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Negro Attacks Benefactor Who Gives Ride

Many Named Boy From South Hits White Man Over Head With Rock and Steals Purse According To Confession

John Young, who gave his age as 18 and his residence as Galveston, Texas and who is a negro, was picked up on the Columbia highway Tuesday by W. B. Baisley, 36, Portland magazine store manager and given a ride. About a mile east of Dinty's Service station the negro is said to have struck Baisley on the head with a rock and tried to take the car.

Baisley, although reported to be partially intoxicated, put up a scrap and managed to get rid of his passenger and return to Dinty's from where he called the state police at The Dalles.

Sergeant Frank Grimm responded to the call and after getting a description of the assailant arrested him along the river and brought them both to Moro where they were placed in jail. Baisley who had a cut over his eye was treated by Dr. Poley.

Wednesday Baisley was released after paying a \$25 fine for intoxication and Young was held for a hearing before Justice Mee in Wasco.

Young later gave his name as James Williams and changed his address from Galveston to Houston which seems to leave the general information that he is dark skinned and came from the south and has a common name.

He is reported to have confessed to taking Baisley's wallet containing \$2.90 while he was unconscious from the assault.

Three Head of Cattle Killed on Highway

Three head of cattle, yearlings, were killed Friday night on the Sherman highway three miles south of Moro when they were struck by a large truck. The cattle belonged to L. V. Moore and they had broken out of his field and onto the highway. The truck was slightly damaged losing both headlights and having the radiator grill bent. With the aid of a spot light the driver went on after a short delay.

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County Nearing Debt Free State Says Treasurer

Nine thousand Sherman county bonds were received Wednesday morning by the treasurer to make the total bought by the county since 1931 one hundred and ninety four thousand dollars out of the total road bond issue of \$200,000. This leaves out \$106,000 yet to be paid before July 1939.

The price paid for the last purchase was 109 1/2 which gives the county but a fraction of percent interest on the money involved, but a greater interest rate than can be obtained from banks. Bonds have been bought from \$8 to 110 1/2 according to county treasurer Naomi Van Gilder.

The road bonds were issued in 1919 and none of them were redeemed until 1931 when five were bought. In 1932 the county bought ten, in 1933 it bought 33, in 1934 it bought 34. In 1935 33 were purchased, in 1936 43 and already in 1937 36 have been returned to the treasurer.

Munger on Bail: Trial In May

Dell Munger was released on bail Saturday by Justice Stow after having been arrested earlier in the week on a charge of stealing a lamb from A. G. Harvey. He was bound over to the grand jury and will stand trial at the May term of court. John Neuther was bailman and Frank G. Diek acted as attorney for Mr. Munger.

4-H Calves to be Weighed Monthly

All 4-H club calves will be weighed once a month with the new trailer scales recently completed. Various local firms aided the county agent for providing for this weighing vehicle, Moro Grain Growers, Moro Garage, McKean & Searcy, Foss & Co., Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co. and the Sunset Garage, being the donors of equipment. The weighing schedule will continue until the county fair in September which will give each club worker opportunity to watch the growth of his animals.

WHEAT LEAGUE MEETING

The executive committee of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League will meet in Arlington Sunday morning, April 4th, to consider several problems that have arisen, since the fall meeting.

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ready been formed a strong coalition between Willie Mahoney, Howard Latourette, Ray Gill and Ben Osborne to oppose the governor should he seek re-election.

Whatever the governor's intentions may be toward a second term no one yet knows unless it be himself—which is doubtful—and he is not telling. But at least the subject provides plenty of material for speculation and probably will for several months to come.

Oregon's bonded debt was reduced by \$1,900,000 this week when State Treasurer Holman paid off \$1,300,000 in highway bonds and \$600,000 in World War Veterans State Aid bonds. These payments leave \$47,208,010 still outstanding almost equally divided between obligations of the highway and bonus commissions. State bond retirements since January 1, 1935, amount to \$7,425,600, according to a statement issued by Holman.

Frank M. Franciscovich, state senator from Clatsop county, now knows how it feels to be the governor of a great state. Franciscovich, as president of the senate, was governor from Thursday afternoon until Monday while Governor Martin was visiting with his daughter and family at Bremerton, Washington. Franciscovich, however, did not find it necessary to come to Salem during his brief reign as the state's chief pretender to bid his time until the governor leaves on a more extended vacation which he is expected to do some time this summer.

Hundreds of state employees and officials were made happy this

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Sales Period For Columbia Area Products Urged

Oregon's Governor Asks Cooperation of All Citizens in Campaign For Home-made Goods of Columbia Area

Declaring that "this period should be used as a design for year around buying," Governor Chas. H. Martin has set aside a ten day period starting today, during which the state is asked to honor industry of the Columbia area. In making his proclamation Governor Martin called upon civic and social clubs to work together "in a cooperative effort for an individual and collective growth."

"Governor Martin is a staunch friend of industry," said Geo. L. Baker, manager of Columbia Empire Industries, Inc., who are sponsoring a cooperative advertising campaign designed to stimulate increased use of products manufactured or grown in the Columbia area.

Following is a complete text of Governor Martin's proclamation:

"The citizens of the great Columbia Empire are urged to take concerted action in honoring the industries, both industrial and agricultural, from April 1st to 10th. Every dollar spent for products manufactured or grown provides additional employment for our people, and it is employment—steady employment—which means a prosperous future for every individual in this area.

"We have critically analyzed the manufactured and agricultural products of this territory. We have found them good, and price equal or better to those shipped in to compete with our products for preference.

"It is from such concerted action that our industries, our farmers, our lumbering interests, our civic and social groups, our schools, our merchants, and our people can work together in a cooperative effort for an individual and collective growth.

"Let us make the ten days set aside to honor industry a great success. Let us use this period as a design for year around buying." (Signed) Charles H. Martin Governor of the State of Oregon.

CLOTHING EXHIBIT

An exhibit of clothing will be made by Miss Helen Cowgill at Grass Valley April 9. This exhibit was prepared by the department of home economics and came from Washington D. C. Methods of tailoring will be shown and explained by the director of club activities.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRED.
Mar. 25	56	32	17
" 26	54	37	00
" 27	59	40	08
" 28	55	35	00
" 29	53	32	00
" 30	46	31	01
" 31	44	39	01
Total for week			27

High School Children Please With Group of One Act Plays

The three one act plays given by the student bodies of three of Sherman county's high schools were presented at Moro Tuesday night, at Wasco Wednesday night and will be given at Grass Valley tonight. A good sized audience has attended the performances indicating the public interest in the type of entertainment displayed.

The Wasco school was first on the program with "Nora's Cape" a light farce having to do with a family episode between a newly married couple (Gertrude Hansen and Jack Hines). The wife gave a cape to the maid (Beryl Sheets) and the husband kissed the maid before a visiting aunt (Catherine Fridley) causing a display of jealousy before it was straightened out by a cousin (Kenneth Blau). Jesse Leonard was the director.

The Grass Valley play was directed by Clifford Rowe and was of a more serious nature being a story of the underworld. The title "The Under-Dog" was taken from the sentiments of Harry Belden (Clarence Young) who was a gangster, reformed and married to Beatrice Belden (Vere Pike) after serving a term in the penitentiary. These two characters talk over Harry's past during the major part of the play before Harry steps out to be shot by a former accomplice Eddie Marey (Ivan Blagg) who is aided in his escape by the young wife. Francis Fairchild, as Mrs. Williams provided the comedy relief for the play and John Roth.

Old Check Found By Mrs. Darby

Tuesday morning as Mrs. Lydia Darby was going to work in Wasco she picked up a cancelled cashier's check written on the Sherman County Bank, April 12, 1933. It was payable to French & Co. of The Dalles on the First National Bank of that place and was signed by V. C. Brock, cashier.

Where this relic of the past came from is not known as it apparently had been well cared for during the forty four years since its issuance.

The Sherman County Bank was incorporated in 1892 by V. C. Brock, M. A. Moody and W. M. Barnett. While the records are not complete on the matter it is probable that the latter two withdrew and that a man named Patterson entered the business with Brock.

In 1900 the bank closed its doors and its affairs were liquidated in behalf of the depositors. Complete files of the proceedings are in the clerk's office indicating that final payment was not made until 1907. Depositors probably received a little less than half of the money they had on deposit. It was Sherman county's first bank—and its first bank failure.

TEACHERS TO MEET

A meeting of the Eastern Oregon Educational association will be held in LaGrande Saturday April 3 at which a program of talks relative to the mental and physical well being of children will be given. It is expected that several of the principals and teachers from this county will attend. Among those on the program are H. H. Dixon, E. R. Quinn, C. A. Howard and Ralf Couch. Child guidance is the general topic for discussion.

H. V. Chapley Comes To Finish Bank Liquidation

H. V. Chapley, of Portland, formerly with the R. F. C., arrived Thursday morning to take charge of the liquidation of the two Sherman county banks.

H. M. Stephens, who has been liquidator for the banking department in charge of the Bank of Commerce at Wasco and the Moro State Bank of Moro and the Mitchell State Bank of that city for the past two years has resigned and accepted a position with the United States National Bank of Portland. R. H. Mills, auditor for the banking department has been here this week going over the books of the local institutions, and it is expected that Mr. Stephens will leave in a few days for his new work. Another man will be sent here to finish the liquidation.

Band Contests To Be Held at State Schools

The week end of April 9 and 10 will see a large number of Oregon high school boys and girls assembled on the O. S. C. campus to take part in two major state-wide contests.

Classes A and D of the annual state high school band contest will compete at Oregon state April 9 and 10, and classes B and C at U. of O. the following week end. Band leaders decided to divide the contest this way because the number competing each year has grown so large. All of the solo contests will be held on Friday, April 9, according to Capt. H. L. Beard, conductor of the college R. O. T. C. band.

Several hundred more high school students will arrive on the campus Saturday to match their speed and accuracy in the annual state high school typing contest sponsored by the secretarial science division. In addition to the usual official cups and awards, a number of major typewriter companies are offering special prizes to those showing the greatest skill.

Record Attendance At CE Conference

Registrations already received from young people's societies throughout Wasco, Sherman and Hood River counties give promise of a record attendance at the Mt. Hood Christian Endeavor convention that begins tonight at the Community church, according to local committeemen.

Dr. C. P. Gates, state pastor advisor of Portland, will speak tonight on "Fellow Workers Through Prayer." The first session begins at 7:30 p. m. with a song service, address of welcome, announcement of committees and special music. Glenn Driskell, Union president of Hood River, will preside.

Tomorrow there will be two conventions, with the Juniors meeting for half a day at the Methodist church, while the older group meets at the Community church. There will be a panel discussion of youth problems and other phases of C. E. Mrs. Leona Harvey of Dufur is directing the junior activities.

Highlight of the Saturday session is the young people's banquet (Continued on page three)

Sixty Percent of Current Tax Paid To County

Bond Payment Rate Increased, Taxing Units' Receive Jarge Sums As Taxpayers Pay Up and Take Rebate

The first tax turnover for the year has always been the largest since the new tax law went into effect, but this year Sherman county taxpayers paid to the sheriff a larger percentage of the total tax roll than for any recent year.

Of the current roll of \$186,974.84 which was levied last fall by the budget committee, \$113,038.25 was paid. This is a trifle over 60 percent of the total tax levied. In addition to this \$12,395.35 was paid on delinquent taxes making more than \$125,000 that had been distributed to the taxing units of the county and the state by the treasurer his month.

Payment of taxes has made it possible for the county court to purchase county bonds and reduce indebtedness until there are only \$106,000 of bonds outstanding. It is unlikely that refunding will be necessary. This was made possible because the county court spent the taxes collected instead of the amounts budgeted during the worst years of the depression.

Tax Units Enriched

The general fund of the county received \$17,009.35 from the current tax roll. The road bond fund was increased by \$18,051.33, various road funds (not of the cities) were given \$12,147.34 and the school districts that levied taxes last fall were also paid their first returns.

The Rufus district received \$10,233.30 from two funds. Wasco was given \$5,197.36; Kent, \$5,231.40; Moro, \$5,943.49 and Grass Valley, \$3,594.09 and other districts proportionately less.

The city of Moro received \$2,179.74 from the current roll, Wasco \$2,571.75 and Grass Valley \$1,027.78.

Inasmuch as practically every taxing unit is on a cash basis this money can be used to pay expenses of the remainder of the school year and give enough surplus to care for needed expense until other tax money is available.

GV Debate Team To Meet Chiloquin

The Grass Valley debate team will meet the Chiloquin team in Bend the first of next week to determine the winner in the central Oregon district. The question is "Resolved—That public utilities should be owned and operated by the federal government." Grass Valley is supporting the negative side in this debate.

MORE ACRES ADDED

An addition of 12,946 acres has been made in the land under the soil conservation program in this county according to announcement by the county agent. This makes a total of 376,984 acres in the county under this plan. Twenty three new contracts are in effect this year to make a total of 583 now in force.

CCC Camp To Hold Open House Sunday On Fourth Birthday

April 4, the fourth anniversary of the establishment of the CCC, will be the signal for most widespread celebration the CCC camps of the nation have experienced, according to advance reports from Camp Moro. SCC-04, at Moro, Oregon.

According to Robert Fechner, Director of CCC, this fourth anniversary is significant, marking a period of time which has given this form of conservation a test of its effectiveness. That it has proved sound and has given the country a tremendous force of good for both land and men, is, I believe, felt generally throughout the country," Fechner stated.

Preparations are already under way at Camp Moro, SCC-04, near Moro, for observance of the anniversary, in line with similar celebrations in camps all over the country, stated Captain Murphy,

commanding officer, and Harlow Parkins, Camp Superintendent.

In commemoration of this fourth birthday of the CCC, Camp Moro will hold open house from 1:00 p. m. to 6:00 p. m. All who would like to visit the camp to see how the men live, will be welcome. Talks by local business men will also be a feature of the program, Captain Murphy stated.

Mr. Parkins states that guides and cars will be furnished to those who care to visit the work projects. The projects can be visited anytime between 1:00 p. m. and 5:00 p. m.

The Moro camp was established on November 1, 1935, so the first of April will mark the end of an 16-month period. During this time, nearly 600 young men have been enrolled in this camp. Most of the men are from Massachusetts; a few from Rhode Island.



Geo. L. Baker (left), manager of Columbia Empire Industries, Inc., and ernor Charles H. Martin, concerning the future prosperity of Oregon and the Columbia area. This candid camera photo was taken during a serious chat with Oregon's Governor Martin signed proclamation declaring "Industries Week," beginning April 1st.