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That Earl Hill, Lane county republican, may preside over the democratic house of representatives at the special session is not without the range of possibilities in the opinion of some prognosticators who have been sounding out sentiment for the Speakership. Hill, who had the gavel wielding job "in the bag" last fall when the democrats came along and stole the bag by upsetting all the political dope and electing a majority of the House members, was the republican floor leader at the regular session and gave valuable assistance to Speaker Cooter guiding the House organization through the troubled waters of that session. Hill is popular with democratic members of the House as well as with his republican colleagues and several democratic representatives have indicated a readiness to support the Lane county man as a compromise candidate in the event the democratic aspirants for the honor tie the organization up in a Kilkenny cat fight as now seems likely with at least four candidates in the race.

The latest entry into the Speakership race is Henry Olen of Columbia county who has announced his candidacy in letters to all of the House members. Other democrats said to covet the honor include Moore Hamilton, Medford newspaperman, and W. L. Graham and Howard Latourette, both of Multnomah county. Should John Cooter of Lincoln county receive the appointment of his county court for his old seat in the House it is expected that he will also want the gavel wielding job back again. Cooter's seat, however, may go to J. J. Tobin, a republican, according to information percolating through from Lincoln county. Cooter, who lost his seat in the House when he went to work for Uncle Sam in the re-employment service, is understood to be ready to take a leave of absence from his government job for long enough to serve the state in the special session if his re-appointment can be arranged for.

Approximately \$70,000 has been spent to date in restoring equipment and supplies destroyed in the capitol fire of last April. The restoration fund still contains a balance of \$101,500 which is available for purchase of additional equipment or to apply toward the capitol construction fund.

Fire losses in Oregon during the first six months of 1935 totalled \$3,125,055 were 62 per cent greater than losses for the same period last year, according to Hugh H. Earle, state fire marshal. Curry was the only county in the state without an insured fire loss during the six months period, the report shows. Fire losses by the other counties were: Baker, \$192,314; Benton, \$205,265; Clackamas, \$481,897; Columbia, \$177,603; Coos, \$809,892; Crook, \$82,000; Gilliam, \$62,500; Grant, \$790; Hood River, \$27,736; Jackson, \$779,480; Josephine, \$88,675; Lincoln, \$17,660; Linn, \$84,116; Marion, \$405,140; Morrow, \$40,500; Polk, \$494,621; Umatilla, \$92,540; Union, \$63,425; Wasco, \$227,985; Washington, \$231,639; Sherman, \$17,405; Yamhill, \$219,779.

Milton and Heppner are the only cities in Oregon having 1000 population which experienced no fire losses during the first six months of 1935, according to reports filed with Hugh H. Earle, state fire marshal. Losses reported by other cities range from a low of \$4 for Prineville to \$315,901 for Portland. Losses reported by other cities include: Baker, \$713; Coquille, \$226; Corvallis, \$52,118; Dallas, \$1172; Forest Grove, \$487; Grants Pass, \$915; Hillsboro, \$1352; Hood River, \$1433; Independence, \$130; LaGrande, \$3682; Lebanon, \$175; Marshfield, \$880; Medford, \$3116; Newberg, \$844; Sheridan, \$51; The Dalles, \$37,088; Toledo, \$18; Woodburn, \$22.

Sixty men now on relief rolls of the several counties will be employed as hunters if a new predatory animal control project now under consideration is approved by Solon T. White, director of the state department of agriculture. Under the new plan hunters will be assigned to each county according to the need with the counties supplying traps and receiving one-half the

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Life Begins Again at 80 for Him



Most amazing of success stories is that relating to James M. Washburne, eighty, who lost a fortune and then regained it at an age when most men have considered life too far behind them to begin once more. He started in a humble fashion selling candy on the street. It was good candy. He prospered and soon became the president of a chain of candy shops that stretched all around the country. Came the depression, and he was penniless again. Once more he took to selling candy on the streets. Meanwhile he invented a candy made from vegetables. It took hold and he has just signed a contract to come back as the head of a million dollar concern. "Life begins at eighty for me," he said, as his wife came to watch him stir the first batch of the new candy.

Program For Final Two Days Of Fair Given

Public Judging, Parade and Big Rodeo and Race Events Promised For Friday and Saturday

Judging of the open live stock classes at the Sherman county fair will begin promptly at 8:30 Friday morning when the sheep and swine will be judged in pens near the barns and the horses and cattle will be judged in front of the grand stand. D. E. Richards and B. W. Rodenwald will place the entries.

In the afternoon at 1:15 the two horse teams will be judged, followed by the ladies and gentlemen's saddle horses, the four horse teams the stock saddle horses and the six horse teams in that order. The remainder of the day will be given over to the amusement features of the day, races, and the semi-finals of the rodeo.

Saturday morning at 8:30 the 4-H showmanship contests will be given with the hogs and sheep being shown in front of the grand stand immediately after the hog and sheep contests. The livestock demonstration contest will follow. At 1:15 in the afternoon the parade will begin to pass in front of the grandstand with all the livestock on exhibition; the teams, two-four and six in hand, the riders and ropers of the rodeo events and led by Miss Velma Powell, Round-Up princess for this year who will ride the horse she is training for her appearance at the big northwest event.

There will be a band concert every evening on the down town streets and the band will also play at the grounds during the day on the two final days of the fair.

Concessions For Fair Arranged

There will be concessions. First of the week worry about whether or not there would be any concessions on the streets during the fair has been removed as the fair begins, for the usual place marked off for concessionaires has been filled. Some of the games will come from The Dalles, some from Wasco, and some from Portland, assuring a geographical distribution.

The Moro firemen will fill the aching void of the fair visitors who are caught on main street with an empty feeling. A band stand has been erected on the bank corner for the evening concerts. Various games of chance will be open for the celebrants and dances are scheduled for each night.

Band Kids Redeclared For Fair

The school children's band of Moro has its new outfit of clothes ready for the trip to the state fair and the concerts and playing at the local fair. The caps are army style, higher in front than in the back, with black patent leather brims. The capes are long, made of black broadcloth and lined with bright orange the color scheme of the school.

The caps were purchased in Portland and the goods for the capes as well. Mothers of bandmen spent several days at the school house with sewing machines and other equipment making up the forty uniforms for the youngsters.

The band will leave early Friday morning, September 6, to play at the state fair for one day. They will return some time that night.

FCA Head Says Aim Is High

Benefit of Farmer Claimed Government Aim

After helping thousands of farmers save their homes from foreclosure by refinancing their mortgage debt on more favorable terms, and supplying them with low-cost operating funds, the Farm Credit administration is now giving more normal attention to its basic program of building a permanent efficient cooperative credit system for agriculture.

This is the report of progress which William I. Myers, governor of the FCA at Washington, D. C., brought to officers and directors of the 12th district Farm Credit administration at Spokane this week.

"In our task of improving this cooperative machinery to link the farmer with the nation's money markets so funds can be obtained at low cost on terms that fit agriculture's needs, we must develop a spirit of understanding and family unity," the governor declared.

"Our Washington division has only one general desire; that is to help farmers, through their local credit associations and district credit institutions, to achieve a maximum of service consistent with sound operations. We want to bring this service just as close to the farmer as possible, decentralizing operations and encouraging local farm member-borrowers to take a full part in the successful conduct of this cooperative system."

Stated communication of Eureka Lodge No. 121 A. F. and A. M. will be held at their lodge room Thursday evening Sept. 5th, 1935. All members are requested to be present. By Secy, O. V. Belknap.

1,037,050 Bushels Sherman County Wheat Going To Relieve South

Crop Equal To Those of Recent Years With One Exception; Distribution of Crop Very Unusual

Over a million bushels of wheat have been placed in the warehouses and elevators of Sherman county since the beginning of the 1935 harvest according to figures released by the warehouse operators of the county.

Totals for the Wasco and Grass Valley districts are for Saturday night of last week and the data from the Moro district is for Tuesday night of this week. Wheat is still coming into the Wasco district at a good rate and it is expected that nearly a hundred thousand bushels more will be put in the warehouses there before the farmers end their hauling.

Season Ending

The houses in the Moro district are closed for the season but other wheat will be taken in later by regular crews kept the year around. The southern district is still receiving wheat but it is a mere trickle this year compared to the usual influx of grain that comes at this time of year.

The figures show the following number of bushels at the warehouses of the county:

Miller	230,067
Biggs	48,240
Rufus	162,812
Wasco	169,396
Klondike	134,888
Hay Canyon	51,400
Nish	5,267
DeMoss	22,733
Moro	109,067
Erskine	30,300
Grass Valley	44,476
Bourbon	13,661
Kent	13,509
TOTAL	1,037,050

Crop Fair

Compared to former years this crop is very good for the county as a whole considering that in all probability 125,000 bushels more will be hauled later in the season. Some wheat has been hauled out of the county by trucks and is not in this compilation and some has been shipped without going thru the warehouses. This indicates that the crop will be as good or better than any of the past four years except the 1932 crop. In that year over a million and a half bushels were warehoused by the last of September.

Variations Peculiar

September 11, 1931 the warehouses contained 1,111,768 bushels. September 30, 1932, 1,534,610 bushels had been warehoused. September 11, 1933, 927,377 bushels had been hauled and last year on August 24, 1,089,368 bushels were accounted for by the warehouse men.

Most startling thing about the present crop is the variation in the intake of houses. The south end of the county with a total crop for sale of but little over 71,000 bushels has suffered the worst year in its history while the north end with an expectancy of about 850,000 bushels has had one of its good years. The distance between the good yields and the poor in some cases is only a few miles.

Grass Valley Folks Liscensed to Wed

A marriage license was granted Thursday to Willard Henry Barnett 22, of Grass Valley and Charlotte Lenora Ruggles, 18, of Grass Valley by G. C. Vinton, county clerk. The bride to be is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Ruggles and the groom to be is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Barnett.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
AUG. 22	89	61	.00
" 23	77	55	.00
" 24	77	42	.00
" 25	84	43	.00
" 26	89	52	.00
" 27	87	58	.00
" 28	95	58	.00
Total for week			.00

About fifty cars of Sherman county wheat has been shipped out by the relief agency that started buying wheat some weeks ago. The wheat was not bought directly from the farmers but was purchased from other buying agencies and ordered shipped.

Forty of these cars were shipped from Wasco, eight from Moro and others will be moved out later it is thought. The wheat is being sent to Georgia, Texas, Kentucky, Oklahoma and other of the southern states where relief is being given to thousands of people.

This action will materially aid the reduction of surpluses of wheat in this section if it is kept up long enough, but it is a trifle odd to consider the cost to the government for some of the wheat that is shipped by rail causes an expense of over fifty cents per bushel.

5 Percent Now Official Reduction

The county agent's office was officially notified this week that the reduction that will be asked of the wheat farmers of the United States for the 1936 crop will be 5%. This information has been given out numerous times before but the official word has not been given until this week to the men who are charged with administration of the farm relief act.

Schools Will Open September 9

The schools of the county will begin again September 9 and the tanned and carefree children will be called to classes and school duties like the frisky three year old colts that are caught up in the spring to be introduced to the halter and collar. All are looking forward to it—with mixed impressions.

Several changes have taken place in the faculties of the county's schools during the summer. One principal, Paul McCulloch, will be absent. Rufus, Grass Valley, Wasco and Kent will have some new teachers principally through resignations made within the last few weeks. Two new teachers will be at Kent, and with the resignation of Miss Osborn, two will be at Grass Valley. Miss Foss will be at Rufus again and Mrs. Rickards will not return to Wasco and there is rumor that Moro will have a teacher missing before school begins.

But to the children all this is a minor matter—school begins the 9th. Why worry about details.

Funny Rubber Animals At Fair

Salem, Oregon, August 30. (Special)—What do the strange beings who may inhabit the planet Mars look like? Scientists in their more profound moments have often cogitated over this question. There has been a wide variety of opinions with but one idea generally acceptable, and that is the beings of our kindred planet undoubtedly have larger heads and greater brain development than their earth cousins.

This opinion is advanced because Mars is an older planet than Earth and by the process of evolution its inhabitants should have reached a correspondingly advanced stage. Maratians Pictured

The designers of the grotesque, air-inflated, rubber creatures of the Gilmore Circus Parade had their own idea about the people of Mars. To these artists, the Martians have giant heads which give them a grotesque, humorous appearance when compared to their smaller bodies. In creating the figures for the unique Gilmore spectacle, the designers included a number of mammoth heads with diminutive bodies that possibly could be from the planet Mars.

4-H Day at Sherman County Fair Gives Lively Start To Exhibition of Connty's Best Farm Products

Judging of 4-H Stock Completed First Day of Fair, Exhibits of Home Economics Division Draw Crowds of Proud Parents and Visitors; Grange Exhibits Show Productivity of County in Many Agricultural Lines; Children Preen Stock for Show.

With constantly growing crowds milling about the exhibits with bright colored machinery lined up for show with rucking children, and worried mamas, with exhibitors putting the last touches on their stock and with hundreds of farmers taking a few days off to visit with friends and neighbors over the cigars the Sherman County Fair got under way Thursday with the judging of the 4-H club livestock.

Visitors May See CCCamp At Fair Grounds

Visitors at the fair who wish to look over the new government buildings of the CCC camp south of the fair barns may do so by calling first at the headquarters office from where a guide will be sent with them to show the parts of the camp prepared for visitors. The ceiling board has not yet arrived and the camp is therefore still unfinished but the barracks and the mess room may be examined as well as other buildings. While all the buildings may not be open to the public samples of all buildings will be open.

Cattle Conditions Looking Up

Swine Bring Price of Beef Up To Good Figure

Conditions are greatly improved in the meat animal industries compared with a year ago, and the outlook is favorable for some time ahead, according to a report just released by the state college agricultural extension service. Producers with hogs to sell are favored by prices more than twice as high as a year ago, with feed grain considerably lower. The index of the averaged farm price of hogs in Oregon at mid-July was 84 percent of the 1926-1930 average.

With industrial activity and consumer purchasing power running ahead of 1934, and even a smaller supply of hogs expected to be available for market until production can be increased, the immediate outlook for hogs is strong. If conditions are favorable, however, the pig crop of 1936 may be 25 percent larger than that of 1935 and by 1937 it will be possible for hog production to be back to the 1832-1933 level, the report says.

Although beef cattle prices are materially higher than a year ago, cattle prices are not as high relatively as prices for hogs, and prices for cattle feed have not declined so much as for hog feeds, especially in the west. The Oregon price index is only 67 per cent of the 1926-1930 level. The demand for feeder cattle this fall will be strengthened by the abundance of hay and grain in prospect in the East, while the scarcity of hogs and improved industrial conditions are expected to strengthen market demand for fat cattle during the next several months at least. Market supplies of fat lambs and poultry next fall and winter are also expected to be somewhat smaller than usual, the report points out.

In respect to the long-time outlook, the number of beef cattle and sheep in the country next winter is not expected to be much changed from last winter, but thereafter the trend is expected to be upward for a number of years, if feed conditions are favorable. The report, which is available from county agricultural agents, also gives outlook information on poultry, dairy and wheat, and data on numerous other farm commodities produced in Oregon.

In the stock judging contest Lloyd Henrichs was named as the most proficient judge of all kinds of stock placed. His total score was 418. Ronald Powell and Frank von Borstel tied for second place.

The judging team of the Moro beef calf club won the contest and will represent the county at the Pacific International Livestock show in Portland this fall. The team was composed of Gordon Frasier, Lloyd Henrichs and Bobby King. The Kent beef calf club was second and will go to the state fair as representatives of the county. Frank von Borstel, Donald von Jorstel and Carsten von Borstel made up the Kent team.

Blaggs' Hogs Best

Judging of 4-H club swine and sheep was completed Thursday morning with B. W. Rodenwald placing the entries. Ivan and Jimmy Blagg with entries of spotted Poland Chinas carried off all the first places between them.

In the sheep division Bobby King won three firsts and Lloyd Henrichs won three seconds. Other places were divided among several entrants.

The Home Economics division was judged by Mrs. Erickson of Bend and Mrs. Thomas of Corvallis in the absence of Helen Cowgill who was injured and unable to attend the Fair. Thursday afternoon the cooking and canning demonstrations were given by the girls of the county who have been taking these subjects in their club work during the year. A crowd that filled the seats gathered to hear his most interesting part of the lab fair.

Children Show Work

The exhibits of the several granges of the county formed an interesting part of the displays in the pavilion underneath the grandstand although this is the first time such displays have been made. The Rufus, Klondike, Harlandview and Kent granges each had a booth well decorated and filled with products for the farms of the grangers belonging to the local representative.

Sheaves of oats, wheat, and one of flax from Kent, canned foods, fancy work, sewing, pictures of farm scenes, eggs and all the numerous products of a farm, were shown attractively. In more productive years this type of exhibit should be among the best.

Good Stock Shown

In the stock barns the men and children hurray about cleaning and brushing their animals, getting them ready for the best appearance possible before the judge whose favorable decision has been the goal of months of work. Prancing colts, sullen steers, excitable sheep and grunting, ecstatic hogs receive such attention among strange surroundings as they never imagined before as boys and girls preen them for the show.

Racers Ready

And on the hill where the running horses and bucking horses are kept there is much feeling of saddles, changing of stirrups, testing of ropes and such that foretells another sort of show. Carl Everett and his string of bucking horses came in Wednesday night with the famous black and white spotted doing a part of the work although no man was astride him. For several days the twenty horses from Redmond have been working out at the track and are ready for the first big day, Friday. Three chariot teams will contest for supremacy in that feature event. Ed Newton, W. C. Helyer and Chester Medler will have entries.