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Overhead costs absorb 22 cents out of every relief dollar spent in Oregon according to Wallace S. Wharton, executive secretary to Governor Martin and head of the state budget department. In a report on the administration of direct relief in this state Wharton attacked the overhead costs as excessive pointing out that the State Industrial accident commission, whose activities he declared to be comparable to those of the State Relief Committee, operated on an overhead cost of only 3.5 percent.

During the five months ending May 31 Wharton pointed out a total of \$1,328,926.30 had been spent on direct relief in Oregon including \$292,277.90 in administrative expenses. The cost of administering relief in the various counties range from 9.211 percent in Hood River county to as high as 60.1 percent in Jefferson county. Overhead cost of relief in other counties are shown in Wharton's report as follows: Baker, 12.436 per cent; Benton, 19.316 per cent; Clackamas, 12.446 per cent; Columbia, 17.993 percent; Coos, 25.084 per cent; Deschutes, 13.407 per cent; Gilliam, 24.042 per cent; Jackson, 11.409 per cent; Josephine, 21.634 per cent; Lake, 15.849 per cent; Lane, 14.514 per cent; Lincoln, 19.993 per cent; Linn, 14.671; Marion, 17.073; Morrow, 20.619; Multnomah, 21.495; Polk, 10.774; Sherman, 12.5; Umatilla, 16.73; Union, 16.9; Wasco, 11.559; Washington, 20.916; Yamhill, 15.194.

Expenditures for relief in the various counties, including administrative costs, are shown as follows for the five month period. Baker, \$24,801.10; Benton, \$13,043.73; Clackamas, \$67,031.67; Columbia, \$19,389.23; Coos, \$24,520.47; Deschutes, \$17,891.86; Gilliam, \$3,643.93; Hood River, \$14,758.68; Jackson, \$3,765.57; Josephine, \$13,260.99; Lake, \$6,482.23; Lane, \$62,569.09; Lincoln, \$12,293.27; Linn, \$33,204.98; Marion, \$53,664.98; Morrow, \$3,921.23; Multnomah, \$581,935.65; Polk, \$14,719.03; Sherman, \$1,980.14; Umatilla, \$26,160.03; Union, \$17,381.69; Wasco, \$22,697.63; Washington, \$22,607.84; Yamhill, \$22,338.99.

State Treasurer Holman this week served notice that he proposes to renew his fight for the pooling of state owned automobiles at the next legislative session. Under this plan all state owned cars would be kept in a central garage and sent out on call from state employees and officials. The plan would reduce the number of state cars. The proposal was defeated by a narrow margin at the last legislative session.

Sponsors of peoples' utility districts in Oregon have until midnight of Saturday, September 12, to file their completed petitions in order to get their proposals on the November ballot, according to C. E. Stricklin, state engineer. Information received here is to the effect that petitions are being circulated in both Marion and Linn counties. No indication has been received that sponsors of the proposed superdistrict comprising seven counties of northwestern Oregon, are pushing their proposal.

Governor Martin did not attend the meeting of his Relief Committee in Portland as he had announced that he would. His advisors are understood to have convinced the chief executive that in this particular instance discretion would be the better part of valor and persuaded him to steer clear of the session to which he sent Budget Director Wharton.

Now that the floor plans of the new capitol have been revised to the satisfaction of all concerned, drafting of the building plans are expected to go forward rapidly. Under the revised plan the new building will have corridors running the full length of the two wings with entrances at both ends of the building as well as at the front. Four of the proposed nine elevators and a number of stairways have also been eliminated in the interest of economy in operation as well as construction costs.

Records of the state prison show that of the 62 minor felons now incarcerated in that institution four are serving life terms—two for murder and two others for robbery while armed with a deadly weapon. Six other youthful convicts are serving long terms for crimes of

## DR. TOLLEY HEADS AAA



Howard R. Tolley, whom M. L. Wilson, assistant secretary of agriculture, announced would succeed Chester C. Davis as administrator of the AAA. He has been acting administrator since Mr. Davis left more than two months ago on an inspection tour of agricultural conditions abroad.

## Fulton Canyon Road To Be Opened Soon

It was reported by Judge Potter at the Wednesday session of the county court that the state crew would have the Fulton canyon road open to travel within a week or two. The bridge at the foot of the grade which was destroyed by the flood of last February will be raised and repaired for the time being and a new one will not be built until more time is available.

As the meeting fell on the first day of the month there was a small number of bills in for the board to pass on and a comparatively short docket was covered. It was decided by the court that the weeds that grow along the county roads should be cut down at this time instead of waiting to remove them after they become dry. L. L. Peetz, road supervisor, will have charge of this work on county roads continuously.

## Interest Rates Down 'Til 1937

Rates Then Go Back To Original Figure

Temporarily reduced interest on Land bank loans will continue for one more year at 3 1/2 per cent to all members of national farm loan associations, President E. M. Ehrhardt of the bank at Spokane was informed today by Land Bank Commissioner A. S. Goss of Washington, D. C.

Commissioner Goss explained that President Roosevelt signed a bill June 25 extending the temporary 3 1/2 per cent rate until June 30, 1937, on all loans which have been made through and guaranteed by national farm loan associations. Borrowers who have obtained loans direct from the bank will pay a reduced rate of 4 per cent until June 30, 1937.

"Continuation of the 3 1/2 per cent rate for another year to national farm loan association members takes the place of the 4 per cent rate that would have prevailed for the coming year and the succeeding year," Commissioner Goss wired President Ehrhardt. "Under the law as now amended Land Bank borrowers on July 1, 1937 will resume interest payments at the rates at which their loans were originally written.

"Farmers who obtain loans now at the prevailing 4 per cent contract rate will also get the benefit of the 3 1/2 per cent temporary reduction for all interest installments payable in the one-year period June 30, 1937, but after that date will pay 4 per cent for the entire duration of their loans."

The temporary interest reduction applies on approximately \$2,000,000 of loans which have been closed through national farm loan associations during the nearly 20 years the Land bank system has been in operation. It effects a substantial saving for nearly 40,000 northwest farmers who have financed their mortgages cooperatively through the Land bank of Spokane.

## Fourth of July Plans Awaiting Accomplishment

Varied List of Amusements Offered Visitors at Grass Valley Celebration of National Birthday and Previous Day

The committee in charge of the Fourth of July celebration have finished their job except for the multitudinous details of making their plans come out as expected. Work of the committees has been under the direction of the general committee headed by Harold Eakin as chairman and E. E. Gervais as secretary.

### Committees Named

R. H. Johnson is chairman of the dance committee, Ernest Eslinger chairman of the animal sports and racing committee, J. B. Eslinger of the ball committee, V. B. Eakin of the speaker committee and Gus Smith of the concession committee. Arrangements have been made to have Jack Whitney of The Dalles bring his shooting gallery, trap shooting equipment and horse shoe courts to Grass Valley for the two day celebration.

### Baseball Will

Baseball will be played on the third, fourth and fifth between Grass Valley teams and some other parts of the district. Races and sports will be indulged in on Friday and Saturday.

The patriotic program will be held at ten o'clock on the morning of the Fourth with Sam VanVactor giving the address of the day and T. M. Rolfe reading the Declaration of Independence.

### Picnic Dinner Planned

One of the features of the celebration will be the basket dinner under the trees in the park. Neighbors will visit with neighbors, out of county citizens will return to meet old friends and acquaintances from opposite ends of the county will exchange stories and spend the day visiting.

## Goddard-Amidon Wedding Held Last Sunday

Miss Gayle Amidon, daughter of Mr. Eugene Amidon, and Paul Vance Goddard, son of Mrs. Wm. Hoag of Reedsport, were married last Sunday afternoon at an impressive ceremony in the Community Presbyterian church, Rev. Lawrence H. Mitchelmore officiating.

The Misses Mary Pinkerton and Genevieve Nahouse sang "Oh Promise Me," and "At Dawning." Mrs. Carroll Sayers accompanied them and played the other musical numbers.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore an afternoon dress of pink georgette with a large picture hat to match. She carried an old fashioned nosegay of white roses, lilies of the valley, and pink trailing arbutus.

Miss Doris Amidon was her sister's honor attendant and Miss Dorothy Fraser was bridesmaid. Miss Amidon's dress was pale green georgette with a picture hat of the same shade. Miss Fraser wore a sheer orchid dress with a pale yellow hat. They carried nosegays of pink Cecil Brunner roses.

### Cunliff Best Man

R. G. Cunliff acted as best man, and ushers were John Austin Foss and Alton Axtell.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Amidon home. Those assisting were the Misses Alda White, Kathryn Lobdell, Florence and Alice Robertson of Monroe, Washington, Helen Strong, Louise Barzee, Mrs. R. B. Hoskinson, of Moro. Mrs. A. C. Kaseberg of Wasco.

Preceding the ceremony a luncheon was served on the lawn at the home of R. B. Hoskinson to the family and members of the bridal party.

Mr. Goddard is a graduate of the Southern Oregon Normal, and is now an instructor in the local school. They will make their home in Moro.

## Tom Garrett Appointed Head of Relief Board

Tom Garrett of Grass Valley has been appointed as relief administrator for Sherman county to succeed George Wilcox who resigned because of his removal from the county. Mr. Garrett in fact is the chairman of the Sherman County Relief Committee, but custom has it that the chairman handles most of the work with the assistance of the secretary.

Other members of the committee are George Potter, county judge, A. A. Dunlap and P. C. Axtell, commissioners, Roy Powell, J. C. Freeman, and Charles Everett. Relief at this time of year is very light but the duty of approving petitions is one of the committees functions.

## County Joins State Organization

Sherman county court members have joined with those of this district in forming a unit of the Association of Oregon Counties. Counties in this district are Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam and Morrow. Organization was perfected in The Dalles last Saturday.

Judge Phipps of Wasco county was elected as a member of the state board of directors and James Burns of Gilliam was elected as alternate. The association will work for laws that benefit counties and will oppose such bills as in their judgment are unfavorable to the counties.

## Postmasters Change With The Month

After several days of delay the anticipated change in the postmaster at Moro has been accomplished. J. C. Freeman, the incoming postmaster, received his instructions last week with the instructions that he could not take office until after the 30th of June.

Therefore on the morning of July 1 he took charge of the distribution of the mail and Mr. Bourhill, who has tended to that duty for twelve years, was able to get his morning beauty nap. Miss Iva Belshie is the assistant for Mr. Freeman.

## County Agents Have Busy Year

Many Calls Made By Agricultural Agents

County extension agents have experienced a year of greater activity than ever before measured both by statistics on request of services and results of work accomplished, according to the annual report recently admitted by F. L. Ballard, vice director in charge of the federal cooperative extension service at Oregon State college.

Recorded calls at the offices of county agricultural agents alone by persons desiring information or assistance of some kind reached a total of 163,601 for the year, an increase of more than 67,000 in the past two years, the report shows. This represents an average of 4,812 calls per county. Meetings held by the county agents total 4,222 or an average of 124 per county, many of these being demonstration meetings where methods and farm processes were shown. In addition to the meetings and calls at the offices, county agents averaged 726 visits to farms and wrote an average of 3,213 letters for the year. No record is made of the thousands of telephone calls received monthly.

Selected projects in home economy extension were taken into every county for the first during the year reported on. Ballard showed, even though only six counties had individual demonstration agents working throughout the year. Notwithstanding the disturbing element of the depression and the fact that many of the county agents gave nearly half their time to federal emergency projects, the 4-H club enrollment has continually increased in recent years, he pointed out. The ratio of club enrollment to rural boys and girls is approximately two and one-half times as high in Oregon as in any other of the 11 western states.

## Wheat Ripening Rapidly Under Summer Sun

Cool Weather For Few More Days or Another Rain Would Insure Largest Crop Since 1928 Is Usual Prediction

Wheat in Sherman county has ripened very rapidly during the past week. Fields that were green eight or ten days ago are now showing the golden yellow color or mature Turkey Red or the russet brown of healthy Federation. In some cases, it must be admitted the ripening process has appeared to be too rapid and the pale color of damaged wheat prevails over comparatively small areas.

This is one of the most important periods for the wheat crop as winter wheat is "in the dough" and the kernels may be pinched seriously by hot weather or lack of moisture. Ordinarily the wheat will mature with moisture remaining in the stalk if east winds do not dry it out too fast.

### Spring Wheat Later

Spring wheat has farther to go than the winter wheat and unless rains come or the weather remains cool some of it may yield considerably less than now expected.

With the exception of Wednesday the days have been favorable and the nights have all been cool. Thursday the sky was cloudy and there was some prospects of rain for the Fourth.

Haying is going on in many parts of the county and rain would damage quite a bit of hay, but would undoubtedly increase the yield of spring wheat and insure heavier winter wheat. Expectations are high for a very good crop which means from thirty to forty bushels on much of the land of the county as the thinner land has made a good crop this year.

### Estimates Vary

Estimates of the county yield run from 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 bushels with the average being a little below two and a half million bushels. The county average before the dry years since 1928 was 2,440,000 bushels and this may be reached although the acreage is less this year than in that period because of the allotment ground in other crops and the plowing up of wheat under the new program. Both of these will probably result in a reduction of six or eight thousand acres in the entire county.

## Government Wants Husbandmen

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations as follows:

Parmacologist, \$3,800 a year, United States Public Health Service, Treasury Department.

Assistant animal husbandman (range cattle investigations), \$2,600 a year, Bureau of Animal Industry, Department of Agriculture.

Junior motion picture director, \$3,500 a year, motion picture specialist, \$3,200 a year, Department of Agriculture.

Full information may be obtained from the Secretary of the United States Civil Service Board of Examiners at the post office or customhouse in any city which has a post office of the first or second class, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

### NEW MARINES WANTED

The enlistment of young men for the U. S. Marine Corps in the immediate future has been authorized to fill occurring vacancies, according to information received by Postmaster Freeman from Captain James B. Hardie, in charge of Marine Corps recruiting activities in Portland, Oregon.

### WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
June 25	83	53	.00
" 26	85	54	.00
" 27	76	52	.00
" 28	72	40	.00
" 29	82	47	.00
" 30	86	52	.00
July 1	90	57	.00
Total for week			.00

## Highway Oiling Crew Re-coating 8 Miles of 97

An oiling crew moved into the county Monday night and will remain about a week or until about eight miles of the Sherman highway have been given a seal coat. The crew moved into Grass Valley where the equipment has been set up and the work started. There are about 70 men in the crew under the foremanship of S. A. Barnum.

Work to be done includes 3 1/2 miles between mile post 4, which is near the bridge leading to the Fred Blau place in Spanish Hollow, to mile post 13 which is a few miles south of Wasco. A few short patches will be oiled between mile post 18.65 to mile post 25.75 which is between Moro and Grass Valley. South of Grass Valley about 2 1/2 miles will be oiled and the road at the south end of the county will be given a good oiling to the county line. This part of the highway has been in a rough condition for some time and will undoubtedly be improved by the present operation.

## Charles Garrett Buried at Grass Valley

Charles Garrett, brother of Tom and W. E. Garrett of Grass Valley, and a one-time resident of Grass Valley died in Bend Sunday and was buried in the Odd-Fellows cemetery at Grass Valley Tuesday afternoon.

The deceased was born in Peoria and spent his youth in and around Halsey in Linn county where he was married. He was 63 years of age. He left Sherman county several years ago for Bend where he has made his home. He is survived by his widow and one daughter, Mrs. Itha Davis of Grass Valley, and three brothers and three sisters.

### ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

At the last meeting of the Harlandville Grange the engagement of Mrs. Bertha O'Neill to Mr. Guy Wilson was announced. The wedding will take place at the next regular meeting of the grange. Members of the Harlandville Grange are invited. The lecture hour of this meeting will be closed.

## Weed Control Programs Must Be Announced

Speed Necessary For Those Who Wish To Comply

Utmost speed in filing the location and description of land to be included in weed control projects under the new agricultural conservation program will be needed to qualify for soil building payment this year, according to announcement by the Oregon State college extension service. Detailed rules governing weed control operations as a soil building practice have been received for Oregon and distributed to county agents.

### Weed Control Paid For

These rules provide that in order to qualify for the \$5 per acre payments for clean cultivation control, and \$10 for chemical control, description of the plots must be filed with the county committee before work is begun and within fifteen days from the date the regulations were issued which was on June 20. This will make the deadline for filing about July 5 or 6, depending on whether Sundays and holidays are counted. In any event, prompt action is urged. Actual work on cultivation projects must also be started by that time, though chemical projects may be begun between now and the fall rainy season. In some cases growers have started cultivation control of perennial weeds in advance of the receipt of the rules. In that case the description and location are to be filed any time within the 15-day limit mentioned.

### Quarter Acre Minimum

Minimum area of a weed control project is a quarter acre, though this need not be all in a single patch. Chemicals may be applied dry or as a spray.

## Field Day Draws Crowd To See Experiment Farm

Greatest Interest Shown In Grasses, Wheat Varieties, and Disked Fallow That Resembles Trashy Fallow

Sherman county farmers in goodly numbers were out Friday to witness another field day at the experiment station and learn more of the findings made by the workers there. As usual there was so much to see, so much to learn that one could absorb but a small part.

Grasses, naturally, drew a good bit of attention, because of the government plan for grassing over many Sherman county acres. Rows of cultivated native grasses and Crested Wheat grass were shown first and questions regarding them answered by Mr. Stephens who conducted the party over the station grounds. Trees of several varieties have been growing for ten years on the station and have done well. They must have clean cultivation in this district if they are to do well Mr. Stephens says.

### Wheat Plots Visited

The plots of winter and spring wheat and barley and oats held the attention of the farmers who are always on the look out for a better, more productive, smut resistant, heavy, hardy wheat. The new Rex wheat made a good impression as it looked to be productive and is fairly winter hardy. It was stated during the tour that approximately 700 varieties of wheat, barley and oats are grown on the station. Of this number 450 varieties are of winter and spring wheats.

For the first time in many years the wheat looked good, a condition that is true of the entire county. In some plots, however, there were dead heads that indicated a lack of sufficient moisture to ripen all of the grain. This condition was reported from other sections of the county as well.

### Barley Highest Yielder

While bearded barley is a better producer than bald barley, it has never been grown as extensively in this county said the station head, because of the danger of the sharp beards. Barley will produce more pounds of feed than any other crop but is not grown very much even by stockmen.

The rate and date of sowing grain and the plots that have been plowed and disked for summer-fallow were examined intently by many of the farmers who have been, or are considering trying the trashy fallow method of preparing the ground for the seed.

### Moisture Limiting Factor

A trip was taken through the rotation plots where many different crops are grown either year after year or in rotation with other crops. Peas are one of the crops used to alternate with wheat. It was said that a crop of peas reduces the wheat yield to a certain extent in all cases. Moisture is still the limiting factor in the production of wheat in this county although tests made by M. M. Oveson, assistant at the station, show that organic matter in Sherman county soil has been reduced by 25% by wheat farming. Continuation of this loss may cause fertility to be the limiting factor at some later date.

## Endeavorers Go To Kent

Members and friends of the Presbyterian Christian Endeavor societies went to Kent last Sunday night and joined in the rally and installation of new officers held in the Christian church. Glenn Driskell, president of the Mount Hood C. E. union, of Hood River, and a number of other union officers were also present. Among those in the Moro group were Mr. and Mrs. Martin Melzer, Pricilla and Lois Melzer, Chester Smith, Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Mitchelmore, Ardis Truitt, Betty Jeanne Vintin, Clara Mersinger, Patricia McLeod, Rodney Truitt, Frank Sayers, Carl Peetz, John Richardson, George Martin, Wyman French, Jane French and Stanley Spoffard.

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