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Capitol to the right of them, capitol to the left of them. That's what confronted the Oregon legislators as they assembled here Monday morning to open their special session. A pictorial display of every capitol building in the United States together with information as to its cost, size, date of completion and the size of the site on which it is located.

The display was prepared by Miss Harriet C. Long, state librarian in an effort to assist the legislators in their task of planning for a new state house for Oregon.

All of the state capitols are shown from the humble little two story structure at Carson City, Nevada, occupying a single acre of ground to that last word in modern capitol architecture, the skyscraper capitol of Nebraska at Lincoln covering four city blocks and costing \$20,000,000.

The pictorial display reveals the fact that 40 of the 48 state capitols are surmounted by a dome and that for the most part the structures are of the conventional type with wings and pillars. Most of the domeless capitols are of recent construction, including those of Nebraska, Louisiana, North Dakota and Oklahoma.

Information carried by the display reveals the fact that only eight state capitols occupy sites as small as that provided by Oregon. These are Florida with 3.87 acres; Georgia, 4.5 acres; Idaho, 3.46 acres; Maryland, 4.8 acres; Nevada, acre; Tennessee, 5 acres; New Hampshire, 8 acres and Wyoming, 4 acres. Contrasted with these are the more spacious sites such as that of North Dakota which has 160 acres; Iowa with 93 acres and Oklahoma with 77 acres.

Income taxes collected in Oregon this year will exceed by \$600,000 the estimate of the tax commission made at the time the state levy was made a year ago. Taxes so far collected from individuals and corporations total more than \$2,300,000 and are expected to exceed \$2,500,000 by the end of the year. Property owners will benefit by the increase in income tax payments through a reduction in the state levy against property.

Governor Martin wants the legislature to confine its deliberations to a consideration of a new state capitol, make the session as brief as possible and hold the expenses down to a minimum. He told the members in his message delivered to the House and Senate meeting in joint session in the Salem armory.

Social security legislation and other problems, he declared, can wait for the next regular session which convenes in January, 1937.

Endorsing the recommendations of his state planning board for a new capitol to cost approximately \$3,500,000 the governor told the lawmakers that the state's share of this cost—\$1,500,000—can be financed either through a direct appropriation from the state's general fund spread over a period of three or more years, or from liquor profits.

Declaring himself as "unalterably opposed to the erection of a capitol on the old, narrow and inadequate site," the governor told the legislators that additional land should be secured for the new capitol at this time. Six possible alternatives were suggested by the governor in his message: the campus of Willamette University; Candelaria Heights; capitol hill comprising nine residential blocks in south Salem; the Bush pasture; also in south Salem; expansion of the present site by purchase of additional ground to the north, now covered by residences; expansion eastward, also by the purchase of residential property.

Of the six sites the governor favors the university campus because of its location in close proximity to other state buildings. This property can be had, he pointed out, for \$850,000 of which the city of Salem has tentatively agreed to provide \$125,000. As his second choice the governor recommended purchase of the 96-acre Candelaria Heights tract south of Salem.

The governor recommended the creation of a nonpolitical capitol commission of five competent and outstanding citizens, to handle the details connected with the capitol construction program.

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Wheat Growers Of County Plan For State Meet

Delegation From Here Went to Arlington Sunday; Reports Indicate Important Meeting at Pendleton December 6 and 7

Wheat growers and others from Moro who attended the meeting of the executive committee of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League, held in Arlington Sunday, were O. G. Sayrs, W. S. Powell, O. E. Dyer, M. F. Sandoz and County Agent Perry N. Johnston. The dates for the annual meeting are Dec. 6 and 7, and the meeting will be held in Pendleton. The meeting in Pendleton will be divided into four general heads as follows:

First: Soil Conservation and Weed Control. Major Babcock, is state chairman; W. E. Ruckman, Alice, vice-chairman; Walter Holt, Pendleton, secretary. Dewey Thompson, Moro, is chairman for Sherman county, and O. G. Sayrs is vice-chairman.

Second: Transportation and Rural Electrification. Bert Johnson, Ione, is state chairman; Alex Johnson, Fossil, vice chairman; and Joe Ballinger, Heppner, is secretary. Harry Proudfoot is chairman for Sherman county, and H. C. Kaseberg is vice chairman.

Third: AAA Legislation. Taxation, Finance. E. M. Hulton, Arlington, is state chairman; A. H. McLeod, Dufur, vice chairman; and E. R. Jackson, Corvallis, is secretary. J. L. Davis, Kent, is chairman for Sherman county.

Fourth: Production, Handling, Marketing. C. B. Andrews, Kent, is state chairman; Harvey Miller, Lexington, vice chairman; and G. R. Hyslop, Corvallis, is secretary. Sherman county chairman is T. M. Rolfe of Grass Valley, and J. W. Shepard, Grass Valley, is vice chairman.

County Agent Perry Johnston is chairman of all the committees.

With the Pendleton meeting in mind, the various county chairmen will name committees in their respective districts, who will thresh out their problems and submit same to the state meeting in the form of resolutions and decisions. Chairman of the various counties will meet in Pendleton the day before the opening of the state meeting and decide upon the matters to be placed before the state meeting, and these reports will come before the Pendleton meeting the morning of the first day.

Wheat growers should watch for announcements of the dates of the various county meetings. At these meetings growers and all others interested in wheat will be given opportunity to be heard on any phase of the industry.

Safety Deposit Boxes Are Now Available

Joe Truitt has taken over a "nest" of the safe deposit boxes that were in use in the bank and has installed them in the vault in the rear of his barber shop, which he is now offering to rent to parties who have valuable papers they want to protect. The vault was formerly used by the post office when it was located in the room now occupied by Mr. Truitt, and it serves well the purpose for which Mr. Truitt is using it.

Early Pioneer Here Died In Portland

Henry Moore, 79, died in Portland, Saturday, October 19, after a long illness.

Mr. Moore was one of the early pioneer settlers of this county, coming here with his brother Charles in 1881, preceding their parents who came in 1882.

(Mr. Moore was an important and influential citizen being instrumental in the starting and building of the town of Moro. He, with his brother Walter, operated one of the first general stores here and organized the first bank known as the Moore Bros. Bank.

While a young man in Sherman county he married America Cushman, who survives him. To them were born, a daughter, deceased, and a son Harry, now living in Portland.

Artist's Conception of Capitol Grounds Using Willamette Site



Landscape experts using an airplane picture of Willamette university here demonstrate how a combination of the old capitol site, present state office buildings and campus would harmonize in the group plan recommended by the state planning board to Governor Charles H. Martin. Shown above at the extreme left is the present state office building with the supreme court and state library just above it. In the center foreground is the old capitol site used as a sunken garden with an esplanade from State street, which would remain where it now is, furnishing an open view of the capitol. Buildings at each side and just in front of the new state house indicate how these buildings could later be constructed when and if they are needed by the state. Type of capitol, dome or domeless, as well as whether or not the state of Oregon shall have more than 331 by 600 feet of land for its capitol site will be decided at the special session of the state legislature soon to be called for this purpose.

Car Wreck Puts Wesley Fuller In Hospital

Local Man Suffers Injuries When Car Skids on Market Road East Town Wednesday

Reports from the Mid-Columbia hospital before the Journal went to press conveyed the information that it will be two or three days before the extent of Fuller's injuries will be known. He suffered brain concussion, but appears to have no bone injuries.

Wesley Fuller, farmer living west of Moro, is in the Mid-Columbia hospital in The Dalles recovering from injuries he received when his car skidded on the Market road northeast of Moro Wednesday about noon. His injuries are principally to his head, and were reported late Wednesday afternoon to be serious. By Dr. Poley, who accompanied Fuller to the hospital.

The accident happened at the first curve south of the Frank Burnet ranch. Art Futler, driving along the highway, found Fuller about 10 minutes after 12, lying on the ground, his face covered with blood, his car, a '34 Chevrolet, coach, standing upright some distance away, but bearing signs of having been badly damaged. Futler attempted to lift Fuller, but was unable to do so. He came to town and reported the accident and Futler, Keith McDonald and Vern Belknap returned to the scene and brought Fuller to the office of Dr. Poley, who left shortly after with Fuller.

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Wheat Men To Meet Friday

A meeting of the wheat growers of Sherman county, and all others directly or indirectly interested in the wheat situation, will be held Friday of this week at 1:30 in the circuit court room in the court house in this city. One object is to talk over how the contract situation is to be handled in the future.

Heretofore community meetings have been held throughout the county at various times. County Agent Johnston states that the community meetings will not be held in the future, but there will be one county-wide meeting, such as the one to be held here Friday.

All who are in any way interested in the wheat situation, as growers, or otherwise, are urged to attend the meeting Friday, when plans will be outlined for the future of the industry in this county.

Grangers Here Trade at Home

One hundred and twelve grangers from all over Sherman county attended the second Sherman county grange conference in the Legion hall at Moro Tuesday. State Master Ray W. Gill presiding. He was assisted by the state secretary, Bertha J. Beck; state treasurer, Mrs. Fred A. Goff; state grange deputy for eastern Oregon, Chas. W. Wicklander; secretary of the Grange Mutual Fire Insurance, C. G. Pattison; chairman agricultural committee, Fred Goff; member executive committee, Geo. A. Palmeter; assistant advertising manager of the Grange Bulletin, G. E. Corson; state recreation leader of Oregon, Mrs. Gertrude Sanford.

The morning was devoted to round table discussions with the various officers and committees. After a wonderful dinner served at noon by the ladies, the meeting was opened with singing led by Mrs. Gertrude Sanford. First speaker was Mrs. Alice Goff, who insisted that grange lecturers held the key to education, information and interest in grange work, and urged cooperation with all civic organizations. Bertha Beck said a good grange means united effort and the person who says they get nothing out of the grange is generally the one who puts nothing in the grange, and if we will forget petty jealousies we would have better granges, better communities and more happier homes. Enlarging the field of cooperation was the subject of Geo. Palmeter. He showed by figures that during the depression the cooperatives made better showing and fewer of them failed than the private corporations. He believes that cooperatives and loyal membership will solve our economic ills and make

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Contract To Be Let For Overhead Crossing

On November 7 the highway commission will let a contract for the construction of a new overhead crossing at Dintys where the Sherman highway connects with the Old Oregon Trail.

The new crossing is being built to replace the present one because of the condition of the foundation and because there is a federal appropriation for such crossings that is available. The new bridge, or crossing, will be just below the one now used, giving a little more room at the intersection. Also the road for approximately 1500 feet on each side of the bridge will be regraded and realigned to give a better view of oncoming cars.

It was on the present bridge that one man lost his life and three others were injured in a car crash, caused by lack of vision, according to some of the testimony that developed at the trial which the accident caused.

Mrs. Merrifield Heads Womens Club

The Dalles Woman Elect 1 At District Convention Here

The Fourth District Convention of the state Federation of Women's Clubs held in Moro Saturday October 19 at Community church was well attended by the clubs of the district. Much aid and inspiration in club work was carried on by the towns represented.

Mrs. W. W. Knighten, president of the Moro Woman's Club after extending a cordial welcome introduced Mrs. Margaret Merrifield, president of the fourth district who presided at the meeting. A response was given by Mrs. H. J. Simmons of Fossil.

Those in attendance were fortunate to have Mrs. W. S. Nicholson of Marshfield, state president of the federation present. A helpful talk was enjoyed and appreciated. She especially mentioned the work that the federation is doing in connection with the Dorenecker hospital and that more than half of the \$20,000 pledge to the hospital has been raised. The scholarship loan fund is another phase of the work of the federation there being about 1400 girls in Oregon using this loan fund. She stated that La Grande is given credit for the starting of this fund and now Oregon ranks first with this fund.

A panel discussion, "Why belong to the federation" created much interest. Those taking part were: Dr. Leah Richelderfer as chairman, Mrs. Henry Simmons, Mrs. C. L. Poley, Mrs. Harry Pinkerton, Mrs. Richard French, Mrs. W. S. Nicholson and Mrs. H. D. Proudfoot. Comments were summarized by Mrs. W. S. Nicholson.

Mrs. Louis Scholl of Wasco who attended the national convention Continued on page 5

Valley School To Give Play

Grass Valley High School Student Body will present its annual fall play Saturday night, October 26, at the Auditorium. The play chosen this year is a fast moving farce called "The Million Dollar Butler," by Katherine Kavanaugh. The story centers around a young millionaire who, while he was in college, wrote some very damaging letters. There are three cases of mixed identities which lead to some very amusing situations, but all is straightened out satisfactorily in the end.

The cast includes Keith Rinehart, Wanda Tiller, LeRoy Spoor, Ferd Stark, Edwin Peters, Willard Rolfe, Vere Pike, Frances Fairchild, Leighton Fields, Margery Blake, and Betty Olds. The play is directed by Miss Eileen Hickson. The curtain rises at 8.

SCS Boys Will Arrive Sunday

Latest news in regard to the SCS camp here is that the bedding for the men will arrive Thursday night of this week by truck from Vancouver Barracks, and that the men will arrive Sunday. This information was conveyed in a telephone message from Vancouver Wednesday morning to Superintendent Karl Eaton, Lt. Richardson, who was with the camp here early this summer, and had hoped to be returned, will not be here this winter it was announced. This will be bad news for Lt. Richardson's many friends here.

Seven new trucks arrived Saturday for the SCS camp that is being established on the hill just south of the Sherman county fair grounds, and this week carpenters are busy installing seats and making tool boxes on each of the trucks. The trucks are Chevrolet, ton and half. Five two inch boards of good material are being placed crosswise of each truck bed, to accommodate 25 men in each truck, or five men on each board.

Two hundred men will find accommodations in the camp, and the technical men in charge are looking forward to getting a lot of conservation of Sherman county soil under way this winter. If the winter happens to prove an open winter, such as last winter was. The Continued on page six

Wheat Growers Here Draw Big Allotment

The office of the County Agent Perry N. Johnston was the mecca for a large number of farmers of Sherman county from Thursday of last week until early this week, when farmers were drawing their wheat allotment checks. \$271,361.40 was distributed as payments on 465 contracts with the federal government. There will be \$70,000 more come along in a short time as payment on 119 contracts.

There are 365 farms in Sherman county and the population is less than three thousand. Many of the farmers went direct from the county agent's office to the sheriff's office and made payment on their taxes. Up to Thursday morning between four and five thousand dollars had been paid into the sheriff's office, the force not having had time to make a full tabulation of the sums.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
Oct. 17	65	38	.00
" 18	71	40	.00
" 19	63	46	.00
" 20	54	31	.00
" 21	49	36	.00
" 22	52	25	.00
" 23	55	32	.00
Total for week			.00

County Budget Includes Item For River Work

Court House Heating Plant Is Biggest Sum in County Budget; November 16th Date For Final Hearing on Proposed Levy

The item for \$500 for the Inland Empire Waterways Association in the county budget being a new item, one of its sponsors requested that the county press make special mention of it in fairness to all concerned. H. D. Proudfoot of Wasco and Mr. Powell appeared before the county budget committee at its meeting in the court house Saturday on behalf of the waterways association and explained to the committee why it is that a request is being made of the county to budget for this important item. Heretofore the expense of promoting the river improvement has fallen upon individual subscribers. It has become too heavy for the money to be raised that way, and since the improvement of the river is to result in benefit to all residents of this section, the association has decided to go direct to the counties of this part of the state, also counties in Washington and Idaho bordering on the river, and ask that the counties include a sum in their budget to take care of their expense.

Program of Association

Mr. Proudfoot explained that the river development association is working on seven points now, chief of which concerning this section directly are the deepening of the river channel between Bonneville dam and Vancouver, improvement of the locks at Celilo, and improvement of the river at Umatilla. After there was considerable hesitancy on the part of the committee, Mr. Proudfoot suggested that the committee make the appropriation \$500, and that the press stress the item, so that in fairness to the taxpayers (this being a new item in the budget) the matter be thoroughly discussed at the hearing on the budget, which will be held in the courthouse at 10 o'clock, November 16.

Mr. Proudfoot explained that the money is used in holding meetings, paying for briefs and making contact in various ways with federal government officials whose favorable opinion must be had if the river is to be improved.

Heating Plant Biggest Item

The amount of money to be raised by taxation to meet the demands of the county for the year 1936, as outlined by the budget committee is based, in large measure, upon the expenditures of the various county departments for the first nine months of the present year, and is \$92,423.00. Last year the sum raised by taxation was \$86,609.50. The biggest individual item in the budget to be discussed by the tax-payers at the meeting on November 16 is \$2700 for the courthouse heating plant. Another item bigger than usual is that for the county fair, which grosses \$425 more than for the year just past. The total budget calls for \$99,123.00. Allowance was made for the same sum for receipts as last

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Mrs. W. H. Burres Succumbs To Injuries

Mrs. W. H. Burres, for thirty years a resident of Sherman county, died Saturday, October 19, in a hospital in The Dalles, from injuries received in an automobile accident which occurred near her home west of Wasco, September 27th.

Mrs. Burres, nee Marie Anne Hoffick, was born in Nebraska, December 24, 1877. Surviving are her husband, W. H. Burres; two sons, Orville of Ridgefield, Wash., and Lowell of Wasco; a daughter, Reta, of Wasco; and five brothers, William, Fred, Theodore and Max Hoffick of Albany, Oregon, and Herman Hoffick of Los Angeles.

Funeral services were held Tuesday in The Dalles from the R. C. Calloway and Son chapel at 2 p. m. Rev. E. A. Hutchinson of The Dalles officiated and burial was made in the I. O. O. F. cemetery there.