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Oregon will shift its old age pension set-up to include needy persons 65 years of age and over effective January 1, next, if Governor Martin signs the bill which has passed both the House and Senate as he is expected to do.

During the remainder of the current year, however, pension payments will be limited to needy persons of 70 years and over under the terms of the bill which is now in the hands of the governor.

Reduction of the age requirement for old age assistance, it is estimated, will cost the state an additional \$680,000 during this biennium. The several counties will also be required to budget this additional amount next year to meet their share of the pension cost.

In passing this pension program which represents the original ways and means committee proposal with only minor amendment, the House receded from its stand for immediate reduction of the age requirement to 65 years and for a shift in the cost ratio which would have imposed one third of the total burden on the state, with the counties paying only one-sixth of the cost, instead of state and counties paying one-fourth of the cost as under the present program.

The only other change of any consequence in the old age pension program at this session—assuming that the governor signs the bill—was an amendment under which aged persons, otherwise qualified, may use their pensions in paying for a portion or all of the cost of their keep in a private institution. This provision, however, will not apply to persons who have paid or are able to pay their own way in one of these homes.

Chief concern of both the House and Senate in liberalizing the pension program was the ability of the counties to meet the additional cost. The state, it was explained, would be able to meet its share of the increase without any additional revenue whereas some of the counties, it was admitted, will be hard put to meet the increased burden. With this problem in mind an interim committee will study the problem during the next two years and report back to the next session with recommendations for raising additional revenue, a part of which will go toward relieving the counties of their tax load.

Orville Gamble, superintendent of the trade school for adult blind at Portland has resigned. His successor will be named by the new board created by an act of the 1937 legislative session, soon to be appointed by the governor. The resignation, it is understood, came as the result of differences between Gamble and his advisors, several of whom will probably be appointed to the new board.

Reports that Charles H. Carey, state corporation commissioner, and Frank Wire, state game supervisor, are to be replaced have been denied by Governor Martin. The governor explained that he had made no change in the corporation department and that the game supervisor was under the game commission of whose plans he knew nothing.

One of the wildest scenes staged at the current legislative session—or at any session in recent years for that matter—was enacted in the House late Saturday afternoon over the issue of adjournment. The senate had sent over a resolution calling for sine die adjournment at 5:00 p. m. Monday. This was promptly tabled by the House. A motion was then made to adjourn until 10:00 a. m. Monday. This was promptly amended to read 5:00 p. m. Tuesday, and the amendment again amended to read 10:01 a. m. Monday. Then the amendments were withdrawn and the same procedure repeated again. This horseplay continued for more than an hour until the members, exhausted by their own parliamentary maneuvering, were content to knock off work for the week end and come back Monday morning.

Four state officials will emerge from the legislative session with bigger and better pay checks. Salaries of the three industrial accident unemployment compensation commissioners were increased from thirty six hundred to \$5600 a year and the state insurance commissioner was given a pay boost from \$3600 to \$5000 a year.

Moro Teachers Accept 1937-38 Board Offer

Faculty members for the Moro school were re-employed at a meeting of the school board, Monday afternoon. Before the contracts were approved the instructors agreed to return next fall, according to Melvin Schadowitz, chairman. A salary increase of approximately 10 percent was made the teachers.

The present staff includes, R. G. Cunliff, principal; Arvo Rahkola and Miss Barbara Lelas in the high school; and Paul Goddard, Misses Evawynne Jones, Margaret Turnbull and Bertha Craig, grade teachers.

Pioneer Woman Dies At Wasco

Funeral services for Mrs. Margaret E. Williams, 88, who died at her home in Wasco, March 8, 1937, were conducted by Rev. Willis Douglas, Jr., pastor of the Methodist church there Tuesday. Interment was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Mrs. Williams as a girl crossed the plains with her family in 1851, moving to Lebanon. She was married to Thomas E. Williams in 1868 at Petaluma. The couple settled in Sherman county in 1883.

Surviving relatives include a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Sharpe of Seattle; two sons, John H. of Canby and Ralph W. of Wasco; a sister, Mrs. Lucille Wooden of Seattle; two brothers, John E. Crawford of Redding, Calif., and W. E. Crawford of Ukiah.

Palbearers included Ed. Moon, W. B. Rice, Dan McDermid, Norval Yocum, George Moon and J. W. Spencer.

Oregon Music School Aided By Gift

Eugene, A \$500 bequest by Miss Mary Elizabeth McCormack to the University of Oregon school of music, was announced by Dr. John J. Landebury, dean. The bequest is for the benefit of students studying music for religious purposes.

Miss McCormack, who passed away last fall at one time a music instructor here. An active alumnae of the University, she always took a prominent part in musical affairs here, and aided the University in every possible way.

Boy Scouts To Hike To-morrow

Members of Scout troop 360 in their meeting Tuesday night decided to have a hike tomorrow to complete second-class tests. The boys will be led by local officials.

Eight boys of the Moro Cub pack spent the afternoon Saturday at DeMoss park. In the group were Ramsey Schadowitz, Corlies McLeod, Vernon and Kenneth Searcy, Bob Brishine, Carrol Neuman and Don Thompson. Their leader, L. H. Mitchellmore was in charge.

Most Of County's AAA Checks Come

Sherman county's share of 1936 agricultural conservation program checks is practically all paid, according to word from the county agent's office. A batch of checks received the last two weeks totaled \$3,427.42. This leaves one payment to come, it was announced Thursday.

Farmers who have not signed 1937 worksheets have until March 15 to do so. The extension of two weeks was granted recently by the government authorities.

Wasco Garden Club Aiding City Park

The members of the Garden Club of Wasco, meeting at the home of Mrs. H. W. Walker on Tuesday, pledged themselves to the maintenance and development of the city park.

Contributions of shrubs or cash from any one interested in this project will be appreciated. Mrs. R. F. Fortner, president of the organization, appointed Mrs. E. D. McKee as chairman of the park committee.

New Wheat Crop Prospects Good Within County

Light Rain Needed As Crust Forms; Early Plantings of Spring Seed Possible With Moisture In Ground

A light rain that was county wide would do much to alleviate the handicap of surface crusts forming on some wheat fields, according to individuals interested in a good crop this year. At present any average forecast points to a good stand of winter wheat, it is said.

Where farmers planted in the dust last fall and were compelled to drill deeper than usual, a little anxiety over the crop has appeared. However most wheatmen feel that there is slight reason for worry that the grain will not grow. Where crusts are forming harrowing is proposed, though its value is questioned.

Statistics at the Moro experiment station show the present growing season is about average for the last 11 or 12 years. With most of the moisture in the ground, farmers planning to sow a spring crop, are faced with an encouraging future. The average precipitation for March is .85 inches. The first two days of the month brought .38 inches in rain.

No definite report of the county's present moisture in the ground is possible until members of the experiment station staff make their preliminary tests next week. Although this may not be as optimistic as some years, there is plenty of time for more precipitation.

Many farmers have begun their plowing. Where the ground is still too wet, it is expected that few days will pass before work can also be underway there. Drying winds though not as frequent as some years, have begun to blow dust, and old settlers of Sherman county are remarking that it seems natural.

County Court Passes Current Bills

CLAIMS PRESENTED AND ALLOWED AT THE MARCH 3, 1937 TERM OF COUNTY COURT

General Fund	
U. S. National Bank, Sherman Co. Portion of Old Age Assistance	\$181.65
U. S. National Bank, Sherman Co. Portion of blind assistance	5.78
C. C. Wilson, Sheriff	150.00
C. C. Wilson, Sheriff travel expense	35.00
Clarice Sacre, Deputy Sheriff	82.50
Margaret W. Peetz, Assessor	150.00
Joe Truitt, Clerk	125.00
Marie Hoskinson, Deputy Clerk	69.70
Wily Knighten, Sup't Salary	125.00
Wily Knighten, Sup't Travel expense	25.00
Naomi VanGilder, Treasurer	116.67
Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co. for telephone	13.55
Pacific Power & Light Co. Lights for Feb.	17.45
Dr. C. L. Poley, Vital Statistics	1.50
W. E. Tate, Vital Statistics	.75
Kilham Stationer, Assessor's supplies	8.37
City of Moro. Water for Feb.	3.55
Mid-Columbia Type Co., Adding machine for Clerk's office	108.00
Roy J. Baker, Premium on Justice of Peace	10.00
M. Clarke Webb, Sealer of Weights and Measures	2.91
Sheriff of Gilliam Co., Taxes on Shiel Property	21.33
Annie Eddy, Janitress	30.00
A. S. Johnson, Furnace tender	25.00
Jas. Stewart, Stock Inspect.	25.00
Geo. A. Potter, County Judge	37.50
A. A. Dunlap, Comm.	21.00
Geo. G. Updegraff, Premium on bonds	10.00
Sherman County Journal, printing	8.80
A. E. Simmons, Supplies for Supt.	4.50
West Pub. Co., Law Library	10.00
Wily Knighten, Cash for office help	21.20
National Geographic Soc., Magazine sub. for Supt's office	3.00
Wily Knighten, Cash advanced for stamps	6.00
Geo. A. Potter, Phone calls	

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OREGON WINNERS FILL 4-H "LEAVES"



When Clayton Fox of Imbler, (lower right) won the national contest for 1936, Oregon "filled the leaves" of the traditional 4-H emblem with national winners. Only one other state has equaled this record. The annual report of the club department of the OSC extension service just issued shows that attention is not centered on a few winners, however, but extends to a larger percentage of club membership compared with population than is found in many other states. Other winners shown above are (top) Edgar Grimes, Harrisburg, 1928; and Lois Bailey, Eugene, 1929, and (bottom) Alex Cruickshank, McMinnville, 1927.

\$42,000 Paid on 1937 Taxes Sheriff Reports

With \$42,825.23 collected up to Thursday morning, Sheriff C. C. Wilson reported yesterday that payment of 1937 taxes is entirely satisfactory.

He also explained that the discount for early payment ended March 15, and after that date there will be the regular penalty for first quarter delinquents. This extra charge amounts to 2-3 of one per cent a month on the taxes due.

Three High Schools Set Dates For Plays

Official dates have been set for the three one-act plays to be given in Moro, Wasco and Grass Valley by the high schools of those communities, according to R. G. Cunliff, Moro principal.

Moro citizens will be hosts to the players on Tuesday night, March 30. They go to Wasco the following night, March 31. Grass Valley entertains the thespians, Friday night, April 2.

Each of the three nights, Grass Valley will present a one-act drama "The Underdog," Moro, a comedy, "Elmer," and Wasco a drama. Casts have been selected and are spending leisure moments preparing for large audiences in each town, say those in charge of the school dramatic departments.

Mrs. A. W. McLeod Named President

Mrs. A. W. McLeod was named president for the second term at the annual election of the Community church Women's Missionary society held in conjunction with the March meeting, March 10, at the home of Mrs. Robert Webb.

Officers who will work with Mrs. McLeod for the season 1937-38 include, Mrs. Harry Pinkerton, vice president; Mrs. E. E. Serar, secretary; Mrs. E. E. Barzee, treasurer.

Secretaries of standing committees are, Mrs. Ida Davis, stewardship; Mrs. Joe Truitt, literature; Mrs. L. V. Moore, spiritual life group; Mrs. Martin Melzer, membership; Mrs. L. H. Mitchellmore, missionary education; Mrs. Dewey Thompson, program; Mrs. E. H. Moore, local church.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
Mar. 4	54	33	.00
" 5	62	39	.00
" 6	52	33	.00
" 7	50	31	.00
" 8	52	32	.00
" 9	52	37	.00
" 10	52	33	.00
Total for week			.00

Grass Valley Debaters Win From Bend

Grass Valley debaters coached by Clifford Rowe enter the eastern Oregon semi-finals of the Oregon high school debate league by virtue of their 3-0 judges' decision over the Bend negative in Grass Valley, Wednesday night. Monday night the Bend affirmative won a 2-1 decision in a home contest.

Debating the subject, "Resolved that the electric utilities should be owned by the government," were Berla Grater and Helen Newland, Bend negative; and Wanda Tiller and Thelma Fortner, Grass Valley affirmative. Lawrence Yarnes is the Bend coach. Judges for the Grass Valley competition included, John Scheythe, Madras high school principal; and Dr. C. L. Poley, and Rev. L. H. Mitchellmore of Moro.

At the close of the debate the Grass Valley coach awarded letters to Frances Fairchild and Ramona Spoor, negative team; members of the victorious affirmative team; and Doris Stradley and Betty Olds, other members of the squad.

Lester Barnum Hurt In Run-Away

Lester Barnum sustained a badly bruised right leg, Friday, when the horses drawing a grader were frightened and staged a runaway through the barnyard at his ranch home. He is walking on crutches this week. Mr. Barnum and his brother Cleo had been working on the road to Grass Valley. On their return they decided to grade the barnyard. Some thing frightened the team, and they raced off toward a fence. As Lester jumped from the equipment he fell under the grader blade. His brother, able to jump clear of the grader was not injured.

Portland Man Invited To Speak At C. E. Session

Dr. C. P. Gates of Portland, recognized throughout the state as a young people's leader and friend of the teen-age group, has been invited to serve as principal speaker for the Mt. Hood Christian Endeavor union convention to be held in Moro, April 2, 3 and 4. Official acceptance is expected this week end according to word received by local convention representatives.

At a district executive meeting held in Wasco last Sunday it was announced that Dr. Walter L. Myers, state field secretary and Howard Cole, extension and grading superintendent of the state union, would also be present.

It was learned that delegates are being organized from Hood River, The Dalles, and Dufur, and plans are underway to recruit troops from Parkdale, Maupin, Rufus, Mosier and other communities where Christian Endeavor societies are active. Glenn Driskell, union president, made it clear that the convention is inviting all youth groups of Sherman county whether called C. E., or Epworth league, B. Y. P. U. or similar title.

Registration Requested

"All delegates must register," says Dean Pinkerton, local registration chairman. "This registration fee of 10 cents permits admittance to all sessions, and assures the delegate breakfast and a place to sleep, Friday, Saturday and perhaps Sunday nights. Christian Endeavor members below the seventh grade in school will pay a 6 cent fee." Local Christian Endeavorers are also asked to register, it said.

Attending the meeting Sunday were chairmen of the Moro convention committees; Marie McLeod, Irma Morgan, Dean Pinkerton, Louise Bargee, Albert Gullbrants, Dewey Thompson, and Lawrence Mitchellmore. Others in the delegation were Carl Peetz, Ted Thompson and Florence Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McLeod, managers of the Moro hotel were in Portland Saturday and Sunday. During their absence, John H. McCune served as clerk. Mr. McCune returned to Moro Thursday after several months in Portland.

Oregon Solons Adjourn Monday For Needed Rest

Members Vote "No" As Last Minute Legislation Danger Heeded; Labor Bill Only Issue for Controversy

At approximately the hour set in the afternoon of the final day the 39th session of the Oregon legislature stood and demanded that the speaker drop the final gavel and announce the adjournment, "sine die." Despite the oft repeated statement that this legislature was composed of a majority of half crazy ladies and gentlemen there was less confusion in the final moments than is usual according to the ones who have watched many sessions pass into history. So many members had heard of the dangers of last minute legislation that they began to vote "NO" or to put bills on the table the last hour and while several good bills were thus defeated some bad ones were not passed.

Sides Taken

The group that has been sponsoring the labor bills in the house finally succeeded in bringing the bill out on the floor after days and days of intensive work but their minority report was defeated by a vote of 35 to 24 with one absent. This legislation was the only really controversial issue in the session despite the talk about the old age pension problem. Sides were drawn very definitely and eight or ten of the members were at various times pledged to both sides—and sometimes were pledged to both sides at once. Some will have to get shaved by a barber because of the inability to look themselves in the face for some time after adjournment.

Parole Plan Falls

The parole legislation failed in the senate although there were several attempts to revive it at the last minute. There will be some new state buildings because of this legislature. That is true of nearly every session, however, for the state grows and the state buildings must grow with it. Authority was given to buy an office building in Portland and to build a new state tuberculosis hospital there in order to relieve the crowded condition in the other similar hospitals. A building program for Salem was passed although it will not begin immediately. It was thought by a majority of the legislators that some provision should be made for enlarging the present capitol grounds because of the growing need of the state. The land can probably be bought cheaper now than in the future.

Anyway it is over and the season for enraged citizens to stand and ask "Why in heck did they do that?" or "Why didn't they do this?" is now on and there will be plenty of it for it is as common for citizens to be displeased with their government as for soldiers to be displeased with their officers.

Army Service Open To 37 Youths

Authority has been received to accept 37 young men for service on the other side of the World, according to an announcement made recently by Major H. D. Bagnall, the Army Recruiting Officer, 323 New Post Office Building, Portland, Oregon. These men will be sent to the Philippine Islands and given their choice of either Coast Artillery Corps or the Medical Department.

Major Bagnall also announced vacancies in Alaska and Hawaii, in addition to vacancies in the different stations in the West and Northwest, and stressed the point that although the choice of station and branch is wide, the vacancies in any particular assignment are limited.

Men electing to serve in the Philippines are taking advantage of an unusual opportunity for travel as men selecting this assignment are usually sent there via Hawaii and Guam, returning at the expiration of two years via China and Japan.