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All sections of the state are fairly well represented on the interim committee announced this week by President of the senate, Robert M. Duncan and Speaker E. R. Fatland for the purpose of making a study of the problem of legislative reapportionment of the state. Multnomah county which hopes to pick up seven additional seats in the House through a reshuffle of the membership and two or three more senate seats, is represented on the committee by Representative Harvey Wells. Eastern and Central Oregon are represented by Senator P. J. Stadelman of The Dalles and Representative Giles French of Moro. The Willamette valley is represented by Representative Eugene E. Marsh of McMinnville and southern Oregon by Senator C. W. Clark of Roseburg.

Inasmuch as any gains made by Multnomah county in a reapportionment of the state will have to be at the expense of some other section of the state a bitter controversy can be expected over this issue at the next session. Klamath county, which has experienced a substantial increase in population during the past few years, is also insisting upon greater recognition in the legislature. It now shares its senator with Deschutes, Crook, Jefferson and Lake counties the largest senatorial district in the state, both in point of acre and population.

The only attempt at legislative reapportionment in recent years resulted in the creation of the 24th senatorial district composed of Lincoln and Tillamook counties about six years ago. These two counties were formerly joined with Yamhill county in the tenth district with two senators.

Representative French who is a member of the interim committee sponsored a reapportionment bill in the last session providing that each county in the state should have at least one representative. That would account for 36 of the 60 House seats. The other 24 members would be distributed among the more populous counties on a population basis.

Public welfare has become a permanent part of government just as much as the school system, according to Elmer Goudy, administrator of the Oregon public welfare commission. While a return of prosperity would materially lighten the relief load it would not eliminate the problem presented by the employables, the needy aged and others who are dependent upon others for support.

Oregon is making real progress in its campaign to eradicate Bang's disease from its beef and dairy herds, according to J. D. Mickle, director of the state department of agriculture. More than 350,000 animals are being tested by the department annually in the fight to wipe out the disease. In 1938 more than 25,000 cattle reacted to the Bang's disease tests. Last year there were only 9000 reactors, Mickle pointed out. Western Oregon is now fairly free of the disease and efforts of the department is being concentrated on eastern Oregon.

Governor Sprague is expected to announce the personnel of the new parole board this week. Gerald Mason, a member of the present board is expected to be retained on the new board. Others being mentioned in this connection are Dr. Bruce Baxter, president of Willamette university and Paul Wallace, Salem automobile dealer. Dr. Floyd Utter, a member of the present parole board, is understood to be seeking the job of state parole officer which carries with it a salary of \$4000 a year.

David Eccles, state budget director, is wading into his job of controlling public expenditures with a seriousness that threatens to make him decidedly unpopular with some of the tax spenders who have been accustomed to a free hand in their spending heretofore. The bakery board, destined for dissolution in June, felt the heavy hand of the budget director this week when salary vouchers covering the services of three additional attorneys employed during February and March met with his disapproval. The budget director.

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No Dog Fights for Fido, He Wears Glasses



Though dogs, as a rule, have excellent eyesight, some of them have been known to be shortsighted. At the request of a patient, Robert Muller, Geneva optician, worked out a special set of glasses for her dog. Pictured at the left is the Swiss doctor measuring the distance from one eye to the other. At the right Dr. Muller is inserting a vision test lens in the frame. The inset shows Fido all decked out in his new spectacles, ready to go promenading with his mistress.

Sherman County Wheat Leaguers Broadcast

Farm radio broadcasting history was made in Corvallis recently when a group of Eastern Oregon farmers traveled half way across the state for the specific purpose of appearing on a program over the state-owned station KOAC at Corvallis.

The men were officers of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League, including Harry D. Proudfoot of Wasco, president; Carroll Barker of Gondon, vice president; and Millard Eakin of Grass Valley, member of the executive committee. These three farmers together with Charlie Smith, secretary of the league, took part in the nightly round table discussions on the Oregon State college hour.

The men not only discussed the work of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League in particular but the general farm problems, including land use, that are of major importance in the Columbia basin wheat belt. The Eastern Oregon Wheat League since its organization in 1925 has been in the forefront of every movement for the better of farm conditions in this region; the officers told the radio audience. The league has not only interested itself in public matters and legislation, but has also actively supported agricultural research and has encouraged the adoption of approved methods of production designed to keep Oregon wheat growers in a favorable competitive position.

Recent changes in farming practice reviewed by the wheat league officers included the introduction of Crossed Wheat grass on a large scale and the wide spread use of trawny summer fallow as a means of minimizing erosion.

Allotment Checks Arriving Rapidly

Government checks for Sherman county farmers have arrived in goodly numbers during the last week for \$64,529.74 worth has been received at the office of the county agent. With the more than \$60,000 heretofore reported this makes about two-thirds of the last December payment already in the hands of the farmers.

Some disappointment is evidenced because of the fact that this batch of checks are short of the total expected by 7.2 percent because of a shortage of funds for complete payment as promised previously.

Bids Opened For Park Concession

Sealed bids for an ice cream, candy and soft drink concession at the Grass Valley park during the band festival and field meet will be received at the office of the school superintendent up to Tuesday morning, April 25, at 9 o'clock.

W. W. Knighten, clerk of committee.

County Court Proceedings For April Shows How Taxes Spent

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS, APRIL TERM, 1939

April 5, 1939 being the time for the regular April term of County Court of Sherman County in the State of Oregon, the Honorable County Court did meet on said date in the County Court room in the County Court house at Moro at 10:00 o'clock a. m.

The following being present: Geo. A. Potter, County Judge; David Reid, County Commissioner; J. M. Wilson, County Commissioner; T. Lester Johnson, District Atty. Joe Truitt, County Clerk

The following proceedings were had at said term of Court:

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

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

In the matter of the Agreement between National Hospital Ass'n. and County Court of Sherman County. Agreement accepted and filed.

In the matter of the County Health Nurse's Report for one and one half months' service. Report accepted and ordered filed.

Re: Report of Audit for Sherman County for the year 1938. Report filed.

Re: 1939 farm acreage allotment on "Shiel" property in Gilliam County owned by Sherman County. Notice received and filed.

Re: Money due the City of Wasco in Road District Fund - Letter from the City Recorder. Amount of money due order paid less amount of street work. Ordered paid May term.

Letter from the Department of Agriculture re. Bangs disease law - Letter filed.

Re: County Treasurer's monthly report - Accepted and filed.

In the matter of Petition protesting the closing of Rattlesnake Grade County Road. No action taken until Court view present road within next 30 days, at which time action will be taken.

Re: Petition to open and establish a County road beginning at Adobe Point School house, leading north and east to the south and west line of J. S. Newcomb homestead. Petition ordered filed.

In the matter of the Agreement between Rogers Construction Company and Sherman County regarding rock to be crushed in the Erling district. Agreement filed.

In the matter of the cancellation of taxes on property owned by Margaret Peters and Edward Peters, minor orphan children. The County Clerk directed to instruct the Sheriff and Tax Collector of Sherman County to cancel said taxes totalling \$18.14.

Re: Sheriff's turnover on current and delinquent taxes for 1939. Report accepted and ordered filed.

Court adjourned, subject to call of County Judge.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AND ALLOWED AGAINST THE GENERAL FUND, APRIL TERM 1939
Claimant's Name Amount
Earl Snell, Secretary of State (Pre-atory A'mal Control) \$250.00
Clarence Mersinger, work on Court house \$2.50; DeMoss park \$19.50; 22.00
E. Wm. Sweedberg, Law N-

Library	2.50
First National Bank:	
General Assistance	215.46
Blind Assistance	5.34
Aid to dependent children	13.81
Old Age Assistance	226.58
Fees & Company, repair of desk	5.00
State Industrial Accident Commission, Protection	5.01
J. K. Gill Co., Sup't expense	18.03
The Brookings Institution, Superintendent's expense	1.70
Macmillan Company, Superintendent's expense	1.34
Ginn, Coleman & Co., Court house expense	1.50
Carl V. Anderson, Jr., Coroner's expense	7.05
Crandall-Bird Chapel, Burial expenses	22.50
Mid-Columbia Typewriter Shop, Clerk's office expense	3.00
Katherine Morse, County nurse salary \$75.00; Expenses	100.00
	225.00

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Former Resident Dies at Sweet Home

Rolla Nunn, who lived in this county for many years, having farmed between Grass Valley and Moro at one time, died at Sweet Home last Friday with pneumonia. His wife was the former Lillie Peterson of Grass Valley. He is survived by his widow and two sons, Rolla and Orville. Funeral services were held at Sweet Home and interment was made in the Odd Fellow cemetery at Grass Valley where graveside services were held.

New Tillage Tool Makes Odd Summerfallow

For any farmer who has been trained to believe that the best summerfallow is that which is cleanest of weeds and stubble a real nightmare is in store for him if he will but visit the experiment station plots given over to a test of different erosion control methods.

Joe Belanger, experimenter in new types of handling land during the non crop year in preparation for a crop, has invented a tool that has an eighteen inch shovel that is run two inches deep and a smaller shovel that is run from five to eight inches deep. The result is a loose plot of ground on which all the stubble remains, much of it still standing.

It will be rodded to pack it and Mr. Belanger claims to have a drill that will seed it. When that is done there will be an experiment that will indicate the value of a new type of land use that may help solve the problem of how to keep more of the moisture available for the wheat crop than is done under present methods.

Four field plots are being tried in Umatilla, Morrow and Sherman counties and different methods of handling the land are being tried in each of them.

Clean-up Day For Moro Set By Breakfast Club

Police Chief Named To

Enforce Unanimous

Compliance With Orders

A clean-up day for Moro is definitely on its way with the sponsorship of the Breakfast Club the proposal being accepted at the Wednesday morning meeting.

Wednesday, May 3rd, is the date chosen and breakfasters will meet at the customary 6:30 attired in overalls or other work clothes and go to work immediately after the close of the meeting. Truman Strong was appointed as chief of the work, by the president.

In order to prevent anyone from trying to do something else on the morning of the appointed day, the president of the club named E. E. Brindum as judge of the day and Wendell Bahiger as police chief. Arrests will be made and fines given to those who fail to do their part in making the city bright and shining.

An effort will be made to have the city council order the clean-up so that it will be officially proclaimed.

By May 3 the parking stripes will be repainted and property owners are expected to have their own homes cleaned of rubbish. City property and public places will be made presentable on the day appointed.

The program was largely given by "Prince" Champneys, dressed in Yogi costume, who related some of the intimate doings of club members from information gained from looking into a crystal bowl. Questions were asked by George Updegraff.

Pastor and Elder Attend Presbytery

Rev. Henry G. Hanson and Elder Martin G. Meizer were in attendance on the Presbytery of Portland last Tuesday. At that time Mr. Hanson's transfer from the Presbytery of Willamette was received and he was duly made a member of Portland Presbytery. He was a member of this Presbytery before, leaving twenty years ago for Southern Oregon. Also at this meeting the call from Moro Church to Mr. Hanson as pastor was found in order and a committee on Installation was appointed.

The installation service will be held in the Moro Church next Tuesday evening, April 25 at 8:00. Rev. H. G. Edgar, moderator of the Presbytery, will preside, ask the constitutional questions, and give the charge to the pastor. Rev. Perry C. Hopper, D. D., pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church of Portland, will preach the sermon and give the installation prayer. Rev. Henry B. McFadden, pastor of the Roseway Church of Portland, and leader in Young People's Conferences at Hillcockburn, will give the charge to the people.

All are cordially invited to attend this service.

Moisture Deficient

Prayers for rain are being given over a large part of the county but about two thirds of the farmers praying do not want rain for a couple or three weeks believing that the winter wheat of the district north of Nigger ridge will be better off if the leaves die before rain comes. It is now very rank and is nearly ready to head out in some parts of the north end.

In the southern section there is a different story for quite a bit of the land there was sown to spring wheat which did not sprout very well because of dry weather since seeding time. Rain is an actual and dire need for the spring wheat. Skies remain clear and blue and the wind is generally from the east.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.
Apr. 13	52	38
" 14	59	36
" 15	65	39
" 16	67	29
" 17	74	35
" 18	77	35
" 19	74	36
Total for the week		0.00



John W. Kelly

No Washington, D. C. columnist has a larger following in the north west than John W. Kelly and the name of this famed correspondent is a guarantee that his column is fair, accurate and newsy; that it contains information of special interest to this region. Through arrangements with the Northwest News Service, Inc., the Sherman County Journal will present the popular Kelly column daily.

No other Washington correspondent possesses the peculiar knack of weaving into his column the unique combination of chat, breezy information with keen analysis of "what's going on." When a reader follows Kelly he has a feeling of personal intimacy with the nation's capitol, the big shots, the law-makers and the hangers-on.

Stuffed-shirts and statesmen who make your laws: what they do, how they act, their ambitions, foibles, jealousies, rivalries and feuds are recorded faithfully by this correspondent from the Pacific Coast who takes you behind the scenes and shows what makes the government tick.

Grave issues of the nation, as they affect the welfare and problems of the northwest are recorded with enlightening analysis.

A charm of the Kelly column is its simple, direct style, free from "four-bit words" which has resulted in his Washington comments being required reading in many a high school in Oregon and Washington states.

This attractive feature will start May 1.

Oregon Farmers Sign Estimate Sheets

Approximately 18,000 Oregon farmers already have signed "farm estimate sheets," showing how they expect to arrange their farming to comply with the 1939 agricultural conservation program, said an announcement this week by N. C. Donaldson, executive officer at the state AAA office in Corvallis. This represents approximately 40 per cent of the 45,000 Oregon farmers who are taking part in the farm program.

Donaldson pointed out that there are still many farmers who have not filled out and signed the estimate sheets, and he urged that they do so immediately since June 1 is the deadline for their completion. Farmers who have not indicated farm plans by June 1, through estimate sheets, will not be eligible to receive benefits under the AAA program, he declared.

County and community committees in each county of the state have received special training in helping fill out the estimate sheets, the executive officer said. In some counties, neighborhood meetings are being held at which the sheets are filled out. In others, farmers are asked to come to the county office, or visited personally by their community committees.

"Farmers are finding the estimate sheets of much value in planning how to get the greatest benefits from the conservation program," Donaldson stated. "By filling out one of the sheets, each farmer gets a good picture of how the program applies to his own land."

The executive officer pointed out that if farmers cooperating in the AAA program complete their estimate sheet sign-up now, they will aid their county officers greatly by eliminating a last minute rush before the June 1 deadline.

First compliance forms relating to wheat price adjustment payments have been received from Wasco and Umatilla counties. Payment at the rate of 11 cents per bushel for normal yield of allotment acreage will be made promptly, says Donaldson.

Track and Field Meet Scheduled Next Saturday

Band Festival To Be Held

At 9:15 In Morning With

Grade Meet Following

The first track and field meet will start the morning of the same day, beginning at 9:15. At 11:00 o'clock the grade schools track meet will be started. After a basket dinner, which each visiting family is expected to bring, the high school meet will be called at 2:00.

In addition to the events on the track and field there will be a band festival held in the morning of the same day, beginning at 9:15. At 11:00 o'clock the grade schools track meet will be started. After a basket dinner, which each visiting family is expected to bring, the high school meet will be called at 2:00.

The usual track and field events will be included in the meet and the Grass Valley track is being put in shape so that the best time the boys are able to do will be possible.

Officials Chosen

T. F. Brumbaugh of The Dalles will start the races and judges have been chosen as follows: For high school track events, W. F. McLeod, T. W. Alley, and L. C. Wright; for field: Herb Root, Amandus von Borstel and Dewey Thompson. R. G. Cunliff will be the official scorer.

Because the grade school meet must be run off in a short time a larger group of judges have been named. Sprints will be judged by R. N. McGlasson, Ray Jewel and Dean Pinkerton; the broad jump by Homer Dixon, Charles Bothwell and Olan Stark; the high jump by John Jenkins, Ardyth Cochran and Jerry Barnett; the shot put by William Baker, Malcolm McDermid and Donald von Borstel.

A dance will be given in the evening at the Grass Valley pavilion.

Bob King Wins UP Scholarship

Oregon State College, April 21 —Bob King of Moro, junior in Grass Valley high school this year, has been selected as winner of the Union Pacific \$100 college scholarship, on the basis of outstanding work done in 1938, according to word received from the railroad company by H. C. Seymour, state club leader at Oregon State college.

Frank von Borstel, Jr., of Grass Valley, junior in high school, was named alternate in case King is for any reason unable to accept the scholarship.

Bobby is 17 years of age and has been seven years in club work, which has been devoted to pig, baby beef, sheep, colt, and dairy projects. He plans to use his scholarship starting September 1940.

Frank is 16 years of age and has been club work seven years, carrying projects in baby beef, dairy, sheep, camp cooking, forestry, gas engines, vegetable garden, health, and home beautification. He too would use the scholarship starting September 1940.

Each year the Union Pacific railroad awards a college scholarship to the outstanding boy or girl club member in each of the 18 Oregon counties served by this railroad.

34 Fishing Licenses Issued This Year

County clerk Joe Truitt reports that 34 fishing licenses were issued this year, most of them in time for the opening of the season Saturday. Many good catches were reported on the opening day although there was the usual quota of disappointed anglers. Deep Creek, the Deschutes and Pine Hollow were the most favored spots for the early fishermen and fishermen.

Best fish story of the season so far is that Truman Strong who was in Pine Hollow. He hooked and broke his leader on a ten inch trout and after repairing his rigging he cast again and the trout swam around and snagged the hook in his mouth onto Strong's new hook.