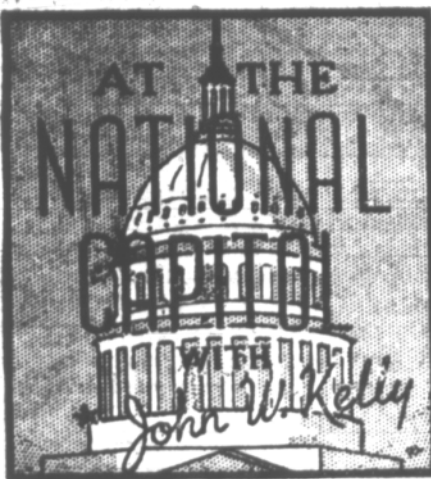


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Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—Americans have an idea that they are better educated and have higher living standards than other countries, but every once in a while some government agency comes along and punctures the inflation. While the Pacific northwest has scarcely a trace of illiteracy, a four-year survey reveals that of the 75 million adults in this country 36 million did not finish elementary school; 18 million did not finish the fourth grade, and three million are entirely illiterate. There are one million children of elementary school age not enrolled.

This information is revealed on the eve of the congressional session because educators fear that appropriations for education may be sacrificed for the national defense program to be sponsored by the administration next month. President Roosevelt himself says that one third of the nation is ill-fed, ill-clothed, ill-housed, and one of his special committees asserts that one third of the workers of the country have an income of less than \$500 a year.

Fur farmers of Washington and Oregon, specializing in raising silver foxes for the market, are threatened with competition from Canada, which also has quite an industry of this description. Officials of the department of state are preparing to revise the trade treaty with Canada to permit Canadians to ship their silver fox and other furs into the United States, this "good neighbor" gesture being made because the European war, in which Canada is a belligerent, has closed the European market to Canada. A quota is contemplated on furs from Norway and Sweden to furnish them an outlet.

Every few days lately some government bureau announces what a great country is the Pacific northwest, with its latent resources of raw material and what can be accomplished with cheap electric power. Latest prediction comes from the bureau of mines, which asserts that the ceramics industry promises to be more self-sufficient as a result of investigations of the bureau in the region served by Grand Coulee and Bonneville.

There are valuable deposits of clay in the two states, explains the bureau, and with power all that is necessary is for someone to get busy. Kaolin, the clay used for fine porcelain, is found in Washington, and there is an occurrence in Lake county, Oregon.

An elaborate program for protection, maintenance and development of the fish runs in Columbia, Willamette and their tributaries has been outlined by the bureau of fisheries, cooperating with fish commissions of Oregon and Washington, but no appropriation will be made when congress meets. The director of the bureau explains that he cannot make an estimate to embody in the budget the president submits to congress January 4 because no data have been presented by the fisheries bureau.

At the bureau of fisheries it is said that a very complete and thorough investigation is being conducted on all the streams involved and that this survey will not be completed before next summer, making it impossible to ask the budget director for an estimated appropriation before the fiscal year 1942, which begins July 1, 1942. The rivers have been studied repeatedly in the past and there is an abundance of material which would indicate where cultural fish stations could or should be located, but the bureau is covering the subject again.

Navy department is adamant regarding requirements for the air base at Tongue Point. It insists on a hanger 240x160 feet being constructed of steel although lumbermen had the specifications made to include timber trusses and wood would save the government.

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CCC Boys Hurt When Truck Is Overturned

Three Taken to Hospital
Two With Serious Injuries;
Excessive Speed Cause

Two CCC boys were seriously injured, two rather badly hurt, and a whole truck load of them scared Sunday morning about three o'clock when the truck in which they were returning from The Dalles turned over on First street in Moro just off the highway.

The government truck carrying the boys started to make the turn but was apparently going so fast that the driver was afraid to complete it on two wheels, with the brake set, plowed head-on into two locust trees just above the Webb building in Moro. Both trees were uprooted and the truck load of boys overturned on the sidewalk.

Leg Broken

Most seriously injured were Blimmer Hurt, 19, whose kidney was supposedly ruptured and Leo Gentry, 17, who has a fractured leg. James Faulkenberg, 19, was also injured in the body and several boys had cuts and bruises.

The ambulance, called to take the boys to the hospital, skidded and over turned just this side of Celilo and another had to be dispatched to take the boys to The Dalles, although Dr. Poley had brought in the most seriously injured before that time.

A crew of boys reset the trees Tuesday in the hope that they will again take root and grow.

Grass Valley To Hold Special Election

Voters of Grass Valley will have a chance next Tuesday, December 12 to pass judgment on the sale of certain lots to the Baptist church for a building site. A special election will be held for the passage of Ordinance No. 79 which empowers the city to sell the lots, although it is understood that the price will be nominal.

Lots in question, although not stated on the ballot, are said to be those south of the telephone office on Main street which were in former times used for a lively stable and stock corral.

Two Plays Given For Moro Library

The Moro Woman's Club, for the benefit of the library, gave two one-act plays last Saturday night. The first play was entitled "How Vulgar." It was very humorous, centering around a very efficient maid, which was portrayed by Miss Mary Williams. The maid worked for the family of Mr. and Mrs. Craig, their son Tommy and daughter Barbara. Ted Barnes, was Barbara's fiancé. Every member of the household had entered a newspaper contest but none wanted the maid to find out about such a worthless venture because of her objections to such things. After all had decided what to do with their money they would win 40c, the maid, was called to the telephone to be told that she had won first prize in the contest. Characters in the play were: Mr. Craig—Bob Hoskinson; Mrs. Craig—Mrs. Poley; Tommy—Bob Hoskinson; Barbara—Mary Henriks and her fiancé, Ted Barnes—Carrel Bennett.

Quarrel Played

"Silence, Please" was the story of husband and wife quarreling over which one talked the most, finally making a bet that neither could keep quiet for half an hour. During the half hour, timed by the clock, in walked two of their friends. When neither one of the young couple said anything, the two friends suspected a stroke or some strange sickness and in their efforts to care for the supposedly sick, the husband spoke losing the bet. The two friends were portrayed by Effie and Nellie Jackson and the husband and wife by Mr. Cunliffe and Miss Leisz. Preliminary music was played by the Swing Senoritas. Between numbers were the grade school rhythm band and the high school glee club.

Five Injured In Car Wreck East of Wasco

An auto accident that proved to be very serious occurred Friday evening just east of Wasco when a car driven by Franklin Bird of The Dalles and containing Mrs. Eva Doak, Mrs. T. Lester Johnson and her sister, Mrs. M. Johnson, collided with a car driven by George Drinkard who was accompanied by his grand son.

The cars hit nearly head-on, practically destroying both. Mr. Bird and Mrs. Doak, in the front car, both had cuts on the head and Mrs. T. Lester Johnson suffered a sprained ankle and her sister, was thrown out the front door to the road. She has a possible concussion.

Mr. Drinkard and grand daughter were cut and bruised but not severely injured in the crash.

Seal Sale Starts With Speed

With only one week passed since the launching of the annual seal sale, residents of Sherman county have shown a response that indicates their appreciation of work done by the local health association.

Reports made to the county chairman by the local chairman on December 6 are as follows: Wasco, \$40.50; Moro, \$44.35; Grass Valley, \$23.75; and Kent \$15.00 for a total of \$123.60.

Over 700 letters were mailed to persons of the county with the request that they purchase seals at a penny each to enable the health association to carry on its health conservation and educational program.

Though the time is yet too early to judge the final result, indications are that the 1939 campaign will allow a more complete educational program throughout the coming year, besides carrying on the services provided in the past.

"Help Protect Your Home From Tuberculosis!"

Carnival Sponsored By Auxiliary

Saturday night the American Legion Auxiliary, aided and abetted by members of the Legion, will give a carnival and bazaar at their hall in Moro and every feature fitting for such an occasion that has been suggested by their fertile minds will be there to amuse. A free dance will be given during the evening.

Payment for the fun will be in "tucks" which may be bought in the hall. Citizens of staid and solemn mien throughout the week will have charge of the concessions with the understanding that their dignity will be cast to the winds. Men whose formerly suppressed ambition has been to bark for a side show will be released from their inhibitions and permitted free rein. And, if it isn't a good show and worth the price there will never be one given hereabouts, say the sponsors.

Ree Cross Gets Good Membership

A county membership of 250 in the American Red Cross was announced this week by Mrs. Darwin Van Gilder, roll call chairman, with the Kent and Rufus districts as yet unreported. The original quota for Sherman county was 200 but the need of additional aid caused by the European war, caused this to be increased.

Half of the money raised here will be retained for work in this county and the other half sent to the national organization. Rutledge leads local districts with every family having a membership. Rosebush has 60 percent, Buckley 57.1; Grass Valley 50.1; Locust Grove 49; Moro 48.8; Wasco, 48.4; Michigan 41.6; Harmony-Fairview 40.9; Klondike 26.9; Gordon-Ridge 11.1 of those so far reported.

The local chapter welcomes any donation of clothing particularly for children. The welfare office reports many requests for such articles and the Red Cross desire to assist. Units in each district are sewing and will repair and mend garments given. Mrs. Viggo Haufelt is in charge of this work as production chairman.

Millages Set For 1939 Taxes On County

Slightly Lower Tax Rates
Due For Next Year
In Most Districts

Millages for the various taxing units of the county for the tax collection year of 1940 will be generally lower than in 1939 principally because of the payment of county bonds and a slight raise in valuations in some towns.

According to information received by Margaret Puetz, county assessor, the county and state millage will be .12 mills, market roads, bridges, .3894 mills; per capita school tax .6374 and the general county fund 3.6394.

For districts outside of those that maintain high schools there will be a non-high school levy of 1.5 mills. The general road fund will receive 2.6 mills on each dollar. These millages will be the total for property in school districts where no special levy is made. The lower limit will therefore be 11.2 mills. In 1939 it was 12.1 and in 1938, 12.9 indicating a decrease of nearly one mill a year for two years.

Wasco's city tax will be 24.2, a slight drop; Moro's 14.9, a decrease of .2 of a mill and Grass Valley will levy a tax of 15.2 mills.

Wide Variation Shown

School taxes will remain much as last year with the exception of the Rufus district which shows a substantial increase in millage.

The list follows:			
No.	mills	No.	mills
1	none	16	none
2	12.3	17	12.6
3	12.3	18	12.6
3A	9.1	19	none
4	none	20	none
5	1.3	21	none
6	3.9	22	1.8
7	6.7	23	12.3
8	none	24	.5
9	none	30	1.4
10	1.8	32	5.9
11	none	33	none

Any taxpayer can figure his total millage from the above by adding to the 7.1 of county and state millage of the non-high, if he is in that district, the general road, which includes all property, the millage of his school district and the millage of his town, if any.

Moro, for instance, will pay 37.2, Wasco 37.8 and Grass Valley 37.7 mills, although property in those school districts and outside of the towns will pay less. Taxpayers in the Monkland, Fairview and Harmony districts will pay 11.2 mills and in the Boardman district 13.6 mills. Rutledge district will pay 11.7, Buckley 11.2, Klondike 12.6 and Locust Grove 11.2 mills.

Extension Work Due By P. P. & L.

H. W. Derry, for the past 3 years principal industrial engineer for the Tennessee Valley Authority, has been engaged by Pacific Power & Light Company to help in the general effort to secure new employment, giving industries to utilize natural resources of the Columbia Basin. R. V. Lockhart, Moro Agent, was informed today. Substantial credit for developing 125,000 kilowatts of industrial load for TVA hydroelectric plants is given Mr. Derry, by former associates in the Tennessee Valley Project.

"As manager of Pacific Companies' New Industries Department, Mr. Derry's proved ability and wide experience will be at the disposal of the communities served," said George T. Bragg, vice president and general manager, in announcing the appointment.

"He will approach our mutual problem of industrial development with a broad view point, and is ready to work with each community in what ever way will prove most helpful and beneficial."

TELEPHONE WORK DONE

The crew of telephone linemen have moved into the Webb building as a headquarters and are getting the new mechanical central and the new dial phones ready for use sometime next month.



Wheat League Meets Today In Condon

Thursday afternoon and evening farmers and land owners slipped out of town bound for Condon and the 1939 meeting of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League. Friday morning there was practically a hegira of men going to the annual meeting of wheat farmers of the state.

Others will go to attend the banquet Friday evening and to have a brief part in the making of resolutions and a program for the coming year. The wheat league, hailed over the land as a serious, well informed group, has its effect on national policies for agriculture as is shown by the fact that each year men from the department of agriculture come to attend the committee meetings and perhaps speak before the assembly.

It is a wheat farmers meeting. Problems of production, of marketing, of handling, of transporting are discussed as well as more political problems of legislation state and national. No important question relating to the business of producing the nation's wheat is forgotten.

This year R. M. Evans, head of the AAA, will come directly from Washington, D. C., to speak. D. E. Stephens, co-ordinator for the bureau of plant industry and soil conservation service, and well known former head of the local experiment station, will attend, and economists and experimenters and producers will have their time on the platform to bring latest information to the ever listening wheat growers.

Woman's Club Hears Dr. Bostrum

The Womens Club of Moro held its regular meeting at the club rooms last Friday.

Mrs. Aden Axel was hostess for the afternoon. After a short business meeting, the program director, Mrs. Knighten, took charge. With the assistance of Mrs. Cope the following numbers were given.

Vocal solos, "Sylvia" and "In a Garden," by Mrs. Lloyd Hennigan, accompanied by Mrs. Irving Hart; Three short jingles especially suited to the Health program were sung by the members. Dr. Bertrum of the Public Health department talked on "Organized Effort in the Prevention of Communicable Diseases." Pictures showing the extent and cause of diseases were shown. Also methods of prevention. Pictures from the U. S. public health service were borrowed from Wasco County by Mrs. Knighten, were run through by Seral Seary on his movie machine.

Dr. Bostrum spoke of the town of Harmony in Indiana, where the first Federated Woman's Club started. During his talk he cited a number of incidents wherein improvements and projects were successfully brought about by Woman's organizations.

The two one act plays given at the school auditorium Saturday night for the library benefit, netted around \$65.00.

The next meeting will be December 15, with Mrs. M. M. Oveson acting as director. Each member is to bring a Christmas gift, the maximum price to be 25c.

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