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County Roads Being Improved By Maintenance

Gerking Canyon Road Abandoned For Year, Repaired By County Crew and Made Better Than Before By Widening

Work on the county roads has been going on this spring despite the wetness of the weather. Road equipment has been mired down in April this year whereas roads were often too dry to grade in February in the past few years.

Among the permanent improvements made this spring to the county road system is the rebuilding of the Gerking canyon road. In February of 1936 a section of this road was washed out and it was reported that nothing could be done to rebuild it and later plans were partially made to cross over into Scott canyon with the lower section of the road.

Washout Repaired

This spring the break was filled in with nearby dirt by Roadmaster L. L. Peetz and his crew, and some gravel was spread making the road better than it has been for years.

The purchase of a bull-dozer attachment for the county tractor has aided this heavy work. Heavy grading can be done and huge rocks moved with the new attachment and the canyon roads in the north end of the county have been widened by its use. The old gravel pit has been opened again and gravel from it will be used to surface the roads nearby.

Maintenance Being Done

Maintenance is being done by a new piece of equipment bought for that purpose and roads are being graded that have not been touched for some time because of the dry springs.

Heavy grading is now being done west of Wasco on the new Sargent road, the right of way for which was donated to the county last year and which was built recently.

Heavy Grading Done

Wide and deep grading of dirt roads has been the custom since Peetz became road master and this is being continued. First of this work was done on the ridge road between Boardman and Rutledge and since that time samples of the work may be found in all parts of the county.

Allen Murray and wife left for Hood River to make their home last week. Virginia remained in Moro until the end of the school year.

Will He or Won't He? Now Question on Gubernatorial Race

Should Governor Martin succumb to the lure of a second term, as now seems likely, thousands of Republicans will change their political registration in order to participate in the Democratic primary election in 1938.

Since his return from a swing around the state with the state highway commission two weeks ago the governor has been deluged with letters from his admirers commending him upon his outspoken stand against sit-down strikes and labor "racketeering" in general. Many of these letters are from admirers who admit to a life-long attachment to the Republican party but who express an eagerness to G. O. P. in favor of the Democratic donkey in order to help nominate Martin.

That, however, is a game at which more than one can play and it is not to be expected that the anti-Martinites will be caught napping when it comes to rallying support to their standards either. In fact, it is said that organized labor is already busy making Democratic converts out of Republicans in their ranks who will welcome an opportunity to cast a vote against the present occupant of the governor's office.

Of course, as yet the governor's attitude toward a second term is mere speculation. While Martin is openly flirting with the idea he is not committing himself one way or the other. The next primaries are still more than a year away and many things may happen in

War Time Buddies Meet Again After 20 Years

When Dentist Viggo Haufelt first met bank liquidator H. W. Champneys after the banker came here to take charge of the Bank of Moro and Bank of Commerce he wanted to know where they had met before. At the second meeting they went over past histories for ten or fifteen years without finding that they had been together before and it was decided that the familiarity in appearance was just a mistake.

Then one night Champneys awoke to remember that back in 1917 he and Haufelt had been in the same company in Camp Lewis when both were recruits in the depot brigade.

After a few weeks Haufelt went on in the engineers and France, and Champneys went to the officers training camp, then the armistice, civilian life and twenty years of separation and here they are neighbors again although the old 4th company, Depot Brigade has been disbanded and its records filed in the vaults these many years.

Harland View Grange To Discuss Weeds

The lecturer's hour at Harland-view grange for the meeting April 23rd. will be open to the public and be devoted to a discussion of the weed situation. The program has been arranged to include the following talks: Dewey Thompson, "Map of Weed Acreage," D. E. Stephens, "Weed Effects on Crop Yield," LeRoy Wright, "The History of Chemical Methods of Weed Control," C. J. Thompson, "The Clark Resolution," C. P. Adams, "State Weed Laws." Special music will be presented.

Declamatory Contest Scheduled For Apr. 23

The annual declamatory contest will be held in Moro this year with three divisions of pupils taking part in the program. Each school will have three contestants, one for each division. The first group will be from the first to the third grades, the second from the fourth to sixth grades inclusive, and the third group will be from the seventh and eighth grades. This is the 31st annual contest, the first one being held back in 1907 when schools were relatively far apart in point of time. Next Friday April 23rd. is the date set for the contest.

It is expected that a full list of contestants will be entered from each school.

the interim—things that may have a vital bearing on the governor's final decision.

Just now the forthcoming gathering of young Democrats at North Bend Friday and Saturday holds the center of the political stage. At least it will provide another link in the governor's secretary and chief patronage dispenser for the chief patronage dispenser for the administration, among the younger element of the governor's party. Gosselin is espousing the cause of Al. Greenwood of Portland as candidate for president of the state organization while the anti-Gosselin are understood to be backing Walter Tooez, Jr., also of Portland, to head the association. At least some interesting developments are anticipated to show which way the straws are blowing in the party which now appears to be dominating Oregon politics.

The quarterly distribution of beer and wine taxes by Secretary of State Snell this week totaled \$22,240. Nearly one third of the total went to the city of Portland. The apportionment was made to the cities and counties on the basis of population.

Dr. William C. Everson of Portland who tendered his resignation as chairman of the state board of conciliation to Governor Martin last week has reconsidered and will retain the post. Everson's reconsideration followed a request from

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U. O. IDEAL GIRL



A jury composed of a representative of each fraternity at the University of Oregon chose Miss Marcia Steinhauser, Hood River, as "Oregon's ideal woman," and her picture will occupy the place of honor in the Oregon university year book.

Moro School Band Wins Second At Corvallis

Class D Bands Topped By Heppner; Local School Second

Moro's high school band, thirty four strong, spent the week end in Corvallis attending the annual high school band contest and returning were able to celebrate the winning of second place in the Class D contest. Heppner was first for the second year.

Other bands in the class were those of Arlington, Creswell, Santa Clara and Roosevelt junior high of Eugene. The judges did not rank winners this year but put the bands in four divisions each member of which was supposed to be equal. Heppner, however, was the only band placed in the first division. Moro the only one in the second, the three Lane county bands in the third and Arlington in the fourth division.

Next year there will be but three classes of bands. Class A will be composed of bands from schools having an enrollment of 750. Class B will be for bands from schools having an enrollment of 250 to 750 and Class C bands will come from schools under 250.

Classes Changed

Solo contests were held Friday afternoon and so many were entered that it was after six o'clock before they were finished. Carl Severson of Arlington, 10 years old and in the fourth grade, won the junior cornet contest and Hugh Spencer of Heppner placed first in the baritone contest for juniors. Frank Sayre entered the tuba contest and was placed in the third division. He was the only solo contestant for this county and the only one in his division from a small school.

Relief Committee Have Place For Youth

A young man between the ages of 17 and 28 may be enlisted in the CCC for this county for service from Vancouver Barracks according to the relief committee which has the request from the state agency. The one chosen will be required to send a part of his income to relatives in need but his parents do not have to be on the relief roll at the time of appointment.

Rainfall Doubles Normal In Second Spring Month

March and April Rains Bring Moisture To Near Normal; More Moisture in Ground Than Usual From Precipitation

Rainfall for the week has totaled exactly one inch at the experiment station. This is the wettest week of the long wet spell that has been the lot of the county since last Christmas. Monday and Tuesday were the wet days with rain falling almost continuously and farmers resting from their seeding operations all over the county.

Ground Really Wetter

Experiment station reports show that whereas there was a deficiency in rainfall between September first and March first of around 21 inches there was actually more moisture in the ground than normal from the fall of moisture. Ordinarily we lose half of our winter rainfall on summer-fallow ground because of run off and evaporation. This year it is possible to account for 75 percent of it.

Rainfall for April has averaged .73 during the time the records have been kept and already this April 1.53 has fallen to double the average for the second consecutive month. In March we received 1.67 inches which is more than double the average of .82 and in April we have received 1.53 in the first half of the month whereas the average for the entire month is .73. While records have been kept only seven Aprils have given more than an inch of rainfall and only once, in 1914 did as much rain fall in the first half of the month.

April Already Over Top

Aprils have ranged between a low of .02 inches and a high of 2.06 which was in 1914. Rainfall is almost up to the normal or average and a large part of that moisture can be accounted for in the soil. It therefore appears that the general optimism is based on solid footing for the year and that if weather conditions for the remainder of the season are normal a favorable crop will be forthcoming from the fields of the entire county.

add to april rain piece

Base Acreage To Be Revised In May

Early in May C. W. Smith, E. R. Jackson and Harry Lindgren will be in Sherman county to inspect the acreage under agricultural conservation program here to determine whether or not the base acreage within the county is correct. One figure has set it at 270,000 acres and another at 283,000 and these men will revise these figures if they find a basis for such revision.

First Day's Fishing Finds Nimrods Busy

Fishing occupied the minds of many of the citizens of the county Thursday, that being the first day of the season. Conferences of business men were held on the grass covered meadows of Deep Creek, along the rocky banks of the foamy Deschutes and in many of the shady nooks along Badger. Surcease from the troubles of water for troubled minds and exercise for bodies grown slothful from the long winter's rest where the certain rewards offered by the opening of the season. Uncertain rewards offered were the artful hooking of so far unsuspecting fish and the taste of fresh water food after months of canned salmon and oyster stew. If your favorite raconteur and-or business man was hard to find Thursday he was probably refreshing his soul with great eyes, weary with figures, with the sight of rippling water and refreshing his vigor by partaking in the chase for man's first victims, the succulent trout.

Negro Sent To Penitentiary By Judge Hendricks

James Williams, negro, who pled guilty to beating and robbing W. B. Baisley along the highway in the north end of the county, was sentenced to five years in the state penitentiary Friday of last week by Circuit Judge Carl Hendricks. Saturday the prisoner was taken to Salem by Sheriff Wilson and District Attorney Johnson who delivered him to the warden and made a tour of inspection around the "Big House" in which he will be incarcerated for the next three or four years depending on his behavior.

Domestic Wheat Market Figures

Domestic wheat markets moved more independently of foreign markets than in past weeks, with new crop prospects the dominant influence. While the condition of winter wheat at the first of April was about five points below average, and only 73.8% of normal, a total production of approximately 656,000,000 bushels was indicated. This crop, if realized, would be about 33,000,000 bushels above the 1928-1932 average. Conditions at the first of April indicated an abandonment of about 17%, leaving 47,500,000 acres for harvest, compared with the five year average of 39,724,000 acres. Some improvement in prospects has occurred since the first of April as a result of milder weather and favorable moisture conditions. Recent snows were decidedly beneficial in the spring wheat belt and top soil moisture in most of the area is now sufficient for present needs. Fields in some sections are still too wet for seeding, with the season getting rather late.

Foreign wheat markets remained relatively firm, with continued active European demand, advancing ocean freights and small remaining stocks in Argentina, the principal strengthening influences. Argentine shipments remained large and totaled over 7,500,000 bushels, bringing the seasons total to 105,000,000 bushels since the first of January, compared with only 16,500,000 bushels shipped out during the corresponding period last season. Australian shipments decreased to slightly less than 2,000,000 bushels, with growers holding remaining stocks quite firmly.

REBEKAHS TO CONVENE

The annual district convention of Dist. 21 of the Rebekah lodge will be held in Grass Valley Thursday, April 22nd. The date has been changed from the 21st as previously announced. Program will consist of opening ceremonies and demonstrations in the afternoon session, a banquet at six o'clock in the evening and an address by the president of the Rebekah assembly and conferring of degree on candidates by the Lupine lodge of Moro in the evening.

NEW BOYS ARRIVE

Seventy two new boys arrived Friday from Massachusetts to fill in the ranks of the CCC camp made vacant by the recent discharge of men from this camp because of the end of their enlistment period. The new men have nearly all served in the CCC before and are experienced in camp life and in the work being done. One of the new arrivals was sent home after a very brief stay leaving but seventy one.

RELIEF HEADS VISIT

Carl Larsen of the state relief committee office and Carl B. Sandoz and wife of Condon, were here Wednesday to attend a meeting of the Sherman county relief committee. (Several applications for old age pensions were acted upon by the local men with the aid of the advisors. Mr. Sandoz is agent for local counties having taken that place lately.)

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
April 8	59	36	.00
" 9	56	40	.12
" 10	53	36	.02
" 11	56	30	.T
" 12	50	39	.32
" 13	54	44	.42
" 14	57	40	.12
Total for week			1.00

First National Announces Meetings To Determine Demand For Bank Here

Permit Given For Sherman County Branch; Local Interest In Bank To Be Determined

Preparations for the entrance of the First National Bank of Portland into the Sherman county field will be advanced farther next week when a series of meetings will be held to determine the public reaction to local banking facilities.

Every person in the county will be invited to attend these meetings which are being sponsored by local committees of farmers and business men. Eugene Courtney, manager of the branch in The Dalles, and C. B. Stephenson, vice president of Portland, will explain the position of the bank.

Julius Medler, 67 Years Single, Marries Maid

Julius Medler, who has spent 67 years a bachelor, and Miss Gina Ihle, whose 56 years have been single ones, were married Friday in Vancouver, Washington. They returned home Monday evening to receive the congratulations of their friends. Mr. Medler has lived in this county since 1880 and is well known in the northern part thereof as a substantial farmer. His bride is a native of Minnesota who has been in the west two years, the past one having been spent as housekeeper on the Medler ranch north of Wasco. They will continue to reside on the farm.

WOMAN'S CLUB BENEFIT

The Moro Woman's club will have a benefit food sale for The Children's Farm Home at Corvallis, Saturday afternoon, April 17th from 2:30 till 5:00. Mrs. Anna Moore will be in charge of the sale at Freeman's Store.

Members please be there promptly at 2:00 for a short business meeting to elect officers for the coming club year.

CLOSING DATE NEAR

County agent LeRoy Wright announces that the closing date for application for entry into the range program this year has been set as April 25 and that all range owners or operators who wish to cooperate with the government must apply before that date. Examination of ranges will probably be done in June this year.

County Court Passes on Bills And Details of Business

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS, April Term, 1937.

April 7th 1937 being the time for the regular term of the County Court for Sherman County in the State of Oregon, the Honorable County Court did on said date meet in the Clerk's office in the County Courthouse at Moro, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a. m.

The following being present: Geo. A. Potter, County Judge. David Reid, County Commissioner. A. A. Dunlap, County Commissioner. T. Lester Johnson, District Attorney. Joe Truitt, County Clerk.

The following proceedings were had at the said term of Court:

In the Matter of the payment of claims listed in the Claim Docket against General Fund:

The clerk is instructed to write warrants against the General Fund in the amounts and in favor of the claimants listed on pages 226 to 228, inclusive, Claim Docket No. 3.

In the matter of the payment of claims listed in the Claim Docket against Road Fund:

The Clerk is instructed to write warrants against the Road Fund in the amounts and in favor of the claimants listed on pages 229 to 231, inclusive, Claim Docket No. 3.

In the matter of the 1937 budget item for biological survey in Sherman County: The county Clerk is hereby ordered and instructed to issue a warrant for \$150.00 to Earl Snell, Secretary of State in payment of 1937 Biological Survey of Predatory Animals for Sherman County to be matched with equal amounts of State Funds.

The schedule of the meetings will be as follows. Next Monday evening a meeting will be held in Wasco to which residents of the north end of the county will be invited. Tuesday night a meeting will be held in the court house in Moro. Wednesday a third meeting will be held in the auditorium in Grass Valley. Thursday a similar meeting will be held in Kent and Friday Shaniko will be the scene of a meeting.

Lease Taken

It has been presumed for several weeks that the First National was preparing to come into this county but definite statement was delayed until a permit had been issued from the national banking headquarters in Washington. This permit has now been issued and the bank will establish a branch in Moro if there appears to be a public demand for such an institution.

An option for lease has been made on the old bank building now owned by H. E. Endicott and architects have made for remodeling the building to suit the new tenants. It has been authoritatively stated that if a branch is put here the equipment installed would be modern and in keeping with similar institutions in other places.

Other Counties Served

The First National Bank has already established branch banks in other county seat towns in adjoining counties, Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla, Wasco and Wheeler counties having branches of this institution.

Further information regarding the policy of the bank will be explained at the meeting to be held next week which are expected to draw large crowds interested in the new facilities.

In the matter of the Sheriff's turn-over to the Treasurer, accepted and filed.

In the matter of the Annual Financial report of the Children's Farm Home of Oregon W. C. T. U. year ending December 31, 1936, ordered filed.

In the matter of the report of Audit, filed.

In the matter of the agreement of the National Hospital Association & the County Court of Sherman County, received.

In the matter of Jessie Hendrichs buying County Lots. The District Attorney was instructed to prepare the deed for County lots of Shiel property.

By order of the County Court, Clerk is instructed to write a warrant to Wily W. Krighten for \$68.80 for State Library Fund.

It is hereby ordered. That F. L. Burnet be allowed to pay the balance of his 1936 tax without penalty, which was overlooked by technical error.

The County Court hereby appoints Willard McLeod as Justice of the Peace, Moro District, until a vacancy occurs. Bond to be at \$1000.00.

By order of the County Court, the Treasurer is to be instructed to transfer Warrant No. V-60, drawn on General Fund, to Law Library Fund.

Court adjourned, subject to call of County Judge.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AND ALLOWED AGAINST THE GENERAL FUND, April Term, 1937

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