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Returning to his office Monday, after a four day invasion of southern Oregon Governor Sprague plunged into the task of clearing his desk of legislative enactments of which nearly 100 were still awaiting his attention. The benefits of the longer period granted the governor for consideration of bills following adjournment of the legislative session has already been felt in the absence of the chaos and confusion which heretofore reigned in the executive department immediately following the departure of the lawmakers as the governor labored frantically to dispose of the bills left in his lap.

Following disposal of the legislative leaveings the governor is expected to devote himself to reorganization of his official family already well started through the appointment of two new members of the unemployment compensation commission and one new appointment on the highway commission. While Governor Sprague has said he plans no wholesale housecleaning of appointive officials and employees he can not entirely ignore the clamor of his supporters for a share of the spoils and Democratic hold-overs in lucrative jobs are nervously awaiting the official ax-wielding.

There is a well defined feeling in state house circles that John Carlin, recently deposed as a member of the Tax Commission is to be taken care of either through reinstatement on that commission or in some other lucrative state post. Republican leaders are known to resent the eleventh-hour coup by which Carlin was displaced by Wallace S. Wharton a democrat and executive secretary to Governor Martin. Secretary of State Snell who was not taken in to the confidence of Martin and State Treasurer Holman when they plotted Carlin's removal is said to be ready to go along with Governor Sprague in restoring Carlin to his old job if the governor elects to take that course. Many believe, however, that Wallace will be allowed to remain on the commission and that Chas. V. Gallo-way, the other Democrat member will be sacrificed to make a place for Carlin. There have also been rumors to the effect that Earl Fisher, veteran member of the tax commission, might be replaced. These rumors, however, have become perennial. They bob up at the outset of every new administration and it is known that Fisher has been called onto the official carpet more than once to defend himself against charges brought by "friends of the administration" in the high income tax brackets who have unsuccessfully sought special favors at the hands of the tax commissioner.

More than 100 applications are said to have been filed for the post of parole officer under the revamped parole set-up. Ed Duffy, present parole officer, is known to be desirous of remaining on the job. Dr. Floyd L. Utter, member of the non-salaried parole board, is ambitious to take over the more lucrative post of parole officer. But both of these aspirants labor under the handicap of Democratic political adulation. The job which carries with it a salary of \$4000 a year is expected to go to some "deserving" Republican.

Common Sense, Inc., which last week started a referendum against the so-called "night club" bill of recent legislative session, has now started a move to wipe out the Knox liquor control act. An initiative petition filed with the state department this week would abolish state liquor stores and place the sale of hard liquor in the hands of licensed dealers. Hotels and restaurants would also be licensed to sell hard liquor by the drink. If the petitioners are successful the issue will be before the voters of Oregon at the next general election.

The Capitol Reconstruction commission, created by the special session of 1935 to supervise construction of the new capitol, will cease to exist after Friday of this week. Such work of the commission as remains uncompleted will be taken over by the Board of Control on Saturday.

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## Tax Collections Nearly 68 Percent For First Period

Tax collections for the first tax collection period of the year have totalled \$103,283.28 up to the time the taxes were turned over to the treasurer this week.

Of this sum \$3029.72 was allowed in rebates lowering the total cash taken in by the sheriff to \$100,253.56. This leaves but \$53,783.80 to be collected in 1939 taxes out of a total levy of \$154,087.36.

In addition to this \$5821.95 was collected in delinquent taxes making the total cash to be turned over \$106,075.51. Collections of current taxes was almost 68 per cent of the total roll indicating that tax collections were very good for this county this year in spite of the price of wheat. Division of the tax among the taxing units of the county will be detailed next week.

## Wasco Bank May Pay Income Taxes

H. W. Champneys, Deputy Superintendent of Banks in charge of Bank of Commerce, Wasco, Oregon, in liquidation, has been called to Portland for a hearing beginning Monday morning, April 3 next, in connection with the payment of Federal Income Tax by this bank and the liquidation.

The representatives of the Federal Income Tax Department will make an examination and it will be necessary to take to Portland the records of the old bank and those of the liquidation.

The liquidation was advised some time ago that it was legally liable for the payment of income tax for the years 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, and 1938 and it is therefore possible that its tax liability will reach a large sum due to the fact that depositors have received an amount equivalent to the claims filed, or 100% of their claims.

It is expected that the hearing will last several days.

## Station Crops Look Good In Early Stage

Grain and grass on the experiment station presents the same excellent appearance as on other fields throughout the county and so far there is little difference between the crops on the different kinds of fallow or the different dates of plowing. Harvest time, though is the final test for these experiments.

About thirty five kinds of flax are being grown on the station this year to obtain data on the possibility of producing this crop in this county.

A part of the station, that to the right of the road near the entrance, has been turned over to Joe Belanger who will conduct an experiment in soil conservation methods and crops.

## Wheat Being Moved Out Rapidly

The sale of wheat from Sherman county points has been going on rapidly for several days and it is now thought that enough will be moved by June so that the usual repairing jobs can be done before the new crop begins to come in.

Wheat has been selling from a cent to two cents above the loan value allowed last fall and many farmers are taking advantage of it and are realizing a few dollars above the loan. Those whose loans do not fall due until later are not worrying much so far but some are beginning to feel the pinch.

As little wheat has been moved until recently it will be necessary to continue shipment in order to get it all out by June.

## More Money Comes For Allotment

Receipt of an additional \$30,249.50 from the government to pay allotments to farmers of Sherman county was announced this week at the county agent's office. Almost this much was received previously to make the total some \$57,000 to date. This is between twenty and twenty five per cent of the total that will come in gradually as he reports are approved at Corvallis.

## CCC Camp Building Being Removed By Camp Crew

All Barracks To Be  
Razed For Use At  
Other Points In Area

The buildings at the CCC camp are being torn down this week by a wrecking crew of northwest boys from Goldendale. This is the fourth camp they have dismantled and still have another one after this job is done. It is expected that it will be the middle of May before the shingles are cleaned up, some bound, the nail pulled and the camp returned to its pristine condition.

It is expected that all of the barracks will be removed along with the recreation hall, the hospital, all of the garages but one and the SCS office building. The crews that will live at the camp hereafter will be housed in the mess hall which will be partitioned for sleeping quarters.

The camp was built in the summer of 1935 at a cost of \$20,000 and the buildings and shingling has been done since that time. The lumber will be moved to Vancouver where it will be used in construction of similar buildings where needed.

## Band Concert Pleases Patrons

The band concert given by the two local high school bands last Friday night was probably the final local appearance of the senior band, for many of them will graduate and next year the two bands will be merged into one.

Four numbers were played by the younger band and the senior group placed five numbers interspersed with solos by Frank Sayrs and Dean Pinkerton.

Carl Severenson of Arlington, was guest soloist and his rendition of the difficult "Faustlita" brought hearty applause from the entire audience. Youthful and small, this 12 year old musician has been state junior champion for the past two years and will probably win the honors again.

Six girls sang two numbers and one act play, "Polly Put the Kettle On," was given by seven high school girls. It involved a neighborhood quarrel and gave an opportunity for the dramatic talents of the cast to be tried. Margaret Caldwell and Clara Mersinger were the neighbors, Mary Kenny and Dorothy Miller their two half grown girls, Lee McLeod and Claudine Thompson two girls whose desire to be married was successful and Gene Brishine was the colored Polly whose fear of ghosts made the plot of the play. Miss Leisz directed.

## Government Worker Advises Gardens

Well planned gardens help insure good health for farm families cooperating in the Farm Security administration live-at-home program in Sherman county, reports Emily R. Husbands, home management supervisor, 8 Hall building, Hood River. Each family attempts to produce as much of the home vegetable supply on the farm as possible.

Gardens are planned to supply all fresh vegetables needed during summer months and provide enough additional produce to enable the homemaker to can not more than 26 to 30 quarts of tomatoes or juice and 30 to 40 quarts of vegetables for each member of the family, in addition to producing from 225 to 270 pounds of potatoes per person. Stored root crops and dried vegetables make a wide variety available for the planning of attractive meals during winter months when fresh vegetables are dear.

After giving careful consideration to preferences of the family and the maximum vegetable requirements to provide an adequate year-around diet, the family garden is laid out to meet these specifications. Several plantings of different vegetables are made on the same ground by following early and quick growing crops with other plantings as soon as the first crop has been harvested. Provisions for some irrigation often doubles the output.

## Wasco Civic Club Hears U of O Speakers

The Wasco Civic Club met Monday evening at the Sherman hotel with three young men from the University of Oregon giving short talks about lively topics. These students are making a tour of eastern Oregon talking to various civic groups.

Walter Eschebeck spoke on American Inconsistencies, Walter Treece on Political Inequalities and Delmar Rice on Economic Injustices. After each talk the meeting was thrown open to questions and much additional information was obtained by the members in that manner.

At the next meeting the local school band will be the guests of honor and will be shown the appreciation of the club for the many courtesies of the past year.

## KOAC Applies For Higher Wattage

Oregon State College—Formal amended application for permission to construct a 5000 watt transmitting set for KOAC at Corvallis, replacing the present 1000 watt set, has been filed with the Federal Communications commission by officials of Oregon State college. Expansion this year if permission is granted by the FCC, is made possible by special appropriation passed by the state legislature.

KOAC is also preparing for the rehearing ordered by the FCC on the petition of KOY, Phoenix, Arizona to use the KOAC wavelength. Since the rehearing was granted KOY has made at least four attempts to have the rehearing order reversed or altered. KOAC officials have been notified. All these requests have been denied by the FCC.

If the increase in power is granted and the station wins its fight to prevent outside interference, KOAC will be in a position to reach the entire state with increased strength and quality of signal, engineers at the college say.

## W. S. Deaton Dies Of Heart Attack

William S. Deaton, who for over 30 years has been a Sherman county farmer, died at his home east of Moro Tuesday morning after suffering a heart attack Monday morning.

When Mrs. Deaton tried to awaken him Monday she could not. After preparing breakfast she tried again with no success and the doctor was called who found that he had suffered a paralytic stroke in the night. He never regained consciousness, dying about nine o'clock Tuesday morning.

Mr. Deaton was born in Illinois June 26, 1865. He is survived by his widow Flossie and a brother Lincoln, who is still in his native state. A step son and two step daughters also survive.

Funeral services were held Thursday from the Wasco Christian church with Rev. Gilbert Carey officiating. Interment was in the Wasco cemetery.

Mr. Deaton for many years lived at Klondike where he owned the land just north of the store. He moved to the Moro farm a little over a year ago.

## Local Woman Named Chairman

Under the leadership of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs, Mrs. Harry Pinkerton has been appointed Sherman county chairman of the Public Safety committee. Mrs. M. H. Lamond, of Portland, is the state chairman and talks over the radio station KGW, every Saturday morning at 8:30 on this subject. Mrs. Carroll Sayrs, Moro; Mrs. R. P. Burni, Wasco; Mrs. A. L. Gosson, Klondike; Mrs. Arch Cantrall and Mrs. Ted Ball, Grass Valley; Mrs. Geo. Wilson Kent, have been selected to help in this worth while work. Some one from Rufus community will be added soon.

Charles W. Smith, assistant county agent leader and secretary of Eastern Oregon Wheat League, was here last week conferring with the county agent and Harry Proudfoot, president of the league.

## Experimental Work Done In Soil Conservation

Tree Planting and  
Contour Farming May  
Change Agricultural Habits

Experimental work under the soil conservation service has made great strides during the past year and is well enough developed to indicate a change from the methods used when the camp was first established.

In several spots in the county new things are being tried under the direction of R. B. Elmes that may be of considerable value to agriculture in the county. It is not presumed by anyone that all of the experiments will be successful or will be adopted by all of the farmers. The service is, however, trying out many ideas, some of which will surely be of benefit.

On the Douma ranch in Grass Valley canyon where eleven dams were built a few years ago some sloping of the banks has been tried so that trees and shrubbery could be planted to prevent further washing above the dams. In addition a plot of trees was set out last year to prevent sand blowing that threatened to get into the wheat fields. Since planting the trees not one had died and within a few years it is expected that the blow will be entirely stopped and the land made useful again.

Grass Planted

On the Dayton Henrichs place a seeding of grass and alfalfa has been made and a belt of trees for protection of buildings and grass made. The watercourses will be seeded to grass providing pasture for stock and saving the land as well as removing wheat land from adding to the surplus.

Probably the largest of the experiments is being made on the Bruckert ranch near Klondike. The Lemmon ranch is being divided with a good part of it sown to grass which will become a rotation experiment with the grass plowed up and the land returned to wheat after five or six years. Shallow slopes will remain in grass permanently. Several acres are being planted to trees for fence posts and plowing with a disc tiller is being tried all over the place.

On the old H. H. White place an experiment in contour farming has been laid out and the crop strips for this year already sown to barley. Between each crop strip and each summerfallow strip is an uneven strip of trested wheat grass to keep the crop strips of even width and on the contour of the land. Trees have been planted along the west side of the 109 acre field to stop some of the wind. This is blow land. Later an aerial map will be made of it to show clearly what has been done.

Despite the fact that much of the county is rather steep a few acres taken from the side hills to put the land on contours makes it possible to plow without changing gears and puts the land in better shape to work with farm tools.

Further experiments in planting trees and new and old grasses are being made.

## Workman Loses Foot In Accident With Plow

Charles H. Purchase, who has been employed on the W. C. Guyton ranch, had his foot crushed Tuesday by the trip hitch on a tractor plow he was driving. The toes and fore part of his foot was crushed so badly that it had to be amputated. He was wearing boots and after removing the one on the injured foot he walked nearly a half mile to the Guyton house from where he was brought to Dr. Poley who took him to The Dalles where he was treated.

## WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

| DATE               | MAX. | MIN. |
|--------------------|------|------|
| Mar. 23            | 75   | 41   |
| " 24               | 73   | 43   |
| " 25               | 69   | 42   |
| " 26               | 56   | 37   |
| " 27               | 57   | 30   |
| " 28               | 64   | 22   |
| " 29               | 65   | 30   |
| Total for the week |      | .00  |

## Apportionment Of Interest and Rebate Stopped

Governor Sprague this week signed HB 264 by Herman which makes the work of county sheriff's offices much easier. It removes the necessity of apportioning the interest and rebate back to each of the taxing units by providing that "In all counties having a population of less than 100,000 all interest hereafter collected on due and delinquent ad valorem taxes and fire patrol assessments shall be credited to the general fund of the county. All rebates allowed—shall be charged against the general fund of the county."

Disinage District Expected

The only exception in the bill is for drainage districts which are to receive the penalty and be charged with the rebate.

Nearly half of the work of the tax collection departments has been in apportioning these rebates and interest which in many cases is in amounts of a few cents. In most of the counties the two nearly balance and the new law will make little change in the amounts received by the taxing units.

## Winter Wheat Makes Favorable Progress

No new developments of importance occurred in the wheat situation during the week. The domestic winter wheat crop made generally favorable progress with beneficial rains received in parts of the belt. Dry weather was favorable for the crop in the Ohio Valley where the ground recently has been too wet for proper growth. Wheat was showing green throughout most of the Ohio Valley as far north as Iowa and Nebraska. In the area west of the Mississippi river, rain was still needed in Oklahoma and in western portions of Texas. In the northwestern Plains and the Pacific Northwest, the outlook continued mostly favorable. Cold weather delayed spring seeding in portions of Europe but melting snow allayed fears of drought in the Balkan countries. The weather turned somewhat warmer in France but did not stop field work in Russia. Taken altogether, the winter wheat outlook was fair but less promising if anything. Harvest was making rapid progress in India and trade reports indicated that the crop would be substantially above earlier expectations.

Frank Sayrs accompanied Clyde Simpson to Tacoma this week to appear in a band contest which is being held in the Washington city for high school students in Oregon and Washington.

Next Wednesday morning at 6:30 the next meeting of the club will be called to order at the hotel.

## Wheat League Offers Prize To Counties Reducing Acreage

Wasco, Oregon—The Eastern Oregon Wheat League, a consistent backer of wheat acreage control programs, has decided to back its belief on a national scale by sponsoring an interstate contest to encourage compliance with the 1939 wheat acreage allotments, announces Harry Proudfoot, prominent farmer of this community and president of the league.

Announcements and rules of the contest have been forwarded by the league to more than 900 commercial wheat producing counties in the United States. The county which shows nearest to 100 per cent compliance with the 1939 wheat allotments will be awarded a special myrtle wood trophy containing a mounted glass globe filled with Oregon wheat. In addition, a member of the Agricultural Conservation committee in the winning county, or some farmer representative named by it, will be given a free trip to attend the 1939 convention of the E. O. Wheat League next December.

The winning county in each of the commercial wheat growing states will be awarded a special plaque made of Oregon juniper wood inscribed with the county association's record of compliance.

In offering the awards the officers of the wheat league have served notice on other states that Oregon counties are also very much in the running for the national trophy.

"We have served notice that some of our counties will come through with compliance records that will be up in the running," said Proudfoot. "We believe the immediate wheat problem is essentially a surplus problem, and we in Oregon have already backed our beliefs with positive efforts toward readjustment of produc-

## Breakfast Club Committees Chosen This Week

Business Men All On

Public Affairs Committee;

By-Laws Amended

Appointment of the committees for the newly formed Moro Breakfast club was made by the members of the executive committee this week. Seven committees are provided for in the by-laws and members of the club were placed where their interests will be of most value to the community.

The public affairs committee was made a business man's committee with nearly all men who are in business in Moro being named for it. M. E. McKee is chairman with May, Foss, Bucholtz, Melzer, Lockhart, Conlee, M. Douma, G. Douma, French, Updegraff, McLeod, Platt, Nelson, Ruggles, Christensen, Schadewitz, Rittner, Balsiger, McKean and Hennagin being its members.

The agricultural committee has M. M. Oveson as chairman and Omer Sayrs, E. E. Barnum, A. H. Barnum, Elmes, J. Peters, Roy Powell, Wright, Belanger, King, and G. Douma as members.

The education committee is headed by Harry Pinkerton and Kunsman, Knights, C. Sayrs, Schadewitz, King, Hennagin, Adams and Cuniff are members. The membership committee has Sera! Searcy as chairman and E. Peters, Huls, W. Thompson and Brishine.

Adams Heads Legislation

J. B. Adams is chairman of the legislative committee and Truitt, McLeod, French, Updegraff, and McKee are members. Finance chairman is Ray Blake and Champneys, D. Thompson, Carrol Bennett and Strong will support him.

Recreation and community welfare committee is headed by Bob Henderson and C. L. Poley is sub-chairman of community welfare and C. Gilmore is sub-chairman of recreation. Under Poley will be Hoskinson, Wilson, Peetz, Conlee, May, and Platt while under Gilmore will be Christensen, Martin, Rittner, Balsiger and Bucholtz.

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