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Forty nine bills found their way into the legislative hopper the first of the week of the session—20 in the Senate and 29 in the House. Only two of these made the circuit of the two branches and received the official approval of Governor Martin. One of these appropriated \$25,000 for legislative expenses. The other authorized the state treasurer to make advances of earnings of legislators and legislative employees.

The ways and means committee has parceled the biennial budget out to several sub-committees which are now at work analyzing the requests and recommendations. Reports of the sub-committees will guide the full committee in its actions in most instances.

Senators Francisovich and Strayer have joined in an attempt to clarify the puzzle of legislative vacancies, at least in so far as the authority of the secretary of state goes. A bill introduced by these two senators would authorize that official to take cognizance of only those vacancies as are due to death, resignation or the removal of the legislator from the district.

The first big public hearing of the session is scheduled for Friday night (January 22) when the senate committee on agriculture will listen to arguments pro and con relative to a measure sponsored by Senator Lessard who wants to repeal the milk control act of 1935.

A group of legislators have joined in the introduction of a bill which would relieve motorists of paying \$1 for a new driver's license every two years. All of the safety features of the present law would be retained as well as the provision for renewing the permit every two years. Included among the sponsors of the bill are Representative Hyde and Laird of Lane, Eckersley of Clackamas, Bill of Union, Oleen of Columbia, Bevans of Clackamas, Miller of Josephine, Duerst of Yamhill, Monroe of Hood River and Senator Rouse of Washington.

A total of 189 employees are on the legislative payroll, in addition to the 90 senators and representatives. Sixty eight of these are working for the senate and 121 for the House.

Townsendite won the first round in their fight for recognition at this session when they put over their memorial to Congress in the House by a vote of 38 to 20.

The names of 26 of the 90 Representatives and Senators are affixed to a bill which seeks to clarify the "good time allowance" situation at the state prison. The measure would authorize the warden to deduct five days from the sentence of a prisoner for each month of good behavior. This practice was followed for many years at the state prison until halted by an opinion of the attorney general holding that it was not authorized under the law.

Oregon's insane population has increased 48 percent in the past 15 years according to the Oregon Mental Hygiene Society which is supporting a move for two legislative appropriations, one to finance a psychiatric ward in connection with the University of Oregon medical school at Portland, the other to extend the University Child Guidance Clinic to every county in the state.

There is a noticeable dearth of important legislation before the session now in its second week. Except for the need of finance state activities already established no proposals have yet appeared in either legislative body which would justify a long drawn out session.

Such bills as have been thrown into the legislative hopper are for the most part of very minor importance. There are several that will attract their share of attention before committees and on the floor—if they ever get that far—but nothing that can be said to be of vital importance to the welfare of the state. For instance there is Senator Lessard's proposal to repeal the milk control act, and Senator Carney's proposal to repeal the criminal syndicalism act and the proposal on the part of Senator Stringer to put a stop to the further expansion of branch

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Jury List Is Drawn By County Court

When two hundred names of Sherman county residents had been listed by the deputy county clerk, the January session of the county court was declared adjourned, Monday afternoon, January 18.

The principal business at the third meeting of the court this month was preparation of the jury list which is made up of names on the real and personal property rolls of the county.

During the morning considerable time was given to the problem of clearing roads of snow. Representatives of a highway equipment company presented claims of their machinery and its ability to open county roads that are snowbound. No action was taken by the court though the consensus was that some additional equipment was needed.

L. L. Peetz was re-appointed road master, a position omitted when other 1937 selections were made.

It was announced that the county machinery fund is approximately \$6,000 at the present time.

The next meeting of the court will be held Feb. 4.

Local Scouts May Advance In Rank

Two Moro scouts are expected to appear before the Boy Scout court of honor to be held in The Dalles, Wednesday night, January 27, reports Clyde Gillmor, local scoutmaster.

The Moro troop is one of eight groups of boys in this area which includes The Dalles, Mosier, Grass Valley, Goldendale, Moro and Maupin. The two scouts plan to appear for the rank of second class scout.

"We feel particularly gratified with the quality of leadership we have secured for our troops," stated Paul McCulloch, former Wasco scoutmaster and now district scout chairman in The Dalles, recently. Our paramount objective in the next six months is to recruit 100 boys in the four troops outside The Dalles. The troop in Goldendale is full. The Dalles should be recruited to 100 members also."

Tractor School Attendance Good

More than 125 farmers and townspeople interested in tractors registered for the school sponsored by McKean and Searcy, Thursday, January 21, in the Legion hall. Sponsors reported a group larger than expected due to the winter weather.

During the all day program talks were given by A. H. Mason, Portland, on Diesel engines; B. E. McDonnell, Portland, motor trucks; R. I. Lingenfelter, Chicago, authority on tillage equipment and plows addressed the group. Several "talkies" moving pictures were shown. Some presented educational subjects, others comedy.

H. W. Berry and Rex Brumback of Yakima; and C. E. Morrison, Merion Young, and Leonard Sherwood of Portland also assisted in the school.

Redecorating Being Done at Maryhill

Many are the stories and explanations about Maryhill museum located on the Washington side of the river north of Biggs, according to local residents. During the last few months the buildings have been remodeled and redecorated, and the work directed by Julius Johnson, Portland expert, is about finished.

The interior of the largest building is almost entirely changed. Beside the attractive decorating in the upper floors, there is a newly constructed roof. Landscaping plans call for the beautification of several acres of the river front property. The basement will provide space for parking automobiles. New steel casements have been provided for all windows and vamps from the ground to the first floor have been rebuilt.

A beauty shoppe is to be opened in the barber shop by Miss Wanda Cantrell of Portland. She is a sister of Arch Cantrell.

Farmers Urged To Consider 1937 Outlook

Present Wheat Supply Sufficient For Domestic Needs Until New Harvest; Good Year Forecast In Oregon

Approximately half of Sherman county's summer fallow is seeded in winter wheat and the covering of snow stands guard against freezing temperatures, according to word from the experiment station. Until tests are made early in the spring no exact idea of the moisture in the ground will be available.

Although there is no one who can estimate accurately what the growing season of 1937 will bring forth, bulletins of the federal and state agricultural departments recently published urge that farmers consider the farm outlook for 1937 making it a subject for study.

Supply Sufficient

Total United States wheat supplies available for use until the next harvest will fill the usual domestic demands, is the word presented in "The Farm Outlook for 1937," published by the U. S. department of agriculture. It continues by explaining that supplies of hard red spring and durum wheats are short. However, the domestic hard winter wheat crop was materially larger in 1936. This class and white wheat from the Pacific Northwest are of good quality. Soft red winter wheat will probably be used more widely for bread flour is another suggestion in the report.

Exports Expected

Exports, as in recent years, will come largely from the Pacific Northwest, with out-going shipments between 10 and 15 million bushels, it explains in brief. "With farm prices averaging around one-fifth higher than a year ago, and with more to sell, farm incomes from crop and animal production during the 1936-37 marketing season will probably exceed that of the previous season by \$15,000,000 more or less. It is the best year farmers have had for a long time, considering costs as well as incomes," announces "Agricultural Situation and Outlook," a circular from Oregon State college.

Meat Prices Up

The same source reports that consumer demand for meats is expected stronger in 1937, and the level of livestock and meat prices will be higher than for several years.

The largest winter wheat acreage on record, 57 million acres, was planted in the United States, according to the circular. It is 15 per cent greater than in 1935, 20 per cent greater than in 1934, and 26 per cent above the 1927-31 average. It is estimated that winter wheat production in 1937 will be slightly more than 600 million bushels. Spring wheat crop estimates are around 225 million bushels.

If growing conditions are average, prices are sure to be lower, it states.

Federal Automobile Tax Figures

During one month, last November, Federal automobile taxes cost motor vehicle operators a total of \$21,270,374 of which \$12,980,998 represented revenues collected by the duplicating Federal tax on gasoline, according to official figures received by the Oregon State Motor association.

For eleven months of 1936 total collections by Federal automobile taxes amounted to \$308,370,179, an increase of about eight per cent over collections of \$285,516,782 in the corresponding period of 1935.

MORO ON AIR MAP

Moro received conspicuous recognition in the farm section of a Portland paper, Sunday, when an air map of central Sherman county was printed with captions drawing attention to the checkerboard effect produced by alternating fields of summer fallow and wheat stubble. Buildings in the town and at the government experiment station were visible.

Mademoiselles Vie in Cross Country Race



Shapes of all sizes, blondes and brunettes, tall and svelte, short and stumpy—the annual cross country race at St. Cloud, near Paris, France recently was open to all. Here you see the field charging over a stretch of rough terrain. Mile. Fanchon was the victor.

Institute Date Set For County Sunday Schools

Sherman county Sunday school teachers and officers will hold an all-day institute, Friday, January 29, if the weather permits. Sunday, the program committee met at Grass Valley to set the date, and the place as the Moro Community Presbyterian church.

Tentative arrangements call for three departmental forums, and one superintendents' group. Sessions will begin at 10 a. m., with the following chairmen in charge. Adult classes, Mrs. Akers, teacher of the Wasco Methodist adult class; Young people's classes, Dewey Thompson, Moro Presbyterian high school class teacher; Children, Mrs. J. M. Wilson, Kent children's leader; Superintendents' forum, J. H. Wilson, Kent, chairman.

A fellowship hour at noon, with covered dish lunch, will find Jerry Wilson toastmaster.

During the afternoon all groups will join in a meeting to discuss the findings of the morning forums. Rev. Willis Douglas, pastor of the Wasco Methodist church, has been selected chairman for the day. A devotional period is planned for the closing period of the institute.

This all day meeting is one of the activities of Sherman County Sunday School Association, according to R. C. Byers, president.

County High Schools To Present Plays

Wasco, Grass Valley and Moro high school dramatic departments, in the interest of cooperative activity, are planning to present three one act plays in the communities interested, according to Jerry Culliff, Moro principal.

Tentative dates have been set for early spring with the visit to Wasco, April 2; the visit to Grass Valley the following night, April 3, and the three school plays to appear in Moro on April 10. Instructors in charge are Jesse Leonard of Wasco, Clifford Rowe Grass Valley, and Miss Barbara Leisz of Moro.

Woman's Club Meets

A few members of the Moro Women's Club braved the cold weather and snow and met for the regular meeting of the club at the home of Mrs. C. L. Poley on Friday, January 15th. Aside from the usual business and a short time for visiting, there was no program except a report by Gertrude Gillmor on some of the new books in the library.

The date for the Doernbecher tea was not determined. The next meeting scheduled on the club calendar is Guest Day, February 5th.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
Jan. 14	34	12	.00
" 15	38	25	.13
" 16	32	16	.00
" 17	37	24	.00
" 18	35	16	.21
" 19	18	4	.00
" 20	7	8	.00
Total for week			.34

Rufus Ahead In County Boy's Basketball Race

High School Teams Face Six Weeks Of Competition

Boy's Team Standing	W	L	P
Rufus	2	0	1.000
Grass Valley	2	1	.666
Wasco	1	1	.500
Kent	1	1	.500
Moro	0	2	.000

With six weeks yet to go, Rufus boys continue to hold tight the lead in the Sherman County basketball conference. Their record is two wins and no losses Friday night Wasco visited the town by the river only to return with the short end of the score 40-17.

At the same hour Moro was entertaining Grass Valley. Though the local five played a game style of ball it was unable to cope with the strong offensive and defensive competition so took a loss of 47 to 16.

Moro girls fared much better with the feminine aggregation from Grass Valley. When the final whistle blew the home team was leading 48-32. Rufus girls beat Wasco 37-28.

To date no move has been made to play the scheduled contests of January 8, though postponed games are set for Wednesday nights. Rufus must meet Moro, and Grass Valley has a make-up with Kent.

The schedule of games for the remainder of the season is as follows: January 22, Rufus at Kent; and Moro at Wasco. Grass Valley draws the bye, January 29, Kent at Wasco; Grass Valley at Rufus, Moro resting.

February 5, Kent at Moro; Wasco at Grass Valley; Rufus the bye. February 12, Grass Valley at Kent; Rufus at Moro. Wasco does not play a conference game. February 19, Moro at Grass Valley. Rufus at Wasco; Kent the bye. February 26, Kent at Rufus; Wasco at Moro, and Grass Valley takes the bye.

Bills Coming Before Legislature Discussed By Rep. Giles French

A recent cartoon expresses the thought that the legislature should find out what is necessary for the state, do it and then return to the farm and office. The process is well under way but there are a great many opinions about what is necessary, who it is necessary to and why it is necessary.

Among the things that are generally held to be necessary are some sort of workable strike legislation, settlement of some sort for the milk control board, passage of a budget and many minor things that affect comparatively small sections of the state.

Some bills have been sent in on highway funds that would seriously curtail the income of the highway department, there are a few bills on educational matters, some to clarify the criminal code and there will be more, many, many more.

Influenza Spread Apparent; Care Needed Now

By Dr. Frederick Stricker

Reports from widely separated parts of the world show that a wave of influenza is sweeping westward. The history of influenza shows that world-wide epidemics or pandemics recur at periods of from thirty to forty years. The epidemics seem to have originated in the east, sweeping across the continent, sparing neither age nor sex. Out breaks of influenza have been reported in England, New York, Detroit, Chicago and Denver. This disease follows the line of travel and occurs whenever victims of the infection travel. Isolated places cut off from outside contact escape the infection. Influenza is an extremely infectious disease. The present epidemic of the disease gives promise of becoming very much more widespread. Mild cases of the disease have been reported, and this is characteristic of the first wave of epidemics. The disease increases in virulence in the second and third waves of the epidemic.

The onset is sudden, often entirely without any preliminary symptoms, and the attack is characterized by headache, dizziness, body pain and great muscular weakness. There is fever and catarrhal discharges from the nose and throat. If the patient immediately goes to bed, the temperature usually drops and there is a gradual recovery within three or four days. The typical case occurs only early in the outbreak; the later cases are much more severe, and serious infections of bronchitis and pneumonia increase the disability and deaths from this disease. The real menace of influenza is the susceptibility it seems to create to bronchial and lung infections. Transmission takes place from person to person, and since almost everyone is susceptible to the disease at the beginning, the disease spreads with extreme speed.

In time of influenza epidemics the greatest care should be taken to prevent droplet infection; the nose and mouth should be covered.

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Little Hope For Immediate Rise In Temperature

Sub-Zero Weather and Snow Drifts Cause Inconvenience To Sherman Countians; Many Roads Blocked

"Fair in eastern Oregon, low temperatures," the weather prophecy of the federal department, gives little hope for much change in Sherman county weather today or tomorrow.

Freezing conditions interrupted by thermometer rises to a little above 32 some days during the last week have meant good business for fuel—men as home coal and wood supplies continue to decrease. Considerable snow fell Monday.

Mercury Drops

Wednesday night brought the second sub-zero report for the week at seven below, the previous night the mercury had dropped to eight below at the experiment station. In January 1936 there was no sub-zero weather, yet with over a week to go, January 1937 has already seen eight such days.

It is estimated that a little better than a foot and a half of snow has fallen since December 26, tho' some of it melted.

Farmers Walk

Farmers are taking one of two attitudes concerning the snow-bound conditions, if conversations are accurate. Some will remain at home until the weather moderates, and others who must come to town walk or ride horseback.

A representation from Erskine appeared before the county court Monday and received permission to build a steel plow to be mounted on a tractor. Though plans were not completed yesterday, the farmers hope to open their roads soon.

High drifts on the state highway were cleared away by Thursday morning. The crew has been using the rotary plow from Cascade Locks with considerable success, and until further wind or snow again fill the roadway the plow will be kept at The Dalles. By noon Wednesday the crew had opened the road for two way traffic the first time for several days.

Travel Difficult

Mailmen report difficulty making their routes. One explained yesterday that a car should not be abused the way he must drive it. School-bus drivers in some cases have given up trips to town. However all schools are operating.

The southbound train was caught in a great snow drift about three miles north of Grass Valley, last Friday morning. Over a day was spent in its release. With the present condition of the right of way no more rail traffic will be sent over the line through Moro until cuts can be kept reasonably clear of snow, according to local officials.

Enrollment at State Colleges Shows Gain

Eugene—Enrollment at the University of Oregon at the end of the first week of the winter term reached 2718, an increase of 11.1 over registration for winter term a year ago, it was announced by C. L. Canstance, assistant registrar.

Corvallis—Winter term registration at Oregon State college, like that of fall term, has broken previous records. At the end of the first week the total had reached 3008, which was equal to the fall term enrollment at the comparable time and was a 21 per cent increase over the winter term enrollment of a year ago.

SPELLING CONTEST SLATED

Announcements of the 1937 spelling contest are being sent this week to all schools of the county, according to Wily W. Knighten, county school superintendent. Lists of words are in process of preparation for grades that teach spelling. The contest is in the form of a review with certificates awarded to youngsters who make perfect scores. The first day of competition will be Feb. 1.