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Oregon Republicans, taking renewed hope from the wide split developed in the ranks of the Democratic party in the recent primary campaign, are counting strongly on a return to power with the fall elections. In this they are banking strongly on the permanence of the bitterness developed between the supporters of Governor Martin on the one hand and those of Henry L. Hess, the successful candidate for the Democratic nomination on the other. Democrats who supported Governor Martin, they feel, will support Charles A. Sprague, the Republican candidate, this fall.

In their optimism, however, it is entirely probable that the Republicans are overlooking two very important factors both of which will play a very important part in shaping up the fall campaign. One of these is time, the great healer, which can be expected to do a great deal toward soothing savage Democratic breasts during the intervening six months before the next election. The other factor which must be taken into account in the forthcoming campaign is the national administration and its "New Deal" program. The forthcoming campaign is not going to be confined to the personalities of the two candidates for the governorship. The New Deal having given its official blessing to Hess prior to the primary election can be expected to put forth its best efforts to see him safely thru this fall. And no one at all familiar with New Deal, here in Oregon as well as elsewhere throughout the nation, and the power it wields in political affairs once committed to the task of supporting some favored candidate.

Not only will the national administration be interested in the election of a Democratic governor in Oregon this fall. It will also be intensely interested in the election of a United States senator and three congressmen committed to the support of its program. In view of all the New Deal has at stake here in Oregon it may be assumed even at this early date that no stones will be left unturned to keep Oregon in the Democratic column if possible.

That the Democratic rift is serious can not be disputed. Just how bitter is the feeling between the two factions can best be gauged by the fact that so far Governor Martin has failed to send his congratulations to his successful rival, Henry Hess. Furthermore he has declared that he never will, Sprague, the Republican nominee, on the other hand has received the congratulations, together with assurances of whole hearted support from all seven of his rivals.

Rumors that Martin might yet enter the fall campaign as an independent candidate for governor are not taken seriously here. A state law prohibits such a move and even though it might be possible to overcome this obstacle through court action friends of the governor are known to be strongly opposed to such a procedure. In the meantime the governor continues to "sit in his tent" intimating to newspapermen that he will have "something to say" about the political situation a little later.

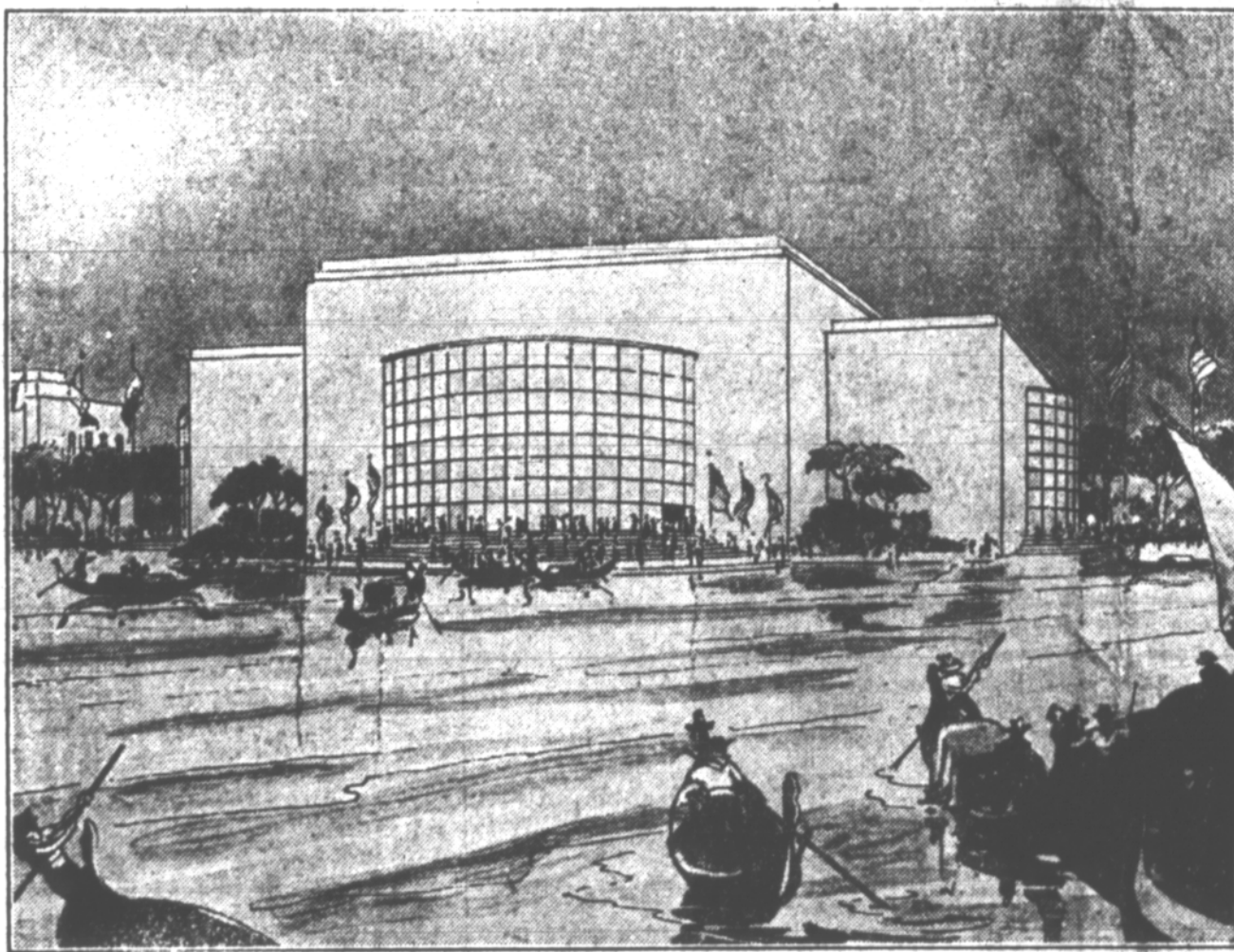
One fourth of all claims for unemployment compensation so far filed with the commission, have already been paid in full, it was announced this week. The 14,091 claims satisfied in full, totaled \$1,292,896. The weekly checks, received by these beneficiaries of the jobless insurance averaged \$11.98.

One fifth of all deaths in the Pacific northwest between the ages of 20 and 50 years is caused by tuberculosis; according to Dr. Grover C. Bellinger, superintendent of the state tuberculosis hospital at Salem.

The annual maneuvers of the Oregon National Guard at Camp Clatsop June 14 to 28 will bring about the largest concentration of troops in the history of this state. More than 3600 officers and men will assemble for the 15 days of intensive training, according to Major General George A. White.

Guard units from Portland, (Continued on Page two)

## 'Pacific House' at '39 Fair on S. F. Bay



Here is the colorful "Pacific House" to be erected at the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition, on Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay. History, culture and customs of the nations of the Pacific will be dramatized here. The building will rise on the edge of one of the picturesque lagoons on Treasure Island.

## Old Papers Still In Bank Vaults

Old notes, mortgages, stock certificates, options, contracts, deeds, insurance policies and even land patents are on file with the liquidator of banks, H. W. Champneys, who is cleaning up the affairs of the Moro State Bank.

These belong to many residents of the county and many who have long since left the county, some by death. Such an array of old legal documents could only be found as the thirty years gathering of a banking institution. Owners of any of the papers may have them by calling on Mr. Champneys Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The list has been posted in the lobby of the hotel.

## Club Workers Holiday Arranged

Of the more than 1800 Oregon boys and girls expected to attend the twenty-fourth annual 4-H club summer school at OSC June 6 to 17, approximately 70 per cent will hold scholarships awarded them by various business and community organizations, fairs, individuals and others in recognition of excellent work done, according to H. C. Seymour, state club leader.

"The increasing number of scholarships awarded each year is due to the fact that those who offer them see the inspiration and enthusiasm, as well as new information and other benefits brought back by those who attend the club summer school, and plan to make it possible for more boys and girls to attend the following year," Mr. Seymour says.

Three dormitories and 20 or more fraternities and sororities will be used this year to house the club boys and girls, with the younger members living in the dormitories. Attendance is limited to club members over 12 and under 21 years of age, whose 4-H projects are in good standing. Scholarships awarded to members under 12 years old will be held until they reach that age.

The program this year will follow the usual plan of class work in the mornings, assembly and recreation in the afternoon, and parties, movies and other entertainment in the evenings. From 70 to 100 classes will be running each morning during the two weeks session, with some 75 or more OSC faculty members as instructors. Many new courses are being offered this year, Mr. Seymour says.

The club members at summer school have a self government plan, by which groups of older boys and girls are chosen as officers and executive committee members to see that all goes well in the OSC 4-H community. Each county delegation has its own chaperone or advisor. Older boys and girls, usually college students who were former 4-H club members, are in charge of the various houses and halls.

## Committeemen Elected By Political Parties

Because there were a number of ties in write in candidates for precinct committeemen in both parties the holders of that honor can not be determined until later but the following is a fairly good list of the men and women who will guide the destinies of the two major parties here during the next two years.

A law passed at the last session of the state legislature gives women the same voice as men in party politics. This means that two precinct committeemen must be elected and that one of them shall be a woman. When the county committee is elected either the chairman or the vice-chairman must be a woman.

The Republican party elected: C. A. Tom and Pearl Jones at Rufus; none at Locust Grove; H. A. Walker at Klondike; C. J. Thompson, Wilford Belshe tied at Monkland; D. L. Reynolds, Rutledge; J. E. Norton, Kent; J. B. Coon, Grass Valley; M. E. McKee and Dorothy Moore, Moro; W. E. Tate, Wasco.

Democrat elected A. T. Striker with Pearl Backett and Mrs. A. McDonald tied at Rufus; none at Locust Grove; W. B. Rice at Klondike; George McDonald at Monkland; John Buether and Cecil Eakin at Rutledge; Arthur Justesen, Kent; Tom Garrett at Grass Valley; Velma McKean and W. F. Jackson, Moro; R. H. McKean and Sybil McMillan at Wasco.

## County Court Has Easy Session

The county court meeting for June had one of the shortest agendas of any for the current year as only two or three matters other than the usual bills were put on the docket.

Otis Baker was chosen as janitor for the court house after some weeks of discussion and several applications received by others. The salary will be \$50 per month.

Payment of the full appropriation was made to the Inland Empire Waterways Association to aid them in carrying on the work of getting federal money for Columbia river development. The biological survey was given another payment on the appropriation made for trapping coyotes and a license to sell beer was given to Clarence Lindeman of Rufus.

And other than the bills that was the day's work for the county court.

## TWEET, TWEET

Samuel Tweet of Bend was convicted of drunk and disorderly conduct in the justice court at Grass Valley and sentenced by Justice Stow to six months in the county jail and the sentence was suspended during absence from the county and good behavior.

## Legion - Auxiliary Convention Registration Ask

A personal invitation is extended to every member of an American Legion Auxiliary unit to attend the convention of units at Pendleton September 1, 2 and 3 this year. Plans have been made by the Pendleton unit and early registration is desired in order that housing may be as easily handled as possible.

Reservations may be made thru local units and registrations may be made locally or directly to Ida Peters, president of the Pendleton unit. The convention committee is planning a meeting that will be new and interesting.

## Wheat Prospects Best In Years

Prospects for winter wheat in the United States continued quite favorable with adequate moisture and good growing weather over most of the belt. Harvesting started in the Southwest and the first car of new wheat arrived at Fort Worth May 26. This wheat graded No. 2 mixed, with a test weight of 59.6 lbs. per bushel, and moisture content of 15 per cent. At the close of the week, scattered cars of Soft Red and mixed wheat were being located in central and north Texas. This wheat was bringing around 80c per bushel basis No. 1 delivered Texas common points. The domestic spring wheat crop made favorable progress with seeding practically completed.

Early sown wheat has reached a height of 4 to 6 inches high, has stood well, and developed strong roots. The cool, wet weather has been unfavorable for hatching of grass hoppers and fear of damage from this pest has been somewhat allayed.

Seeding neared completion in the Canadian Prairie Provinces with a large percentage of the crop sown to rust resistant varieties in Manitoba and eastern Saskatchewan. Beneficial rains improved winter wheat in Europe. Drouth has reduced yields in north Africa and Italy and trade advices place the Italian crop at around 220,000,000 bushels or about 75,000,000 bushels under the 1937 harvest. The French crop, on the other hand, promises to be the largest since 1934 and is placed at 60 to 75 million bushels above the 1937 harvest of 254 million bushels. Harvesting of the 1938 Indian crop has been practically completed and a record output of around 392 million bushels is forecast. The previous record of 391 million bushels in 1930. Around 340 million bushels is normally required for domestic use which would leave about 50 million bushels available for export.

All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with the Examiner of Operators and Chauffeurs, on Monday, June 6, 1938 at the court house in Moro between the hours of 1 p. m. and 5 p. m., respectively.

## Plans For Fair Started At Board Meeting

### Eligibility of Horses

### For Main Races

### Settled By Ruling

The Sherman county fair board met Tuesday at the court house to begin preparations for the 1938 fair, which will be held September 23-24-25, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Racing regulations regarding the futurity and derby were made as follows: All Peter Quick two year olds, whether in the county or not, will be permitted to run in the futurity and the consolation. Any three year old in the county will be permitted to enter the derby.

The board decided to hire Mac Barbour to put on the rodeo at the fair this year. His acts will include bucking horses but he will bring no Brahma steers to the county event. This act was contemplated but the cost is too great and the danger is considerable.

The bleachers, which were built last year, and the inside of the grand stand will be painted before fair time making a marked improvement in the appearance of the stands. No other improvements of moment are contemplated at the present time, although the grounds and buildings will be put in good condition or rather kept in good condition.

The premium list will be changed in several particulars before being printed. Different classifications in the steer classes and a changed poultry list will be made. Officials are yet to be hired and other attendants and acts will be engaged within a few weeks.

## OSC Graduates Largest Class

By far the largest class ever to be graduated from Oregon State college received degrees at the 69th annual commencement Tuesday, May 31, when officials of the college delivered diplomas to 590 seniors and graduate students and to three prominent men receiving honorary degrees.

Among the graduates this year were 3 from Sherman county who had completed their work. These are Paul Antony Fraser, Maxine Rosemary Henrichs of Moro and Wm. P. McKinney of Wasco.

Of the students graduating this year five received the doctor of philosophy degree in the school of science, the highest academic achievement at the institution. Eight had earned master's of arts degrees, 56 masters of science, four professional degrees, 35 bachelor of arts and 482 bachelor of science.

Ages of graduates varied from 19 to 43 and averaged 22.94 years for women and 24.41 years for men. The class included 154 students who transferred from 56 institutions in 17 states to finish their work at Oregon State.

Employment conditions for the graduates, while not quite as favorable as last year, were such that nearly all of the graduates who want them will have either temporary or permanent positions this summer.

## City Well Needs Special Pump

Norman Jesse of the Bingham Pump company, was in Moro Wednesday to make an examination of the city's well in order to tell what kind of a pumping system might work in it. Decision reached after the tests was that the only type of rotary pump that would work satisfactorily in the well would be one with flexible shaft.

The city is contemplating the installation of a new pumping plant if proper arrangements can be made and this is one step toward that end.

## WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

| DATE               | MAX. | MIN. |
|--------------------|------|------|
| May 26             | 86   | 52   |
| " 27               | 82   | 57   |
| " 28               | 65   | 47   |
| " 29               | 65   | 45   |
| " 30               | 64   | 42   |
| " 31               | 74   | 39   |
| June 1             | 77   | 38   |
| Total for the week |      | .02  |

## 4-H Clubbers Leaving For Summer School

Nineteen boys and girls from Sherman county will board the train at The Dalles next Monday morning at 11:20 enroute for Corvallis and the annual summer school outing for 4-H club workers.

Those who signed up to go before the lists closed this week were: Rose Ellen Barnett, LeVina Barnett, Geraldine Norton, Lowell Miller, Kelly Tiller, Bill Todd, Frank LeMaster, Bob King, Dorothy Ball, Catherine Fridley, Marcus Eslinger, Jack von Borstel, Frank von Borstel, Anna Macnab, Helen Macnab, Cassie von Borstel, Grace Marie Zevely, Malcolm and Theon Richelderfer. Miss Katherine Monahan, Rufus teacher, will be the chaperon for the group. Cost of the trip will be \$12 this year and a large part of those going have received scholarships to pay their way.

## County Agent Wants Farm Wheat Yields

Bushel yields of all farms in the county should be made out and given to the county agent as soon as possible as this information is of great value to the Agricultural Conservation program. It is necessary that the ten year average for the county be determined accurately from actual bushel yields which must be supported by evidence. Farmers should obtain yields for 1928, 1936, and 1937.

## Steer Bought For S. F. Exposition

A well bred steer was bought this week from the Stearns Cattle company of Prineville by Bob King to be fattened for the San Francisco stock show which will be given during the exposition next year. The calf was born May first and has already been brought home by young King to prepare it for the prize winning exhibit next year.

## Flexible Lease Available From F.S.A.

A new "flexible farm lease" incorporating simplified tenure arrangements, provisions for permanent improvements and arbitration of disputes developed by the Farm Security administration, is available to Sherman county tenants or landowners, announces Milburn A. Stout, county supervisor, Hood River, Oregon.

Serving to place in contract form the usual tenure terms and arrangements accepted in oral leasing, the new form has the advantage of clearly defining responsibilities of both parties as the proper basis for understanding and mutual confidence.

To encourage longer and more stable tenure, the lease gives landowners the right to terminate leases at the end of any year by giving advance written notice or making the lease automatically renewable unless written notice is given by a specified time.

Provisions are made for permanent improvements with consent of the owner and compensation in some form for the renter if the lease is terminated before the benefits of improvements have been secured. Improvements would include fences, buildings, soil improvements and similar activities. Arbitration of disputes between renter and landowner by an impartial committee of neighbors, one selected by the tenant, one by the landlord and the third by the first two named, would provide a solution for any difficulties that might arise.

## AUXILIARY MEETS

The Kent Auxiliary met Wednesday afternoon and planned to give the final card party in the series on Saturday night, June 4, at the Legion hall. Besides the regular prize there will be grand prizes for the ones who had received the highest scores during the series. Also a special grand prize will be drawn for during the evening.

Drilling for water at the SCS camp received some encouragement this week when four or five gallons per minute was found.

## Grass Field Day Attended By 35 Farmers

### Results of Experiments

### In Native and Imported

### Grasses Shown Saturday

The grass field day held at the experiment station last Saturday was better attended than any previously held indicating an increased interest in the growing of grasses on wheat lands and pastures in the county.

First examination was made of the plots of native grasses near the station building where three well known types of bunch grass are being grown in rows from seed obtained from this county. The little, thick bunch grass, known as Idaho fescue is a common one in this county. The next largest is Poa Ampla and is becoming a prominent grass along the roadsides in several places. The large grass, the Spikard, grows where not bothered by mow or where not too heavily trampled.

Various types of Crested Wheat grass are also grown in the same plot and the seed habits are easily compared to that of the native grass.

### Crested Wheat Controls Erosion

The group was next taken to pastures sown to Crested Wheat to show its ability to control erosion in the soil on steep slopes and to show how it stands pasturing by horses.

The fields of grass that are being used to produce seed were shown and the many kinds of heads and different heights lead to the conclusion that the grass has not yet found its true form.

Most adaptable of the grasses was held by D. M. Stephens, who conducted the tour, to be Crested Wheat, Poa Ampla and Bulbous Blue grass. As for palatability the middle sized bunch grass, Poa Ampla was thought to be best.

It was suggested that whenever possible that alfalfa, up to two or three pounds per acre, to be sown with grasses in order to give more nitrogen to the soil and provide a change in diet for pasture animals. It will do very well on Sherman county hillsides if not sown thick.

A field day for the remainder of the station which matures later than the grasses will be held later in the year.

## Contour Farming Saves Soil Runoff

Sherman County's annual soil loss of thousands of tons can be lessened by farming on the contour, points out superintendent J. R. Chenault of the Moro Soil Conservation Service camp.

"When crop or stubble rows and plow furrows run on the contour each row and furrow serves as a miniature ditch, holding the water where it falls," Chenault states. "This keeps the water where it can be utilized for crop production and checks soil losses."

On the erosion control in Sherman county more than 2,000 acres last year were contour farmed. Farmers cooperating with the Service in other parts of Oregon and in Washington and Idaho are also plowing, cultivating and planting on the contour.

"Many farmers are re-locating their fence lines in order that fields may be 'farmed on the level,'" Chenault said. "Level farming is easier and faster than up-and-down hill farming, in addition to requiring less power."

Farmers are finding that this practice is beneficial on comparatively level fields as well as on land with considerable slope. On level fields it improves drainage by giving better distribution of water and preventing its concentration in low places.

## WEED TOUR MADE

LeRoy Wright left Wednesday for Pullman, Washington and Genesee, Idaho in company with county agents of other mid-Columbia wheat district counties. They will study the weed plots at the above mentioned stations in order to learn the best methods of handling the weed situation in their own counties. It is expected that the tour will require four days.