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Instead of a surplus of some \$88,000 in the approved budget as reported by Governor Martin that document is actually out of balance on the red side by more than \$18,000 if the legislators should accept it "as is." Discrepancies in the budget unearthed by Representative C. C. Chapman account for the change in the financial picture. In other words the legislature must pare at least \$18,000 from the figures recommended by the governor if the budget is to be balanced without making any allowance for non-budgeted items. No provision was made in the governor's budget for financing the newly created Sanitary Authority which will require an estimated \$50,000 which must be squeezed out of some other budgeted activity if this session is to avoid tapping any new source of revenue.

Representative Giles French from the wide open spaces of Sherman, Gilliam and a few other counties thinks it is about time for a new deal in the House. He has introduced a measure providing for a reapportionment of the House membership under which each county would be allotted at least one Representative. This would account for 36 of the 60 members. The other 24 would be apportioned out of a population basis. Senator Kenin of Multnomah county also has a plan for reapportionment but he wants it done on a strictly population basis under which his county would gain about nine seats in the House and one or two in the senate at the expense, of course, of the sparsely settled counties of central and eastern Oregon.

If and when E. B. Aldrich, Pendleton newspaperman, retires from the state highway commission Herman Oliver of John Day will be offered the post, it has been announced by Governor Sprague. Aldrich whose term does not expire until March 31, 1940, has been asked by the governor to remain on the commission for the time being. It is expected that F. L. Touvelle of Jacksonville will retire from the commission upon the expiration of his term on March 31, next.

In spite of Governor Sprague's admonition against the imposition of any new taxes it is expected that the report of the interim commission on state and local revenues will contain several recommendations including a gross income tax to yield an estimated \$8,000,000 to \$10,000,000 and a personal property tax on automobiles to yield an estimated \$1,500,000 a year to be apportioned among the counties and cities for use on roads.

Senator Lew Wallace of Multnomah county is the most prolific introducer of bills on the session so far. Of 40 bills finding their way into the senate hopper during the first week 26 were sponsored by Wallace. All 26 involved fish and game legislation, Wallace being a former member of the state game commission.

Senator Duncan, president of the senate, has predicted that fewer bills than usual will be introduced during this session but that there will be just as many important measures clamoring for attention as usual.

Lobbyists and job hunters alike have found considerable difficulty in contacting legislators under the new set-up. The senators and representatives slip in and out of the capitol through their private entrances and are seldom seen in the corridors. A new ruling which bars the public from the legislative halls has also increased the handicap experienced by those desiring to contact the lawmakers.

Governor Sprague's proposal to divert the state's "take" from pari-mutuel wagering into the general fund and to dole out support to the numerous fairs through legislative appropriations has already encountered vigorous opposition from the managers of the fairs which share in the distribu-

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FRESHMAN LEADERS AT UNIVERSITY OF OREGON



Jack Daniels (left in the photo above) has been named president of the freshman class at the University of Oregon for this year. Other officers, left to right, are: Potty DeArmond, Bend, secretary; Florence Kinney, Portland, vice-president, and Bob Calhoun, Klamath Falls, treasurer.

Legion Helps Needy At Christmas

The Chris Schultz Post at their last meeting was given a report by their commander, Ed Christenson, covering the work done throughout the county at Christmas time. Toys, food and clothing amounting to \$37.50 were distributed to thirteen families reaching fifty-four children, many in dire need.

The toys given were the ones donated to the Legion and repaired and painted by high school boys. The shoes were donations repaired by Percy Thompson and clothing was that donated also by people over the county. The food was given by the Presbyterian church which was donated at their white Christmas and turned over to the Legion for distribution.

The Legion asks that the people having toys, shoes or clothing that can be repaired for use, bring them to the Christensen garage at any time and not just until nearly Christmas, as toys can be repaired and kept on hand to avoid the rush. The clothing can be given along as needed.

\$333 Spent Here For Game Licenses

A check up on the hunting and fishing licenses in Sherman county showed \$292 spent in 1938, as compared to \$283 in 1937. However the amount was increased to its highest peak in 1938 when \$333 was spent for the privilege of indulging in these sports. The increase could easily be attributed to the women, who in recent years, have entered competition with the men folks in bringing home the venison.

The amount collected from this source is all turned in to the state game commission.

News of 4-H CLUBS

4-H Leader Visits Bob King

L. J. Allen, Assistant State 4-H club leader, visited the county Wednesday afternoon for the purpose of visiting Bob King and to observe the calf which is to go to Denver to compete in the 4-H club show as a part of the National Livestock Show which is to be held in Denver the latter part of this month.

4-H Club Members Have Beef Calves

The following 4-H boys and girls in Sherman county now have their animals for the beef projects for the 1939 program: Frank LeMaster, Rufus; Henry Richelderfer, Elton Medler, Clyde Fridley, Jr., and John Hilderbrand, Wasco; George DeMoss, Claudine Thompson, Bob King, Donald King, Mo: Lloyd Kelly and Bill Ball Grass Valley; Lee Barnett, Leland Barnett, Jack von Borstel, Frank von Borstel Jr., Donald von Borstel, Carl von Borstel, Shelton Pitts Jr., Robert Holmes, John Chadewitz, Jerry Wilson Jr., and Carsten von Borstel, Kent.

Events of 1938 Compiled For Sherman County

July 1, Field Day—at the experiment station brought out many farmers interested in the development of grasses and grains and tillage methods.

Harvest nears with crops up to expectations.

Roy Dugger taken to the hospital with spotted fever.

Mrs. Maybelle Yocum, 29, wife of J. R. Yocum, died Thursday after prolonged illness.

July 9, Port Celebrates—when the S. S. Charles L. Wheeler, first ocean freighter docked at The Dalles.

Rules made for regulation of the new tennis court sponsored by the Christian Endeavorers.

July 18, Farewell Parties—were given by Grass Valley people for Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Doyle and Mr. and Mrs. Roy J. Baker, both couples long time residents of Sherman county.

Funeral services for Carl B. Gregg were held at the Kent grange hall Sunday.

County judges and commissioners of the sixth Oregon district met in Moro Thursday for an all day discussion of problems affecting their district.

Vernon Eakin looses furniture when truck burns on highway just south of Wasco.

July 22, Temperature High—ranging from 90 degrees to 102 for the past ten days.

COO's leave for Curry county fire zone.

Crested wheat grass threshing started in north end of county. About one thousand acres expected to be harvested this year in Sherman county.

July 29, D. E. Stephens Honored—by the farmers of Sherman county gathered at DeMoss Sunday to show their appreciation of his work during his twenty-six years as superintendent at the experiment station.

Fire damages combine and few acres of grain for Clarence Morrison Friday.

August 5, Dewey Thompson Named—supervisor for the Sherman county crop insurance program.

The Peter Quick futurity colts are being trained for the coming fair at the fair grounds.

Married August 6.—Miss Blanche Garrett and Jimmy Phieffer at Goldendale.

Miss Ione Miller became the bride of William McKinney August 7, at the Moro Methodist church.

Died August 16.—John A. Thompson of Portland, a pioneer of this county and father of Mrs. Ned Thompson.

Fair board plans to have starting chute for this year.

Sept. 2, Wheat Plan—explained in detail by Edgar L. Ludwick, crop loans manager of the state.

Sept. 12, School Opens—for all Sherman county boys and girls.

County entries at the State Fair place high, perchance classes take awards and 4-H children bring home many ribbons.

Died, Sept. 13.—Frank L. Burnet, 56, suddenly from a heart attack. He came to Sherman county in 1906.

George Bourhill, Sherman county pioneer, died in Portland Monday from the effects of an illness of long duration.

Sept. 23, Fair Opens—gates to crowds to-day with a bigger program than ever offered. Exhibits are more plentiful and livestock

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New Soil Conservation Law Proposed

Bill Would Give 25
Occupiers of Land Power
To Enforce Tillage Methods

A bill for the organization of soil conservation districts within the state of Oregon will be introduced in the legislature. This is the result of a wind erosion district law passed at the last session which was introduced by representatives from this district. Under that law Morrow county has been able to stop wind blowing because the law gives farmers the right to work wind blows when they threaten to become dangerous to other farmers.

A study of this bill was made by the soil conservation service in Washington D. C. and at this time several states have already passed laws permitting the formation of districts having for their purpose the prevention of soil erosion, either from wind or water.

The present bill, if passed, will permit any twenty five "occupiers" of land to ask the state conservation committee to define the limits of a proposed district and authorize a vote of the formation of it.

Hearing to be Held

Within thirty days the state committee shall hold a hearing. If the district is thought feasible an election is held at which time occupiers of the land included may vote for or against the organization of the district.

After the district is formed five supervisors shall be named, three of whom are to be elected by the occupiers of the land in the district and two who shall be recommended by the state committee. These five men shall be the governing body of the district. They may employ whatever help is required.

They have authority to conduct surveys and research into the character of the soil, to conduct demonstrations, to carry out preventive measures within the district as to tillage methods, land use or such other work as deemed necessary, to co-operate with other agencies, state and federal, to buy, exchange, sell its property, to lease tools and implements and to plan for the prevention of erosion of the soil within the district.

Supervisors May Regulate

The district, shall now, however, acquire property without express authority from the legislature. Supervisors may set forth regulations about the use of lands within the district. An election must be held before such regulations shall be put in force on the lands, and a majority of the occupiers have so voted.

Among the regulations that may be adopted are engineering operations such as terracing, ditching; provisions for requiring particular methods of cultivation, cropping specifications, provisions for retirement of land.

The supervisors may classify the land within the district and may go on the land to see that the rules are being obeyed. Occupiers of the land may go to the circuit court if dissatisfied with the rulings made.

Districts are set up for five years and under the original draft of the bill may not be disbanded for that period.

Copies of this bill should be available from the soil conservation service and the state committee at Corvallis and farmers who may be affected by its ruling—if it is passed—have several weeks to form their opinion about it and be heard for or against it.

A. M. Zevely, the government trapper for Sherman county, worked 19 days during December catching 3 coyotes, according to the report received from the bureau of biological survey.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK			
DATE	MAX.	MIN.	
Jan. 12	48	30	.00
" 13	48	34	.00
" 14	39	33	.00
" 15	42	33	.13
" 16	39	28	.00
" 17	51	33	.00
" 18	58	35	.02
Total for the week			.15

Sept. 15-16-17 Date of Sherman County Fair

September 15, 16 and 17 the closing dates set for the 1939 Sherman County Fair which is approximately one week ahead of the fair as held for the last three years.

Preliminary arrangements as to the program for the fair will be similar to the program as put on previously. Outstanding as far as the race program is concerned will be the futurity on the progeny of Fitz Hampton. The last Peter Quick Futurity was held in 1938 and this year Sherman county people will have an opportunity to see a new strain of fast colts. Fitz Hampton is a government stallion which replaced Peter Quick two years ago and consequently the first bunch of his colts are eligible to run in the featured two-year-old race to be held at the fair.

Sheriff Sells More Licenses This Year

Sheriff Wilson remitted to the Secretary of State on January 6, the sum of \$499.90 for 1939 licenses purchased through his office. This is almost twice the amount turned over to the state on January 6, of last year, which amount was \$250.

The larger amount was accounted for by the pressure brought to bear that one should have his license by the first of the year as check up by the state police was promised soon after, without leniency. Also the fact that the rock crusher outfit south of Grass Valley purchased several licenses here running the local total up.

For each license bought through the sheriff's office the county is allowed to keep 25 cents. This amount was \$12.75 this year, accounting for fifty-one licenses.

Stockholders Receive Dividend

The stockholders of The Farmers Elevator and Supply Co., now in the hands of H. W. Champneys as liquidator, are receiving this week a liquidating dividend check No. 2 amounting to \$5.00 per share, much to their surprise and delight. This puts a new face on things considering the fact that only a few months ago they were threatened with receivership. This is the first dividend since 1931.

There are 62 stockholders in this company representing 1206 shares. Many of the stockholders are gone and their estates are receiving the dividends.

Conrad Replaces Belanger in Morrow

Cliff Conrad, county club agent of Jackson county, was appointed county agricultural agent in Morrow county to succeed Joe Belanger, who has taken a position with the soil conservation service to carry a special research with trashy fallow methods. Conrad was reared in Union county before attending Oregon State college.

Mr. Belanger is located at Moro in Sherman county.

PRESIDENT'S BALL

The date for the annual President's ball in the county has been set for Friday, January 27. The Health association of Sherman county have charge this year. They are asking all organizations in the county to assist in making the dance a success, as 50 per cent of the proceeds are to remain in the county.

This money is to be spent for health purposes, especially for infantile paralysis—but since the county has few cases—the association feels the money might well be spent for rehabilitation purposes.

SEALS BRING \$425

The committee for Christmas Seal sales for the county report \$425 on hand to date, making a per capita sale of about 14.2 cents, two cents more than last year. There are some seals out that have not been heard from and the committee would appreciate having the seals or money to cover same or portion thereof returned immediately so the work can be completed and all money sent in.

Premium Above Loan Offered On White Wheat

Purpose is To Relieve Storage
Facilities by Exporting
Ahead of Southern Crop

Sherman county wheat growers who have hard white or soft white wheat under government loan will receive premiums ranging from two to five cents a bushel above loan values if they sell at once for export by the Federal Surplus Commodities corporation, according to word received by the county AAA office. The offer also applies to cooperators with the AAA program having wheat that was eligible for the loan.

Purchases are now under way and will be on the basis of "first come, first served," says Joe Peters, chairman of the county AAA committee. Information received here indicates that this export purchase to relieve northwest storage facilities will take care of less than half of the 12 million bushels of hard and soft white wheat now under loan in the northwest. Purchase will stop as soon as the export requirements have been filled, or by February 4 at the latest.

Premiums Paid

Premiums for immediate delivery will be paid in cash to growers upon release of the wheat to handlers at county points or terminals. Premiums above loan values are: for No. 1 hard or soft white, 2 cents; No. 2, 3 cents; No. 3, 4 cents; No. 4, 5 cents. Those lots of hard white wheat on which the producers received premiums under the loan need not be accepted by the purchases under the conditions of the purchase offer.

Growers wishing to sell wheat under this purchase program may do so through the North Pacific Grain Growers or other local dealers. Full information may be obtained at the county AAA office.

The purpose of this purchase program is to relieve the storage situation in the Pacific northwest ahead of the 1939 crop, the state AAA office advises. On December 31, 1938 there were 65 million bushels of wheat on hand in this northwest area. About 25 million bushels of this are held under government loan. Immediate action is necessary if part of this wheat is to be moved into export before the 1939 crop from the southern hemisphere comes on the world market.

The premiums offered for immediate delivery of this wheat are not justified by any world price outlook, officials say, but are merely an inducement to get wheat moving at once. Present domestic prices of wheat are between 20 and 30 cents above the world market. The FSCC is having to pay about 25 cents a bushel to put this soft wheat on the world market at the present time. Unless this wheat is moved at once the arrival of new crops from the Argentine and Australia may make it impossible for the FSCC to continue such extensive export subsidies.

A meeting was held at the Court House Thursday evening for the purpose of explaining the details of the program. Mr. Steen, chairman of the State Committee and Mr. Ludwick, Wheat Loan Supervisor, met with local farmers.

ABA Official To Visit Oregon

Dan H. Otis, Director of the Agricultural Commission of the American Bankers Association will visit Oregon February 1, 2, and 3, to confer with farm and bank leaders.

Ten years ago, under the leadership of Mr. Otis, the American Bankers Association instituted a yearly "Merit Award" for those State Bankers Associations which excelled in leadership in farmer-banker relationships. The Oregon States Bankers Association is the only state association of bankers which has qualified in full for this "Merit Award" in each of the past nine years.

Mr. Otis will attend a luncheon meeting on February 2, 12 Noon, Chamber of Commerce Agricultural Committee, Portland at which time farm and bank leaders of this county will have an opportunity to meet him.