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Relief is a local problem and not one for the state or nation to deal with in the opinion of Governor Martin, who declared himself as opposed to any further huge federal appropriations for unemployment relief such as the \$4,800,000,000 authorized by the last congress.

Local officials, the governor explained, are in closer contact with the situation and in better position to weed out the deserving from the undeserving than are state and federal officials.

The governor, discussing the relief situation in Oregon with Elmer Goudy, executive secretary of the state relief committee, expressed the opinion that an allotment of \$10 a month was adequate for the needs of the average individual on relief, qualifying this statement, however, by explaining that recipients of relief should be able to supplement this fund through part time or seasonal jobs.

Sixty-six Oregon motorists lost their operators' licenses during December, 36 for driving while drunk, and 30 for various other reasons including reckless driving, speeding, hit and run driving, etc. Three motorists had their licenses suspended for failure to satisfy a judgment resulting from an accident under the provisions of the new safety-responsibility act.

Traffic accidents on Oregon highways during 1935 took a toll of 259 lives, according to figures compiled by Secretary of State Snell. While this traffic toll represents a decrease of 34 from the 1934 record Snell insists that the traffic fatalities are still too high and urges a continuation of the accident prevention work being conducted by various agencies through out the state.

Boys at the state training school near Woodburn are to be given every encouragement to become good dairymen. Officials of the Oregon Cattle Club have offered their assistance in promoting interest in dairying among the boys through awards of merit and prizes of various kinds. As a result of this interest on the part of the Jersey breeders the board of control this week authorized Superintendent Laughlin to change the school's dairy herd to Jerseys. State Treasurer Holman presented the proposal of the Jersey breeders to the board of control after a conference with a committee from the breeders' association at the training school earlier in the week.

If the state senate figured to discourage Governor Martin in his determination to develop Oregon's mineral resources they reckoned without their host.

During the recent special session the governor asked for an appropriation of \$15,000 for the use of the state mining board in making a survey of the state's mineral resources. The House cut the amount to \$5000 and passed the bill but the senate, under the leadership of the veteran, Senator Strayer of Baker county, killed the measure under an avalanche of "no" votes.

For a time the Governor was stumped but at last he appears to have found a way out of his dilemma. The state planning board this week announced plans for an immediate survey of the mineral resources of the state. This is identical to the sort of program the senate rejected, but the planning board appears to be clothed with plenty of authority as well as funds for proceeding with the project.

The act creating the board authorizes it "from time to time recommend to the governor comprehensive plans for the utilization, conservation and development of the natural resources of the state." The board is also required "at the request of the governor or the legislature of this state, to conduct investigations, surveys and research upon any subject and to submit reports and recommendations on such subjects to the governor or to the legislature." As to funds, the board still has to its credit a balance or more than \$33,000 out of an original appropriation of \$46,273 set aside for its use by the legislature which created this new state activity.

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Tugwell Visits "Tugwelltown"



Rex Tugwell, undersecretary of the Department of Agriculture, is talking to Jesse Trimble, PWA worker, during Rex's visit to "Tugwelltown," a new building project at Berwyn, Md.

Wheat Growers Start Offensive For New Farm Act

Resolutions Favoring Export Plan, Grower Control, Payment of Existing Contracts and River Use Approved

The representatives of the farmers of the eastern Oregon counties interested primarily in wheat met in Arlington last Thursday and formulated a set of resolutions that will be the basis for their work for a new farm bill to take the place of the unconstitutional AAA.

Present from Sherman county were Corlias Andrews, Harry Pinkston, and Herbert Root who were elected, H. D. Poudfoot who is director for the wheat league and W. S. Powell director of the North Pacific Grain Growers.

A. R. Shumway, who is now in Washington was authorized to represent Oregon wheat farmers in working for a new farm bill. The resolutions follow:

WHEREAS the nullification of the Agricultural Adjustment Act by the United States Supreme Court has again subjected agriculture to the inequalities which existed previously, and

WHEREAS the states of Idaho, Washington and Oregon produced an exportable surplus even under a plan of acreage reduction, and

WHEREAS to date no crop has been found that can be grown profitably on the acres taken out of wheat production, and

WHEREAS the soils in this area are subject to both water and wind erosion, and

WHEREAS it is practically impossible for the surplus wheat produced in this area to be put into the domestic trade channels due to the excessive freight rates in effect at the present time, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League and the elected delegates from Union, Umatilla, Morrow, Jefferson, Sherman, Gilliam and Wasco counties at this meeting in Arlington, Oregon, on this 16th day of January, 1936, unanimously go on record as follows:

New Legislation Asked

1. That the purpose of the Agricultural Adjustment Act be carried out through new legislation enacted immediately. These purposes include: soil conservation, stimulation of production of deficit crops, removal of surpluses when they threaten ruin to the price structure, machinery to avoid the tendency to make farmers pay the full price of depressions and eventually assume the losses of all cases through the maintenance of low agricultural prices and high industrial prices.

2. That Congress immediately

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Data Being Collected On Famous Trees

Oregon, famous for its trees, also has its famous trees, according to T. J. Starker, professor of forestry at Oregon State college, who has a hobby of collecting information on this subject. Through casual observation, Professor Starker has already collected data on dozens of trees of far more than local interest.

There is a black locust north of Corvallis, for instance, which is believed to be one of the oldest and probably the largest in the state. It grew from a locust switch planted in 1860 and is now 62 inches in diameter five feet from the ground. There is a famous walnut tree near Brownsville and a peculiarly shaped oak tree that has been dubbed a "weeping oak" in its locality, and many others that he has listed.

Anyone knowing a tree of such unusual interest can make it a matter of record by writing to Professor Starker at Corvallis and giving him the facts about it, including a picture if one is available. If enough material is obtained, he plans to have it published in book form.

Dozen New Tractors To Bark In County Fields

Indications at present are that about a dozen new diesel tractors will be pulling plows around Sherman county fields when work opens up in the spring and the ground gets dry enough to till.

Total cost to the farmers of this equipment has not been announced but it will probably be between \$40,000 and \$50,000 as the heavy track layers used on wheat farms in this section come a bit higher than the lighter variety used on level and heavier land.

Clover On Dry Land Farms Possibility

CONDON—Considerable interest in forage crops is being shown by farmers of Gilliam and Wheeler counties, according to J. M. Stein, assistant district agent, who says he has answered numerous questions recently in regard to crested wheat grass, varieties of alfalfa, and other forage crops. Several farmers are planning to try small patches of Ladak alfalfa in the spring if moisture conditions are favorable, he reports.

Boy Scouts Of Two Towns Meet In Joint Session

Boy Scouts of Grass Valley and Moro met here Wednesday night for a joint session with Kenneth Wells of the Portland area directing the program. In addition to about thirty scouts nearly a dozen parents and scout leaders were in attendance.

Mr. Wells told the boys and their leaders how to make a scout troop interesting, about the scout circus that will be held in Portland soon and taught some games to the boys. A lunch was served before the evening ended.

Bangs Disease Veterinarian Still Testing

Dr. B. H. Miller, veterinarian for the federal government, is in the county to complete the work of testing cattle for Bang's disease. He will not test cattle for the second time but will try to make the first test on herds that have not had attention. It is estimated that there are 80 herds comprising about 1300 cattle that have not had the first Bang's disease test.

Dr. Miller's schedule is being handled by the county agent to some extent and those having herds untested may get in touch with him through county agent, Perry N. Johnston.

Teachers To Study Reading Methods

Schoolmasters and schoolmasters of Sherman county will meet in Rufus next Monday night to talk about reading and English. The sudden interest in the subject of reading has been brought about by the recognition of the fact that many pupils did not know how to read and were held back in their studies thereby.

Both grade and high school teachers will be present. Saturday a group of the teachers will go to Arlington to meet instructors from Gilliam and Morrow counties to plan the semester tests for the end of the school term in May.

Rabbit Drive Proposed For Surplus Bunnies

It is said that there are lots of rabbits in the southwestern part of the county. In fact, on authority which we consider absolutely authentic we have it that the rabbits are so numerous on the Clodfelter ranch that to look at them makes it appear that the earth itself is weaving about and moving somewhat like a volcano disturbed by some unknown subterranean force. There are, it may be surmised, so many rabbits that none but the poorest coyote families could be persuaded to eat one in public.

The question before the federal rabbit eradicators is what to do about it, for humans eat, directly or indirectly, some of the same things as do rabbits. We have jokingly remarked that we would give the county back to the Indians but we have no present intention of giving it to the rabbits.

CCC's Want Drive

There is a possibility that there will be a rabbit drive some of these week ends when the CCC boys can get away from erosion work. Back in Massachusetts they keep rabbits in a pen and it is not considered good form or good judgment to kill them. Out in the prolific west, where the rabbits make it appear that the earth itself is walking and jumping, it is both. Rabbit Eradicator Prentice and Erosion Preventer Eaton made a trip to the rabbit country this week and are arranging the drive which will be an entertainment feature for the boys, a beneficent move for the farmers and a Roman holiday for the rabbits.

Dr. A. P. O'Leary Dies In Big Timber

Dr. A. P. O'Leary, of Big Timber, Montana, died last week at his home there from a heart attack. He was well known to old timers in this county as he owned land east of Grass Valley and has been a frequent visitor to this county since leaving here many years ago. He was 65 at the time of his death.

He was born in Flint, Michigan and moved to The Dalles when a child with his parents. He graduated from the University of Michigan. He was an intimate friend of Cornelius Kelly, president of the Anaconda Copper company having roomed with him at the University.

Dr. O'Leary is survived by two sisters, Mrs. A. F. Rice and Edith Hickey of Butte and a brother, Frank of Arlington, Oregon.

Erosion Control Organizations Formed Here

Three Groups Forming To Cooperate With Erosion Service In Checking Wind and Water Damage To Farm Lands

A group of 52 farmers and farm owners met at the court house Tuesday to form a temporary organization for the control of soil erosion. Name given the new association was the Grass Valley Canyon Soil Erosion Association. A similar group met in Wasco Wednesday and in Kent Thursday to form themselves into a unit to cooperate with the erosion service in bringing relief to the washing and blowing lands of the county. It was estimated that there were 35,000 acres represented in the meeting and that signed up as ready to aid in preventing further deterioration of farm lands.

Directors Elected

A temporary board of directors was elected which will serve until the regular meeting to be held the first Tuesday after the first Monday in February of each year. The first meeting will be held February 4, when a constitution and by-laws of the association will be voted upon.

Elected to the new board were A. H. Barnum, O. G. Sayers, Marie B. Cooper, T. M. Rolfe and V. B. Eakin. A board meeting later in the afternoon elected O. G. Sayers president, V. B. Eakin as vice president and county agent, Perry N. Johnston as secretary-treasurer.

O. E. Dyer and Marcel Sandoz of the local erosion service spoke to the assembled farmers and explained the work to be done and the methods that will be used to get it done.

Farmers Must Be Pleased

All work that is done on the farms of the county must be done with the approval of the owner of the land.

The matter of weed control was discussed and while it is still impossible for the erosion service to take any direct action regarding the weeds there is still hope that such a result will be the outcome of the situation before long.

Weed Control Desired

After the units are all organized there will be meetings of the directors of the three groups to form a board for the entire county. The soil erosion service does permit organization on a county wide basis as prescribed in the regulations, but agreement between the groups in a county is permissible it is thought.

The meeting for the north end of the county which was held Wednesday in Wasco resulted in an enthusiastic gathering of farmers who were very much interested in the work that the erosion service might do for them and willing to cooperate fully. A. S. Johnston was elected president and G. H. Root vice president by a board of directors which included Chester Medler, W. H. Burres and John T. Johnson in addition to himself. Perry Johnston was made secretary-treasurer of the organization. About 16,000 acres were represented in the gathering of 31 farmers.

Californians Using Oregon Dairy Stock

PRINVILLE—A good many cows from Crook county dairy herds have been sold to California buyers recently and farmers of the county are saving more heifer calves this year than they have for the past few years, reports County Agent E. L. Woods. Mr. Woods believes the latter fact shows that more farmers are becoming interested in dairying due to the increased sale for cows and the steady market.

Sixteen new men from the commonwealth of Massachusetts arrived Friday to begin their acquaintance with eastern Oregon. They are attached to the Sherman county CCC camp. All have had experience in the work before having come from Camp Devens.

Assessment Rolls Change Little Since 1934

The summary of the county's assessment rolls which appears on another page of this issue is very much similar to the one issued last year. The number of tillable acres has made a slight decline although the value is almost exactly the same being \$21.35. Non-tillable acres are valued at \$1.51 per acre which is a cent above last year's figures.

Most important change is in the number of cattle, sheep and swine in the county. Cattle have increased about ten per cent; sheep are a bit more numerous on the ranges of the county but swine have dropped from 2409, which was low, to 1460, which is very low.

Values of animals have increased as well. Horses are now assessed for an average of \$27.09 as compared to \$24.74 in 1935. Cattle are worth \$20.87 as an average wherein they were worth \$12.95. Hogs have stepped up in price from \$13.51 to \$4.62.

County Court Makes Many Appointments

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS FOR THE JANUARY TERM, 1936.

In the Matter of the Applications for Recommendations for "Class A" Package License to retail beer:

Recommendations made by County Court for Dinty's Service Station, Biggs, Oregon; for Carlisle's at Miller; for the Shell Service Station at Kent and for H. H. Willard of Biggs, Oregon.

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Auditor Hired

In the Matter of Bids for County Auditing: Bids of Charles R. Logan of The Dalles, and Herbert R. Welshons of The Dalles received. Bid of Charles R. Logan accepted.

In the Matter of Insurance on County Experimental Farm at Moro and County Fairgrounds:

Insurance policies as filed for approval accepted by Court and Clerk instructed to draw warrant covering premiums on said policies.

In the Matter of the Salaries of Deputy Clerk and Deputy Sheriff:

Salaries for 1936 to be paid according to 1936 Budget Appropriations.

RE: 1936 Jury Panel for Circuit Court for Sherman County. Two hundred names drawn for said panel.

In the Matter of The Sheriff's Reports: Sheriff's turnover report of delinquent taxes collected, accepted and filed.

Sheriff's turnover report of current taxes collected, accepted and filed.

Sheriff's report of total taxes collected in 1935, accepted and filed.

RE: Sherman County Road Bonds: County Treasurer instructed to give Blyth & Company, a buying order of \$20,000 worth of Sherman County road bonds to net Sherman County 2%.

Offer good for two weeks from Jan. 3, 1936.

RE: Right of Way Deeds: To Sherman County, Oregon.

Deed from David Reid, et ux and deed from Elizabeth Fuller for right-of-way purposes, accepted and Clerk instructed to record same.

RE: ANNUAL REPORT OF

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WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
Jan. 16	40	32	17
" 17	38	32	00
" 18	35	30	26
" 19	39	25	03
" 20	41	35	00
" 21	49	32	00
" 22	48	29	00
Total for week			46

Farm Conference Attracts Speakers On Many Subjects

Afternoon Program Filled With Talks on Matters Pertinent To Wheat and Stockgrowing In Sherman County

A farm conference meeting of farmers of the county will be held next Wednesday afternoon at the court house with a list of speakers who will interest farmers engaged in every phase of agriculture in the county.

The meeting is one of several being held in the counties of the state during the winter months when farmers, theoretically at least, have more time to discuss problems of their business.

Session To Be Snappy

The county agent will act as chairman of the meeting and start the program promptly at one o'clock so that the talks can all be finished before the audience has to go home to do the evening's work.

E. Harvey Miller, of Lexington, president of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League, will speak on the progress being made by the new farm bill back in Washington and the part the farmers of eastern Oregon are having in the new farm legislation through the activities of the wheat league.

E. R. Jackman, of Oregon State college will talk about weeds. As a subject of rural interest weeds have become more important in the past few years or since the introduction of perennial, rootstock weeds into the wheat fields. Many methods of eradication have been suggested and tried but all have either been proved futile or too expensive for the individual farmer unless he is assured that his neighbors will cooperate in killing weeds also.

J. W. Hoeh, manager of the Mid-Columbia Production Credit Association, of The Dalles, will explain the details of his organization and tell how it is possible for farmers to best utilize the credit facilities offered them through its services. The applications have been speeded in many cases in this district and less time is now required to obtain a loan, it is claimed.

Stephens Will Talk

D. E. Stephens, head of the local experiment station, will be the fourth speaker. He will talk on production methods and will tell of the results of experiments carried on at the station during the past twenty years.

R. L. Clark, stock buyer, of Portland, will be the last speaker and has been asked to talk of the possibilities of stock production on the wheat farms of Sherman county and to give some points on marketing live stock in the northwest markets.

Every farmer in the county and others interested are invited to come to the meeting and hear the speakers as an effort has been made to make this one of the most instructive meetings of the year.

New Officers Installed By Federal Bank

Appointment of George A. Briebach of Wilsall, Montana, to become a member of the board of directors that jointly governs the 12th district Land Bank, Intermediate Credit Bank, Production Credit Corporation and Bank of Cooperatives at Spokane was announced January 17 by W. I. Myers, governor of the Farm Credit administration at Washington D. C. Mr. Briebach succeeds P. Thompson of Valley, Washington, whose term expired December 31. He will begin his three year term January 29 when the regular monthly meeting of the board is held in Spokane.

W. H. Ragsdale of Moro, Oregon another new member on the board was recently elected by cooperative marketing and purchasing associations of the northwest which are stockholders of the Bank of Cooperatives. The third vacancy on the board this year is being filled through election by the northwest's 31 cooperative production credit associations, the result of

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