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While county courts have been sleeping on their rights financiers of the state government, ever on the alert for more money to spend, have been busily laying their plans for further raids on the liquor fund to finance state activities.

The social security program as released by the ways and means committee Monday reveals that not only is it proposed to finance direct relief from the profits accruing through operation of the state liquor control board but to finance a major portion if not all of the state's share of old age pensions from this same source. The proposal is equivalent to the diversion of from \$1,000,000 to in excess of \$2,000,000 of liquor profits of the state's general fund.

When the Knox act was passed in 1933 it was provided that 75 percent of the liquor profits should go to the counties for financing direct relief, old age pensions and mothers pensions. Then in the emergency confronted by the state in financing direct relief it was decided to take this money away from the counties temporarily to meet this emergency. Old age pensions, however, were financed out of the general fund.

In the budget which he presented to the legislature at the opening of the present session Governor Martin made provision for continuation of old age pensions out of the general fund. Even with that item included his budget presented a surplus of some \$380,000 for special appropriations. This surplus was later increased by the ways and means committee to approximately \$600,000 through pairing of some of the governor's recommendations. But this surplus has now been absorbed in the increased allowances to other state activities and special appropriations to needs not included in the regular budget. Among these items was an increase of approximately \$212,000 for higher education; an appropriation of \$100,000 for the mining board; \$126,500 for investigation and control of agricultural diseases and pests; \$54,500 for a new 50-bed pavilion at the eastern Oregon tuberculosis hospital; \$22,265 for the Bandon school district; \$15,000 for flood control in the Grande Ronde valley and several smaller items.

With its available revenues thus practically, if not entirely exhausted, with the demands still pouring in for funds and with the governor's ultimatum against deficits the committee has apparently turned to this new "grab" into the liquor profits, which rightly belong to the counties, as the only solution to their problem.

Like a rudderless ship on a storm tossed sea the legislature continues to flounder along, with no port yet in sight. Governor Martin, except for his opening message to the session and 2 special messages, has adhered to a hands off policy and the session has been marked not only by a dearth of vital issues but by a lack of any definite leadership. Up to the time this is written (Monday night) no important legislation has been enacted. Old age pensions, and labor bills, both loaded with dynamite continue to re-emerge in committees although it has been promised that the members would have a chance at both of these issues before the week is over. Appropriation bills started to roll through the House Saturday and began making their appearance on the senate desk Monday so that, except for the pension and labor fights the session should be washed up and ready to quit by the end of the week. Most optimistic predictions for sine die adjournment, however, fixes the date at next Wednesday or Thursday, but even that is only the wildest kind of a guess.

The House filibuster staged by several representatives Saturday afternoon had quieted down by Monday morning and all was serene on the surface at least. The demonstration was in protest against the tactics of House committees which have continued to hold up old age pension measures without giving the members a chance to vote on them. Apparently the filibuster served its purpose to the extent that it brought a promise of action on these controversial measures which seek to liberalize aid to the needy aged by extending the benefits to persons of 65 years and over as well as by

Moro School To Be Host For Spring Activities

Moro schools with Jerry Cunliff, principal, will be host for most of the spring activities for the county if plans made at the county school meeting in the court house Tuesday night, are complete.

The annual declamatory contest is scheduled for Friday, April 23, at 8 p. m., in the Moro school auditorium. County representatives in typing will compete on Wednesday, April 28 for both individual and team scores.

May 1 was set as the day for the music festival. During the morning the bands from Rufus, Wasco, Grass Valley and Moro will play. While the afternoon is planned for choral and other forms of musical activities.

It was decided that semester examinations would be given during the week of April 26 to 30.

Average Car Owner Pays High Taxes

The average automobile in Oregon cost its owner \$49.68 in special motor vehicle taxes during 1935, which was equivalent to 27.4 percent of its value, according to an announcement by the Oregon State Motor association.

The statement was based on a new study just completed by A. A. national headquarters comparing the evaluation of motor vehicles with total taxes paid during 1935. In Oregon, the automobile club pointed out, the 298,654 motor vehicles registered in that year were valued at \$53,136,209 and paid total of \$14,583,164 in state, local and Federal taxes.

All motor vehicles in the entire United States were valued at \$4,746,272,622 and paid taxes aggregating \$1,286,167,907. The average vehicle was valued at \$161.01 while the average tax per vehicle was \$49.05 or 27.097 percent of value. This ratio, it was declared, compares real estate taxes of approximately 2.86 percent of value and railroad taxes which amount to only 1.04 percent of value.

On the basis of the 1935 tax-value ratio of motor vehicles, the average car during its life of eight years pays taxes that amount to more than twice its average value during that period, the study showed.

Certificates Received By Champion Spellers

Certificates stating that the recipients are "champion spellers" in their grade throughout the county in the first spelling contest for 1936-37 were distributed to a representative number of youngsters the first of the week. Each certificate was signed by Willy W. Knighten, county school superintendent.

When the list of perfect spellers was printed last week three names of Kent third grade pupils were inadvertently omitted. These children also 100 per cent spellers were Ruby Cratty, Mary Lou Lyons and Mary von Borstel.

According to Mr. Knighten, contests will be held the first school day for the next three months. Perfect spellers in each contest will receive certificates, and those receiving four cards are eligible for the large certificate of recognition as "champion spellers" for the year.

Wasco Collegian Among Participants

Don McDermid of Wasco, student at Oregon State college, will participate in an unusual horse sports program to be held in conjunction with the OSC-Stanford polo games February 26 and 27 at Corvallis. The events are being sponsored by the field artillery unit of the ROTC and the Oregon State polo association.

Besides six chukkers of polo there will be exhibition jumping, mounted wrestling, mounted basketball, and polo bending races. Sixteen co-eds will be presented in a musical chair ride displaying the latest vogue of riding apparel.

A feature of the show will be the exhibition of five-gaited saddle and buggy horses by the R. L. Banks stables of Portland, and the showing of Carnation Chief, \$15,000, gaited stud from those stables.

Dufur Tourney Title High Goal Of County Boys

Rufus, Grass Valley, and Wasco Chosen Representatives; Arlington Invitation Sought by Quintets Of Sherman Schools

	W	L	P
Rufus	6	0	1.000
Grass Valley	6	2	.750
Wasco	4	4	.500
Kent	1	5	.166
Moro	0	7	.000

Rufus, Grass Valley and Wasco, first, second and third place winners in the race for boys' high school basketball title will be in Dufur tonight seeking admittance to the district tournament at Arlington next week end. Winners at Arlington move to the state competition in Salem.

The Rufus boys have found little difficulty turning any county opponents, so enter the lists as strong contenders for first or second place among Hood River, Wasco and Sherman county teams.

Both Grass Valley and Wasco have completed their schedule of county games while Rufus has two more; the cellar secure with Moro quintet; and Kent on the string.

Tuesday night it was reported that Kent also had two matches remaining.

Local Team Surprises

Moro boys found themselves Wednesday night in a closely contested game that ended 27-26 for Wasco. It was played on the Moro floor. Gillmor for the locals, and J. O'Meara for Wasco were high scorers with nine points each.

Moro's best play this season, the quintet surprised rooters who have said there was potential scoring strength that might someday be released. In number of field goals the Moro boys led twelve to nine, but Wasco won by converting more free throws. Scores by quarters, Wasco-Moro: 9-12, 15-18, 22-26, 27-26.

Twelve Play

Line-up: Wasco, Richelderfer, B. J. O'Meara, P. O'Meara, J. Hines, S. O'Meara; Moro, H. Belshee, Gillmor, Sayrs, Nahouse, Gentry, E. Belshee, Johnston.

In the first contest of the evening Moro girls found no difficulty trouncing Wasco, 62-23. Gillmor with 34, and Mersinger with 18 points were high for Moro. C. Fridley, 16 counters, took the visitor's scoring honors. Quarter scores, Wasco-Moro: 10-24, 17-40, 17-48, 23-62.

Line-up: Wasco, Richelderfer, B. Sheets, J. Wilde, C. Fridley, Thomas, C. Richelderfer; Hearing: Moro, Mersinger, French, Gillmor, Barzee, Melzer, Brisbane, Powell, Sayrs.

Civil Service Offers Several Examinations

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

Park Ranger, \$1,860 a year, National Park Service. Senior educationist (senior specialist in elementary education) \$4,600 a year, Office of Education, Department of Interior. Principal, Indian community and boarding schools, \$2,000, \$2,600 and \$3,200 a year, Indian Field Service (including Alaska Department of Interior. Junior warden (female) \$1,320 a year, Federal Industrial Institution for Women, Department of Justice. Alderson, West Virginia. Medical technician (tissue culture) \$1,620 a year, National Institute of Health, U. S. Public Health Service.

Chief accountant, \$5,600 a year, assistant chief accountant, \$4,600 a year, principal accountant, \$3,800 a year, accountant and auditor, \$3,200 a year, Commodity Exchange Administration, 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.

Community Swim Draws California Beauties



Participants in the annual community swim at Long Beach, Calif., when residents and visitors take part in beach and aquatic sports climaxed by a dip en masse in the surf. These aquatic events are held within sight of snow-covered mountains.

Tonight's Tennis Benefit Play Moved To Church

Twelve Moro boys and girls have parts in the play "House On Sand" to be given tonight (Friday) at the Community church for the benefit of the tennis court fund. The high school boys glee club will sing.

The first of the week it was decided by the cast to change the place from the high school to the church, according to Mrs. C. L. Poley, director.

Dr. Elliott Field, the author, seeks to point out changes in family life during the past twenty years. This is basis for the plot.

Members of the cast include Austin Foss (Thomas Reynolds), a business man; Marie McLeod (Maud Reynolds), his wife; Stanley Spofford, (Alec, their physician son); Jane French (Phyllis, the daughter); Carl Peetz (Max, 13 year old son); Rodney Truitt (Dan Mulvaney, a workman); Louise Barzee (Rose Mulvaney, the daughter); Reitha Sayrs (Mag, the old Irish nurse); Beth Mersinger (Mrs. Sniggles, a nosy neighbor); Donald Thompson, Janet and Orren Schadewitz play the part of the Reynolds' children when small.

Former Station Chief Goes To Pendleton

Headquarters of C. Edwin Hill, State Coordinator for the Soil Conservation Service in Oregon, have been changed from Athena, Oregon, to Pendleton, Oregon. Formerly with the demonstration project office at Athena, the Oregon State Coordinator's office now occupies rooms 8 and 9 in the Bond building, 642 Main St., Telephone 935, Pendleton.

In addition to supervising the work of the Soil Conservation Service on demonstration areas in this state, Mr. Hill coordinates this work with the activities of other government and state agencies.

Previous to joining the service and locating at Athena, Hill was associated with the Experiment Stations at Moro and at Waterville, Washington, engaging in agricultural and conservation activities.

PIONEER PASSES

Mrs. Helen Parry, 86, widow of the late John M. Parry many years Moro postmaster, died in Portland, February 19, 1937. Mrs. Parry was born in Indiana, September 16, 1850. The Parrys came to Sherman county in 1894 and saw the community through a considerable period of growth.

Surviving are two sons, John and Walter, both of Portland.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK				
DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.	
Feb. 18	38	24	.04	
" 19	35	24	.04	
" 20	29	21	.00	
" 21	44	33	.06	
" 22	47	36	.00	
" 23	45	30	.00	
" 24	44	30	.00	
Total for week			.14	

Spring-Like Days Draw Approval From Citizens

Little Run-off Saves Most Moisture For Growing Grain

Signs of spring are everywhere apparent in Sherman county as the first week of relief from winter's hold comes to a close. What a fortnight ago was a snow white blanket is now but slowly running water and melting ice and snow leaving nearly barren hillsides. Reports from different parts of the county point toward little run-off as most of the moisture is finding its way into the soft ground.

The question of moisture is again an important one for farmers. Since the first of September 1937 there has been 4.11 inches, either rain or snow at the experiment station at Moro. Very little of his has been lost. The average fall of moisture for the period from September to March for 23 years was 7.84 inches, records show. Of course this year's report does not include the last four days of the month.

Prospects Encouraging

Some who have feared that fall sown grain was rotted, or lost have been pleasantly surprised at the green that has appeared with the warmer days of the last week.

Most farmers hope to enter the fields in a few days, and that seeding will be finished by the middle of March or the first of April. However the soft mucky condition of the soil is a hindrance at the present time. Merchants of farm equipment and equipment parts are finding an increased demand for their products now that farmers are able to reach town without fighting drifts and storms. They report plenty of work on tractors too.

Townpeople have enjoyed the pleasant change from hugging stoves and furnace registers. To go about the street without a great coat, gloves, and hat drawn down over the face is an enjoyable feature of the spring-like temperature, according to local citizens.

Student Health Problems Checked

Students at the University of Oregon now have the advantage of a health program for the control of tuberculosis that is three-fold, it is reported by Dr. Fred N. Miller, head of the student health service, and Dr. Marian G. Haynes, physician.

The examination program, which every entering student undergoes, detects tuberculosis and gives physicians a chance to treat it, checks the danger of infection to others, and third, gives students an opportunity to learn first hand of the scientific approach to the important individual and community problem, the doctors point out.

U. S. Constitution Discussed By Moro Women

American Citizenship and the place of the Constitution in the lives of American people were general themes for speakers during the February 19 meeting of the Moro Woman's club held at the home of Mrs. E. H. Moore.

Mrs. Eugene Amidon acted as director, assisted by Mrs. A. Douma. During the roll call each member was asked to tell of some event or illustration concerning the Constitution of the United States. The not all took part there was an interesting response of information. Report of a trip around the world by Mrs. Daniel Bekins was made by her sister, Mrs. Amidon. Highlights of the journey were told, and excerpts from the traveler's diary were read.

Mrs. Irwin Morris spoke on the "Forming and Making of the Constitution sketching the historical background and points of interest in connection with the preparation of this great American document. The amendments to the Constitution were explained and described by Mrs. Margaret Peetz. Each one was given special attention during the talk.

Members of the club will meet on Friday, March 5 at Mrs. D. E. Stephens. Willy W. Knighten will give a talk on International Relations. All members are urged to attend.

O. W. Axtell Passes At Eugene Home

O. W. Axtell, pioneer Sherman county farmer, about 87 years of age, died at his home in Eugene, February 12, 1937, after an extended illness. Funeral service were held the following Monday.

Mr. Axtell was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, near Van Buren. Later he moved to Iowa. Coming to Oregon, he and Mrs. Axtell lived in Weston where they held membership in the Presbyterian church.

The couple were homesteaders in the Harmony district for many years. They took an active part in the organization of the Presbyterian church, Mr. Axtell serving as clerk and member of the Session.

Surviving are a brother, J. M. of Moro; and seven living children, one of whom, Perry C., still farms not far from his father's old place. Mrs. Bertha Hartsook, Albany; Mrs. May James, Pomona, California; Chester of California; Herbert of Portland; Herchel of Eugene; and Mrs. Nanna Franklin of Portland.

MRS. WISECARVER DIES

Mrs. Lucy Wisecarver, older sister of Mrs. Lena Searcy, died at the home of her daughter in Oakland, California, Saturday, February 13, 1937, according to word received here by a niece, Mr. Harry B. Pinkerton.

Joe Peters Heads County Allotment Association

1937 Program Outlined By N. E. Dodd; Sample Work Sheet Prepared For Average County Farm Of 1000 Tillable Acres

Joe Peters, Moro community committeeman, was named chairman of the Sherman county agricultural conservation association, Saturday, when approximately 30 community representatives gathered at the court house to hear the 1937 program described by N. E. Dodd, state chairman, of Baker.

Other county officers selected were O. G. Hilderbrand, Wasco, vice chairman; Frank von Borstel, Kent, director; and G. H. Root, Locust Grove, alternate. LeRoy Wright, county agent, serves as secretary and Pauline Davis, treasurer.

Sign-up Possible

During the Saturday sessions both organization and set-up for the new year were explained by the visiting official. Participation in the 1937 program is still open to farmers who have not signed work sheets.

Community committees named last week included Kent: Frank von Borstel, Corliss Andrews, Roy Barnett, and Jerry Wilson alternate; Moro: Joe Peters, O. L. Belshee, Frank Burnet and alternate Glen King. Grass Valley, Locust Grove and Wasco committeemen were listed at the time of the election.

County agent Wright has prepared a sample work sheet for an average Sherman county farm to illustrate the 1937 program payments. He takes a farm of 1,000 acres of crop land, with an additional non-crop pasture acreage of 120 acres. On the crop land half is in summer fallow and half in stubble.

Acre Rate \$3.84

For this farm the county allotment board sets 1,000 acres as the soil depleting base, and the productivity index at 100 per cent. The acre rate of payment for diversion is \$3.84. Because regulations set 15 per cent as the maximum for diversion, this farmer uses 150 acres. Mr. Wright explains that multiplying the 150 (acres diverted) by \$3.84 (payment per acre) the farmer would receive as a maximum class 1 payment a check for \$392.

However this is not all possible for a farmer to receive under the AAA rules, he says, as allowance for soil building may be earned.

On the sample farm it will be possible to earn as much as \$392 more. The county soil building acre rate is \$2.68, and 150 (acres diverted) \$2.58 x 150 (productivity index) totals \$387 due for soil practices. Added to this will be the non-crop pasture program allowance of \$5.

A suggestion of how the \$392 may be earned as follows: Trashy fallow (.50 x 500 acres) \$250; crested wheat seeding (\$3.00 x 25 acres) \$75; alfalfa seeding (\$4.00 x 5 acres) \$20; chemicals on weeds (\$10 x one acre) \$10; seeding winter wheat in the spring (\$1 x 30 acres) \$30; furrowing to prevent wind blows (\$1 x 7 acres) \$7; and pasturing on non-crop land, (15 head - 5 head x \$.50) \$5. A farmer on this Sherman county farm could receive a total of \$967 for 1937 program participation.

New Library Ready For Summer School

Summer session students at the University of Oregon this June will be the first official occupants of the new \$464,000 library, now nearing completion - it was announced here by Dr. C. Valentine Boyer, university president.

Work on the exterior of the structure has been completed, and landscaping and laying of walks is now under way. When completed the library will be one of the most modern and up-to-date plants of its kind in the United States, and for the first time in the institutions history, will provide adequate facilities for students and faculty.