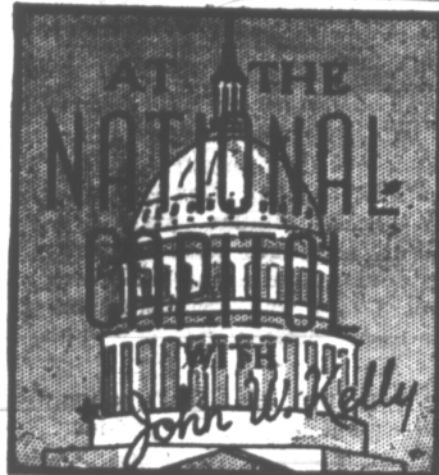


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Washington, D. C., Feb. 2.—White House was not consulted by Secretary of the Interior Ickes when he suggested a five-year plan of irrigation to provide homes for dust-bowl refugees who have migrated to the Pacific coast. Without approval of the president, the Ickes plan is merely something to talk about.

Oregon ranks near the top in projects proposed by the secretary; 46,000 acres with estimated cost of non-relief funds of \$1,500,000. Because Grand Coulee will ultimately reclaim 1,250,000 acres the secretary considers that project is sufficient for Washington and does not suggest additional development as in other western states.

In the past ten years, the secretary estimates, 18,000 families have migrated to Washington and a similar number to Oregon, and 7000 homeless families went to Idaho. California topped all with an estimate 110,000 families (the "Okies" which have been described in novels and on the screen.)

Secretary Ickes proposes that these migrants be given an opportunity to have homes on land now requiring water instead of having like bees in migratory labor camps in Oregon and Washington, waiting for seasonal crops. Bureau of reclamation has itemized the Oregon project which can start immediately and efficiently. On tributaries of the Rogue and Deschutes rivers or in the Lahontan basin (not particularly are these projects) 9000 acres can be watered for \$600,000. Suggested also is Bully creek reservoir on the Vale project, bringing in 33,000 acres at a cost of \$500,000. In Clackamas county the Canby irrigation district can be expanded another 4000 acres by pumping or diversion at a cost of \$400,000.

Idaho suggested projects, 11,300 acres on Weiser river and tributaries, estimated at \$200,000, and Devil creek reservoir on Malade, 7600 acres at \$200,000.

For preservation of salmon runs in Columbia river and its tributaries, bureau of fisheries proposes for cultural stations \$25,000 (initial) for Spirit lake, Cowlitz county, Washington \$50,000 for the upper salmon; \$75,000 for the Clearwater; \$25,000 for expanding the hatchery at Little White Salmon, and \$25,000 for expansion at Carson, Washington.

The Payette system in Idaho should have a hatchery if Black canyon dam is made passable for fish. Snake river requires a hatchery for propagation, and another is needed to rebuild the runs in Clearwater, Idaho. Rehabilitation of runs in Entiat, Wenatchee, Methow and Okanogan are expected to compensate for loss of spawning areas above Coulee dam. Special problem in Willamette river and tributaries is pollution. Present state hatcheries must be rebuilt or modified owing to the comprehensive plan for flood control of Willamette valley.

One of the best known financial houses in Wall Street is making an investigation of the possibilities of a proposed new industry to use power from Bonneville. If the survey is satisfactory the house will put up the money for the enterprise and the operation might be located anywhere on the west side of the Cascade range, a site on tidewater not being essential if there is land transportation.

Administration's proposed farm program based on subsidies has failed to provide parity prices, and the Okanogan county Pomona Grange, Washington, has petitioned congress, via Charles H. Leavy, for cost of production to be paid farmers for domestically consumed portion of their products. The Grange also protests against the president extending the national park program in Washington. By executive order three weeks ago the president enlarged Olympic national park.

There is a proposal to expand Crater lake park to include Diamond lake, but this means a row between the forest service and the

King Leopold Inspects Belgian Defense Measures



Leopold, soldier king of Belgium, walks past a tank as he inspects Belgian defenses along the border fronting Germany. Similar scenes are being enacted in the Netherlands, another lowland country, where troops also have been massed to fight the threat of Nazi invasion. In case of invasion both Belgium and the Netherlands can be partially flooded by means of dikes.

Sherman County Citizens Swell Liquor Profit

The report of the Oregon Liquor Control commission for 1939 discloses much information about the sale and consumption of liquor in Oregon in that year. In this county \$6740.20 worth of liquor was sold in Moro and \$9585.75 in Wasco. This made a profit for the state of \$3834.49 which goes to the public welfare organization of the state.

In the state as a whole \$8,380,515.93 was spent for liquor which returned a profit of \$2,074,242.18 or 24.75 per cent. It is estimated that no more liquor was sold than in 1938 but prices were made higher in the spring to increase the profits as a larger sum was asked by the legislature than for previous years.

H. A. Sommer Buried Monday

The funeral of H. A. Sommer, long a resident of Sherman county, was held at Grass Valley Monday afternoon at two o'clock following his death Friday night at a hospital in The Dalles. He had been seriously ill but a short time. Mr. Sommer came to this country from Germany and settled east of Bourbon in the eighties when the great influx of settlers was on. He farmed extensively and was at one time a leading producer of purebred Percheron horses and Hereford cattle.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ellen Sommer, two daughters, Mrs. Kenneth Martin and Mrs. C. I. Lafoon, both of Kent and three step children, A. W. McLeod of Moro, W. A. McLeod of Bend and Mrs. J. K. Irby of Arlington and several grandchildren.

Rev. W. I. Eck conducted the funeral from the Methodist church in Grass Valley, the service of the Lutheran church being used, as deceased had been a life long member.

Over 300 Now At E. O. C. of Education

A total of 314 students are enrolled for the winter term at the Eastern Oregon College of Education in LaGrande, which is an increase of 19.8 per cent over the 262 enrolled in the winter term a year ago.

There are 137 students enrolled in the regular lower division university or junior college course and 177 in the elementary school teacher training course. Eleven are transfer students from other colleges who have elected to attend E.O.C.E.

For the first time in the history of the College, the number of men and women students are equal with exactly 157 men and 157 women.

Of the total registration 173 are first year students, 121 second year students, 18 third year students, and two who are college graduates taking the teacher training course.

Move Started To Fight Budget Cut On Experiments

The news report from Washington that the administration budget had cut the appropriations for experimental work for cereal crops and diseases and for dry land farming has been reduced to figures for Oregon that show that the Moro station would lose \$2600 and the Pendleton field station \$4900. The Hermiston station would lose so much that it would be discontinued and some other agricultural and timber work in Oregon would be curtailed.

The reduction in the appropriation for the Moro station would make it necessary to discontinue some of the experiments that have been carried on here, some for nearly thirty years. At Pendleton the cut would leave only experiments in new varieties, it is understood although the decision as to what would remain would probably be made by the bureau of plant industry and the Oregon authorities.

News reports of this week indicate that the agricultural committee is intent on making further reductions.

The value of the station to warming in this country and in the Columbia basin as a whole is such that a determined stand will be taken by farmers and public bodies to have the sums returned to the budget.

The executive committee of the Moro Breakfast club, the most active civic body here, met Wednesday night to form an organization to prepare a brief, or to co-operate with other groups desiring to do so, in order that the case of the wheat farmer of this area may be properly presented to the members of the committee and the Oregon delegation in congress. Named by President George Updgraff were Giles French, J. B. Adams, L. C. Wright, M. M. Oveson, H. B. Pinkerton.

January Beats Normal Precipitation

January ended in this county with more moisture having fallen than is the average for the first month of the year. At Moro there was recorded 2.13 inches of moisture, at Wasco 1.83, at Grass Valley 1.27 and at Kent 1.38. The average for the month is 1.61 over a period of 27 years.

During the month 18 inches of snow fell at Wasco and 16 inches at Moro. The last snow at Moro contained .85 inch of moisture which was much more than it was further south, there being .42 at Grass Valley and .52 at Kent.

Temperatures ranged from 48 to 14 above zero during January.

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
25	20	14	.30
26	27	16	.40
27	46	20	
28	41	20	
29	43	25	
30	43	27	
31	35	25	

Farmers Attend O'Meara Tractor School Tuesday

A crowd of farmers and farmer's sons that filled the opera house at Wasco, gathered Tuesday to attend the Pat O'Meara tractor school and spent the morning watching a series of pictures of John Deere farm machines in operation. Many new ones were pictured, some for the purpose of handling crops not grown here, but interesting because all farmers like to know of the development of machinery.

The Caterpillar company sent out away models to show the farmers how their machinery works. Driven by little motors, transmissions and differentials and final drives slowly turned so that anyone could see what the inside of a gear box looks like while plowing is going on.

At noon the ladies of the town served a plate lunch to the crowd which later listened to talks on farming practices and more about the machinery used to do it. It was one of the largest shows held in Wasco.

Horse Market May Get Better

If the European war makes much demand on the horse supply in the United States, a pronounced shortage will result, declares Dr. W. H. Lytle, chief of the state department of agriculture division of animal industry.

France has contracted already to purchase in this country 6000 horses for war use, and if the war continues more purchases are anticipated.

Fewer Horses Now

The U. S. horse population, already low, decreased further in 1939 due to smaller colt crops, encephalomyelitis and tractor competition.

Even if war demands do not develop materially, there should still be an active demand for horses this year because there is increasing stress on horses for recreational use. Also replacement will be necessary for a certain percentage of the animals used in farm work.

The country had in the neighborhood of 10 million horses and four million mules as the year opened. The federal farm census of 1935 listed 171,071 horses and mules of all ages in Oregon.

New Public Welfare Administrator Here

Miss Mary Louise Ireland has taken over the duties of Kenneth Walker as public welfare administrator for Sherman county and is at the office in the court house. Miss Ireland is a graduate of the university of Oregon and has done graduate work at Columbia university in New York. She has recently completed the school for social workers which Mr. Walker is now attending.

Rufus District To Get Power From PP&L Co.

Line To Run From Celilo To Rufus and Serve Fifty Six New Customers

A 14-mile power line to be built by Pacific Power & Light company will bring electric service to the area between Celilo and Rufus, north of here on the Columbia river, R. V. Lockhart, local agent for the company, announced today.

The project is one of the most extensive rural distribution system developments undertaken in the Mid-Columbia area for several years under the company's policy of extending electric service to as many new users as possible in the territory it serves.

Fifty-six new customers will receive service from the line.

Plans for the project have just been approved and surveys to select the route of the line will be started promptly.

Recent tourist trade development of the area, studied by the company for several years with a view to electrification, makes the project feasible now, Lockhart said.

The new line will serve Biggs, Miller, Fleck Orchards, Poplar Grove and Rufus.

Facilities will be provided for a number of auto camps and service stations and for several grain houses along the route. At Rufus 29 customers, including the school will be supplied.

Some power for irrigation pumping will be taken from the line. The district to be traversed, follows roughly the route of the Columbia river highway.

The line will cost approximately \$19,000.

BANK NOW READY TO ISSUE MONEY ORDERS

Money orders are now available at the Sherman County branch of The First National Bank of Portland, according to Lloyd L. Hennagin, manager.

"This is a new bank service," Mr. Hennagin said. "It has been introduced for convenience of persons who wish to mail money, pay bills and make installment or mail order payments at a nominal cost. This new service, offered by all of our branches over the state, is open to all persons whether or not they use any other service of the bank."

Movement Started Against All Games of Chance As Petition Is Filed For Vote In November

By A. L. Lindbeck

Striking at all games of chance as well as dog racing the Oregon Civic Welfare Association with headquarters in Portland has filed a preliminary initiative petition with Secretary of State Snell providing for a proposed constitutional amendment to be voted on next November. The proposed amendment would ban slot machines, punch boards, pinball games, dart and beano games. Henry M. Hansen, state budget director under Governor Meier is president of the sponsoring organization.

In order to attract business back to the streams of Oregon the state land this week decided to reduce sand and gravel royalties from ten to eight cents a cubic yard. Lewis Griffith, clerk of the board, explained, that because of high royalty charge many companies have been buying land and opening up gravel pits from which no royalty is realized by the state.

Oregon's state park system lured a total of \$1,715,357 visitors into the great outdoors during 1939, according to figures just released by the state highway department. Checkers employed in the parks counted a total of 567,054 automobiles during the year. Coast parks, particularly those in Lincoln county within easy access of the residents of Portland and the populous Willamette valley, entertained the most visitors. Use of state parks by the public has almost trebled in the past two years, highway department records show.

While the operating incomes of

L. R. Conlee Sell Grocery Store To Sons

February first, Thursday, the management of the Conlee grocery became the job of Virgil and Howard Conlee, sons of M. and Mrs. L. R. Conlee who have sold spinach and sugar to the people of Moro for nearly twenty years and now wish to retire to a quieter life. They will continue to live in Moro and will spend some time on their farm, east of town.

Howard Conlee has recently returned from Prineville where he has been working for Erickson's grocery for several months. Virgil and wife have been in the store for over a year.

Johnson Named County Director

University of Oregon, Jan. 2.—(Special to the Sherman County Journal) Lester Johnson, Wasco, was named today as a member of the board of directors of the Oregon Alumni association to represent Sherman county. Mr. Johnson will serve three years.

Mr. Johnson is a member of the class of 1929 at the University and in 1931 was awarded the degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence by the school of law. Mr. Johnson is district attorney of Sherman county. He is a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity and was a prominent football player during his undergraduate days.

W.P.A. PAY INCLUDED

Salem, Feb. 2.—Pay on WPA or part-time work must be included in earnings reports filed with the State Unemployment Compensation Commission in applying for jobless benefits, pointed out Administrator Silas Gaiser today in calling attention to several court cases involving false claims.

John D. Baile of Klamath Falls, who admitted drawing \$50.03 benefits while working for the WPA, was fined \$100 and \$7.60 costs. In another charge still pending a nurse who "forgot" to include more than \$50 pay on a private case is being sought under the act. Several others who failed to understand about including odd job pay in their weekly report are being warned.

"Those who draw unemployment benefits are entitled to \$2 a week earnings without deductions," explained Mr. Gaiser, "all earnings, however, should be reported so that the commission may have all facts in determining the amount of the claim."

Tax Figures For County Show Small Reduction

Utilities Will Pay Over 22 Percent of Total Tax;

Personal Property 7.1 Percent

The abstract of taxes payable in 1940 for Sherman county is a sort of report by the county assessor of the taxes to be paid by the property owners and the valuations on which they are based.

The special school taxes of the county, although levied on only a part of the districts, total \$46,371.10 for 1940. Nine of the twenty one districts pay no special tax, sufficient funds for their operation being raised by the state and county levies.

The total valuation of the county, including public service, is set at \$8,990,154 for 1940. Property owned privately or by other than public service companies is valued at \$7,321,890. This is the lowest valuation that has been set on the county since the early days.

The levy for the general fund is 7.1 mills which will raise \$63,830.09. The state demands \$2,421.68 and the elementary school tax is \$14,457.32. As passed by the budget committee the market roads will take \$5000, bridges \$3500, road machinery \$3000 and the emergency fund \$7000. Minor items are the school and county fairs, the per capita school tax, elections, health officer and county nurse. Old age pensions and relief are budgeted at \$5820 and \$10,361.09 for the general operations of the county government which includes salaries of officers etc.

The levy for city taxes has been changed somewhat and Wasco will need 38 mills as a total levy and Moro 36.9 and Grass Valley 37.2. This will include all taxes to be paid by the residents of those towns.

The total tax to be raised in 1940 in this county is \$149,876.56 of which sum local rate payers will pay \$116,528.48 while public service corporations will have to pay \$33,348.08 or over 22 percent.

The OWR & N's tax will be \$26,250.08 or 17.6 percent of the total for the county. Personal property within the county owned privately will pay 7.1 percent of the tax and local real property will pay 70.6 percent.

Tax notices will soon be in the hands of the property owners and taxes will be due March 15 and each quarter thereafter until paid.

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So-called social clubs in which "members" gather to mix and imbibe drinks constitute the greatest problem in Oregon's attempt to regulate the sale and use of hard liquors, according to the report of the Oregon Liquor Control commission. Under existing laws the commission has no jurisdiction over these clubs and is urging support of the "club control bill" passed by the 1939 legislature but sidetracked to the 1940 election through the referendum.

A total of 2676 motorists have

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