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When the 40th biennial session of the Oregon legislature adjourned sine die Wednesday after 66 days of lawmaking it had established another state record for endurance, exceeding the 60-day record of the 1933 session by six days. By the same token, and largely by reason of its length the session had also set a record for the high cost of lawmaking, the estimated expense of the session exceeding \$175,000.

Responsibility for the unusual length of the session must be shared by a number of individuals and groups. First there were the sponsors of major measures—public power advocates, educators, and even the state administration—who delayed the introduction of their bills until the constitutional 40-day period was well spent. Then there were the chronic orators of the House and Senate—especially the senate—who persisted in talking on every measure to no good purpose except to slow down the legislative machine. Another factor contributing to the length of the session was the insistence on the part of certain members upon reconstruction of action on bills when they found themselves on the losing side. Then finally there was the critical attitude of the legal adviser to the governor who insisted that the phraseology of every measure must satisfy his own standards of correctness regardless of opinions of the able lawyers of the House and Senate. Never before in the history of the Oregon legislature have so many bills been sent back for correction after reaching the governor's desk to satisfy some petty technical objection, requiring re-passage of the measure through both House and Senate and consuming time that should might well have been used in the consideration of other measures.

Senator Harry Kenin of Multnomah county, piqued by his failure to block action on the peoples utility district bill Saturday afternoon threatened to prolong the session indefinitely by resort to a constitutional requirement that all bills be read in full. Written into the constitution at a time when there were comparatively few bills and when printed copies were not so readily available to the members literal observance of this provision was long ago abandoned as thoroughly impractical. Compliance with the requirements would serve no useful purpose. On the other hand it would consume many hours of time and prolong the session many days beyond the record established by this session.

All motor vehicles operating over Oregon highways will hereafter be required to undergo semi-annual tests as to the adequacy of their brakes, lights and other equipment under the terms of an act passed by the state legislature. The testing, for which the motorist will be charged 50 cents, will be under the supervision of the state highway department which will establish testing stations at convenient points over the state.

Although approved by the legislature the change in the date for the primary election from May to September will probably be up for decision by the voters at the next general election. Representatives of the Commonwealth Federation have served notice that they propose to invoke the referendum against the measure which is now in the hands of Governor Sprague for his signature before becoming law.

The 40th legislative session set another all-time record when it approved general fund appropriations totaling \$14,141,731. The figure, which represents an increase of \$898,877 over 1937 appropriations does not include liquor revenues and unexpended diverted to relief needs.

The relief budget alone, as approved by the legislature, totals \$9,260,000 and represents the largest single appropriation ever to receive approval of an Oregon legislature. Only \$600,000 of this amount, however, comes out of

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R. B. Ambrose, re-elected president of Columbia Empire Industries Inc. and Oregon Manufacturers Association (front-left) is working out a program for industry with Geo. L. Baker, manager of the Association, Chas. E. Cassel (back-left), Secretary-treasurer, and Will R. Lewis, first vice-president.

Clinic Held In Moro Public Schools Tuesday

A clinic for physical examination was held Tuesday in the Moro school for the first, third, sixth and eighth graders and in the future will be given to these same grades thus catching all children every two years as they start to school and graduate from one grade to the next.

The county health nurse, Miss Katherine Morse and Dr. C. L. Poley with the assistance of Miss Marjorie Kunsman, Mrs. Joe Truitt and Mrs. Dewey Thompson made the examinations.

The heart, lungs, throat, feet, posture, and nutrition were given the most careful consideration, although other points were not overlooked if brought to attention.

These examinations were given in the other schools of the county and the Moro high school students last year by the county nurse, Miss Althea Stoneman.

The last of March completes the first six weeks work for Miss Morse in Sherman county, at which time she will return to Crook county for her second period of work there.

Twentieth Anniversary Of Legion Observed

The members of the Moro American Legion Auxiliary entertained the members of Chris Schultz Post Wednesday evening in the Presbyterian church basement in commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the American Legion.

A banquet was served at 7:30 to about 70 members and guests. A birthday cake with twenty candles, baked by Mrs. M. A. Bull, was presented to the toastmaster, W. W. Knighten. The two charter members of the Legion Post, Ralph Brishine and Marvin Miller, were given the honor of cutting the first two pieces of cake.

After Mr. Knighten explained the birth and history of the American Legion and its main objectives, S. S. Seary ran off a picture "The Spanish Dancer" on his moving picture projector machine, also a Mickey Mouse comedy.

Library To Hold Open House

The library board at their last meeting laid plans for "Open House" and Silver Tea to be held Wednesday evening, March 22, at the library rooms. The library board is making an effort to acquaint the public with the fact that the public library is maintained for their help and pleasure in securing information and recreation. The public is invited and urged to come for an evening reading or to borrow any of the books on the shelves to take home for the allotted time.

In the past the library has only been opened on Saturday afternoons from 2:30 to 4 p. m. In the future it will also be opened on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9 in an effort to get more people in the habit of making use of the library.

Mrs. A. M. Young, Oregon Pioneer Dies Tuesday

Mrs. Florence Stayton Young, 80, died Tuesday near noon, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Darwin Van Gilder, following an accident which occurred last December when she fell breaking her hip. She had been bedfast since the accident and succumbed from the effects of pneumonia and other complications which set in.

Mrs. Young was born at Stayton, Oregon April 7, 1859, the daughter of Drury and Rachel Stayton, pioneer founders of that city. She was married July 1, 1880 to A. M. Young of Scio, Mr. and Mrs. Young spent several years of their life in Tygh Valley, where he operated a flour mill. They moved to Moro in 1918, where Mr. Young was county treasurer during the latter years of his life. Mrs. Young has made her home here with her daughter since Mr. Young's death a few years ago.

Three daughters survive her, Mrs. Alda Pagan of McMinnville; Mrs. Mary Watkins of Tygh Valley and Mrs. Darwin Van Gilder of Moro. Also six grandchildren and two great grand children.

Funeral services were held Thursday at 2 p. m., from the Moro Presbyterian church, of which Mrs. Young was a member. Rev. Henry Hansen, Independence, officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Finkerton sang accompanied by Miss Vivian Truitt. Pallbearers were W. B. Rice, P. C. Axtell, H. O. Kunsman, Clyde Gilmore, Joe Truitt and Martin Melzer. Interment was made in the Moro I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Sherman County Boys May Join CCC

There will be a chance for three boys from Sherman county to enroll for CCC camp work after April 1st. The enrollees receive \$30 a month, \$22 of which is sent home to the parents. They also receive board, room, clothing, medical and dental care, in fact, all of the necessary things of life. If there are any interested boys in the county, they can get further information by writing to Relief Office, Moro, Oregon.

4H Club Members To Take Trip

Plans are being formulated for 4-H livestock club members in Sherman county to take a trip this summer for three days into the Willamette valley in the form of a livestock tour where the club members will receive training in judging sheep, hogs, and cattle. The club members will camp at the various camp grounds during this trip and prepare all of their meals in the open. The plans now are to secure school buses for transportation, and in addition to visiting some of the livestock operations in the valley it is hoped that the members will have an opportunity to visit Bonneville Dam and Timberline Lodge.

Dalles Rebekahs' Win Sectional Play Contest

Last Saturday evening was one-act play night for Sherman county, with the Rebekahs staging a district contest in Grass Valley with two contestants, and the Kent grange featuring three one-act plays for an evening entertainment.

The Grass Valley Rebekahs, who were winners in the recent county contest with the one-act play "The Party at Klossenbergs" bowed to the winners from the Hood River-Wasco county district, The Dalles Rebekahs, whose play was entitled "Johnny Makes a Sale," by a score of 92 to 95. The judges for the occasion were Mrs. Sara Rasmussen of Pendleton, and Mr. and Mrs. William Morehead from Goldendale.

This state Rebekah play contest has been under the management of Mrs. Myrtle McAlpine of Salem, who divided the state into four sections and the winner from each section is to receive a trophy at the state assembly to be held in Klamath Falls in May.

The Grass Valley school orchestra, under the direction of Robert Tapp, played several selections during the course of the evening. Jeanette Huhman and Louise Roth accompanied by Delores Simon favored with a vocal duet and the girls glee club, accompanied by Ramona Spoor entertained the audience of around three hundred persons during the intermission between the plays. Dancing followed, completing the evening's program.

The grange program featured the Kent Rebekah play "Mr. Fixit" and two one-act plays directed by Mr. McGlasson, "The Absent Minded Professor" and "The Vacation Trip." These plays were also followed by dancing.

Many Taxpayers Take Discount

Many taxpayers of Sherman county are taking advantage of the three per cent discount offered for payment of taxes in full on or before the 15th of March. Although this amounts to only a few dollars in many cases, it is quite a saving to the larger tax payers.

The Telephone and Telegraph company with real and personal taxes in the county paid \$2131.02, after receiving the discount for prompt payment, according to J. R. Farrington, manager. He also gives an idea of the operating property taxes now being paid by the company in Oregon, totalling \$806,725.78 which, with federal, franchise, social security and other miscellaneous taxes, makes the company's tax bill on its 1938 operations total \$1,332,889 or more than 78 cents per telephone per month.

The railroad company, another heavy tax payer in the county, was assessed \$25,794.60 paid to the county \$25,020.76 after being allowed the discount which amounted in this case to \$773.84.

Moro City Council Holds Meeting

The Moro city council met Tuesday night, for the first time since the first of the year, and took care of the accumulated bills.

They also discussed and decided to purchase from the Pacific Pumping company of Portland, a new submersible pump, to be installed soon carrying a one year guarantee. The new pump is expected to pump water at the rate of 50 gallons per minute, which is about 10 gallons more than the present pump will throw when in tip-top condition—a condition which it does not remain in very long due to the crookedness of the well hole.

If the new pump works as is expected, the worries of the Moro residents for sufficient water in the hot summer season should be blotted out.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	T.
Mar. 9	43	30	T.
" 10	48	28	.60
" 11	45	35	.08
" 12	48	34	.15
" 13	43	28	.04
" 14	48	28	.01
" 15	48	32	.14
Total for the week			.37

Scientist Explains Functions of Brain



The size of this brain is not supposed to indicate how some people feel the morning after. It's merely an oversized brain model being explained to two Boy Scouts by Joseph Bracco of the New York Museum of Scientific Industry.

Reid-Manchester Nuptials Celebrated

Miss Beth Manchester, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Manchester of Cascade Locks, became the bride of Frank D. Reid, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Reid of Rufus, at the Cascade Locks church Sunday, March 12, at three o'clock in the afternoon. Rev. W. C. Cronk of Cascade Locks read the ring ceremony.

The bride wore a powder blue street dress and corsage of pink roses and lilies of the valley. Miss Veda Reid, sister of the groom, in a beige crepe dress and corsage of yellow roses was the bridesmaid. John H. Travis of Hood River was best man. Preceding the ceremony Lester Spickerman of The Dalles sang "At Dawning" and "Oh Promise Me" accompanied by Mrs. R. H. Nichols, sister of the bride.

After a weeks wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Reid will reside at Cascade Locks where Mr. Reid is employed. The couple are former students at Willamette university. Mr. Reid also having attended the University of Oregon, where he was affiliated with Sigma Epsilon fraternity.

Sherman county residents who attended the ceremony and reception included Mr. and Mrs. David Reid, their son Gordon, and daughter Veda, of Rufus; Miss Vivian Truitt of Moro; Mrs. Rachel Neece, aunt of the groom, now of Portland, though a former resident of Sherman county; and Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Rayburn, grandparents of the groom, also former residents of this county.

Local Teams Lose

The Sherman county teams, Rufus and Grass Valley, did not fare so well at the District Basketball Tournament held at Arlington Friday and Saturday. Rufus lost to Halfway and Grass Valley to Fossil, both by a small margin. Arlington was the lucky team and left Sunday for Salem for the state tourney. Fred Bryant of Rufus and Frank Bayer of Grass Valley received charms as among those chosen as all-star players.

Kent Auxiliaries Motor To Bonneville

Several members of the Kent American Legion Auxiliary motor ed to Bonneville Wednesday to attend the first meeting of the newly chartered Auxiliary in that city. For that reason the regular meeting of the local Auxiliary was postponed until Friday afternoon, when twelve members met at the home of Mrs. Will Guyton for an afternoon of business and pleasure.

Plans were made for the Legion's Birthday Party on March 15, when all Legion members will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Theo. von Borstel and be entertained by members of the Auxiliary.

On Saturday evening another card party will be given at the Kent Legion hall.

At the close of the business meeting refreshments consisting of sandwiches, pie and coffee were served by the hostess.

On April 12, we will meet at the home of Mrs. Emma Pluemke.

Farmers Are Seeding Oats And Barley

Some of the Sherman county farmers are seeding barley, oats and mixtures on the land which was in compliance for 1938. These crops do not count as compliance, consequently each acre seeded to them on the land counted as compliance in 1938 will have to be made up in compliance somewhere on the ranch in order to qualify for the 1939 payments.

The reduction for 1939 for the county as a whole will be 16.46%, however each individual ranch is figured separately and compliance will vary from approximately 10% to as high as 22% depending on the individual operation. If the entire ranch is in wheat for 1939 the compliance acres will be 22% and if the ranch is in summerfallow this year the compliance will be 10%. The per cent for each individual farm will vary according to the percentage of summerfallow and wheat on the farm.

There are only three methods to put land into compliance. 1st, seeded to crested wheat grass before November 1st. 2nd, seeded to winter wheat in the spring before May 1st; 3rd, left idle in stubble and not pastured.

Wheat May Be Sold Above Loan Value

Farmers in Sherman county who have red wheat on loan will have an opportunity to sell this wheat to the Commodity Credit Corporation at a premium above the loan, or farmers who are eligible for loans, may sell under this plan. A small amount of dark hard winter, hard winter and yellow winter will be accepted by the Commodity Credit, the premiums to be paid at the following figure above the loan: No. 1, 1c; No. 2, 2c; No. 3, 3c; No. 4, 4c. This wheat must be sold by Saturday evening, March 18th. The same blanks and details will be used as in the white wheat marketing which was carried on thru-out this area last month. The exporters and dealers who handled the wheat in the previous program are handling the wheat which is being purchased by the government in this program.

Cloudy Weather This Week

The past week has been a teaser as far as moisture received is concerned. The days have been cloudy with very little sunshine breaking through and spasmodic showers in evidence. However, with small amounts added up we have received in all 37 of an inch making a total for March to date (15th) .88 inches with the normal precipitation for March being .91 inches. There is hopes of reaching this amount with 16 days left in the month. Many farmers and gardeners are getting overly anxious for a few real days of warm sunshine, however.

The intermediate Sunday school class under the direction of Mrs. Carroll Sayrs enjoyed a St. Patrick's party in the church basement Tuesday evening.

1939 Wheat Estimate Is 690- Million Bushels

About 40 Million Bushels

Will Be Added To Present

360,000,000 Bushel Surplus

The first estimate as to yield of wheat for the United States has been established at 690,900,000 bushels which is approximately 40,000,000 bushels above normal domestic consumption. This forty million bushels in addition to the carryover from the 1938 crop amounting to around 400,000,000 bushels will leave the United States again this year approximately a billion bushels of wheat for sale. The federal farm bill passed in 1938 provides that when the United States produces over 930,000,000 bushels of wheat or has for sale an amount more than this figure that marketing quotas will be voted. Quotas will be applied if two-thirds of the farmers voting who are producers of wheat vote for the quota. After the quotas have been voted and if applied each farmer will be given a quota of wheat for sale and any bushels produced by him over and above this quota whether he is in compliance or not will be eligible for crop loans. The farmer who is in compliance with the AAA program is eligible for a crop loan on his entire crop under the quota and the farmer who is not in compliance can only borrow on the wheat that is produced over and above his quota and his loan will be 15c per bushel under the amount that the man in compliance is eligible to borrow. The man not in compliance also must sell his quota at market figures which will likely be less than the loan for which the producer in compliance is eligible. These facts of course have a direct bearing on the production of wheat in the United States. This early estimate of production may be high since the crop is not as yet made, however this information is important to every Sherman county producer as well as to every wheat producer in the United States.

COUNTY COURT PROCEED- INGS, MARCH TERM, 1939.

March 1, 1939 being the time for the regular term of Court of Sherman County in the State of Ore., the Honorable County Court did meet in the county courtroom at Moro at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m.

The following were present: Geo. A. Potter, County Judge; David Reid, County Commissioner; J. M. Wilson, County Comm.; Joe Truitt, County Clerk.

In the matter of the payment of the claims presented against the General Fund. Claims allowed and ordered paid.

In the matter of the payment of claims presented against the Road Fund. Claims allowed and ordered paid.

Re: Letter from H. W. Champneys, Deputy Sup't. of Banks concerning the note held by Sherman County and signed by Clyde Smith. Letter filed.

Petition to close "Old Grade Road" from the School house to the intersection of the new road. Held over.

The County Clerk was ordered to issue a warrant for \$250.00 to Earl Snell, Secretary of State for Predatory Animal Control to be matched with equal amount of State funds.

Re: Bond of Omer Sayrs, President of Sherman County Fair Association. Bond accepted.

Re: County Treasurer's report for month ending February 28, 1939. Report accepted and ordered filed.

Court adjourned, subject to call of County Judge.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AND ALLOWED AGAINST THE GEN- ERAL FUND, MARCH TERM, 1939.

Claimant	Amount
First National Bank:	
General Assistance	\$234.19
Blind Assistance	5.77
Old Age Assistance	219.19
Aid to dependent children	14.90
Geo. A. Potter, County Judge's Salary	37.50
David Reid, County Commissioner's Fees	10.00
J. M. Wilson, County Commissioner's Fees	30.00
T. Lester Johnson, District	

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