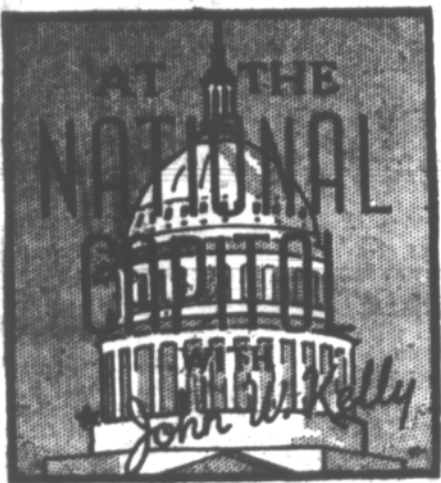


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Washington, D. C., November 17.—Government economists are painting a brighter picture for farmers for 1940. According to these experts, the income of farm families will be higher than in 1939; government payments will be about the same this year; purchasing power will be greater and more money will be available for farm home conveniences. Other predictions: There will be a further decline in farm employment, and decrease in horses, because of greater use of mechanized equipment, although prices will be higher for farm machinery; feed prices will be up, ditto fertilizer prices, and prices paid by farmers for seed will be higher. On the whole, the economists figure next year will be substantially better for farmers than the current year, with an abundance of money available for short term loans.

Rural rehabilitation keeps tabs on the 232,000 clients of the Farm Security Administration. These clients produce foods for home consumption, and the national average per family is 465 gallons of milk, 120 dozen eggs, 376 pounds of meat, 221 quarts of canned fruits and vegetables, and 27 bushels of fruits and potatoes. Now, with the exception of milk, the clients in Oregon, Washington and Idaho greatly exceed the national average, and in the canned fruits and vegetables and the potatoes, the northwest is far in the lead. The average family (client of rehabilitation) in the Oregon-Washington section has 317 quarts which have been put up at home, and 55 bushels of spuds and fruits.

United States Maritime Commission is advised that Portland people are willing to initiate negotiations with the commission with the view of establishing a service to the orient out of the Columbia river. The commission has already arranged for private operation of an oriental service from Puget Sound and San Francisco. Visible evidence of the extent to which American flag ships are handicapped as a result of neutrality law restrictions is consolidating support for a demand that negotiations be hastened in the drafting of a new trade treaty with Japan. It is pointed out that Pacific coast shipping does not come under the restrictions which have closed ports in belligerent countries to American vessels and that Japan and the entire orient offer a more profitable field than can be developed in South America for many years to come.

United States trade with Japan has always been profitable and in recent years the favorable trade balance has been in the ratio of two to one; in other words, for every dollar's worth of goods imported that country has purchased two dollar's worth of American goods and materials. Japan is America's third best customer in the foreign trade field and, under normal conditions, the volume has shown a steady increase from year to year.

War and the special session of congress prevented President Roosevelt from visiting the Pacific northwest in September, but the trip has not been cancelled entirely. Sometime next year, possibly while congress is holding its regular session, the president intends leaving the national capital for a look-see of Oregon and Washington, among other states. If he is not elected for a third term the journey next year will be his last to the northwest in his official capacity.

Mild mannered Cordell Hull, secretary of state, becomes hostile whenever any member of the north west delegation protests to him against the trade treaties which are injuring agriculture in that region. He has put the Oregon-Washington senators on notice that he will fight them to a finish in the next session of congress.

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A HELPING HAND FOR ALL



American Red Cross Roll Call Poster for 1939.

Politics Apparently Adjourned In Oregon For a Time

By A. L. Lindbeck

Developments along Oregon's political front continued at a stand still this week except for the McNary-for-president boom which continued to make headway under the official sponsorship of the Republican state central committee.

Opponents of State Forester J. W. Ferguson, of whom there are many, are looking forward to the annual meeting of the state forestry board the latter part of this month in the hope that it will mark Ferguson's removal from the post, which he has held for the past four years. Rumor has it that at least one change in the personnel of the forestry board is pending with M. C. Glover of Eagle Creek, who represents the State Grange, slated to be succeeded by another appointed selected from a list to be submitted to the governor by the Grange. Glover, it is understood, is in disfavor with Ray Gill and other Grange leaders because of his participation in the ill-fated revolt against Gill a year ago.

Speculation as to a successor to Hugh H. Earle, state insurance commissioner, has quieted down for the time being. The most recent rumor has it that Earle will retain his post until the first of the year when he will be succeeded by a Republican of Governor Sprague's choosing.

Concern expressed by county officials over enforcement of the 1939 tax foreclosure act is groundless in the opinion of both Attorney General L. H. Van Winkle and

A. C. Thompsons Married 60 Years

In honor of the 60th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Thompson a dinner was given Saturday at the home of their son Dewey to which was invited all members of the immediate family. Sons: Claud and Dewey and daughter, Mrs. Martin Melzer and their families were seated at the table. Son Jess of Portland could not attend.

Sunday the church was filled when Rev. Hanson gave his sermon for the day which was especially dedicated to the aging couple who had lived together for three score years. A. H. B. Pinkerton in behalf of the church presented a gift to Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Ray Siegenthaler, a grand daughter from Portland, sang.

Charles V. Galloway, chairman of the state tax commission. The concern of the county officials is based upon the wording of the act which appears to limit the filing of tax foreclosure suits to a specific date, six months after the date on which the taxes become delinquent. This wording in the opinion of the two state officials, is merely directory and not mandatory. Attorney General Van Winkle points out that he gave an opinion to this last April. Galloway says that the tax commission sponsored the act in question and has no fear but that the courts will uphold the position of the attorney general. Officials of Marion, Clackamas and Multnomah counties have indicated they plan to take the issue to court in order to definitely determine their authority to bring tax foreclosure proceedings under the provisions of the act.

The state's new \$290,000 tuberculosis hospital, constructed as a unit of the University of Oregon medical center in Portland, has been formally accepted by the Board of Control. The new institution which was turned over to the state by the contractors two weeks ago has accommodations for only 40 patients with a waiting list far in excess of that number.

Owners of property in the half block just north of the capitol site which the state hopes to ultimately acquire will be offered 75 percent of the appraised value if they want to sell now under a policy adopted by the Board of Control this week. The policy was adopted in connection with an offer by the B. C. Miles estate for sale of this property on which there is an appraised value of \$35,000. The last legislature made available a fund of \$100,000 for purchase of any of this property which might be on the market. The Board of Control takes the position that the state is not actively in the market for any of this property at the present time but will purchase it if it can be had at a bargain price.

Cecil Edwards, private secretary to Governor Sprague, was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Oregon National Guard this week and assigned as aide-de-camp to Brigadier General Thos. E. Rilea. Edwards had previously for several years held a commission in the Officers reserve corps.

Governor Sprague, it seems, incurred the displeasure of state (Continued on Page two)

Committee Likes Consolidation of High Schools

The committee meeting held in the court house last Thursday for the discussion of some farm problems was attended by a serious group of farmers who made recommendations, that, if carried into effect, would change the county decidedly.

Resolutions passed included one to investigate farm tenancy in the hope that some way might be provided for farmers now renting to buy land and thus become more interested in its future.

Some plan of retirement of land now used for wheat to a grazing basis and possible purchase of such land by existing governmental bodies was suggested and more information requested.

Resolutions urging better home and rural life and more pleasant farm homes were passed as was a resolution favoring the county unit system of schools and the consolidation of the high schools of the county into one so that farm children could have the advantages of education equal to that of city children.

C. W. Smith, assistant county agent leader, was present to give his advice and report on what is being done throughout the state.

A. C. Kaseberg reported for the Land Use Committee and LeRoy Wright recalled the work that had been done heretofore and the objectives of the group.

Utilities Reduce Rates Rapidly

Salem, November 16.—Electric Utilities of Oregon have made reductions to consumers totalling \$342,000 already this year, according to information given out by Ormand R. Bean, State Utility Commissioner. This ten month total is more than twice the entire reduction total of 1938, said Bean. In 1938 the total reductions were \$137,000. The figures, brought about through conferences with the utilities companies, are classified as follows for this year:

Residential, \$166,000 as compared with 1938 of \$35,000; Commercial - \$156,000, 1938, \$78,000; Industrial - \$12,440, 1938, \$21,180; others \$7,000, 1938, \$7,400. Reductions for 1936 and 1937 totalled respectively, \$266,000 and \$520,000.

Reorganization Plan Studied

The first meeting of the entire county school reorganization committee was held Monday when Margaret Peetz, county assessor, and only woman on the board was elected secretary. Willy Knighten, superintendent, is chairman.

A map showing the divisions made by the several school districts was made and is posted in the assessor's office for study by any citizens who wish to familiarize himself with the problem before the board.

Consolidation Possible

The first meeting indicated that many of the board are in favor of the consolidation of high schools into one and to some extent into a consolidation of districts to equalize taxes and lessen administrative expense.

Equal educational opportunities for each child, better schools at less cost, is the aim of the reorganizing committee. It may re-adjust district lines, consolidate two or more districts and build up larger units.

A meeting will be held in December on call of the chairman.

W.C.T.U. President To Speak

According to announcement by Rev. Gerald C. Dryden of the Grass Valley Baptist Church there will be a meeting of all those interested in the movement to combat the evils of the liquor traffic in the state of Oregon on Monday, November 20th, at the Methodist church building in Grass Valley, at 2:30 in the afternoon.

The community wide mass meeting will be addressed by the State President of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Mrs. Nedie Buck. Every one is invited.

Study Groups Named For Wheat League

Sherman County Men On All Three Committees; Eakin Leads Tax Group

Condon.—Committeemen in each county within the territory of the Eastern Oregon Wheat league have been named by the officers to assist in preparing reports on the chief items for consideration at the twelfth annual meeting here December 8 and 9. Committeemen as usual, are being asked to arrive on Thursday and spend the afternoon and evening preparing tentative reports for the consideration of the entire convention.

Further program details announced by H. D. Proudfoot of Wasco, president, and C. W. Smith of Corvallis, secretary, indicate a "high powered" program, unexcelled in the history of the league. Spurred on by the knowledge that at least 12 states outside of Oregon will have delegates present at this year's convention, officers are preparing to make this city the wheat capital of the nation for two days.

River Studied

Additional speakers recently announced to be on the program include Captain H. R. Elliott of the U. S. army engineers, who will speak on "Present and Projected Development on the Columbia River and its Tributaries." D. E. Stephens, former superintendent of the Moro branch station who was transferred to Washington last year, will attend the convention and speak on "A Permanent Agriculture for the Columbia Basin Wheat Territory."

Economists to Speak

E. L. Potter, head of the agricultural economics at O.S.C., and Dick Richards of the eastern Oregon livestock branch experiment station, will discuss "Possibilities of Feeding Surplus Wheat to Livestock." Holbrook Working, a food research economist from Stanford, is to speak on "Trends in Prices with Special Attention to Wheat." Speakers previously announced include R. M. Evans, national administrator, and N. E. Dodd, western director of the A.M.A. Earl Snell, secretary of state, and President Bruce Baxter of Willamette university, banquet speaker.

Ample local accommodations are assured, although Ed Nelson, chairman of the arrangements committee, would appreciate advance reservations.

Three Committees Named

Wheat league members from this county appointed to committees follows: Sherman County Federal Agricultural and Conservation Programs:

A. C. Kaseberg, Wasco, County Chairman; A. J. Smith, Wasco, Vice-Chairman; L. C. Wright, Moro, Secretary; Joe Peters, Moro; Victor Anderson, Wasco; P. C. Axtell, Moro; E. E. Barnum, Moro; Harold Eakin, Grass Valley; Fred Hennagin, Wasco; O. G. Hilderbrand, Wasco; Donald Martin, Moro; Roscoe Moore, Moro; Harry Proudfoot, Wasco; Floyd Root, Wasco; C. J. Thompson, Moro; F. von Borstel, Grass Valley; J. M. Wilson, Kent.

Taxation, Legislation, and Rural Electrification:

Dean Reynolds, Grass Valley, County Chairman; Geo. Wilcox, Grass Valley, Vice-Chairman; L. C. Wright, (Moro) Secretary; Corlis Andrews, Grass Valley; Elmer Barzee, Moro; G. B. King, Moro; W. S. Powell, Moro; David Ridd, A. C. Risheldefer, Wasco; G. H. Root, Wasco; Dewey Thompson, Moro; C. A. Tom, Rufus; H. A. Walker, Wasco.

Production, Marketing, Handling, Transportation, and Weed Control:

J. L. Davis, Kent, County Chairman; O. G. Sayrs, Moro, Vice-Chairman; L. C. Wright, Moro, Secretary; J. B. Adams, Moro; A. A. Dunlap, Grass Valley; T. M. Bull, Grass Valley; D. L. Belshe, Moro; Fred Cox, Grass Valley; Henry Howell, Wasco; L. E. Kaseberg, Wasco; Arzell Lemley, Grass Valley; Wallace May, Grass Valley; Roy Powell, Moro; Carroll Sayrs, Moro; Herman Schilling, Grass Valley; L. K. Smith, Grass Valley.

To Preside



Harry D. Proudfoot

To Speak



R. M. Evans

Breakfast Club Asked To Appear At Condon

The Moro Breakfast club, having received an invitation to demonstrate the histrionic abilities of its members at the Eastern Oregon Wheat League meeting at Condon, voted to name a committee of probable attendants to consider the invitation.

Some discussion was had regarding road matters affecting the county, particularly the completion of the final link in the Sherman highway, which is on the program for 1940 as it has been for two years; the secondary road work assigned to the section east of the four way bridge, and the possibility of free ferriage across the Columbia as a unit in the federal highway system. The legislation committee was charged with the duty of aiding these projects.

Amendments Proposed

Two amendments to the by-laws were proposed, one to restrict fines to ten cents for absence and tardiness and to make fifty cents the maximum fine and one to meet at seven o'clock instead of 6:30. Both will be voted on at the next meeting.

The program was given by Seral Searcy, Melvin Schadewitz, Omer and Carroll Sayrs, the latter three of which as doctors and nurse, operated on Searcy with beneficial results and considerable humor. Theo. von Borstel was a guest of the club for the meeting.

Wasco Again Beats Grass Valley Team

Grass Valley and Wasco played a thrilling game of football at Grass Valley Tuesday afternoon and while Wasco piled up enough lead in the first half to win 22 to 18 the second half was Grass Valley's. Led by the two Stark boys, Olan and Harry they made two touchdowns for the only scores in the second half.

At line play and blocking the Wasco boys were superior but speed was used successfully by Grass Valley to give that team long runs and made them a real threat to Wasco's lead.

Henry Richeldefer suffered an injured left arm while driving for a fumbled ball which some adversary reached a split second before. He was taken to The Dalles for examination.

4-H Banquet Honors Workers Who Succeed

Awards Given To Boys and Girls Who Do Outstanding Work; King Wins Cup

Clubbers, boys and girls, the newly initiated and the more experienced worker of nine years endeavor, were dined in style befitting their accomplishments at Grass Valley Wednesday night when the Moro Breakfast club sponsored the annual banquet in honor of the youngsters who brought distinction to the county through their exhibits.

A bountiful dinner, cooked and served by the Rebekah lodge of Grass Valley, had meat from a prize winning 4-H club calf as its main course and the ladies added other viands of equal quality.

Lloyd Hennagin, secretary of the club, welcomed the crowd of nearly 150 to the banquet and Claudine Thompson responded with thanks for the appreciation given the clubbers.

Visitors were introduced by Willy Knighten, president of the club, and members of the club present introduced club members who were seated next them.

LeRoy C. Wright, county agent, presented awards to the children the scholarships being as follows:

Awards Many

The first named is the winner of the scholarship and the second named is alternate, to go to Corvallis if the winner cannot go.

Best quality of work based on competition (girls): Claudine Thompson, 1st; Betty Juhnke, 2nd. Scholarship.

Best quality of work based on competition (boys): Shelton Fritts Jr., 1st; Frank von Borstel Jr., 2nd — Scholarship.

Showmanship: Bob King (Elmes cup) 1st; Frank von Borstel Jr., 2nd — Scholarship.

Style Revue: Margherita von Borstel, 1st; Betty Junke, 2nd. Scholarship.

Clothing—High Scoring Individual: Anjaean Knighten, 1st; Betty Juhnke, 2nd. Scholarship.

Cookery: Cassie von Borstel, 1st; Betty Payne, 2nd; (Alex Marshall) Scholarship.

Canning: Levina Barnett, 1st; Nellie Wilson, 2nd. Scholarship.

Sheep: Clyde Fridley Jr., 1st; Frank von Borstel Jr., 2nd. (O. G. Sayrs) Scholarship.

Pig: Ed Fritts, 1st; Carsten von Borstel, 2nd. (U. S. National Bank) Scholarship.

Beef: Elton Medler, 1st; Lloyd Kelly, 2nd. (First National Bank) Scholarship.

Mr. Wright also distributed checks for the sale of animals taken to the stock show and happy youngsters marched to the front and received sums of two and three hundred dollars in high glee over the success of the recently passed club year.

Eugene Courtney, introduced as grandfather of beef club work in Sherman county, spoke briefly comparing the situation in this country and in Europe as regards the activities of young people.

Clark Speaks

L. J. Allen, assistant club leader, suggested that instead of this being an achievement day for 1939 club work, it be called a twenty five year achievement day as this marked the 25th anniversary of club work in Oregon under the Smith-Lever act.

R. L. Clark, of Bodine and Clark, spoke saying that the advantage in club work was not in the quality of stock or other projects perfected but in the development of the youth of the land so that self reliance and independence and the ability to do for ones self might be preserved.

Bob King was awarded the R. B. Elmes cup for most outstanding work as a club member throughout the year. Mr. Wright announced that three new scholarships had been awarded from the former transportation fund.

BEND MAY GET BONNEVILLE POWER

Washington, D. C., Special, November 16.—If the director of the budget approves of the request of Administrator Raver for \$10,000, 000 for transmission lines for the Bonneville project, some of the money will be used to build a transmission line from Bonneville to Bend.