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A special legislative session this winter is not entirely without the bounds of probability. If Governor Martin is persuaded to convene the law makers in extraordinary session, however, it will not be on the strength of demands being put forth by Townsendites for more liberal old age pensions. Such a demand, in fact, could be expected to fall off the governor's shoulders much as water does off the back of a duck. But there are other considerations which might prompt the governor to act. Several counties are known to favor some action looking to the unearthing of new revenues with which to finance the relief load. Multnomah county is especially hard pressed to meet the demands upon its exchequer by those in need, and welcome any aid that a legislative session might be expected to produce.

However, one thing may be taken for granted. The governor is not going to convene the lawmakers unless and until someone comes forward with a reasonable suggestion for raising additional revenues. In that connection it might be suggested that the interim committee on state revenues created by the last session is now busily at work on this very problem. A survey of taxes levied by other states is being made and it is hoped that when this commission meets again, in December, there will be some definite suggestions to be made looking to a solution of the state's money problem. Just what this solution might be not even the members of the revenue committee themselves are as yet willing to intimate. But they have made in their study. If they do succeed in gulling a financial rabbit out of the hat, one that will provide additional revenues without adding to the load already carried by real estate, it would not be at all surprising if Governor Martin should convene the lawmakers for the purpose of referring a new revenue measure to the people.

Chas. H. G. state labor commissioner, has called a meeting of beauty parlor operators and beauty college operators for Portland on October 19 to discuss hours of employment and wages. The operators have filed complaint against the 44-hour week imposed by the State Welfare commission which they claim to be impractical.

Out of every five persons killed in traffic accidents, one is a child of school age according to Secretary of State Snell who urges greater care on the part of drivers now that schools are again in session. Snell calls particular attention to the provision in the traffic laws requiring motorists to give right-of-way to pedestrians in a cross walk.

High school principals from all sections of Oregon are meeting in Salem this week (Wednesday and Thursday) for their annual conference. Subjects under discussion include experimental schools, visual aids in instruction and the place of an honor society in high schools. Speakers on the two day program include Governor Martin and Secretary of State Snell, both members of the State Board of Education. Rex Putnam, superintendent of public instruction, and Thomas R. Fowler, president of the Oregon High School Principals' association.

The supreme court's opinion in the case involving salary increases for Portland school teachers is of interest to every city and county as well as every school district in the state. In the opinion the high court held that Portland school district could not grant salary increases to its teachers in excess of the budget estimate. The opinion also held that the ruling also applied with equal force to city and county governments. While the learned justices held that monies might be temporarily transferred from one fund to another they also pointed out that these "loans" must be repaid to their rightful funds before the end of the fiscal year.

Governor Martin struck out at critics of his stand on Benneville power again this week.

"Self seeking politicians and demagogues have tried to belound the

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Joe Gray (above) and Bill Duncan who surprised themselves, the spectators, the fans, the experts and more important the University of Washington team with their pass throwing and catching ability. Oregon State won 6 to 3 over Washington in the biggest upset of the season.

League of Oregon Cities Receives Grant

Expansion of the services of the League of Oregon Cities, made possible by a grant of several hundred dollars from the American Municipal Association was announced here by Herman Kehrl, executive secretary of the League and director of the University of Oregon bureau of municipal research.

The grant will enable the league to place William O. Hall, league staff member in the field as assistant to R. S. Bryson, consultant. Aim of extended service will be to aid cities in the codification of ordinances and in the development of procedures for financing future local improvements.

A manual on ordinance codification based on experience gained in this type of work for Prineville, Springfield, Bandon and other communities, has been prepared by Mr. Hall. Both Mr. Hall and Mr. Bryson will visit all Oregon cities that express an interest in this work, Mr. Kehrl stated.

Trashy Fallow Helps Stand

"The field summer fallow in the spring of 1936 with the one-way disc plow was the only seeded last fall which came through the winter with a stand of wheat good enough to leave without reseeding this spring," says Eben Kee, who operates a large wheat farm one mile north of Gass Valley in Sherman County.

"The yield was practically the same on this area as on the areas reseeded, with a considerable saving in cost and time," Kee explained. Realizing that some change in farm practices was necessary to protect his land from blowing and washing, Mr. Kee welcomed the opportunity to cooperate with the Soil Conservation Service in checking erosion on his farm. Eighty-eight acres were trashy fallow in the spring of 1936 as the first step in the demonstration of soil and water conservation on his farm. Mr. Kee was so well pleased with the results the first winter that he traded his old moldboard plow in on a new one-way disc plow this spring and prepared all his summer fallow with this implement.

While soil blowing has occurred on several farms in the district this summer, no evidence of wind erosion has been noted on the land farmed by Mr. Kee, according to technicians at the Moro camp of the Soil Conservation Service.

Moro City Budget Reduced About Forty Percent

Changed Status of City Debt
Is Reason for Large Part of
Reduction: One Thousand to
Go for Debt Reduction

Budget making time for the city of Moro brought the best news to city taxpayers they have had in many a year, for the local budget was reduced from \$4215.96 to \$2493.96 which means that instead of having a city millage of 25.8 as was collected in 1937 it will be about 15.3 mills for 1938, this being a reduction of approximately 40 percent.

The changed status of the city debt has been the cause for a part of this change. Interest charges, when levied, have been \$3722 for several years and now will be \$1298 under the new refunding agreement that is almost ready for ratification. The budget committee, pleased at the showing and anxious to reduce the debt while possible, put a levy of a thousand dollars for debt retirement into the budget as well but even this is over \$1400 less for the debt service than was levied last year.

Reduction in the costs for the fire department because sufficient amount of new hose is already on hand and minor economies accounted for the total reduction. Estimated increase in the water revenues also tended toward a lower levy.

Teachers Received In Moro Society

Teachers, new and old, were once more welcomed into the social life of the Moro community Wednesday night when about sixty residents gathered at the school house at the behest of the women's club to meet the instructors.

Mrs. Cecil Hockman directed the program which consisted of introductions of the teachers by the principal, a tap dance by Mrs. Jane French, a vocal solo by Mrs. Lloyd Hennagin, a bit of musical comedy by Ray Gilliam, and music by the Michel orchestra. After coffee and cakes a few quadrilles were danced as well as more modern figures.

Supt. Knighten Goes To Father's Bedside

School Superintendent Willy W. Knighten left Wednesday for Lynden, Washington to be near his father who has been seriously ill at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Theo Serurier. William Green Knighten is 96 years old and has been a resident of the northwest since the early 40s of the last century since coming from Missouri at an early age. His heart has begun to fail him.

New Farm Program Hearing Scheduled

A meeting for officials to hear about the new 1938 agricultural conservation program will be held in Arlington, October 26 and 27 and after that date it is possible for everyone to find out what will be expected of farmers by the government for 1938.

Checking on the results of the 1937 program will be started in this county Monday morning, October 18.

Banker Becomes Government Witness

The case of United States of America vs Fred Smith is now being tried in the U. S. District Court, Yakima. Fred Smith was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury for fraudulently filing a petition in bankruptcy. H. W. Champneys is one of the witnesses subpoenaed in the case and will be in Yakima over the week end. It is expected the case will last two or three weeks. Fred Smith was involved as a debtor in connection with a closed bank.

Non-High School District Budget Greatly Reduced

The budget meeting for the Non High School District was held Monday night at the court house and resulted in the reduction of that budget by nearly half. This was made possible by the payment of delinquent taxes which brought in over three thousand dollars of cash on hand.

Steadily decreasing needs for tuition and transportation have made it possible to decrease sums appropriated and the budget is therefore lower than it has been since the formation of the non-high school district.

Last year \$8618.39 was raised by taxation for non-high school pupils and this tax period but \$4433.24 will be raised. Last year the millage for non-high school was 1.9 and this year it will be but little over one mill making it somewhat easier for taxpayers of the district.

The date for the final hearing on the budget has been set for November 10th at 8 o'clock in the evening at which time all taxpayers may be heard for or against the budget.

Dorothy Foss Married In Sunday Ceremony

The wedding of Miss Dorothy Alice Foss to Frederick Hellberg was solemnized last Sunday at 3 p. m. at the Foss home in Moro with the Reverend Lawrence H. Mitchelmore of the Community church reading the service. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Foss and the groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Hellberg of Astoria.

The scene of the wedding was decorated with white candelabra and baskets of white gladioli. The brides dress was white satin in princess style, with train and veil, and carried gardenias and white bouquet. Her sister, Mrs. L. E. Kaseberg was matron of honor in royal blue taffeta with a bouquet of button chrysanthemums and tiger lilies.

Bridesmaids were Catherine and Lila Hellberg, sisters of the groom and Elliot Cummings of McMinnville was best man.

Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Hellberg and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hellberg of Astoria, Aili Orava, Roy Carlson and wife, Astoria; E. E. Kaseberg and wife of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mattson, Oakland, Cal., A. A. Foss of Free water, Helen Valentine and Frances Van Dillon of The Dalles; Dane Knickerbocker of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Chrisman of The Dalles.

After the wedding the couple left for a wedding trip to Victoria, B. C., after which they will return to Portland where they will make their home.

County Budget To Be Made Monday

The county budget meeting will be held Monday at the court house with A. C. Kaseberg, Roy Powell and Amandus von Borstel assisting the members of the county court in deciding what sums shall be expended for various county activities during 1938.

Citizens who want to have a hand in making the appropriations for any item or all items should be present at the meeting when the budget is first formed as only minor changes are permitted after that time.

The meeting will begin at ten o'clock in the morning and will continue nearly all day if previous meetings are an indication.

Ted Pierson, driver of the Boardman school bus has been absent from his usual occupation this week due to a severe case of tonsillitis.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK				
DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.	
Oct. 7	66	35	.00	
" 8	70	35	.00	
" 9	71	39	.00	
" 10	73	40	.00	
" 11	72	40	.00	
" 12	71	41	.00	
" 13	68	42	.00	
Total for week				



Donald von Borstel, Grass Valley boy in Sherman county was a guest of the First National Bank of Portland for three days. Reaction with his junior Shortborn the Says, Moro went as outstanding 4-H girl.

10,000 Pounds of Grass Seed Distributed

Ten thousand pounds of Crested Wheat grass seed has been distributed by extension people in this county for seeding this fall which indicates a larger seeding of the perennial grass than heretofore.

The closing date for seeding this grass under the government program is October 31. Later seedings will not comply with the government regulations and therefore will receive no payment, weather conditions notwithstanding.

Grass Valley Minister Is Ordained

On Thursday, October 7, 1937 a large gathering of friends and delegates assembled at the Baptist church in Grass Valley for the purpose of ordaining to the full Gospel ministry the pastor of the Grass Valley Church, Gerald C. Dryden.

The Council met at 3:30 p. m. at which time the candidate stated his conversion, call to the ministry and his views of Bible doctrine, and was questioned concerning the same. Rev. Alfred Danielson of the Baptist Church at Bend was elected Moderator of the Council and Rev. H. J. Ludwick of the Baptist Church at Prineville was elected clerk. The Council adjourned at 5:30 p. m. having recommended the ordination of Mr. Dryden after which the ladies of the church served the visitors and delegates with a chicken dinner.

The Ordination service was called for 7:30 p. m. at which H. J. Ludwick led the opening song service. The evening program was as follows:

Song service—Rev. H. J. Ludwick, Prineville, Oregon.
Scripture—Rev. Gerald P. Norton, Portland, Oregon.
Prayer—Rev. Ortiz Weniger, Hillsboro, Oregon.
Ordination Sermon—"The God Made Minister"—Rev. Alfred Danielson, Bend, Oregon.

Duet—Mrs. Danielson and Mrs. Norton.
Charge to the Church—Dr. T. H. Hagen, Portland, Oregon.
Charge to the candidate—Rev. S. P. Benson, Walla Walla, Washington.

Presentation of a Bible to the Candidate from the Church—Rev. Alfred Danielson.
Laying on of Hands—Rev. Norton and Rev. Weniger.

Ordination Prayer—Rev. LeRoy Crossley, Lebanon, Oregon.
The Right Hand of Fellowship.

Presentation of Ordination Certificate—Rev. C. M. Cochrane, Redmond, Oregon.
Benediction with singing of "Blest be the Tie."

New Group of Men Arrive At CCC Camp

The contingent of boys from the fourth army corp area, which is the southern states arrived in Moro Thursday evening after detouring at Biggs at 8 o'clock. There were nearly two hundred in the party.

The SCS work has been put in charge of E. L. Chenault who has been at Walla Walla for several months. R. C. Williams who had been here was transferred to Walla Walla last week. Three foremen and four camp assistants had the camp to themselves for the first of the week as all others had been transferred or released. No army man or CCC men were at the camp.

Wasco-Arlington Tie at Football

The Wasco town football team met the Arlington team Sunday at Arlington, the game resulting in a scoreless tie. Another game will be played here between the two teams and other games are being scheduled. Those who played were Darrel McQuillen, quarter, who was injured in the shoulder and incapacitated for further play this season; Ira Fridley, full back; Chester Page, Phil O'Meara, Steve O'Meara, Kenneth Wilder, backs; Bill Reid, center; Marvin Thomas, Leo Watkins, Sam Kratter, guards; Lane Thomas, Eldon Neesham, tackles and Jake Spencer, Clarence Spencer, and Bill McKean, ends.

1938 Licenses Black On White

Aluminum with black numerals. Soon new license plates of these colors, the 1938 issue, will be seen on the highways of Oregon.

Adhering to the economy program of conforming to a uniform color scheme of black and white, the present plates with black background will be succeeded by the new aluminum plate embossed with black figures according to Secretary of State Earl Snell.

Shipments of the new plates are now crowding storage facilities in the state department. This year's order for nearly 400,000 pairs of plates requiring the handling of 8,000 boxes, the contents of which must be checked and put in order for quick service during the rush season.

"The annual drawing for low numbers will be held about November 19," states Mr. Snell. "All applications for 1938 licenses received by that date will be included in the group from which low plate allotments will be drawn. Hundreds of applications have already been mailed in for the drawing, giving indication that more car owners than ever before want to try their luck in the small license number selection."

Dinner For Successful 4-H Clubbers Planned

Leaders of State 4-H Work
Invited As Speakers; County
Children To Be Honored By
Citizens For Victory

Decision of the Moro Commercial club to sponsor a testimonial dinner for the club workers who brought county fame as a livestock producing section at the recent Pacific International was reached definitely Wednesday night when the executive board met to arrange for the event.

Club workers who have achieved distinction by winning prizes at the state fair and at the Pacific International will be invited as the guests of the club and the clubbers who were selected to represent the county in the group chosen by the First National bank will also be guests.

Parents will be expected to come and others who have an interest in club work are invited. It is thought that nearly a hundred will attend the dinner which will be held in the Moro hotel, Monday evening, October 25 has been chosen as the date.

Leaders to Speak

Speakers will be men who are connected with club work in its wider phases and invitations are being sent to H. C. Seymour, state club leader; O. M. Plummer, manager of the International, R. L. Clark who annually directs the sales of club stock at the show, and Gene Courtney, who started many of the club workers in business.

The main course of the dinner will be meat from one of the calves that won prizes at the show for Sherman county.

Children Honored

The dinner is being given expressly for the purpose of indicating the pleasure of the citizens over the victories of the club workers in competition with representatives of other counties. Of the twenty five head of club calves taken to the show twelve placed indicating the care and attention given by the boys and girls and their ability at choosing specimens for development.

Governor Addresses U. of O. Students

Students of the University of Oregon, and the youth of the state, were urged to fling their enthusiasm and energy into the fight for a more progressive society and government, yet to pay heed to the lessons that tradition can teach, in an address delivered here recently by Charles H. Martin, governor of Oregon.

The governor's talk before the first student assembly of the year was the highlight of the day that brought the executive here as honor guest of the university and city.

"By all means keep an open and free mind for developments that are worthy and sound, the governor told the students. "But let me urge you to test these new ideas and be sincerely convinced that they can be incorporated into your philosophy of life without damage to you."

"Don't be afraid to revamp your entire scheme of life if the evidence presented to you is sound and justifies it, but when you are doing something that so seriously involves not only your happiness, but that of others, make sure the evidence is real, not circumstantial, and that it is not too greatly diluted by that transitory ingredient called emotion."

Little Grain Seeded

Although the weather has been warm and pleasant for mid-October rain has threatened the past few days and it may possibly wet the summer fallow so that those who wish to seed this fall may do so.

Many farmers have given up seeding until spring and it is probable that not to exceed two thirds of the summer fallow will be seeded this fall regardless of weather conditions.