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Governor Martin's refusal to accede to the request of Townsend leaders for a special legislative session met with widely divergent reactions on the part of leaders in the old age pension movement.

Glen C. Wade of Pendleton, Townsend manager in the Second Oregon district, declared that no further effort would be made to bring additional pressure on the governor. Wade, who acted as special representative of the Townsend delegation which presented the request for the special session, praised the governor for his courteous consideration of the petitions. Wade's statement was regarded as reflecting the sentiment of the delegation which waited on the governor including Arthur Moore of Monmouth, Townsend manager in the first Congressional district.

An entirely different attitude was taken by John A. Jeffreys of Portland, H. C. Cue of The Dalles and other Townsend leaders.

"This is no time to take off our hat to the governor," Jeffreys declared. "Rather it is a time to peel our coats and continue our work for a special session."

The next step in the move for more adequate pensions, it was explained in a statement issued by Townsend leaders meeting here last week will depend upon the action by official boards of the three congressional districts on recommendations submitted by the special group attending the Salem meeting. While the nature of these recommendations was not made public it is understood to include the initiation of a measure covering the Townsend program of more adequate pensions financed by a transaction tax. Such a measure if initiated would come before the voters at the regular election in November, 1938.

A large delegation of Portland educational and civic leaders appeared before the State Land Board this week to urge against undue haste in the proposed blocking of state school lands. The recommendation of the Portland delegation came as a result of interviews with federal officials charged with administering the new Taylor grazing act, all of whom, they said, had advised against immediate blocking of the state holdings. State Land Board officials explained that they had been given to understand that immediate blocking was necessary if the state's interest was to be protected. Members of the Portland delegation who had attended a meeting of stockmen at Burns the week before said that they were given to understand that no action would be taken by the federal government for at least a year looking to the leasing of grazing lands in the public domain. In the meantime approximately \$750,000 in federal funds are to be spent in improving grazing lands in eastern and central Oregon counties, the state's scattered holdings benefiting from this expenditure equally with the federal holdings.

Governor Martin left here Tuesday for Tulsa, Oklahoma, to attend the 20th annual reunion of his old army division, the 90th, which he commanded as a major general during the world war. He is expected to return from the state about two weeks during which time Senator D. M. Francisovich of Astoria will likely be as governor.

James W. Malt, congressman from the first Oregon district, will not be a candidate for the United States senate to succeed Frederick W. Steiwer, but will seek another term at his same old job he declared in quieting rumors that he was considering seeking a promotion. Steiwer's decision not to seek another term as senator has aroused a lot of speculation as to probable candidates.

Direct relief is distinctly a local problem, Governor Martin told a delegation of C. I. O. workers from Portland who came to Salem to appeal to him from treatment alleged to have been received at the hands of the Multnomah county relief committee.

"The state stands ready to match county funds in extending relief to the needy but the responsibility for passing on relief rests squarely

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Wasco Loses To Goldendale, 14-0 At Football

The Wasco town football team played a strenuous battle with the team from the Goldendale CCC camp last Sunday afternoon at Wasco and lost by a score of 14 to 0. No points were made until the third quarter when a kick by Wilde of Wasco was blocked behind the goal line. Goldendale added another touchdown in the final minute of play after three attempts to move the Wasco team across their goal line failed. The last line play of the game was successful and the kick good.

Playing for the Wasco team were: W. Reid, center; Marvin Thomas and Leo Watkins, guards; Lane Thomas and Eldon Neesham, tackles; Clarence Spencer and Bill McKean, guards; Lewis Hastings, quarter; R. Fridley, full; Kenneth Wide and Jack Spencer, halves. Substitutes were S. O'Meara, guard; Sam Krater, tackle; Harry McDonald, end; Keith McDonald and Pat Gentry, backs.

A second game with the Arlington team will be played next Sunday at McPherson field, Wasco. The first struggle ended in a 0 to 0 score.

Meeting of Library Board Called

The Moro Library association directors will meet next Monday evening at the library rooms to lay plans for increasing the library revenue for the winter months and to decide whether or not it is desirable to move the books into the new Women's Club headquarters when they are ready for occupancy. It has been suggested that a benefit dance be tried as a means of raising money for the library.

Historical Society Announces Contest

The Oregon Historical Society is again asking for essays on Oregon history and has chosen "The Voyage of Captain James Cook to the Northwest Coast," for the subject of the 1937 essays. Two thousand words are the maximum length allowed and the final date for entry is March 16, 1938.

Information on the subject may be obtained from the state library. Prizes are sixty, fifty, forty and thirty dollars for the four best essays.

Defense Fund For Rate Rise Asked

County committeemen of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League are talking to farmers of this county for the purpose of enlisting active financial support for the Tri-State Wheat Transportation Council which is the organization representing wheat growers in rate controversies.

The council was formed last March after it was announced that the railroads had applied to have the emergency rates on wheat to the south east made permanent.

Farmers of Idaho, Washington and Oregon are members and the board is composed of five men from each state. A part-time secretary is employed and Arthur M. Geary is attorney for the organization.

Meetings are held at regular intervals and the directors are able to keep wheat growers informed on proposed changes in freight charges and direct them on how best to prevent increases that would take a larger part of the farm income.

A tenth of a cent per bushel would provide an effective fund for retaining advantages already obtained and keeping rates down, say directors of the council. Oregon members are State Senator Clyde Kiddie, LeGrande, J. B. Adams, Moro; John Withcombe, Arlington; Mac Hoke, Pendleton; E. H. Miller, Lexington.

DAVIS FAMILY RETURNS

Luther Davis and family returned Thursday from their trip to Tennessee and way points. They went by train to Detroit and picked up a new car thence driving along the lakes to New York and down to the old home in Tennessee. Later they visited Washington D. C. and came home by the southern route. They had a good trip, saw lots of new and interesting sights and are glad to get back to Sherman county.

New Farm Plan Explanation Due This Month

Meetings Will Be Held In
Five Districts To Tell
Farmers What May Be
Expected Of Them In 1938

In order to acquaint farmers of Sherman county with the agricultural conservation program for 1938 a series of meetings will be held in the middle of this month at various places in this county. Election of community officers will also be done at the meetings.

A meeting of county agents and other extension service men at Arlington last week for the purpose of informing them about the new 1938 program started the move for local meetings. Possible difficulty with the plan is that when congress meets there may be an entirely different plan than is now ready to present to the farmers.

At least two bills are to be introduced into the house and one or more in the senate. They will undoubtedly go to conference before any new legislation is passed and some changes may be made, although extension service men in Oregon are apparently convinced that changes made will be minor and that the program that will be explained to the farmers this month will be substantially the one to be followed.

County Meeting Set

November 10, at a county wide meeting, H. Bogli will explain the program at the court house at ten o'clock in the morning.

County meetings will be held as follows: Locust Grove, 15th, ten in the morning; Wasco, 15th, two in the afternoon; Moro, 16th, ten in the morning; Grass Valley, 16th, two in the afternoon; Kent, 17th, two in the afternoon. A county meeting will be held on the 18th at Moro at 1 o'clock.

Community committeemen and community chairmen will be elected to administer the program during 1938 at these meetings. The community chairmen will make up the county committee.

Farm Groups Opposing 70 Car Train Bill

Vigorous protest against the enactment by congress of the so-called 70-car train bill has been voiced by presidents of seven of the state's largest agricultural associations. The letters, which are being mailed to farmers and business men in every part of the state urge that every effort be made to prevail upon the state's congressional delegation to oppose the measure.

The letter of opposition is signed by J. G. Barratt, President of the Oregon Wool Growers Association; C. A. Nish, president of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League;

Hayman Oliver, president of the Cattle and Horse Raisers' Association of Oregon;

Mac Hoke, president of the Oregon Farm Bureau;

Gordon Voorhies, president of the Oregon State Horticultural Society;

H. L. Shoemaker, president of the Hood River Growers Club, and Chester Fitch, president of the Medford Fruit Growers' League.

The leaders of these large producer organizations call attention to the fact that enactment of the 70-car train bill would increase the operating expenses of the railroads by many millions of dollars, and this increase in turn, would be saddled on the producer and shipper.

It is urged that the producers of Oregon unite in a determined fight against the bill, and, if necessary, send a delegation to Washington to oppose with all possible vigor any effort to enact it into law. The fear is expressed that if this and other similar legislation before congress is passed, the railroads are headed toward government ownership.

A luncheon was given at the hotel Thursday in honor of Mrs. Sadie Orr Dunbar, former Sherman County, who is here now, speaking for the State Tuberculosis association.

Civilization Marches On in Europe



Berlin.—With war becoming more and more imminent in Europe, Germany hastens to protect her youth from the most horrible of modern weapons—gas. As pictured here, officials oversee the distribution of gas masks, making sure they fit properly before the youngsters are allowed to take them home at 2½ marks (about \$1) the copy.

First Camp Night Of New Company Held Wednesday

Company 5428 CCC, Camp Moro SCS-4 opened its camp night season Wednesday, November 3, in the camp recreation hall by featuring a harp and guitar quartette and the McKenzie vocal trio. Several selections of mountain music were played by the quartette, including Organ Grinder Swing, comin' Round the Mountain and Wash Blues. The trio sang One Little Kiss and Home on the Range.

Giles French gave the address of the evening in which he told the boys some interesting facts about the country and the state of Oregon. He described interesting places in this locality such as the Hill castle, Fossil Beds, Mt. Hood and the Deschutes Canyon and advised that recreation trips be taken there.

Captain Donald V. Holliday, commanding officer, started the fun of the evening by describing his wonder automobile, a Dodge of 1900 vintage. He told of his experiences on his trip to Vancouver Barracks last week with Foggy Smith, G. I. Truck driver who rolled fire barrels down the mountain and knocked two teeth out.

Elections were held and the following candidates were successful: Thomas Bean, biggest liar in camp; Ray Dellinger, biggest Gold Brick; Rye White, most popular; G. H. Koger, smallest; T. J. Jones, biggest; Geo. Smith, ugliest; J. "Pineapple" Harrell, Ladies' Man; Louis Smith, laziest; John Golden, smartest; Haze McCutcheon, biggest chow hound; J. Thorpe, best dressed.

Camp programs will be given each Wednesday night at 6:30 p. m. All acts will be amateur and will be broadcast over station CCC 5428. Three prizes will be awarded each camp night. Local talent is eligible for these prizes and we hope that many will participate in future programs.

Citizens of Moro and vicinity are cordially invited to attend these programs and visit your camp in Sherman county.

Visitors last Wednesday were: Mr. French, mayor of Moro; Dr. Polley; Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Updegraff and Mr. H. W. Champneys.

Teacher Has Hard Time Keeping School

Miss Winona Westenskow (1937 E. O. N. S.) of Imbler, Oregon has finally settled down to real teaching after a rather hectic start in the profession. During her first year of actual experience (1935-36) Miss Westenskow was the mistress of three different schools. The first one was washed away—the second was moved—and the third, at New Bridge, proved to be a stable one. This year Miss Westenskow is teaching at Freewater and hopes that there will be no fire, water, or earthquake to remove her school from her.

E. E. Kendall and a crew of men are busy this week cleaning out the city septic tank and hauling the material away. This is the first time in twelve years the tank has been cleaned.

Rain Comes To Send Farmers To Field Work

Rainfall to total .78 of an inch fell on Sherman county this past week to send farmers back to the fields with their drills and harrows.

Some land operators have expressed an intention to wait until spring anyway holding that they have types of weeds that are easier killed by spring seeding. Others, and a majority, are busy with tractor and seeding machinery putting in the crop for the 1938 harvest.

Early sown grain that had come up in spots is beginning to thicken up since the rain and it is generally believed that little re-seeding will have to be done unless the winter is very severe and the ground is unprotected by snow.

A considerable part of the land in the north end of the county had been sown before the rain but in the south end very little seeding had been done and the rain came at a fortunate time for farmers there.

While nights have been cooler since the storm, days are still warm and pleasant indicating that more rain will fall before the cold of winter begins.

Drivers Should Aid Manufacturers

Oregon drivers should meet automobile manufacturers at least half way in making safety features of new cars pay dividends, Secretary of State Earl Snell urged this week.

"Nearly all manufacturers of 1938 model cars have made safety one of their chief talking points, whether in the form of all steel bodies, greater braking power, better safety glass or fewer 'blind spots'."

"But every new car has a different feel from the 'old bus.' True, it can be stopped more quickly. But it can also build up tremendous momentum from a light touch on the accelerator. It handles more easily—but it is just as helpless in a bad skid as a World War ambulance—and it will be going much faster."

"New self-shifting devices and rearrangement of control gadgets will be unfamiliar to the new owners for a few weeks, and until drivers are thoroughly accustomed to their vehicles they should clamp down on the temptation to drive at customary speeds, especially in heavy traffic."

In Connecticut, where the model and year of cars involved in accidents are reported, it was discovered that recent models were smashed up nearly as frequently as older cars in proportion to the number on the road, demonstrating that greater mechanical advantages cannot offset the dangers of increased power and speed, Snell stated.

A new deputy sheriff is expected to show his face at the windows in the grill work next Monday morning when Lamer Sayers takes over the duty of figuring up taxes for county citizens and aiding, when occasion dictates, the enforcement of the criminal law.

Bangs Disease Work to Continue In This District

County agents of Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow and Wheeler counties met at Arlington November 2 to discuss further means of eradicating the four counties. Dr. Fisher, from the four counties, Dr. Fisher, from the animal husbandry division of the department of Agriculture was present. He will put two or three men into this district to test cattle for Bangs disease. Men whose herds have not been tested or who have not had two clean tests will have to sign a new contract with the government for this work.

It is not known how much longer the government will furnish the test without charge as a bill is now ready for introduction which will require that the state and the county each pay a third of the cost of the test.

Owners of beef herds now on range may arrange to have them tested during the late fall or early winter when they are near home.

Gullies Healed By Erosion Service of SCS

There's an old saying that the hair on a dog is good for the bite and the Soil Conservation Service is using a somewhat similar method of treatment for gullies. Soil washed into the gullies as a result of erosion is used as a seed bed for establishing vegetative growth to heal over these scars which erosion has caused.

Gullies which have cut down into the subsoil and sometimes into the parent rock afford little or no nourishment for vegetation, officials of the Soil Conservation Service project near Moro, Oregon, point out. Unless nature is given some assistance in getting vegetation established, the gullies usually become deeper and broader until they reach a stabilized grade.

By constructing small temporary dams a barrier will be formed across the gully channel above which silt washed into the gully will collect. Vegetation planted in this material usually makes rapid growth and forms an additional barrier for collection of silt over which the vegetation can spread.

A number of farmers cooperating with the Soil Conservation Service on the Moro project, among whom are O. G. Sayers, Dewey Thompson, Roy Powell, and Joe Peters, are taking care of all their gullies, even the smaller ones, using straw check dams for this purpose. They are planning to follow this practice by seeding down the silted-in channels, making permanent, erosion-proof water-ways.

MORE GRASS PLANTED

Condon—Indications are that some 3000 additional acres of crested wheat grass will be seeded by Gilliam county farmers during the fall, reports County Agent R. M. McKennon. About a dozen farmers in that district produced crested wheat grass for seed this year, he said.

County Court Agrees To Hire Well Driller

SCS Service To Furnish Drill
For Camp Well; Relief
Committee Spends Morning
With Problems

Decision of the county court to supply a well driller to aid in drilling a well on the fair grounds now occupied by the CCC and SCS was reached Wednesday at the afternoon session of the county court.

J. R. Chenault, superintendent of the SCS, appeared before the commissioners at the morning session with the president and secretary of the fair board and told the court of the plans. He said that it was the aim of the service to beautify and make the camps more livable and that personally he had a sincere interest in obtaining more water to make the camp attractive. The conservation service has a well drill a Pullman that can be used but no provision is made for skilled labor which must be furnished by an outside agency. The county agreed to furnish a driller and the casing for the well.

Water obtained will be used primarily for the camp but it is presumed at this stage of development that some water will be available for use of the fair board during the summers as well.

A lengthy meeting of the relief committee was held in the morning with nearly all members present. Few changes were made in the sums allotted to those on relief and but one additional name was added to the pension roll.

Passing on the month's accumulation of bills and minor matters concerned the court after lunch. The county recently received a law library bought with the law library fund set aside for that purpose. Law reports sufficient to fill two tables are now owned by the county and a shelf will be erected for them in the court room.

New Law Makes More Help Necessary

Open competitive examinations are being offered by the Oregon State Unemployment Compensation to qualified men and women who are citizens of the United States and residents of Oregon.

The positions and rate of compensation per annum for which qualified applicants are to compete vary from Referee, \$2580-\$3120, to Junior Accounting Clerk, \$1020 to \$1200.

Applications and information may be obtained upon request from the Unemployment Commission, 305 Old Post Office building, Portland, Oregon.

Final filing date of applications is November 12, 1937. Examination date has been set for November 26 and 27, 1937, at the following locations: Klamath Falls, Medford, Eugene, Salem, Portland, Pendleton.

Applicants desiring to compete in more than one examination may do so if their qualifications are within the minimum requirements necessary.

BROODY HENS NO PROBLEM

If poultrymen today spend their time gathering eggs instead of breaking up broody hens—a frequent necessity of former days—it is because someone along the line of progress has done a good job of breeding out this inherited character of broodiness, says H. E. Cosby, head of the poultry department at O. S. C.

If, on the other hand, someone has a flock of chickens which persist in wanting to set, it simply means that a definite breeding program to reduce or eradicate this maternal instinct has not been practiced with the flock concerned, he says.

MORO TEACHER RESIGNS

Miss June Brown, who has been teaching the fifth and sixth grades in the Moro school resigned Thursday to take effect at the end of the week and left Monday, with Mr. and Mrs. Phil Ruggles for Ritter Springs in Grant county, to build up her failing strength. Mrs. R. G. Cunliff is in charge of the room until another teacher can be hired by the school board.