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News of the State of Oregon from Salem

By A. L. Lindbeck

The PWA grant of \$450,000 for new state buildings does not limit the program to a single structure, in the opinion of Ralph Moods, legal advisor for the Capitol Reconstruction Commission which has charge of the building program. There is nothing either in the state law appropriating \$550,000 toward new buildings or in the federal grant to prevent the construction of a library building and an office building as two separate structures, if the Capitol Commission finds such a plan preferable, according to Moods.

Moody points out however that the PWA grant is not a definite commitment of the full \$450,000. The grant money will only be paid to the state as it is known that money has been paid to labor taken from the relief rolls. Officials who have investigated the situation however find no cause for worry on this score as no difficulty is anticipated in finding plenty of skilled as well as unskilled labor on the relief rolls who will be available for work on the new state building or building.

Governor Martin's suggestion that the state library be shelved on the top floor of the new office building has brought a veritable deluge of protest. Friends of the library call attention to the fact that the state appropriation was made by the recent session primarily for the benefit of the library, which they insist, should have first consideration in the new building program.

It may only be a case wherein distance lends enchantment but in any event it appears that those who live on the other side of the globe have a better opinion of the Oregon system than do a lot of those who live under that system. At least Mr. J. H. Penniket of Hamilton, New Zealand, thinks that "Oregon's political system is the best in the world." In a letter to Secretary of State Snell, Mr. Penniket who is a member of the New Zealand parliament, seeks information regarding Oregon's initiative and referendum and other legislative reforms in effect in this state.

"I have been told that the Oregon political system is the best in the world, that your members of parliament are still free and responsible to their constituents only, and that the people still retain effective control over their politicians not merely at election time but in between elections as well," Mr. Penniket writes.

Work on the new 50-bed pavilion for the eastern Oregon tuberculosis hospital at The Dalles and a nurses' home at the eastern Oregon state hospital at Pendleton will be started at once without waiting for federal funds the board of control has announced. Funds for the two projects, totalling \$120,000 were appropriated by the recent legislative session. Applications will be made for PWA funds and if the application is approved the federal funds will be used in offsetting the state's appropriation.

Appointment of Walter A. Pearson to a place on the state board of higher education marks the second Democratic state senator to receive official recognition since the recent session adjourned. Wm. Strayer of Baker was appointed to a place on the state mining board. Pearson succeeds to the post left vacant by B. F. Irvine's refusal to accept reappointment.

Floyd L. Utter has reconsidered his intention to resign from the state parole board and will remain. His reconsideration, he said was in compliance with Governor Martin's insistence that he continue to serve. Utter and W. H. Troen both resigned from the parole board following the close of the last legislative session in protest against the adverse action on their parole reform program. Trece has since been appointed to the state board of arbitration while Lotus Langley of Portland has been named to fill his place on the parole board.

Prospects are for a record crop (Continued on Page two)

Grass Valley Seniors Prepare Annual Play

The Grass Valley High School seniors will present their final dramatic offering Saturday night in the form of "Sun-Up", a three act drama with the setting in the Carolina mountains.

This play is a difficult one for amateurs to produce, but progress so far has been excellent. The story is based on the feudist family of Cagles. The United States declares war against Germany and Ma Cagle cannot understand why Rufe, her son, should want to go fight for a government that killed his Pap. (Rufe's Pap had been shot while protecting his still, by a revenue officer.

Plot Given

The entire play centers around the conflict between duty to one's hills and duty to one's government. Spots of humor and pathos mixed throughout the play make it an unusually strong one.

Those appearing are Frances Fairchild, Widow Cagle; Guy Vinton, Pap Todd; Bill Roth, Bud Todd; Emma Ellen Fortner, Emma Todd; Ivan Blagg, Rufe Cagle; Clarence Young, Sheriff Weeks; John Roth, Preacher; and Edwin Peters, Stranger. Vere Pike, the only senior not appearing, is acting as assistant director to C. P. Rowe.

Dell Munger

Sentenced & Paroled

Circuit Judge Carl Hendricks was here Monday to hold court for a short period to allow Dell Munger, who was being held on a charge of larceny, to plead guilty. He had been accused of stealing a lamb from A. G. Harvey. The sentence imposed was two years in the penitentiary and a fine of \$25 and the prisoner was paroled from the bench by the judge. It is understood that he will leave the county.

Mothers, Daughters

Hold Annual Dinner

Members of the Moro Woman's club with their daughters, real or borrowed, dined Wednesday night at the Presbyterian church in observance of the annual Mothers and Daughters Banquet.

A skit by club women entertained those present after the dinner and made the affair a social as well as gustatory success. Daughters gave some numbers on the program.

Martin, Carson

To Talk In The Dalles

Consideration of the Bonneville power bill, now before congress, where it has drawn various viewpoints at hearings before a congressional committee, will be transferred to The Dalles Friday evening, May 21, when Governor Charles H. Martin and Mayor Joseph K. Carson of Portland, are scheduled to present their views on the necessity of providing the new dam's hydroelectric output at the lowest possible cost at the point of generation in order to attract industry to the Pacific Northwest.

Subject Important

While the Bonneville power supply, methods of distributing it, the administration of its power output and cost of the delivered current, is now much in the public eye, mid-Columbia people are more keenly interested in an early development of a policy that will permit the most immediate consumption of the energy and the attendant stimulus it will give industrial expansion than any other section of the nation.

Announcement of the visit at The Dalles of the governor of the state and the mayor of Portland, both of whom have just returned from Washington, D. C. where they appeared before the congressional Bonneville committee, has created a widespread interest, and it is expected that a large audience will greet the men at Wasco County Court house at 8 p. m. The public throughout the mid-Columbia area are cordially invited to attend.

N. W. Farmers Organize To Lower Freight

Group of Fifteen Will Direct Organization to Appear at Hearing on Behalf of Grain Growers For Lower Rates

"At the present rate of freight rate increases, it is said that if wheat went to \$2.00 a bushel the increased 'deducts' would soon hold down the purchasing power of the wheat grower to a bare subsistence level." was the viewpoint expressed at recent meetings of wheat growers and farm organization leaders held at Spokane, Lewiston, Dayton and Walla Walla.

At these meetings plans have been formulated to combat the recent and proposed increases in freight rates upon wheat and flour according to J. J. Edwards of Dayton, Washington, who has been elected chairman of the board of the Tri-State Wheat Transportation Council. With a board of 15 wheat growers, five from Washington, five from Oregon and five from Idaho, the Council has been incorporated under the cooperative association laws of Oregon.

Many Problems Found

"Among the problems which have been discussed at the recent organization meetings and which confront the wheat growers," states Mr. Edwards, "are (1) the proposed intercoastal steamship rate increase of about ten per cent on wheat and flour - scheduled to become effective June 1st; (2) modifications as to free transit proposed by railroads and middlewestern mills and markets, set for oral argument at Washington, D. C., June 11th; (3) proposed substantial permanent increases in freight rates upon most of the commodities shipped to and from the interior of Washington, Oregon and Idaho - scheduled for hearing before Commissioner Hitchcock at Portland, June 15; (4) the increased rail freight rates upon wheat and flour recently made effective from the south Atlantic and gulf ports into the southeast - scheduled for hearing at Seattle, Washington, about July 15th; (5) sky-rocketing of ship charters needed for transportation of wheat; (6) further increases that railroads threaten upon wheat and flour in the event that various 'make-work' laws and twenty per cent increases in railroad labor wages become effective; (7) the depletion of funds needed by some of the railroads through greediness of those in control; (8) the Pettengill bill, which recently was passed in the lower house of congress.

Arguments Mustered

"The immediate objective of the Council," continues Mr. Edwards, "will be to arrange for adequate representation of the wheat growers' interests at approaching freight rate hearings.

"The Council has voted to ask each wheat grower to subscribe 15 mills per bushel from his 1937, 1938 and 1939 crops, and committees will shortly be at work collecting the needed funds. Business men interested in protecting the buying power of wheat growers will be invited to subscribe additional funds.

"The Board consists of, for Washington: B. F. Druffel, Colton; H. F. Beckley, Benge; S. F. Ganders, Bickleton; Roy Perringer, Belmont; and J. J. Edwards, Dayton. For Oregon: E. H. Miller, Lexington; Clyde Kiddle, LaGrande; J. B. Adams, Moro; John Withycomb, Arlington; and Mac Hoke, Pendleton. For Idaho: J. W. Shepard, Lewiston; Peter Peterson, Moscow; A. C. Lenihan, Genesee."

Farmers Go To Washington Tuesday

County Agent LeRoy Wright, accompanied by E. E. Barnum, W. S. Powell, C. R. Morrison, Frank Burnet, Joe Peters, D. E. Stephens, G. H. Root, Joe Hildebrand, Floyd Root, and T. M. Delfo left Tuesday morning for Wenatchee and Waterville, Washington to spend two or three days looking over the system of dry land farming followed in Douglas county. They will also visit Grand Coulee dam and the apple orchards of the Columbia river valley while on the trip.

Lamb Show Scheduled For May 27 th

Although the premium list has not been made out and details have not been completed it is definitely decided to hold the second lamb show here May 27, Thursday.

Last year's show was the first of its kind to be held in this county and so much interest was found that it was decided to make it an annual event. The fair grounds will be the scene of the 1937 show and more pen room will be provided for exhibits. Sheep judges and buyers from Portland and Corvallis will be present.

Tired Drivers

Most Dangerous

Take special precautions if you drive while you are tired, advises the Oregon Motor association.

Although laws have been passed limiting the number of hours of continuous driving for commercial vehicle operators it is unfortunately impossible to place a legal restriction upon the driving capacity of any particular individual the association comments.

A fatigued driver is a menace, not only to himself, but to everyone near him on a highway, the association traffic safety examiners point out.

No statistics are available but it is declared true that thousands of accidents have been caused by drivers being either tired or actually asleep at the wheel.

Fatigue is not only caused by driving too long without rest, but that dangerous "tired feeling" or actual sleep may suddenly engulf the driver for a number of other reasons, safety experts explain.

Moro Seniors Give Final School Play

The Moro high school senior play was given Friday night to a crowd of towns people in the school gymnasium. "Anything Might Happen" was the title of the farce chosen by the graduating class.

Howard Conlee, who had the lead, depicted a young man who had been arrested and imprisoned for thirty days and who wished above all to keep the story from his mother (Bonnie Peters) and fiancée (Gleone Stoner). His sister (Jane French) aided him and his friend (Carl Peetz) gave some rather casual support.

Louise Barzee took the part of a cynical young matron and Elmer Belshee added to the general merriment by his characterization of a "wise" young man. Helen Strong as a deserted wife and Robert Christianson as her lawyer appeared briefly but forcibly. Marjorie Blake was the dusky maid and Ronald Powell her lover. Winfred Baker took the part of the jail warden. Miss Barbara Leisz was coach of the play.

War Mothers Feted By Legionnaires

Nine mothers of the world war veterans were guests of the Chris Schultz post, American Legion, Saturday night before Mother's Day at the Moro hotel. Willy Knighton post commander presided and spoke briefly of the honor in which ex-service men held the mothers of soldiers, a reading was given and some of those present talked of war experiences.

BUILDING LEASED

J. C. Freeman is having the alley back of his building lowered and a run way built for a rear entrance. It is expected that when this work is completed McKean and Searey will rent the building to house their stock of trucks and other farm machinery.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
May 6	68	29	.00
" 7	67	47	.03
" 8	69	38	.00
" 9	67	46	.00
" 10	64	34	.00
" 11	63	45	.00
" 12	74	41	.00
Total for week			.03

Grass Valley Retains Lead In Baseball

Heavy Hitting of Grass Valley And Weak Fielding for Wasco Gives Win To Yet Undefeated Team

The Grass Valley and Wasco baseball teams met Sunday to decide which one should be supreme in the county but Wasco was unable to stop the hard batting boys from the south and were defeated for the second time this season. Until Miller slowed up in the 8th inning Wasco was unable to score at all but in that inning they piled up five runs of their total of six. Grass Valley accumulated 15 runs off the slants of Fritz Watkins who had a pretty good day despite the looks of the score.

At that Wasco made 15 hits to 13 for Grass Valley but the fielders were a bit careless in handling the ball.

Lineups:
Grass Valley
B. Roth, 2
J. Roth, 3
Squire, 1
Fritts, 1
Vinton, 1
Dunlap, 1
H. Roth, 1
Miller, p
Wasco
Hastings, a
A. Watkins 1
McKean 2
O'Meara m
Wilke, 1
Marklie, 3
Williams, c
Moorhouse, r
Watkins, p

City Being Beautified By Shrubbery

Marshall George Williams has been busy this week planting a row of Caragana in the parking along the southeast side of Main street. This is a part of a general program that has drawn the interest of many citizens as parking strips and shrubbery have appeared in many places that were heretofore bare of decoration. The Caraganas are of good size as they have been growing in the Boy Scout lot near the school for several years. Scout executives donated the shrubs.

School children will go to Bonney Crossing on Badger creek for their annual picnic today, Friday.

COURT NEWS

May 5th, 1937 being the time for the regular term of the County Court of 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 232 to 233, 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 234 to 236, inclusive, Claim Docket No. 3.

In the matter of the Treasurers' report for month ending March 31, 1937: accepted.

In the matter of the Treasurers' report for month ending April 30, 1937: accepted.

In the matter of a Beer License of Donald J. Kirk, Rufus, Oregon. License Granted.

Court adjourned, subject to call of County Judge.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AND ALLOWED AGAINST THE GENERAL FUND, May Term, 1937
D. J. Butcher, Feb. office rent \$15.00
Employment Service \$15.00
State Indus. Acc. Comm. Peace officers Protection, Jan. to March inclusive 18.87
Chas. R. Logan, County audit

March to April 14, 1937	34.15
U. S. National Bank, Public Assistance	270.17
U. S. National Bank, Blind Assistance	5.78
U. S. National Bank, Old Age Assistance	177.71
Burroughs Adding Machine Co. Repair on Machines	6.95
P. P. L. Company, Courthouse lights	20.54
Pacific Tel. & Tel. Company, Courthouse Telephones	14.65
M. Clarke Webb, Sealer of Weights & Measures	3.26
C. C. Wilson, Sheriff, Transporting prisoner to State Penitentiary	8.49
C. C. Wilson, Sheriff, Transporting prisoner from Idaho and meals	78.85
Moro Grain Growers Ass'n Insurance on courthouse bldg.	48.07
State Indus. Acc'd Comm. Peace officers protection	6.23
Sherman County Journal, County Printing	12.90
West Coast Printing & Binding, Sheriff's expenses \$8.40	
Assessors expenses \$8.70	
Clerk's expenses \$23.50	
Courthouse expenses \$6.20	46.80
Farmers Elevator & Supply Co. Sheriff's office expenses	1.28
Clarice Sacre, Laundry for Courthouse Jail	1.20
Kilham, Stationery, Sheriff's office 8.86; Assessors' 1.05	9.91
Geo. A. Potter, Judge's Salary	37.50
A. A. Dunlap, Commissioner	19.70
David Reid, Commissioner	13.00
Annie Eddy, Janitress	30.00
Art Johnson, Furnace Tender	25.00
James Stewart, Stock Inspect	25.00
D. J. Butcher, Office rent for April Employment Service	15.00
Joe Truitt, Stamps for Clerk	6.00
Douma Bros. Meat for prisoner	6.00
Dewey Thompson, Field Assessor	150.00
Geo. A. Potter, Probate executor	(Continued on Page two)

Bankers



E. B. McNAUGHTON



C. B. STEPHENSON

Large Crowd Expected At Bankers Dinner

The "bank night" dinner which will be given by the Commercial club Saturday night in honor of the opening of the Sherman County Branch of the First National Bank will have officers of the bank as principal speakers. It is expected that E. B. McNaughton, president, and C. B. Stephenson, vice president, will be here for the occasion.

Tickets are on sale at the business houses in town and it is expected that the dining room will be filled with those who will wish to see and hear and take part in the entertainment. George Updegraff, president of the club will be toastmaster.

Bank Officers Ready To Open Branch Saturday

Old Bank Building Transformed Into Modern Bank; Officers Express Pleasure at Reception Accorded Them

Lloyd Hennagin, former manager of the Sherman Co-operative Grain Growers of Wasco, has been named manager of the Sherman County Branch of The First National Bank of Portland. E. B. McNaughton, president announced in letters sent to residents of this county Tuesday. Hennagin resigned his position the first of the month and since then has been in Portland at the head office of the First National. He returns this week to be present before the opening of the branch on Saturday, May 15.

W. Ray Blake, formerly with the bank at Moro and a resident of Grass Valley, will be assistant manager.

Old Location Used

Banking quarters have been provided in the building owned by H. E. Endicott, which formerly housed the Moro bank. The space, which has been occupied by the liquidation since the former bank closed several years ago, has been completely remodeled into modern banking quarters.

When the Moro Branch of the Portland bank opens Saturday it will bring local banking service to this district for the first time since 1932.

Officers Pleased

Mr. Hennagin expressed himself as pleased with the opportunity to become associated with The First National Bank of Portland especially as manager of the Sherman County branch. Eugene Courtney who has been instrumental in helping bring the new banking service to Sherman County, stated today that he was pleased to know that more convenient banking service would be available in this district. "But I can't help regretting that opening of the new branch also means that many of my friends and customers who have been banking with us at The Dalles but who live in this area may transfer their accounts to the more convenient location. I am glad, however, that Sherman County will now have conveniently located and adequate banking service. During the four years since The Dalles Branch opened I have become widely acquainted with residents of Sherman County and I am promising Mr. Hennagin to be available at all times for his assistance in the opening of the new branch."

Bank Need Filled

"Opening of a branch in Sherman county by The First National Bank fills a need of residents of this area," stated C. B. Stephenson. "At the meetings I attended throughout this area I had an opportunity to meet and talk with Sherman County residents concerning their banking needs. I certainly am glad that opening of this branch on Saturday will supply the requirements they expressed to me. Not only will we bring complete banking facilities to this area but the added advantage of The First National's state wide banking system and \$100,000,000 resources will be made available to Sherman county."

36 Branches Now

The Sherman County Branch of The First National Bank of Portland will be the 36th branch of the Portland bank to be opened in Oregon. The First National Bank of Portland is the oldest national bank West of the Rockies. Organized in 1865 by a group of Oregon pioneers the bank has grown consistently and is today one of the hundred largest banks in the country.

"Since pioneer days when The First National Bank of Portland was the only bank in Oregon, this bank has extended state-wide banking service wherever possible. Establishing of branch banking in Oregon a few years ago made it possible for this state-wide service to be made available in many communities throughout the state."