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Of Oregon- Its Government and People

More men are gradually being put to work in the Portland lumber mills but lumber cut must be shipped out as A. F. L. carpenters refuse to use lumber cut by CIO workmen. California provides a market for the lumber as the CIO has a larger following there than in the northwest. A recent suggestion that the mills might operate with one shift from each union has been discussed to some extent around Portland but no effort toward an agreement has as yet been made.

The Willamette valley is ending the wettest year on record with over 61 inches and more coming every day. Rivers are swollen and highways and railway tracks are blocked in many places, restraining traffic and hampering travel that is always high during the holiday season.

Employers of four or more workers have been paying taxes for the unemployment insurance fund for the past two years. During 1936 the tax was 9 percent of the payroll and in 1937 it was 1.8 percent. From now on the tax will be 2.7 percent.

A fund of several thousand dollars has been built up during the two years the plan has been in operation and distribution to the unemployed of the state will begin immediately after the first of the year. Unemployed workers must first register with the state unemployment service which tries to place the worker for two weeks during which there is no payment made to him. If no position is found within the ability of the worker to perform he is paid from the unemployment fund for 16 weeks at a rate that is half his normal earning rate but may not be less than \$7 per week nor more than \$15 per week.

Agricultural workers and employees of the government are not included. It is not mandatory that the unemployed take any job that is offered but they must accept jobs that they can do. No part of the tax is paid by the unemployed although an attempt was made to incorporate this in the bill when it was passed in the 1935 special session.

The state of Oregon accepted this legislation because the tax was to be levied through the federal government anyway and it was felt that the money should be left in Oregon instead of being sent back to Washington, D. C. Local administrators were held competent to handle the job in this state and the State Industrial Accident commission was put in charge of it.

The unemployment commission will have a serious problem on its hands at the very outset on account of the trouble in Portland. Those who are out on strike are not eligible for benefits, neither are those who support or finance a strike. But those who are out of work because of a strike are included in those eligible. If lumber workers strike and make it impossible for carpenters to work the commission will have to determine their status before giving benefits to them. It is highly probable that there will be work for the courts to do before some of the problems are settled.

Seasonal work will also have to be defined before all who are out of work can be cared for under the new law. Eastern Oregon loggers, for instance, may be out of work because of a bad winter, making their work seasonal, while coast loggers out of work in the winter may be truly unemployed.

It has been estimated that as many as 30,000 will apply and register with the unemployment offices when the law goes into effect and it is practically certain that many will not be given work. Some of these will be given unemployment pay and some will be turned down for some cause or another by the board.

Rufus Holman, state treasurer, who is thought to be grooming himself for governor, made a strong plea for law and order when speaking before a Republican gathering in Portland recently. With both Governor Martin, who is expected to be a candidate, and at least one of the Republican possibilities going on record for law enforcement, it is indicated that enforcement of the law will be a major part of the platform in the next gubernatorial campaign.

Weed Control District Passed By Court

Erskineville District Roughly
Boundary of New Experiment
In Weed Control

A weed control district was ordered by the county court last week after a petition bearing the names of a large part of the land owners therein was presented. The district will include all of Township 1 south, 16 E. W. M. in Sherman county and Section 1 to 11 inclusive of Township 2 south, 16 E. W. M. and Sections 6, 7, 18, 19, 30, 31 in Township 1 south, 17 E. W. M.

53 Sections Included

The east line is the east line of the city of Moro and the north line is two miles north of the city and the south line is about five miles south. The west line is the Deschutes river.

Purpose of the district is to eradicate white top and Russian knapweed and to control morning glory. LeRoy Wright was appointed weed inspector for the district.

Pioneer of 1884 Buried Thursday

Mrs. Hattie King Andrews, pioneer of Sherman county, died at her home in Wasco Monday at the age of 79. She had been in poor health for several months.

She was born in California and was married there in 1876 to C. M. Andrews. In 1882 her husband came to this part of the country and took up land returning to California for his family in 1884 and this has been the family home since.

Surviving are two sons, Guy of Wasco and Claude of Portland and three grandchildren. The funeral was held from the Christian church of which the deceased had been a member for forty years. Zells was in charge of the services and Rev. Carey officiated. She was a member of the Pythian sisters and the Eastern Star lodges.

Alfred Hines of Rufus Buried At Wasco

Alfred Hines died at Rufus Friday, December 24 and was buried at Wasco Sunday. He had been a resident of the county for nearly fifty years and had lived here continuously since 1890. He was a native of Oregon having been born in Corvallis, October 2, 1865.

He was married in 1888 at Wasco to Mahalah Henderson, who survives him as do his son, Earl of The Dalles; two brothers, Lee of The Dalles and William of Vale; and four sisters, Mrs. John Burris of Condon, Mrs. Nancy Truax of Toledo, Mrs. Kate Mitchell of California and Mrs. Ida King of Wasco.

Women's Clubs Entertain Boys

The Christmas party at Camp Moro, given by the Woman's clubs of Moro and Wasco for the boys of Company 5428 last Monday, December 27, was greatly appreciated by the members and assisting personnel of the camp.

The boys stated that it was the best party they had attended for a long time, and complimented the ladies upon the delicious cakes that were served. They were also greatly appreciative of the opportunity to become acquainted with the young ladies of Sherman county.

The evening's entertainment consisted of lively games, singing and dancing. Square dances, called by Rye White, member, were attempted and enjoyed.

The 7 members of the company who are being discharged, terminating their period of enrollment, and are returning to their homes in the Southland are: Robert Cahey, Clayton Tosh, William Rush-ton, Hanford Morris, Geo. Sexton, Julian Sutor, and Harvey Simpson. They will leave Moro December 31 for Tennessee.

"Valiant is the Word for Car-rie" with Gladys George and John Howard will be shown at the Legion hall Saturday night. The first show will begin at 7 o'clock.

World's Tiniest Ocean Spanners



Probably the world's tiniest ocean voyagers are these four-month-old twins, Helen and Martha Coella who sailed on the Europa for Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, recently. Until their destination is reached, they will be entirely in the hands of traveling agencies. Their mother died recently and their father is sending them to relatives in Germany.

Chronology of Passing Year Recalls Major News Stories

January 1: Snow falls the 26th of December. Dell Olds holds barn dance in new barn.

January 8: New officers sworn in by new county clerk Joe Truitt. Weather becomes rough with wind and snow.

January 15: Court makes appointments for year. Orren A. Ramsey y dies on January 8. Eighty four AAA checks received. Louis Sather undergoes leg operation.

January 22: Sub-zero weathers and drifts cause inconvenience to Sherman Countians. Rufus ahead in basketball race.

January 29: William Morrison and Bertha Sagawe die. Snow hinders travel in county. 1937 Soil program plans about ready.

February 5: Old signers ready for soil program. January coldest month since 1930. Snow removal observed by county court. Mrs. L. K. Smith passes.

February 12: Farmers get first 1936 AAA money. Moro bank pays 10 percent dividend.

February 19: Soil Conservation meeting to be held Saturday. Chester Medler dies. Rufus outclasses Moro teams in basketball.

February 26: Little run-off during good weather. Goddard's have new daughter. W. H. Burres and Nell Haney married. Winter wheat acres more in '37 than '36.

March 5: Winter stores mean payments for farmers. Rufus goes to Arlington for District championship in basketball. Emergency Loans available for crop and feed.

March 12: Wheat crop prospects good in county. Grass Valley high school debaters win from Bend. Moro girls win from Rufus for tie for County Championship in basketball.

March 19: SFS dams intact after spring run-off. Sherman county fair dates set. Moro girls win county championship in basketball. Mildred Ginn leaves for India.

March 26: Chance for branch bank in Moro seen. Sixty four CCC's leave for east. A. Nish, last Civil war veteran, laid to rest. Moisture still short of average.

April 2: 60% of current tax paid to county. H. V. Champneys takes H. M. Stephens place as bank liquidator. Three one act plays given by Grass Valley, Moro and Wasco high schools will be given at the three schools this week.

April 9: Wheat League Picnic to be held at Moro. Fugitives who escaped from Baker county spend day in wheat field near Nish, later caught. Soil tests show more moisture than last year. Wasco bank to pay another 10% dividend. C. E. convention held in Moro.

April 16: First National announcements to determine demand for bank in Sherman county. Rainfall doubles Normal in second month. Moro high school band wins second at band contest in Corvallis.

April 23: Soil nitrates higher this year than usual. Montana experiment station reports show value of Chested Wheat. Grass Valley baseball boys defeat Wasco.

April 30: Branch Bank to open doors on May 15. Music Festival to be held at Wasco Friday. Declaration contest held at Moro. Wasco and Grass Valley defeated the Moro OCC and Rufus Sunday.

May 7: Race program for fair tentatively made. Music Festival enjoyed at Wasco. Bank building being remodeled. County Court hears road change proposals.

May 14: Lloyd Hennagin of Wasco and W. Ray Blake of Grass Valley take bank jobs. Lamb show scheduled. Northwest farmers organize to lower freight rates.

May 21: Fifty seniors graduate from county schools. Bank Opens May 15. Fish being planted in the Deschutes this week. 4-H club awards made at Grass Valley. Numerous accidents this week.

May 28: Lamb show held Thursday the 27th, at fair grounds. CCC boys defeat Wasco in baseball. Air survey to be made by army mapmen. Tramontina trial held at Wasco. Improvements made on Conlee building to be occupied by Christensen.

June 4: Stockmen's association formed. 20 youngsters preparing to go to summer school. Andy Reckman injured very severely by moving tractor. Elma Atwood of Wasco and Henry DeMoss die. Wasco invites bank to locate there.

June 11: Mrs. J. U. Leonard killed in accident at DeMoss. Grass Valley to celebrate Fourth of July. Farmers inspect grasses on plots at the experiment farm. Frank von Borstel wins first in historical contest.

June 18: Heavy rains in June insure wheat crop. Mrs. J. C. McKean passes. Field day and picnic to be given by Wheat League. Thompson Clan Round-Up held.

June 25: Rain continues. Fair dates changed by board. Pre-School Clinic to be had.

June 26: Wheat League Picnic draws big group of farmers. Sudden rain washes fields in some sections. Club calves show big gain in June. A. L. Alsop dies. Dorothy Foss engagement told.

July 9: Grass Valley holds Fourth of July celebration. J. S. Fowler killed in auto accident. Presbyterian church of Moro holds fifty-fifth anniversary.

July 16: College students give musical recital. Mrs. F. L. Barnett dies. J. L. Davis appointed to a grange position.

July 23: Grass Valley defeated by Bend. SCS work to be extended on south boundary. Wheat coming at Hay Canyon. Dougall McDermid dies.

July 30: Storm brings unseasonable rains. Settlement made with Wasco county fair dates. Crop lands cut by 13.5 per cent by co-operators. John Kuks dies.

August 6: Harvest yields higher than expected. Committee clears trouble between labor and farmers.

August 13: Slow harvest caused by green wheat. Fair judges (Continued on Page two)

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK				
D. T. F.	MAX.	MIN.	P. P. C.	
Dec. 23	85	25	00	
" 24	85	26	03	
" 25	84	22	07	
" 26	84	22	07	
" 27	86	30	00	
" 28	83	42	00	
" 29	85	42	00	
" 30	81	42	15	
Total for week			25	

Losses From Smut Computed By L. E. Wright

Cost To County \$28,700

For 1937 Says County

Agent to Kent Grange

The following article is taken from a talk made before the Kent Grange by LeRoy Wright County Agent.

In 1937, 2,028,681 bushels of wheat were handled through the co-operatives in Sherman county at Wasco, Moro and Grass Valley. Additional wheat produced in the county was estimated at 140,000 bushels for seed 100,000 bushels and approximately 200,000 bushels which are not marketed through the co-operatives making a total production of almost 2,500,000 bushels.

The wheat that went through the co-operatives contained 408,469 bushels classed as smutty on which the average dockage was 21 cents per bushel based on a price of 87 cents. This makes a loss of \$10,864.35. It is further estimated that loss in yield through smut was 20,500 bushels or a loss of \$17,835.00. The total loss for the county was therefore \$28,700 for the year. It is true that this loss is distributed among several individuals but it is nevertheless large.

Dockage in price ranged from 2 cents for wheat that was one half of one percent smutty to 7 cents for wheat that was 5 percent smutty.

Smut Damage Less

Throughout the northwest there has been a gradual reduction in the percent of smut since 1931 and 1937 is lower than any as but 7.3 percent of the wheat received was graded smutty as compared to 16.7 last year. For Sherman county however the smut average for 1937 was 20.13 percent.

This was mainly in the north end of the county where Hybrid 128 is grown and it is very susceptible to smut.

First requisite for the eradication of this heavy cost to the farmer is good clean seed; second, the adoption of smut resistant wheats; and third, the use of seed treatment before seeding. Even this may not entirely control the fungus for it may be in the soil. If moisture and temperature conditions are right smut will germinate in from four to eight days which is about the same as for wheat. If both germinate at the same time the wheat will probably be smutty unless it is of a resistant variety or it has been carefully treated.

Two general types of smut are known. They are Tilletia tritici and Tilletia levis. There are thirty varieties of each kind. Not all kinds of smut are found in any section of the county. Winter wheat is more susceptible to smut than spring wheat as there are more smut spores in the air in the fall than in the spring. Treatment of all seed with New Improved Ceresan, Basic copper sulphate or copper carbonate is recommended.

Retail Business

Drops In November

Retail sales of independent stores in the state of Oregon during November 1937 decreased 11.6 percent in dollar volume when compared with the same month last year.

When compared with their October 1937 sales the November 1937 sales of the same firms show a decrease of 15.7 percent.

For those cities in the state for which representative figures are available, both PORTLAND and SALEM reported approximately the same loss from the same month of last year, slightly in excess of 10 percent.

When a comparison is made between November 1936 and November 1937 for the kinds of business for which figures are available, the greatest gain is shown by Drug Stores with a 5.5 percent increase, followed by Grocery Stores, not handling meats with an increase of 4.1 percent. Other changes ranged down to the 25.7 percent loss reported by Motor Vehicles Dealers. Department Stores reported a loss of 2.0 percent, and Lumber and Building Material Dealers a loss of 12.1 percent.

Two Accidents Occur On Christmas Day

Two accidents marred the peace and quietness of Christmas night and although no one was seriously injured two cars were rather badly jammed. "Tex" Basic, who works for Jack Eva, accompanied by Rollo Thorgerson and Buck Belshaw left the highway in front of Eben Kee's in the evening and smashed the front end of the Eva pick-up when a telephone pole was broken off. Basic was out of his head for some hours after the accident but came home from the hospital Sunday.

Christmas night after the dance Ariel Morgan was crowded off the road at Celilo and his car sustained damages of about \$150. The passengers were not hurt but somewhat bruised.

William Nelson Dies At Grass Valley

William Nelson, a resident of Sherman county since 1902, died at Grass Valley Tuesday morning after a long illness. He was born in Waterville, Minnesota, February 28, 1877 and came to Oregon in 1887 with his parents. When he first moved to Sherman county he farmed east of Moro later moving to near Kent where he lived for many years. Later he farmed southwest of Grass Valley and has lived in that town for a year or two.

Surviving are his widow, Adah to whom he was married in 1923, two brothers, Robert of Junction City, and Delbert of California and a sister, Mrs. Ida Shiley of Hood River.

The funeral will be held Friday.

Hunters To Compete Next Month

Last winter some of the men who like to hunt decided to hold a competitive game hunt. The next day it snowed and no more was heard of it.

This year it is to be tried again, whether because the organizers want to hunt or because they wish another snow is not known. Anyway a meeting has been called for January 7, 1938 at Moro to decide on captains for the sides and the form of entertainment to be given the winners by the losers.

The Moro Civilian Rifle club is managing the affair. Dues are one dollar, to be paid to W. A. Ruggles. Winners will get their dues back. Points are to be given according to the following schedule: Sparrows, 50; Hawks, 500; Ravens, 500; Crows, 500; Rats 200; Jackrabbits, 100; Coyotes 5000; Bobcats, 5000; Magpie 500; Owls, 500; Porcupine 2500; Badger 2500; Sage rats 1000; Coon 5000; Skunk 500; Weasel 1000.

Dates set for the hunt are January 8 to January 11 inclusive.

Oregon Men Work For Education

More than a third of the men students at the University of Oregon are "grown up" in every sense of the word, since they are entirely self supporting, while only one-seventh depend upon parents for all of their funds, a survey made by the registrar's office recently shows.

Many of the women students have also achieved partial or complete independence, since 16 percent earn all their own way, and only half depend upon "dad" for all of the money they need, the survey shows.

Of the 3120 students on the campus, 928, or 30 percent, earn their own way entirely; another 10 percent earn 75 percent; 433 or 14 percent earn 50 percent; 831 or 10 percent earn 25 percent, while 173 or 5.6 percent pick up 10 percent by working. Only 951 or 30.1 percent are entirely dependent upon parents.

Of some \$40,000 borrowed from the emergency fund during the past term, practically all of it was repaid by students by their earnings, reports Karl W. Onthank, dean of personnel.

Students engage in all kinds of work from mowing lawns and putting in wood to accounting and other forms of skilled employment. Many earn their board and room, while a few actually are able to equal substantial salaries and yet carry regular study schedules.

County Agent's Report For Year Shows Activities

Office Calls and Letters

Written Run Into Large

Figures For 1937

Annual worry of all county agents is their report of the year's work that must be sent in to extension headquarters in the final month of the year. It must tell of the activities engaged in, the amount of time spent on each and the results obtained. Pictures often embellish the written matter.

Totals of contacts made during the year give some idea of the work done. For instance in Sherman county LeRoy Wright made

674 farm and home visits during 1937 which was practically two to each farm as an average. Office calls total 2684 or about 9 for each working day. Twelve hundred and twenty telephone calls were answered and 2750 individual letters were written; this in addition to 44 circular letters sent out.

Many Bulletins Given

Also 695 bulletins were given out from the racks around the office and 21 demonstration meetings were attended at which 340 people were present. The county agent worked 249 days in the field and 75 in his office. Of this number 61 days were spent in agricultural conservation work. The above indicates that some Sundays were included in the number of days worked. A total of 22,273 miles were traveled during the year.

The report calls for a complete breakdown of activities giving proper credit to each department of the work. This year 699 office calls were made on wheat and 39 farm visits. Livestock called for 503 calls to the farms and homes and 106 office calls. Ninety two days were spent on livestock.

A large part of the people who called at the office were there for some information about the agricultural conservation program which is the name for the government plan in 1937. Twelve hundred four calls were in connection with this. Two hundred seventy pounds of squirrel poison were distributed and a good kill was made where it was spread resulting in a substantial saving to farmers using hte poison.

One seed loan and five rehabilitation loans were made after investigation by the county agents office.

\$277,622. Received
As to money received by farmers of the county through the office, it was \$277,622.58 for 1937. The largest part of this came from the 1936 farm program which brought \$211,380.04 to the farmers. The conservation program accounted for \$64,618.74 and the range program brought in \$1623.80 to be distributed to men owning range lands.

In addition there was work with boys and girls club work and with the county fair that is additional labor for the county agent. In 1937, 69 boys and 106 girls started club work and 52 boys and 40 girls finished their projects. It is estimated that the value of their completed projects was \$5096.92 and that the cost was \$3379.50 leaving a profit of \$1717.42 to the club workers who participated.

These are some of the statistical data that has gone into the annual report, but there are also pages and pages of typewritten matter telling of weed control, Bang's disease, T. B. Tests, wheat certification, fair work and other parts of the extension work.

Youth Of Fourteen Dies At Wasco

John Schwendel was born at Wasco, Oregon on January 21, 1924 and passed away at The Dalles December 26, 1937 at the age of 13 years, 11 months.

He attended the public school at Wasco and was in the eighth grade at the time of his passing. Surviving are: his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Schwendel, and one brother, Leland, all of Wasco.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon, December 28 at 2 o'clock, Rev. F. L. Cannell officiating. Interment in the Wasco cemetery.