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Action on the Townsend memorial did not even stir up a debate in the senate which passed the measure by a vote of 18 to 11. The memorial had reposed in the committee on resolutions for the past month.

Two bills outlawing games of chance are now in the hands of Governor Martin awaiting only his signature to become law. One of these sponsored by Senator Carney of Clackamas county defines slot machines, declares them to be public nuisances and authorizes their confiscation and destruction. The other, by Representative Martin of Marion, goes even farther to include pin ball games, dart games and similar devices all of which are to be taboo in Oregon henceforth. Passage of both bills was vigorously opposed by the gambling lobby, one of the most active lobbies at the current session. In fact they had the Martin bill killed once but it was later brought back and passed.

The House which was getting farther and farther behind its calendar through lack of adequate leadership and too much talking held a night session Friday night, the first of the session, in an effort to catch up. The Representatives also worked Saturday afternoon—for a change, while the senators cleaned their calendar before noon and knocked off for the week end.

The attempt by Senator Staples of Tillamook to outlaw racing and pari-mutuel betting failed when he was able to muster only 12 votes for his bill—four short of the necessary constitutional majority.

The gin marriage law is still in effect in Oregon. The senate turned thumbs down on a bill by Lesauard, Balentine and Eayrs which would have repealed not only the gin marriage law but the act requiring prospective grooms to submit to a medical examination before applying for a marriage license.

The so-called "good time" bill has passed both houses and is now ready for Governor Martin's signature. This measure seeks to reestablish the practice of allowing good time credits to inmates of the state penitentiary whose conduct merits this deduction from their sentences. The practice of allowing these credits was followed at the prison until Attorney General Van Winkle ruled there was no law authorizing the practice several months ago when it was discontinued. The action led to a serious riot at the penitentiary which resulted in the death of one prisoner and the wounding of two others. Nearly 200 prisoners are said to be eligible for release under the "good time credits" rule now.

The state highway department came in for a lot of criticism at the hands of House members during debate on a bill which sought to divert a portion of the gasoline tax revenues to the cities. The bill was vigorously opposed by the department. Among Representatives taking the floor to voice their objection to the alleged political activity of the department were Thomas of Polk, author of the bill under consideration, Hyde of Lane and Hosch of Deschutes. The bill was defeated by a vote of 43 to 15.

The legislature works in mysterious ways its wonders to perform. Not only has it decreed that bullfrogs are game fish but now it has ruled that locomotives must be equipped with "head" lights on their rear.

If the so-called "grassy boat" bill which has already passed the senate, makes the grade in the House it will probably encounter the governor's veto since Governor Martin has indicated his opposition to the measure which seeks to take a larger "cut" out of the bets on dogs and ponies and to distribute the "take" between a larger number of rodeos and community shows. The governor has said that this money should go only toward the support of fairs which would otherwise have to depend on tax levies.

There will be at least one referendum measure on the next general election ballot. That will be a proposed constitutional amendment giving the governor 20 days instead of five, as at present, in which to



Miss Miya Sannomiya, assistant general secretary of the Japanese Society of International Cultural Relations, visited the campus of the University of Oregon recently as a good-will ambassador from her native country.

Boys & Girls Club Work Progressing

Boys and girls club work through out the state is showing encouraging progress for this time of year, according to L. J. "Doc" Allen, assistant 4-H leader for Oregon, who was in conference with County agent LeRoy Wright, Wednesday morning.

With 36 baby beef projects on their way in Sherman county, the visitor explained that it was one of the most popular at this time, though there is an increasing interest in lamb and pig clubs. Mr. Allen was in the Dalles with 4-H leaders, Tuesday.

Illustrating what is being done, he said that 8 head of baby beef will be entered in the Junior Livestock show to be held in San Francisco beginning March 21. Six will go from Klamath county, and one each from Baker and Jackson.

Wily Knighten Heads CMTC Enrollment

Wily W. Knighten has been appointed by Patrick Bacon, State Aide for the Military Training Camp Association, as Chairman of the committee for Sherman county in connection with enrollment of applications for the CMTC Camp to be held at Vancouver Barracks, Washington, July 1st to July 30th this year. Mr. Knighten will have charge of the local arrangements for enrollment.

Dr. C. L. Poey has volunteered to assist in the campaign by conducting the preliminary physical examinations of the boys who apply to go to camp.

The quota which has been allotted to Sherman county for this year's camp is 2 boys. It is hoped that the county will fill this quota promptly as the quotas, if not filled by May 20th, will be allotted to counties which have oversubscribed their quota.

City Fathers To Discuss Finance

Officials of Sherman county communities have been invited to "talk shop" with experts in the finance field, and to exchange practical ideas with other finance officers of cities, counties, municipal and state agencies at the convention of the League of Oregon cities.

This convention will be held in conjunction with the annual Commonwealth Conference on the University of Oregon campus March 18-20, according to word received from Herman Kehrli, executive secretary of the league.

Softball League Contemplated By County Principals

Baseballs are in the air, but not for long as high school boys toss them around or take trial swings at fungo mitting. Grass Valley students are having practice games.

School principals encouraged by interest shown are considering formation of a soft-ball league as a spring activity. A meeting will be held shortly to see what can be done about organization.

Four Methods of Diverting Land Announced

Participant Must Make Diversion Before He Can Receive Payment For Trashy Fallow

Farmers who plan to participate in the 1937 agricultural conservation program are asked to remember that there are but four ways to divert land, according to LeRoy Wright, county agent.

Methods approved are as follows: (1) seeding created wheat grass; (2) seeding fall wheat or fall rye in the spring; (3) pasturing fall wheat or fall rye during the entire season; (4) seeding peas, or rye and plowing them up for a green manure crop. If plan number 3 is used stubble must be left idle. It cannot be pastured and weeds must be kept from going to seed by clipping them. If plan 4 is followed the farmers must leave that land idle the rest of the season. This means no tillage of any sort. Weeding or harrowing are prohibited.

Cannot Burn Straw

This year the participant must make the diversion before there is possibility of receiving payments for trashy fallow on land plowed. Trashy fallow payments are not allowed if straw rows are burned, or if after plowing there is either wind or water erosion of the acreage of 50 cents an acre.

The amount that a farmer can earn for soil building practices is based on his soil-building allowance. Provided the building allowance is high enough as based on productivity it is possible to earn the maximum payments below. Where soil building allowance is less than required the payments will be lower. Payments for the county are: 50 cents an acre for trashy fallow; \$3 an acre for seeding created wheat grass; \$4 an acre for seeding alfalfa; \$1 an acre for seeding fall wheat or rye in the spring; \$1 an acre for furrowing wind blows.

Sample Work Sheet Needs Correction

In the sample worksheet for a Sherman county farm of 1,000 acres outlined by County agent LeRoy Wright last week there were several typographical errors that misled the reader. The maximum class 1 payment should have been \$576 and not \$392. To determine the allowance for soil building the correct figures were \$2.58x150x100 to equal \$387. Thus the maximum payment possible on a 1,000 acre farm with 120 additional acres of non-crop pasture land should have read \$576 class 1 payment plus \$387 soil building allowance plus \$5 (pasturing) equals \$968 for 1937 participation.

C. E. Convention Group Meets Soon

Members of the local convention committee will meet at the Wasco Christian church, Sunday at 3 p. m., to complete arrangements for the district Christian Endeavor convention to be held April 2, 3 and 4 in Moro. Mt. Hood Union officers headed by president Glenn Driskell, Hood River, expect to be present.

Awards for the largest percentage of a society's registered delegates by March 31, have aroused interest in Hood River, Wasco and Sherman county groups. It is planned to give a C. E. wall pledge for first place; and a book on socials for second place.

New Officers Taking Command at CCC Camp

New officers are taking command at CCC Camp Moro, Capt. Edward Von Seeth who will go to Vancouver barracks in about 10 days has been relieved by Capt. S. S. Murphree, the service reserve, Portland. First Lieut. G. E. Bean, infantry reserve, Wacham, Mass., is the new officer second in command.

Flood Refugees Enjoy a Hot Lunch



Unperturbed by their flight from the alluvial agricultural area of Arkansas, these children are seen eating at the refugee camp at Memphis, Tenn., with full enjoyment of the meal. All the roads from Arkansas into Memphis were clogged with refugees.

School Children Rufus Team May Win History Contest Prizes To Go To Arlington

Boys and girls of high school and grade school age may win valuable money prizes in the third Sherman county history contest, announced Wily W. Knighten, county school superintendent, Thursday.

As in previous years subjects may be chosen that cover the county as a whole, or concern some local city, or period of county history. Accuracy in dates and subject matter will play an important part in awarding prizes, he says.

Contestants are to be divided into two groups: those in high school, and those in the upper four grades of the public schools. There will be prizes in each division. With the closing date set as April 30, 1937, rules governing the contest are being prepared and should be in the hands of prospective contestants soon.

Sherman County Leader In Payments

Sherman, Baker, Marion and Gilliam counties lead in the total amount of payments, while Josephine, Baker and Marion have the largest number of 1936 agricultural conservation compliance applications approved and paid, according to an announcement by N. E. Dodd, Baker, state chairman.

More than 2000 farmers in 12 of Oregon's 36 counties have received checks for cooperative work in the program. In many instances thru-out the state it is believed payments are held up because farmers have delayed appearing before their county committees to complete their application requirements.

Just before the end of February checks had been distributed to 2006 farmers for a total of \$244,413.67. It has been estimated that this is about 10 per cent of the payments to be made under the 1936 program. Checks were being cleared at the rate of about 250 a day.

Play Nets Tennis Fund \$25

Moro young people interested in the new tennis court are \$25 nearer their goal of \$125 as a result of net receipts from the play "The House on the Sand" presented in the Community church, Friday night, under the direction of Mrs. C. L. Poley.

Just report of the fund was a total of \$62.50, with several subscriptions volunteered by local townspeople. Carl Peetz is chairman of the finance committee raising money.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
Feb. 25	41	32	.05
" 26	43	36	.00
" 27	51	35	.00
" 28	47	32	.00
" 1	47	37	.15
" 2	51	37	.23
" 3	52	32	.00
Total for week			.43

Emergency Loans Available For Crop, Feed

Applications for emergency crop and feed loans for 1937 are now being received at Box 4141 by Verne F. Livesay, Portland, Ore., field supervisor of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Section of the Farm Credit Administration, L. C. Wright, County Agent, Moro, Oregon.

These loans will be made only to farmers who cannot obtain credit from any other source, as provided by regulations issued by the Governor of the Farm Credit Administration. The money loaned will be limited to the farmer's immediate and actual cash needs for growing his 1937 crops or for the purchase of feed for livestock and in no instance may exceed \$400.

Farmers are not eligible for these loans if they can borrow from an individual, production credit association, bank, or other concern. Emergency crop and feed loans will not be made by the Farm Credit Administration to standard rehabilitation clients of the Resettlement Administration whose current needs are provided for by Resettlement.

Takes First Lien

As in the past, the security for these loans will consist of a first lien on the crop financed if the loan is for the production of crops, and if for the purchase of feed for livestock, then a first lien on the livestock to be fed. Landlords, or others having an interest in the crops or the livestock to be fed, will be required to waive their claims in favor of the lien to the Governor of the Farm Credit Administration until the loan is repaid.

Checks in payment of the approved loans will be issued by the Regional Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Office at Spokane, Washington.

National Defence Conference Coming

Two National Defence-Americanism conferences under the leadership of Mrs. James H. Turnbull, Portland, chairman of the national defence department of the Oregon American Legion auxiliary will be held next week. One is at Grants Pass on March 8, the other in Salem, March 10, is the announcement made by county officers.

With united action by American women to de-profite war as a primary object for the state auxiliaries during 1937, the women's group will support the American Legion's demand for passage of a universal service act at this season of Congress and the conferences are in line with this effort. It is said.

Leaders Selected

Assisting Mrs. Turnbull at Grants Pass will be Mrs. Marjorie Bonney, department Americanism chairman for the auxiliary; Dewey Powell and James Fowler of Klamath Falls, American Legion chairman for National Defence and Americanism, respectively.

At Salem leaders include Mrs. Edith Brown, unit National Defence chairman; and Hayden Miller, Legion Americanism chairman.

It is expected by those in charge that all patriotic organizations and civic groups will participate in these two evening meetings.

Cropping Practice Changes Noted

The last ten years has witnessed almost a revolution in cropping practices in many parts of the state, it is shown by the annual report of E. R. Jackman, extension specialist in farm crops at O. S. C. This is particularly significant as regards introduction of new legumes.

Among the significant 10-year changes are the following: Ladino clover pasture acreage in 1926, 134 acres, in 1936, 16,254; Grimm alfalfa in western Oregon, from 3310 acres to 42,585; sweet clover pasture, 583 acres to 6,175; Austrian winter field peas, from 50 acres to 27,350. Ladak alfalfa in eastern Oregon, introduced first in 1930, reached 3,681 acres in 1936, putting Oregon and Montana at the head of all states in acreage of this crop.

Winter Storms Mean Payments To Farmers

County Court Approves Expense Money For Road Clearance; Routine Business On Docket During March Session

Echoes of man's battle with snow and ice of the last winter appeared in the form of bills presented to the county court when it met for the March session, Wednesday, with Judge George Potter, Commissioners A. A. Dunlap and David Reid, and Attorney T. Lester Johnson present.

Bills Submitted

A considerable amount of money paid out for February will go to farmers and other citizens who helped keep roads open when county equipment was busy in other sections of the area. In most cases bills were for gas and oil, in others for use of tractors, and in most of them labor charges were included. While approving payment members of the court were agreed that the emergency arising because of the sudden storms could not have been met this year without much of the assistance rendered. It was explained that this extra work in some cases made it possible for school busses to be on approximate schedule.

Erskine Wants Grader

Roy Powell appeared as a representative for Erskine farmers who requested use of a grader for smoothing roads in that district before they become too dry.

Other matters of business were approval of the purchase of a check-writer for use by the clerk and treasurer; a resolution by the court to close two miles of road running north and south that lies approximately three-fourths of a mile east of the Buckley school house in the Shearer's grade region; and adjustment of salary payment for the treasurer in accord with the increase approved by a new bill approved by the legislature. The court adjourned subject to call, with the next regular meeting on Wednesday, April 7.

Poppy Poster Contest For South End

The Kent American Legion members held a joint meeting with the Auxiliary, February 25, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Theo. von Borstel with District president Donald Knighten, Moro, present.

The Auxiliary voted to put on the poppy poster contest this spring. This contest closes April 20. Students in Grass Valley, Kent, Antelope, and Shaniko schools may compete. This is expected to add interest to the contest. Rules will be placed on the school bulletin boards, and the auxiliary ladies will call and explain what is expected. Prizes for the contest will be explained later.

During the winter months the members have made 14 print dresses and six blouses which have been mailed to the Child Welfare center in Portland.

After the business meeting cards were enjoyed. Prizes were given to the man and his wife who had the highest combined score; Mr. and Mrs. Wily Knighten received first prize and Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Justesen, second. Refreshments were served by the hostess. The next meeting will be held March 10th.

Fertilizer Experiments Made at Union

Most farmers do not think about fertilizing for wheat production, but experiments conducted on the branch station at Union, indicate that it would be highly profitable. For 12 years tests with treble phosphate, applied at the rate of 100 pounds an acre every three years to winter wheat, showed that every dollar invested in the fertilizer returned \$3.80 profit. These results, of course, are subject to the limitations of comparable soil and weather conditions.