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A total of \$106,219,433.29 will be required to finance the numerous state boards, bureaus, commissions, departments and institutions during the next biennium, according to estimates by State Budget Director Wallace S. Wharton.

Only \$1,078,008.93 of this amount, however, will be raised through tax levies against real property, if estimates advanced by the state tax commission prove correct. Income taxes are expected to yield \$10,351,468.23 during the next two years and miscellaneous revenues accruing to the general fund during the biennial period are estimated at \$3,800,000.

By far the greatest portion of this huge financial program will come from sources other than property and income taxes. Gasoline taxes alone are expected to produce \$22,594,000 with automobile license fees and operators' licenses contributing another \$9,376,140 and truck and bus licenses and fees adding still another \$2,240,000 toward the support of the highway department and the state police. Revenues of the state liquor commission for the biennium are estimated at \$17,007,141 from the sale of liquor and liquor permits alone with \$2,023,105 more to come in from license and privilege taxes. Cost of the liquor to be sold through the state system during the next two years is estimated at approximately \$11,000,000. This amount, together with the overhead costs of the commission must be deducted from the commission's revenues before the "profits" can be taken out for support of the state relief program.

Federal funds also play a big part in the financing of state functions. The unemployment compensation commission, for instance, expects to call on Uncle Sam for a total of \$13,895,550 with which to pay the claims of jobless workers during the biennium while the highway commission is counting strong on federal aid for its road program to the extent of \$6,378,000.

Inheritance taxes are expected to yield \$900,000 during the biennium, corporation taxes for the two years are estimated at \$655,000, licenses paid by insurance companies, \$1,700,000, hunting licenses \$1,063,487 and fees and licenses collected by the fish commission, \$321,000.

Revenues of the state's numerous self-sustaining activities, other than those classified as revenue-raising, are estimated at \$1,733,313. Of this amount \$603,000 will be raised through forest patrol levies.

Oregon is at least to make a start toward a creditable agricultural exhibit at the San Francisco World's Fair. The emergency board meeting here last week authorized the expenditure of \$15,000 in the construction of a booth to house the agricultural display. Additional funds will be sought at the hands of the legislature with which to maintain the display during the fair.

Progress on the new state library is much more rapid than had been anticipated. Miss Harriett Long, state librarian, expects to begin moving into the new building about the middle of December. It is expected that two weeks time will be required to move the nearly 400,000 volumes to the new stacks working crews in two shifts of eight hours each.

A bronze plaque honoring James W. Lewis, late warden of the state prison, will be placed in the lobby of the penitentiary administration building in a dedication ceremony Saturday morning at which Governor Martin will be the principal speaker. The plaque is being presented to the state by employees of the prison.

In his letter of transmittal accompanying the 1939-40 state budget which he submitted to Governor Martin this week, Budget Director Wallace S. Wharton declared that "the estimate submitted provides for a balanced budget, with a surplus of \$87,970.19 for legislative contingencies."

In the first place the budget is "balanced" only in that recommended appropriations be financed

Tractor School Draws Crowd Of Farmers

The annual tractor school held by the O'Meara Implement company for customers and owners of their equipment and John Deere and Caterpillar machines was held Tuesday at the Wasco opera house with a good attendance present.

Moving pictures for manufacturing processes, of work being done by the machines and other interesting scenes were shown to the farmers who came to learn and be amused. A free lunch was served at noon and during the noon hour the crowd looked over the demonstrations of the moving parts of the tractors and found out how they look when working.

Visitors coming to put on the show were James Ford, Henry Jergens, Albert Talbot and G. B. Muney for Caterpillar; John Patton, Sam Guyer, Dale Shelton and Dan Kincheloe for John Deere.

County Payments For 1939 Estimated

A conference was held here Wednesday between the state AAA committee represented by N. A. Dodd, chairman, N. C. Donaldson, executive secretary and Wm. Tom-schek, statistician, and the members of the county committee. Joe Peters, J. M. Wilson and G. H. Root during which the allotment figures as they apply to acres and bushels were worked out satisfactorily.

Correction was made on 1/18 listing sheets regarding base acreage allotments and summer-fallow allotments so they would conform with the 244,956 acres allowed this county. Of this amount 110,958 acres were in crop.

The county as a whole is expected to receive ten to twelve cents per bushel on an average yield of 16.4 bushels per acre on the 1939 allowed acreage of 97,000 acres in February. In addition to this over \$59,000 in soil building allowances will be due if earned. Next fall an additional payment of 17 cents is expected on 1939 acreage and compliance.

As't Secretary Of Agriculture To Talk At EOWL

Harry L. Brown, assistant secretary of agriculture, from Washington, D. C., Governor elect Chas. A. Sprague, and Senator elect Rufus Holman will be featured speakers on the program of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League in The Dalles December 2 and 3, according to the program issued by officers of the league.

Brown is coming direct from Washington, D. C., to appear on the program, where he will discuss the relationship of the Pacific northwest wheat industry to the national wheat program. He will be heard Saturday forenoon and will also confer with committees in charge of drawing up reports on the national farm program.

Sprague will be the principal banquet speaker Friday evening, while Holman is scheduled to speak on Saturday.

Business Men Aiding
The Dalles business men have joined hands with Wasco county farmers in preparing an outstanding welcome and program of entertainment for the hundreds of wheat farmers expected at the convention. Leading business houses are preparing elaborate window displays emphasizing the wheat industry. An early morning excursion boat trip around the harbor and docks has been arranged to explain the facilities being developed for joint rail, water and truck transportation. A comedy pageant featuring the building of the Bonneville dam is being prepared as an entertainment feature at the banquet.

Members of the committee in charge of local arrangements here are Harold Sexton, sheriff; Emil Shano, vice president of the wheat league; W. W. Lawrence, county agent; T. S. Nelson, secretary of The Dalles Chamber of Commerce; Charles Harth, William Ragsdale, Harry Ragsdale and L. Wernmark.

4-H Clubbers Dine at Wasco; Hear Bankers

Prizes and Checks Given
Out To stock Club Boys
And Girls At Dinner

A dinner in honor of the 4-H club boys and girls who finished their projects in 1938 was held at Fraternity hall in Wasco Saturday night with over eighty in attendance. The Wasco Civic Club and the First National Bank were co-sponsors.

Principal address of the evening was made by E. B. McNaughton, president of the home bank in Portland, who told his audience that the Sherman county branch of his institution had loaned more money here than was deposited. He mentioned several of the services of his bank especially auto loans which brings it close to the people.

Bank Wants To Cooperate

A bank, he said, wishes to be a part of the life of the community and this was one of the several reasons for aiding club work. He spoke of his tour through the east and south and the living conditions of the people. Among them he found instances of some active youth movement such as club work or Future Farmers and said that these gave hope to the young people and made them outstanding. It is all a method of developing youth.

E. D. McKee, president of the Civic Club opened the meeting after a bountiful dinner served by the women of the Wasco Ladies Aid. He welcomed the visitors to his city. Frank von Borstel Jr. of Kent gave the response in behalf of the clubbers.

Lloyd Wright acted as master of ceremonies and introduced the club members present and gave them their checks for stock sold and prizes won at the county, state and Pacific International shows. Willy Knight told of the value of club work as a means of starting boys and girls into some work after school was finished.

Lloyd Hennagin, manager of the Sherman County Branch, Eugene Courtney, manager of The Dalles Branch, preceded Mr. McNaughton in speaking about club boys and girls and their work.

Livestock Men Talk

E. L. Potter, professor of animal husbandry at OSC, told of the job of developing youth through club work and its value as a means of teaching the youth to work. R. L. Clark, whose firm annually takes charge of selling the club stock, spoke of building of quality meats and thereby opening a market for more quantity. Also the development of the children engaged in the work caused a greater demand for trained youngsters and provided openings for them.

H. C. Seymour, state club leader, told of the favorable position of this county in club work in a brief talk.

Present and receiving notice and prizes were Dorothy Ball, Anna-Jean Knighton, Don King, who took prizes for his brother, Bob, Gordon Hildebrand, Leland Barnett, Lee Barnett, Jack von Borstel, Frank von Borstel, John Hildebrand, George DeMoss, Henry Richel-fer, Carsten von Borstel, Frank LeMaster, Bill Ball, Robert Holmes, Kelly Tiller and Bill Todd. Marcus Eslinger, who made the trip to the International as a guest of the bank, was present as the club worker who received the most prizes at the county fair.

Local Girl High In Scholarship

Oregon State College, Corvallis—Barbara Belche of Moro, freshman in home economics at Oregon State college, was entertained with 40 other freshmen girls, all rating high in scholarship, at the annual Alpha Lambda Delta banquet, when awards were made for girls highest in scholarship in their freshman year.

The purpose of Alpha Lambda Delta is to stimulate scholarship in underclass women. It is a national honor society for sophomore women, and it is an honor to become a member in this society where scholarship ranks so high.

Applegate Given Suspended Sentence

The case of State of Oregon vs. Ted Applegate was settled a week ago when Carl Hendricks, judge, was here to receive a plea of guilty to receiving stolen property. Applegate was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary and was given a suspended sentence. His attorney D. L. Carter of Walker, Idaho, was made probation officer to receive the reports from Applegate and transmit them to the judge.

Applegate had been tried here with a disgraced jury, for the theft of gravel loading equipment from Mahler & Stalker. He has two small children. Under the terms of the sentence he will begin to pay to Mahler & Stalker \$60 at the rate of \$20 dollars each month by June of next year.

Experimental Method Coming For SCS

Joe Belanger, who has recently moved to Moro from Heppner, will have an office at the experiment station. His work, however, will largely be done in the field for his duty will be to observe and record the relation between different types of soil erosion.

He will be starting a Columbia basin wide experiment in how to slow down the effects of soil washing and blowing by tillage methods that can be practiced economically by the farmer himself.

Experiments in seed grains and tillage methods at the station have proven very valuable to every farmer in the area but it took years before they were old enough to be relied on by either the farmer or the experimenters.

Mr. Belanger's job it to find tillage methods that will aid in conserving the soil without changing long used methods to such an extent as to be unworkable. It is the experimental doctrine applied to the soil erosion plan.

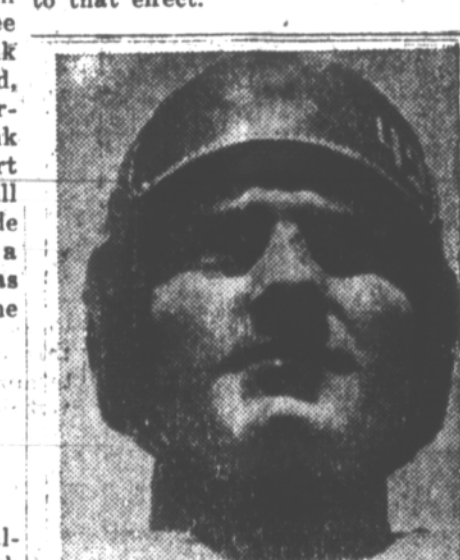
Moro State Bank Paying Dividend

Announcement is appropriately made in this issue at Thanksgiving time that the Moro State Bank will make its seventh dividend payment to depositors next week.

The dividend will be for five percent which will make a total of seventy five percent of the claims against the bank paid to the depositors when the distribution is made December second.

The claim of Fred Roedel will be paid at this time which will mean that he will receive a larger share than others as his back payments will be made up also. Several smaller claims that have recently been filed will also be paid.

A total of \$12,236.58 will be given to depositors of which \$7,776.33 will be sent to old claimants and the remainder to new claim holders. Collections have not been good this fall to date and unless the price of wheat raises materially until another crop is harvested, although officials make no statement to that effect.



Jim Kesselburgh, who is expected to be one of the stars for Oregon State college in its annual game with the University of Oregon in Portland next Saturday. Many local residents have expressed an intention to see the game, weather and roads permitting. Since the surprising victory of the University against Washington last Saturday the civil war is held to be a toss up with that team winning which has the best spirit.

Joe Mee Loses Case Against Accident Com'n

Jury Not Convinced
Injuries Cause of
Permanent Disability

Circuit Court adjourned for the term Tuesday afternoon after the one case was heard, that of Joseph Mee vs. State Industrial Accident commission. Judge Fred Wilson of The Dalles was on the bench in place of Carl Hendricks, judge of this district, who was sent to Salem to hear a case in which local judges were disqualified.

The Mee case grew out of an accident that befell Mr. Mee while tending header for Joe Hildebrand in August of 1937. He fell from the top of the combine hitting the header gear box with his chest.

The commission had given Mr. Mee temporary total disability payment for fourteen months and some days and had offered settlement of one quarter the use of an arm.

Contention of Mee's attorney, Gunther Krause of Portland, was that his client had been taken from the disability list too soon and that the settlement was not sufficient to compensate for the loss of ability suffered by Mr. Mee.

The state's attorney pointed to the physical condition of the plaintiff and held that his troubles were due to an early ailment instead of the accident in question.

Decision of the jury after a deliberation of a few hours was that the offered compensation was enough. The vote was nine to three. On the jury were T. W. Alley, Wilford Belche, W. A. Mills, Carroll Sayre, J. J. Decker, Wallace May, G. H. Root, Walter Blau, Don Douma, Don Godfelter, Dell Otis and W. A. Medler. C. S. Emmons was attorney for the accident commission.

New Grand Jury Finds Little Crime

The new grand jury, composed of C. P. Adams, foreman, W. C. Schilling, E. R. Blylock, Joe Peters, J. P. Royce, Harold Eakin and Clarence Sparling met at the beginning of the court session and as no bills were presented to it for consideration it listened to a report of the relief situation in the county, looked over the court house and grounds and handed in its report to the judge with a minimum of worry caused for any citizen. The jury will be in office until the next term of court and may investigate other matters.

Unemployed May Register Again

Regulations of the state unemployment compensation commission permitting claimants who have been paid in full for 1938 and are now unemployed to acquire waiting period weeks on new claims for 1939 in advance of the new year have not been taken advantage of in many instances here, according to Don McBain, in charge of The Dalles office.

"Claimants do not seem to realize the advantage to themselves in filing these new claims early," Mr. McBain said. "Filing of these claims at an early date would relieve the rush following turn of the year and result in more prompt payment of benefits."

This regulation also applies to those filing original claims within this quarter which would be determined invalid because of insufficient earnings prior to the third quarter of 1938, the claim deputy explained.

"Such original claims may be filed for the benefit year to start January 1 and two waiting period weeks may be accumulated in exactly the same manner as for new claims," he said.

Re-Elected



Ragsdale Elected Again As F.C.B. Director

Mr. W. H. Ragsdale of The Dalles, has been declared duly elected as Director on the Farm Credit Board of Spokane for the term of three years beginning January 1, 1939. As such director, Mr. Ragsdale will also serve as a director of the Spokane Bank for Cooperatives, the production Credit Corporation of Spokane, the Federal Land Bank of Spokane and the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Spokane.

1939 Program For Farmers Similar to 1938

A 1939 federal farm program, differing in only minor respect from that of 1938, has been formally approved by the secretary of agriculture, making it possible for the state committee at Oregon State college to notify county committees of detailed provisions months earlier than it had been possible to make such announcements in previous years.

Acreage Sown

This earlier announcement will enable farmers to give the 1939 program the first complete test of the provisions of the agricultural adjustment act of 1938, in the opinion of R. M. Evans, new Triple-A administrator. Evans points out that in 1938 the program was not available until after all winter wheat crops had already been planted. For 1939, farmers will know well ahead of planting time what the program offers them, and they can make their plans accordingly.

Program Made Early

Fall wheat for 1939 has already been seeded, but the wheat acreage allotments had been previously approved and distributed to growers in advance of seeding time.

Definite announcement regarding wheat payments shows that for 1939 they will amount to 17c per bushel under the regular agricultural conservation provisions, as compared with 12c in 1938. In addition to the 17c conservation payment, there will also be available to "cooperating" growers a price adjustment payment of from 10 to 12 cents per bushel. The exact amount of this second payment cannot be determined until after January 31, 1939.

Changes Administrative

All of the changes in the 1939 program are of an administrative nature and are designed to simplify the program, adjust it to new crop conditions, or make other minor changes suggested by experience in previous years, according to AAA officials.

A provision of interest to Oregon growers, pointed out by N. C. Donaldson, state executive officer in Oregon, is that oats, rye, barley or flax may be used for a nurse crop for legumes or perennial grasses and will not be classified as soil depleting crops if these grains are cut for hay and a good stand of legume or grass is established in 1939.

A payment for potatoes this coming year will be 8c per bushel, which is a reduction of 5c of 1c from the 1938 program. Commercial vegetable acreage allotments will also be established in some areas this coming year.

Dewey Burrell Found Dead In Biggs Canyon

Investigation Points to
Probable Murder of
Itinerant Worker

The probable murder of a man identified as Dewey Burrell is being investigated by local and state police officers since the discovery of the body Monday afternoon at 1:50 in Biggs canyon where the road comes down from the East Fields place.

Joe Brady of the state highway crew and H. E. McClain, foreman, were working at this spot and Brady walked to the edge of the road to throw a rock into the canyon when he saw the legs of a man protruding from a clump of sage brush.

State police were called as well as Sherman county officers, Sheriff Wilson, Coroner Anderson and District Attorney Johnson, and the body was removed to Zells Funeral home where an autopsy was performed. It was found that instead of being killed by a firearm as was at first supposed, the man had been hit over the back of the head with a hammer, which was later found 115 feet from the body. As reconstructed by the officers it was thought that Burrell had been hit while in a car and dragged to the bottom of the canyon where he was struck several times on the left temple, then turned on his face. Brains had flowed from the hole.

Identification Found

In a shirt pocket were two cards one a driver's license from California and the other a liquor license from Burns, Oregon. The first was made out to Dewey Burrell and the second to Ed Burke but the description on each was almost identical both indicating that the man was 5 feet, eight inches in height, weight 140 pounds, brown hair and brown eyes. He also carried a small notebook with several notations written therein.

A letter from a brother F. A. Burrell of Marysville, Idaho, and carried by the dead man gave a clue that found other relatives. Three brothers F. A. Burrell, farmer, L. E. Burrell, merchant of Caldwell, Idaho and Wallace Burrell of Pocatello, Idaho were located and they identified the body on their arrival at The Dalles Tuesday night.

Doctors stated that the body had been lying on the ground for about 48 hours and that death had not been instantaneous because of blood in the lungs. Clothing underneath the body had begun to mold indicating that it had been wet which checked with the fact that rain fell in this county Saturday night.

Burrell was an itinerant laborer who worked on farms and sheared sheep in season. It was not thought by his brothers that he had a car which casts doubt on the first assumption which was that he had given a ride to hitch hikers and had been killed and robbed.

Victor Swick, employed by Lowell Burres on the Thornberry ranch, stopped to offer aid to a dark Chevrolet coupe Saturday night after 8 o'clock and was told that no help was needed. It is thought that this may have some connection with the case.

Committee Asks More Federal

The county committee for the wheat league named to study federal agricultural programs met Tuesday night at the court house and made up a list of suggestions for future federal programs for wheat farmers. It favored reclassification of wheat land into commercial and non-commercial areas, parity price, continuance of crop loans, encouraged farm storage, improved crop insurance with the same discounts as used by the grain trade.

Under soil conservation the committee favored a maintenance payment for seeded Crested Wheat, permission of winter wheat in the spring for partial compliance, \$1.50 per acre for grass on crop land and 20 cents per pound on non-crop land and for the passage of a workable soil conservation act.