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By A. L. Lindbeck

A sit-down strike by the legislators failed to materialize when members who had agreed to support a sine die resolution closing the session at mid-night Friday got cold feet and refused to go through with the program. Senator Lyman Ross of Washington county, who was promoting the move as a gesture of protest against the 40-day pay limit and the \$3 per diem, claims to have had the promise of 18 votes in the upper house, more than enough to insure passage of his resolution, while at least 25 representatives were said to be ready to vote to go home. Rumors of the threatened adjournment with all of the big legislation still untouched and none of the appropriations made brought a statement from Governor Sprague to the effect that he would not call a special session if the lawmakers quit and went home before finishing their job.

Hopes of the League of Oregon Cities for a "cut" of the highway revenue were dashed when the House voted 42 to 16 against the proposal when it came out of the House highways committee on a "do not pass" report.

It is now proposed to dissolve the capitol reconstruction commission as of April 1 and turn its functions over to the state board of control. It had originally been planned to continue this commission in effect until August. It is estimated that overhead expenses of the commission amounting to approximately \$1200 a month will be saved by its early dissolution.

Civil service for state employees is a dead issue so far as this legislative session is concerned. The measure proposing this governmental reform was killed in the senate with only eight votes in its favor.

If the House follows the lead of the Senate the State Bakery Board will soon be a thing of the past. The Senators voted 20 to 8 for the Ellis-Wiperman bill abolishing this board. Friends of the board charged that antagonism to the board was based on a misunderstanding of the facts—that organized labor, represented by Al Rosser and his truck drivers and not the bakery board was responsible for the high price of bread in Oregon. Governor Sprague in his inaugural message recommended that the board be abolished.

The usual flood of salary increases are being approved by the lawmakers. A measure increasing the salary of the deputy state treasurer from \$3600 to \$4800 a year has already been signed by the governor. Bills still pending provide for better salaries for the deputy secretary of state, state labor commissioner, corporation commissioner and state printer. In addition there are numerous salary increases for county officials.

Sweeping changes in the state game protection set-up are proposed in a bill sponsored by Senator Wm. L. Dickinson and Representatives Carter and Kimberling. The measure would turn all the functions and duties of the present game commission over to a new wildlife conservation commission. In addition this commission would be vested with authority to make rules and regulations for the protection and propagation of all wild life. These rules and regulations would have the force and effect of law and any existing law that might conflict with the mandates of the commission would be automatically repealed.

Public power advocates have apparently given up all hope of putting over their Bonneville-inspired program at this session and are now concentrating on a compromise measure which will permit the issuance of revenue bonds to finance development of peoples utility districts, these bonds to be sold on bid and to the highest bidder. Chief point of controversy now appears to be the matter of taxes to be paid by these power districts. The proposal that the districts contribute six per cent of their gross revenue toward the support of governmental activities is meeting with much opposition. Private utilities in Oregon now pay out more than 10 percent of their

OUR FELLOW DRIVERS

By Mueller



So I see, "You can't fool a guy who keeps his eyes open . . ."

Springtoothing Recommended For Grass

Crested wheat grass to be harvested for seed this fall should be spring toothed or disced this spring early which will conserve moisture and increase the yield and quality of seed produced.

Estimates at the present are that the price will be from 12 to 15 cents per pound for the best quality this fall.

The three dollar per acre seeding payment under the Agricultural Conservation program will encourage a considerable amount of seeding this fall.

Wasco Garden Club To Present Play

At the Wasco Opera House, February 26, at 8:00 p. m., the Wasco Garden club will present "Land Ho Sailor." This is a benefit performance for civic improvement.

Specialty dance numbers will be presented between the acts.

Mrs. E. C. Thomas left Tuesday for Portland. She will spend a week visiting her daughter, Mabel, a graduate nurse, and Mary, a student nurse at Emanuel hospital.

C. W. Fields of Grass Valley visited at the T. L. Fields home, the former brother of Mr. Fields.

Mrs. Basil Baines of Colfax, Wn., arrived Wednesday and will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Fields.

John Brownlee visited recently in the Dalles and at Dallesport, where he spent some time with his granddaughter, Mrs. Chester Clark.

Mrs. Augusta Huckin and daughter, Christine, spent Sunday in Portland.

Katherine Morse of Eugene, county health nurse, spent the week end visiting her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Paulen Kaseberg. Friday she was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kaseberg.

Mrs. Stanley returned from a six-week visit at Colton, Wn., where her sister, Mrs. Rose Wood, lives.

County Agents Meet In Arlington

County agents in the Columbia basin met at Arlington Monday February 20, to discuss extension activities and agricultural problems affecting this section of Oregon. Those in attendance were Wm. L. Teutsch, F. L. Ballard, H. C. Seymour of the O.S.C. extension service; County agents and assistants, Clifford Conrad, Morrow, Arnold Eberts, Wheeler, Kenneth Sawyer, Jefferson, William Marshall, Gilliam, M. E. Knickerbocker, Harry Cline, Umitilla, Gene Lear, Wasco and LeRoy Wright, Sherman.

Those on the chicken pox list this week are Derrie and Mickie Hennagin, Orrin and Janet Schade, and Lewis.

Cattle Testing Shows Little Bangs Disease

Dr. L. L. Taylor of the Bureau of Animal Industry is testing cattle for Bangs disease in Sherman county and expects to complete these activities before April 1.

Governmental support in the form of indemnity is to be discontinued May 1 if states and counties do not offer support at the rate of one third federal, state and county.

Farmers in this county have supported this program very well with all of the big herds tested and only about one-third of the county left to test. Thirteen reactors have been found to date which indicates that the county is comparatively clean. The nature of the disease being extremely contagious and with its ensuing undulant fever in humans makes it quite necessary that this disease be wiped out completely to protect human health as well as that of the bovine.

Bonneville Power To Help Oregon

Columbia river hydroelectric power not only can bring electrical conveniences within reach of nearly every farmer of the region, but can help solve the three major problems of the Northwest. Speaking today at the annual meeting of Inland Empire Rural Electrification, Inc., at St. John, Wn., Ivan Blech, head of market development declared that Bonneville power can help meet the problems raised by increasing migration from the Middle West, depletion of timber resources and a growing unfavorable balance of trade.

Administrator Ross has predicted the new Bonneville rate of one-half cent per kilowatt-hour for wholesale energy will stimulate construction of lines to serve thousands of farm homes. Block said. The Inland Empire group is the largest rural electric cooperative in America, he pointed out, and said many farmers in Oregon, Washington and Idaho now without electricity were organizing similar associations to market Columbia river power at cost.

Industrial development fostered by low cost Columbia river power will help the farmer by providing a nearby market for his produce, and by lowering the cost of manufactured goods used by him. He indicated that local industries might provide essential fertilizer and farm chemicals at a price within reach of Northwest farmers. Such enterprises might also utilize farm surpluses for conversion into manufactured goods, he said.

There is special interest in using Bonneville power to help open up nearly two million acres of land to pump irrigation. The Bonneville staff is now studying rate problems that will stimulate electric pumping for supplemental irrigation throughout the Northwest. Block pointed out that at Canby, city and rural residents are joining together to work out methods for using power to irrigate thousands of additional acres.

4H Club Leaders Conference To Be At Union

Friday and Saturday, March 3 and 4, have been set for the annual Eastern Oregon local 4-H club leaders conference to be held at Union.

The conference will be divided into two sections, one for the men leaders and one for the women with joint meetings to be held to discuss problems of mutual interest to both groups.

Speakers on the program for the women will be Miss Frances Clinton, Home Demonstration agent of Umatilla county; Mrs. Louise Harwood, Wasco county Home Demonstration agent, and Miss Helen Cowgill, assistant state club leader. These speakers will lead discussions on Home Economic projects and activities relating to girls 4-H club work.

Speakers on the mens program will be Dean Schoenfeld, Dr. O. H. Muth, H. A. Lingren, F. A. Ballard, H. C. Seymour state club leader, all of O. S. C.; D. E. Richards, county agent, H. A. Avery of Union county; assistant county agent Fred Hill of Baker; county club agent E. M. Hauser of Malheur county and E. A. Sayre, Union county school superintendent. These men prominent in agriculture and livestock circles and 4-H clubwork will lead discussions on topics relating to 4-H club projects in these activities. Reservations should be made for accommodations at Union with LeRoy Wright, county agent.

Former Resident Dies at Independence

Frank Hennagin of Independence, died at the family home Monday.

Frank was born about fifty years ago in the Boardman district in Sherman county and was reared in this neighborhood. He married Miss Allie Bailey, a school teacher in the Boardman district, and to this union was born one daughter, Ethel, now married and living in Independence.

Leaving Sherman county about 1918, the family moved to Gilliam county for a short time before going to Independence where they have since resided.

Surviving him besides his widow and daughter are two half-brothers, Fred of Wasco and Albert of Portland; three half sisters, Mrs. John Johnson of Amity, Mrs. Wm. Rudolf of White Salmon and Mrs. R. C. Byers of Moro; one brother, Homer of Portland and one sister, Maggie of Amity.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 Thursday at Independence. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hennagin and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sparling accompanied by Mrs. R. C. Byers attended the services from Moro.

Judge and Mrs. Carl Hendricks of Fossil, spent Friday night at the Lester Barnum home.

County AAA Payments Will Be \$580,000

Each Farmer Must Work

Out a Farm Plan To Be

Eligible To Receive Payments

Sherman county's AAA payments for 1939 will be in the neighborhood of \$580,000 full payments divided as follows \$257,000 in wheat payments and \$153,000 in soil building allowances to be earned under the agricultural conservation program in full payments and approximately \$177,000 for parity payments to be paid this spring.

Range improvement payments it is estimated will be in the neighborhood of \$5000 all to be earned.

Practices that may be adopted under the wheat program to earn the \$153,000 in the soil building allowance are as follows (1) \$3.00 per acre for seeding crested wheat grass (2) \$3.00 per acre for seeding alfalfa (3) \$1.50 per acre for seeding sweet clover (4) 37 1/2 cents per acre for planting forest trees for wind breaks (5) \$3.00 per acre for maintaining tree plantings (7) \$1.50 for the number of acres necessary to carry on animal unit 12 months for deferred grazing on non-crop pasture land (8) \$3.00 per acre for controlling noxious weeds in weed control districts by cultivation (9) \$15.00 per acre for chemical control of noxious weeds in weed control districts (10) 15 cents per cubic yard of excavation and fill in dam construction for range livestock water.

All Sherman county farmers will have an opportunity to work out their farm plans to conform with the 1939 agricultural adjustment program with their community committeemen next week at the county agents office.

It will be necessary for each and every farmer to work out a farm plan and sign it before he will be entitled to receive a AAA payment this year. The parity payment will be 11 cents per bushel times the yield times the wheat acreage allotment and the full payment will be 16 cents figured on the same basis plus the soil builder's payment earned.

The county committee and the local committeemen decided that each farmer should come to Moro for this purpose due to the fact that all records and maps are located at the court house and that more information would be available to complete these plans. The plan will include an estimate sheet which will give each man an idea as to what the 1939 payments will be on each farm this fall which will include soil building allowances.

Notifications are being mailed to each farmer indicating the time for him to meet with the committee for this purpose. A schedule has been worked out to save time and facilitate getting this work done.

WPA Writers Prepare Guidebook

A streamlined guide book of Oregon is being prepared by the WPA writers' project to be released for the use of the summer vacationists and tourists. Special emphasis will be given to seasonal sports and recreation with an accompanying description of recreational area facilities. Brief descriptions of points of scenic and historical interest along highways, living accommodations and road conditions, distances and other general tourist information will be given. The guide book will also contain a folding map of the state, showing the highways and indicating recreational centers. In addition there will be a brief physical description of the state and a miscellany of facts about Oregon intended to satisfy the tourists' interest and curiosity. The guide book will not cost more than 5c and will be in such form that travelers may easily obtain any basic information needed. Guide books, similar to the Oregon edition, are planned by the national office of the federal writers' project for every state in the union.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Yantis of Portland, spent Sunday afternoon visiting at the L. L. Peets home. Tom Yantis and a friend accompanied them on the trip.

Seed Potatoes Should Be Ordered Early

Farmers expecting to obtain certified seed potatoes for their plantings should get their orders into the county agent early in order that there will be no delay when seeding time arrives.

Indications are that early seedings for potatoes and gardens will be necessary this year since moisture conditions are considerably below normal. If these conditions do not change early plantings will be more successful, unless irrigation water is available to bring them along to maturity. Irish Cobbler, Netted Gems, Early Rose and Bliss Triumph seed maybe secured by ordering early, however, delays may be caused by a shortage of supply. One dollar a hundred plus the freight is about the average price for certified seed potatoes at the present time.

Kent 4H Activities Started for 1939

Kent 4-H club 1939 activities were started on their way last week in the agriculture and livestock projects. Projects organized were in Beef, Dairy, Calf, Sheep and Pig in the livestock projects and potatoes in the crops projects.

The following individuals are members: Leland and Lee Barnett, Rita and Cassie von Borstel, Eugene and Carl Barnett, John Schadewitz, Glenn and Merrill Sather, Jerry Wilson Jr., Dean Flint, Carston von Borstel, Ed and Shelton Fritts, Dick Wilson and Robert Holmes.

GRAVESIDE SERVICES

Garry Orville, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Hookman, of Moro, died of pneumonia early Saturday morning at the family home. Graveside services were held Monday at 11:00 a. m. with Rev. Carey of Wasco officiating. Several members of the high school girls glee club sang two numbers. The little one was laid to rest in the Moro I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Legislative Hi-Lights And Capitol Observations and Predictions

It won't be long now, as the little dog said, when his tail was bobbed.

Meaning that before many days have passed the Oregon legislature which for something well over pay day has been debating and discussing what to do about the state and its people, will fold its tent like the Arab and silently steal out of Salem and return to the home pastures and the frowns and cheers of the home folks who, like us not, have found little in the days newspapers to be very much concerned about.

Almost any top flight picture show can cause as many tears and jeers as has this, the fortieth session of Oregon's legislators. No great problems upon which rested the fate of thousands, as the orators say, have come before this legislature; no change in public policy has been presented here to be battled out between angry and shouting partisans. It has been a quiet session, at least to date, and while there have been shouts of well simulated anger and intimations of unfairness it has all been in good humor by those who are used to such things.

And the above is not criticism; rather it is a sort of praise. It is something of a relief to have a respite from the pressing problems of state, from major decisions, from life or death matters of which there has been a surfeit since the days of 1930 when the economic world blew up in our faces.

What the legislature will do in the week or so that it is expected to remain in session is, of course, not known. It is likely that the tax structure of the state will be changed to some extent in an attempt to make the income, inheritance and excise tax better for present conditions, but that is not going to be a major operation for anyone despite what has been said about it.

School organization bills are expected to pass as no serious opposition to them has come to notice and along this line it is possible that some minor matters will be changed in the state structure.

County Agent Experimenting With Chemicals

Weed Plots Near Locust Grove Being Treated

With Carbon Bisulfide

Mr. Kraup of Mitchell, Reynolds and Stauffer chemical company, California, is in Sherman county this week to assist LeRoy Wright, county agent, in running experiments with carbon bisulfide on noxious weeds.

Experimental plots are being established using this chemical on the Fred Hennagin ranch at Locust Grove.

Carbon bisulfide applications must be applied when the moisture content of the soil is high since the killing effect is brought about through the filtration of this chemical into the soil in a gaseous state.

Carbon bisulfide gas goes down into the ground with moisture as a conductor. In order for effective control of noxious weeds the root systems which lie deep in the soil must be destroyed which makes it necessary that these gases descend to great depths to bring about results.

Carbon bisulfide is superior in some respects to other chemicals since it doesn't stay in the soil as long as some do, giving the farmer the advantage of cropping his ground without interruption.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY

The Sherman county Sunday school association will hold a county wide Rally in the Presbyterian church at Moro on Sunday, February 26, with a basket dinner at 12:30. Community singing at 1:45 led by Mr. Landles of Wasco. From 2 to 3:30 a Sunday school concert consisting of a special from each Sunday school. Music by the Sunday school orchestra led by Mr. Landles and also several hymns by the congregation. From 3:30 to 4 there will be a short business meeting.

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