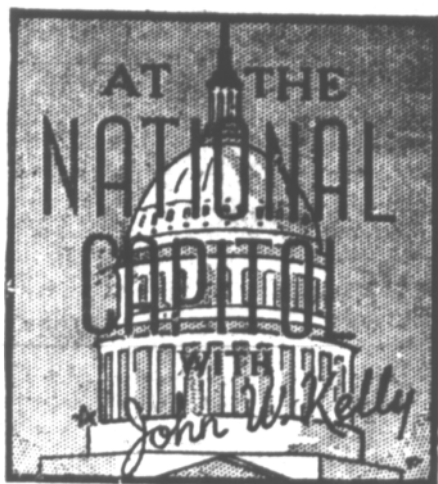


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Washington, D. C., Dec. 19. Two organizations are pulling at Congress and the tug-of-war will become acrimonious within a few months. Up to now one of these organizations, Defend America By Aiding the Allies, has had matters pretty much its own way—it promoted the trade of destroyers, the sale of planes (British fighters be little the airships), is now advocating the repeal of the neutrality act and use of American merchant ships to carry goods to England with American warships as guards. Comes now the American First organization, intended to build up national defense before sharing planes, tanks, and similar munitions with the British.

Headman of The American First is a graduate of West Point, a veteran of World War No. 1, Gen. Robert E. Wood, top man of Sears-Roebuck. The general has from time to time held important positions in the new deal at \$1 a year. A former secretary of navy, Charles Francis Adams; a former undersecretary of state, William Castle; Eddie Rickenbacker, war ace; Louis Tabor, head of the National Grange; Mrs. Burton K. Wheeler, wife of the Montana senator; Mrs. Bennett Clark, wife of the Missouri senator—these are a few of the people who believe that America comes first.

Defend America By Aiding the Allies has among its leaders men who are advocating that the United States get into the war, and they are over the military age, therefore exempt. America First also is headed by men over-age, but opposed to war. Each outfit has finances and is grooming for a battle royal when the new congress meets. America First is not anti-British but insists that the United States be safeguarded before becoming big hearted.

Of \$40,000,000 given Civil Aeronautics Authority for improving flying fields throughout the country, practically 10 per cent has been allocated to Oregon. Washington and Idaho. Ten fields in Oregon received \$1,912,800; eight fields in Washington received \$1,392,000, and four fields in Idaho \$440,460. These fields, (all municipal) fit into the program of the army air corps as the fields will be capable of handling heavy bombers as well as large commercial transports. Later, navy will be requested to establish fields on the coast to service flying squadrons from the Tongue Point base.

Because of delay in completing housing facilities at Fort Lewis the high command has decided not to send troops from Wyoming, California and Minnesota there until some time in February. Meanwhile there is such a rush of mechanics to the navy yard at Bellingham that the government is arranging to construct hundreds of dwelling units for the workers. It is estimated that more than 1,000 have gone from Oregon to the Bellingham yard.

Illness of Oregon's Senator McNary, who has been for weeks in a Salem hospital, has delayed assignment of committees to new members of the senate who were elected last month as Republicans. The task of making committee assignments on the Republican side rests with the Oregon senator as leader of the minority. McNary is being advocated by new dealers as an ideal selection for secretary of agriculture, an idea which meets with favor from President Roosevelt, who has a warm personal regard for the leader of the "loyal opposition." Senator McNary would not accept.

With the new congress, Rufus Holman, Oregon, may reintroduce his legislation to curb immigration based on the scramble of United States. Senator Wallgren, Washington, newly elected, is arranging to shift from the house office building to the senate office building as he takes his place in "the most deliberative body in the world."

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Wasco Churches Holding Program Together For Christmas Time

Wasco Methodist church: Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning worship at 11 a. m. Special Christmas music by the young people, followed by the pastor's Christmas sermon. At 7:30 p. m. the children of the Christian and the Methodist Sunday schools will unite at the Methodist church for their Christmas program. There will also be a Cantata by the choir, under the direction of Mrs. Maude Akers, and owing to the favorable weather, Santa Claus expects to arrive on schedule.

F. L. Cannell, Pastor.

The Wasco public library will not be open the Wednesday of Christmas week.

Members of the Pythian Sisters lodge entertained Thursday evening at its annual pot luck dinner given for the families of the members. About 60 members attended. After temple amusement was card playing. Business procedure included election of officers with Elva Hines, past chief, Opal Brady, most excellent chief, Louise Thomas senior; Pearl Brackett, junior; Marcella Hildebrand, manager; Olive Robinson, press correspondent; Frances McClure, guard; Frances Guy, mistress of finance; June Spencer, mistress of records.

Bonnie Clough of The Dalles was a visitor here Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Rice and family. Mr. and Mrs. William Reid visited in Portland Sunday with their son Bill and wife, who has been ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Belknap and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Van Gilder were in Moro Sunday ice skating at Lone Rock.

Wayne Bartrum took Jack Hines to Portland Thursday. Arch Kirkelle going with them. Wayne visited his parents over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Afton McIntyre and Mrs. Harold Ginn of Moro and Elva Hines and Lee Dehler were

Christmas shoppers in The Dalles Monday. Mrs. Harley Dutton, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Richelderfer and son went Saturday.

Members of the Christian church surprised their minister and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Stephens, with a gift shower Monday evening at the parsonage. The evening was spent singing hymns and playing games. Refreshments were served before the end of the evening.

A Christmas party for exchange of gifts and an afternoon of cards dated the 500 social club members at the home of Mrs. Grace Medler Friday afternoon. Prizes went to Mrs. Marie Barnett Cooper for club and Mrs. Wesley Wilde for guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Colin Rostad and son Donald motored to Portland Friday returning home Sunday evening. They spent Saturday and Sunday visiting friends in Castle Rock.

Mrs. Murray Walker came from her home in Ephrata, Washington for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Augusta Huckin. Mrs. Carrie Morrow left the Huckin home Sunday going to Portland where she will visit her son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. La'dow.

Doris Wright and Juanita Matlock of The Dalles were week end guests of June Hines. The girls attended the Saturday night dance in Rufus. Others going from here were Mrs. Elva Hines and Lee Dehler, Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Rust, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Anderson, Thelma and Bernice Lutje and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Belshee.

Mrs. Lewis Hastings gave several Christmas parties this week. Wednesday she entertained the junior bridge club members with scoring honors going to Mrs. Afton McIntyre and Mrs. Joe Hildebrand.

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Industrial Accident Commission May Be Reorganized Soon

—By A. L. Lindbeck

Salem, Or., Dec. 19.—Reorganization of the State Industrial Accident commission with the administrative power concentrated in a manager will be recommended to the forthcoming legislative session. The proposed reorganization is recommended in a report just filed with Governor Sprague by the interim committee for the study of the workmen's compensation law headed by Dean Victor P. Morris of the University of Oregon. The committee's report also recommends that the present three man commission be retained as a board of appeals with its functions limited to policy making and supervision.

"It is the belief of the interim committee that by means of this fundamental change of administration to a manager form the financial condition of the funds will be improved, many financial 'leaks' stopped, court cases reduced in number and safety work made a reality, not merely a dream," the report reads.

While the committee favors an exclusive state fund rather than the optional plan under which Oregon is now operating it was felt that the time is not ripe for a change in that respect at this time.

With a credit balance of \$5,631,162 in its general fund on November 30, the financial condition of the state of Oregon is very sound, according to State Treasurer Walter E. Pearson. Pearson compared this showing on the part of Oregon with the situation in Washington which with only \$2,312,000 in its general fund on the same date had \$7,834,000 in general fund warrants outstanding and the situation in California which on June 1, last had a general fund warrant debt of more than \$85,000. The bonded debt of the state which on January 1, 1928, totalled more than \$66,000 is now reduced to \$35,141,285, Pearson reported.

Construction of a new laboratory building to house all of its testing apparatus will be started by the state highway department immediately, it was announced by R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer. The structure, 112 x 120 feet in size of steel and concrete construction, is to cost approximately \$95,000 and will be financed out of

highway funds. It will be located at the east end of State street and will form a part of the group of highway department buildings already at that location.

Oregon has a total of 7160 full-time employees; according to a report compiled by State Budget Director David Eccles. Highest paid of these is Chancellor Frederick M. Hunter of the state system of higher education who receives an annual salary of \$10,000. Eleven other officials receive salaries of \$7500 a year. These include the governor, public utilities commissioner, president of the state university, president of the state college and the seven justices of the supreme court. In striking contrast to this high salary group are 299 state workers who receive less than \$600 a year plus maintenance. Forty two state officials receive salaries ranging from \$5000 to \$5999 a year; 162 are in the \$4000-\$4999 bracket; 413 receive between \$3000 and \$3999 a year; 1096 from \$2000 to \$2999; 1515 from \$1500 to \$1999 and 2575 from \$900 to \$1499.

Meeting in the state department at noon here Monday Oregon's five Democratic electors cast this state's five votes in support of Franklin D. Roosevelt and Henry A. Wallace for president and vice-president, respectively, of these United States. The result of the vote was immediately dispatched to Washington by air mail.

With the biennial session only three weeks away the atmosphere around the capitol is already taking on a distinctly legislative flavor. Members of the House and Senate are continually popping in to the state house to confer with Governor Sprague, Secretary of State Snell, State Treasurer Pearson and other department heads relative to pending legislation. Department heads, themselves, are busy putting the finishing touches to bills in which they are interested in an effort to have them in readiness when the session convenes. Miss Harriett Long, state librarian reports that she is receiving numerous requests from legislators for documents dealing with various legislative problems. Members of the House seating committee met here this week to assign seats to members of the 1941 House.

Breakfast Club Gathers Gifts For Children

The Moro Breakfast club met 39 strong Wednesday morning and each member brought a toy or similar present for the children of the county who may not otherwise be adequately remembered on Christmas day. These were opened and displayed and fulfilled their first job by amusing Breakfast clubbers. A group of girls sang Christmas carols. They were Gloria Douma, Veda Belshee, Donella Nelson, Anaejan Knighten, Patty French and Dorothy Miller. Toots Martin, as Santa Claus, distributed the gifts for inspection.

The vote on the change in time of meeting was set for the next meeting after the proposed amendment was presented in writing. The executive committee has power to change the hour of meeting at will and as the next meeting day is January first this may be done. Officers will be elected for 1941.

CHURCH PROGRAM COMING SUNDAY

At the Moro Community Presbyterian Church next Sunday the whole day will have in view the observance of Christmas. At 10:00 the Sunday School will study the Christmas lesson and take up a special offering for Foreign Missions.

At 11:00 the pastor will preach the Christmas sermon on the subject, "For the Healing of the Nations." The choir will sing two special numbers. In the evening at 7:00 the Sunday School, church and two choirs will render a joint program. "White Gifts for the King" is a feature which will offer to all an opportunity to remember the needy in our county. Processional, "Joy to the World," Junior Choir: Invocation; Primary Department Exercise.

The Christmas Story, "His Star," Characters.

Debra, Dorothy Miller; Isaac, Bobby Hoskinson; Miriam, Florence Lawrence; Rachel, Mrs. Inez Thompson; Abiathar, Russell Belshee; Mary, Clara Mersinger; Joseph, M. G. Melzer; Wiseman, Carl Melzer; Dewey Thompson, Claud J. Thompson; Ethan, Vernon Melzer; Benediction, The Pastor.

English Letter Tells of Bombs

Following is the partial text of a letter received here by Miss Vivian Trounce from her sister in England who lives near the city of Bristol, recently bombed by war planes.

"I was surprised to hear that you knew of the Bristol raid of September 25. That was the one that gave us such a shaking up. But for the fact Cecil (writer's husband) being on night duty at the time, he might very easily have been killed then."

The raids on London have been and still are, very bad, the people are simply wonderful about it. Now Coventry has had a dreadful one—it makes me feel how lucky we are—we have had little trouble though the sirens sound frequently, every day and night. We hear the planes buzzing around and sometimes there is gunfire, but they pass on and we are getting so used to it, we take very little notice, now."

"Coventry had the worst one (raid) last week. When they happen like that the people are struck dumb with horror—there's nothing they can say which expresses their feelings. The civil defense services do wonderful work—several have lost their lives in attempting to put out the fires and in helping dig out the injured—walls collapse gas mains are broken, etc."

Balsiger Elected To Co-op Board

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Balsiger returned from Portland Tuesday. Mr. Balsiger was in the city to attend the annual meeting of the agricultural co-operative council which is made up of the managers or secretaries of the several farmer co-operatives of Oregon. The meeting was addressed by S. D. Sanders of the bank of co-operatives from Washington D.C., and by Arthur Goldsmith, Portland co-operative attorney, who talked on income tax for co-operatives. Mr. Balsiger was named to the board of directors of the council.

Slick Roads Halt Travel As Rain Falls and Freezes

December Dry So Far

Giving Rise To Speculation About Record Breaking

Breaking up of the cold spell brought roads so slick that many cars and trucks could not stay on them Wednesday morning. No serious injuries were reported and little damage was done to vehicles but no one ventured far from home except in emergencies.

The temperature began to climb Tuesday and that night rain came to relieve the cold. It was made into ice by the frozen earth and a temperature slightly below freezing.

Roads were made passable, with care, by spreading of gravel by the highway crew but roads are still covered with ice and travel is hazardous.

The experiment station reports that 31 inches of rain has fallen in December and unless more comes in the latter half of the month, it may be the driest on record. The lowest precipitation so far is .54 in December of 1930.

Should more than half an inch fall between now and the first of the year, 1940 will have broken a record for largest precipitation since the records have been kept. The present record is 14.91. Normal for December is 1.63 and already 14.41 inches have fallen during 1940. The year 1939 was the driest calendar year on record and it would be odd if the wettest year should follow immediately.

Kent Grange Elects Officers

Kent Grange No. 688 met for its regular session Saturday evening, December 14th. Officers were elected as follows: Master, Louis Sather; Overseer, Harry Howell; Steward, Millard Howell; Chaplain, Mary Wilson; Assistant Steward, Roy Barnett; Lady Assistant Steward, Lola Barnett; Secretary, Laura Sather; Treasurer, Wilbur Haggerty; Gate Keeper, John Wilson; Lecturer, J. L. Matthews; Poet, Clara Helyer; Ceres, Emma Davis; Flora, Bertha Mathes; Executive committee, J. L. Davis, George Witter and George Howell.

Adams On Aid Board

The appointment of J. B. Adams, of Moro, as honorary board member representing the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society of Oregon in Sherman county was announced today by William Whitfield of Portland, president of the society.

Endeavoring to knit the whole of Oregon into a solid unit to care for the destitute children of the state, the society has chosen well known citizens in every county who will promote good will and help to establish a more intimate contact between the residents of Oregon and the society itself.

The Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, with administrative offices at 1504 S. W. 11th Avenue in Portland, was established 55 years ago and at present is responsible for 255 unfortunate children throughout the state. Mrs. Myrtle C. Dalziel is state director.

LEGION GROUP GIVING DANCE

The American Legion and Auxiliary will hold their annual white elephant party next Saturday night at the Legion hall and a dinner for Legion and Auxiliary families will precede the fun part of the evening. Dinner is scheduled to begin at 6:30.

After the dinner and present exchanging a free dance will be given to any who want to come and enjoy it.

KENT AUXILIARY MEETS

The Kent Auxiliary, American Legion, met December 12 and made plans to hold their card party on Saturday night, December 21. Plans were also made to serve a chicken pie supper at the Legion dance of New Year's Eve.

Refreshments were served to members of the Legion and Auxiliary.

Erskineville School Buildings Sold to Baker

The sale of the Erskineville school buildings was held Monday with Roy J. Baker of Grass Valley making the largest and winning bids on all buildings. The school house, teacherage and garage brought the school district \$140. They will be moved to the Baker farm east of Grass Valley now farmed by T. M. Rolfe who will move the buildings.

Moro Items

The final drawing of the Moro Community club will be held Saturday afternoon at three o'clock at the Moro Hotel. A short program is being arranged by the committee to begin a few minutes before the drawing. The venture was tried by the local merchants to create interest in local stocks of goods and bring to the attention of customers of this area the advantages of trading in Moro. If interest in the drawing can be taken for success the plan has served its purpose.

Roy Dugger is reported to have been seriously injured Thursday when he fell on the ice at the John DeMoss place. Injuries have not been diagnosed.

Mrs. Lloyd Hennagin is presenting her kindergarten class of eight in a program at her home Friday morning at nine for mothers and one guest each.

Donald Burnet is here from California where he is attached to an army aviation unit, learning to fly Uncle Sam's planes. He expects to be transferred to Texas in the near future.

Mrs. Katie Jaeger and children were here Friday from Cambridge, Idaho to visit with relatives in this county.

Mrs. Harvey Thompson and son have been in Portland for several days where the boy is being treated for a case of flu. He is recovering very well at last accounts.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gentry, Tuesday morning, December 17, a daughter.

Mrs. Clarence Sparling is in a hospital in The Dalles after a bout with the flu germ at her home for several days.

The Past Noble Grands held a party at the lodge hall Tuesday night which was also attended by several Odd-Fellows.

Mrs. Joe Peters was hostess Monday to a group of friends who came in to play bridge.

The cook books compiled by the Moro Woman's club may be obtained from Mrs. L. V. Moore, Mrs. Eugene Amidon or Mrs. Carroll Sayers. Price \$1.00.

New books the Moro Public Library receive last week are as follows: High Road, Baldwin; Raggedy Ann Stories, Gruelle; This Is My Own, Kent; Fieldings Folio, Keyes; Fighting Planes of the World, Law; Country Squire in the White House, Flynn.

Norman Adams came home Monday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Adams. Speed is in the marine corps and has been stationed in California.

The state bridge crew has been working above Antelope for the past few days. They expect to remain here for several days.

The Orval Thompson children have all been down with the flu this week and Clifford May is bringing the other children of the district to school.

School will close Friday afternoon in time to permit the teachers to leave for their vacations. School will take up again Monday December 30, making a short vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Johnston were in Portland over the week end for a few days.

Mrs. Avery Martin is here with her children to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Belshee. School is not being held in Portland because of the flu.

Joe Truitt has sold his home in town to Dick Morgan who will take possession on or before the 15th of January. The Truitt family have not definitely decided on where they will move.

Bill Raymond was taken to the hospital last week where it was found that he had a circulatory ailment similar to Dr. Poley's. Mr. Raymond is reported better after a few days in the hospital but he is not expected home soon.

Tom Stephens is here again after an absence of several weeks which he spent in Portland.

New Officers Chosen By Farm Committees

County Convention Will

Be Held Next Week To

Elect County Officers

Election of officers for the five communities of the county under the AAA program was done this week at meetings held for that purpose. As a general thing the same men were returned to their positions.

At Locust Grove A. C. Kaseberg was chosen as local chairman, L. P. Haven as vice chairman and Walter Blau as the third member. M. M. Powell was elected as the first alternate and Carl Everett second alternate. H. D. Proudfoot was secretary of the meeting as alternate delegate to the county convention to replace A. C. Kaseberg, elected county delegate, in case he cannot attend.

Hildebrand Elected

The Wasco meeting chose O. G. Hildebrand as community chairman, Floyd Root vice chairman and A. T. Striker, member. First alternate is H. A. Walker and second is Walter Bruckert. Floyd Root was secretary of the meeting and also alternate delegate to the county convention. O. G. Hildebrand was also elected county delegate.

Peters Re-elected

At Moro Joe Peters was elected community chairman and also delegate to the county convention. Carroll Sayers was named community vice chairman and Harvey Thompson as third member. Clarence Sparling is first alternate and S. A. Hall second alternate. Carroll Sayers is alternate delegate.

The Grass Valley group of farmers chose George Wilcox as community chairman with Millard Eakin vice chairman and J. B. Coon as third member. Willard Barnett is first alternate and Roy Schilling second alternate. George Wilcox is to be the county delegate and J. B. Coon alternate for representation to the county convention.

Kent Chooses Wilson

At Kent L. E. Clark was chosen as delegate to the county convention with Kenneth Martin as alternate. John Wilson was made chairman of the community committee, L. E. Clark, vice chairman and Roy Barnett member. Kenneth Martin is first alternate and Wilbur Haggerty second alternate.

Predatory Animals Attacked By WPA

Approval by WPA of an allotment of \$48,000 for a state wide project to eradicate and control predatory animals by trapping, poisoning and other means has been given, according to a wire received by the state department for agriculture from Senator Holman's Washington office.

In the last biennium 21,164 predatory animals were taken in Oregon through the joint efforts of the state department of agriculture, WPA, game commission, hunters and the U. S. Fish and Wild Life service.

In that period, \$62,082 was approved each year by WPA for predatory animal control. Funds appropriated by the state and expended through the department are matched by the counties.

Town Basketeers Win and Lose

The Moro town basketball team won and lost in the play for the past week. Saturday night the boys defeated the Arlington team handily by a score of 45 to 21 in the first game of the season.

Monday night in a close game they were defeated by the Grass Valley town team, the score being 25 to 23.

Players who have been starting the games are Russel Hollinshead and Dean Pinkerton, forwards, Frank Sayers or Lawrence Kenny, center, Ted Thompson and Bill Axtell, guards. Substitutes have been Bob Axtell and Stanley Coelsch. Other games are being scheduled for the near future.