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Slowly but surely the political picture as it will present itself to the voters of Oregon in the forthcoming primary campaign is taking shape. Speculations are materializing into realities. Issues are being formed. With less than two weeks remaining in which to file there was a noticeable spurt in formal declarations on the part of aspiring candidates during the past week.

Speculation as to the political intentions of State Treasurer Rufus C. Holman were definitely set at rest with the announcement by Holman that he would seek the Republican nomination for United States senator. Holman's announcement is expected to put a crimp in the plans of a number of other ambitious republicans who have been looking longingly at the senate seat and waiting only for the call to service from the multitude before taking the plunge. No man in Oregon is better known throughout the state than Holman who is now serving his second term as state treasurer and member of the Board of Control and no republican is better able to weld together the various factions in that party's badly shattered organization in order to make a successful fight in the fall campaign.

Willis Mahoney of Klamath Falls also took the public into his confidence this week with the announcement that he, too, would seek the senatorship. Mahoney, however, is out after the Democratic nomination. The announcement sets at rest speculation to the effect that he might again aspire to the governorship although those "in the know" have been convinced for several weeks that Mahoney would rather go to Washington than sit in the seat of the mighty at Salem.

Hall S. Lusk who was appointed by Governor Martin to fill the vacancy on the supreme bench caused by the death of Justice J. U. Campbell this week filed his formal declaration as a candidate to succeed himself. Justice Lusk before his appointment to the supreme court, was for a number of years a circuit judge in Multnomah county. On the heels of Lusk's filing came the announcement from a close friend of Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle that he would oppose Lusk for election to the high court. Van Winkle who is now completing his 18th year as attorney general refuses to comment on his political intentions but it is expected that he will issue a statement within a few days.

Secretary of State Earl Snell may or may not be a good poker player but at least he now knows what a full house looks like. Snell hails from the little city of Arlington on the upper reaches of the Columbia river. Last week the Arlington basketball team was nosed out of a chance to represent its district in the state tournament at Salem by a very narrow margin. Snell felt so badly over the disappointment experienced by the Arlington boys that he took his telephone in hand called up the old home town and invited the basketball team to come to Salem for the duration of the tournament as his guests. The next day the squad arrived, all nine of them accompanied by their coach Vernon Earrett. Snell admits the team made quite a houseful but insists that a good time was had by all, including the cook.

The storm of last week did approximately \$50,000 damage to highways in the coast counties according to R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer. Slides and wash outs damaged the Roseburg-Coguille highway, the Umpqua highway and the Oregon Coast highway between Coquille and Florence, Baldock said.

Governor Martin does not intend to enter into any debate with Henry Oleen or any other candidate, he has let it be known. Oleen also a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor has challenged the governor to appear on the public platform with him to defend his record as the state's chief executive.

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NEW PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON TAKES OFFICE AT EUGENE



Dr. Donald M. Erb, new president of the University of Oregon began his new duties March 1. He is shown above seated at his desk conferring with Dr. C. Valentine Boyer, retiring president.

Rain Continues: Stopping Work; Breaks Record

For those persons who are spending their first spring in Sherman county the weather may seem very ordinary but to the long time resident it is "unusual" in every way.

With a week to go, and the clouds still hanging in the sky, the precipitation records for March have fallen by the wayside and a new record hung up. Best March in the past 27 years has brought 2.05 inches of moisture. This month has drenched the county with 2.19 inches in about three quarters of the month. Since the first of September last year, when the crop year began, over ten inches of rain has fallen and it all has been absorbed in the ground where the ground will take it.

The past week was the coldest since the middle of the winter with a coating of snow and several frosty nights. Low temperature was 25, only a few degrees above the winter's low.

City Officials To Meet April 15

Problems facing the cities of Oregon, many of which are becoming more and more serious will be taken up at a series of regional meetings to be sponsored by the League of Oregon Cities, according to word received here from Herman Kehrl, executive secretary of the group and director of the University of Oregon bureau of municipal research.

Officials of Moro and other cities in this area will attend the meeting to be held in The Dalles April 12th.

Means of obtaining revenue to offset that lost as a result of the decision of illegality of pin-ball machines, plans for licensing games of skill which may appear as substitutes for the machines, role of the city in labor disputes, building codes and zoning with particular reference to federal housing construction, regulation of driveways and curb-cutting, relationship of cities to the proposed utility districts and the Bonneville dam, and codification of ordinances are among the many problems to be up for discussion.

Scout Mothers Attend Meeting

Mothers of scouts were guests of their sons, Wednesday night, March 23, at a special meeting of Moro Troop 860 held in the Masonic lodge rooms. Following a session of test passing, games and contests by the boys, the mothers were awarded miniature badges of the scout rank of the sons. Eligible scouts also received service stars.

It was announced during the meeting that scout mothers whose names were not present would be given miniature badges at a later date.

Birthday refreshments honored Scoutmaster Clyde Gillmor and Scout George DeMoss.

Mothers present were, Mesdames Melvin Schadewitz, Clarence Mersinger, Irwin Morris, Clyde Gillmor, Giles French, C. C. Wilson, John DeMoss and A. W. McLeod.

Ballard Cites Benefits of Farm Control

Although Oregon farmers have received substantial cash benefits through past federal AAA programs, and have opportunities of earning between three and four million dollars under the 1938 program, the indirect benefits from improved farm practices are even more important in the long run, believes F. L. Ballard, vice-director of the extension service at Oregon State college.

The new law establishes definitely the place of the extension service as being that of an educational agency in connection with the AAA administration.

The policy of the extension service continues as in the past to be that of lending every aid in explaining the federal program to farmers and showing them what opportunities it affords in any particular case. After that, decision is left to the individual as to his voluntary cooperation.

Oregon Plans Taken

Every practice recommended by the technical committee in Oregon for use under the federal program has been based on sound, long time farm management, Ballard points out. The result is that Oregon agriculture is making sound technical progress while cooperating in the federal programs, he says. Oregon has achieved a greater degree of change from soil depleting to soil conserving crops than any other western state.

15,000,000, Coming

Meanwhile the several programs will have brought approximately 15 million dollars in cash to Oregon growers when payments for the 1937 program are completed. Under the 1938 program, with its definite and substantial allotment for wheat growers, Oregon farmers could qualify for more than 44 million dollars in benefit payments. With an estimated 75 per cent participation, the cash returns will approximate 33 million dollars, according to figures compiled by N. C. Donaldson, secretary of the state AAA committee.

(An indirect benefit just announced is the provision for loans at 4 per cent to wool growers on stored wool, to encourage orderly marketing.)

Accident Involves Two Local Men

Saturday night Rolfe Thogerson and Horace McKee of Moro were coming home from The Dalles about midnight, with Thogerson driving. At the intersection with the Dufur road they hit a car containing the two Corey girls and Fred Tibbets of The Dalles. Both cars were seriously damaged and the girls were cut and bruised.

Thogerson was released on bail the following day and his hearing will be held April 4. McKee pled guilty to being drunk in a public place and paid a fine of \$50. The charge against Thogerson is driving while under the influence of intoxicants.

Clinic For Crippled Tots Arranged

A clinic for crippled children will be held in The Dalles next Wednesday, March 30. This is the first such clinic held in this area and is based on a new law which allows aid to crippled children whose parents are unable to provide medical or surgical care for them. Crippled children are defined as those normal mentally who have defects that cause deformity or interference with normal function of bone, muscles or joints, congenital or caused by disease, neglect or ignorance.

Traveler Will Speak At Grass Valley

Miss Mary Beth Fulton, a European traveler, will speak with regard to foreign mission aims to those who gather at the Baptist Church in Grass Valley, Thursday, March 31, at 7:30 p. m. She comes to Grass Valley, having spent the previous two weeks in a speaking tour of the state, Portland, Salem, Bend, etc. Her schedule was arranged by Dr. F. W. Starring, executive secretary of the Oregon Baptist State Convention. It is a real opportunity for folks in this community to hear Miss Fulton.

Boys Leaving Sunday For Home

Sixty six enrollees from Company 5428, Camp Moro will entrain at Biggs Sunday, March 27 at one o'clock a. m. and will return to their homes in the Southland.

Many of the enrollees are young men who have served in the Corps for one, two and three years and will now face the serious problem of finding employment in their home communities. The majority of them are better equipped to work in various fields of endeavor. Some, who have had training as leaders or foremen, cooks, clerical work, and mechanics will be a little more fortunate in finding employment. Some will return to school.

They have enjoyed their experience in Oregon, but there is no place like home in the sunny South.

At the camp movie, Saturday night "Secret Agent" will be shown, with Madeline Carroll, Peter Lore and Robert Young. "Secret Agent" is a thrilling story of espionage and intrigue, and moves swiftly from the first uncanny shot to the final fadeout.

Bob Poley, who is working in Hood River and Miss Elizabeth Faureso of The Dalles were visiting at the Poley home last week end.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK			
DATE	MAX.	MIN.	
Mar. 17	43	30	.03
" 18	45	35	.32
" 19	43	32	.08
" 20	41	27	.00
" 21	45	25	.08
" 22	40	27	.31
" 23	52	34	.00
Total for week			.80

Local Camp Will Hold Open House

Tour of Camp and Trip
To Work Projects
Promised To Visitors

Celebrating the fifth anniversary of the Civilian Conservation Corps, Camp Moro, located at Moro, Oregon, Open House will be held during the afternoon of Sunday, April 3, 1938 from one to five o'clock.

Visitors will have the opportunity to inspect the camp, exhibits of the camp, and field activities. A program will be presented under the supervision of John T. McKnight, Commanding Officer and Mr. J. R. Chenault, Camp Superintendent.

Guides Furnished

Following the program, a tour of the camp and grounds will be made, giving the visitors an opportunity to become acquainted with the different functions of the camp and its activities. Enrollees escorts will take the visitors on an inspection tour through the kitchen, mess hall, infirmary, library, barracks and recreation hall and will explain the functions of each department and the general activities on the camp.

Trucks will be furnished by the Soil Conservation Service to take the visitors to the work project where actual work that is being done can be inspected. Guides will explain the work and answer questions.

After the visitors return to camp refreshments will be served in the mess hall where questions about the camp and the Corps can be discussed with the administrative and technical personnel.

Company 5428, which occupies Camp Moro, consists of enrollees from the states of Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, South Carolina and Florida.

Everyone is extended a cordial invitation to this fifth anniversary celebration of the Civilian Conservation Corps.

More Trappers Asked For Oregon

An application for a Works Progress Administration grant to provide eighty trappers for Oregon is now pending, according to an announcement of Dr. W. H. Lytle, chief of the Division of Animal Industry of the State Department of Agriculture.

The application asks for \$58,000 of Federal funds. Plans call for 38 trappers to be hired at \$55.20 each per month, 40 expert trappers at \$63.60 and two supervisors at \$70.80.

Officials of the Division of Animal Industry say that the need for extensive trapping operations has become imperative due to the rapid increase of predatory animals during the depression years when the usual trapping activities were curtailed. At the same time rabbits, the natural prey for coyotes, have materially decreased in numbers. Both factors have resulted in heavy loss of Oregon livestock.

Utah now has 117 WPA trappers and Idaho has 78, according to reports. The WPA trappers in Oregon would be in addition to about 30 federal-state trappers now employed.

Arlington Asks For Port Aid

A hearing was held Tuesday at Arlington before Maj. Theron D. Weaver in which the Port of Arlington petitioned the army engineers to cut the river channel to the bank of the Columbia in order to provide a safe place for the building of docking warehouses by the port district. Roy Kunsman, secretary of the port, and W. S. Nelson prepared the brief.

JURORS CALLED

J. L. Davis of Kent is called as a juror in federal court at Pendleton April 6th and Corliss Andrews and A. C. Kaseberg are called as grand jurors on the previous day. Only one case is on the docket to date according to news dispatches.

Safety Talk By Snell Scheduled

Earl Snell will be the speaker at the meeting of the Wasco Civic Club at Wasco next Monday night. The subject of his talk will be highway safety, a matter on which he has informed himself thoroughly during his years as secretary of state for Oregon. Sherman county's record for highway safety has not been impressive in recent years and the talk, from one so conversant with the subject, will be valuable to those who can arrange to hear him.

The meeting will be at the Hotel Sherman at seven o'clock and will be preceded by a dinner. Tickets may be obtained from George Moon in Wasco or Viggo Haufelt, secretary of the club.

C.M.T.C. Camp Enlistments Ready

A Citizen's Military Training Camp will again be held at Vancouver Barracks, Washington this summer during the period from July 9th to August 7th. Over 500 boys from the five counties in southwestern Washington, and the entire state of Oregon will be entertained at the camp. The quota for Sherman county has been tentatively set at 2 boys which may be increased.

Willy W. Knighten, Moro, Oregon will again act as County Chairman of the Military Training Camps Association for Sherman County. Dr. C. L. Poley, Moro, has volunteered his services to act as medical examiner of boys who apply for attendance at camp.

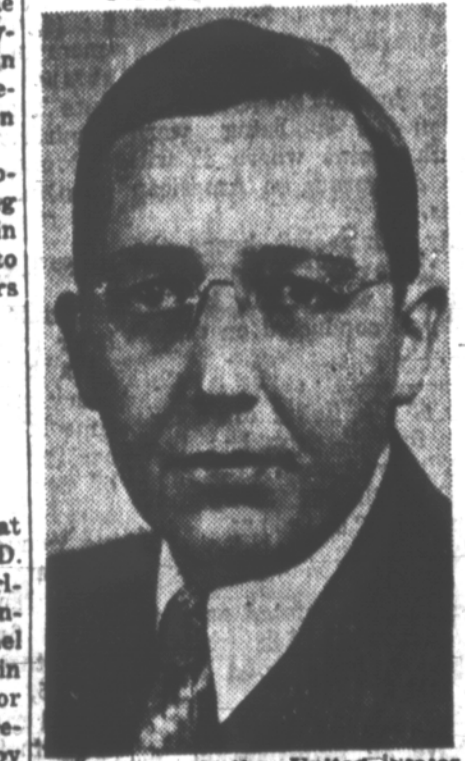
Lodges Plan Sesquicentennial

Taylor Lodge A. F. & A. M. and Annie Fulton Chapter O. E. S. will act as hosts on next Tuesday night, March twenty ninth, for a sesquicentennial celebration of the adoption of the constitution. All Masons with their wives and Eastern Stars with their escorts of Moro, Grass Valley and Antelope have been invited to participate. Percy R. Kelly, Past Master of Research Lodge of Portland, is to be guest speaker. In addition various program numbers will be given, followed by a social time and refreshments.

Many Vaccinated For Small Pox

At the clinics last week 886 were vaccinated for small pox and a great number were vaccinated out side the clinics. Tuberculosis tests were given Monday and Tuesday by Dr. Newmeyer and Dr. Odell with Dr. Poley assisting. One hundred ninety one were tested and 21 were found to react. Nearly all of them have gone to the hospital for further test and all so far have been found to be without active tuberculosis.

BACKS FREE PRESS



Editors of the United States should be even more zealous in regard to the freedom of the press, than publishers themselves. Palmer Hoyt, (above), managing editor of the Oregonian told a University of Oregon assembly recently. Once a stream of unbiased critical information is cut off, people have no way in which to judge whether or not they are being governed justly or whether their rights are being safe-guarded. Mr. Hoyt declared.

Farm Control Act Explained To County

Boegli of AAA Tells
Farmers What To Expect
Of 1938 Program

A courtroom, full to the rostrum with farmers, greeted Willis Boegli, AAA representative, Monday morning when he came to Sherman county for the second time to explain the 1938 farmer bill. Mr. Boegli was here last November and assured his hearers that his remarks were official and the same assurance was given Monday.

LeRoy Wright, county agent, opened the meeting with a review of farm legislation in the past six or seven years and reported the increase in the acreage of wheat and the expected large crop for 1938.

The reduction to be asked of Sherman county farmers this year, unless further changes are made, is 12 percent on wheat and 16 percent on fallow although any farmer is permitted to put as much as 86 percent of his total tillable land into crop without penalty. He can receive a payment of 12 cents per bushel on the average yield of his average acres, minus the 12 percent to be taken out. He will also receive the soil conservation payment of 70 cents per acre and the payments for non crop land.

Five points in the 1938 ruling were pointed out by Mr. Boegli as follows:

1. Acreage allotment. Figured by adding the estimated consumption to the probable export and adding 30%. For this year this figure has been given as 910,000,000 bushels and the needed acreage has been set at 62,500,000. Farmers in this section are permitted to put in as much as 86% of their total tillable land to bring about this reduction.

2. Marketing quotas. Whenever the surplus has reached the estimated consumption plus the probable export plus 35%, which for this year has been set at 925,000,000 bushels, and congress has appropriated enough money for parity payments and wheat is below 52% of parity (as estimated) the secretary can, in his discretion, establish marketing quotas by the 15th of May. A vote must be taken by June 15th and if two-thirds of the farmers who grow 100 bushels of wheat or more vote for marketing quotas they are imposed and made compulsory.

3. Loans. Co-operators will be eligible for loans on their wheat in excess of their quotas at a rate of from 52 to 75 percent of the parity price, which is estimated to be about 60 cents per bushel. Those who do not co-operate can obtain a loan of 60% as much as those who join the movement. This would be about 36 cents per bushel for the non-cooperator.

4. Parity payments. If and when congress appropriates money or levies a processing or sales tax for the benefit of wheat growers parity payments will be paid after marketing quotas are imposed. As explained Monday, parity payment will be designed to raise the price of wheat up to parity of \$1.14 per bushel. However, federal appropriations will be pro-rated to those co-operating and may be much less.

5. Crop insurance. This will not be in effect in 1938. For the next three years it will be on a yearly basis and after that on a five year basis. Premiums will be paid in wheat and insurance will be paid in wheat. Non co-operators may not obtain this insurance.

The question of whether to join or not to join the farmer control plan bothers farmers but little. Nearly all will be in the fold. There is no physical compulsion to co-operate but a great deal of economic compulsion. For those who do not "co-operate" cannot obtain the 12 cents per bushel payment; can not obtain the parity payments when they are put on, can not get crop insurance, can obtain but 60% of the loan and will have to abide by the marketing quota if and when it is imposed.

An example of a Sherman county farm having 1502 acres in crop land, 760 acres in fallow, 672 acres in wheat and 70 acres in hay.

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