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Republican leaders who have been waiting patiently for Governor Martin to throw a stink bomb into the camp of the Hessians appear doomed to disappointment. The governor, it now appears, will be content to remain in his tent to which he retired after his defeat in the May primaries, from which vantage point he will watch the battle being waged for the two candidates for the position which he will vacate next January.

The batch of eggs on which the governor announced that he was setting and which many many expected might prove to be a verbal blast directed at the Democratic candidate, hatched this week into a very comprehensive report of his investigation and prosecution of "goon" terrorism cases by Special Prosecutor Ralph E. Moody. The only political significance to be found in that report must be arrived at through a connection between Hess and the labor element responsible for the acts of terrorism which rocked Oregon to its very foundations a year ago.

Again last Saturday when the governor spoke at McMinnville, dedicating that city's new municipally owned power plant, his remarks were entirely devoid of anything that might be interpreted as a slap at Hess or a boost for his opponent Charles A. Sprague.

The governor's silence, however, should not be mistaken for a reconciliation to his defeat or to any fondness for Mr. Hess and his supporters but rather to his sense of political sportsmanship which dictates that a defeated candidate should take his medicine regardless of how bitter it might be, without making too much of a fuss about it.

Fourteen million dollars will be required to finance old age pensions in Oregon during the next biennium according to Elmer Goody, state relief administrator. At that only one aged person out of every four in the state will be on the pension roll. The other three fourths of the state's population over 65 years of age are either self supporting or have relatives who are able and willing to care for them.

Governor Martin has again found it necessary to warn campaign managers against soliciting state employees for contributions. Requests for funds, the governor charged, have been accompanied by threats in case of non-compliance.

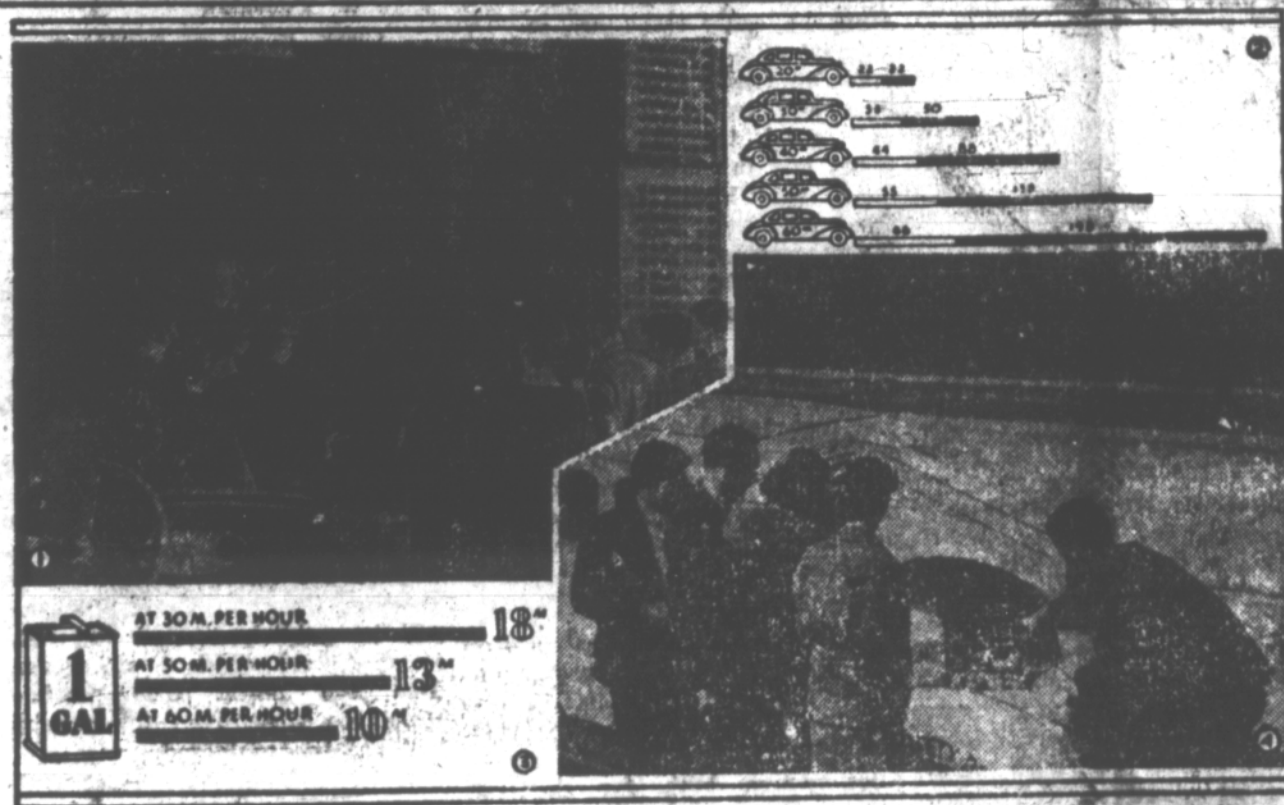
Release of the tax ratios by the State Tax Commission reveals but few changes in the rate of assessment in the several counties over the ratios of last year. Coos, Jackson and Morrow counties are shown to have increased slightly their ratio of assessments to true cash values while five other counties—Curry, Lincoln, Sherman, Wallowa and Wheeler—showed slightly reduced ratios.

The State Emergency Board is meeting in Salem today (Thursday) to consider a request for an appropriation of \$18,000 to finance an agricultural exhibit in the Oregon display at the San Francisco World's Fair. The amount requested represents the unexpended balance in the appropriation for participation in the New York Fair from which Oregon has withdrawn because of a controversy over the allotment of space to this state. The request for the appropriation is being sponsored by the Board of Court of following appeals from representative citizens who feel that the rest of the world should know some thing about the kind of crops this state produces.

The old pioneer who perches atop the capitol building is expected to emerge from his hiding within the next few days, all replete in a new suit of gold leaf. The statue has been enclosed in a canvas screen for the past two weeks while workmen were engaged in applying the gold.

One of the most elaborately decorated documents ever to go forth from Salem went out this week in the form of an invitation to the King and Queen of Great Britain (Continued on Page two)

State Authorities Urge High School Safe Driving Courses



Pictures above illustrate purpose of "Man and the Motor Car", high school text book on good driving practices just published by state authorities: (1) Boys class learns rules of the road; (2) Chart shows safe stopping distances in terms of "thinking distance" (in white) and "braking distance" (in black); (3) Diagram shows how speed increases gasoline consumption; (4) Girls join boys in studying "what makes it go."

Children Give Party For Mitchelmores

Halloween was celebrated a little early but with appropriate activities, Wednesday night, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Thompson, by the high school department of the Community church.

The young people of the Square Deal Sunday school class and the C. E. society with their friends were dressed in masquerade fashions. Soon after their arrival they visited the "morgue," but the short visit there only introduced a series of games and contests in keeping with the season of ghosts and witches. Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Mitchelmores spoke briefly, at the close, expressing their appreciation for cooperation shown by the group in their more than three years sojourn in Moro.

There were more than 25 present. Department members on the committee of arrangements included Jane French, Clara Messenger and Reatha Sayre.

Traffic Jam Driving Procedure Explained

An infrequent but highly expediting experience which all drivers suffer at one time or another is that of being caught in a huge jam of cars, as at a big football game or other public event.

Application of a little logic will add greatly to one's peace of mind and reduce the chances of one's getting a mashed fender in such circumstances.

To begin with, entrance and exit space, as well as approach space, is strictly limited. Only a certain number of cars can be handled in a given period of time. This number can be increased in proportion to the smoothness and orderliness with which the cars move. Even so, a definite length of time must pass before the huge mass of cars can be moved through the narrow channels onto divergent highways.

A wise driver will therefore go to his car promptly, move it into line at the first opportunity, and drive ahead as smoothly and rapidly as conditions permit. The careless, thoughtless driver may wait until the congestion is at its height, and then find it necessary to be several blocks away almost immediately. He will charge into line without waiting for the driver behind him to pause, will try to take short-cuts through opposing lines of traffic, will pass in the lane reserved for approaching traffic and will perform all these feats with one hand resting heavily on the horn button. If he is lucky, he may save himself one or two minutes; but he will, at the same time, waste precious minutes for hundreds of other drivers who must wait for him to get out of the way.

A mollock dinner will be held at the church Sunday after the congressional meeting in order to give people a chance to bid formal goodbye to Lawrence Mitchelmore and family whose last Sunday as pastor here it will be. Everybody is welcome to come.

November 30th Deadline For Crop Insurance

Oregon wheat farmers have only until November 30 to file application for crop insurance on their 1939 production, warns Clyde Kiddle, state supervisor of crop insurance in the AAA office at Corvallis.

While applications are supposed to be filed before the crop is seeded, the only penalty for delay is loss of protection during the early period until the final deadline, Kiddle pointed out.

Growers in some sections of Oregon are showing considerable interest in the insurance program while in others few have applied for policies, reports from county offices show. This is explained partly by the difference in rates and insurable yields in the various counties. In some instances insurable yields are rather low because of the effect of low yields during the period from which average yields were calculated.

Farmers interested in insurance would do well to determine rates and insurable yields for their own individual farms rather than depending on reports of county rates or county average yields, says the AAA officials. In many instances a grower may find that he can get a favorable rate and yield average compared with the county figures.

In the nation as a whole the acceptance of crop insurance has exceeded expectations, reports show. Growers in winter wheat alone applied for more than 200,000 policies before the August 31st deadline which prevailed in most regions.

Ross Advocates New Low Rate

J. D. Ross has released what he calls an "objective" rate for home lighting under public utility districts. This rate shows a minimum of fifty cents per month. The top rate, to be charged for the first 50 kilowatts may be 21 cents decreasing down to one half cent with three quarters charged for all in excess of 2000 kilowatts.

The release states that most public utilities will charge more than this for electricity however, especially at the start. Under ideal conditions, he says, these rates may be lowered. The Bonneville administrator has no authority to set rates, merely to suggest them.

Seeding Nearly Done In County

Seeding is pretty well finished in the north end of the county and many fields are green under the late fall sun giving promise of a bountiful harvest for the coming year. Weather conditions have been more favorable for fall seeding than for several years and a larger part of the county will be in winter wheat than as been usual of late. The south end of the county is still seeding, but with modern methods will be through within a few days in most cases.

Taxes May Exceed Levy For This Year

Sherman county will probably receive as much or more in taxes this year than was levied in the 1938 budget according to Ross Ornduff, tax deputy in the sheriff's office. The 1938 roll was for \$158,095.02 and \$125,504.48 of that roll has been collected.

In addition to collections on the current roll \$26,606.07 had been taken by September 15 on delinquent taxes. Since then \$13,104.31 has been collected on delinquencies making a total collected for the year of \$155,253.36 which is nearly as much as the \$158,095.02 levied for the year.

This is a larger share of the taxes to have been collected since 1932 at this time of year.

The delinquent tax roll has been completed and advertising of the approximately 175 accounts will be done. The procedure is now in the hands of the district attorney who must bring the formal suit for recovery of the delinquent property by the county.

Joint Use of Farm Machinery Advocated

Joint use by several farmers of heavy and expensive equipment that cannot be economically used on an individual basis, is being made possible in Sherman county through the community and cooperative services program of the Farm Security administration, announces Milburn A. Stout, county FSA supervisor, Franz Building, Hood River.

"Present low farm prices is making it impossible for many farmers to make payments on expensive equipment they have purchased in belief farm operations could carry it," said Stout. "Similarly, many farmers have purchased costly machinery not justified by the size of their farm where joint use or purchase of the facility by several farmers would have permitted profitable use of the equipment."

Where the need for expensive machinery is apparent but cannot be justified by use on one farm, the Farm Security administration is authorized to make community and cooperative service loans to FSA cooperators and low-income farmers for purchase of the facility on a "master-borrower" or "joint-ownership" basis. Provisions are made for cooperative use of the equipment by participating farmers through signed agreements setting up all working arrangements and providing for payment of the loan during the life of the equipment, with interest at three per cent.

"Surveys in this district indicate that manure spreaders, feed grinders, combines, hay balers, discs and tractors offer the best possibilities for joint use of equipment through this program," Stout said. "Wherever small groups of farmers in different communities find they can meet their machinery needs through cooperative use, they are requested to contact this office for assistance in setting up such a service."

New Regulations Make Wheat Loans Easier

Bulk Wheat Shipped
In Harvest Now Being
Loaned On By Government

Dewey Thompson, local manager for the crop insurance plan in this county, announced Wednesday that mixed wheat is now eligible for a loan under the government plan. Wheat that is mixed will carry a rate three cents under the rate that that grade would carry if unmixed.

Terminal No. 4, Portland, has been approved by the state loan agency and wheat stored there can now receive the loan. Quite a bit of wheat from this county is stored there because of the lack of storage facilities for bulk grain here during harvest. Approval of the terminal permits those growers to obtain loans.

It is also possible that wheat that was shipped to Kerr Gifford may be made eligible for the loan if the grower is able to come to terms with the company.

Loans made in this county are still more numerous than those made in any other county in Oregon and more than \$500,000 has been paid out to farmers here under the loan system.

Woman's Club Holds Interesting Meeting

The Moro Woman's Club enjoyed an interesting meeting last Friday under the direction of Mrs. A. H. Barnum.

Mrs. Theodore Johnston gave a report of the 4th District meeting at Fossil. Mrs. Margaret Peetz told of the English origins of American Laws and Customs, and Mr. Giles French, State Representative, explained the measures to be voted on in November.

The next meeting will be Guest Day and will be held in the School auditorium on the afternoon of November 4th. Mrs. C. L. Foley acting as director of the program.

Pears Being Diverted From Normal Market

Purchase of 300,000 boxes of winter pears for diversion to other than normal markets, and uses has been started by the Federal Surplus Commodities corporation, reports G. A. Nahstoll, Portland representative. Pears, meeting the U. S. combination grade or better are being purchased. Unhealed broken skin punctures not exceeding 3-16 in. in size are permitted on pears intended for domestic use.

CCCamp Now In Caretaker's Hands

Departure of the GOC boys last week along with a larger part of the SCS force made necessary several changes in the operation of the camp. R. B. Elmes is in charge of soil conservation work in the county and his office is the former headquarters office at the camp. H. H. White and wife are moving into the officers' quarters and taking over the job of caretaker for the winter. It is expected that a few men will be sent here next spring to do some work on projects around the county. Millard Redman, district superintendent, was here Thursday, attending on final details.

M. and Mrs. Ray Edwards of Santa Cruz, California, are here for a visit with Mrs. Edwards' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cochran.

Remodeling Jobs Continue To Progress

Work on the Freeman building which will house the postoffice has been going on this week with A. Swegel in charge. A partition is being put in and a new roof has been laid. The move will be made sometime next month. The Caplee building remodeling is getting well along and the crowd of watchers can now tell how the completed interior will look. Mr. Conlee expects to move by December first.

Republicans Hold Lead In Registration

Complete registration information has been made available at the office of the county clerk. It indicates that Republicans still lead in this county by a margin of roughly 8 to 5. A total of 1358 voters have the privilege of going to the polls November 8 in this county.

By precincts the registration is as follows:

Precinct	Dem.	Rep.	So.	Ind.
Rufus	74	84	3	
L. Grove	51	55		
Klondike	54	40		
Monkland	26	68	1	1
Rutledge	10	40		
Kent	37	98	1	
G. Valley	91	125	1	
Moro	114	177	7	
Waco	77	119	2	3
Total	534	806	6	12

In the tabulation four non-partisans are included with the independents in the Moro precinct.

Changes made show a reduction of four for the Democrats and 28 for the Republicans principally because the rolls have been cleaned of all who have left the county or who have died.

Leon B. Strong Dies In Rochester

Leon B. Strong, 45, son of Mrs. Ida Strong of Eugene and brother of Mrs. Ted Ball of Grass Valley and Truman Strong of Moro passed away at the Mayo clinic in Rochester, Minn., Saturday Oct. 15 after an unsuccessful operation. He was born near Moro, March 13, 1903 but had lived in Livingston, Montana for 22 years where he was a blacksmith and bookkeeper. Surviving there is a son, Romaine. The funeral was held in Livingston and he was buried by the side of his wife and daughter. Mrs. Strong attended the services.

Farm Incomes Less Than Last Year

Cash incomes on Oregon farms in 1938 probably will approach but will hardly exceed four-fifths of the 1937 figure which was officially estimated at \$133,700,000, according to a review of Oregon farm production contained in the current report of the agricultural situation prepared by L. R. Breithaupt, extension agricultural economist at OSC.

This annual summary of total cash farm income prospects is based on preliminary data on average price levels, the physical volume of production, trend in farm income through the first nine months of 1938, and prospects for the balance of the year.

Oregon farm income in 1937 was the greatest since 1929 and nearly equalled that record high mark. During those eight years the volume of production increased enough nearly to offset the effect of a price level only 80 per cent of 1929. This increase in physical volume of production in the past decade has extended to some major crops such as dairy products, but has been particularly noteworthy in the realm of "specialty" crops and animal products, such as turkeys, farm-raised fur and game, fudge crop seeds, flower bulbs and numerous other items, the report points out.

A comprehensive statistical survey of production and income for such products was recently completed by the college extension service for 1936, and another for 1937 will be out soon. This survey slips estimates of acreage, production, price, and income from most of the specialty crops and products produced in Oregon. The figures are arranged on a state wide basis by commodities and related groups of commodities, and by counties and groups of counties having similar agricultural production.

The current agricultural situation report contains some newly compiled data on bank debits in Portland and the relation of their trends to the trends in farm cash income in Oregon. Bank transactions have shown apparent lag coinciding with periods of low farm income trends. The report also features latest information on turkey, potato and apple market prospects.

Sprague Speaks Of Candidacy To Voters Here

Republican Nominee
Comes To Sherman County
On Campaign Tour

Charles A. Sprague, Republican nominee for governor of Oregon, spoke briefly at a dinner meeting at the Moro Hotel last Thursday night telling his hearers that he would be as insistent on law observance as Governor Martin has been.

The candidate had come from Heppner that day stopping at Condon, Fossil, Kinzua and other towns before arriving here about six o'clock. A larger than expected crowd was at the hotel to meet him as no special effort had been made to bring a large group together. After more tables were hurriedly arranged and dinner over Mr. Sprague talked before going on to The Dalles where he made another address to a rally there.

He commented on the fact that many Democrats were rallying to his cause in other counties he had visited because of their dislike for the forces that have become powerful in their party and which threaten to take it over entirely.

He pledged himself to be governor of all the people in Oregon if elected and to work for good, careful administration without disrupting office holders because of party adherence.

Mr. Sprague is in favor of Oregon's Knox law and wishes it to be continued as it is at present without major change. He told his audience that he disliked the parlor pinks who are trying to get control of Oregon politics by boring within established parties.

Comment heard was that Sprague was a younger man than had been presumed. He is fifty, and as he said at the meeting, came to Washington state as a school teacher at Watsburg, was advanced to be assistant superintendent of schools in that state, before leaving the teaching profession to buy a newspaper. He came to Corvallis in 1925 as business manager of a paper there moving to Salem as majority stockholder in the Salem Statesman of which he is editor and publisher at the present time.

His acquaintance with the state business grows from his watching it every day in connection with his business. He is on the board of governors for both Willamette and Albany universities, has been active in many civic affairs. James S. Nutter accompanied Mr. Sprague.

Wasco Boy Wins Acclaim In Army

Here is an interesting example of what the Oregon youth accomplishes along shooting lines when he enlists in the United States Marine Corps, according to a report received from Captain James B. Hardie, officer in charge of the Portland Recruiting Office. Corporal Arthur A. Van Gilder serving in the marine detachment, U. S. S. Maryland, and who is the son of Harry A. Van Gilder, Wasco resident, has qualified as a Gun Director Pointer on the 5-inch, 51 caliber Secondary Battery; qualified as Sharpshooter with both the 30 caliber U. S. Rifle, and the 30 caliber Light Browning Automatic Rifle. Completed an extensive course of instructions in assembling and firing the 50 caliber Anti-Aircraft Machine Gun. Beside his splendid gun record, he is a member of the marine whaleboat crew.

Corporal Van Gilder enlisted in the Marine Corps in Portland, in June, 1935. He was promoted to the rank of Private First Class in November, 1936, and to Corporal last March.

PRE-SCHOOL CLINIC

A pre-school clinic is to be held Friday morning, October 28, at the Woman's Club building. Children under school age may be brought to receive an examination to determine their health and to discover any defects that might be found. Dr. Foley will make the examinations assisted by Miss Althea Stoneman, county health nurse.