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P. J. Stadelman of The Dalles is expected to make up his mind within the next week as to whether or not he will yield to the urgings of his friends to become a candidate for the republican nomination for state treasurer. While in Salem this week Stadelman admitted that the prospect appealed to him strongly and that he was giving it serious consideration. One of the factors which is believed to deter him from entering the race is his friendship for Rufus C. Holman, incumbent, who has already announced his intention to seek re-election. Stadelman served out the unexpired term of the late Hal E. Hoss, as Secretary of State under appointment from Governor Meier. If he does not enter the race for the treasuryship it is almost certain that he will become the republican candidate for the state senate from the Wasco-Hood River district where Francis V. Galloway, The Dalles Democrat, has already announced his candidacy.

Oregon Democrats, encouraged by their sweeping victory of two years ago expect to put out a complete ticket for all state and Congressional offices this year, including a full complement of candidates for the 76 legislative seats. W. L. Gossolin, private secretary to Governor Martin, and Frank Tierney, executive secretary of the Democratic state central committee, have been making a swing thru the coast counties this week assisting in the organization of local Democratic clubs and pepping up their partisans for the battle ahead.

The fate of Oregon's old age pension program so far as federal approval is concerned will soon be known. Elmer Goudy, state relief administrator, is now in Washington, D. C., conferring with the National Security Board. The result of the conference means much to the 10,000 needy aged in this state. If success crowns Mr. Goudy's efforts it means federal aid and a monthly pension averaging \$25 for those 70 years of age and over. Otherwise the counties will continue to bear the entire load and pensions to the needy aged will remain at the low level of the past two years with an average of \$11 a month. Governor Martin who approved the pension program and signed the formal application for federal funds expressed himself as confident that the federal board will overlook the discrepancies in the state act and "ok" the state plan.

Should the state supreme court which is now pondering the question, hold the statutory salary of the Governor to be a violation of the constitution it is expected that suits will follow to restrain the payment of the statutory salaries to both Secretary of State Snell and Treasurer Holman. The salaries of all three officials are fixed by the same constitutional section. Rodney Alden, Woodburn newspaper man-attorney, in his argument before the supreme court this week, declared that the figures in the constitutional provision were maximum salaries. Ralph Moody, assistant attorney general, representing Governor Martin in the suit brought by Ed Jory, Marion county taxpayer, argued that if the constitution makers had intended to limit the salaries to the amounts established at that time they would have included a definite limiting clause such as "and no more." All seven of the supreme court justices sat in at the arguing of the case.

Polk County was the first to remit 1936 taxes to the state. A check for \$11,492.20 covering the first quarterly payment was received by the treasury department Friday.

State troopers tagged a total of 127,000 motorists for violations of traffic rules during 1935 according to the annual report of Superintendent Chas. P. Pray. Most of these—118,595—were let off with warnings but 8566 were presented with invitations to appear in court. Lack of operators' licenses resulted in 2665 arrests; violations of the basic rule brought 333 motorists to grief; driving while drunk landed 234 in the lock-up; reckless driving accounted for 664 arrests and violation of the rules of the road for 480 more. Faulty tail lights brought warning slips to 18,377 motorists and 18,541 were

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Home Interests Conference Well Attended

"The best of six" was the general verdict among close to 500 women who spent four days attending the sixth annual Home Interests conference held at Oregon State college the second week in February. Urged by Mrs. Beatrice Walton Sackett, a member of the State Board of Higher Education, to make the conference a week of combined professional improvement and recreation, the delegates did just that.

Many told Miss Thelma Gaylord, state leader of the home economics extension, that they look forward to the conference now as a yearly opportunity to mingle with their friends from other parts of the state while gaining valuable information in the most important of all professions—homemaking.

The women from over the state met Chancellor Frederick M. Hunter in his official capacity for the first time and heard him speak on "Education and the Family." He urged them to keep a close union between these two forces, both based on fundamental instincts of the human race. He said the preservation of the family is at the foundation of civilization, but that only through education can it reach its highest achievement.

After a busy week spent in many group meetings where they learned the latest advancements in many phases of home management, the women heard F. L. Ballard, vice director of extension, sum up the aims of rural service work as it is being conducted today. The objective of increasing farm income is no longer "to make more money, to buy more land, to make more money," and so on and on he explained.

Better income for the farmers now means a better standard of living and a more enjoyable rural home life, he said, and it is that end toward which all phases of extension work are now directed. The extension services formerly had work for men, for women and for the children. Now, he pointed out, it has work with men, with women and with the children, all aimed at a single goal—better rural home life.

Oregon's reduction in traffic fatalities for the past year was very encouraging, Mr. McDonald said, "but all headway will be lost if the January toll is continued throughout 1936. Oregon's high position among states with good accident records should be of importance to every man who drives an automobile."

Show Calves Bought

Glen King drove up the John Day valley Wednesday taking four Hereford bulls along to sell to stockmen in that section. He returned with two Shorthorn calves for Asa Richelderfer and one for Frank Sayers, two senior Angus calves for Bob Christensen and Lloyd Heinrichs and two junior Angus calves for Bobby King. These calves will be used by their owners as 4-H club calves and next fair time, all fattened and curled and trained will be shown to the public. Winners will undoubtedly be shown at the state fair and the Pacific International where former Sherman county calves have made marks before.

Scales for Calves Here

County agent Johnston and SCS manager Parkins were in Redmond Monday and brought the stock scales used to weigh 4-H calves to this county again. These scales were given by the Congress hotel to the club boys and girls of the state in order that their calves might be weighed regularly on the farms. Johnston has been weighing the calves this week.

Postmaster Named

Announcement was made this week that the name of Jay C. Freeman had been sent to the senate for conformation as postmaster at Moro. Representative Walter Pierce, who is also national committee man for Oregon, sent in the name of Mr. Freeman.

Mr. Freeman has been a resident of Sherman county for over 30 years and has been sheriff of the county. He is now engaged in the mercantile business in Moro.

Bone of Contention in the Aegean Sea



View of the island of Leros, one of the Dodecanese Islands, which the Italians term the "Helgoland of the Aegean." The island was taken by Italy in 1912 from Turkey, and heavily fortified. Now Turkey is thinking of taking it back while Italy is engaged in Ethiopia. However, the island is predominantly populated by Greeks, and Greece believes that in case of a redistribution she should be given the islands.

Farm Benefits Expected To Proceed Rapidly

Oregon's Delegation To Salt Lake Conference Returns

With the return this week of Oregon's delegation to the Salt Lake farm conference, preliminary steps for bringing the growers of this state the benefits of the new federal farm plan were expected by the OSC extension service to proceed rapidly.

Details of administration by which it is hoped that the new soil conservation act may be applied to the best advantage in the western states were worked out at the Salt Lake meeting through conferences of federal administrators, representative farmers and officials of the land grant colleges.

Oregon was represented at the conference by five producers, four members of the state college staff, State Director of Agriculture Solon T. White and the heads of several leading farm organizations. Producers invited by Secretary Wallace A. E. Engbretson of Astoria; C. J. Hillard of Klamath Falls; Will Steen of Pendleton; A. R. Shumway of Milton and N. E. Dodd of Portland, who formerly lived at Baker. All of these producers have been active in previous AAA programs.

Delegates from the state college were W. A. Schoenfeld, dean of agriculture; F. L. Ballard, vice director in charge of the extension service; E. L. Potter, head of the division of agricultural economics and N. G. Donaldson, federal officer.

It is the hope of the national administration to get the cooperation of farmers to hold out approximately the same number of acres from surplus crops as would have been used for other purposes had the original crop control programs been allowed to stand. Under the new plan it is proposed to reimburse farmers who continue to devote a percentage of the land to soil improving crops or to switch from soil depleting to soil conserving crops.

The plan calls for local committees again, preferably made up of members who have had previous experience with the AAA programs.

H. R. Tolley of the University of California and a consultant in the planning section of the AAA, has been in Washington since the new program was launched and has helped in working out administration.

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4-H Clubs Being Organized This Week

Organization of 4-H clubs in the county has been going on this week with county agent Perry Johnston and school superintendent Willy Knighten handling the job.

Clubs in sewing, canning and cooking for the girls, and livestock and forestry clubs for both the boys and girls have been formed with much the same personnel as last year. Interest in the forestry clubs is high because of the trip to the woods that is an annual event, or has been for two or three years. Distinguished success in state wide competition has been achieved by this county in forestry. This year a new division has been provided for treeless counties.

School Dances To Be Given

School semi-formal dances will be given next week by the junior class at Wasco and the senior class at Moro. The Wasco dance will be an event of March 20 and the motif for decorations will be Dutch.

The Moro seniors have arranged for decorations of a nautical nature and the gymnasium will be transformed into a ship for the night. The orchestra will appear in sailor costumes.

School board members will act as patrons and patronesses at each event. Two hundred and fifty invitations have been sent out for each of the affairs and a hearty response is expected.

Three New Trappers

Three new trappers are after the spring coyote crop in Sherman county in addition to the one who has been hired for many years. Harold Dobyns of the biological survey started the three new hunters on their work last week.

A. M. Zevely of Grass Valley is the only local man to qualify for the position of hunter of coyotes, and he has been established in the south end of the county where Melvin Fulkerson will also spend a large part of his time. Two new men from other sections of the state will fill the WPA trappers jobs in the north end of the county.

Report of Court Meeting Given

Proceedings of the County Court March Term, 1936

March 4, 1936, being the time for the regular term of the County Court for Sherman County in the State of Oregon, Honorable County Court did on said day meet in the County Court room in the county courthouse at Moro, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m.

The following were present: Geo. A. Potter, County Judge; A. A. Dunlap, County Commissioner.

P. C. Axtell, County Commissioner. Viola M. Hansen, Deputy County Clerk.

The following proceedings were had at said meeting: IN THE MATTER OF THE BONDS OF THE SHERMAN COUNTY FAIR BOARD MEMBERS: Bond of T. M. Rolfe; O. G. Sayers and O. G. Hilderbrand at \$1000.00 each, were filed as for February 27th, 1936, on U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty Company.

Bonds accepted and ordered filed. IN THE MATTER OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS ON COUNTY CLERK, A DEFENDANT PARTY IN LITIGATION: Re: State Land

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WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRES.
Mar. 5	54	33	.00
" 6	52	36	.00
" 7	54	34	.00
" 8	58	39	.06
" 9	51	33	.00
" 10	49	29	.00
" 11	51	33	.00
Total for week			.06

Declamatory Contest To Be Held In Wasco

Dates for the programs that will mark the final days of school have been set by the principals of the county, who met last Saturday morning at the superintendent's office here.

The declamatory contest will be held in Wasco on April 24 and the local tryouts for it will be held prior to April 20. Contestants will begin work immediately.

The three schools in the northern most part of the county will close May 29 and the southern schools, Grass Valley and Kent will close May 22. Commencement exercises will be held on the day of closing or the day before. Senior plays will be given the first of May with the exception of Kent's which will be presented April 18.

The typing contest will be held in Moro April 29 in the afternoon. Grass Valley will be the scene of the band festival and the date will be May 16. Harold Hughes, principal, will be in charge of the program for that event. Bands will play in the morning and singing and athletics will fill up the afternoon.

4-H Achievement Day To Be Held

Sunday, March 22, will be Achievement Day for Sherman county 4-H club boys and girls. This meeting will be held in Grass Valley in the afternoon, and will take the place of the 4-H club banquets held in the various towns of the county previously.

There will be pictures of 4-H club work shown and an effort is being made to have O. M. Plummer present for the meeting. Mr. Seymour will be there to present the achievement pins, scholarship awards etc. Every one is invited to come.

Personal Injury Suit Filed

A suit was filed in Wasco county last week in which Joseph Vernon Flatt was sued, along with Frank Johnson of The Dalles, for \$10,000 in connection with the death of Mrs. Ada Jolley last fall. Mrs. Jolley was riding with Flatt when his car struck one driven by Mr. Johnson a few miles below The Dalles, resulting in her death. The suit was started by administrators of the estate of the well known worker for prohibition and will be tried soon in Wasco county.

Funeral Held For Lynden Lucas

Deceased Was Ex-Mayor Of Wasco; World War Veteran

Lynden J. Lucas was found dead in the warehouse of the Condon Grain Growers last Thursday morning about ten o'clock. His body was reclining on a pile of wheat sacks and a shot gun was nearby. Suicide was thought to be the cause of death but the evidence was not conclusive.

Mr. Lucas had been manager of the Condon company for three years having gone there from Wasco where he was connected with warehousing practically all his adult years. He was first with the Wasco Warehouse and Milling company and later with the Farmer's National. He was considered to be one of the most efficient warehousemen in this area.

He was born in Centerville, Washington forty six years ago. In 1914 he was married to Nell Doane of Wasco. During the World War he was a member of the 91st division and saw service overseas. He was a member of the American Legion and the Masonic lodge. During his residence in Wasco he was mayor for a term and was prominent in public and fraternal affairs.

Surviving him are his widow, a daughter, Ann, 13, three brothers, J. F., of Heppner; Frank of Arizona and Robert of Centralia, Wn., three sisters, Mrs. F. R. Fortner of Wasco, Mrs. Mary Crawford of North Dalles and Mrs. T. E. Curry of Portland. The funeral was conducted Saturday from a funeral home in The Dalles and interment was made there.

Much Federation Will Need To Be Reseeded

Many North Slopes Which Were Seeded To Spring Wheat Last Fall Are Not Showing Proper Signs Of Life

A lot of land in Sherman county is going to be reseeded this spring. First reports of the damage done by the cold winter came from the Wasco country where it was learned that north slopes seeded to Federation wheats were not showing any sign of green. Later it was noted farther south and now nearly everyone who planted the soft white wheat last fall is getting ready to seed again.

As a general thing the south slopes are thought to have enough of a stand to make a crop in most places. The north slopes, however, are pretty barren. Wheat on the south slopes came up during the winter and looks fairly healthy, but on the north slopes it just died without a trace in most instances.

No survey of the number of acres that must be sown again this spring has been made so far but normally there several thousand acres seeded to Federation wheats every fall and probably a normal amount was put in last fall. A large part of it is thought to be worthless.

Farmers in the south end of the county have felt for several weeks that their soft wheat was all right but as little of it came up last fall it is also possible that it is killed.

The cost to the farmers of the county will be considerable with the present price of seed wheat, the cost of treating and sowing, running the cost well over a dollar per acre. The loss of time will also be a factor in the next year's crop in some cases.

Machinery firms in the county are taking orders for new drills and other farm machinery to perform the operation as fast as humanly possible.

Frozen Potatoes Declared Unfit For Seed

Are those potatoes satisfactory for seed which were partially frozen either in pits or in the ground during the October cold spell last fall?

This is a question many farmers are now asking, advises E. R. Jackman, extension agronomist at Oregon State college. The mere fact that a potato will sprout is not an indication that there is no injury, Jackman warns, as the eyes may be unharmed while the tuber has been damaged to the extent that it will decay quickly after being planted, causing a weak plant.

Jackman suggests that potatoes subjected to freezing be sorted before being used for seed. Each tuber is tested by cutting a thin slice from the stem end. Those cutting without the characteristic brittleness of the normal potato had best be discarded. Badly frozen potatoes occasionally show no other signs except that the knife slips through them smoothly and without any noise. Any black or darkened areas in the flesh or a distinctly discolored vascular ring just under the skin are other indications of frost damage.

Poor Penmanship Names Town 'Olex'

Because the enthusiasm of the petition writer was better than his writing, causing the postal authorities in Washington D. C. to misread Alex into Olex, one of Gilliam county's best known little towns has for more than 60 years carried the latter name. The name of the town was originally intended to be Alex, honoring Alex Smith, a prominent local resident.

This was an interesting bit of the early-day history of Gilliam County written for the American Guide, WPA Writers' project, by Kenneth C. Johnson assigned to assemble Gilliam County history for the Guide.

The Olex post office was established October 27, 1874. The first postmaster was James H. Butler.