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Oregon's contribution toward the relief of the needy aged, averaging \$21.35 a month, is well above the national average of \$19.35 a month, according to figures compiled by the bureau of research and statistics of the federal division of public assistance. Oregon's quota of needy aged who are receiving financial aid, however, averaging 195 for each 1000 of state's aged population, is slightly under the national average of 212 pensioners for each 1000 of aged population. This higher national average is accounted for largely by the apparently padded assistance rolls of such states as Oklahoma where politically dominated relief administration has enrolled 575 out of every 1000 of the aged population as pension beneficiaries. In Utah 462 out of every 1000 of the state's aged population are on the pension rolls and Colorado pays assistance to 454 of every 1000 of its aged population.

Highest pensions are paid by California where the monthly average is \$32.67, followed by Massachusetts with a monthly average pension of \$28.07.

Oregon's general relief payments, averaging only \$15.62 per case per month fall far short of the national average of \$25.34. This situation is largely accounted for by the more generous relief payments in the more prosperous states of the east, New York topping the list a monthly average of \$35.33, followed by Massachusetts with \$29.61 and by New Hampshire and Pennsylvania with monthly averages slightly in excess of \$28.

A report circulated in Lane county to the effect that Peter M. Sullivan, county relief director, was a cousin of Governor Martin and that his appointment to the relief job was "political gravy" brought a prompt denial from the governor who told newspaper men that this was the third time when he had been called upon to "nail similar lies." In a statement to the press the governor said that neither he nor Mrs. Martin had any relatives in Oregon other than their son and daughter, neither of whom are on the state payroll.

J. D. Mickle, appointed by Governor Martin to succeed Solon T. White, resigned, as director of the State Department of Agriculture, has been in the service of the state almost continuously since 1912 when he was first elected to the office of Dairy and Food Commissioner. Re-elected in 1916 he served until 1920 when he decided to quit public service and accepted employment with the Oregon Dairy Council as secretary. Upon the death of Curt Hawley, his successor, two years later Mickle was asked by Governor Pierce to again take over the post of Dairy and Food commissioner which he did. He was re-elected in 1924 and again in 1928 serving in that capacity until his department was absorbed into the newly created Department of Agriculture which also took him over as chief of the division of foods and dairies. Although a registered Republican, Mickle twice received the nomination of both major parties and both of his appointments have been at the hands of Democratic governors.

County school superintendents in session here last week recommended that election of the state superintendent of public instruction be placed upon a non-partisan basis. The proposal will probably receive attention at the hands of the next legislature. There is ample precedent for the reform in the action of the 1935 session which placed the election of county school superintendents on a non-partisan basis, and prior to that, the action of the 1931 session in placing the election of all judges in the state on a non-partisan basis.

With its program practically completed and its existence nearing an end, the Capitol Reconstruction Commission has at last decided to move its office to Salem, a move advocated by many state

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Cleated Tractor Sign Means What It Says

Some disturbance was created here Saturday afternoon when a tractor was driven over the highway from Moro to the Klondike road going east. The legality of the matter was thoroughly examined before the trip was finished and the district maintenance engineer came from The Dalles to settle the argument. Driving of vehicles with other than pneumatic tires on the highways can only be done after permission has been obtained from the highway commission, says Clyde Gillmor, local patrolman and highway foreman.

Inventors To Have Show At Fair

Keen interest in the State Inventor's Show which will be held this year as a new feature of the Oregon State Fair is reported by J. T. Anderson, patent coordinator, who will supervise the event. Inventors of Salem and vicinity showed up nearly 250 strong at a meeting held last week in Salem, according to Anderson. They made arrangements for the exhibition of their creations ranging from children's toys to huge lumber trailers.

Plans now tentatively worked out call for meetings with other inventors in principal cities throughout the state.

Kent Items

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stator and daughter Mary and son Joe Jr., of Eugene spent a few days last week at the J. M. Wilson home. The Wilsons and Stators were formerly neighbors in Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schilling and Helen, Edna and Billy Powers were dinner guests at the J. C. Wilson home Sunday.

Clarence Gregg and Helen Vacey of Bend were dinner guests of Mrs. Grace Gregg Sunday. Mrs. Earl Gregg returned to Bend with her son Clarence after having spent three weeks here with her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lyons and children went on a picnic to Buck Hollow Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Barnett of The Dalles, Mrs. Jim McKinley of Rockville, Missouri; Mrs. Earl Barnett of Parkdale and Mrs. J. L. Matthes were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Barnett Friday.

Ben Leatherwood and sons Jimmy and Harley and Pete Cubertson of Coquille were at Kent Sunday. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Leatherwood and daughter Shirley, who had been visiting relatives here for several weeks.

Mrs. Grace Gregg and daughter Frances and Mrs. Earl Gregg were dinner guests at the J. C. Wilson home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Smith of Moro were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Thomson of Antelope are assisting with the harvesting at the Gus Schilling ranch.

Delores Gregg and Nellie Wilson visited a couple of days last week at the John Wilson home.

Miss Rebecca Overstreet and her mother from Portland were brief callers at Kent Thursday.

Nellie Wilson left Wednesday for Bend where she will spend a week with her sister, Mrs. H. C. Nelson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson and granddaughter Alice Mae Wilson attended the Stephens farewell party at DeMoss Park Sunday.

Mrs. Emma Schadewitz of Moro is spending a few days here with her daughter, recuperating from a leg injury.

Mrs. Grace Gregg and daughter Frances were over night guests Sunday of Mrs. John Wilson.

A number of Kent folks attended the rodeo at Antelope Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Matthes were visiting at the W. D. Barnett home near Grass Valley Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Norton and children and Helen Powers were visitors at the Shaniko swimming hole Sunday.

Mrs. Emma Pluemke had as guests this week Mrs. A. S. Johnson from Moro who spent Saturday night and Sunday; also her sister Elsa, who arrived Sunday evening and will remain for a couple of weeks.

Start Moving \$1,290,000,000 in Silver



In one of the biggest trucking jobs ever undertaken, \$1,290,000,000 worth of bar silver is being moved from Manhattan to the government's new storage vault at West Point. One truck will move out of Manhattan each day, five days a week, for about ten months. All of the silver is moved to the big reinforced vault. A company of 55 coast guardsmen are assigned to serve as a protective convoy on the 28-mile trip. Photograph shows one of the trucks being loaded with 250 bars of silver.

Heat Wave Brings Hottest Night Of History

Although the recent hot spell was not so severe as at least one in the past from the point of day time temperatures it did succeed in making record for the book. This county had the hottest night it has experienced since the records have been kept in 1912.

Last Thursday night, after a day time temperature of 107 the cool of evening and the chill of early morning failed to materialize and the thermometer stayed at 80 throughout the night. This might be a record for comfort in the sweltering east and mid-west but for Sherman county, used to cooling off after a hot day, it was a record.

Heretofore the hottest night had been one way back in 1913 when of July 20 it stayed at 76 for a night. July 24, 1928, after a day time temperature of 110 it cooled off to 75 degrees and those were the hottest until the torrid night of last week.

Of the twenty seven years the records have been kept thirteen have had no night temperature of seventy. Thirteen have had seventy to 76 and one, this year, has had an eighty. Seventeen years the hottest nights have come in July and ten in August and there is a sort of a cycle about it for when there is one high heat period in August there is usually two.

The big crop years are often those in which the hot spell comes early, believe it or not. In 1912, of fond remembrance, the hottest night was July 18; in 1916 it was July 11; in 1923 it was July 13, and in 1928 the hottest night was July 25. The crop years of 1931-32-33 and 34 found the hottest night in August although none of them were over 68. There is probably no significance in the date of hot nights and if there is some one else can find it, but that is the record.

State Fair To Award Photographers

"Save those summer pictures," is the advice of Leo G. Spitzbart, manager of the Oregon State Fair, to the host of Oregon amateur camera fans who will have unusual opportunity for fine pictures during the next month.

The amateur photographic art department of the fair, which will be held this year from September 5 to 11, offers the public a chance for clean competition in this hobby. Each amateur may enter five prints in each of the following groupings: landscape, marine, architectural and figure studies of people or animals. Ribbon awards will be made to winners.

"Vacation time is the time for good pictures," Mr. Spitzbart says, "and the amateur who shoots with an eye to competition is prepared to go places at the fair."

Details of the state amateur photographic art show may be obtained by writing to the Oregon State Fair, Salem.

Loan For Well Not Favored By Government

Contemplated request by the city for PWA funds for the drilling of another and larger well has been given pause by information to the effect that the government will allow a grant of but 25% on wells and will approve no loan unless the supply of water has been determined to be adequate.

The city had thought of drilling a ten inch hole near the present city well to obtain cheaper pumping and an additional supply of water. What steps will be taken to increase the water supply is not known at present. The pump for the well at the camp is in Vancouver and will be put down as soon as it arrives. This will relieve the situation to some extent as the camp well will furnish water for the fair grounds. This week more care has been exercised in the use of water and as a result the cistern is filling up slowly.

County Premium Book Now Ready

Premium lists for the 1938 Sherman County Fair are printed and will be ready for distribution within a few days. They will be sent out by the fair board secretary to every farmer and others may obtain them from his office at the court house. Some changes have been made in the list, especially in regard to fruits and vegetables and needle work. Additional premiums have been offered in some stock classes as well. Farmers who are threshing good wheat may increase the county's reputation for prize winning grain by saving a few bushels for display purposes.

Schools Loan Money To Students

A business, in both long and short time loans, that would be the envy of many a regular bank, is done every year at the University of Oregon, the annual report of Virgil D. Earl, dean of men, discloses.

Last school year the dean's office which directs the student loans, advanced \$20,161 to 161 students for long time loans, and \$64,395 in 3,130 short time or emergency loans, a total of 3309 loans amounting to \$84,556.

Since loan funds were established it has been necessary to resort to legal means for collection on considerable less than one per cent of the total loaned, and the actual losses have been practically nil.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK				
DATE	MAX.	MIN.	MO.	
July 21	107	62	.00	
" 22	105	80	.00	
" 23	94	55	.00	
" 24	94	55	.00	
" 25	97	58	.00	
" 26	97	61	.00	
" 27	94	64	.00	
Total for the week	.00			

Wheat Loan Regulations Made; 1939 Acreage Set

Oregon May Plant
768,363 Acres Of
Wheat In 1939

With wheat loan rules announced almost simultaneously with wheat acreage allotments for 1939, the Triple A has laid the ground work for the wheat program for the coming year, which is hoped will materially reduce the present surplus, says N. C. Donaldson, secretary of the state AAA committee.

Farmers desirous of obtaining wheat loans are advised to contact their county committees, as clearance from the committee to show that the applicant is a cooperator under the 1938 program is the first essential in obtaining a loan. Any grower is considered a cooperator whose soil is planted acreage for 1938 does not exceed 105 per cent of the soil's planting acreage allotment for his farm.

Oregon growers may store wheat on which loans are to be made either in commercial warehouses or in approved farm granaries. The county committee has charge of inspecting farm granaries to see that they are suitable. Wheat must actually be placed in a farm granary 30 days before a loan may be made on it.

A grower may find out how much he is eligible to borrow by subtracting the freight rate to Portland, plus four cents for handling charges, from the base rate of 67 cents for No. 1 wheat at Portland. No. 2 wheat takes a loan rate of 2 cents less and No. 3 wheat 5 cents less than for No. 1 wheat. The loans bare interest at 4 per cent and become due May 31, 1939 in the case of farm stored wheat, and seven months from date of note in case of wheat stored in public warehouses.

The new wheat acreage allotments, which aim at a national average of only 55 million acres next year, allow Oregon 768,363 acres, as compared with a seeded acreage this year of 1,013,000.

"The acreage allotments are especially important to the success of the farm program in view of the loan features of the new farm act," says H. R. Tolley, AAA administrator. "Loans can help temporarily, but unless supplies are kept in line with needs, eventually farm prices would sink under the weight of huge surpluses."

Bonneville, Grand Coulee To Be Linked

Immediately following the Public Works allotment of \$10,750,000 for Bonneville's initial transmission system, Administrator J. D. Ross set out on a personal survey of the route of the proposed power lines.

Accompanied by Charles E. Carey, principal construction engineer, the Bonneville administrator made a detailed inspection of the region between Grand Coulee and the lower Columbia River dam.

Administrator Ross pointed out that the 220,000 volt line to Grand Coulee was the key to opening the power markets of Eastern Oregon and Idaho, and developing an integrated power system that will economically serve all of the Northwest. According to Secretary of the Interior Ickes, the high tension circuit will not enable the government to recover its investment in Bonneville Dam at an earlier date but it will materially advance the development of Grand Coulee by furnishing a market which Coulee can take over. Mr. Ross predicted that by the time that dam was completed, the demand for power in Western Oregon and Washington would be so great that it would absorb Bonneville's entire output of 504,000 kilowatts.

The major circuits in Oregon will include a 110,000 volt line from the dam to The Dalles by way of Hood River. Approximately half the population of Oregon will be reached by a line that will extend down the Willamette Valley from Portland, passing through Oregon City, Salem, Albany, and Eugene. This line will provide a strong "intertie" with the southern part of the state and help meet an increased power demand of the municipal system at Eugene.

Fire Burns Combine and Some Grain

A wheat fire on the Clarence Morrison place last Friday proved to be lucky for the owner although serious damage was done to the combine and some standing wheat was destroyed. The fire started as members of the crew drew gasoline from the combine motor to prime the tractor which was stalled when crossing a draw. At the time the machine was on the extreme eastern side of the field and the wind was in the west which saved the field of wheat.

Crowd Quickly Gathers

Volunteer fire fighters rushed from Moro and Grass Valley and drove the fire into the stubble and to the highway. The inflammable parts of the combine were burned but it was rebuilt and is now running again after the addition of a new draper, grain belt, rattle rake, fans and shafts.

A day or two before the combine of Donald Martin's east of town was damaged by fire but was put into commission again after a delay of a few days.

Mrs. May Whiting Buried In The Dalles

Mrs. May Whiting passed away Wednesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. C. Thomas at Klondike at the age of 84 years, 1 month and 12 days. Born May Reynolds, she came to Oregon 33 years ago and has lived in this vicinity for a large part of her life here.

Surviving are two children, Mrs. Thomas and a son, Sherman Whiting of Portland. Funeral services were held in The Dalles Friday with Archie Gosson, Ed Dutton, Pres Boice, Clyde Fridley and Lon Thomas as pall bearers. Mabel Thomas of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomas and Ralph of Klondike attended the funeral.

Opportunity For Youth Offered

Congressman Walter M. Pierce, representing the Second District in Washington, has been notified that there will be one vacancy for the District at Annapolis, beginning July 1, 1939, and two at West Point. Civil Service examinations preliminary to selection of the candidates will be held on October 8, 1938, in various post offices throughout the District. Applicants should immediately secure information from Congressman Pierce at aL.Gande.

West Point cadets must be qualified young men, in fine physical condition, between 17 and 22 years of age, and not less than five feet four inches in height. Annapolis candidates must be between 16 and 20 years of age.

Young men entering these schools receive payment from the date of entrance and are thus enabled to earn an excellent college education, meeting all expenses, and also accumulating some savings. Application for entrance to the Civil Service examination should be made immediately. This is an unusual educational opportunity. The Second District has a fine record in both these schools, with many honor students and graduates.

Hustlers Still Succeed At School

The old fashioned "hustling" type of boy or girl is still in existence—at least at the University of Oregon, according to Karl W. Onthank, dean of personnel administration.

Dean Onthank cites as proof figures of earnings of students who worked part time during the past year. On the university campus these totalled more than \$200,000, not including money earned during vacation periods.

Of this total, \$54,000 was earned from jobs obtained through the university employment office, directed by Miss Janet Smith, employment secretary; \$28,350 came from National Youth Administration work, and the university itself paid wages amounting to \$37,600 to students working part time at various positions.

D. E. Stephens Honored By Local Friends

Meeting Held At DeMoss
For Presentation of
Gifts To Station Head

Farmers of the county gathered at DeMoss park Sunday afternoon to show their appreciation for the work done by D. E. Stephens during his twenty six years as superintendent of the experiment station.

Presentation of a gold watch and chain, suitably engraved, for Mr. Stephens and a set of traveling bags for Mrs. Stephens was made with T. M. Rolfe and Mrs. Marie Barnett Cooper speaking for those who obtained the gifts.

Mr. Rolfe in reviewing the work of Mr. Stephens in this county and district said, "D. E. Stephens grew up in the Malad valley in southern Idaho, attended the Utah Agricultural college, graduating in 1904. For two years before graduating and three years after, he was private secretary for Dr. Kerr. In 1908 he went to Washington where he worked in the bureau of plant industry for four years before coming to the Moro station in 1912."

The speaker then told of his personal experience with the station upon coming to the county in 1914 as a beginner in the business of wheat growing and commented on the cordial treatment and sincere interest he had received from the superintendent.

"I never thought of Dave Stephens as a citizen of Sherman county," he continued, "but always realized that he belonged to the whole state. I soon learned that the state of Oregon was not large enough to encompass his activities, that he belonged to the whole Inland Empire. Now I find I must revise my calculations again; that he belongs to the whole nation."

"The value of Mr. Stephens work to Sherman county and the whole Inland Empire can never be estimated. He has labored long and faithfully and cheerfully in giving us better methods of tillage, in introducing and proving better varieties of wheat, oats, barley and grasses, in actual creation of valuable new varieties. There is not a man, woman or child in Sherman county who is not reaping benefit from the work of this one man, nor are all the benefits economic or material. He has always taken a keen interest in the educational, social and fraternal welfare of the community, so that the whole Stephens family occupy an enviable place in the hearts of the people of this community. It is not by chance or accident that we meet here today with a mingling of sorrow and pleasure to say goodbye to Dave Stephens and present him with a token of our friendship."

A dinner will be given Saturday evening at Arlington by the Eastern Oregon Wheat League in honor of Mr. Stephens who will leave on or before August first for Washington to become coordinator for the bureau of plant industry and the soil conservation service.

DAKOTANS TO PICNIC

The annual North and South Dakota Picnic, sponsored this year by the Gresham Chamber of Commerce, will be held at the Multnomah County Fair grounds at Gresham, on Sunday, August 7, 1938. A program of singing, speeches and other entertainment is being prepared. Visitors may bring their lunch.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING

Notice: There will be a meeting of the County Board of Equalization of Sherman County, Oregon, at the Court House, Moro, Oregon, on the second Monday of August, that being the 8th day of August, 1938, to publicly examine the Assessment Rolls, correct all errors in valuation, descriptions of lands or other property assessed by me, and it shall be the duty of persons interested to appear at the time and place appointed (appearance is by petition). All petitions must be made in writing and verified by the oath of the applicant and filed with the board within fifteen days from the time it is by law required to meet.

Margaret W. Peets,
County Assessor.

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