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Scarcely had the state supreme court declared Oregon's agricultural adjustment act unconstitutional than heads of the 11 codes and marketing agreements began to plan a new law.

Even Governor Martin, firm believer in the AAA, went on record as favoring enactment of a new statute which would meet the objections of the high court.

Morton Tompkins, chairman of the melon and tomato control board, advocated a constitutional amendment to carry on AAA's principles.

The prime control board decided to incorporate and continue benefits to grower members.

It was believed the approaching special session of the legislature might consider enactment of a new act.

The supreme court's ruling, not unexpected in view of the Multnomah county circuit court's decision was written by Justice John L. Reed and affirmed Circuit Judge John P. Winter of Multnomah county. Justice Harry Belt did not participate in the decision and Justice J. O. Bailey dissented in part.

Constitutionality of the AAA, which was passed by the second session of the 1933 legislature, was first questioned this year when the Oregon Ice Cream area committee, a code control board, brought suit against Fred Meyer, Inc. and Henry Andereg, Portland doing business under the assumed name of America Maid Ice Cream who were accused of selling ice cream below the code price.

As soon as the court's decision was announced the stores dropped the price immediately from 40 to 25 cents per quart and began redeeming coupons issued to purchasers at the old price.

The court found the AAA illegal because the legislature had delegated legislative powers to administrative bodies—the code control boards.

Attorneys found cause for comment in one section of the opinion which said that "No one, we think would seriously contend that farming is a business affected with a public interest, nor can it be contended that the business of processing and selling farm products is affected with the public interest. The merchant can hardly be said to have devoted his store and its contents to a public use when he sells or offers to sell some agricultural product or some derivative thereof."

"The same is true of persons engaged in processing and preparing such products for human consumption. The legislature, under the police power, may pass any reasonable sanitary law to protect the public from the sale of impure or deleterious food products, but this act was not designed for that purpose, nor does it have that effect, and hence it does not come within the police power of the state since the business and industry covered by this act are not affected with a public interest and none of the property used in such business or industry has ever been devoted to a public use."

Tompkins had this reply: "This is a strong conclusion: that it is constitutional to regulate freight rates, power rates and provide minimum wages, etc., but that the farming business is not affected with 'public interest.' Agriculture should enjoy some of the privileges given other branches of industry."

Codes and marketing agreement affected by the adverse decision were: melon and tomato butter, ice cream, restaurant, bakers, commercial bulb growers, loganberry, cauliflower, nursery stock, prunes and black raspberry.

Neither predicting nor believing that a foreign nation may invade the Pacific northwest, Major General George A. White believes "the present situation of defenselessness of the Columbia river mouth ought not to be very comforting to residents of the north west."

General White, commander of national guard troops in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana had plenty to say on his return from the Fourth Army command post exercises at Fort Lewis, Wash., where an imaginary invading army was beaten in two.

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Moro Women's Club Holds First Meeting of Year

The first meeting of the year of the Moro Women's Club was held Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lewis Cope. There were a number of committee reports given and new committees appointed. Mrs. Knighten gave a very interesting report of the president's meeting held in Portland September 5 and 6.

Two plans for financing the endowment fund were advanced. One, advocated by the state chairman and one by the federal were explained by Mrs. Margaret Peetz. The club voted not to accept either of the plans but to continue to contribute as it always has. Mrs. Lucy Ruggles, Mrs. Lawrence Mitchemore and Mrs. Clarence Morrison were admitted to membership.

Child Welfare Discussed

The meeting was turned over to the director, Mrs. E. H. Moore who read a very appropriate poem. Mrs. Cope, chairman of the public welfare department gave a very interesting talk on this subject stressing child welfare. A paper on crime control was read by Mrs. L. V. Moore. Mrs. Lucy Ruggles gave two poems, the first one by Mr. Zevely "Up On The Old John Day" and second "My House."

The next meeting will be held October 19 at the community church when the Moro Woman's Club will be hostess to the 1935 district convention.

Report Given On Farm Census

Perusal of the reports sent out by the department of Commerce concerning the farm census made last winter and just released shows that probably Sherman county has the highest value per farm of any county in the state. The average farm value in the state is \$6922 while in Sherman county they are valued at an average of \$25,384. The average acreage per farm in the state is 267.8 while for Sherman county the farms average a bit over 1194 acres each, a slight increase over the 1930 census when they were 1179 acres in extent. In the state the farms are getting smaller on the average.

Wheeler Farms Largest

There are a number of counties having larger farms than Sherman county, however. Wheeler county farms average 2321 acres. Gilliam county farms average 1925 and in Morrow county 1554 acres. Umatilla county, the state's premier wheat county has farms that average 540 acres and are valued at \$14,900 each.

Umatilla county has 593,334 acres available for crops, Morrow has 303,191 acres. Sherman county is third with 283,513 and Gilliam county has 259,912 acres suitable for crops.

Referendum On Corn-Hog Control Called

As a result of the hearing in Washington on proposed renewal of the corn-hog control program, Sherman county growers will be called upon again to express an opinion by referendum as to the advisability of the new program. October 26 has been set as the date for the referendum.

Tentative proposals for such a program provide for a rapid but controlled increase in hog production, while maintaining close check on corn acreage in order that the two do not get out of balance.

Farm leaders at the Washington hearing testified that unless control is maintained corn production will mount far in excess of the ability of present drought-depleted livestock herds to consume. Then it was said, with ruinous corn prices hog production would again get out of hand and the old cycle of high and low priced hogs would be re-established.

Meat packers appeared at the hearing to oppose strenuously any renewal of the corn-hog control plan. Representatives of the Consumers council said that any plan adopted should encourage expansion of hog growing for the present until the abnormal effects of the drought were overcome.

Townsend Plan Explained By Able Speaker

Eugene Burr Discusses Financial Aspects Of The Transaction Tax And The Old Age Pension Plan

Eugene Burr, speaker for the Townsend plan, from Portland, addressed a group of Sherman county citizens Monday night at the Legion hall on the financial aspects of the scheme he favors. Different than many of the speakers who favor the recovery plan advanced by the aged doctor of California, Mr. Burr did not talk for any length of time on the oft repeated ill that are apparent in our—and other—economic plans. He did state that this Townsend plan was the only recovery plan that would put a large quantity of money in circulation and keep it there.

He praised the transaction tax which is proposed as a means of paying for the pensions to be allowed those over 60 years of age. He stated that it would be much higher than a sales tax and called it the fairest tax known except the income and inheritance tax. He criticized the property tax system as we know it and prophesied that within a few years of a transaction tax all other forms of taxes would be repealed and all money would be raised by this easy method.

Big Sums Possible

He told of the immense sums that would be built up by such a tax because of the rapid revolution of money in trade. He stated that the six billion dollars in money in the United States revolved enough times in a year to make \$1,666,000,000,000 in transactions or enough to return more than enough to pay the estimated twenty billions necessary for the tax. This means that every dollar would have to move about every other day.

He figured the tax on the average car at \$26.66 and showed how the Ford company would produce a tax of \$2,660,000 or enough for 11,108 pensions in nine months.

Consumer Cost Small

In addition to showing how much the transaction tax would produce in taxes he told how little it would cost the consumer. The tax on a loaf of bread would be about half a cent, he said. Other items in daily use were also used for examples to show how small would be the cost.

Before Mr. Burr arrived—he was delayed by car trouble—Rev. Roy Cookingham of Wasco spoke briefly on the plan. He is the Methodist minister at Wasco and is head of the Townsend club there.

Local Girls Win Recognition at P. U.

Pacific University, Oct. 10th—Miss Winifred Fortner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Fortner of Wasco, was chosen basketball manager of the Women's Athletic association of Pacific university last week. Miss Fortner who is a sophomore this year graduated from Wasco high school in 1934. Miss Marjorie Byers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Byers of Moro, was elected secretary treasurer of the large Pacific university Glee club. She is also vice-president of Kappa Delta sorority and in charge of freshmen "rushing."

Chancellor Hunter To Visit Moro

Frederick M. Hunter, new chancellor of Oregon's educational system, will be in Moro October 26th while on an inspection tour of the educational institutions and experiment farms under his direction. He will visit the local station in the afternoon of that day. A dinner for him the night of the 26th is being planned by the Commercial club as it is thought that many will want to hear him. He will be accompanied by G. W. Peavy, president of OSC, and by W. A. Schoenfeld, director of the stations.

Sherman County Children Win Recognition

Sherman county 4-H children who attended the livestock exposition this year kept up the county's reputation for winning a share of the prizes offered.

Bobby King won recognition in the daily papers with a story and a picture of him and his prize winning heifer. Bobby won first on his heifer, second on his senior Hereford steer and second on his junior Hereford steer. The three steers were sold in the auction, one of them being sold to the Imperial hotel for 12 cents per pound.

Frank Sayre won ninth on his junior Hereford steer and Donald vonBorstel second on his senior Shorthorn steer.

The county group won fourth place in the judging. Jim Blagg won eighth place in the fat barrow class with Billy Alsop winning tenth place. In the Corriedale wool class Kelly Tiller, Lowell Tiller, two, three and Kelly took seventh in the fine wool class.

The Sherman county judging team composed of Gordon Fraser, Lloyd Henrichs and Frank Sayre tied for sixth place in a field of 52.

Federated Women's Clubs To Convene

Women of the federated clubs of the fourth district, comprising the counties of Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam and Wheeler will convene in Moro Saturday October 19 for their annual convention of the district. Mrs. Margaret Merrifield of The Dalles is president of the district and Mrs. D. E. Stephens of Moro is secretary.

The state president of federated clubs Mrs. William S. Nicholson, of Marshfield will attend the meeting which will be held in the Community church.

In Other Days

From the Observer, Oct. 12, 1906
A. C. and Sherman Huff of the John Day settlement are on a trip to Alberta.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Dierks of Dalles City were up this week looking over their Rutledge farm prospects with Mr. Wilcox.

Charles Bullard and Mrs. Myrah Brown were married in this city on the 7th by Rev. A. J. Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hennagin are now at home in the D. M. Damon farm residence. Fred has a long lease on the farm which is one of the best in Sherman county.

Signs for Erskineville and along the railway track and at the new depot make quite an improvement and look well.

Mrs. Maus has been quite ill. Her son Clarence Lockhart has arrived here.

Mr. and Mrs. Osborne, late of Moro, are now living with Mr. and Mrs. Erskine.

From the Observer, Oct. 13, 1916
Otto Peetz, assessor for Sherman county and Margaret Whalley, daughter of John T. Whalley of Portland were married at the home of the bride's parents Thursday October 5th. They will be at home to their many friends at Moro after Monday, October 16th.

A. M. Young and wife are visiting in Moro from Tygh Valley during the fair at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Fagan.

W. O. Hadley is working on a project to place a fishway at Sherar's bridge to cost about \$600. Part of the funds necessary have been raised but more is needed and we think Sherman county sportsmen should contribute to this as well as Wasco county. Mr. Hadley is deputy fish warden for Wasco county and the work is all within that county but Sherman county sportsmen would benefit to a large degree if it were put in. It would open 600 miles of spawning ground to the fish and affect the Crooked and Metolius rivers, among others.

L. J. Pape and family are arranging to move to Portland for the winter, leaving Wesley Fuller and wife in charge of the farm while they are away.

Institute Held For Teachers And Parents

Institute Visitors Hear Argument And Information Regarding Theory And Practice Of Public School Teaching

The teachers' and parents' institute for this county was held Tuesday at the Moro school with a larger attendance of school patrons present than last year, showing a greater interest in the programs being offered on school matters.

The opening exercises consisted of songs by Neil McGlasson, after which Robert J. Maaske, of the state department of education reviewed the educational history of Oregon. He showed the development of the system since 1880 when 37,535 pupils were taught in 1007 school districts and received an average of 90 days schooling, to 1934 when 204,556 pupils were taught by 7416 teachers in 2122 districts for an average of 166 days.

School History Told

Costs have increased from \$5,837,000 in 1910 to \$11,891,000 in 1934 although they rose to \$16,166,000 in 1929. Since that year there has been marked consolidation of districts, reduction of teachers and lowering of costs.

Austin Landreth, superintendent of Pendleton schools spoke on the Oregon State Teachers association and the national organization for instructors, giving some of the details of the convention at Denver and the plans for the one to come to Portland.

The panel discussion led by Mr. Maaske and engaged in by a superintendent, Mr. Landreth, a principal, Henry Tetz, a teacher, Paul Goddard a school board member, Mrs. Leah Richelderfer, a farmer, Harry Proudfoot, and a business man, Giles French, resolved itself into a general criticism of school by a part of the group and a defense by other members with the audience joining in when opinions needed expressing.

The question of what schools should teach and what sort of people should be produced by an educational system was not settled in the minds of the listeners until the luncheon speaker, Dr. D. V. Poling ended his talk. Former minister, experienced speaker, idealist, with a practical bent, Dr. Poling envisioned education as a force that should teach boys and girls how to live enjoyably, how to develop their personalities to become interesting to themselves and to those about them.

Dr. Poling Pleases
He pointed out examples in his long experience of men rich in friends and wisdom although poor in dollars and of men, poor in spirit who had been pinched by greed for material gain.

The afternoon session was divided into a high and a grade group with teachers separating into different rooms for the programs.

Mr. Landreth explained his philosophy of education which was designed to develop a balanced and matured personality. Attention was given to attitudes of reason, of appreciation of music and art and training given in conduct to develop fair play and courtesy. A place was given for training in special abilities and skills.

The high school section held a forum on the question of child centered teaching against subject centered teaching led by Henry Tetz and Dr. Poling addressed the gathering again in the afternoon.

Martin Hansen Sells Metolius Resort

Martin Hansen, known to nearly every resident in this county, and who has been proprietor of the Hansen's Resort on the Metolius river for sixteen years, has sold his property there to a New York woman, Mrs. Bertha Ronalds who expects to continue it under the same name as it has carried. Mr. Hansen's plans for the future of the present he is living near the resort settling his business affairs.

Budget Of Non-High School Board Reduced

The budget committee chosen by the non-high school board to help them in making up a budget for that organization for the coming year sat with the members of that board and between them reduced the estimated expenses of the body by over \$2000.

Greatest reduction was made in tuition which is not expected to be so large as fewer students are enrolled although high school costs have gone up materially since last year. Uncollected taxes were considered in the figures to keep the estimates down.

Transportation Costs Cut

The transportation item was cut to some extent as all that was budgeted last year was not used. This cost is thought to be about the amount allowed for it, \$2000.

An item of \$1000 for repayment of outstanding warrants was placed in the budget for next year as over \$5000 in warrants are still out, although a majority of them are being called since the last turnover.

Members of the committee that made up the budget were: Clyde Fridley, Tom Douma, Wilford Belshe, Henry Peters and O. N. Ruggles and board members H. D. Proudfoot, H. B. Pinkerton, O. K. Eaton, G. C. Young and T. F. Fraser.

Special Session Of Legislature Called

The long awaited special session of the legislature was called Monday by the governor and the date set for October 21, Monday.

House members will meet in the Salem armory and the senate will be called to order in the dining room of the Marion hotel which adjoins the armory.

Emergency legislation concerning the building of a new statehouse and the amendment of the state social security law to conform with the federal law are measures that occasioned the session. Eighteen vetoed bills from the last regular session must be cared for also and there is a distinct probability that a good deal of other legislation will be put before the legislators before they can adjourn.

Bang's Disease Bulletin Published

Control of the most serious contagious trouble affecting Oregon livestock, Bangs disease, is described in a new bulletin just off the press at Oregon State college. It is entitled "The Establishment and Maintenance of Herds of Cattle Free From Bangs Disease."

The bulletin records the findings of Dr. B. T. Sims, O. H. Muth and several others of the department of veterinary medicine in working out successful methods of combatting and avoiding this disease. The part dealing with establishing and maintaining disease free herds fits in well with the widespread federal program of eradication of diseased dairy animals.

Plans For Wheat Program Nearly Completed

Plans for launching the sign-up campaign for the new four-year wheat program are nearing completion in Oregon and the first move will be a series of regional meetings for county allotment committees and county agents held the week of October 14. As soon as these are completed local county and community meetings will be held where the new contracts will be explained and opportunity given to sign up for the new program.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
Oct. 3	73	49	.00
" 4	67	50	.00
" 5	66	45	.00
" 6	73	46	.00
" 7	81	44	.00
" 8	79	50	.00
" 9	68	39	.00
Total for week			.00

Walter Pierce Tells About Congress In Action

Representative From Second District Addresses Guests Of Moro Commercial Club On Tuesday Evening

A crowd of nearly a hundred persons gathered Tuesday night as guests of the Moro Commercial Club to hear Walter M. Pierce representative from this district in congress, speak of his experiences in Washington during the lengthy session which ended in August.

Mr. Pierce, introduced by club president George Updegraff, told of Washington and the supposed reasons for its location below the Mason-Dixon line.

AAA Defended

Getting into his talk he spoke of the passage of the AAA bill and the job of amending that law during the past session. He justified the law as the same principle as the tariff and quoted Alexander Hamilton as saying that if the tariff became too oppressive on the producers they should be given a bounty.

He made the prophesy that the processing taxes would remain indefinitely unless the tariff is drastically altered. There was always doubts as to the legality of the law and Mr. Pierce expressed himself as thankful that the Supreme court did not pass on it in its original form.

New Interest Rates Made

He told of the agitation for a new Frazier-Lemke bill that will give an interest rate of 1 1/2% and a like amount for amortization of the loan. There is a possibility that the administration will set aside \$800,000 in gold and issue \$2,000,000 in currency against it for the use of indebted farmers, said the speaker. It is their answer to the Lemke bill.

Farm interest rates have been cut to 3 1/2% for next year and 4% for the following two years in a new law recently passed.

Mr. Pierce said he believed that before long we would have a currency not based on metals. He favors an expanded currency believing that more money would be a factor in raising commodity prices.

Townsend Plan Missed

Those who came to hear the views of the representative on the Townsend plan were disappointed for he referred to it but briefly in his discussion of the social security bill which lacks an appropriation because of a Huey Long filibuster. Long was praised as a quick, nervy, likeable man by the speaker.

The new security bill is based on the principle of giving money to the states for pensions to the aged, unemployed and to mothers instead of giving it direct as under the Townsend plan. The appropriation for the security bill will probably be passed early in the January session said Mr. Pierce.

New NRA Proposed

Characterizing the unconstitutional NRA as an attempt by the administration to overthrow the old policy of "Caveat Emptor" (Let the buyer beware) and make a new one of "Let the seller beware". He said there would be an effort to revive the law.

He spoke in glowing terms of the development that will come to this country when the Columbia is made available for transportation, when Moro is 40 miles from cheap enough to attract the manufacturing plants of the east.

Where are we going? What will our social system be in the coming years? were questions raised. Men by the hundreds are being thrown out of work by new machinery. They must go some place. The constitution is not a sacred document and must be changed if it fits our need to do so, he said. What will come, we do not know, but Oregonians are fortunate to be living away from the welter of things in the turbulent east.

Tom Fraser Jr. has been chosen as a first base in the Men's Glee Club at Oregon State College.