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Relief from the ever increasing tax load being imposed upon property owners was urged by county officials attending a meeting of the interim commission on state and local revenues here Friday.

Earl B. Day, county judge of Jackson county, told the commission that "property owners are not going to stand for the constant increase in their tax load."

Pointing out that counties are limited in their financing to tax levies against property Day declared that it has been necessary for most counties to increase the levy each year to the full extent of the constitutional limit in order to meet increasing obligations heaped upon them by each succeeding legislature.

"Every county in the state is having difficulty in meeting its share of the social security burden," E. L. Phipps, former county judge of Wasco county, told the commission. "Road funds and other functions just as important as social security are being necessarily curtailed in order to meet this new obligation."

Frank L. Shull, Multnomah county commissioner, said that in his county 39 percent of the 1938 tax levy was for social security purposes while another 35 percent was for debt service. Shull urged that the state restore the liquor revenues to the counties to which the Knox act gave them in order to reduce the property tax. He also suggested that the state take over the entire burden of old age assistance as another means of relieving property taxes.

Glen C. Wade, Oregon manager for the Townsend movement, appeared before the commission to advocate a transaction tax as the solution for the financing problem being faced by both the state and the counties. Wade explained that his proposal was made only as a temporary measure to meet the emergency until the federal government enacts the Townsend program which he expects soon.

Patrons of the state library are becoming more serious minded in their reading in the opinion of Miss Harriet C. Long, state librarian. Mail order requests for books on the useful arts during 1937 were more than double the requests for the same type of books during the 1933 period, records of the library reveal. There was also a material increase in requests for books on sociology and economics, philosophy, religion, and home economics. On the other hand requests for books of fiction fell off from 15,095 in 1933 to 10,902 in 1937.

Fifty eight mental cases now being treated at the two state hospitals will be transferred to the new federal institution at Roseburg shortly after February 1. Thirty eight patients will be transferred from the Salem hospital and 20 from the Pendleton institution.

A total of 1427 Oregon motorists suffered revocation or suspension of their drivers' licenses during 1937, according to figures made public by Secretary of State Snell. This total is 290 more than the 1936 figure. "Driving while intoxicated accounted for 906 revocations or 87 per cent of the total. In 1935 cases the suspension or revocation was subject to the safety responsibility act under which the driver must establish proof of financial responsibility before his right to operate a car will be restored.

The supreme court opinion last week outlawing slot machines and pin ball games as lotteries operated in violation of the state constitution "tolls the funeral bells upon all such devices in Oregon," according to Ralph Moody, assistant attorney general. Moody who has been active in prosecuting pin ball and slot machine operators in Marion and Polk counties declared that it now "becomes the duty of every district attorney and law enforcement officer in the state to see to it that none of these devices are permitted to operate in their counties.

Consideration of proposals for a Portland office building by the Board of Control has apparently been narrowed down to five offers. These include the Elks Temple, the

Committees Meet To Plan Future Of Farming

Program For February
Meeting Being Made By
Four Groups of Producers

The last of the committees that are preparing resolutions and information for the economic conference to be held here February 19 was held Wednesday at the court house. Livestock was the subject with Millard Eakin as chairman and P. M. Brandt of the state college as advisor from the extension service.

The group decided to hold a live stock sale at the fair grounds near Moro on February 16 for the sale of all kinds of stock. The following men were named on the committee to have charge of the affair: Tom Fraser, chairman; Glen King, Carl Everett, Clyde Fridley, Claud Thompson, Roy Barnett, W. C. Helyer and Wallace May. It is the intention of the group to make this a large sale which will give stockmen of this county an opportunity to show and distribute their stock to a wide area.

The Crops committee with Dewey Thompson as chairman met last Friday and debated the probable and possible use of land within the county for years to come. Results was the recommendation that crops that are now minor remain in that category until changed conditions make them feasible from an economic standpoint. The production per acre, formerly set by the government at 15 bushels, was held to be too low, and the nineteen year average of 18 bushels was recommended instead.

Committee reports have not yet been written but will be ready for presentation to the conference when it convenes next month.

Arthur J. Decker Buried Monday at Kent

Arthur J. Decker, long time resident of Kent, died in The Dalles last Friday at the age of 62. He had been ill for many years and often unable to be around. Several years ago he suffered the loss of a leg and has not been active in farming since.

For many years he had lived southwest of Kent on the farm owned by his father and himself where he raised wheat and livestock. His son John J. Decker is now managing the place. Surviving him are his widow, John, a daughter in Portland and a married daughter in the east.

Funeral services were held in the Kent Grange Hall Monday, the rites of the Catholic church being given. Interment was made in the Kent cemetery.

More Barley Production Urged

Because of generally higher yields of barley than wheat, we urge wheat farmers who grow livestock to grow barley instead of wheat for feeding operations. Experiments at the Eastern Oregon Livestock Experiment Station show wheat to be a superior feed. Therefore when the price level of wheat is equal to or less than barley, we urge wheat feeding for finishing stock. It is particularly desirable to make use of low grade or smutty wheat in this way. Feeding experiments show no ill effects from feeding smutty wheat.—From E. O. W. League Report.

What Not To Do In Case of Accident

The worst thing that can be done for persons seriously injured in automobile accidents is to bundle them into a private car and rush them off to a hospital. Dr. Fred Stricker of the University of Michigan advises. Bone and skull fractures are frequently aggravated by quick or unskilled handling. When an ambulance can be called, first aid should be limited chiefly to keeping the patient warm and halting profuse bleeding. If no other transportation is available, the patient may be carried to a hospital in the bed of a truck, providing broken bones have been splinted and the patient is kept warm.

Russian Cathedral Observes Anniversary



The robing of his eminence the archbishop of North America and the Alouian Islands was one of the ceremonies in the services commemorating the thirty-fifth anniversary of the erection of the Russian Cathedral of St. Nicholas in New York, mother church of the Russian Orthodox Greek-Catholic faith in the United States.

Local Letters Destroyed on Burned Plane

Three letters that were written at the local CCC camp were in the airplane that was wrecked and burned near Bozeman, Montana, a week or more ago and were partially destroyed. Postmaster Freeman received the partly burned letters this week so that he could return them to the writers thus giving them an opportunity to rewrite them. They were about a third burned and had apparently been tied in a bundle so that they burned slowly and were not entirely destroyed before the plane struck the earth and the fire put out.

War Story Billed For Local Showhouse

"General Died at Dawn" that will be shown by the camp movie Saturday night in the Legion hall, starring Gary Cooper and Madeline Carroll, is an intensely dramatic story of the Chinese war situation a few years ago.

The picture is mysteriously involved with Oriental chicanery in which two Americans become involved. It is only by out-thinking their captors and touching their ancestral pride that the two escape with their lives.

Two shows will be given, at 7 o'clock and 8:35 p. m.

Because many local people cannot attend the show on Saturday nights, a Sunday matinee will be given, beginning at 1:30 p. m. and will continue in the future if the attendance justifies it.

Camp Moro plays two games this week with visiting camp teams. Camp Hemlock invades this territory on Friday night, playing the Moro boys at Wasco and Beacon Rock which gave the locals such a trouncing last week that they will try to repeat the performance on Saturday night. Both games will start at 7:30 p. m. and will be played in the high school gym.

Sherman County Makes Good Record

While all reports have not as yet been made available to the public, it is probable that Sherman county, like Abou Ben Adem, led all the rest in sale of Christmas seals this year. Heretofore counties have won the honor by selling eight seals to each resident of the county whereas the sale here before Christmas was 11.6 per capita based on the 1930 census.

Completed returns from all parts of the county show these totals from the five districts: Moro, \$116.69; Wasco, \$89.52; Grass Valley, \$78.05; Kent, \$32.52; Rufus, \$30.67. Sale of ten seals per person makes it possible to retain 75 per cent of the funds in the county for use by the local health association. Expenses were about \$20.00 for the sale.

LeRoy Wright was in The Dalles Thursday for a meeting of the mid-production credit corporation there.

Oregon Wheat Well Stabilized Says League

Although Oregon is far in the lead of most other states in standardization upon better wheat varieties, several favorite sorts of former years could still be dispensed with to the profit of Oregon producers, according to a report adopted at the annual meeting of the eastern Oregon wheat league. Under present marketing conditions, it was decided that the varieties forty fold, Red Hybrid and Hybrid 128 have about out lived their usefulness and could well be replaced by better yielding and more smut-resisting varieties developed or introduced by the branch experiment stations in eastern Oregon.

It was recommended that ordinary Turkey and Riddit may well be replaced by the smut resisting Oro and Rio, with a preference for the latter on the thinner soils. The new variety, Rex, developed at the Moro station, has proved so superior on both experiment station and farm plantings that its use was recommended in place of Federation or Albit where winter killing is a hazard.

The new Union spring wheat has out yielded most other spring varieties under Grande Ronde valley conditions and while it is slightly later than Federation it is recommended for the higher rainfall areas of northeastern Oregon.

For the lighter and drier soils wider use of White Federation as a spring variety was recommended as were trial plantings of a new selection called Hard Federation No. 31.

Planning Agriculture Purpose of Conference

Not what Oregon farmers can grow nor even what they would like to grow, but rather what can be grown and sold at a profit now and in the future will be given detailed study at a forthcoming series of 36 county agricultural economic conferences, starting the last week in January and continuing to early March.

As a result of similar conferences held over the past 15 years many changes have been made in Oregon agriculture which were planned in advance to meet changing conditions. A review of past findings in the light of recent developments and improved farm home life in future agricultural development are objectives sought in the new series of conferences, according to farm leaders and OSC extension men in charge of advance plans.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK			
DATE	MA	SA	MO
Jan. 19	45	84	60
" 14	55	38	07
" 15	50	40	06
" 16	45	31	12
" 17	40	31	12
" 18	40	32	05
" 19	38	28	16
Total for week			.51

Local People Attend Dam Celebration

Nearly twenty Sherman Countyans were in The Dalles Wednesday to attend the celebration of this district over the opening of Bonneville dam. U. S. Engineers in their launch, the Feather, accompanied by Governor Martin, Secretary of State Earl Snell and other officials had come up from Bonneville, for the occasion and two river boats, The Dalles and the new tanker, the Inland Chief, were moored at the dock for inspection by visitors. The reception and dinner was held at the Elks temple with Charles Harding as toastmaster and Governor Martin and Colonel Robins as principal speakers. Visitors from as far east as Walla Walla and as far south as Paulina were introduced and Harry Corbett brought greetings from the city of Portland in the absence of Mayor Carson. Amateur thespians from The Dalles re-enacted the skit about the marriage of Miss Columbia River to Mr. Pacific Ocean for the pleasure of the visitors who enjoyed the many clever lines.

Kent Notes

Word was received here Sunday of the death of Davy Walters at Yacolt, Wash. Davy, who was a resident of Kent for many years had only recently moved to Washington for the benefit of his health. Walters will be buried at Kent Tuesday, funeral at 1 o'clock p. m. at the Christian church and interment in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Over night guests at the Alfred Lyons home Saturday were Mrs. Earl Gregg of Bend and Helen, Hilla and Billy Powers.

Evelyn and Luther Warren Davis, Helen and Nellie Wilson were in the various towns in the county and in The Dalles Saturday, soliciting advertisements for the "cent school annual."

Mrs. Carl Schadowitz and Mrs. Roy Barnett were in Portland a few days last week for medical treatment.

H. E. Morrow and son Marion went to Portland Tuesday, where they visited Mrs. Morrow who has been in Portland several weeks for medical care.

Mr and Mrs Carl Gregg, John and J. C. Wilson motored to Portland Saturday where Mr. Gregg entered Emanuel Hospital for treatment. Mrs. Gregg stayed to be near her husband, and the Wilsons returned home Sunday.

Mr and Mrs C. P. Rowe motored to The Dalles Sunday where they took the former's mother to the train en route to her home at St. Helens.

The funeral of A. J. Decker was held at the Kent Grange hall Monday at 2 p. m., under the direction of Zella. Father Murphy, Catholic priest of The Dalles, had charge of the services.

The choir met at the G. L. Barnett home Sunday evening with twenty two present. They meet next Sunday with Geraldine Norton.

President's Ball To Be Given January 29

A birthday ball on the president's birthday, January 29, will be held in Sherman county for the first time this year. J. C. Freeman is chairman for the county wide dance.

Funds so raised are used for the eradication of infantile paralysis a considerable part of them being retained in the county of origin and used for research work on the disease. Some of the money goes to Warm Springs, Georgia to maintain the camp for crippled children.

The Sherman County Health Association and the American Legion are aiding in sponsoring the dance which will be held in the Moro hall with Paul Heulett's orchestra playing. Tickets will be sold in each of the towns of the county.

Farmers To Form Organization Here

All farmers of the county are asked to come to the court house Saturday to attend a meeting called for the purpose of establishing in this county a unit of the Associated Farmers. This group has been effective in California and in other places in Oregon and is given credit for settling some of the difficulties experienced around The Dalles last summer.

Wasco county will send a delegation here for the meeting and full particulars of the organization will be explained. The purpose of the association as set forth in its by-laws is to: protect, preserve and maintain American institutions and ideals; to preserve the constitutional form of government; to combat the dictatorship of individuals and groups; to foster and encourage respect for and to maintain law and order, etc.

Farmers have called the meeting and will have charge of it.

President Wants Road Appropriations Back

A total of \$3,028,940.00 of federal funds has been apportioned to Oregon for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1938, according to Dr. E. B. McDaniel, president of the Oregon State Motor association and vice chairman of the American Automobile association National Roads and Highways Committee.

However, the apportionment was accompanied by a request to Governor Martin that no project for use of these funds be submitted until Congress has had further opportunity to consider President Roosevelt's request for cancellation of these funds.

"President Roosevelt in seeking reduction of federal road expenditures, specifically requested that the 1939 funds be cancelled," Dr. McDaniel pointed out. "However, Congress failed to take action on this request and the Secretary of Agriculture Wallace was compelled by law to make the apportionments prior to January 1. In making the allocations, the secretary advised the governors of all states that President Roosevelt desires Congress to have further opportunity to study the cancellation proposal, and therefore would appreciate the cooperation of governors by deferring submission of projects under the 1939 apportionment until this matter has received the further consideration of Congress.

"This money," Dr. McDaniel said "represents Oregon's share of \$200,000,000 that is being made available by the Federal Government to the forty-eight states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Hawaii for highway purposes.

"Of the total, \$125,000,000 is to be appropriated as regular federal aid, \$25,000,000 for construction of secondary or feeder roads, and \$50,000,000 for elimination of rail hazards.

"Our state is required to match the funds for improvement of the federal-aid system and for secondary roads, but it is not required to match the grade crossing funds."

Oregon law requires motorists to report all automobile accidents resulting in property damage or in death or injury to any person, and Secretary of State Earl Snell urges persons making reports to fill in all the information requested on the blanks. Only thus, he says, can the reports serve their greatest usefulness in pointing the way to accident prevention.

Wasco Civic Club Hears Banker Talk Economics

Blaine B. Coles Discusses
Problems of Day, Citing
Uncertainty as Cause

The Wasco Civic Club heard Blaine B. Coles, vice president of the First National Bank of Portland, last Monday night. Mr. Coles chose as his topic some economic questions that are uppermost in the minds of the leaders of the nation's business since the depression of 1937 began.

He placed the responsibility for the drop in business on the uncertainty that business men and others feel toward the future. This uncertainty is principally about three things, he said, naming uncertainty about the government's labor policy, its tax policy and its fiscal policy.

The government, like all of us, can not live on its credit indefinitely and must in the near future begin to retire the national debt. Some modification of the capital gains tax and undistributed profits tax was fore cast and the possibility of a national sales tax was mentioned.

Mr. Coles said that in his opinion something would have to be done to amend the National Labor Relations Act to that employers could have some voice in the settlement of labor troubles. The government has nothing to say about jurisdictional disputes such as are hampering business in Portland now and there is no power to stop them except the labor unions themselves.

Despite these uncertainties the speaker felt that business would be better by April as changes could be made by that time. Business could adjust itself to any rules if they were but known in advance and were stable and not subject to change on short notice. Production in Oregon was good and expectations were excellent.

The point was made that the present depression might be a good thing if it served to prevent a larger catastrophe at some future time. The revival of installment buying that ties up the income of producers for a long time to come is one of the causes of depressions and causes high inventories for a time.

The Wasco High School glee club girls sang several numbers during the dinner which was served at the Sherman hotel in Wasco. Others talked during the evening on subjects that concerned the policies of the club.

The next meeting will be held at Moro and the subject chosen for discussion is the power problem. The committee is endeavoring to get J. D. Ross to come for the meeting.

Play Planned By Wasco Women

"Through the Keyhole," a three act play by Wm. F. Daddison, has been selected to be presented under the joint sponsorship of the Wasco Garden Club and the Wasco Civic Club. Announcement of the date will be made soon. The proceeds from the presentation of this sparkling modern comedy, under the direction of Miss Mary Fortner, will be used for the Wasco City Park.

New Federal Court District Wanted

Division of the 9th U. S. circuit court district and establishment in the Pacific Northwest of the 11th circuit of appeals has been advocated and already carried to the U. S. attorney general in Washington, D. C., by Carl C. Donough, U. S. attorney for Oregon, now a candidate for the democratic nomination for the senate. Donough's espousal of a Northwest federal legal circuit has received wide endorsement. He bases his arguments on the Northwest's population increases, its remoteness from the center of the present 9th circuit (San Francisco), and the fact that the Northwest is producing a growing volume of litigation peculiar to itself which should be passed on by its own court. He proposes that Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Alaska be included in the new circuit.