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To divert 35 per cent of the gasoline tax revenues to the counties as advocated by the State Grange would stop all construction on secondary highways and mean a loss of federal funds ranging from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000 a year, according to R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer. As a compromise to the Grange proposal Baldock endorses the suggestion made by the state association of county judges that the county's share of gasoline taxes be increased by \$400,000 to \$2,000,000 and distributed on the present basis.

Baldock estimates that gasoline tax receipts for this year will total \$9,470,000. Thirty five per cent of this amount would amount to \$3,314,500 or more than double the present diversion of \$1,600,000. In a tabulation prepared at the request of E. R. Fatland of Condon, state representative from the 39th district, Baldock calls attention to the inequalities that would result through a distribution of this fund on the basis of county road mileage as proposed by the Grange. Multnomah county, for instance, which will receive \$603,562.88 under the present basis would receive only \$61,675.22 under the Grange proposal. Malheur county's share, on the other hand, would be increased from \$16,910.62 on the present basis to \$271,892.15 and Crook county's allocation would be increased from \$4,809 to \$79,808.

Sherman county, which receives \$5,080.32 a year from gasoline tax revenues under the present basis would receive \$54,074.41 this year under the Grange proposal. Gilliam county's share would be increased from \$5,316.04 to \$59,720.73 and Wasco's from \$22,663.74 to \$99,679.31.

Outstanding developments of the legislative week was the discovery of a \$1,000,000 bookkeeping error in the state budget. The error resulted through allocation of the entire revenue from income taxes—estimated at \$8,500,000 for the biennium—to the general fund where it would be available for appropriation purposes whereas approximately \$1,000,000 of the anticipated revenue must go toward the reduction of special levies outside the constitutional six percent limit. The error which was apparently due to a lack of understanding of the operation of the "off-set" provision of the income tax laws means that the legislature has just that much less at its disposal than had been represented—that instead of a surplus of \$500,000 the governor's budget as presented to the lawmakers actually shows a general fund deficit of approximately the same amount if accepted at its face value. It means that the legislature must either pare \$500,000 off the approved budgets, many of them already pared to the bone, and approve no new activities, find some new revenues as yet unearched, or restore the bookkeeping deficit from which the general fund has only just been rescued.

In spite of four defeats in the past 25 years advocates of the office of lieutenant-governor are again preparing to present the issue to the voters of Oregon again at the next election. Fifteen members of the House have affixed their name to a resolution calling for an election on the proposed constitutional amendment.

The public hearing on the milk control bill Friday night found the dairymen lined up in support of the control idea with the consumers supporting Senator Lessard's proposal to repeal the law and wipe out the milk control board. While many of the dairymen favor minor amendments to the act it was very evident that none of them wanted to discard the control idea which has stabilized the dairy industry since its enactment in 1933.

The first real coup of the session was staged in the House this week when the Harrison-Miller bill which would have barred liquor ads from newspapers and magazines circulating in Oregon was killed through indefinite postponement. Action on the bill came as a surprise move after its friends had secured consent to postpone action on divided committee reports for one week. Organizing for action during the noon recess opponents of the measure took the reports

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PRESIDENT'S GUARD



Thomas J. Qualters, honor man of the Massachusetts state police, who has been selected to be President Roosevelt's bodyguard to succeed the late Gus Gennerich. Qualters is thirty-two years old and attended the University of Notre Dame. He was a member of the football squad during the days of the famous "Four Horsemen."

American Press Free, Says Eugene Speaker

Newspapers of the United States are not only free, but even those that supported the Republican candidate for president at the last election have lost little or no prestige, prominent Oregon newspapermen declared at the annual session of the Oregon Newspaper Conference held at the University of Oregon, January 21 to 23.

Citing the fact that the majority of newspaper circulation was opposed to the election of Roosevelt, C. A. Sprague, editor of the Salem Statesman, declared: "The real danger to this country will come when 80 per cent of the papers will blindly follow a president or party because he has the power, rather than taking a definite stand because of principles and issues involved."

"No newspaper, regardless of its political stand editorially, need fear the good opinion of the public if it represents the news fairly and impartially in its columns," it was declared by Palmer Hoyt, managing editor of The Oregonian, who spoke on "What Color is Your News?" "Lay all the facts before your readers and let them do their own thinking," he added. Papers that have done this are respected and goading today, he pointed out.

"The editor who presents interpretations of news of the day needs first of all a good background gained by constant study, and second, a fair and impartial outlook, it was stated by Frank Jenkins, editor of the Klamath Falls News and Herald.

Value of newspaper advertising can be shown to prospective advertisers, and newspapers that would prosper should seek to increase this value, it was declared by John Benson, New York, president of the American Association of Advertising Agencies.

Close attention to details of business, maintenance of a good disposition for the public, and an insistence on quality work were given as secrets of success by Z. C. (Continued on page three)

Snowfall continues to hinder travel. Snow that fell for most of the day Wednesday hindered highway traffic, but road crews were able to keep them clear enough for travel to The Dalles and Shaniko, by using the rotary plow.

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Soil Erosion Control Discussed At Lexington

Farmers interested in soil erosion and its control are in session today at Lexington to discuss results of new farm implements used during the last year.

Representatives are expected from Sherman, Jefferson, Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla and Wheeler counties in Oregon and Douglas county, Washington.

The purpose of the meeting according to word from the local county agent's office is to work out plans to save moisture and at the same time to prevent erosion.

Farmers from Washington have had marked success in the use of the disc tiller and other tillage implements, the agent reports. In Douglas county much land formerly considered worthless has been returned to cultivation because of the methods practiced, he says.

Funeral For Mrs. Sagawe Held In Wasco

Long Time Resident Of Sherman County

A friend of those in need for many years, Bertha Ellen Sagawe, 87, passed to her reward, Saturday, January 23, 1937. Long a resident of Sherman county she was well known in and about Moro and Wasco. At the time of her death she was in a Portland hospital.

Mrs. Sagawe was born at Brownsville, February 26, 1879, the daughter of Dr. Joseph and Evelyn Swank Sanders. While still a small child the family moved to Sherman county settling on a home in the Gorman school district.

In 1896 she was married to Patrick W. McDonald of Moro to which union four children were born: Joseph Ralph, deceased; W. B. of Moro, John Patrick of Seattle; and Mrs. Kathleen Yates, of Seattle. At the time of Mr. McDonald's death in 1905, the family lived in Wasco.

Two years later she married Edmond Sagawe of The Dalles. They returned to the ranch where her husband later died. There were two children, Julia Mae, a nurse in Portland; and Richard Lee, deceased.

Others surviving are a sister, Mrs. G. L. Crum of The Dalles; and a brother, Arthur Sanders of Bend. Funeral services were held in the Wasco Methodist church, Monday, January 25, with Rev. Willis Douglas in charge. Pall bearers included, John DeMoss, Everett McQuillen, Wesley Wilde, W. A. Spencer, Mark Alley, and C. A. Bargenhol. Interment was in the Wasco cemetery.

Cleo Forbes Buried At Hood River

Cleo Forbes, 20, who died at his home in Moro, Saturday, January 23, 1937 after a lingering illness that kept him bedfast for nearly six months, was laid to rest in the Hood River cemetery, Wednesday, January 27. He was born November 29, 1916.

Cleo is survived by his father, John, of Moro; a sister, Mrs. Will Graham of Cook, Washington; and Frank, a brother.

Rev. Lawrence H. Mitchelmore conducted the funeral services at Zell's chapel, The Dalles. A number of Moro and The Dalles friends were in attendance. The pall bearers were Collis Moore, Clarence Mersinger, Roscoe Moore, Dick Morgan, Elmer Barzee, and C. R. Belshee.

Major H. D. Bagnall, Army recruiting officer, 323 New Post Office building, Portland, announced today that the Portland recruiting district, embracing the state of Oregon, five southern Washington counties and three California counties, has been granted authority to enlist single men between the ages of 18 and 35 who otherwise are qualified for the Army air corps at Hamilton field, San Rafael, California.

1937 Soil Program Plans About Ready

Allotment Committees of Area Meeting To Complete Procedure Before New Work Sheets Collected From Farmers

Allotment committees and county agents of the Columbia basin counties met yesterday in Arlington to discuss methods of procedure for the 1937 agricultural program as it affects Sherman and the other counties in this area. If the present plans are carried thru, actual work of collecting new work sheets in the counties should begin early in February, officials believe.

C. C. Conser, assistant to George E. Ferrell, director of the western division, arrived in Oregon soon after the approval of the program to confer with state committees and members of the technical committee and the extension service staff at Corvallis on interpretation and application of new features of this year's program. Before doing this, however, he was taken on a tour of inspection of recently reseeded burnt-over lands in south western Oregon, so he would have first hand information on what is expected to be an important factor of the new soil conservation work in this state.

LeRoy Wright, Sherman county agent, announces that very soon he will be in a position to start the actual work with growers. C. B. Andrews, Joe Peters and J. H. Root, are members of the local allotment board.

Work sheets are to be obtained this year for every farm in the county, regardless of whether cooperation with the program is contemplated. After the work sheets are in, soil depleting and soil conserving bases and productivity index will be worked out for each farm. From these the local committees will be able to work out a tentative outline of possible returns from participation, and from this each individual farmer will be able to determine whether or not he wishes to cooperate under this program.

The Oregon docket reveals that the program this year puts considerable more emphasis on soil building practices, with a larger portion of the payments allocated to this type of work, as compared with last year when it was a minor consideration compared with the diversion program. More Oregon farmers will be able to profit by cooperation this year than formerly, extension officials believe.

Former Resident Dies At LaCenter

William F. Lutje, 38, who for the past fourteen or fifteen years has been working in Sherman county, passed away January 18. He left his work on the farm of Mrs. Frances Henrichs to visit his father at LaCenter, Washington. While there he took pneumonia which proved fatal.

Funeral services were held at View, Washington on January 22. He is survived by one son, Frank, one daughter, Dorothy, his parents Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Lutje, four sisters and four brothers, one of whom is Elmer of Wasco.

Flood Victims Aided

Moro citizens subscribed \$34.25, over \$14 more than the quota set by the Red Cross for flood rescue, in a few hours Tuesday, according to Mrs. C. L. Poley, who had charge of raising the local funds.

A \$4,000,000 goal has been set for the nation to care for needs arising in the great emergency, in addition the Red Cross is spending \$1,000,000 of its reserve funds for disaster work, is the word received locally.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
Jan. 21	21	-7	.00
" 22	23	3	.07
" 23	25	8	.00
" 24	19	-2	.21
" 25	26	3	.00
" 26	37	24	.20
" 27	28	19	.00
Total for week			.47

Officials Inspect New Air Giant



W. A. Patterson (right), president of United Air Lines, and D. B. Colyer, vice president, inspect one of the company's new \$3,000,000 fleet of 28 new 21-passenger type Douglas transports which are being placed in faster service on the New York-Chicago-California airway. Rated as the most powerful passenger handplanes in the country, the new ships are capable of flying 1,500 miles without refueling.

County Pioneer Dies In The Dalles Thursday

William Morrison, 76, died Thursday morning, January 21, 1937, after several years of failing health. He lived for over fifty years in Sherman county, then moved to The Dalles where he was at the time of his passing.

Mr. Morrison was born in New Zealand, March 23, 1860. As a young man he came to America later taking a homestead on land now farmed by Wilford Belshe. During many years he farmed in the Harmony district, he was neighbor to A. M. Wright, local merchant. He was married to Rachael Dillingier. Over twenty five years ago the couple settled in Moro. Mrs. Morrison died in 1926.

Mr. Morrison was one of the most active Masons in Sherman county, according to friends. He held membership with the Shriners in Portland, as well as in the Moro lodge.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. L. N. Huls, Klamath Falls; a sister, Mrs. Jesse Hale, Pendleton, and two brothers.

Funeral services were held in The Dalles, Saturday, with Rev. R. A. Hutchinson, officiating. The Moro Masons were in charge of the rites at the graveside in the I. O. O. F. cemetery. Pall bearers included, Mac Bull, J. C. McKean, W. A. May, Seral Searcy, Clarence Morrison and Ralph Brisbane.

Bills Coming Before Legislature Discussed By Rep. Giles French

The sessions of the legislature have been very short so far as neither remain on active duty much more than half an hour each morning and afternoon. There are few bills and a vast majority of them are in committee where they are being held up for a variety of reasons. In many instances legislators interested in the bills want to write to their constituents to get more information, on some bills a public hearing must be arranged, some are being conferred upon by joint committees and others are being quietly killed.

Therefore Speaker Boivin is called upon but few times per day to announce, "The question is: Shall the bill pass?" and then "The clerk will call the roll."

The delay is to a great extent caused by the state officials who have not been ready with their suggestions and whose bills are not ready for introduction. The state planning board has issued many reports and made many suggestions but so far has not prepared its program. This slows up legislation in two ways: first, because committees seldom consider a subject until all bills concerning it are handed in, and

U. S. National Bank Deposits

The Dalles Branch Responsible As 100 On Dollar Promised

During the past week the directors of the Eastern Oregon Banking Company at Shaniko announced to its depositors that it had arranged with The Dalles Branch of The United States National Bank to take over its deposits and assume liabilities in full for same, even to the extent of such deposits as had been heretofore held under restriction. The announcement stated that depositors would be given full credit for their deposits on the books of The Dalles branch of The United States National and that they would also find their safe deposit boxes intact.

Accompanying the announcement to depositors was a personal letter from J. W. Hoeck, president of the Shaniko bank, which explained the situation as follows:

"We have at last accomplished a thing we have been striving to do since 1933: that is, to pay our depositors 100 cents for every dollar they deposited with us. Enclosed is a deposit slip representing the remaining portion of your deposit which was still under with-

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Stockmen Pool Experiences At Arlington

Feed Resource Sessions Suggest Methods In Caring For Lambs, Steers and Hogs; Grasses For Weed Control Discussed

Practices of feeding and handling livestock were pooled in a feed and livestock meeting held in Arlington, January 19 and 20. These sessions were for all stockmen of the Columbia Basin district, according to word from the county agents office. Plans are now under way to have a similar meeting for Wasco-Sherman county at Dufur on February 9, and Maupin, February 10.

The Arlington meeting drew forth some suggestions that may change a certain amount of procedure in stock feeding, it is said.

Lambs Need Care. Considerable time was spent in discussing feed for steers and lambs. D. E. Richards, supt. of the experiment station at Union, led the group. It was pointed out that calves will eat most anything, 4-H clubs have found them easy to handle. However feeding of lambs is a different matter. Speakers explained that stockmen who depend entirely on feed grown in counties such as Sherman have questionable success in raising prime lambs. They need an alfalfa base in their rations, it was shown, and such a base is seldom available locally.

Mr. Richard recommended that stockmen consider buying feeder animals where pasture and range land is scarce. One speaker told of a flock of lambs that gained two and one-half pounds a month on Turkey wheat hay. He explained that the test was so limited that it needed further experimentation. It was brought out that when wheat reaches \$1 stockmen cannot afford to use it for feed, but there are cheaper grades that may be satisfactory.

Lindgren Leads Group. During the discussion of hog feeding directed by H. A. Lindgren, State college animal husband, stockmen learned that the Columbia basin section of Oregon can only afford to raise hogs when the price of 100 pounds of pork is about equal to 615 pounds of grain. When the grain price rises above that level hog raising is unprofitable. It was suggested that hog raising is worthwhile at the present time. Oregon imports most of her pork, yet if the middle West drought continues she can afford to supply the demand locally, said Mr. Lindgren.

Among the grasses recommended for the Columbia area by E. R. Jackman, extension agronomist from OSC, were bulbous blue grass, crested wheat grass and slender wheat grass. Ladak alfalfa planted in 36 inch rows provides added protein necessary. Grasses between the alfalfa rows will control the weeds, he announced. He suggests bulbous blue grass as the best for weed control as it appears among the first in the spring. In swamp lands highland reed canary grass had his approval.

Eliza Ann Everett Dies At The Age Of 75

Funeral services for Mrs. Eliza Ann Everett, 75, Sherman county pioneer, were held at the Wasco Christian church, Sunday, January 24. Rev. Gilbert Carey, officiating.

Mrs. Everett was born at Abington, Iowa, April 12, 1861. For more than fifty years she lived in this county, having come with her husband to Wasco in 1886.

Surviving are ten children and eleven grandchildren. The children are Charles and Carl of Wasco; Peri of Klamath Falls; Lee of Eugene; H. E. Jr., of Portland; Mrs. Ira Downie of Los Angeles; Mrs. Clara Mamey of Oakland California; Mrs. Edna Farrel of The Dalles; Mrs. Mattie Ross of Salem, and Mrs. Myrtle Funk of Wasco.

Heppner—Taxpayers of this community will pay \$9.70 more for every \$1000 of valuation on property than they did last year, according to J. J. Wells, assessor.