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A scheduled audience between Governor Martin and a delegation of Workers' Alliance members failed to materialize Friday when the governor was late in returning to his office from a tour of irrigation project in Clackamas county.

Realizing that he would not be able to keep his appointment on time the governor had telephoned his office of his delay and the information was passed on to the leaders of the delegation. These, however, decided not to wait the belated arrival of the governor and the 200 marchers who had been hovering around the state house for an hour adjourned to Marion Square, some ten blocks away, where they spent another hour in listening to their leaders harrange the governor and the WPA for its retrenchment policies. Neither would they return to the state house when the governor upon his return sent word that he was ready to receive them.

Fort Lewis, Wash.—Thousands of visitors are expected to attend the review of national guard troops here Saturday afternoon when more than 15,000 officers and men and 1000 pieces of heavy equipment will participate in the largest peace time demonstration of fighting men in the history of the Pacific northwest. More than 3300 Oregon men will be in line to march and Governor Martin has indicated his intention of joining Major General George A. White, commander of the 41st division, in the reviewing stand. Governors of Washington, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming are also expected to attend. The review is expected to start at 2:00 p. m. and will last two hours.

Last of the Oregon contingent, the units of Baker and Union, arrived in camp early Wednesday morning along with the contingent from Idaho and immediately joined the remainder of the command in a program of intensive training. Monday morning the army here will plunge into a gigantic battle maneuver which will rage day and night for the remainder of the week.

Tax delinquencies in Oregon were reduced by more than \$3,500,000 during 1936, according to figures compiled by the state tax commission from reports submitted by the 36 county tax collectors. Delinquent taxes which aggregated \$46,510,724 on January 1, 1936, had been reduced to \$43,006,340 by the first of the current year, the reports show. Only four counties failed to reduce their tax delinquencies. These were Clackamas, Jefferson, Malheur and Tillamook.

More men are now at work in Oregon industries than at any previous time in the history of the state if figures compiled by the State Industrial Accident commission can be accepted as a fair criterion. During the fiscal year ending June 30, reports of the commission show, there were an average of 109,094 men employed daily in the industries which have accepted the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation act. This accounts for a total of 34,037,241 man-days during the 12 month period. Previous high record was set in 1929-30 when 33,500,000 man-days were worked. The average daily wage is also up to a new high point at \$4.30 compared to the low wage level of \$3.13 reached in April, 1933.

Miss Daisy Bevans, who served Clackamas county as a state representative in the recent legislature, let it be known on a visit to Salem this week that she now appears to a seat in Congress and will probably seek the Democratic nomination.

There is a greater percentage of illiteracy in Klamath, Jefferson and Sherman than in any other counties in the state but even there the rate is far below the national average, figures compiled by the state department of education show.

Action by the State Land Board on a definite program for administering the state's 750,000 acres of school lands scattered throughout central and eastern Oregon has been deferred until after a public

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Local Legion Post Wins Frey Trophy

Commander Wily Knighten of Chris Schultz post, American Legion brought home the George R. Frey trophy from the Albany convention when he returned Sunday. It was given by Mr. Frey, commander of the fifth district for the post making the greatest percentage gain in membership during the year.

Trophy is a bronze bell for the use of the chairman of meetings with the official insignia of the American Legion mounted above it. The fifth district includes Hood River, Wasco, Jefferson, Crook, and Deschutes in addition to Sherman county.

Wheat Crop Is Fair Says U. S. D. A.

Concern as to the quantity of wheat that will be available for world needs during the 1937-38 season, remains the outstanding feature of the general wheat market situation. From present indications, world wheat supplies, outside of Russia and China, will be about the same as last year, with the reduction of about 245,000,000 bushels in the carry-over of old wheat about offset by increased production, which is estimated around 3,775,000,000 bushels. The crop in the Northern Hemisphere not including Russia and China, is forecast at approximately 3,380,000,000 bushels, or about 295,000,000 bushels more than last year, with smaller crops in India and Asia more than offset by increases in the United States, Europe and Africa. A United States crop of approximately 890,000,000 bushels was forecast from August 1 conditions, and with a carryover of about 91,000,000 bushels, of old wheat, gives a total supply of 981,000,000 bushels, or about 200,000,000 bushels more than domestic utilization in recent years, after allowing for about normal carryover. The Canadian crop, based on weather conditions, is estimated at around 165,000,000 bushels and European production about 1,483,000,000 bushels. Increases in Italy, France, Spain and Greece, more than offset decreases in Germany, Yugoslavia, Hungary and Poland. It is still too early to estimate definitely the Southern Hemisphere crops, but on the basis of weather conditions a production of about 210,000,000 bushels is indicated for Argentina and 130,000,000 bushels for Australia. If these estimates are realized, the Southern Hemisphere crop will be about 50,000,000 bushels short of the 1936-37 harvest.

"Let's Quit Killing" Stickers Available

Civic and service clubs, business organizations and private individuals in all sections of the state this week hastened to accept the Oregon motorist's pledge—the white cross vow to drive safely, sponsored as a part of Oregon's "Let's Quit Killing" traffic safety program.

The motorist's pledge, contained on a small red, white and blue sticker, is offered by the Oregon State Motor association to every person who drives a car in Oregon as a preventive against death, injury and property damage currently incurred by automobiles. By formally signing and "wearing" the pledge, motor club safety leaders believe, the average motorist will be impelled to drive more carefully. Thus he will ultimately assist in slashing Oregon's record traffic death toll, for statistics show, the man behind the wheel of a car is personally responsible for three out of five of all casualties—and traffic mishaps kill more than all other causes of death.

Oregon motorists desiring to align themselves with the state-wide crusade against death may obtain their white cross safety pledge from officers of the Oregon State Motor association, or from this newspaper.

Heds of civic clubs and industrial firms will be supplied with stickers for every member or employee upon request.

Officially indorsed by Earl Snell, secretary of state, and Mayor Joseph K. Crsons Jr., of Portland, and approved by virtually every agency in the state, the motorist's pledge is designed to help drive death from the highway.

Canyon Awes Cowboy



TRAIL'S END: Framed between giant pine trees on the edge of the Kaibab Forest on the North Rim of the Grand Canyon, this cowboy looks at the mighty chasm wrought by the Colorado river. This scene is at the end of the trail at Point Imperial as the evening sun bathes the canyon with brilliant light.

Photo by Bruce Parke, Astoria

Private Vocational Schools Must Be Licensed

Licenses are now being issued by the State Department of Education to private vocational schools and their salesmen to operate in Oregon. C. A. Howard, Superintendent of Public Instruction, reports that approximately 50% of the schools have made application and that it is expected that within the next few days practically all the schools will have applied for a license.

Licensing of vocational schools and their salesmen in Oregon is an outgrowth of a large number of "fly by night" schools that have developed in the last few years. Many young people have enrolled in these schools without any educational returns for their money. The established ethical schools welcomed enactment of Chapter 413, Oregon Laws 1937, which provided for control through licensing by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Bond Needed

The law requires each school to post a bond of \$2500 and each salesman a bond of \$1,000 to guarantee that they will fulfill all contracts and conduct their business in accordance with the act and all rules and regulations promulgated by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, as provided in the measure.

Any prospective student may now assure himself as to whether a school meets the requirements of the act by requesting to see the license which each salesman is required to carry on his person.

P. I. Premium List Sent To Exhibitors

The premium list for the Pacific International is out and exhibitors can determine what stock they wish to exhibit at the northwest's stock show October 2 to 10. Beef cattle prizes will be \$11,500, dairy \$8500, and \$7500 for sheep and goats. For 4-H club work the prizes are \$7500. As usual there will be exhibits by various organizations and businesses in the hall and the combined horse show and rodeo will be put on for fifteen performances during the exposition.

School Bus Ruling Changes Many Regulations

Safety Provisions Increased
By Public Utilities
Commissioner Wallace

A recent ruling by the public utilities commissioner of Oregon concerns school districts transporting children to schools and drivers of school buses. The hearing was held June 10.

Use of intoxicating liquor or tobacco by drivers when on duty is forbidden by the ruling. Equipment on the school bus must include interior lights and such exterior lights as will meet with the Oregon Motor Vehicle law, a hand rail at the rear corner of the entrance, controlled ventilation system that will allow plenty of air without the opening of windows except in warm weather, an adequate heating system, a 3inch by 12 inch rear view mirror and an exterior mirror, an approved gasoline tank, front and rear bumpers, fire extinguisher, and exhaust pipe that extends beyond the body of the bus.

Accidents must be reported giving specific information together with causes.

Inspection Necessary

Oregon state police must inspect the vehicle before it can be used for school purposes.

All of the above provisions will go into effect September 1, 1937 and the following provisions of the order will be made effective September 1, 1938:

Body framing shall be of metal construction and the body shall be strong enough to stand great impact and the top strong enough to support the weight of the vehicle, a traffic guard rail strong enough to prevent body crushing shall extend along both sides, inside width shall be 66 inches or more and headroom shall be 65 inches or more, safety glass shall be provided, floors shall be covered with non-slip rubber matting, entrance shall be at the right front of the bus, shall be 25 inches wide and operated by the driver and shall enclose the steps; an emergency door shall be in the rear of the bus. Buses must be painted yellow and trimmed in black and the load for each bus cannot be more than 120% of the weight of the bus.

These regulations, as at present set forth, apparently exclude the use of passenger cars for school bus use.

Copies of the ruling may be obtained from the public utilities commissioner or the county school superintendent.

Ground Water Study Made

A brief summary statement of present information concerning ground water supplies in five Oregon regions, together with an outline of additional work needed or contemplated has just been issued in the form of Oregon Experiment station circular No. 1224, entitled, "The Ground Water Problem in Oregon."

With more demand for irrigation water both east and west of the Cascades, and with the increasing population needing more domestic water supplies, many inquiries have been received regarding the availability of water from wells.

Until a shortage of funds compelled a halting of the work in 1932, the Oregon Experiment station had cooperated with the United States geological survey in systematic surveys of ground water supplies in three leading areas. Two of these areas, the Harney basin and The Dalles region has been covered by a preliminary summary of findings.

Similar brief discussions are contained for The Dalles region, the Harney basin, Milton-Freewater district and the Butter Creek basin. A proposed six year program for further investigations, is recommended by the state planning board.

FEATHERS WANTED

Mrs. N. W. Thompson, hospital chairman for the American Legion Auxiliary, would like to have women save chicken feathers for the committee. They are made in dozens of pillows for use of hospitalized ex-service men.

Range Supervisor Setting Capacity For Pastures

Range supervisor Youngblood has been in the county this week making a survey of range lands under government program preparatory to setting the carrying capacity of the pastures. When he is finished each farmer or stockman in the project will know how many cows or sheep his land will provide pasture for each year and he will be required to keep his stock under the limit placed by the range supervisor or lose his payment under the plan.

Legion Hall Paint Job Pending

Chris Schultz post, American Legion met Wednesday night at the court house for a discussion of a proposition for leasing the hall for moving picture shows during the winter and over the fair. No definite plan was agreed to, but negotiations are still pending.

An effort is being made to have the hall painted outside and a subscription list was started for that purpose with a part of the money already subscribed.

Cooperative Study Being Made

With field work almost completed, facts obtained about the northwest farmer cooperative movement will soon be ready for tabulation, announced A. C. Adams, president of the Bank for Cooperatives at Spokane which is conducting the survey as part of a nation wide research program.

"More than 2000 cooperative associations have been contacted," Mr. Adams explains, "and have wholeheartedly supplied information about their operations which should be of much practical value after being compiled and reflected back to the participating groups." "This is the first comprehensive survey of the cooperative movement that has ever been undertaken, giving an accurate register of business volume handled cooperatively, total farmer membership, forms of organization, operating practices and methods of financing. The Bank of Cooperatives has been glad to assist in gathering this long wanted data."

Many cooperative organizations in the four northwest states are financing through the cooperative bank, obtaining funds on a favorable business basis to finance their operations. (At the present they have facility, working capital and commodity loans of approximately \$5,500,000 outstanding, and commitments for nearly \$5,000,000 more.)

Harvesting Made But Encouraging

Harvesting is dragging slowly on each day although more speed has been possible this week as the weather has been warmer and drier. It has been possible to start before nine o'clock nearly all the time.

Yields are better than anticipated in many fields in the south end of the county and farmers who proclaimed their crops ruined are cutting six to nine sacks from the ruins and are very happy over it.

Estimates of experienced warehousemen are that the Wasco territory will house a million bushels. Moro 600,000 and Grass Valley about the same or possibly more. Opinion seems to be general that 2,250,000 to 2,500,000 bushels will be sold from this county from this crop.

Price remains at a low figure compared to earlier offers and few farmers are selling.

Goldendale Jamboree Draws Locals

The Goldendale Jamboree drew a large crowd of people from Sherman county Sunday when many cars made the trip filled with local citizens. General report was that the affair was well managed and that the stock was worthy of the riders. Between fifty and a hundred persons made the trip from Sherman county.

Pinball Machines Ordered Out By District Attorney

Sheriff Warns Operators To
Stop Play By August 20 or
Suffer Consequences

Sheriff Wilson, acting on an order of the District Attorney, has informed all operators of places where slot and pinball machines have been kept that use of the machines will not be tolerated after Thursday August 19 at midnight.

This is the first official action against the machines in this county since the recent ruling by Ralph E. Moody, assistant attorney general, that district attorneys had it within their power to enforce the discontinuance of the machines.

Between twenty and twenty five machines were in operation in this county before the edict went into effect.

Practically every county in the state has ordered the removal of the machines and even in towns where the license system was used the machines have been removed by order of the district attorneys.

A referendum has been invoked against the two laws that would outlaw gambling devices in this state but the vote will not be taken until November 1938.

Percheron Association Preparing Show

To take a show horse figuratively apart to see what makes it win will be one of the features of the first exclusive National Percheron Horse Show (and National Dairy Show) to be held at Columbus, Ohio, October 9 to 16. T. M. Rolfe of Grass Valley, Oregon, has been selected as a member of the National Breed Type Conference Committee which is working to establish a school of instruction to study the ideal conformation of a Percheron draft horse. True Percheron type will be discussed and demonstrated with actual models by several internationally known draft horse judges. Canada thinks so well of the idea that it is sending two representatives to take part in this conference school. Approximately 400 head of Percherons will be exhibited at this show which is expected to be the greatest buying event for Percherons ever held in the United States.

"The National show ring is to Percherons what the race track has been to Thoroughbreds," declares Mr. Rolfe. "It is the fiery crucible wherein the gold is separated from the alloy. The clamor for Percherons in the West continues unabated. No other horse is so dependable in a crisis, and there is lots of enduring companionship in a good sensible Percheron. Every Englishman I know who has changed from his home land breed has taken to Percherons, as have the Scotchmen of my acquaintance."

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County Fair To Receive Racing Money

The Sherman county fair will receive \$587 from the state racing fund according to a division which was announced this week by Secretary of State Earl Snell. This is the individual county fair portion of the \$84,000 already taken in from dog racing this year. Another division will be made when the racing season has been completed and the state 21 percent of the gross take computed. Larger shows of the state receive a larger part of the proceeds.

School Opening Day Probably Sept. 7th

Schools of the county will open the first Tuesday in September unless plans are changed. Because of the late harvest there is some tendency to postpone the opening day but school boards generally have not taken official action as yet. There is the usual late hiring of teachers because of resignations and changing plans on the part of the instructors.

Six adult coyotes and five pups were caught and killed in July by Melvin Fulkerson, federal trapper assigned to Sherman county.