For Convention in The Dalles

The American Legion Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Millie von Borstel on July 10. This was the last meeting before convention and was spent completing records of the year's work. Some time was given to studying the constitution and by-laws and in amending them to conform with those of the state and national.

The following officers were elected: President, Vi Haynes; vice president, Emma Fluemke; second vice president, Thora Justesen; secretary, Dorothy Dunlap; treasurer, Mildred Norton; historian, Mae Hoskinson; chaplain, Laura Sather; sergeant at arms, Clara Koch; Committee Chairmen for the coming year are as follows: Hospital, Cassie Holmes; Publicity, Millie von Borstel; child welfare, Emma Fluemke; Americanism, Mae Hoskinson; Fidae Vi Haynes; membership, Vi Haynes; legislative and constitution and by-laws, Floye von Borstel; community service, Millie von Borstel; unit activities, Dorothy Dunlap; poppy, Laura Sather; poppy poster, Mae Hoskinson; music, Laura Sather; education of war orphans, Floye von Borstel; national defense, Margaret La Bleu; radio, Louise Eaton.

Vi Haynes and Cassie Holmes were chosen delegates to State Convention with Emma Fluemke and Dorothy Dunlap alternates. Before closing the meeting the newly elected president was presented with a beautiful bouquet of red poppies and baby breath. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Carpenter Work At CCC Camp Nearly Done

Program of Camp Development Includes Graveled Roads and Walks and Dry Land Grass; Water Estimates Smaller

The pounding of the hammers is considerably stilled this week especially after the second reduction of the crew which is working at the fair grounds. The big buildings are up except for a roof now and then, and the final coating of paper on some of the houses. Windows are going in and the floors are being swept to remove the coating of inches of dirt that has covered them as the wind blew.

The plumbing is more than half in and the bath houses are being built before the fixtures are installed. Within a few days the workers will put up the water tank of 5000 gallons capacity and connect it with the mains to furnish water for the camp. The base for the pump and motor is completed. The pump will throw up to 1500 gallons per hour and it is thought by the officers in charge that it will be used about three hours per day. Both Lieutenant Richardson and Lieutenant Price estimate that the camp will need about 3000 gallons per day, which is below the original estimate when the camp was selected.

The plans at present call for a road around the buildings on the out side of them with an entrance in front of the headquarters building which is in the center of the quadrangle. There will be parking space near it for visitors' cars. Back of headquarters or between it and the mess hall there will be a gravelled area where the boys will line up at reveille and retreat and some room will be available for grasses and flowers or other growth of a decorative nature. Trees will be planted in front of the camp.

Citizenship Aim
The recreation hall is divided into several rooms, the largest of which will be the recreation room proper. It will be equipped with play equipment, comfortable chairs etc. In the same building will be found the canteen, the barber shop and the supply room. There is provision also for the educational director and a room where he may hold classes.

In as much as the primary object of the CCC work is to cultivate the proper attitude toward citizenship the educational advisor has considerable importance in the camp program of building. Nothing new has come to light regarding the beginning of the work or the exact nature of it when it starts. Present and most popular guess is that the boys will plant grass when the season for that arrives.

It is expected that the carpenters work will be concluded within a week leaving nothing to be done to complete the camp except the job of picking up the spare parts that surround the area, filling in the ditches and otherwise police up the grounds.

FAIR PLANS GETTING INTO FINAL STAGE
The county fair books may be found at the drug stores of the county as bundles of them were sent out by the county agent this week.

Within a few days automobile bumper banners will be available for distribution to citizens who consent to help advertise the fair and other displays indicating the approach of the event will be observed within a few days.

No definite arrangements have been made as regards racing to date. Fred Pickett will return to take charge of the concessions according to an announcement made this week.

THIVES ATTEMPT FAILS

Some one attempted to break into the Moro Pharmacy Wednesday night by using a chisel or pointed bar on the front door. The edge of the door was badly chewed by the implement but the intruders did not gain entrance as nothing was missing according to a hasty check made by Mr. McKee early Thursday morning.