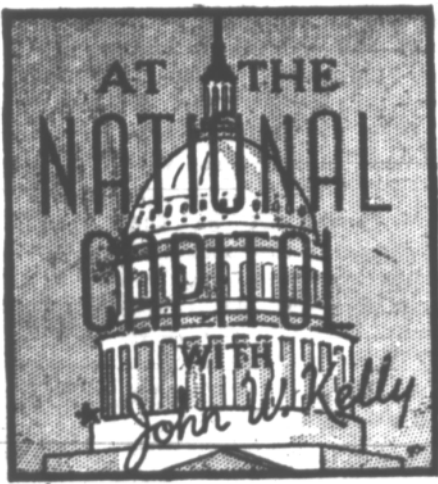


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Washington, D. C., November 2.—This has been a very unhappy week for the 435 members of the house of representatives—or many of them—for on the way they vote on neutrality legislation depends, in numerous cases, whether or not they will be reelected next year. Not every representative is voting his real conviction on this issue. Some are in accord with the views of their constituents as expressed in letters; others are not, and are voting contrary to the requests in their mail.

Until last Tuesday the house had not been permitted to legislate on anything except appropriate money for the expense of the special session. No committees were permitted to meet. The calendar is filled with bills which could be disposed of, but all these were deferred until next year. Members were called to Washington in September and after hearing the President's message were prohibited from doing anything until the neutrality legislation had been disposed of in the senate and sent to the house for consideration.

It was only after members became unruly at their idleness that the administration made a concession each day to enable representatives to make speeches for the Congressional Record, and mail them to their constituents. It was called a "bull" session; just a gabfest.

For the special session each member will receive mileage at 20 cents a mile for the round trip. When the January session comes they will be entitled to collect mileage for that. It will average around \$1,000 for each member from the west coast.

Anticipating that Congress will lift the embargo on munitions, manufacturers of bombers and pursuit planes on the Pacific coast have not suspended work on filling orders for Great Britain and France. Scores of planes have been shipped overland to the east coast and are ready to be sent across the Atlantic with delay. Under provisions of the "cash and carry" act there is nothing to prevent Japan from purchasing such war munitions as it can pay for from the United States, especially if Japan makes a formal declaration of war against China.

Presidential support has been requested by Rep. Walter M. Pierce of Oregon for his bill to establish a government owned chemical plant on Columbia river to supply inland empire farmers with a solution to destroy noxious weeds. Pierce wants to use Bonneville power, and his bill calls for an appropriation of \$750,000. Hearings on the measure will be held in January. At the White House the President did not commit himself, but suggested to Pierce that he see the executive next session.

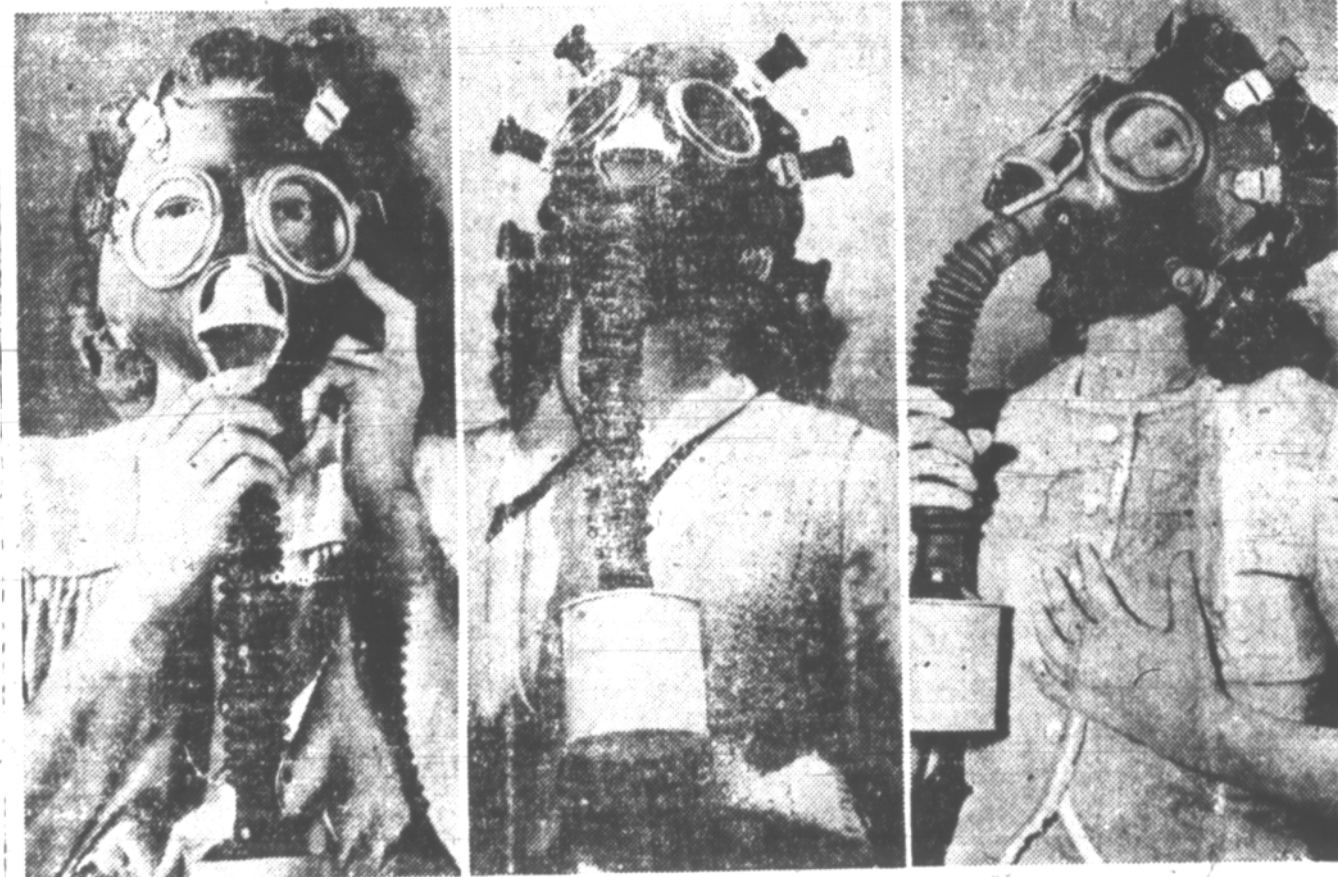
Pursuing the plan to extend Bonneville power as far as possible from the generators in the Columbia river, the budget bureau is being requested to approve an appropriation of \$10,000,000 for more transmission lines. The project has already received \$27,000,000 for this purpose. Request will be made in a few weeks for four more generators, bringing the plant to its full capacity of ten units.

Uncle Sam intends going into fish culture in a big way on the Columbia river and its tributaries. Scientists are now looking for suitable hatchery sites and when these have been located \$500,000 will be spent in establishing stations to maintain and increase the fish runs. It is the largest and most comprehensive program of the kind that the federal government has undertaken.

Under congressional act a laboratory is being constructed at Albany, California, to study uses of surplus farm commodities and waste materials at canneries. This

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## Gas Masks Stage Comeback in European Fashions



Here's how you would look if you were forced to don a gas mask for safety's sake every time you heard the drone of an airplane engine. Gas masks are standard equipment in war-torn Europe, with special masks designed for babies, children and even household pets. War-time kits, complete with mask and emergency rations, are carried by civilians in danger zones.

## 4-H Clubbers To Banquet With Local Club

Latest information is that the banquet may be held at Grass Valley this year. Details will be given next week.

The banquet to be given November 15 at the Moro Hotel for the 4-H club boys and girls of the county who exhibited at the out of county shows or who have done other outstanding work during the year will be sponsored by the Moro Breakfast club.

Beef from the John Hilderbrand steer will be on the menu assuring good food for the evening. Presentation of awards will be made at the meeting and the Elmes cup will be given to some outstanding boy or girl. This cup has been given by R. B. Elmes to encourage club work in the county.

The committee has asked Charles A. Sprague to attend as guest speaker, but have not yet heard from him as to whether he will find it possible to make the trip. R. L. Clark, friend of all club workers, will be here, as will a representative of the 4-H club headquarters in Corvallis.

## Grangers Confer With State Officers

The grange conference was held at Harlandview last week with state officers coming to speak to Sherman county members of the order. A ten minute talk was made with a question period of five minutes following.

Morton Tompkins, overseer, asked for close cooperation from grangers. Mrs. Thielson, lecturer, spoke on the fraternal features and said that a school for entertainment would be held soon. Mrs. Bock, secretary, Mrs. Slack, juvenile matron and Fred Lewis, youth chairman, were other speakers from the state office, as well as Ray Gill, state master. Floor demonstrations were given under the leadership of Charles Wicklander and Elmer McClure. Rufus grange put on the third degree and the state officials the fourth. Dinner was served by the Harlandview grange to the hundred persons present.

## Breakfast Club Handling Meat

The Moro Breakfast club met Wednesday morning as usual and after a program by members Policy, Pinkerton and Ruggles provided to distribute tickets good for a portion of club calf meat.

A hundred and twenty tickets were sold at \$1.50 each to those who were there. These may be resold or kept and turned in for a package of meat which will be ready for distribution by Saturday. There is about 750 pounds of meat and the average price will be 23 cents per pound although packages will vary in weight to allow for the selection of cuts.

## Sprague Expects To Make No More Appointments Immediately

By A. L. Lindbeck

The announcement by Governor Sprague that there will be no more appointments for the time being is generally taken to mean that he has declared an armistice in his purge of Democratic office holders. There is, however, some what of a disagreement as to the interpretation of the governor's qualification "for the time being," although a preponderance of capital opinion inclines to the notion that there will probably be no further changes among state department heads until after the first of the year.

At that there is only a few survivors remaining among the Democrats appointed to lucrative state posts by Sprague's predecessor. Chief among these are Hugh H. Earl, state insurance commissioner, about whose successor there appears to have been some difficulty in finding just the right man, and J. W. Ferguson, state forester, who remains under the protecting wing of a friendly forestry board.

Don J. Fry, state purchasing agent, is one Democrat in the state house about whom little has been heard in the numerous speculations as to the possible fate of department heads. Of late, however, there have been rumors of a possible change in this quarter in spite of the efficiency with which Fry has performed a most difficult task and his known friendly relations with the two Republican members of the Board of Control.

Due, in part at least, to the growing scarcity of game on the Democratic side of the political fence the political sharpshooters are now beginning to take a few pot shots at some of the Republican holdovers, particularly in the direction of Jerrold Owen, secretary of the World War Veterans State Aid commission who in spite of his Republican persuasion served without interruption thru the Democratic administration of former governor Charles H. Martin. Then, too, there has been some speculation as to the possibility that R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, might be eased out of his lucrative post, but while this may be regarded as a possibility it can hardly be classed as a probability. While Baldock has made many powerful enemies among county officials because of his autocratic attitude he has sold himself pretty strongly to the members of the highway commission and, after all, it is these latter who hire and fire the engineer.

Sixty percent of all electrical energy generated in Oregon is consumed by industrial plants according to a survey just completed by O. R. Bean, public utilities commissioner. Out of a net operating revenue of \$7,040,581 realized by private electric utilities during the past year \$3,374,865 was paid out in taxes, this amount representing 16 per cent of the gross revenue of the utilities.

Governor Sprague this week re-

iterated his readiness to conform to the wishes of President Roosevelt in the matter of the observance of Thanksgiving Day. If the president proclaims November 23 as Thanksgiving day Oregon will join with the rest of the nation in a concerted attack upon the turkey and dressing, Governor Sprague said.

Senate President Robert M. Duncan having already experienced the honors that accrue to the office of governor did not avail himself of the opportunity of officiating in that office when Governor Sprague absented himself from the state this week on a trip to California. The executive office, however, appeared to be functioning as usual under the guidance of Cecil Edwards, secretary to the governor, although there was a noticeable absence of visitors to the office during the governor's absence.

Only a handful of employers and employees was attracted to Salem this week by the public hearing sponsored by the Oregon Unemployment Compensation Commission to consider the problem of an "adequate reserve" for the jobless insurance fund. The hearing, members of the commission explained, had no bearing whatever upon the problem of merit rating under which employers who main-

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## Bank of Commerce In Stockholders Hands

Except for a few minor details the Bank of Commerce has been turned over to the stockholders by the superintendent of banks. All that remains is the filing of the state's records in the business, the assets having been turned to the former owners after the liquidation had paid all depositors their direct claims and paid interest to those who did not waive it. The general claims against the bank were also paid, all of which totaled about 125% of the deposits.

The liquidating committee of the bank will be Mrs. B. Estelle Hailey and E. D. McKee who have been acting in that capacity. Funds amounting to \$15,000 were turned to them by the liquidation and it is reported that a dividend has already been paid to the stockholders. It is not presumed that the remaining assets are sufficiently valuable for them to recover their total investment but some salvage will result in additional payments to the original stockholders in all probability.

## School To Receive Shrine From Masons

The presentation of the shrine of the constitution to the Moro High school by Eureka Lodge No. 121 A. F. & A. M. will be held at the school auditorium on Saturday evening, November 4th. Judge Fred Wilson of The Dalles will make the address.

## Communities Choose Most AAA Officers Again

County Meeting Due Next Week To Elect County Committeemen

Election of community committeemen for the triple A work in this county was done last Friday in five meetings held over the county. The meeting of the county committee delegates will be held November 8 at the county court house at 10 a. m. at which time the county committee for 1940 will be chosen.

Chosen from Kent were L. E. Clark, chairman; Kenneth Martin, vice-chairman; R. P. Barnett, member and E. M. Helyer, alternate. From Grass Valley: George Wilcox, chairman; Millard Eakin, vice chairman; J. B. Coon, member and Willard Barnett, alternate.

From Moro: Joe Peters, chairman; Carroll Sayre, vice-chairman; Harvey Thompson, member and Clarence Spurling, alternate.

From Wasco: O. G. Hilderbrand, chairman; Lee Dehler, vice-chairman; Tom Striker, member and W. A. Walker, alternate.

From Locust Grove: Fred Hennagin, chairman; A. C. Kaseberg, vice-chairman; L. P. Haven, member and Paulsen Kaseberg, alternate.

Delegates to the county election committee are L. E. Clark, George Wilcox, Joe Peters, Floyd Root and H. D. Proudfoot with Kenneth Martin, Millard Eakin, Carroll Sayre, Ormand Hilderbrand and A. C. Kaseberg alternates.

## Three Appointed To Redistricting Board

The preliminary meeting of the redistricting board was held Monday at the court house with Wily Knight, Margaret Peetz, Judge George Potter and Harry Pinkerton in attendance. Only business officially transacted was the appointment of Alex McNab, Melvin R. Schadewitz and D. L. Reynolds as the members of the committee to represent the school boards of the county. A brief study of the law and the possibilities open to the committee was made and a general meeting was called for November 13 at 10 a. m. at the court house.

## Farm Committees Will Meet Soon

November 9, at 10 a. m. the county program planning committee and the Land Use committee will meet in joint session to review the recommendations made last year at the economic conference and see if accomplishments have been made. Further recommendations may be made if they seem needed. C. W. Smith will be present to advise.

## Street Lighting Cut

A reduction has been made in the cost of street lighting to the towns in this section of the state obtaining electricity from the Pacific Power & Light company. The reduction drops the cost of lighting in Moro by about five percent and a smaller amount in Wasco and Grass Valley.

No reduction has been made in the cost of the smaller lamps, those below 1000 lumens, which compares roughly with 100 watt lamps. The more large lamps are in use the greater is the reduction. Moro's street lighting bill has now been \$67.58 per month and will now be \$64.20 for a saving of \$3.38 per month.

## MISSIONARIES TO MEET

The Moro Missionary Society will meet on Wednesday, November 8, at the home of Mrs. Seral Seary. Dessert lunch will be served at 2 o'clock.

Every member is to bring a Christmas gift, which later will be distributed among the needy children of Sherman county. The gifts may either be new or re-conditioned ones.

Mrs. R. C. Ornduff will be leader of the program. Mrs. Ida Davis and Mrs. R. C. Byers will be assistant hostesses.

## Civic Club Has Meeting; Elects New Officers

The first fall meeting of the Wasco Civic club was held Monday night with a locally made program and election of officers bringing out fifty of the members. Music was furnished by the Wasco school band and solos played by Jack Hines, June Wilde and a song by Patricia Yocum.

Trials of Keith McDonald and Bruce Grady were held in the "court of abuse" presided over by T. Lester Johnson with H. W. Champneys as prosecutor and E. D. McKee as defense attorney which caused no little merriment for the spectators if not for the accused.

T. Lester Johnson was named president, succeeding Ormand Hilderbrand, W. H. Champneys was elected vice-president and Floyd Root, secretary. New executive committeemen are L. J. Hastings, Francis Watkins, E. P. Edwards, William Clothier, M. M. Powell and Afton McIntyre.

Discussion of the sale of the club calf bought by local citizens was explained and sponsorship of the annual lamb show next May was discussed. Decorations were appropriate for the Halloween season and meat served was from a prize winning calf grown by Elton Medler.

## Europe's War Influences Wheat

The general wheat situation remained unsettled as a result of the European conflict but no important changes in supply and demand conditions were reported. European requirements for imported wheat during the current crop year are expected to be some what less than last season, according to the Assistant Agricultural Attache at London. Overseas takings of wheat by European countries may be around 5 percent less than last years imports of from 295 to 300 million bushels. Moderate quantities of Canadian wheat were again taken by Great Britain, according to trade reports and British millers were instructed by the Government to increase flour extraction to 73 percent as a result of increased use of Canadian grain. Because of the shortage of feeding stuffs the English Government has allowed the use of wheat for feed and fixed the farm price at the equivalent of 75 cents per bushel. Belgium millers are now required to use 15 per cent of native wheat.

Crop conditions were still unfavorable in a number of important areas. The drought remained largely unrelieved in the United States hard winter wheat belt and heavy rains continued to delay seeding in several European countries, including Hungary, France and Germany. Heavy rains in Argentina were causing rank growth and lodging of the wheat crop which is now approaching harvest. The Australian crop was reported mostly in satisfactory condition but moisture was still needed in some sections. All rains in Canada were well above last season in Manitoba and Alberta but were considerably below in Saskatchewan.

## Tractor School Begins Nov. 27

A three-weeks tractor and farm power machinery short course has been scheduled for November 27 to December 16 by the agricultural engineering department at Oregon State college. This will be similar to the short course held two years ago, but will be more complete and will deal with more modern types of farm power equipment.

All types of tractors—crawler and wheel, gasoline and Diesel—and their various major accessories, will be studied by students under the direction of the department staff and of experts from the leading tractor companies. As was the case two years ago, the course will be open to all farmers or adult students of any age who are interested, on the payment of a flat tuition fee of \$10, to cover operating costs of the three weeks course. Application blanks are being made available at the offices of county agents or may be obtained direct from the department at Corvallis.

## Petition For Road Improvement Given To Court

Petition Filed After Sponsors And Court Agree On Major Road Problems of County

A petition asking that the county court call a special election this month in Road District No. 1, which comprises all the county except the incorporated towns, for the purpose of raising enough money to buy and operate a rock crusher was handed to the court at its regular session Wednesday and provided the argumentative "piece de resistance" for the day before it was tabled.

Harold Ginn and Omer Sayre were the initiators of the petition. Their purpose was achieved in different form although the court after study of the matter explained that an election to raise money should include the entire county instead of just the rural portions of it and that sufficient funds would be on hand next year to carry on a road program without additional taxes.

The court also wishes to study the matter of portable crushers as compared to hiring of the work done.

Cause of the petition was said to be the condition of the rock roads of the county which are generally badly worn, the surface being worn down so that in many cases the base is exposed and even gone in some places.

Other work before the county court was of a routine nature.

## Seal Sale To Start December 1

The local committee for the 1939 Christmas Seal Campaign, which will open December 1, was announced yesterday by Miss Marjorie Kunsman, county chairman. Members include Mrs. Harland McDonald, Rufus; Mrs. H. A. Walker, Wasco; Mrs. E. H. Moore, Moro; Miss Cassie Holmes, Grass Valley; and Mrs. J. M. Wilson, Kent.

Campaign material has been received by the local health association and the above named committee has already contributed a share of work by compiling local mailing lists.

These Christmas Seals finance the county, state and national campaign for the eradication of tuberculosis. By the sale of Christmas Seals, the Sherman County Health association, which retains 70 per cent of every dollar's worth of stamps sold in the county, aids greatly in controlling tuberculosis in our community, Miss Kunsman pointed out.

Tuberculosis is no respecter of persons. Christy Mathewson, of baseball fame; Robert Louis Stevenson, world beloved writer; Joe Gans, to some the greatest of all prizefighters; Cecil Rhodes, builder of a great African empire; all were victims of tuberculosis, as were also Chopin, Keats, the Bronte sisters; Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Aubrey Beardsley and Simon Beliver.

## A. C. Thompson's To Have 60th Anniversary

On Armistice day next Mr. and Mrs. Andrew C. Thompson will have been married sixty years. As a part of the plans for the commemoration of this event the Moro Community Presbyterian Church will at the regular morning worship service at eleven o'clock on Sunday, November 12 give special honor to this privileged couple. As many of the Thompson clan as can possibly get there are cordially invited to attend this service and to sit in a body with the honored guests. Of course the whole community is likewise invited to attend. Special music will be rendered and the pastor will preach an anniversary sermon appropriate to the occasion. The Thompsons have been faithful members of this church for many years.

## NON-HIGH BUDGET PASSED

The budget for the non-high school board of the county was passed Tuesday night at a meeting of the board without change. It was printed in previous issues of the Sherman County Journal.