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Thirteen changes in major state offices were recorded during 1937. Death claimed two members of the state's official family—Justice J. U. Campbell of the supreme court and J. A. Derby of Hood River, member of the State Hydro-electric commission. Justice Campbell was succeeded by Judge Hall S. Egan of Portland and John Hodgen of LaGrande was appointed to succeed Derby.

Ill health was responsible for the retirement of three other officials. Dr. R. E. Lee-Steiner, for nearly 30 years superintendent of the state hospital for insane at Salem, resigned and has been succeeded by Dr. John C. Evans. Judge Charles H. Carey quit as state corporation commissioner to be succeeded by James H. Hazlett of Hood River. Albert R. Hunter retired as a member of the Industrial Accident Commission on which he had served for more than six years. His successor is Roy Buchanan of Pendleton.

The offer of a lucrative post with a private law firm induced Frank C. McColloch to resign as public utilities commissioner, the vacancy being filled through appointment of Judge N. G. Wallace of Bend.

B. F. Irvine of Portland, for 39 years identified with the state's institutions of higher learning, refused reappointment as a member of the State Board of Higher Education. His place was filled by Walter E. Pearson of Portland.

Heads of two of the state's institutions of higher education resigned during the year—H. E. Inlow at LaGrande and C. V. Boyer, president of the University of Oregon at Eugene. C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction was elected to succeed Inlow and Donald M. Erb, formerly a member of the university faculty, has been elected to succeed Boyer. Resignation of Howard to accept the presidency of the LaGrande normal left a vacancy in the state department of education which was filled by the appointment of Rex Putman, former city superintendent of schools at Albany.

Orville W. Gamble resigned as superintendent of the Employment Institution for Adult Blind at Portland to be succeeded by Linton McCullough. Mrs. Gordon Voorhies of Grants Pass asked to be relieved as a member of the Capitol Reconstruction commission, her place being filled through appointment of W. H. Trece, former member of the State Parole Board whose place in turn, was filled by Lotus Langley of Portland. Langley also resigned after only a short experience on the Parole Board, to be succeeded by Gerald Mason of Portland.

Three of the new appointees are former members of the state senate. They are James N. Hazlett, new corporation commissioner; N. G. Wallace, utilities commissioner, and Walter E. Pearson who succeeded Irvine on the Board of Higher Education.

Heavy damage was suffered by primary and secondary highways throughout the state as a result of last week's storm, according to R. H. Baldock, highway engineer. Roads leading from the Willamette valley to the coast north of Eugene were hardest hit.

Oregon motorists are finding that it does not pay to put off until tomorrow that which they should have done before the New Year arrived, referring particularly to the matter of purchasing new license plates. Drivers of cars which still display the old 1937 plates are being tagged by state police and instructed to either replace the old plates without further delay or appear in court to explain their failure to do so.

Only 4.5 percent of the potential hydro-electric power in Oregon is being utilized, according to a survey just completed by N. G. Wallace, public utilities commissioner. The output capacity of privately owned hydro-electric plants in Oregon, Wallace's report shows, aggregated 164,625 kilowatts in 1936. These plants, operating at an average of only 59 percent of capacity generated 72 percent of the electric energy used in the state. Steam plants, used mainly as stand-by plants, have an output capacity of 153,400 kilowatts.

Oregon patrons of electric utility

Unemployed May Register In County

The State Employment Service this week announced an itinerant service to enable eligible unemployed workers in small towns and rural districts to register for employment and file their claim for unemployment benefits at points near their homes.

This service will consist of a weekly visit by representatives of the State Employment Service to more than 50 towns of the State and will be continued for such time as local employment conditions seem to require.

Each person applying for unemployment benefits is required to register with the Employment Service for job. If he has worked at an employment subject to the State Unemployment Compensation law and is found eligible for benefits, he may draw weekly compensation after a waiting period of two weeks providing suitable employment is not found for him in the meantime.

The schedule of towns, places and dates for Sherman county is as follows: Wasco, City Hall, Friday, January 7, 1938 from 9:00 a. m. to 10:00 a. m.

Moro: Court house, Friday, January 7, 1938 from 11:00 a. m. to 12:00 p. m.

Grass Valley: City Hall, Friday, January 7, 1938, from 3:00 p. m. to 4:00 p. m. (Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month commencing January 19.)

Library Board Thanks Wasco For Books

Library meeting Monday night brought the affairs of that civic enterprise up to date and made some plans for the future. Appreciation and thanks was voted the Wasco Library for the gift of more than 125 duplicate books to the Moro library.

Twenty dollars will be spent for new books from funds raised by the card party and all bills were paid including a small recompense to the Librarian, Gertrude Gillmor. Officials promised a play during February to raise more money for books.

1937 Cash Income Thought Greatest

Cash income for Oregon farmers for 1937 will be the highest since depression days and will approximate the previous peak year of 1929, according to a compilation made by L. R. Breithaupt, extension economist at Oregon State college, and based on latest government estimates and other data.

"Sales of crop and animal products from Oregon farms during 1937 will amount to between \$130,000,000 and \$140,000,000, which is more than double the cash farm income during the 1932-1933 low years and equal to the 1928-1929 peak period," says Breithaupt.

"Oregon's agricultural manufacturing and processing industries, such as mills, canneries, and milk products plants, will add perhaps \$30,000,000 to \$40,000,000 additional to the farm sales income, bringing the total agricultural income up around \$160,000,000 to \$170,000,000. This equals if not exceeds the previous high mark of \$163,000,000 in 1929, which figure includes \$34,800,000 credited to agricultural manufacturing, but does not include returns from specialty crops estimated in this year's totals. Without either manufacturing or specialty crop income the latest government estimates for this state are \$127,811,000 for 1937."

Breithaupt calls attention to the growing importance of specialty crops in Oregon's income, even though milk production and wheat continue as the principal single items, with beef cattle, sheep and other livestock accounting for fully a fourth of the total. Tree fruits, nuts, small fruits and nursery crops together bring in about a fifth of the total.

Specialty crops include a half of all the hops produced in the United States, a large volume of eggs and fine baby chicks, and a turkey output that puts Oregon in the first rank of turkey growing states.

Specialty crops often omitted from estimates include celery and other truck crops, field garden and flow-ers; bulbs, peppermint oil, gurs, and a great variety of nursery stock for both ornamental and commercial planting.

Tax Turnover For Year More Than 114 Percent

Distribution of \$50,000 Will Aid Taxing Units; School Districts Get Large Sums

Turnover of funds by the sheriff at the end of 1937 totaled \$49,677.92 which is the amount of taxes paid in the last quarter. The year's total is \$219,827.64 which is approximately 114% of the current roll for the year.

Charged to the tax collector for 1937 was \$186,970.87 and of this sum \$161,947.51 was collected leaving \$25,023.36 of 1937 taxes still due. A rebate of \$3,448.95 was allowed on current taxes paid and interest of \$1,008.35 was charged. \$54,320.73 was collected on delinquent taxes some of it as old as 1921.

Some Old Taxes Paid

Distribution of the delinquent tax was much more general than for the current tax as every tax unit will receive some money from the years included in the delinquencies. The Kent school district will get the largest share of any district with \$1635.37 and both Wasco and Grass Valley districts will receive over \$1000 from the delinquent taxes.

The county general fund will get \$2959.64 and the road bond fund will be increased by \$2344.88. Cities will get from \$216.38 for Moro, \$225.91 for Grass Valley to \$372.88 for Wasco.

Wasco School Helped

From current taxes the distribution will be larger but restricted to fewer taxing units as many levied no tax during 1937. The county general fund will draw \$4561.13, the state fund \$1371.24, the elementary school fund \$2371.54 and the road bond fund \$4831.43.

The Wasco school district will get \$1623.40 from current taxes to top the list of school districts and Rufus, Moro and Grass Valley will receive over a thousand dollars each. The final payment of current taxes to the non high school deficit fund was made, totalling \$740.42. This deficit is now cleaned up and no levy was made for it in 1938.

Wasco will receive \$535.24, Moro \$697.36 and Grass Valley \$317.74 to carry on their municipal work. Distribution may be expected soon on these funds which will come as a relief to some school districts that are nearing the warrant basis as school expenses have started since the last turnover.

New Men Come To Local Camp

Twenty-eight rookies from Tennessee will arrive at company 5428, Camp Moro sometime in January. This number will increase the company strength to 180 men.

Since the company has been located at Moro, eight men have been discharged, which has reduced the company strength to 152 men.

On Sunday, January 9, the first Open House at Camp Moro will be held. Invitations have been sent out by the boys of the company and by Lieutenant McKnight, Commanding Officer. Dinner will be served at 3:30 p. m. and later in the evening refreshments will be served in the Recreation Hall. The camp will be open to inspection by the visitors and games will be played to entertain them.

Basket Ball Team Scores

The Camp Moro Basketball team went down to defeat Wednesday night January 5 at Wasco to the tune of 42 to 17. The experience of the Wasco team was too much for the camp boys.

Saturday night at 7:30 the camp boys will play the camp team from Cascade Locks in the High School gym. Captain Holliday, former commander of company 5428, and now at Cascade Locks has promised to give Lieutenant McKnight's team a licking and will attend the game.

"So Red the Rose," a study of the Civil War, will be shown at the Legion Hall Saturday night at 7 o'clock. The acoustics of the hall have been improved so that the sound can be easily heard in any part of the building.

Machine Tells Sex of Eggs



Dr. Willard P. Funk, (sitting) of Los Angeles and his assistant Jack Davenport shown demonstrating the operation of his new machine which can determine immediately whether a newly laid egg will hatch a pullet or a cockerel. Dr. Funk claims he can change the sex of eggs with the new device. In the past 80 per cent of chickens hatched were roosters.

Leans Beat Fats 1937 Breaks On Wasco Court Weather Records After Gun Play Of 27 Years

The feud of Wasco Fats and Leans that was fought out on the basketball floor resulted in the Leans being declared victorious with the unprotected score being 20 to 18.

The Fats made a part of their score by bringing in a fresh ball from the sidelines, and also outdid the Leans at rule breaking by shooting W. A. Spencer in a struggle over the ball. Captains dragged him from the floor and the game went on. About a score of men played at some time during the game as the mortality was very heavy.

This was all a part of a campaign by the Wasco Civic Club to raise money for the local town team and the other local projects and it was highly successful from that point as the gymnasium was crowded.

Club To Meet

The Moro Woman's Club will hold its first meeting of the year on Friday, January 7, at its new club rooms. The committee on "American Citizenship and Legislation" will be in charge of the program with Mrs. Wily Knighten and Mrs. Margaret Peets being responsible for the program events. Hostesses for the day will be Mrs. L. C. Wright and Mrs. E. H. Moore. Special music will be provided.

Stow's Sign Copied In Magazine

The Oregon Voter in its latest issue comments on the R. A. Stow sign that decorates the front of the Stow business building at Grass Valley. That sign, by the way, has caused more comment and been the object of more pictures than any other thing in the county.

"E. W. Keeler of the investment banking firm of Blankenship Gould & Keeler was born in New England and finds difficulty in understanding why people do not balance their budgets. He brings in a photograph which illustrates the resourcefulness of an Oregonian business man at Grass Valley. On his place of business appears the following signs: 'R. A. Stow, Justice of Peace, Shoe and Harness Shop, Harness Oil, Sickle Grinding, Wood Turning, Saws Filed and Gumed, Auto Parts and Pipe Cutting, Driver's License and Refund Blanks, Notary Public, Blue Blades, Furniture Repaired, Jacks for Hire, Shoes Soled.' Almost everything but an undertaker, a filling station and a branch bank. And 'Stow' sounds like a good old New England name. Here's a wager that he didn't vote for the New Deal."

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK			
DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
Dec. 30	46	35	.22
" 31	46	30	.07
Jan. 1	40	27	.00
" 2	40	29	.01
" 3	34	29	.00
" 4	33	29	.00
" 5	32	28	.00
Total for week			.23

Moro Officers Retained By City Council

The January meeting of the city council is usually taken up with the appointment of city officers for the year and such other annual business that comes at the year's beginning.

The applications of George A. Williams as marshal, Henry Ruggles as watermaster, and Charles Ruggles as recorder were favorably voted on, no other applications being received. A card room license was voted for the Moro Confectionery.

Discussion of a new lighting contract between the city and the Pacific Power & Light Company resulted in a proposal being made that a ten year contract be entered into with the city having the right of cancellation within ninety days. The present contract expires March 5, 1938.

Friends Bid Adieu To Bob Johnsons

The Eastern Star and Masonic lodges of Grass Valley were hosts Tuesday night at the lodge rooms to a group of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Johnson who came to bid them bon voyage on the eve of their removal to Lebanon where Bob will be stationed as manager of the Standard Oil company. The health of their son is the reason for the move to a lower elevation. Games were played and Robert Tapp gave a solo on his violin after which refreshments were served by the ladies of the Star. A large number of friends were present for the farewell party.

Wool Growers Meeting in Prineville

Authorities of national repute will discuss problems facing the wool market and sheep industry in general, Monday and Tuesday, January 10 and 11, when members of the Oregon Wool Growers association meet in Prineville. The convention actually is under way Sunday, January 9, when all convention visitors are invited to sit in on committee sessions at Ochoco Inn.

Monday morning, F. R. Marshall, secretary of the national association, will discuss marketing problems. Discussion of the sheep disease question and of range improvement are billed for the afternoon. Monday evening, top-notch wrestlers of the Pacific coast will be featured at a convention smoker. The wool market will come in for lively discussion Tuesday morning. Tuesday evening visitors will enjoy famed Prineville hospitality at a banquet and dance.

Road Work Being Done Near Kent

Some work is being done on the projected road east from Kent to the John Day river. County machinery was in the south end of the county ready to work on the Bourbon-Kent road which was delayed. Residents of that district offered their work and the county machinery was taken to the head of the canyon and put to work. Some grading and bull-dozing was completed and it is possible that a passable road will be opened before work stops.

SPEAKER URGES SAFETY

John Kerrick, speaker from the office of Earl Snell, secretary of State, recently completed visits to 44 high schools which took him from Helix, above Pendleton, to Portland, showing two short movies which emphasize important safety lessons. The movies were shown to more than 5,000 students on a previous tour of 27 high schools. He is currently on a speaking-tour of 39 coast high schools.

REACTOMETER LIKED

The reactometer, an instrument which tells drivers exactly how long it takes them to react to any highway emergency, was one of the chief features of the safety exhibit sponsored by Secretary of State Earl Snell at the recent Medford auto show. The reactometer was constructed entirely by employees in the secretary of state's office.

Delegations Call On Court For Better Roads

Need Of Gravel Stressed By Delegation From Erskine Which Offered Aid

Delegations from nearly every section of the county faced the county court when it met Wednesday for the first meeting of 1938. Road matters were uppermost in their minds.

Walter Blau, L. P. Haven, and Cecil Fields appeared to ask that some graveling be done on Market Road No. 7 near the Haven home, as that stretch of road has an alkali base and is hard to gravel when wet. It is a short stretch.

Tom Douma, Mrs. Frances Henrichs, Orlo Martin and R. W. Belshie ask that a new grade be made on the Martin-Henrichs road as it is impassable during the winter and no school bus will travel it. Tom Douma said that if a new route was wanted through his place he would interpose no objection. Possibility of getting some route around the McIntyre bridge was also discussed.

The Erskine road, subject of much debate, was represented by a delegation of nearly all the residents of that district. Roy Powell, Carroll Sayrs, Jess Landry, Omer Sayrs, C. R. Morrison and L. R. Conlee, W. A. May, W. T. Balsiger and Harry Peterson representing business men asked that some of the roads to that district be improved.

It was agreed that the roads are now well graded except that they are hard to stay on in the winter time when it is wet. Gravel enough to make a surface in the center of the road was asked by several. It was stated that this district has paid \$3000 in road taxes for the past 20 years and obtained little road work, while doing much work themselves.

Light Gravel Asked

It would be acceptable to the residents if either the main Erskine road be graveled and one of the east-west roads be graveled or that the three east-west roads to Moro be improved. Less than two miles additional gravel would be needed for the latter proposition, it was said.

Kenneth Martin and Clarence Lafoon, who have been active in promoting the road along the railroad track between Kent and Bourbon appeared for that route. The right of way is still held up and it is possible that the Martin children will be sent to Grass Valley instead of Kent and that the road east of Bourbon will be graveled and improved to facilitate this change.

John DeMoss asked the right to put a cattle guard across the road running to Niah from DeMoss and making other changes in the road.

Consideration of all these proposals was promised by the court whose members stated that the road program for 1938 was not as yet made up.

Appointments made by the county court Thursday in their second day of the January session were as follows: Fair Board, O. G. Sayrs, T. M. Rolfe, and O. G. Hilbrand. Official Newspaper: Sherman County Journal; County Health officer and county physician, C. L. Foley; Road viewers, L. L. Peets, Roy Powell and H. A. Walker; Roadmaster, L. L. Peets.

Committees To Meet For Discussion

Preliminary meeting of the committees appointed to consider the problems of the county in preparation for the economic conference, to be held here February 19 will begin next week when the Land Use committee, with Albert Kaseberg as chairman will convene at 9 a. m. That same afternoon the Rural and Home Life committee will meet. Both groups will gather in the court room. Miss Lucy Case will advise the latter committee and Paul Carpenter the Land Use group.

The Farm Crops committee with Dewey Thompson as chairman will meet the following day, January 14 at the court house with Lawrence Jenkins as advisor from the college and the Livestock group headed by Millard Eakin will meet Wednesday, January 19 and will be assisted by P. M. Brandt.