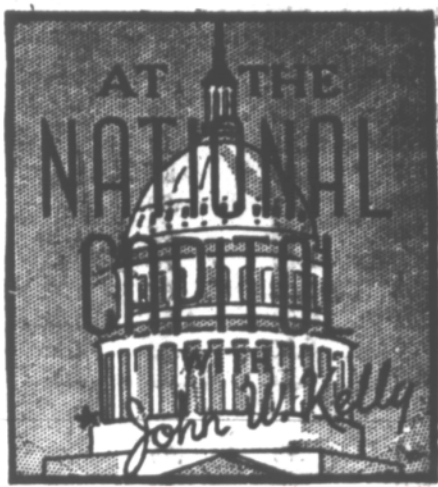


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## Legislative Comment and Predictions

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The forty-first legislative assembly of Oregon will convene next Monday in Salem.

There is much for it to do. There are those who prophesy a short session and this prophesy has become common although seldom realized. There are some reasons why this session might be shorter than the last. Last year the fiscal year was changed to end June 30 instead of December 31 and this entailed much work on the part of the always busy ways and means committee which partially caused the delay. In 1939 new state officers had gone into office and there was less organization work done and fewer state bills prepared than will be the case this year. These things may cause a slightly shorter session.

There are other reasons, however, that may cause a longer session. Among these may be mentioned the unemployment compensation law amendments, which were debated last year and not changed to suit a large percentage of citizens. This year labor is asking for many liberalizing amendments and these will probably be bitterly fought by employers which may take some days of legislative time.

There will be workmen's compensation amendments proposed as to experience rating and occupational disease provisions and the abandonment of trial by jury in accident cases. There will be debate on these in committee and on the floor.

There is a truck bill already written in which the big trucks ask for a much simpler method of paying fees and a much larger truck and this question will not be decided without some words—and in legislative matters words often take time.

Some would have the speed laws amended and some would not; some would change the game laws to give the commission the power of eminent domain over paths along streams and farmers think the game commission has too much power already; some would change the method of representation in the house and senate and there will be difficulty of arranging for a possible new congressman.

No session of the legislature gets along without some new tax bills and the 1941 session may confidently expect a tobacco tax bill, a sales tax bill, a new income tax bill, a half dozen bills to raise money for higher pensions, and several as yet unclassified tax bills will also be dropped in the hopper.

There will likely be a labor bill or five or six, there will be all kinds of bills, probably a thousand or so, and the job of working them over, studying them, holding hearings on them, discussing them will be the job of the ninety men elected to the legislature.

If they do the job in 40 days much legislation that is considered important by thousands of citizens will be slighted. If they take too long the citizenry will be aroused and the newspapers will howl to high heaven. Between the horns of this dilemma the legislators will probably stay around sixty days, pay their own expenses for 20 days, and finish the job the best they can instead of as quick as they can.

## Elementary Fund Sent To Districts

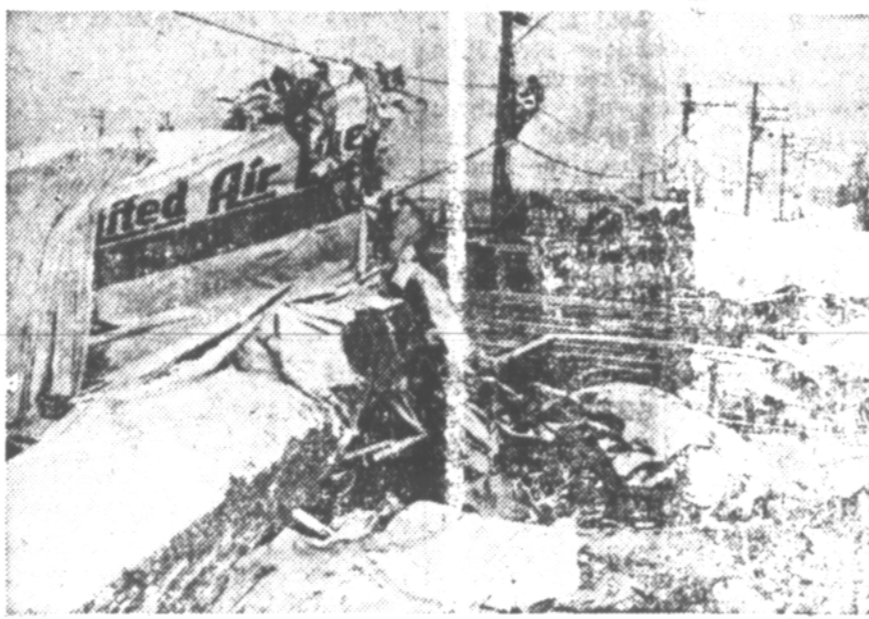
Payment to elementary schools from the elementary school fund are being made this week by the treasurer and county school superintendent.

These payments are made to school districts from returns from the fund when it was allowed to become delinquent. It is now being brought to balance with the result that \$12,923.82 is being distributed.

Twenty districts will receive some of the funds. Kent and Rufus being consolidations of five districts will receive \$1656.90 each, Grass Valley and Wasco will get \$1325.52 each, Moro and Michigan will receive \$994.14, Klondike will get \$662.76 as another district has been consolidated with it. Other districts on the list will get \$331.38 each.

Mrs. Robert Hoskinson is working in the assessor's office.

## 8 Dead, 8 Injured, in Airliner Crash



Daylight view of the wreckage of the airliner which crashed near Chicago's airport, taking a toll of eight lives and injuring eight persons, some critically. The ship took headway as it was gliding in to its landing, stalled, fell, crashed into a house, a garage and an electric power line, and then crashed its 12 tons to the ground.

## Governor Sprague Expected To Address Lawmakers Monday

Salem, Ore., Jan. 5—Governor Sprague put the finishing touches to his legislative message Saturday and the document is now in the hands of the printers. If the organization of the House and Senate is completed Monday morning as it is expected unless a hitch develops in the selection of a Speaker, the governor is expected to address the lawmakers assembled in joint session, shortly after noon Monday.

While the contents of the message are being closely guarded it is expected that the governor will touch on such problems as the proposed reorganization of the state industrial accident commission, experience rating as applied to the unemployment compensation act, proposed changes in the forestry laws and the financial condition of the state which is very flattering when compared with conditions in the neighboring states of Washington and California.

Leslie P. Scott took over his new duties as state treasurer Monday morning at a brief ceremony attended by Governor Sprague, Secretary of State Nell and representatives of the press, in which Walter E. Pearson turned the office over to his successor. Pearson was appointed to the post two years ago to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rufus C. Holman to become a United States senator, was not a candidate to succeed himself but will return to Salem next Monday as a member of the Multnomah county delegation in the state senate.

The state highway department spent a total of \$15,100,000 during 1940, a report by R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, shows. This total includes \$7,100,000 for new construction; \$3,530,000 for maintenance of roads and bridges; \$2,075,000 for bond retirement, and \$685,000 for payment of bond interest. Most noteworthy accomplishments of the year as noted by Baldock include completion of the Pacific highway route from Ashland south to the California line, grading and oiling of the last link in the new Willamette highway and completion of the new Pacific highway route.

Survivors are her husband, T. S. Reese of Moro; three daughters, Mrs. George Mitchell of Pendleton; Mrs. Owen Elliott, Battleground, Washington and Mrs. Clarence H. By of Parkdale, Oregon; her mother, Mrs. Mary Stearns of Salem and six grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at Moro from the Presbyterian church Friday at 2:00 p. m. with Rev. H. G. Hanson officiating. Interment will be made in the Moro cemetery.

## John Forbes Passes After Long Illness

John William Forbes died Monday evening in The Dalles after a lingering illness that has kept him bedridden for several weeks. Mr. Forbes was 82, having been born October 28, 1858.

Before coming to Oregon in the early years of this century he lived in Nebraska. In this county he was one of the accomplished horsemen who cared for and drove the former big teams of the farming operations of the time. He married Mattie Fuller who preceded him in death.

Surviving are a son, Frank of Moro, a daughter, Mrs. Grace Graham of Coos, Washington a grand child, a brother, Dr. Daniel Forbes of Seattle.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock from Zell's Funeral Home with Rev. Henry Hanson officiating and Zell Funeral home in charge. Interment was made in Hood River, where the family lived for many years.

## City Officers In Wasco, Moro Installed

E. D. McKee Has Long  
Record of Public Service  
In Wasco Government

Monday night when E. D. McKee held up his right hand and swore to uphold the constitution of the United States, the constitution of the state of Oregon and faithfully perform the duties of councilman of the city of Wasco, he began his fortieth consecutive year as an officer of that town. Mr. McKee came to Wasco as a young druggist just before the turn of the century and was soon elected to the city council. He has been on that body or has been mayor ever since.

In addition to his civic duties Mr. McKee served 15 years as school director and a few months over 20 years as a member of the county court. The total of his governmental duties are therefore 75 years with a new aldermanic job began.

T. Lester Johnson took the oath of office as mayor of Wasco and L. J. Hastings, W. A. Nisbet, R. O. Scott, V. B. Hauffelt were sworn in as councilmen in addition to the veteran McKee. Frank Lamborn was not present to begin his civic job.

Charles Everett was chosen as marshal and George Updegraff for city attorney. Mrs. Estrella Bailey is treasurer and E. F. Feldman recorder of Wasco being elected in November. The council voted to install two fire alarms in the town, one at the hotel and another near Mrs. Moore's station.

The Moro council met Tuesday night and councilman elect L. R. Conlee, R. P. Brisbane and M. E. McKee took their oaths of office. Giles French started another term as mayor. George A. Williams was named as collector of water rents, J. R. Cottrill as marshal and water pumper and Charles Ruggles as recorder. C. V. Belknap was elected treasurer in November. All these were duly sworn in to office and Cottrill was granted an increase in salary to \$100 per month.

It was voted to purchase some new equipment for the hotel. Interest on city bonds was ordered paid for the semi-annual period. A barricade was ordered to be placed on side streets so children can slide down First street with less danger of being run over by passing cars.

Some discussion was held of the possibilities of formation of a PUD district for this town, county or area, but no action was taken.

## 25th Anniversary Celebrated in Wasco

In celebration of the 25th anniversary of the wedding of Everett Watkins and Marie Venable in Wasco January 5, 1916, friends met at the home of Mrs. B. Estrella Bailey last Sunday. Both are descended from pioneer families of the Wasco community and have lived there nearly all their lives.

Guests who came to the no-host party to do honor to the 25 year wedded were Mr. and Mrs. Hal Holmes of The Dalles; J. W. Judy of Walla Walla; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hennagin, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. McMillen, Mr. and Mrs. Hildred Zell, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Anderson, Judge and Mrs. George Potter. Supper was served at seven and cards played after. A silver tray was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Watkins.

Francis Watkins of Wasco is a son of the couple and Hazel Marie Watkins is a daughter. Phyllis Watkins is the only grandchild.

## DeMoss Park To Be Improved

A project for the improvement of DeMoss Memorial park is in process of being made ready. This will be a PWA project and will employ 13 men for a period of from 60 to 90 days. It is contemplated that a well be dug, the grounds landscaped, outside fireplaces built, benches or park seats made and installed. The work will begin sometime this month or early in February and will use men from this county.

## Breakfast Club Nominates For Coming Year

The Moro Breakfast club held its first 1941 meeting Wednesday morning and in accordance with the by-laws, nominations for new officers were made for the year. To succeed George Updegraff as president, M. M. Oveson and J. K. McKee were nominated. To succeed J. B. Adams as vice-president M. M. Oveson and Giles French were nominated. To succeed Bob Henderson as secretary Lloyd Hennagin, Dewey Thompson and W. F. McLeod were nominated. Executive committeemen whose terms expire are LeRoy Wright and Wendell Balsiger. They were nominated for re-election as were Ray Blake, Harry Kunsman, Dewey Thompson and J. B. Adams.

Reports were made by M. M. Oveson for agriculture, J. B. Adams for legislative, Robert Henderson for recreation, C. L. Poley for welfare, M. E. McKee for public affairs, Dewey Thompson for finance and Harry Kunsman for education.

Two measures which would have decided the hour of meeting were decisively voted down. Election will be held at the next meeting.

## Sherman County Blanketed With Snow

Snow fell Saturday and again Sunday another flurry came to the county to cover the ground to a depth estimated at 4 1/2 inches although it is unlikely that that amount of snow was on the ground at any one time. Moisture contained therein was 36 inches according to station records.

Frost in the ground is not very deep and the best information available is that in the stubble there is about five inches.

Temperatures have been moderate and the snow thawed slightly Tuesday and Wednesday although the highways did not become clear of snow. Crews kept the roads patrolled and there was no cessation of traffic and no accidents. Chains were not generally used.

## Tax Turnover Made By Sheriff Wilson

The final turnover for 1940 was made by Sheriff Wilson as of December 31. In this action \$12,210.78 in current taxes was made available to taxing units of the county. Of this sum the Grass Valley school district received the larger share of the units as \$740.35 went to it. The general fund, the elementary school fund and the road fund were the only ones to get a greater sum.

In addition to this \$9016.51 was turned over from delinquent taxes of past years. Delinquent 1939 taxes collected were: \$1738.57; 1938, \$1288.51; 1937, 995.75; 1936, \$184.76; 1935, \$558.69; 1933-34, \$476.92; 1932 and prior years \$3,773.31.

## Masons, Stars To Install Officers

Officers elected for the Eureka lodge No. 121 AF & AM for 1941 are as follows. These men will be installed at a joint meeting with the Eastern Star next Saturday night. W. T. Balsiger, WM; D. A. Van Gilder, SW; W. F. McLeod, JW; Clarence Sparling, Treasurer; C. V. Belknap, Secretary; R. P. Brisbane, SD; C. A. Ruggles, JD; LeRoy Wright, SS; W. J. Martin, JS; E. E. Barzee, Chap.; J. H. McCune, Tiler. Roy Powell, trustee. Clarence Sparling will install.

## LOCAL MEN ATTEND

### AGRICULTURAL MEETING

William Huck, C. A. Tom, Ross Guilford, M. M. Oveson, James Tate, Martin Melzer, J. B. Adams and LeRoy Wright were in The Dalles Wednesday to attend a meeting of the agricultural committees of the granges for eight counties. Mr. Wright talked on the advantage of feeding wheat to livestock as a part of the program. Morton Tompkins, chairman of the grange committee presided. No program was decided upon for each grange but the meeting brought information to committee members to take back to their groups.

## New County Officers Installed Monday

County Court Makes  
Appointments For The  
Coming Year's Work

New county officers were sworn into office Monday morning and the re-elected officers were also required to hold up their right hands and solemnly intone the oath of office.

Ross Ornduff was made the new county clerk and his deputy, not new is Patricia Woods, who served until November in that position. C. C. Wilson, Margaret Peetz and Wily Knighten, sheriff, assessor and school superintendent, respectively, took new oaths to support the same old constitution. Durward Helyer, sheriff's new deputy, took his oath some days ago.

E. M. Alley came down from Grass Valley to take his oath as coroner for the county for a four year term.

The first court meeting of the year usually takes several days as various details are then before the court. First meeting was held Thursday and another was held Monday when David Reid was introduced into office for his second term as commissioner.

Work of the court for the January term included the appointment of Roy Barnett to the fair board for a three year term. O. G. Hilderbrand was given a two year term and O. G. Sayers named for one year. The latter two are hold overs, however.

The court named itself as members of the DeMoss park board for the year, renamed L. L. Peetz; Roy Powell and H. A. Walker as road viewers, chose L. L. Peetz as road master and drew the names of 200 citizens to be prospective jurors for the court sessions for the year 1941. The Sherman County Journal was made the official county paper for the year.

Reports of the county officers were looked over and accepted.

## Moro Woman's Club Meets

The Moro Woman's club met on January 3rd, with Mrs. Theodore Johnston and Mrs. W. F. McLeod as hostesses.

The program, American Citizenship, under the direction of Mrs. Knighen, was interesting to the members present. A splendid poem on Americanism, was also read. Salute to the Flag was given by Janet Schadowitz, Anjanee Knighen, and Gloria Douma. Mrs. Sally Martin and Mrs. Ray Blake gave ten minute talks on the Bible and music.

The club will sponsor a play in the near future, proceeds to be given to the public library. Husband's night, February 7th, is being planned by Mrs. Melvin Schadowitz, Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Bol Henderson.

Give your order for the new club book to Mrs. Ramsey or Mrs. Helen Sayers, price \$1.00.

The meeting adjourned by singing "God Bless America."

## Moro Bank Assets Bring \$5750.00

Sale of the remaining assets of the Moro State Bank was completed this week according to announcement made here by George Updegraff, local attorney for the bank. Purchaser was S. A. Key of Seattle, Washington, who paid \$5750 for the remaining notes, accounts and property. Book value of the assets are considerably in excess of this figure and what remains after nine years of attempts to collect. Besides the notes and accounts there is an interest in a section of land and the personal property.

Plans of Mr. Key for the handling of the assets are not known.

## TRUITTS GIVEN FAREWELL

Odd Fellows and Rebekah's of Moro and Grass Valley lodges gave a farewell party to Joe Truitt and wife Tuesday night at the lodge hall. The departing couple were presented with an electric mantle clock as a token of the regard in which they are held.

Despite the protestations of President Roosevelt that labor gains shall not be destroyed because of  
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