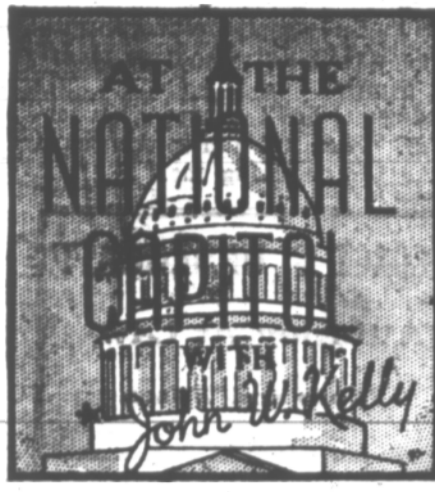


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## More Women Meet and Hear Local Speakers

The Moro-Woman's club met January 5th with a good attendance considering the great amount of illness in the community.

A number of business affairs were taken care of during the afternoon. Among them was the appointment of the nominating and program committees, the former for the purpose of selecting the officers for the coming year, and the latter to prepare the program for the same.

The program for the day was under direction of Mrs. Ross Ornduff, who read the poem titled "Appreciation." She then presented the following program: An article read by Mrs. M. G. Melzer on "Indian Welfare." A paper on "Youth Hostels" was prepared and read by Mrs. Millard Eakin explaining just what Hostels are and the great need of them throughout the United States for the benefit of the youth of our country.

Mrs. Ornduff gave a paper on "Community Service." The members sang two songs led by Mrs. Martha Cope.

The next meeting will be held on January 19, under the direction of the drama department. A very interesting program is being prepared.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 11.—Legislative influence of Washington and Oregon will be exerted to have restored many of the cuts made by President Roosevelt in the budget. As soon as the budget became public and the slashes were apparent, a movement was started to get more money for Bonneville and Grand Coulee. The latter was given an estimate of \$12,000,000 for the fiscal year 1941 (it was \$23,000,000 for the current fiscal 1940), and Bonneville was cut to \$6,000,000.

Representatives of the two states will appear before the ways and means committee of the house and present arguments for larger sums. Backers of Grand Coulee are anxious to expedite completion of the project. Bonneville boosters want four more generators installed. With present installation and generators being manufactured, Bonneville will have six. The complete plan calls for ten units.

Reclamation will proceed under a slow bell. At the last minute there was stricken from the budget an estimate or a tunnel to drain the waters from Tule lake into lower Klamath lake. Until this project is undertaken, Klamath Falls will continue to be subjected to dust storms. Deschutes project is cut a few thousand dollars, but remains at practically \$400,000. Work will continue on Wickup and the 500 CCC enrollees will be available.

If congress does not increase the budget for Bonneville there will still be an abundance of funds to build transmission lines from Pasco to Midway and Midway to Ellensburg; from Pasco to Pendleton and Pendleton to La Grande and Pasco to Colfax. Funds will be available to construct a transmission line from St. Johns to Astoria, down the Columbia river; another from St. Johns to Tillamook.

Money will be ready for a survey for a line into Waldport, Lincoln county, and while work is progressing along the coast counties of Oregon, a survey will be made from Bonneville up the Deschutes to Bend, in central Oregon.

There will be curtailment of activities of the biological survey and the fisheries bureau, unless congress disregards the budget recommendations—both services very important to the Pacific northwest. Also hard hit are various functions of the department of agriculture in Oregon and Washington.

Army engineers are budgeted a very small amount by the president for river and harbor work and the corps will have to count pennies to barely get by. There is not enough money for them to undertake new projects, and they may not be able to repair the south jetty at the mouth of the Columbia. The program desired for Port Orford, Coos bay, Yaquina, Bay Ocean, the harbors on the southwest Washington coast, are all cramped.

The president also made a deep cut in the estimate for flood control, which affects Walla Walla river, Columbia river, coastal streams and the Willamette valley project.

On the other hand, the president has made increases. The National Resources Planning board (of which his uncle, Frederic Delano, is chairman) is given \$1,600,000, an increase of \$312,000; and the office of government reports (which makes movies and furnishes government officials with radio facilities) receives \$1,055,000.

Robert Fechner, who was director of the CCC from its creation until his death a few days ago, has a record that is unique. Of all the scores of men connected with administrative positions during the new deal, Fechner was the only one who remained at the

## PRODUCTION FIGURES ASKED

Production figures for 1939 wheat must be turned in to the office of the county agent before January 20 as the yield data for that period must be given to the county agent. It will be necessary to drop 1929 and replace it with 1939 and the information is needed to make that change, which will not be generally helpful to the farmers of the county for 1929 was a better year for yields than was 1939.

A meeting of the county land use committee will be held some time next week according to LeRoy Wright, county agent, for the purpose of planning a mapping project for the county or a part of it. A comprehensive land use map may be a need in the near future and plans for it are to be made at the coming meeting.

## Chronology For Last Half Of 1939 Compiled For Readers

July 7.—Wheat starts coming in to elevators in Sherman county. Yates recovers some of stolen merchandise. County pays bonds in full on date of maturity.

July 14.—Higher loan rates go into effect for wheat. New public welfare board has first meeting. Wheat returns make farmers optimistic.

July 21.—Earl Belshee suffers broken leg by accidental fire of a gun. Roy Barnett's combine tipped over. Poley's friends observe 26th arrival of doctor and family in Moro.

July 28.—Wheat fire cause loss of 365 acres of grain. Mercury goes to 111.

August.—Charles Burnett buys Fox farm. Fair board not expected to enter tri-county race association. Federation wheat does best on station.

August 11.—1940 AAA said to be very similar to 1939 law. Moro passes ordinance regulating bicycles.

August 18.—County acreage of wheat may be greater in 1940 by over 10,000 acres. Bank of Commerce returned to stockholders after liquidation. Ted Applegate returned to prison having broken parole.

August 25.—Grand Entry arranged for local county fair. School to open September 11.

Sept. 1.—Crop insurance pays farmers in 1939. Donkey football game added to fair program. Frasers horses win at Gresham.

Sept. 8.—Court house to be repaired and repaired. Dell Olds wins car for catching biggest salmon at Astoria.

Sept. 15.—Breakfast club goes to The Dalles. Entrants for fair arrive. School enrollments remain constant.

Sept. 22.—AAA leaders come to talk to farmers. Fair adjudged success after three stifled days. Pat Cameron dies in The Dalles.

Sept. 29.—Paul Rayer suggests power district for this area. Farmers signing order for government

## County Agent Makes Report On Years Activity

### Great Variety of Jobs Done In Year By Farmers' Servant

The report of the county agent for 1939, duly compiled, accepted by the powers that be, bound and returned for perusal gives a picture of what one of these servants of the farmer does during a twelve month.

For instance: 84 days devoted to agricultural conservation work, 128 days in office work, 192 days in the field, 622 farm or home visits, 4989 office calls met, 1802 office telephone calls received, 3897 letters written, 30 circular letters sent out, 333 bulletins distributed and extension meetings held which were attended by 2263 persons.

This means that the county agent called twice on every farmer in the county, received the average farmer in his office fifteen times, talked to the average farmer about five times over the phone and wrote an average of over ten letters to each one.

### Smut Reported Serious

One section of the book, that dealing with smut, gives some information that is not pleasant for Sherman county farmers. It shows that the percentage of smutty wheat has increased in the last two years until in Wasco 34.7 percent of the wheat was smutty, in Moro 11.5 percent and in Grass Valley 10.0 percent.

The report indicates that the acreage of crested wheat has decreased in 1939 as compared to 1938, the reduction being in excess of 2000 acres.

The report of the cricket scare of last summer, the story of some of the 4-H club work done, the job of handling the federal program, community activities and a history of county agent work in Sherman county since back in the early days when C. C. Calkins came here to aid the farmers in some of their projects go to make up a report of over 200 pages.

### inspection Red Cross organization meeting called.

Oct. 6.—Budget committee named by county court. Wasco festival brings fun and funds to library. Sherman county's relief costs lowest.

Oct. 13.—Wheat league program made up at Arlington. Wheat and stock from Sherman county wins awards at Pacific International.

Oct. 20.—Telephone company buys sites for automatic plants to be used with dial phones. Spring wheats do better than winter on station.

Oct. 27.—State sets property valuations for county. County budget committee makes up budget. School costs vary widely shown in trip.

Nov. 3.—Triple A officers chosen for another year in most cases. Petition signed for road improvement. A. C. Thompsons married for sixty years.

Nov. 10.—Utility valuations drop slightly in Sherman county. Farmers take out insurance on over half of crop sown. Fred Justensens celebrate golden wedding.

Nov. 17.—Banquet given at Grass Valley for 4-H club workers. Wheat league committees named.

Nov. 24.—Wheat league program fully prepared. Mrs. Van Gilder elected president of treasurers. Milk board hearing called.

Dec. 1.—E. R. Fatland speaks at Wasco. Budget for county cut \$700. Eleven month rainfall lowest on record.

Dec. 8.—Three CCC boys hurt when truck overturns. Five injured in car wreck east of Wasco. Millages lower than in 1939.

Dec. 15.—Wheat league meeting largest, ever. Rain comes to break long drought.

Dec. 22.—Wasco and Moro service clubs meet at Wasco. December brings more rain than any other 1939 month.

Dec. 29.—Federal funds received by complying farmers. 1939 becomes driest year in history.

## Same Boy; Same Man; Old Calf



## Bob King Wins Again With Club Calf; On To Denver

Bob King, whose record for winning prizes with fat calves has brought distinction to Sherman county, added another laurel to his list last week when his Hereford calf was adjudged to be the best at the stock show in Ogdon, Utah.

Bob is 18, a senior in the Grass Valley high school, and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen King. He won grand champion at the Pacific International in 1938 and has always placed some of his calves in the top brackets in every show he has entered. He was also winner at the 4-H exhibit at the San Francisco fair last year.

He is in Denver this week with another calf.

## Mrs. Kate Johnson Dies At Age Of 91

Mrs. Katherine Johnson, 91, pioneer of Sherman county, died peacefully at her home in Wasco Friday night. She had just been put to bed by her nurse, who had been called because of a slight illness, when she passed away in her sleep.

Mrs. Johnson was born in Tennessee, December 14, 1848 and came with her husband to what is now Sherman county in 1884 remaining here to the end of her days. The Johnsons farmed successfully near Wasco until their retirement after which she lived in Wasco.

David Hoskinson Funeral Held Today

David Clarence Hoskinson, 18, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hoskinson of Kent, died in The Dalles Wednesday morning after an operation for appendicitis which he had undergone Friday of last week.

David was born at Kent, May 5, 1921 and has resided there most all of his life, finishing high school last spring. He has been working for further education since graduation.

He is survived by his parents, five brothers, Dan, Hugh, Gene, Edward and Arthur and three sisters, Mary, Florence and Eleanor. The funeral will be held Friday morning in Grass Valley, with mass at ten o'clock in the Catholic church and funeral services at 10:30 in the auditorium with interment in the Odd Fellows cemetery in Moro.

## Complying Farmers To Get 4 Million

Oregon farmers, who will receive about four million dollars for cooperating with the 1939 agricultural conservation program, have now received approximately half this amount, according to the state AAA office in Corvallis.

Payment of the remaining two million dollars is going forward rapidly, it was said. As soon as county offices have completed applications of farmers for payments, they are sent to the state office for approval and then forwarded to the U. S. disbursing office for payment.

Rate of payments for taking part in the 1939 farm program is considerably ahead of the schedule maintained a year ago, said N. C. Donaldson, state executive assistant.

## Lucille Vale Now County Nurse

The report of Katherine Morse, county health nurse who resigned to enter matrimony has been filed with officials in charge of her work. Lucille Vale will take up the work here beginning the middle of February.

The report covers communicable disease, tuberculosis control, maternity service, infant and pre-school hygiene, school service, morbidity service and work for crippled children. In conclusion Miss Morse states that a six months service is ample for Sherman county under the present standard.

## Moro Gets A Little More Out of Hole

Moro city council met Tuesday night for its first gathering of 1940 and reelected the appointive officers for another period, at the same salaries that were paid in 1939. Jack Cothran will be marshal, George Williams water collector and Charles Ruggles, recorder.

Because of the turnover of taxes for the final period of 1939 which brought an unexpected sum of money into the treasury it was voted to not only pay the interest on the outstanding bonds, a half year of which was due January first, but to take up \$2000 in water bonds at the same time. This payment will reduce the city's indebtedness to \$26,500. It will also pay bonds that would in the regular course be due in 1941, 1942 and one \$500 that would be due in 1943. Interest, which is at four percent, will be reduced by \$80 per year by the action of the council.

## Kent Rebekahs Install Officers

Thursday evening January 4, Laura Sather, Grand Marshal; Lola Barnett, District, assisted by Clara Helyer, Grand Treasurer; Brooks Helyer, Grand Secretary; Floye von Borstel, Grand Warden; Bertha Matthes, Inside guardian; Farnk von Borstel, Chaplain; and Mildred Norton, musician, installed the following officers: Past Noble Grand, Floye von Borstel; Noble Grand, Pearl Guyton; Vice Grand, Margaret Mobley; Secretary, Ollie Helyer; Treasurer, Letitia Wilson; Warden, Edith Lyons; Conductor, Marguerite Decker; Outside Guardian, Edna Schilling; Chaplain, Helen Sather; musician, Nan Smith; R.S.N.G., Dorothy Dunlap; L.S.N.G., Brooks Helyer; R.S.V.G. Laura Sather; and L.S.V.G., Phoebe McKay. Refreshments were served.

The card party held Saturday night, January 6, was successful, with 35 people in attendance. The next party in the series will be held February 3.

## Civil War Veteran's Widow

Mrs. Johnson was one of the last of the civil war veteran's widows in this part of the state. She came west in 1883 from Farmer City, Illinois, a number of related families making the trip together, the Lee Johnsons, Pollocks, Lynchs, Yates who all settled in Oregon.

She is survived by five sons, Albert Sidney, J. Richard, John T., William B., and Charles M., all of Wasco except the latter who has lately moved to Willamina, and one daughter, Mrs. Mae Michaels of Portland and many grand children.

The funeral was held Sunday from the Christian church of which she was a long time member, with Rev. Wallace Patrick officiating. Pallbearers were A. T. Striker, Joe Brooks, Ed. Moon, W. D. Watkins, Charles Everett and Pardy Rich. Interment was made in the Wasco cemetery.

## Game Commission Announces Hearing

The annual hearing of the state game commission pertaining to angling regulations will be held in Portland on February 16, at which time sportsmen's organizations and others interested will be given an opportunity to submit their recommendations concerning seasons and bag limits for game fish.

Of particular interest is the proposed closure of coastal waters to fishing for trout over ten inches in length for a period of about three months for the purpose of protecting cutthroat trout coming in from the ocean to spawn in the streams.

## NEAR \$300,000 COMES

A total of \$286,506.35 has been received in this county for distribution through the Agricultural Conservation committee to farmers who followed the rules and regulations of the government close enough to comply. This is nearly all that will come from this account this year although an effort is being made to make the 1940 payment earlier so that it will come in the fall.

Remodeling the supreme court building, authorized by the state,

## 1940 Starts With Moisture In Contrast To 1939

### Drouth of Past Year Well Broken In Last Month; Hopes Raised

The weather for the past week has been exactly what the farmer would have ordered if he had been consulted by the celestial waiter. It has been snow, nice, damp, wet, soggy snow and over most of the county it has fallen gradually with little drifting, until it has piled up to a depth of from five to ten inches depending on the part of the county and the optimism of the reporter.

The highway crew has been kept busy shoveling snow off the highways but as it has fallen rather slowly this has been done very well. The highway has been slick a large part of the time because of packed snow but many have traveled it without chains and no serious accidents have occurred although several have slid off the highway.

### Days Warm

The weather has been warm and no temperature more than eight degrees below freezing has been experienced up until Wednesday. The snow covering on the ground is wet enough to prevent drifting except under very unfortunate conditions, has encouraged farmers whose newly sown wheat needs the protection.

The first few days of the storm brought 1.08 inches of moisture and the snow added .99 to bring the total of the storm to 2.07. Of this amount 1.28 must be credited to 1940. The normal for January is 1.61 inches and over two thirds of it has fallen by the first third of the month.

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## Public Schools Cost More Money But Pupils Are Fewer

By A. L. Lindbeck

Cost of operating Oregon's public school system during 1938-39 increased more than \$1,220,000 over the costs for the previous year—from \$17,663,176 to \$18,885,990—according to figures compiled by Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, from reports filed by county school superintendents.

This increase in school costs came too inspite of smaller school enrollment and a reduction in the number of teachers employed. While there was an increase in the number of children on the school census rolls from 269,663, to 270,397, there was a loss of nearly 3000—from 210,219 to 207,546—in the public school enrollment. This enrollment loss was reflected entirely in the elementary school figures where the enrollment dropped from 148,715 to 144,794. Enrollment in the high schools of the state at the same time showed small increase from 62,063 to 62,752.

Paralleling this reduction in school enrollment there was also a reduction in the number of teachers employed in the public schools from 7177 to 7054. This reduction occurred entirely in the ranks of elementary school teachers whose numbers declined from 4851 to 4693. The number of high school teachers gained from 2001 to 2024 while there was a gain of 12 in the number of junior high school teachers, from 325 to 337.

The per capita cost of educating high school students shows an increase from \$105.77 to \$109.62 while the cost of educating pupils in the grades increased from \$90.34 to approximately \$94.

More than \$450,000 was whittled from the bonded debt load of the school districts whose aggregate outstanding bonds were reduced from \$15,086,008 to \$14,627,964. Outstanding school warrants at the same time were reduced by more than \$225,000 from \$1,484,679 to \$1,258,957.

Resignation of Senate President Robert M. Duncan to accept a seat on the circuit bench has started the king makers on their pre-session task of picking a new senate leader. Not that Duncan's resignation has any bearing on the situation one way or another. It merely offered a convenient excuse on which to hang the biennial guessing contest. Among those most prominently mentioned as Duncan's most likely successor

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