

Sherman County Journal

Forty-Ninth Year No. 16

Moro, Oregon, Friday, February 19, 1937

Official County Paper

State Affairs

By
A. L. Lindbeck

Oregon is not yet ready to abandon its time tried legislative set-up for the unicameral system, in the opinion of the state senate. Two measures calling for this legislative reform were killed by the senate this week. One of these, by Senator Carney, would have vested the lawmaking functions in a single organization of not fewer than 30 nor more than 36 members. No time limit would have been placed upon sessions of this lawmaking body and their aggregate pay would have been fixed at \$60,000 for the biennium, this sum to be divided equally among the members, whether 30 or 36, and the members to hire their own stenographers. The other unicameral legislative proposal by Senator Burke and Stables, would have abolished the House of Representatives and left the law making functions entirely in the hands of the senate. Senator Stryker, chairman of the resolutions committee which had recommended that the measure "do not pass" declared that Oregon could not afford to experiment with the proposed reform. He urged that this state await the outcome of the experiment now being tried out in Nebraska.

The senate also blocked the move to refer to the voters a proposed constitutional amendment creating the office of lieutenant governor and still another measure proposing an increase in the pay of legislators from \$5 to \$8 a day.

Although these proposed reforms are dead so far as the present session is concerned, proponents of the unicameral legislature and lieutenant governorship expect to place the issues before the people through the referendum.

Young Americans who live in Oregon are not to be denied the pleasure that comes from burning one's finger or shooting out an occasional eye in the good old fashioned way on the Fourth of July. The House this week killed the Higgs bill which would have banned the use of fireworks and firecrackers in this state.

Councils in which the state milk control board has established milk pools will have their own local control boards if a bill introduced this week is enacted into law. The local boards, to be named by the governor, would serve without pay and act only in an advisory capacity to the state board.

In his second appearance before the legislature since the present session convened Governor Martin this week cracked down on the legislators who are sponsoring bills aimed at the state highway fund and the regulation of highway traffic. Bills now before the session, the governor pointed out, provide for the diversion of \$1,700,000 of the highway funds. To enact these, he warned, would create a deficit of \$1,000,000 in the highway account. Senators and Representatives whose toes were stepped on by the governor in his special message—and they were many—did not take kindly to the official castigation which amounted, in effect, to a notice that any of the objectionable measures that might get as far as the governor's office would expect to meet up with the executive veto.

The parole board bill which came before the legislature with the blessing of Governor Martin does not meet with the approval of State Treasurer Holman. The bill would centralize the parole activities on the penitentiary, boys' and girls' schools under the single board. Holman objects to the proposed disruption of the parole staffs at the boys' and girls' schools which have built up over a period of years with a view to giving expert supervision to these juvenile delinquents.

The perennial chain store bill, long delayed, finally made its appearance in Saturday's batch of new senate bills. The bill would levy an annual tax on all retail stores, ranging from \$1 for an independent store up to \$250 for each store in a chain of 75 or more.

Now that the House has clamped down on new bills they are all coming in by way of the Senate. The hopper of the upper house is clogged every day, a single day's grist during the past week totaling 35.

(Continued on Page two)

Four Checks Are Here; Twelve Yet To Come

Four checks totalling over \$1400 arrived Monday for farmers who participated in the new 1936 agricultural conservation program, according to word from the county agent's office.

Records in the office show that there are twelve more checks to come before this payment is completed in Sherman county. These payments, it is pointed out, are 90 percent of the amount due each farmer. However the other 10 percent also includes certain deductions that must be made in compliance with allotment regulations.

Magic Tricks Amuse Moro Audience

Magic and magicians appeal to both young and old if the entertainment of Clinton English, of Portland, is to be taken as criteria for Moro audiences. The high school gymnasium Saturday night, was setting for the emptying of his bag of tricks.

During the hour and 15 minutes Mr. English mystified the spectators, and kept them laughing with his magician's chatter, he produced magic both simple and complicated. Perhaps nothing was more amusing than the old-time hat trick with rolls of paper, silk handkerchiefs, and baby bottle to be dragged forth and held to view. His straight-jacket release was considered by many among the most unusual.

As a prelude to the main show the high school band directed by Clyde Simpson played a program of five numbers. Included were "March of the Marines," Novelty "Happy Moments," March "Circus Clown," Overture "Military Ball," "Princess of India," and "Festival Overture." The last number is one required by the State tournament this year by all bands of the division in which Moro is entering.

Play At School Announced For Tennis Fund

With spring not many days distant and outdoor activities suggesting themselves, members of the young peoples' department of the community church are presenting a play "The House on the Sands" by Elliot Fields, in the high school auditorium, Friday night, February 26, at 8 p. m. Mrs. C. L. Polley is director.

Some time ago, according to local leaders the young people made plans to construct a tennis court on the lot between the church and the manse. When it was learned that some money was necessary to aid in construction, several efforts were made by the junior-intermediate group. A goal of \$125 has been set with one third raised. All receipts from the play next Friday will be added to the fund. A standard size doubles court is planned, with a wire fence completely enclosing it, it is said.

21 Children Receive Perfect Spelling Scores

There were 21 grade school spellers in the county receiving perfect scores in the first 1937 tests sent out from the county school superintendent's office. Approximately 200 youngsters took part in the examinations the first week in February, according to records received yesterday.

Lists of 50 words each were made and sent to all grades between the third and eighth, inclusive. Each child had words studied last semester. Boys and girls receiving recognition as perfect spellers include: Kent: Eleanor Hoskinson, 4th grade; Myrtle Flint, 5th; Glen Sather and Jackie von Borstel, 6th; Myrtle Flint and Merrill Sather, 8th grade. Grass Valley: Eileen Lemley, 3rd grade; Clair Balzer, 5th; Jeanette Huhman, 7th. Moro: Bon Christianson, 3rd; Patty French, 4th; George DeMoss, Dorothy Miller and Donald Thompson, 5th; Audrey Baker, 8th. Wasco: Patricia Yocum, 7th. Rufus: (incomplete report) Betty May Juhnke, 6th and Betty Morrison, 7th.

Rufus Outclasses Both Moro Basket Ball Teams

Moro Girls Team Takes First Loss For The Season; Boys Continue Losing Streak With Score 38-19 at Final Whistle

Rufus high basketballers knew what they wanted and went after victory Friday night, February 12, when they dropped both Moro boys and girls without much difficulty. Final scores for the games on the Moro floor were boys, 38-19 and Girls, 34-27.

In the first contest announced as a test of the strength of the two opponents seeking the girls county title, Moro discovered the first few minutes a hindrance. Rufus found the basket for 10 points. Moro took time-out, and from that moment until the final whistle fought on even-terms with the visitors. At half time the score was 16-12 for Rufus. The end of the third quarter showed 27-24 for the visiting squad.

Though Moro made no substitutions, Rufus used nine girls in her successful effort to stop the attack. Millard of Rufus was high scorer with 18 points, while Helen Strong, local forward was second high with 16 counters.

Propose Return Game

A return game is planned for some time in March at Rufus. If both schools go through the remainder of the season without defeat, local supporters suggest a tie for championship.

Local boys were outclassed thru out practically all of their game. Rufus showed strength both defensively and offensively that has been reason enough for remaining at the top of county teams without defeat. Nine players were used with little difference in power apparent. Rufus forward Wiley took scoring honors with 12 points. Moro's high man was Conlee with six. Scores by quarters were 9-3, 18-4, 26-14, 38-19.

Moro Girls

Mersinger
Strong

Gillmor

Barzee

Powell

Brisbine

Moro Boys

Belshie, H

Pinkerton

Conlee

Gillmor

Says

Nahouse

Gentry

Belshie E

Rufus Girls

Millard

Eakin

Macnab

Mathieson, C

Morris

Mathieson, M

Coats

Thompson

Morrison

McHard

Wiley

Macnab, G

Macnab, B

Simmons

Macnab, P

Jensen

Bryant

C. E. Convention Committees Named

Moro committee members for the Mt. Hood Christian Endeavor union convention were selected Sunday night following the regular meeting. The convention will be held April 2, 3 and 4 at the Community Presbyterian church, with delegates expected from most of the Wasco, Hood River and Sherman county societies, according to Albert Gullbrantz, local society president.

After committee organization is completed the next step will be a conference with the officers of the Mt. Hood union of which Glenn Driskell, Hood River, is president.

Personnel of committees includes Publicity, Irma Mae Morgan, Lee McLeod and Rodney Truitt; Housing, Marie McLeod, Vivian Fuller, Rachel Polley and Wyman French and Entertainment: Louise Barzee, Registration: Dean Pinkerton, Lyle Nahouse, Jane French, Lois Melzer and Pat McLeod.

Information and Guidance: Ardis Truitt, Betty Jean Vinton, and Donald Thompson. Additional committee members will be named a little later, it was stated last night.

Condon—With a quota of \$20 for Red Cross flood relief, local members announce \$90.25 already raised.

Workmen Toil Against Time and Father of Waters



Workmen are pictured building up the Mississippi river levees at Cairo, Ill., in an effort to stem the rising waters. The most disastrous flood in the history of the father of waters cost hundreds of lives, rendered more than a million people homeless and caused hundreds of dollars worth of damage.

County Teachers To Meet With Supt. Knighten

County school superintendent Wiley Knighten's office will be well filled with representative teachers, Tuesday night, when plans for the county musical festival, geography tests for state sixth and seventh grades, and a principal's group are on the docket for 7:30.

Those who will bear the brunt of the music festival planning include Earle M. Murdock, Rufus; Evelyn J. Scott, Wasco; Neil McGlasson, Kent; Ewawynn Jones, Moro; and Phyllis Rinehart, Grass Valley.

Members of the committee to prepare geography tests under the direction of Supt. Knighten are Kenneth McKenzie, and Elizabeth Ashbaugh, Rufus; C. F. Langley, Wasco; Frank P. Adams and Mary Settelmyer, Kent; Paul Goddard and Miss Jones, Moro; and Arden Souires and Miss Rinehart of Grass Valley.

Principals not already listed who expect to be present are John Jenkins, Rufus; Homer, Dixon, Wasco; Jerry Cunliff, Moro; and Marvin Shepman, Grass Valley.

CCC Boys Working Despite Bad Weather

Though weather continues to hinder some types of work, Camp Moro CCC crews have, for the last two weeks, been on the job to finish run-off control dams started before winter snows set in, according to Soil Conservation service officials in charge.

Nearly every morning covered trucks loaded with boys head for projects on the Douma, Barnum and Miller farms. Some of the enrollment continues to shovel ice and snow, a job first made necessary when roads near the camp began to hinder travel. Such work as obtaining rock for dams engages the work of others.

Members of the SCS staff are making out reports and records in connection with their official duties. A certain amount of contact with farmers is going on preparatory to spring tillage work, it is said. Plans for seeding are also underway in the headquarters building at the camp.

MAN STOPS CROWBAR

Charles Montgomery, Moro man, was painfully injured Monday while working on a windmill at the Charles Burnett ranch. A steel crow bar fell from the tower striking him in the back.

Mr. Montgomery was taken to The Dalles hospital where it was learned that he had sustained a fractured rib, and the pleural cavity had been punctured. He is showing satisfactory improvement.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
Feb. 11	43	20	.02
" 12	43	32	.04
" 13	33	16	.00
" 14	37	25	.00
" 15	41	18	.30
" 16	40	32	.00
" 17	43	28	.02
Total for week			.28

Winter's End Is Not Yet In Sight

Snow Storm Wednesday Night Drifts Many Roads Fall

Only the ground hog could possibly forecast Sherman county weather two or three hours in advance, and ground hogs were not talking the last week.

Residents began to speak of spring and seeding. Sunshine and rain wind and slightly freezing nights came and went at irregular intervals. Monday most people were looking for a run-off.

Wednesday Rufus and Wasco reported flooded streets and rapidly rising water as the melting snow sent cascades over the hillsides, and down draw. Moro saw little run-off.

Shortly after noon Wednesday, Moro was visited by a hard snow that continued until late evening. It was reported yesterday morning that approximately four inches fell. Wind drifted snow into recently opened roadways. Erskine residents walked. One man from that district reported roads as badly blocked as when the plow was first used several weeks ago.

Chester Smith, snowbound for several weeks, appeared in Moro announcing that the county crew had finally opened his road. It was closed again yesterday. The county equipment was moved from the Rutledge district to Kent in hope that some work could be done there. Word came from officials that not one of the roads recently worked was open.

The state highway crew kept the Sherman county pavement open though one-way travel was necessary for a time.

(Continued on page four)

Traits of the "Ideal Family Man" Enumerated at Round Table

The ideal family man saves some of his time for his family—quality time whether it is long in quantity or not.

He is unselfish enough to respect the wishes of the rest of the family, whether on a drive or in election of a radio program.

He is even tempered enough so that he at least refrains from getting "mad" at the same time his wife does.

He keeps up with the world, both as to current events and modern thought.

And—a most important characteristic—he has a sense of humor. These were some of the conclusions reached in a unique three-cornered discussion, address which concluded the eleventh annual home interests conference at Oregon State college, sponsored by the extension service and school of home economics.

Leading this round-table which drew hundreds of listeners were Dr. E. W. Warrington, professor of religion; Dr. O. R. Chambers, professor of psychology, and Mr. C. A. Sprague, editor of the Salem Statesman. Each confessed that his personal experience as head of a family was limited to "one wife

and two children."

All agreed that the successful family is a cooperative affair and that the patriarchal idea of the father making family life revolve around his wishes is happily past. Sprague pointed out that some modern developments such as short er hours and the automobile are making modern man more a part of the family than formerly.

Dad's relation to the children came in for much comment, with the idea expressed that sympathetic understanding and wholesome affection is fine, but that the "pal" idea can be overdone.

"But what about the ideal family woman?" someone asked. "Everything we have said about the man goes for her too," was the reply, to which may be added that three specific things the wife can do to keep the matrimonial waters smooth are get up and get breakfast, be reasonably neat in personal appearance, and avoid saving up the day's irritations to unload on the homecoming spouse.

This year's conference presented a highly varied program on all phases of family living and drew a registration of 623 despite adverse weather conditions.

Soil Conservation Meeting To Be Held Saturday

N. E. Dodds, State Conservation Committee Chairman Will Explain New Schedules and Organize County Directors

With the last community meeting scheduled at Kent auditorium this afternoon at 1:30, newly elected members of allotment committees will make ready for the county wide session at the Sherman county court house tomorrow at 9 a. m. N. E. Dodds, state chairman of the conservation committee, is to be in Moro as leader of the group of approximately 20 farmer representatives.

The set-up of the meeting, says LeRoy Wright, county agent, includes the detailed reading of the docket; crop classification, bases, detailed instruction on making out work sheets and obtaining the 1937 farm plan.

There will be discussion and description of the plan for getting new work schedules, and the important item of selecting and organizing the county board of directors. Development of the 1937 association budget, and discussion of productivity bases on farms represented by work sheets are other features of Mr. Dodds' visit.

During this week community meetings to discuss the agricultural conservation program has been held in Wasco, Grass Valley and Moro. Mr. Wright led the groups in a study of the new payment program. Specific farm cases were covered, and productivity bases were distributed that farmers might plan their own farm programs. Community allotment committee members were elected by the farmers present. It was announced that practically all farms are signed up for 1937.

Committeemen re-elected include: Wasco: O. G. Hilderbrand, H. R. Herrin, A. J. Smith and alternate, Marie Barnett Cooper; Locust Grove: G. H. Root, A. C. Kaseberg, Fred Hennigan and alternate R. J. Baker; Grass Valley: Dell Olds, E. E. Barnum, Wallace May and alternate Millard Eakin.

Funeral Services Held For Chester Medler

Funeral services for Chester C. Medler, 31, young Wasco resident, were held in Wasco in the M. E. church Tuesday, February 16, 1937 with interment in The Dalles I. O. O. F. cemetery. Mr. Medler was born in Wasco and lived there all of his life. He passed away last Friday.

Mr. Medler is survived by the widow, Mrs. Grace Medler; two children, Elton and Phyllis; his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Medler of Wasco; and four sisters, Mrs. Arthur L. Lowell, Alderdale, Washington; Mrs. Chester McMillan, Salt Lake City; Mrs. Donald W. Bird, Portland; and Mrs. Carl Nelson, Quantico, Virginia.

He was a former student of University of Oregon and a member of both Phi Gamma Delta and the Knights of Pythias.

Rev. Willis Douglas conducted the services. Mrs. Maud Akers and Mr. Douglas sang a duet, and Mrs. Lloyd Hennagin, a solo.

Precipitation Record

Medford—A summary of precipitation over the seven wheat and irrigated, forest and range sections reported on recently in Oregon, showed an average moisture deficiency of 3.18 inches for the four month period October to January inclusive.

General heavy storms in the early part of February increased the snow cover somewhat over the amounts in the Oregon State college report for the period studied, according to Arch Work, superintendent of the Medford branch experiment station.

"For Oregon as a whole the snow-water content above 6000 feet averages about 70 per cent of that found at the same time last year," the report sets out. "January precipitation occurred largely in the form of snow at lower elevations, giving a greater average depth there than usual."