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Any doubt as to Governor Martin's attitude toward a second term were set at rest this week by the appearance of buttons bearing the governor's picture and the slogan, "Re-Elect Governor Martin." While the governor has not publicly proclaimed his candidacy he did admit to newspaper men that he "would like to remain governor as long as possible." Supporters of the governor feel that his chances for the Democratic nomination have been substantially increased by the dissemination in the ranks of the anti-administration forces while that reports from over the state indicate that Martin stock has risen several points on the strength of the recent round-up of the labor gangsters.

Secretary of State Snell has promised to end the suspense that has centered around his political intentions with a statement before this week is ended—probably for Sunday morning release. Speculation around the statehouse centers on two guesses: that Snell will either be a candidate for a second term in his present office or that he will make a try for the republican nomination for United States senator, leaving the gubernatorial field open for some other candidate, probably State Treasurer Holman who appears to be the best bet the Republicans have for that position.

A proposal to set up a state sanitary authority is contained in an initiative measure preliminary copies of which were filed with Secretary of State Snell this week. The measure is sponsored by the Stream Purification League of Oregon of which State Treasurer Rufus Holman is president; Mrs. Hal D. Patton of Salem, vice president, and Senator Byron G. Carney of Milwaukee, chairman of the committee on legislation. The proposed sanitary authority would consist of the state health officer, state engineer, chairman of the state fish commission and three members to be appointed by the governor, one from each Congressional district. If sufficient signatures are secured to the petitions the measure will be on the November ballot.

The Marshfield, Cottage Grove, Ashland and Klamath Falls units of the 249th Coast Artillery corps have been given "excellent" rating by the war department according to information received by Major General George A. White. The rating was based upon the work done by these batteries in big gun firing at Fort Stevens during the annual maneuvers last June.

Improvements scheduled for the State Fair grounds this year include a new administration building, 40 by 100 feet in size, to be located at the west entrance. The building which will replace the one razed a few years ago will be erected as a WPA project.

Social security payments to Oregon beneficiaries during January set a new high record. Checks in payment of assistance to the aged, persons on relief, blind and dependent children clearing through the state treasury department during the first ten days of February aggregated \$288,425.37, State Treasurer reported.

A total of 10,427 trucks and buses operating in Oregon during 1937 paid a total of \$1,094,249 in fees to the public utilities commissioner, according to a report by N. G. Wallace, utilities commissioner. Gross revenues of trucks and buses operating under state permits aggregated \$4,903,484 for the year, Wallace reported.

Oregon's tax system is in need of a complete overhauling, Governor Martin declared in an address before a group of real estate men at Salem last week. The governor did not point out any specific reforms he might have in mind for the tax system but pointed out that an interim commission created by the last legislature was now at work on that problem.

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Charlie Becomes Ambassador



Charlie McCarthy has a new job—ambassador at large for the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition, on Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay. Here Edgar Bergen is handling Charlie his ambassador's commission and the NBC star seems pleased, to say the least.

Health Ass'n Will Meet March 4

The Sherman County Health Association will hold a meeting March 4 at the court house, at 8 o'clock in the evening. Speakers will be from the Mental Hygiene society of Oregon and will either be Dr. Gerhard Haugen or Dr. Henry Dixon or Robert Lang, secretary of the society. The meeting will be open to the public and everyone is invited and members of the association are especially requested to come.

CE's Featured At Presbyterian Church

Christian Endeavor societies of the Community church featured special activities at the church last Sunday, February 20. The intermediate group sponsored by Mrs. L. H. Mitchellmore elected the following officers: Millard Meiser, president; Mac Hall vice-president; Donald Thompson, secretary; and Ramsey Schadeewitz, treasurer, during their morning meeting.

At the 7:15 meeting Sunday evening, the high school society was host to a deputation team of Mt. Hood Union officers headed by Joyce Dillinger, president, from Dufur. The song service and worship period was directed by the guests. Opal Benedict of The Dalles gave a booster talk on the state convention held in Oregon City, April 29 to May 1, while Dillinger announced the district convention at Dufur March 11 to 13. Jane French of the Moro society led the group in a short discussion on "Doing My Duty."

Court & Citizens Meet With Highway Com'n

Members of the county court and other interested citizens met with the highway commission in Portland last Friday and asked for improvements on Sherman county highways and connecting roads. The court wished to have state money applied on the building of the Scott canyon road and the Erskine road. Citizens of Kent, J. M. Wilson, J. E. Norton and Tate Justesen asked that the highway commission have a survey made of the old Barlow route which will be made to connect with the road east of Kent and the Kent west market road and Shearer's grade. The commission will make this survey.

SNELL'S MAN TALKS

John Kerrick, safety speaker from the office of Earl Snell, secretary of state, is now appearing before high school audiences in southern Oregon, where he shows safety movies and gives a brief talk at each school. Kerrick has addressed more than 15,000 high school students since October.

Power Meeting To Be Held Here March 3

A meeting for the consideration of Bonneville power and the chances of obtaining it in this section will be held here March 3. Morton Tompkins, one of the men appointed by J. D. Ross to tell the people of the methods of obtaining this power, will be here to talk.

In a letter in this issue, Wilford Belshe, tells of the progress to date of the power movement in the mid-Columbia basin. Organization of a unit of the power league is merely for the purpose of obtaining help and advice in organizing a district. Organization of a unit does not mean immediate or even future purchase of government power, but is for the purpose of having set aside at Bonneville power that is ready to function. All allotments for power to publically owned districts must be made before 1941 and many such units are organizing in order to be ready whether they ever use the allotted kilowatts or not.

A thorough study of the power situation will probably be made before any attempt is made to buy out the present company or to erect a line or to buy power outright.

The meeting will be called to order at one o'clock in the afternoon at the court house.

Scout Troop Wins Third Prize

Third place was taken by scouts of Troop 360, Moro, Wednesday night, in a district rally held at The Dalles. Because of sickness and some previous engagements the local boys were unable to enter a full team which penalized them considerably, reports Clyde Gilmore, scoutmaster.

Moro scouts won first in knot tying, second in mapping and semaphore signaling, and third in inspection and the chariot race. Teams from The Dalles troops, and from Goldendale, Wn., were also entered. Moro's contestants included: Donald Morris, Linden Mersinger, David McLeod, Robert Wisner and George DeMoss.

SAFETY SUCCESS

The Medford Civilian Conservation corps district recently established a record of 51 consecutive days without so much as a fender scratch on any of the 99 motor vehicles operated by the district camps and headquarters. Major George E. Owens has offered full C. C. C. participation in activities of the Medford safety council, which was organized last month with the assistance of representatives from the office of Earl Snell, secretary of state.

Woman's Club Has Guest Day Program

Guest Day for the Moro Woman's Club was quite a success with approximately 60 present including members and guests. A very interesting program had been prepared by the director, Mrs. E. T. Strong. Two solos each from Phillip Johnson of Waco and Mrs. Lloyd Hennagin. Two violin solos by Mrs. Phillip Kuggles. A short address by Miss Harstead, nurse from State Health Department, and a skit titled "Living Pictures of Historical Figures."

Refreshments of eleven little cup cakes, decorated with tiny little American flags, and coffee were served.

The next meeting will be held March 4 with Mrs. Theo. Johnston as director. Mrs. Johnston plans to have a speaker for the occasion as the subject is current events.

Sherman Highway In Bad Shape

The Sherman highway between Shaniko and the Criterion junction is in a deplorable condition according to travelers who have gone over it this week. Rains and snows have soaked the road thru the light gravel coat remaining after years of wear and trucks break through to bottom leaving holes as deep as the road bed.

It was understood that the highway commission wishes to delay the re-rocking and surfacing of the remainder of the road for a year or two but considering the condition of the road at present this will probably be impossible if it is to be traveled next winter at all.

SS Rally At GV Next Sunday

Sunday afternoon, February 27 a rally of all the Sunday schools of Sherman county will be held at the Baptist church in Grass Valley. There will be a basket dinner served at one o'clock although the program will begin at 12:30 with a song service after which the Grass Valley school orchestra will play. After dinner there will be a violin solo by Robert Tapp, also Tom Fraser will sing along with other special numbers from the various Sunday schools. There will also be talks by various ones. This will be followed by a short business meeting of the Sherman County School Association. For the dinner Grass Valley will furnish the coffee. It is expected that there will be a large attendance from all parts of the county.

Auxiliaries Will Give Entertainment

Wednesday night of next week the American Legion Auxiliary will give another entertainment in the Legion hall for the purpose of raising money for the further improvement of the hall. Several numbers from the town and the camp have been prepared for the entertainment and dancing will be enjoyed after the program. This will be the second program of the Auxiliary, the first one being held in December and being well received. Moderate prices will be charged.

ROADS RUTTED

Rural roads are in many places impassable and school children are staying in town throughout the week in order to be here for school. The steady rains and light snows of the past week, along with the damp fogs have kept the roads wet. The frost has gone out and although there was little of it it has resulted in softer roads than would be the case with rains alone.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.
Feb. 17	32	18
" 18	37	28
" 19	39	30
" 20	38	32
" 21	41	33
" 22	44	35
" 23	40	34
Total for week		26

Committee Reports Given At Conference

Reports include of Condition
And Recommendations
For Improvement

Extremely muddy roads prevented a large crowd of farmers at the economic conference held for Sherman county at Moro last Saturday although about fifty men were out to hear the reports of the committees that had been working on information for the past month.

Every report was prefaced with a statement of conditions making the recommendations necessary in the minds of the committeemen making them. Much of the statistical information was very complete and of considerable value to those interested in the future of farming in the county.

Charts of the production of land the numbers of livestock and the percentages of bushels per acre adorned the walls and gave a visual understanding of the condition of the county from a crop standpoint.

The crops committee with Dewey Thompson as chairman showed the production of the county in percentages as follows: 10.1% of the land makes 5 to 10 bushels; 19% of the land makes 10 to 15 bushels; 12.2% of the land makes 15 to 20 bushels and 58.7% of the land produces 20 to 35 bushels. Of the wheat grown 70% is Turkey Red and 12% is Federation with other varieties making up the difference. Recommendations about smut control, better varieties, marketing, protein were all touched upon as well as the labor situation in respect to its interference with the handling of food crops.

The Land Use committee headed by Albert Kaseberg favored soil conservation in its attempt to provide for land use that is not wasteful of natural resources. The committee's report showed that 30.5% of the land is farmed by its owner and 69.5% by renters, and that 55.8% of the land is owned by residents of the county. Tenant farmers, it was stated, allowed more erosion than did resident owners of the land.

Use of the land in properly sized units would allow for more farmers and give better results it was held. The committee criticized the school tax structure. The county units plan was recommended to better this condition. A selective sales tax that would reduce property taxes was also liked by this committee which studied the tax problem.

The land use committee's original report was challenged and changed so that as passed recommends that land with so low a production that the operator cannot make a living be taken out of production for wheat. This is opposed to the theory that all farms should be required to take out the same proportion of acres.

The report of the livestock committee made by Millard Bakin, chairman, Tom Fraser, Glen King and others anticipated an increase in the numbers of cattle and sheep in the county with the approval of the farm bill. The committee felt that the decrease in the number of horses would be less in the future. Fattening of cattle was recommended as a means of using low priced wheat and improving the market price and quality of the product. No increase in dairy cattle was recommended. Better methods of feeding sheep were recommended. An increase in the hog population was endorsed but the county was told to have enough poultry.

The home and rural life group, whose report was given by Mrs. H. D. Proudfoot, made many recommendations for the improvement of living conditions on the farms among them being better sanitation, better houses and more available water supplies.

J. L. Davis was chairman of the meeting in the absence of J. M. Wilson who was in Portland. E. R. Jackson of the college attended the meeting and expressed himself as very much pleased over the recommendations made by the committees in this county.

It is thought probable that the reports will be printed in booklet form and distributed so that the information contained therein can be preserved.

Horse Sale To Bring Many Buyers Here

The sale of a hundred head of draft horses and ten head of cattle by members of the Sherman County Livestock Association today is expected to bring hundreds of buyers into the county. Advertising was sent to all sections of the northwest especially in the Yakima Valley, the Willamette valley and near Redmond where horses are used on the smaller farms.

Inquiries have come from many sources indicating that a good crowd will be on hand to hear Auctioneer George Gochehour's first call for bids. Plans are to have owners draw for places in the sale. Stock has been guaranteed to be as represented by the association which desires to make this sale an annual affair giving those who want work horses a chance to buy with confidence that they will receive the kind of horses they want direct from the source of supply.

City Refunding Bonds Are Here

The new bonds of the City of Moro arrived this week and are being signed by city officials preparatory to being exchanged for the old water, refunding and street intersection bonds that are being refunded by this issue. There are two series of bonds known as Series A, Refunding water bonds and Series B, Refunding Bonds. They total \$31,500 and will represent the entire bonded debt of the city when duly exchanged for the issue now outstanding.

League's Projects In Farm Act

Provisions of the new AAA farm act, as they apply to wheat, contain all but one of the major recommendations of federal farm legislation made by the Oregon Oregon Wheat League at its annual convention in La Grande last December, according to an analysis of the bill made by extension and AAA officials at Oregon State college.

The recommendation that north west soft white wheat be considered a special commodity under the act, so as to facilitate exporting the normal surplus in this territory, is apparently not included in the act. The chief provisions of the act regarding wheat are as follows.

Acresage Allotments: National wheat acresage allotments will be announced by the secretary of agriculture by July 15 of each year, to be used in connection with the following year's program. The national allotment will be based on acresage needed to produce at normal yields about 130 per cent of the normal year's consumption and exports, or about 900 million bushels.

Wheat seeded for harvesting in 1938 will not be subject to acresage allotments. National, state and county acresage allotments are to be based on average acresage of the preceding 10 years. Up to 3 per cent of the county allotment may be allotted to new growers. No farmer is compelled to accept his allotment, although certain privileges and benefits will follow his conforming to it.

Marketing Quotas: When wheat supplies reach the surplus stage—about 950 million bushels—marketing quotas will be announced by the secretary by May 15. They will be used to prevent market gluts and consequent price collapse. No marketing quotas will apply to wheat in 1938, unless congress provides funds for parity payments before May 15.

Loans: Loans to farmers on stored wheat will be allowed when the farm price on June 15 is below 52 per cent of parity, or when the July crop report forecasts a yield in excess of 700 bushels.

Crop Insurance: Crop insurance, against all natural risks and covering either 50 or 75 per cent of the average yield, will be in effect for 1939. Both premiums and losses will be paid in bushels of wheat rather than cash.

The mistaken identity case in The Dalles indicates the difficulty of manufacturing 130,000 specimens of humans without making some of them almost identical.

Morrell Discusses Labor Act At Local Meeting

Enthusiastic Reception By
Farmers & Business Men
Indicates Local Feeling

James F. Morrell, who for the past three months has been working on a labor responsibility bill to curb some of the practices of labor unions in their relation to the general public and the members thereof, spoke to the Wasco Civic Club Monday night at the Moro Hotel. Over ninety were present from all sections of the county.

Mr. Morrell has spent several years as personal manager for the Consolidated Truck company, and feels that he has had intimate personal contact with labor troubles. He gave many instances of the coercive tactics used by the unions on both men and employees. Fines of members and beatings of non-members are customary.

Young men and women anxious to work and earn a living are prevented from doing so by labor union's actions in the labor market and the closed shop said Morrell. This made many men join the unions who had no interest in their policies until 70 per cent of the members are so-called "card-packers" who resent the treatment they receive from their self appointed leaders.

The teamsters union, managed by Dave Beck of Seattle for the northwest and by Al Rosser in Portland until his recent arrest, has spread to many other lines of work and threatens to hamper all business because of the necessity of transportation.

It is estimated, said the speaker, that \$500,000,000 is collected each year in fines and dues from working men for the operation of the unions. Mr. Morrell stated that the leaders are interested in the income from their jobs more than in the welfare of their followers.

Families Suffer

The fight between John Lewis and William Green that has tied up mills and factories and shipping in the United States is a fight for control and power over men and industry and the income that might be derived from that control.

In St. Johns where labor troubles have thrown a large part of the people out of work the weight of school children has not shown the proper increase and 40% of the children have lost weight. One dairy in that district has lost 75% of its customers, all indications of the fact that it is the laboring man, himself, who is damaged by labor troubles.

The speaker explained the bill that has been prepared and will be on the ballot in November which will give union men authority to examine the books of their unions, will prevent secondary boycotts and secondary picketing and prevent known criminals from holding office in labor organizations for a period after conviction.

Mr. Morrell was enthusiastically received by the crowd of farmers and business men present leaving no doubt as to their feeling on the subject of labor activities of the past year or two.

L. Barnum came up from The Dalles with the speaker and talked briefly on the labor bill. Ormond Hilderbrand, vice president, presided in the absence of E. D. McKee. A group of high school students, Vivian Fuller, Betty Powell, Claudine Thompson, Winifred Belshe, Dean Pinkerton and Lyle Nahouse sang, accompanied by Louise Barzee. Miss Barbara Leisz directed them.

SEED SPUDS CHEAP

Oregon potato growers, who want good seed have a rare opportunity to buy it this year at very little expense, says E. R. Jackson, extension crop specialist at Oregon State college. High prices for potatoes often create a demand for good seed. For example, certified seed cost \$3 to \$4 a hundred last spring. The same product costs \$1 this year.

Many wise potato growers are taking advantage of low prices to get good certified seed. All county agricultural agents have lists of growers of certified potatoes.