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As the senate fuses over David Lillenthal and his eligibility for appointment as chairman of the atomic commission there is at the entrance of the building of the department of commerce a stand where for 25 cents can be purchased the March number of the Federal Science Progress. The publication is issued monthly by the commerce department. In the March number is an article on uranium, a detailed account, with formulas and charts. The article also discloses some of the secrets of the plants where the atomic bomb is manufactured. How much of this material has been regarded as top secret by the war department, if any, is debatable. However, a nuclear scientist could gain considerable information from the article, which was written by J. C. Green, an employee of the federal government.

Mr. Green, in May last year, testified before the senate radar committee, that both Russia and France had been given the know-how on this former secret defense development. He also testified, under questioning, that neither of those countries had shared their own war secrets with the United States.

Rumor current in Washington is that there have been frequent clashes between the department of commerce and the war department regarding the publication of unauthorized information of national security value. Upon the appearance of the March number of Federal Science Progress it has been suggested that the FBI and the war department inquire into the reason why the uranium article was written and also investigate the background of Author Green.

The spy ring uncovered in Canada a few months ago, and which resulted in a number of individuals being sent to prison, showed that scientists were giving samples of uranium to Russian agents and also giving all the information they had about the making of atomic bombs. Just how much the Russians know is not known in either Canada or the United States. Mr. Lillenthal had accused the war department of authorizing publication of the Smythe atomic report and asserted that it revealed entirely too much. That was before Lillenthal had been accused of not investigating communist employees in TVA.

Department of commerce has issued no explanation in justification of its publication nor has Author Green revealed the source from which he gained his information.

Forty-six cents of every dollar in the budget is to pay for former wars in which the United States has been involved. This fact was called to the attention of the joint budget committee or house and senate when it began chopping down on the budget submitted by the president. Although the house has approved a slash of six billion dollars, sentiment in the senate indicates that the togarman will not go along with the house to such an extent. The senators favor a reduction of \$4,500,000,000 and stand so firm that the bill will be forced into conference, where a compromise may be effected. Although the house voted alone party lines, many senate Republicans regard a deep slash as too much and in this they have the cooperation of most of the Democratic senators. In any event, the budget will be reduced from the amount requested by the president.

When a list of army promotions was submitted to the senate some time ago it contained the name of Col. James A. Killian, to be advanced to brigadier general. The promotion list was ready to be approved by the senate when a member recognized Killian's name and held up the entire list. Now another list has been submitted and Killian's name is again included. Colonel Killian is the American officer who was in charge of the Litchfield camp in England where

## Review Of Boys Basketball Games Made

By Dick Oveson

Moro High school basketball team won their eighth victory in 21 starts last Saturday night as they ended their regular 1946-47 season. While eight wins and 13 losses is not a very outstanding season the record does not show a true picture. The Huskies went far afield this year and searched out the toughest competition possible and it was to these schools that Moro did most of her losing. Against schools her own size Moro won 8 and lost 6.

Keith Bayer wound up his senior year at Moro this year as high man by collecting a total of 169 points in regular season play. Bayer has been outstanding all year and is definitely the outstanding man on the Moro squad. Keith Thompson, who has two years left, followed Bayer with 103.

Moro moves into a tournament competition against Parkdale this week with every hope of bringing back the coveted district 6B crown.

Moro High's Huskies dropped the Wasco Indians for the second straight time at Grass Valley last Thursday night by a score of 61-27. It was one of Moro's rougher games as the officials whistled down a total of 35 fouls, 18 of them on Wasco and 17 on Moro. The Huskies made 9 of their gift tosses good while Wasco cashed in on 8 of their chances.

This game clinched a trip to the district tournament for the Huskies. Bayer and Lutje were tied for high point honors with 18 apiece. Bayer for Moro and Lutje for Wasco.

The basketball team wound up their regular season at The Dalles last Saturday night with a 14-10 conquest of the Dalles Papooses. The game was Moro's all-time low. So much so in fact that with two minutes to play the Huskies went in to a stall and for the entire two minutes no one from The Dalles even touched the ball. Herman Peters led Moro with 12.

In the preliminary the Huskie Pups dropped a 25-18 decision to Whittier Junior high.

## Brisbine-Drinkard Vows Exchanged

The home of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Johnson, Wasco, Oregon was the scene of the wedding February 23, of Carole Dae Drinkard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Drinkard of Wasco and Robert Dean Brisbine, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Brisbine of Moro. Rev. Carl E. Stierle performed the double ring ceremony.

Given in marriage by her father the bride wore a white sheer oranzza dress with finger tip veil and carried a bouquet of white tulips centered with an orchid.

Mrs. R. M. Johnson, the bride's sister, was Matron of honor and wore an aqua dress and carrying a bouquet of pink carnations. John Shipley of Moro was best man. Meredith Ann Drinkard, niece of the bride carried her train.

Mrs. James O'Meara accompanied Miss Aileen Scott for the songs, "I Love You Truly" and "Because."

Assisting with the reception were Mrs. Ove Hansen, Mrs. Jack Clough, Mrs. Al Dormaier, Betty Stanek and Lavelle Gossen.

Por going away the bride wore a light green suit with black accessories. After a short honeymoon the young couple will make their home in Moro.

## ROBERT MORRIS WEDS BERNADINE PECK

Bernadine Peck and Robert W. Morris were united in marriage in a double ring ceremony at the Methodist Episcopal Church at Goldendale, Feb. 21, at a one o'clock ceremony. Rev. Hall of that city officiated. The couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Peck. Others present were Mrs. William Auger of Portland, mother of the bride, and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Morris, parents of the groom. Members of both families gathered at the W. A. Morris home after the ceremony where a large three-tiered wedding cake was cut and served. After a short wedding trip the young couple will be at home at the W. A. Morris orchard.

## Bills About Parking Lots Cause Debate

Length Of Session Can't Be Adjudged With Assurance; School Bill Confusing

The few theorists of pure democracy, those who hold with the old ways and older ideas, are constantly giving the house some arguments against new ways of doing things.

Saturday for instance there was long debate over three bills that will give cities the right of eminent domain with which to condemn or buy parking lots. A few years ago such a thing would have been unheard of and it would have been said that a man rich enough to buy and drive a car could jolly well park it at his own risk. The elders can remember toll roads and bridges and younger ones know of toll ferries, so it has not been so very long since there were men giving debate over the idea of governmentally supported roads. Perhaps this notion of publically owned parking space is not such a new or far reaching step.

What to do with automobiles has been quite a question in this session and it has cropped up in several bills. The freeway bill and the zoning bill all have the automobile as a background.

Residents along the highways oppose the freeway bill. Yet it seems perfectly simple if we are going to have fast roads there must be restriction about how often cars can come onto them and how much in the ways of gas station, restaurants, etc., can be permitted along the roadside. And unless some one is given the power to zone in the semi-urban districts there will be confusion worst confounded.

At the end of six weeks, 42 days, the legislature is still floundering around without enough information on the important things to make up its minds. The picture appears reasonably easy to figure, but something other than reasonableness may be used to solve it.

Excise or income tax will be changed to bring in some five million more per year of tax offset money and about the same amount raised in some other way to put in the general fund for needed expenses. Methods of raising this will likely be some luxury taxes, some gambling taxes, perhaps a tobacco tax. A sales tax may be passed if it is written so as to appeal to the school people, the pensioners, the property tax payer and the men who will be asked to put up the money to carry it. That is quite an order.

Every legislature gives more power to government, until the state now has power over people far beyond the dreams of the socialists in their hey-day of the nineties. The state licenses doctors dentists and all other medical men and controls all health and sanitation as a means of public safety. Nearly every business, profession or industry is either licensed by the state or uses the power of the state to license its own members. The wheat men are now in process of getting into that position more definitely. However the government has inspected wheat and tested it and been in control of feeds made from it for a long time.

All this may be democracy, inasmuch as the people do have something to say about who runs the industry, but it is a restriction on individualism, and individualism was a right that our forefathers cherished more strongly than they did democracy.

All of which indicates that legislators do make the laws alright but have little to do with the trends that make new laws necessary.

The question of how long the session will last cannot be adjudged with any degree of assurance. There is little of importance in the hoppers except two big controversial questions about which few members have any good information. The school bill confuses despite the pages of figures that have been distributed and printed in the papers. Only a few seem satisfied with any plan so far devised and perhaps they are correct for no plan yet does the things for schools that should be done with 16,000,000. There has been too much of an attitude



HIGHEST PAID PRIVATE... Frank E. James, Lincoln, Neb., became one of the highest paid privates in the army when accepted for enlistment recently. Here he is shown with his wife and 11 children. He will receive \$353 monthly in army pay and allowances for his dependents due to present army salary. The James children range in age from 8 months to 12 years. James, after investigating many offers, became convinced that the army held the biggest attractions for him.

## County Court Proceedings For Term; Salary Increases Approved

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR JANUARY 1947 AND APPROVED FEBRUARY 1947 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT

GENERAL FUND: Platt's Truck Line, Assessor's office expense, \$2.04; Naomi VanGilder, County Treasurer, General Assistance, \$27.75; Naomi VanGilder, County Treasurer, Old Age Assistance, \$154.00; C. Mersinger, Janitor's Salary, \$99.97; James W. Jones expense of government trapper, \$50.00; T. Lester Johnson, District Attorney Expense, \$7.50; Vernon L. Miller, County Commissioner, \$18.00; Joe Peters, County Commissioner, \$59.30; Pacific Power & Light Company, lights courthouse, two months, \$54.11; City of Moro, water courthouse, \$2.00; Pac. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephones courthouse, \$37.95; Naom Variety & Remedy Store, courthouse, expense, \$1.99; Bob May & Son, wiring and supplies at courthouse, \$15.70; Oregon State Agricultural College, the 2nd one-half of budgeted item, \$1,105.00; C. A. Ruggies, appraisal & field work, \$14.55; Addressograph-multigraph, Assessor's office expense, \$27.97; Helen S. Ruggies, Assessor's office help, less tax, \$46.80; Western Union, telegrams, Sheriff's office, \$12.40; Norman E. Fields, traveling outside county, \$23.40; Stamps, \$2.50; Norman E. Fields, investigation of death of Clarence C. Ogren, \$10.00; Tommy Luke, flowers for L. L. Peetz, \$5.00; Hotel Moro Coffee Shop, board of prisoners, \$8.08; E. M. Alley, Coroner's expense, \$10.00; Marjorie Martin, treasurer, Clerk's association dues for year 1947, \$10.00; J. C. Freeman, P. M., stamps Clerk's office, \$7.00; Department of Agriculture, sealer, weights and measures, \$2.56; George G. Updegraff, premium on Treasurer's bond, \$100.00; Roy J. Baker, premium on Justice of Peace bond, \$10.00; F. L. Phipps, Executive Secretary, dues of Association of Oregon Counties for 1947, \$105.77; First National Bank, with-holding tax, \$73.00; Public Employees Retirement System, Retirement Fund, \$160.62; State Industrial Accident Commission, peace officer's protection, \$4.25; West Coast Printing & Binding Co., Assessor's office, \$213.60; Clerk's office, \$59.70, \$273.30; J. L. Murry, Check writer, Clerk's office, \$67.50; Katie Gelsner, Superintendent's office help, \$57.25; Wily W. Knighton, stamps Sup't office, \$16.00; The Master Engravers, Sup't office expense, \$9.31; Vernon L. Miller, material furnished DeMoss Park, \$10.00; The Dalles Taxi Co., Taxi-ambulance service for R. E. Reed, \$5.00; T. Lester Johnson, premium on Officer's bond, \$10.00.

ROAD EMPLOYEES PAY ROLL—Pete Macnab, \$45.85; Bon Christianson, \$7.31; C. Bargenholt, \$88.18; E. McPherson \$94.67; Frank Bazzel, \$87.54; Earl Rehr, \$89.74; C. Bargenholt, \$88.18; E. McPherson, \$78.86; Frank Bazzel, \$87.54; Earl Rehr, \$85.16.

## CONDENSED REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF FEBRUARY TERM OF COUNTY COURT

Claims against County General Fund and General Road Fund approved and allowed as presented. Monthly statement of County Treasurer, showing fund balances as of January 31, examined, approved and filed.

Semi-Annual Report of County Clerk, covering period from July 1, 1946 to January 1, 1947, examined, approved and filed.

Statement from Advisory Board of Echo Grazing District No. 7 of Taylor Grazing Act, referred to District Attorney.

Statement from Rogers Construction Company, pertaining to rock crushing, examined and filed.

Representative of State Board of Aeronautics, and an engineer representing Federal Civil Aeronautics Administration appear before Court and outline procedure to be followed for establishment and construction of airports and outlined available State and Federal Assistance obtainable. Court directs communication to director of Oregon State Board of Aeronautics, requesting that engineering services be made available to the cities of Wasco and Moro for the purpose of site selections of plans and specifications to accompany project applications.

Salary increases approved, wherein salaries of Sheriff, Clerk, Assessor and County School Superintendent be increased to \$2,400.00 per annum and County Treasurer to \$1,200.00 per annum, covering period from July 1, 1947 to July 1, 1949, and a request directed to Giles L. French, State Representative, that a bill be introduced in the State Legislature providing therefor.

No further matters being at issue Court adjourned.

ROAD FUND: Platt's Truck line, miscellaneous, \$2.32; Public Employees Retirement System, \$124.07; State Industrial Accident Commission, miscellaneous, \$21.96; First National Bank, with-holding tax, \$93.05; National Hospital Association, miscellaneous, \$3.00; Foss & Co., repairs, \$3.70; Pike's Garage, repairs, \$1.50; J. K. McKean, Co., repairs, \$13.63; Interstate Tractor & Equipment Co., repairs, \$221.35; Interstate Trac-

## Crop Insurance Man To Be In Moro March 4

Muri Cummings, State Crop Insurance Supervisor will be in Moro Tuesday, March 4th to meet with the farmers holding policies on crop insurance. The meeting will be held at het Court house at 2.00 p.m. He will answer any questions on the insurance program and its application to the wheat farms. Mr. Cummings will discuss premium rates and other factors governing crop insurance which may not be clear to policy holders.

## Moro Club To Hold Guest Day

The Moro Women's Club will have Guest day on March 7th. The Grass Valley club will also be guests of the club. The music department will have charge of the program with Mrs. Harry Pinkerton director. Hostesses will be Mrs. Eugene Amidon, Mrs. M. A. Bull, Mrs. Chas. Belshee, Mrs. E. Eslinger and Mrs. Edith Burnet.

Sponsor Clothing Drive — The Club will sponsor a drive for used clothing for the needy in Europe. Warm clothing, and especially children and infant's clothing are wanted, also materials, thread, needles, scissors, buttons and fasteners. The Woman's Club feels this is a worthy cause and will appreciate any help the community can give them. Bundles may be left at the Moro Hotel.

## SENIORS SHOULD APPLY

In accordance with the plan of the High School Relations Committee, Eastern Oregon college is requesting all Oregon high school seniors to file admission applications immediately if they are planning to enter this institution next fall according to Lyle H. Johnson, registrar.

Application for admission forms will include work taken through the first semester of the senior year, and additional short forms will be provided each high school principal so that the balance of the credit earned can be shown upon graduating and sent directly to the college. Students will be admitted on the basis of high school work taken through the first semester of the year.

Applicants wishing dormitory accommodations for next fall at Eastern Oregon college will be required to forward a request for room reservation, accompanied by a deposit of \$10.00.

## PEDESTRIANS WARNED

Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell Jr. is reminding pedestrians that traffic deaths and injuries aren't limited to people who own or ride in cars.

"Over one out of four traffic deaths strikes someone on foot," Farrell said.

Tentative summaries for the year just past show more than twice as many pedestrians dead as victims of rail crossing, bicycle, and all miscellaneous traffic accidents put together. Only collisions and upsets of non-collision type took more lives than pedestrian accidents.

Aged people are prone to become pedestrian victims. Almost a third of the people killed afoot are over 65 years of age. Principal contributing factors are darkness, carelessness and violations, and drinking.

"It's worth noting," said Farrell, "that over half the pedestrians killed by cars are known to have been violating the law or committing some obviously unsafe act."

Dark clothing, too, is known to be a strong danger factor. Jay-walking, walking with the back to oncoming cars, and trying to beat signals have become well-worn paths of death and injury. Safety men are tending to group by far the greatest proportion of walking victims as having been inattentive or taking what they thought was only a small risk.

NEW SHOP TO OPEN — Mrs. Pearl M. Grosscup recently of The Dalles has moved to Wasco to live and is opening the Gay Dress Shop in the near future in the Sherman Hotel. Mrs. Grosscup is the mother of Mrs. Sam Van Vector of The Dalles and Mrs. T. Lester Johnson of Wasco.

## Many Roads Being Repaired In County

Cottonwood Being Made Wider and Straighter Sherar Work In Progress

Improvements are being made on the secondary highways entering Sherman county which includes Sherar's, Cottonwood and the Fulton canyon road. Leonard & Slate are finishing up the grading on their contract on Sherar's Bridge road between Tygh Valley and Grass Valley and the Yocum Construction Company are setting up their crusher approximately one mile west of the Deschutes River and will soon be crushing rock for the road base and oil mat surfacing. Babbler Bros. Co. will do the oiling on this job which is to be completed by July 31, 1947.

This work will give a paved road from 16 miles west of Grass Valley at he East summit of Sherar's grade to Tygh Valley with the exception of a short detour at Buck Creek. The Highway Department has not been able to get any bids on an 190 feet concrete span across Buck Creek as of yet. In Fulton Canyon the strip of oiled road that has ended abruptly in mid grade will be carried on down to connect with the Columbia River highway. A new approach to the main highway has been made eliminating the bridge at the lower end and bringing the road out on the same side of the canyon.

On Cottonwood grade a state crew is taking out some of the sharp points, widening and straightening the road so it will be more passable.

## INCOME TAX MAN TO BE IN MORO

A state income tax agent will be in Moro March 26 at the Court House between 9:00 and 12 noon to assist taxpayers in preparing their state income tax returns.

Mrs. Lu R. Brown from California is visiting friends and relatives in Sherman county. Clare Axtell is still in the hospital recovering from an attack of double pneumonia and pleurisy. He is expected to return home sometime this week.

Janet Schadewitz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Schadewitz formerly of Moro, now of Portland was elected Sweetheart of DeMolay of all Portland.

## Drivers Training Schools Starting

Oregon high schools are rapidly adopting scientific driver training despite many obstacles. It has been announced by Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell Jr.

"School and safety leaders have been quick to acclaim this new course since we first offered it late last fall," said Farrell. "It looks as though more than fifty high schools may be teaching it by next fall."

Patterned after military flight training, the course covers eight topics, beginning with theory and ending with behind-the-wheel practice. It is similar to certain very successful courses used in the eastern part of the country. Graduates of one such course are known to have only half the accident record of home-taught drivers.

The law does not require Oregon high schools to teach driver training. The necessary manuals are furnished free of charge by the secretary of state's office to schools which elect to use them.

"It will be a great day when we have a hundred per cent acceptance of this work," Farrell said. He pointed out that national traffic safety leaders are unanimous in holding that no great long-range progress can be made toward safe streets and highways until drivers are trained in something better than the haphazard, homespun manner prevalent today.

Shortage of teachers, time, and space has caused many schools to hesitate to accept the new course. In some cases, however, tremendous obstacles have been overcome in order that present classes of youngsters will not be denied the chance to learn to drive according to proven system.