

# Sherman County Journal

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Washington, D. C., June 22—While appropriating every dollar President Roosevelt requested for relief, the house of representatives has provided limitations and requirements which will make the relief dollar stretch and take care of more needy than heretofore. Opposition to restrictions did not come from the White House, which seeks to aid the underprivileged, but was led by left-wingers in Congress.

As enacted by the house, WPA must rotate employment, and those who are given jobs must be certified as needy. The thought is to eliminate completely politics in relief such as being placed on the roll by pressure from bosses, members of the senate or house. Investigation shows 17 percent of persons on WPA have held on for three or more years. That is the county wide average. On some projects 49 percent have worked three years. If the senate agrees with the house bill, WPA workers will have to get off the roll after 18 months and look for private employment for 60 days before WPA can rehire them. This is to pass the jobs around.

WPA has been taking care of 3,000,000 persons when there are one or two million others just as competent and just as needy, unable to get on. Only those having steady WPA employment will complain at this "share the work" plan.

Workers must be certified by official agencies. What inspired the house to insist on this was discovery that in New York world fair the WPA building was built by 83 percent non-relief labor and only 17 percent of the workers on that structure were actually eligible. Also that on a sewing project in New York certification was made by the Ladies Garment Union which pushed its members into jobs intended by the government for needy. The union members, it appears, were not in the needy class. Then there was the ditch digging project when a worker had to pay \$15 to join a union and \$5 a month before he was given a shovel.

Another requirement is that when work must be conserved, hours of those without dependents shall be reduced, to give as many hours as possible to those with dependents. This is to cure an injustice reported every where.

Congress is attempting to clean up WPA, eliminating racketeering and providing more employment for less money.

On the theory that the early bird catches the worm, aspirants for the position of supervisors of the census are filing applications with members of Congress. The census will be taken next year but not as a WPA project. The army of clerical help will be drawn from civil service ranks. There will be an abundance of positions as enumerators. Census bureau officials will not divulge even to congressmen until July what their plans are.

A group of die-hards in the senate have signed an agreement that they will refuse to permit Congress to adjourn if President Roosevelt insists on neutrality legislation this year. These last-ditchers are opposed to amending the neutrality legislation as proposed by Secretary Hull, which would permit the president to say what belligerent can buy munitions and what belligerent cannot as it would empower the president to take sides in a foreign war.

In the senate a member can talk as long as his physical condition permits. Once he gains the floor he can talk for days or weeks but must be careful that, by a parliamentary trick someone does not take the floor away from him. A few senators, working in concert, can filibuster for months—until next January and the new session, if they wish. The anti-lynching bill filibuster ran for four months last year.

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## Travel Route of International Highway



Charles, "Sourdough Slim," Williams, right, 55-year-old resident of Fairbanks, Alaska, and John T. Logan, 25, of Pittsburgh, Pa., on their one cylinder motorcycles as they start out on the route of the proposed international highway from Fairbanks to Seattle, Wash. The adventurous pair will visit both World's fairs.

## Pamphlet For County Publicity Planned Here

Organizations of the county, with the county court and fair board are expected to sponsor a brief pamphlet for distribution at the San Francisco fair and at other places where it might be in demand.

From information given by LeRoy Wright and Willy Knighten at the breakfast club meeting the pamphlet will show graphically the location of the county in relation to highways and will tell briefly and pointedly some of the pertinent facts about Sherman county and why it is distinctive.

The material will be new but will be taken in part from former publications of a similar nature which are considered applicable. The education committee of the club has been working on the idea for some time and made the report to the club.

## Postponed Picnic Planned Pronto

The postponed picnic for members of the Wasco Civic Club and the Moro Breakfast club will be held next Sunday, rain and cold weather permitting. The new schedule calls for a picnic dinner at one o'clock with a game of soft ball to be played later. First plan was to play first and eat afterward but it was later decided that playing could wait with more comfort than eating.

## Dr. V. B. Haufelt Tells Of Trip

The Moro Breakfast club had as its guest speaker Wednesday morning, Dr. V. B. Haufelt, who told of his recent trip to New York to see the fair and more especially to visit with his brother who, with his wife, came from Denmark to study railroad management in this country.

The local dentist told of the experiences encountered by him and his wife in getting a new car from Detroit, viewing the factory and traveling through Ontario and New York state which they found to be very favorably situated for farming land. Troubles of finding hotel accommodations were humorously related as were other difficulties found in conforming to the ways of heavily populated country.

## Rains Ruin Rural Roads

Rains came to some sections of Sherman county this week to bring joy to the farmers whose farms were wet. East of Kent it rained Sunday in spots and Monday a rain started near Grass Valley and thoroughly wet a narrow strip from there to the John Day river in a short heavy rain that made the roads impassable for a few hours. Farmers in the north end of the county are cutting hay and do not want any rain and from the general optimism regarding the crop most farmers feel that they will get a fairly good crop if the weather remains cool.

## George Barnett First Farmer To Collect Insurance

George L. Barnett of Kent, has the distinction of being the first man in Oregon to receive payment through the crop insurance feature of the farm bill.

Mr. Barnett, earlier in the year, insured with the government 171 acres of wheat near Kent for 1662 bushels. When it was determined by the state committee that his crop was damaged by frost and drouth the crop was appraised at 427 bushels or less than 3 per acre. He will therefore receive 1125 bushels or its equivalent in cash from the government for his loss.

While this is the first loss paid in Oregon there will be many more this year if the expectancy of the state committee come to pass. Last year, although there was some insurance there were no losses.

## Seal Sales Help Health Association

The financial statement of the Sherman County Health Association for the two year period ending June 1, has been compiled by Mrs. Stella B. Pol y, secretary-treasurer.

It shows among the receipts \$359.17 from the seal sale in 1937 and \$428.94 from that source in 1938. Incidental receipts bring the total up to \$835.90.

Expenses of the seal sales were minor totalling but little over \$60. A quarter of the gross of the seal sales was paid to the state association which amounted to nearly \$200. Costs of the clinics and incidental expense brought the expenditures to \$478.88 leaving a balance of \$356.02 on hand to begin the year's work. The summer clinic which starts this week will be paid from these funds.

## Grass Valley Well Now Being Drilled

Drilling of a new well for the city of Grass Valley started this week when Frank Bennett set up his drill and began pounding the earth. The new well is near the city cistern on the hill and its location was decided upon after water witches had chosen the spot. It will be an eight inch hole and is being drilled in the hope that enough water will be found to furnish the needs of the city for some years to come.

## Sherman County Rally Success

The Sherman County Sunday School Association held its rally last Sunday in spite of the threatening weather. At the last moment the place of the rally was changed from DeMoss Park to Community Church. By telephone word was sent to the various towns and at the scheduled hour the people began to arrive. About 165 people from the five centers of the county were present in the forenoon and about 145 in the afternoon. A bounteous covered dish dinner was served in the basement to most of these people at the noon hour.

After a union Sunday school session in five groups, Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Davis and son Herschel Davis of Eugene gave a varied sacred program of an hour and a quarter with the chimes, musical bells, and mandolins, all of which was greatly appreciated by the audience. After dinner the various Sunday schools of the county gave numbers of songs, recitations and plays. Mrs. Davis again favored the audience with several selections on the musical bells.

At a business session at the close Professor Arthur Landies of Wasco was elected County Superintendent for the coming year, while Rev. Mr. Dryden of the Grass Valley Baptist church was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Mr. Byers, who has been at the head of the Association for almost twenty years, and who has given a great deal of time and interest to the association over the years, begged earnestly to be relieved from the office. The people appreciate his splendid service over the years, and bespeak for the new officers loyalty in the promotion of their task.

## County Fair Plans Furthered At Board Meeting

Race Program Made Up For 1939 Fair; Improvements To Be Made At Grounds

Lumber for the construction of new pens in the sheep and hog barn at the county fair grounds was ordered this week by the fair board after it was decided to rearrange the interior of the building. A part of it will probably be floored also.

A new rule will be written into the fair premium list this year to the effect that hereafter when there is no competition in any class the entrant will receive a blue ribbon but only second prize money. This rule is common at many fairs.

## Six Horse Teams Featured

The six horse team driving contest will be given each day this year due to the increased interest in this event. It is thought that the judges stand will be taken from the inside of the track giving a clearer view to this event as well as the bucking contest.

Four entrants have already been promised and new equipment and harness bought to make the show equal to that of any other fair. A prize of \$100 is offered for the event of which a part will be given to the driver who is adjudged the best in the arena.

The Mac Barber string of bucking horses will be here again this year although some of the best known of the bunch will be at Pendleton where Mr. Barber will also show his horses.

Races will be given for three days as before with six races being put on each day. First event of each afternoon, except for the parade day will be the six in hand driving contest. A shetland pony race will follow to give the children a part of the fair.

## Races Announced

A real quarter mile saddle horse race will be run with curb bits, stock saddles as necessary equipment. Two half mile saddle horse races are scheduled with fewer restrictions and a chariot race without which no Sherman county fair would be complete.

Feature races will be the Futurity which will be run off Friday and which is open to all half blood colts, two years old. The second day there will be the Sherman County Derby for all three year old half bloods. On the third day the Shetland pony race will be dropped and the consolation race for the Futurity will be run. Added race will be the Sherman County Handicap which is an open race. Horses, as usual, will be limited to those in the county 90 days before the date of the fair and owned here.

## Daily Vacation Bible School Closes

The local Daily Vacation Bible School which has been in session the last two weeks came to a close yesterday noon with a covered dish dinner for the pupils and parents and immediate friends at the City Park. There were 45 enrolled this year, a record enrollment for Moro. The smallest attendance was the opening day when the school started off with an enrollment of 32. The instructors were Carl Peetz, Patricia McLeod, Ardis Truitt, Florence Lawrence, Merle Marion Miller, Rev. and Mrs. Henry G. Hanson, with Mr. Hanson in charge.

Classes were held in Warship, Bible Study, Missionary Stories, Manual training for boys and making of scrap books by the girls. A fine spirit has been manifested in the school throughout. Demonstration of some of the activities of the school will be given in the church next Sunday morning at Sunday school.

| WEATHER FOR THE WEEK |      |      |     |
|----------------------|------|------|-----|
| DATE                 | MAX. | MIN. |     |
| June 15              | 69   | 49   | .00 |
| " 16                 | 69   | 39   | .00 |
| " 17                 | 63   | 44   | .26 |
| " 18                 | 58   | 47   | .03 |
| " 19                 | 70   | 46   | .00 |
| " 20                 | 68   | 52   | .00 |
| " 21                 | 67   | 47   | .00 |
| Total for the week   |      |      | .29 |

## Yates Store At Wasco Robbed Of Clothing

Robbery of the J. P. Yates dry goods store in Wasco was interrupted Sunday night with the result that the thieves obtained but about \$100 worth of goods from the store. Two boys, Richard O'Meara and Douglas Tuel were in the alley back of the store about midnight and saw the car parked at the back door of the store. It is presumed that the sight of their flashlight alarmed the men when they came out of the store with their first load of clothing and they left immediately going north on the highway.

Marshal Everett was called and he notified state police who gave the information over the police radio. Roads were blocked but the men got through before being caught. A robbery Monday night in Hermiston was believed to have been committed by the same men who have not as yet been apprehended.

Suspicion is directed toward two men who spent Saturday night in the Bend jail having been arrested for investigation. They were driving a car with a Washington license which they are thought to have exchanged for an Oregon license in Moro Sunday. Their names and descriptions are known to police and it is thought that their arrest will be made soon.

Taken from the Yates store were a number of corduroy trousers, some shirts, underwear, and leather coats and sweaters.

## Garretts Get Granted Gift

The controversial Garrett case which was taken to the state supreme court was decided by that body Tuesday and the opinion, written by Judge Rosman, handed down. Judge Sweek was affirmed which means that Tom Garrett and wife will retain possession of the land deeded to them by Charles Schwartz. The case had Anna Schwartz and Mrs. Bucholtz for plaintiffs and the Garretts for defendants. It was argued before the supreme court in March.

## State Liquor Commissioner Not Yet Chosen By Governor Sprague

By A. L. Lindbeck

One guess is apparently as good as another as to who will be the new member of the state liquor control commission to succeed Arthur K. McMahan, Albany, who resigned over a month ago.

Governor Sprague is taking his time on the appointment, a maneuver which has made republican big-wigs a bit nervous. The appointment is an important one as far as prestige goes, but for monetary gain it doesn't amount to much. It pays only on a per diem basis.

Whispering around the capitol building indicates there may be another appointment upcoming soon, which is short on prestige but long on salary—administrator of the Unemployment Compensation Commission.

The \$4,500-a-year job is now held by D. A. Bulmore, appointed by Gov. Charles H. Martin several years ago. Bulmore, a former Portland banker, is a democrat under a republican administration and a logical choice for the chopping block if and when the new governor decides to clean house and replace democrats in high places with republicans who have carried the party torch.

Two men are prominently mentioned for Bulmore's position—Leon Davis, young manager of the Hillsboro chamber of commerce, and Homer Carpenter, Portland bond and stock man. Davis has the inside edge according to Capitol gossip, mainly because of his splendid organization job as chairman of the Washington county republican committee during the last campaign. He took the assignment after the campaign opened: did a bang up job.

There is almost surprising lack of gossip as to who will get the governor's smile for the liquor post. Usually when such a position is vacant there are scores of names mentioned as possible successors. This time however, the governor has retained his own

## School Elections Attract Little Notice In County

Majority of School District Officers Retained By Few Voters Who Turn Out

No fights of consequence were engendered over the school elections which were generally quiet and peaceable and rather lonesome affairs with a few interested persons coming out to vote for officers.

In Wasco there was a demand for a greater range of courses although there was no fight on the present officers, John E. McClure and Mrs. Gertrude Mee being re-elected as director and clerk, respectively.

Moro again chose Harry Kunsman and Joe Truitt to be director and clerk for new terms. Mr. Kunsman being the director.

## Change at Grass Valley

At Grass Valley a change was made Mrs. Herman Schilling being elected in place of the veteran T. M. Rolfe and Mrs. Arch Cantrill being chosen as clerk in place of Edgar Alley.

Rutledge picked L. D. Eakin and Harold Eakin as director and clerk for additional terms. Biglow re-elected A. Macnab as director and George Fox as clerk. Harmony district expressed confidence in its school management by naming S. A. Hall as director and Clyde Crites as clerk for additional terms. Erskine re-elected O. G. Sayrs as director and Willy Knighten as clerk.

At Rufus Bruce Millard was re-elected as director and Mrs. Adeline McDonald was chosen as clerk for another term. In district 33, which is now made up of Buckley and Michigan districts, E. F. Payne was chosen as director for three years and Donald Clodfelter for a one year term to take the place of Glenn Fairchild, removed from the district. William A. Brinkert was elected clerk for another term.

Ted Ball was elected as director of the non-high school board having received six votes in his own district to five for Dean Reynolds the incumbent in that office.

council and nobody seems to know who is being considered. It is possible the governor has nobody in mind yet.

Secretary of State Earl Snell's "safety contest" among cities is apparently bringing results.

During May most of the cities of the state showed a sharp reduction in motor vehicle accidents, with Medford showing the best record in cities of more than 10,000 and La Grande boasting the best record for cities between 5,000 and 10,000.

The contest also applies to cities under 5,000 but there are so many of them that the secretary of state's office has not yet completed compilation of records.

The contest started the first of May, will run until the end of the year, when the figures will be tabulated. City with the best record in each classification—under 5,000, under 10,000, and over 10,000—will be awarded highway plaques to be mounted on the city limits and showing that city has an interest in traffic safety.

Albert E. Rosser, convicted arsonist who for many years was a labor leader in Portland until the law caught up with him, will be committed to the penitentiary to start his 12-year sentence, probably some time in July.

He was convicted of abetting the burning of the West Salem box factory by a Dallas jury almost a year ago. Since then he has been in and out of the Polk and Multnomah county jails frequently, shuttling between the two, but never at liberty despite the efforts of his attorneys to have him committed to bail.

The supreme court recently upheld the conviction as valid. Rosser has until June 25 to file a petition for a rehearing. If the petition is denied, an order will immediately be sent to the Polk county circuit court advising them

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