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Oregon merchants who give tickets with purchases of merchandise entitling the holder to a chance on a "prize" are violating the lottery law of this state, Attorney General Van Winkle held this week in an opinion to District Attorney Trimble of Marion county.

Construction of the first unit of the new air-line highway between Salem and Portland will be undertaken this summer. The new route will leave the present Pacific highway midway between Hubbard and Aurora, cross the Willamette river just east of Tigard, entering Portland over the Fourth street boulevard. The new short cut which will probably not be completed for several years will avoid the bottleneck at Oregon City and cut at least three miles off the distance between the state's metropolis and the capitol city.

Reports on voter registrations now being compiled by the state department show material gains by the Democrats in nearly every county with corresponding losses by the Republicans. Total registrations in all counties show an increase over those of two years ago due in part to increased interest in politics during a presidential campaign year and in part to the normal increase in population.

Printing of the official voters' pamphlets is now under way. Election officials in the state department estimate that it will require approximately 440,000 pamphlets to supply the voters in Oregon this year. The pamphlets will range in size from 24 to 30 pages depending upon the number of legislative candidates taking advantage of this medium of publicity.

Engineers of the hydro-electric commission are now concentrating their efforts on a study of the proposed Northwest Oregon Bonneville Peoples' Utility district comprising the seven counties of Clatsop, Lincoln, Clackamas, Columbia, Washington, Yamhill and Polk. It is expected that the report of the commission will not be ready for release until May 27.

The right of the legislature to fix salaries of the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer, was upheld by the state supreme court this week in a six to one opinion. The majority opinion, written by Justice Rand held that the \$1500 salary for the governor provided by the constitution makers did not carry with it any inhibition against future increases in pay as does the provision fixing salaries of legislators at \$3 a day. In a dissenting opinion Justice Kelly held present salaries paid Oregon's three high ranking officials to be in violation of the constitution.

Oregon will receive approximately \$5,073,000 a year in federal funds for highway improvements if the Hayden-Cartwright bill, already approved by the House, meets with Senate approval, according to R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer. This state would be required to put up \$2,830,000 a year in match money to qualify for the federal allotment. Baldock points out.

State institutions are faced with a potato shortage this summer, according to Dan Fry, state purchasing agent, who advised the board of control that arrangements should be made at once to increase the acreage devoted to this crop if possible.

Board of control members are giving serious consideration to an offer by Donald Young, Salem capitalist, to erect an office building on property adjacent to that owned by the state for use of state departments now housed in downtown buildings. Young's proposal involves the construction of a one-story fire-proof structure of 17,000 square feet. He asks only a three year lease by the state. Rentals asked are approximately the same as those now being paid but board members are known to look with favor upon the prospect of grouping the now widely scattered departments under one roof conveniently located to other state buildings.

The picture of Sam Brown, the Gervais farmer, will appear in the

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State To Help Rebuild Fulton Canyon Road

The transfer of a part of the Fulton canyon road from the county to the state for repair was made last week when members of the county court met with the highway commission in Portland. The plea of the court for aid in building the needed market road that was destroyed by the February flood was granted in part as the commission agreed to advance \$8000 toward the construction of a mile and a half of the road.

The state work will begin at the Columbia river highway and will continue up the canyon for the distance mentioned. This includes a large part of the heavy construction. Other parts of the road will be built by the county with implements now on hand.

Townsend Clubs To Hold Picnic

The Townsend clubs of Sherman county towns and Antelope will hold a picnic and basket dinner at Grass Valley Sunday May 3rd, according to plans that are being made by officers of the clubs. A good speaker will be brought to the county to talk on matters pertaining to the movement. All Townsend club members and others who are interested are asked to attend.

T. E. Sink Succumbs To Long Illness

Thomas E. Sink, well known farmer of the Wasco district, passed away at the family home Wednesday night after an illness of several weeks. Mr. Sink's sister, Mrs. Mary Belchee, died Monday morning in Moro.

The deceased was born in Illinois of parents who were from North Carolina, November 1, 1863. He came to Sherman county in 1886 and settled on land in Hay Canyon. He moved to Portland in 1889 and engaged in the transfer business for nine years and then returned to Sherman county where he has remained ever since.

Mr. Sink was one of the first advocates of diversified farming in the county and always had several kinds of stock and crops growing on his land north of Wasco. He was married in 1886 to Florence Thompson, who survives him.

Two daughters, Mrs. Clyde Hearing of Wasco and Mrs. Joe Udey of Hermiston survive. The date of the funeral has not been set awaiting the arrival of Mrs. Udey.

April Term County Court Proceedings

April 1st, 1936, being the time for the regular April term of County Court of Sherman County, in the State of Oregon, the Hon. County Court did on the said day meet in the County Court room in the County Courthouse at Moro at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. The following were present: Hon. Geo. A. Potter, County Judge A. A. Dunlap and P. C. Axtell, County Commissioner and Viola M. Hansen, Deputy Clerk.

The following proceedings were had at said term:

In the matter of paying claims against the General Fund:

The County Clerk is instructed to write warrants against the General Fund to the claimants and for the claims approved as listed on pages 172 to 177, inclusive, of Claim Docket No. 3.

In the Matter of Paying Claims against the Road Fund:

The County Clerk is instructed to write warrants against the Road Fund to the claimants and for the claims approved as listed on pages 173 to 177 of Claim Docket No. 3.

In the Matter of the Sheriff's Turnover Report:

Report of Current and report of Delinquent taxes made as of March 23, 1936, approved and ordered filed.

In the Matter of Tax Refund. Re: Millard Eakin and-or M. B. Taylor personal property assessments:

Treasurer instructed to transfer to General Fund from School District No. 33, the sum of \$16.80, rep

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Family Living Conference Set

Oregon State College Leaders Coming To Give Program

At the third annual county conference on Family Living, which will be held at Moro on May 6 Mrs. Maud M. Morse, Extension Specialist in Child Development and Parent Education, will talk on "Our Family Talks It Over." The problems common to all families will be discussed. What can be done when Mother and Dad do not agree as to the method or amount of discipline to be used? Do all brothers and sisters quarrel? What can be done about an older brother who teases his little brother? These questions and others will be discussed by Mrs. Morse. Bring your questions with you and let's talk them over.

Mrs. Morse has had unusual training for teaching Parent Education and Child Development which includes both practical experience and theoretical knowledge. In June, 1933, she received her master's degree in Child Development at Oregon State college. While Mrs. Morse was studying for the advanced degree her young son attended the college nursery school.

Mrs. Mary Belchee Dies At Ninety-One

Mary Dorcus Sink Belchee, old time pioneer of this county died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Ragsdale Monday morning shortly after midnight. She was born at Winston-Salem, North Carolina, March 20, 1845 and was 91 years of age at the time of her death.

When a young girl she moved to Illinois with her parents and while there married Charles Hay Belchee at Warsaw on March 17, 1870. They left Illinois for Oregon in 1876 and lived near Newberg until 1884 when they came to what is now Sherman county and took up land in Hay Canyon.

She united with the church when a young woman and worked for many years in the Presbyterian church.

She is survived by two brothers, Tom Sink, of Wasco, and Ev Sink of Portland, six daughters, Mrs. Warren Myers of Vallejo, Cal., Mrs. Tom Collins of Chico, Cal., Mrs. W. H. Ragsdale of Moro, Cal., Mrs. L. J. Smith of Lemon Cove, Cal., one son George Belchee of Los Angeles, eighteen grand children and 17 great-grand children.

The funeral was held Thursday afternoon from the Presbyterian church with Rev. Lawrence Mitchell giving the sermon and with Zell's in charge of the service.

Wood Wasted

Before the depression more than 3 billion board feet of wood material ranging from cordwood to saw log size, was left behind each year by logging operations in the Douglas fir region of Oregon and Washington. On an acreage basis this wasted timber was greater than the original stands in most parts of the East.

Grass Valley Debaters End Successful Season

The debate season ended abruptly for the Grass Valley high school when they met the Chilquin high school at The Dalles for the championship of eastern Oregon.

The recently ended season has been the most successful of any ever held by a Sherman county school. Last year after winning the district championship the team was beaten by Chilquin. This year the school advanced to the semi-finals in the state, although illness has interfered with practice and debaters throughout the season.

McMinnville Trip Made

First experience of the squad, composed of Janet Wilcox, Marjory Blake, Robert Rolfe, Agnes Simon, Keith Rinehart, and Thelma Fortner, was the trip to McMinnville where several debates were held. Two teams were selected to debate with Redmond for the district championship which was won by Janet Wilcox, Marjory Blake, Agnes Simon and Keith Rinehart. The squad was then cut to one team of two debaters and Hermiston, which had won the championship in the district comprising the eastern district of the state was met and defeated.

The debate with Chilquin was for the eastern Oregon championship and the right to go to Corvallis to meet Dallas for the state wide title. Chilquin won over the Grass Valley team of Janet Wilcox and Agnes Simon in a close decision. The question was, Resolved: That the several states should enact legislation providing for a system of complete medical service available to all citizens at state expense.

Mens' Chorus Gives Concert Monday Eve

The Men's Chorus of The Dalles, forty four strong, came to Moro Monday night on the invitation of the CCC camp boys and gave a concert that was appreciated and applauded by CCC boys and townfolk who were invited to attend.

Twelve numbers and an encore were given by the chorus whose repertoire ranged from that old favorite "Annie Laurie" to the modern spiritual "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jerico." Charles Roth was director for the chorus and Kenard Sexton was accompanist.

The chorus is not a professional group but, as announced by their spokesman, is composed of men who like to sing and who gather one night each week to practice.

Candidates' Histories Reported In Brief

Before the primary election the Sherman County Journal will attempt to give a short biography, sketch of each of the candidates for county office made up from information furnished by them.

C. C. Wilson, Democratic candidate for the nomination for sheriff, was born near Wasco in 1898 and this county has been his home all his life. He was educated in the Rufus schools, The Dalles and Eugene high schools and later took a course at the Adcox electrical school in Portland. He served three years in the army during the war of which 16 months were spent overseas. He was in the signal corps.

Mr. Wilson was married December 9, 1929 to Rebekah Kirk of Freewater and they have two children a boy and a girl. He is a member of the American Legion, the V. F. W. and the Grange. He lives near Rufus and operates a service station.

Charles Everett, candidate for the Republican nomination for sheriff, was born in Ottumwa, Iowa

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WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
Apr. 16	80	53	.00
" 17	76	41	.00
" 18	77	42	.00
" 19	69	53	.00
" 20	69	43	.00
" 21	76	49	.00
" 22	70	50	.00
Total for week			.00

Interest Savings Made by Sherman County Farmers

Fifty Farmers Borrow A Total of \$447,000 For The Specific Purpose Of Refinancing Old Debts

Refinancing debts through the Farm Credit Administration has saved Sherman county farmers more than \$12,200 a year on interest alone according to figures from the central office of the Farm Credit Administration in Washington.

Over \$516,000 of farm debts with interest rates that averaged 6.7 per cent a year have been refinanced with long term mortgage loans carrying interest rates of 5 per cent a year or less.

Fifty Farmers Benefit

From May 1933, when the Farm Credit Administration was organized, to the end of last year, 50 Sherman county farmers obtained \$447,000 for the specific purpose of refinancing old debts.

The Federal Land Bank made 45 first mortgage loans and the Land Bank Commissioner 34 loans. Many of the Commissioner's loans were made on second mortgage security to farmers who also obtained first mortgage loans. Most land bank loans are endorsed by associations and advanced from funds obtained by selling farm loan bonds. The Commissioner lends from funds provided by the Federal Government.

First Mortgage Security Needed

As in the past, the Federal land banks are making loans only on first mortgage security, lending up to about one-half of the appraised normal value of the farm property. The Commissioner lends on second as well as first mortgage security in amounts up to 75 per cent of the value. The largest amount of a Commissioner loan to one farmer is \$7,500.

Interest Rate Reduced

An act of congress last summer temporarily reduced all interest rates on all Federal land bank loans - old and new. Where land bank loans are made through National Farm Loan Associations, the rate is only 3 1/2 per cent for all interest payable in the year ending June 30, 1936, and 4 per cent a year in the two years following. This temporary reduction of interest rates on all Federal land bank loans is paid for by the Federal Government, which reimburses the banks for what otherwise would be a loss to them.

Good Sales Made

Due to favorable investment market conditions when the Federal land banks sold bonds recently, the banks can offer new loans, at present, at the interest rate of 4 per cent a year - the lowest at which they have ever lent money.

The statement from the Farm Credit Administration points out that a farmer who gets a Federal land bank loan through the local National Farm Loan Association while the 4 per cent interest rate lasts will not have to pay higher rate during the entire term of the loan, which may be made for a period as long as 30-odd years.

Grass Valley Wins First Baseball Game

The first game of baseball for a Sherman county team resulted in a win when the Grass Valley team went to Maupin last Sunday to engage in athletics from that city in combat. The score was 9 to 6 with the deciding runs being made in the final inning.

The line-up for the locals included Dunlap, Walker, Rolfe, Vintin, Fritte, Squires, Rowe, Hughes and Miller, pitcher. McKay, Schilling, Rice, and Peters were in the game before the finish.

Sixteen strike outs were made for Grass Valley along with nine hits. Maupin administered 11 strikeouts and made four hits. Another game between the two teams will be played at Grass Valley next Sunday at the ball park. After these preliminaries the formation of a league will be discussed again.

Republicans To Organise Here Monday Night

Sale of tickets for the Republican dinner which will be held next Monday evening, April 27, at the Moro Hotel is progressing rapidly and a capacity crowd is expected. A hundred tickets were available.

Lowell Paget, the president of the Oregon Republican Club, which has been designated as the organization to carry on young Republican work in Oregon will be here as will others of the active members of the state club. State Senator William Steiwer is expected and E. R. Fatland, state legislator of this district, has stated that he will come and bring others from Gilliam county. County officials and candidates will be on hand.

The organization of a Republican club in Sherman county is the purpose of the meeting. Tickets may be had at McKee's Pharmacy in Wasco or in Moro and at Alley's confectionery in Grass Valley or from members of the committee.

Mrs. A. H. Barnum Heads Womens' Club

Election of officers, garden talks and introduction of guests formed the program of the Moro Woman's Club Friday, April 17th. Mrs. Eugene Amidon was hostess and Miss Mary Reese, director.

Club members elected Mrs. A. H. Barnum, President; Mrs. Dorothy Johnston, Vice President; Mrs. Merle Miller, Recording Secretary; and Mrs. L. V. Moore, Treasurer. Mrs. Wily Knighten was elected to the Board of Directors for a 3-year term.

Mrs. Margaret Peetz spoke on lichens and Mrs. Vernon Miller read an interesting paper on black widow spiders and "stink bugs". Mrs. Merle Miller gave a reading and Mrs. Lucy Ruggles recited two poems.

Mrs. A. C. McIntyre, candidate for president of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs, was introduced. Accompanying her were three other visitors from Pendleton. Mrs. Margaret Merrifield, president of the Fourth District, Mrs. E. C. Fitzgerald and Mrs. Guy Pound, members of The Dalles Sorosis club; and Miss Iva Nell Manning of the Asheville Normal and Teacher's College, Asheville, North Carolina, were also present.

The Mothers' and Daughters Banquet to be held May 1st, will be the next event sponsored by the club.

Pendleton Presbytery Meeting Held Here

With the Rev. R. Murray Jones, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Pendleton, presiding as moderator, the thirty-first spring meeting of Pendleton presbytery became history at the close of the afternoon session, April 15. Friday morning the women's Presbytery society adjourned after re-electing Mrs. J. R. DeSpain, Pendleton, president. The two organizations were guests of the local Presbyterian church, April 15 to 17.

Rev. Melvin Jacobs, Walla Walla, and Mrs. D. W. Jackson, Umatilla, were chosen by Presbytery as ministerial and Elder delegates to the General Assembly at Syracuse, N. Y., beginning May 28. One of their official duties will be the presentation of a petition requesting the dissolution of Pendleton Presbytery, and permission to reorganize certain churches into the Presbytery of Eastern Oregon. Alternate commissioners are Rev. Percy Arkle, Redmond, and Mrs. Emily Kirk, Ukiah. Dr. W. H. Bleakney was named vice moderator. Martin Melzer and Rev. Lawrence H. Mitchelmore represented the Moro church.

Highlights of the sessions were the retiring moderator's address on "The Lumber Jack" by Rev. George Redden, Bend, on Wednesday night, and the young people's banquet sponsored by the Moro women on Thursday night. Austin Foss as toastmaster introduced the honored guests, and a number of musical numbers presented by talented young people from the high school and community. Doris Thompson led the pep songs, with Miss Eda Hult at the piano. Miss Iva Nell Manning of Asheville State Teacher's college, N. C., told her experiences in the southern mountain work.

Soil Conservation Meeting Held In Kent

E. R. Jackman Explains The Provisions and Methods To Be Used In Carrying Out The New Program

The first of a series of soil conservation plan meetings to be held in Sherman county was held Saturday at the Kent Grange hall for the farmers of that community. Election of a community chairman and two community committeemen resulted in Corliss Andrews being made chairman and member of the county committee and Wilbur Haggerty and J. M. Wilson being named as community committeemen. Haggerty will act as vice-chairman and Frank vonBorstel will act as alternate.

E. R. Jackman of the state college explained the new plan. He has attended meetings held in Salt Lake during the winter and is one of the men detailed to tell the farmers of Oregon about the government's new scheme for farm relief.

Two Separate Plans

Jackman's first warning was that the triple A was dead and gone and its provisions must not be confused with those of the soil conservation scheme.

The new plan is that farmers who follow soil conserving practices, which means planting soil building crops, will be paid by the government for their compliance with the rules laid down by the department of agriculture. No contracts will be written. A farmer may comply and be paid or fail to comply and not be paid. He merely signs a work sheet which gives his 1935 crops and land use program and his future compliance is based on that statement.

Base Pay \$10.

The base pay per acre in the United States will be \$10, but each county will have a rate that will vary from this to a variable extent that will depend on the crops grown there. In each county each individual farm will have a rate based on the soil fertility or the average yield grown over a ten year period.

A farmer may put as much of his land into soil building crops as he wishes but he will only be paid for putting 15% of his land to such a use.

Example Given

An example was given, which may or may not apply in this county. If a farmer has 300 acres in wheat and 250 in summerfallow he can take out 15% or 82.5 acres for soil conserving crops. If his county rate is higher than the average he might get \$13 per acre if his farm was average in the county. If it was 20% higher in average yield than the county average he would get a fifth more than the \$13 per acre or \$15.60 per acre for the 82.5 he put in other crops. This would return him \$1286.50 for his soil conserving activities.

On the other hand if his county received a lower rate than the \$10 average and his farm was lower in average than the county average he would get proportionately less, perhaps as low as six or seven dollars per acre or around \$600.

Two Types Of Payments

This payment is called the No. 1 payment. There is a No. 2 payment which is \$1 per acre for each acre of soil conserving crop land on each farm.

To figure the No. 1 payment a farmer can multiply his soil depleting base (his total tilled acreage) by 15% by his farm rate and the answer is his payment. The county rates and the farm rates have not been set as yet so accurate figuring is impossible.

In discussing what may be grown to comply with the regulations Mr. Jackman gave the following information: A farmer may seed his soil conserving acres to any dry land grass; crested wheat, slender wheat, bunch grass or any of the others. He may seed alfalfa or sweet clover. Any of the above crops may be seeded in rows or broadcast and either in the spring or fall, but the work must be done in a workmanlike manner and in accordance with farm practices in Continued on page 5