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It may now be predicted, with a reasonable degree of accuracy, that the state legislature will be called into special session some time before the middle of October. Just how much before will depend upon developments connected with the capitol construction program.

Federal authorities at the national capitol are pounding state officials on the back and demanding action under threat that the PWA grant for the new building will be disapproved unless the state gets busy without unnecessary delay.

An amendment application, corrected to meet flaws discovered in the original document, is even now on its way to the PWA at Washington. As soon as word is received that the grant is available Governor Martin will issue his call for the gathering of the lawmakers. Already preliminary arrangements for the session are well under way. Plans have been completed for the use of the Marion hotel and the Salem armory as legislative halls, with the senate meeting in the hotel dining room and the House in the armory. Purchase orders have gone in for desks and chairs and the necessary supplies.

In the meantime negotiations are proceeding on a larger site for the new capitol. While Governor has declared, and most emphatically that the Willamette campus is "out" of the picture, a group of Salem business men, interested in keeping the capitol near the center of the city, are continuing their efforts to secure the campus for state house purposes. The governor has declared his preference for a hill site and has at least two lofty locations in South Salem in mind as ideal sites, either or both of which he may commend to the legislature for their consideration unless legal obstacles arise which might prevent.

In all of the developments in connection with the proposed new building the governor has taken pains to make it clear that the final decision rests with the legislature. While he expects to have a number of recommendations to make, it will be up to the lawmakers to accept or reject these as they see fit. This applies not only to the proposed larger site for the new capitol but to the cost of the structure, style of architecture and other details.

In at least 20 Oregon cities, committees have been appointed to raise funds to purchase a first aid car and equipment according to reports received by Governor Martin. Interest in this project was stimulated by the tour of the state by the Portland first aid car which visited 32 cities and communities in a tour covering 7000 miles.

Considerable difficulty is being experienced in securing competent instructors in vocational agriculture to meet the demand from Oregon high schools, according to O. D. Adams, state director for vocational education. Higher salaries paid by other states is attracting many of Oregon's best teachers, Adams points out, eight vocational agriculture teachers resigning this year to accept better jobs.

Tourist travel in Oregon continues to record substantial gains over the 1934 season. August registrations of foreign cars were almost 2700 above those of August a year ago. For the first eight months this year a total of 75,513 out-of-state cars visited Oregon compared to 68,749 for the same period a year ago.

Schools all over the state will go into the new year in much better condition financially than for several years, according to reports reaching C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction. Many districts have taken advantage of the new law to reduce their warrant debt by the issue of one-year general obligation notes bearing a very low rate of interest. Other districts have been able to retire large blocks of outstanding bonds as well as reduce their outstanding warrants.

Reports that truck operators are (Continued on Page Two)

Grass Valley Pharmacy Sold To Bruce Alley

George Wilcox sold his Grass Valley Pharmacy last Friday to Bruce Alley, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Alley of Grass Valley who will take charge of the business as soon as he returns from Vancouver, Wash., where he is in CCC work. At present Mr. Alley and wife are serving patrons of the store.

The new manager is a home town product who was born in Grass Valley. Mr. and Mrs. Alley have been Sherman county farmers for twenty years and have only recently ceased that business.

Mr. Wilcox has been owner of the drug store in Grass Valley since 1919 when he returned from Portland after graduating in pharmacy. He and his family expect to retain Grass Valley as their home until after school is out next May although Mr. Wilcox will probably be gone a part of that time.

Library Festival Program Made

The Annual Library Festival at Wasco September 21, will start with an Old Fashioned Parade at 2:00 p. m. followed by the crowning of the Queen at the intersection of Tuel's corner. Ball game The Dalles 2nd team vs. Wasco at 2:30.

The usual concessions, games of chance will be on the main street. The dinner by the various organizations will be served cafeteria at 6:00 p. m. Masonic and K. of P. lodges will sponsor a dance at night.

Flexible Payment Plan Approved

Jackman Says Growers May Seed Without Signing

Actual contract signing for the new four wheat production control program will probably not take place until about the middle of October, according to E. R. Jackman, O. S. C. extension agronomist who is heading the educational campaign in Oregon. Mr. Jackman and other extension officials attended a regional conference at Boise where they learned details of the new contracts and laid plans for getting the information to the growers in advance of the signing.

In general these Oregon representatives were favorably impressed by the terms of the new plan, they report. The growers will be safe in going ahead with fall planting on the basis of the information already available, they believe. The percentage of reduction to be left in contracted or what are now known as "adjusted" acres has been definitely fixed at 5 percent. Plan Like Old

The new plan follows the old in all fundamentals, although many minor changes designed to simplify operation and make it more practical as a semi-permanent program are included. One of these changes permits the taking out of a larger number of poorer acres, rather than a fixed percentage of average acres.

A flexible payment plan is included by which the second payment will be held up until the average farm price for most of the year is determined. The amount of the second payment will then be set at the point which will insure parity prices on the amount of each grower's domestic allotment. Less need for haste in getting the contracts signed is seen this year than was the case previously when first payment checks had to await the acceptance of the contracts. The first payment under the new plan cannot be made anyway until compliance for 1936 is shown.

In summarizing the results of the first three years of wheat adjustment control the federal leaders at the Boise conference listed three main benefits. First, it brought farmers together. Next it increased farm income, and finally it was the start of an important land conservation program. Not all credit for the better price can be given to the wheat plan, the men admitted, although it has been an important factor in increasing the cash income of the American wheat grower.

CCC Camp Now Getting Final Touches

Buildings Sealed; Agronomist Arrives To Aid In Planning Work To Be Done When Quota of Men Arrive

The carpenter crew that has been building the CCC camp here are beginning to feel like natives since they have had to return so often to do more work on the job. For the last week they have been sealing the buildings with the insulating material which was ordered soon after the first visit of the inspecting general. The work was finished Wednesday evening and the camp quarters are now sealed in either insulating board or plywood making them much warmer and more comfortable.

Camp Nearly Done

The camp is at last truly approaching completion. The water heating plants are in, stoves are put in place, the kitchen is finished and except for the grounds and the dirt that has blown into the houses the camp is ready for the men who will occupy it this winter.

Men Leaving

The remaining men who have been in the camp since it was started will move Saturday. They will return to their original companies until further orders. Lieutenant Price is already gone, having been transferred to the McKenzie territory where he is aiding in fighting the forest fires in that district.

The eastern contingent that was here has been gone for several weeks when it was recalled to Idaho. Lieutenant Richardson has not been ordered away to date but will probably not remain long after the men are sent to other camps.

SCS Men Arrive

The SCS will have charge of the camp until other men are ordered to Moro or the old ones return. Quarters of the SCS force have been completed and finished in insulating material. Superintendent Eaton and Engineer Anderson will live there permanently.

A new addition has been made to the SCS headquarters company in the past week. Orva E. Dyer, agronomist, graduate of Oregon State college and of the erosion school at Pullman, is here to aid in organizing the work of the erosion service in this company. His assistant is George Richards who will probably remain until the work of outlining the job for this county is finished.

Flail Found Argument Started

It was a flail. Sunday J. Q. Freeman was helping Ralph Brisbane tear down the Shell house and discovered a couple of joined sticks tied together with a leather thong. It might have belonged to the late Mr. Shell or perhaps to some earlier resident.

Tuesday morning Mr. Freeman brought the contraption, machine or what have you down to the Douma shop where it became the center of interest. Younger members of the group called it anything but a flail. It looked like something boastful salmon fishers might use to brain their catch.

Finally William Cauters, who claimed to have seen his father use such an implement, and J. M. Axtell who had used a flail himself, concurred in the opinion that the implement was really and truly a flail—and flail it is. Take a look at it if you want to know what your grandfather used to beat the wheat out of his crop.

Teachers Will Be Welcomed Wednesday

A teachers reception will be given under the direction of the Moro Woman's club Wednesday night September 18, at the school house. A program has been arranged by the participating women. Patrons of the school and all parents of pupils are asked to come and meet the teaching force, both old and new.

Ben Boswell Dies From Exposure Near Kent

Ben Boswell, thought to be about 55 years old, died last week at the old Archie Chisholm homestead cabin east of Kent from exposure probably caused by a disabling stroke of paralysis or sunstroke.

Mr. Boswell had been in the Kent neighborhood for a little over a year coming from Portland where some of his relatives reside. He homesteaded land east of the MacInnes ranch after working for some time for Mr. MacInnes.

He attended the fair in Moro Friday and Saturday was in Kent and was taken nearly home by Mr. MacInnes at whose place he obtained some food. He was to return the first of the week but when he did not MacInnes searched for him and found his body Wednesday morning. He had apparently wandered aimlessly for several hours as his food was scattered. His hands were torn and bruised as if from scrambling in rocks.

Coroner Wilcox was notified and the body was taken to Grass Valley Wednesday. Burial was made in the Kent cemetery Thursday afternoon.

Directors Discuss Tuition Problem

The meeting scheduled for directors of the five high school districts of the county was held Tuesday afternoon at the superintendents office in Moro. Every one of the districts were represented except Kent. A discussion of the charges made to rural districts for tuition was held and the costs of the grade instruction were compiled.

It was found that costs ranged from \$65 at Wasco to \$108 at Rufus. It was considered too late in the year to make any change in the tuition charge this year but it was agreed that another meeting would be held next spring to further debate the matter.

McDonald Quits Fair Board Post

Contract For Furnace Let To Milne; Coach House Bought

County Court Proceedings for September Term, 1935.

The resignation of W. A. McDonald as a member of the 1935 Sherman County Fair Board was received and accepted. No appointment was made.

Application of Chas. B. Hamilton of Grass Valley, for old age pension received and held for investigation.

Contract and agreement between Sherman County, Oregon and J. Milne received and filed. Said contract to cover purchasing of "Iron Fireman Furnace" for County Courthouse and the price to be \$4700.00 for said furnace and installation completed.

Treasurer's trial balance for month ending August 31st, filed.

County Clerk instructed to make General Fund Warrant in the sum of \$25.00 payable to Mrs. George DeMoss and Mrs. Henry DeMoss to cover entire cost of purchasing "Coach House" on DeMoss Park site. Said "Coach House" having been built by the DeMoss family.

Claims Presented and Allowed Against the General Fund at the September Term of County Court.

Otto Bengal. Transportation for county poor to Salem	\$3.69
Mrs. S. L. Coats, County Charge	\$15.00
Mrs. Peter Fleck, County Charge	20.00
Mrs. Margaret E. Clark, County Charge	8.00
Mrs. Charles Gollher,	

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HENKLES LEAVE FOR PORTLAND HOME

Friends bid Mr. and Mrs. Tom Henkle goodby Wednesday night at the Harlandview grange hall. Games were played and stories of the early days of the county were retold. A bridge lamp was presented to the couple by the Sunday school and the H. E. O. sewing club. Lunch was served at the close of the evening.

New Contract Will Be Ready Next Month

Several Changes Made To Simplify Contract and Administration of Act; Work Begins October 17

Details of the new wheat contract will soon be told to the farmers of Oregon through the extension service if present plans of the men in charge of the control program are carried out.

A meeting will be held in Arlington October 17 for the purpose of acquainting the county agents and allotment committee members with the new contract and the job of getting it signed. Perry Johnston and the allotment committee, Corliss Andrews, O. L. Belshe and G. H. Root, will attend.

"Adjusted" Acres Now

One minor change in the new contract that will cause no little trouble is the change that makes the former contracted acres known as adjusted acres. The land left idle for the 1936 crop will be adjusted to the secretary of agriculture power to reduce the wheat acreage by 25 percent, although the reduction asked for 1936 is but 5 percent.

Erosion Recognized

For 1936 winter wheat may be sown in the spring to be used for pasture or for erosion control. It may not be harvested for hay or any other purpose.

There is no change in the allotted bushels given each farm.

Farmers may change their crops to some extent but may not plant more than twice their four year average of wheat acres.

The new contract permits a farmer to designate some one as his heir or executor so that in case of death the business with the government may be carried on without the trouble that has been caused in some cases.

The same rules apply regarding the transfer of the money to be received by the farmer. No assignment may be made of the money for adjusted acres.

As the work of signing contracts for the 1936 to 1939 period can not be finished until after the land is seeded this fall and as the allotment committee can not measure the land the farmers will be given the privilege of leaving out of crop the required number of acres for 1936. Adjustment, if necessary, will be made later.

Administration Changed

A change is being made in the administration of the wheat allotment association in Oregon with the advent of the new contracts. Instead of having one man with an assistant cover the entire state as was done under the first federal contract the state has been divided into four groups with a manager over each group.

For the Mid-Columbia area E. R. Jackman, who was head of the entire state previously, will be the director. C. W. Smith, secretary of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League, will direct the work of the eastern and southern counties and N. A. Donaldson, former assistant director, will work with the northwestern counties and those in the western part of the valley.

Schoolma's Are Short Crop This Year

The crop of schoolma's seems to be as short as the wheat crop in the southern part of the county this year. Resignations from Sherman county schools at the last moment caused considerable activity on the part of school authorities last week and this, and not all searchers for teachers have been rewarded.

A new teacher was obtained for Wasco last week to complete their quota of instructors. A resignation from the Grass Valley schools was filled three times before one could be found to remain, and she had to be persuaded to teach instead of attend school.

The Moro school started with Mrs. Orville Hockman acting as substitute teacher in place of Miss Eleanor Biggness who recently accepted a position in Portland. Mrs. Hockman will teach until another instructor is found.

MAYOR REGISTERS



Bernard F. Dickmann, mayor of St. Louis, being an ex-sergeant of marines and a loyal Legionnaire was the first to register for the American Legion National convention that will open September 23 in the City by the Bridge. Charles E. Downs, registration chairman for Missouri, is here seen receiving the mayor's card.

Wasco Wheat Crop Estimated 870,000 Bushels

Wheat has continued to come into the warehouses in the Wasco territory and it now seems likely that the estimate of 850,000 bushels will be realized before hauling is completed. Last Friday night 831,000 bushels were housed and it was definitely known that 12,819 bushels are in the warehouses at Thornberry and Sandon.

Several large crops have been hauled to points outside the county making an estimate of 870,000 bushels for the Wasco district a reasonable one.

Potato Men To Get Cash

New Law Makes Tax of 45 cents per Hundred

Immediate organization of the new potato production control plan adopted by Congress has been decided upon by the AAA, even though appropriation for its administration was held up in the failure of the filibustered deficiency bill, according to word received from Washington by the Oregon State college extension service John B. Hutson, director of the division of tobacco, sugar, rice and peanuts, will have charge of administration of the new act.

The purpose of the new act, which passed Congress by a narrow margin, is to remove surplus and adjust acreage so as to increase income of potato producers, says Mr. Hutson. Instead of being based on benefit payments and contracted acreage, the potato act proposes the levying of a heavy tax upon all tonnage sold in excess of the national sales allotment for potatoes.

Parity Price Set

The federal men figure that the present parity price on potatoes would be approximately 90 cents a bushel, while the actual prevailing market prices are only about 45 percent of this level. The allotment year for potatoes begins December 1, so that the plan will take effect December 1 of this year, although it is understood that all potatoes produced prior to that are exempt from the control plan.

The act was proposed by congressmen from commercial potato producing centers and was included in the amendments to the Agricultural Adjustment act asked for by the Administration. Under the plan states will be given allotments on the basis of past production and acreage. In turn such tax-free allotments will be given counties and individual potato farms.

On all potatoes sold in excess of allotments a tax of one-half to three-fourths cent a pound will be levied as a means of practically restricting sales to the pre-arranged quota. Potatoes sold for export are to be exempt from the tax, as are potatoes used under certain conditions for manufacturing into by-products or for livestock feed.

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School Children Decrease Since Last Year

High Schools Increase Over 1934 While Grade Schools Show Large Reduction; Moro Has Unbalanced Condition

Enrollment of pupils in the schools of the county was an activity of the first two days of this week with the beginning of all of the schools, on the same day for the first time in recent years.

The number of pupils attending the county's schools has suffered another drop this fall as compared to last year. In the fall of 1934 532 children entered school here of which 342 were in the grades and 190 in the high school. This year 199 have registered in the high schools and 304 in the grade schools for a drop of 38 in the grades and an increase of 9 in the high schools and a total reduction in numbers of twenty nine.

Variation Great

The variation in the enrollment at the several schools is more marked this year than before. Moro has the largest number of pupils with 116, divided 57 in the grades and 59 in the high school. Wasco is second with 41 in the high school and 71 in the grades. Grass Valley, which was the largest school in 1934 is third with 110, 40 being in the high school and 70 in the grade school.

Totals Given

The compilation of the enrollment follows:

School	Grades	H. S.	Total
Kent	48	22	70
Grass Valley	70	40	110
Moro	57	59	116
Wasco	71	41	112
Rufus	48	37	85
Harmony	10	10	20
TOTAL	304	199	503

Schools to Decrease

Nearly every one of the schools must expect a decided drop in high school attendance within a few years as fewer children are entering the grades. Moro is in a peculiar position having fewer children in the eight grades than in the four grades of high school. Unless more population comes to the county the average high school enrollment from 1940 to 1948 will be under 150 for the county or about three quarters of the present number.

Moro Fire Alarms For Short Time

The fire siren brought everyone to life in Moro Monday afternoon when it was discovered that a grass fire had started near the elevator. It didn't take long to put it out after the firemen reached the scene of the fire. A few anxious minutes were spent however, before it was determined that nothing but grass had caused the excitement. Delay was caused by lack of information regarding the location of the fire and it is thought that a telephone will be installed in the fire house to enable the telephone operator who gets the call from the fire to instruct firemen where to go.

Football Schedule For Wasco Announced

The football schedule for the Wasco Warriors who will represent that school in the football games this fall calls for a game in September 21 at Wasco with The Dalles Reserves furnishing the opposition. Coach Ray Critchfield has a small turnout this year having lost a large part of the successful 1934 team from graduation. This is the day on which Wasco holds its annual Library Festival and a good crowd is expected to attend.

On Friday September 27 the Warriors will play Arlington at the river town. October 11 they play Maupin at Wasco. October 18 they will go to The Dalles for a return game with the Reserves and to finish the October games they will play Condon at Wasco on the 26th.

November 1 the team will go to Dufur where they will play against the high school and they will probably end their season with a game against the Moro team on Wasco on November 9, although this date is still tentative.