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Congress Convenes

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S four point message started congress off at the beginning of its special session Monday to prepare the way for the regular session next January. While admitting tax readjustments are necessary to overcome some of the present business lethargy, the president gave agriculture, labor, reorganization and planning legislation as the principal needs at present.

Storm clouds arising from the industrial sea do not bode smooth sailing for the presidential sloop, however. A move is already started to force the tax question uppermost. Rankling in the business breast is the tax on corporate surplus funds that has acted as a boomerang, more to small business corporations than to large, at a time when a big push is being made to get private capital to expand operations.

The president gives agriculture first consideration in his message, emphasizing the need for control of surpluses and a sound soil conservation policy. The policy, he believes, should incorporate a compensatory feature to balance the years of good weather against the years of bad weather, which may be taken as endorsement of the crop insurance feature of the farm bill considered by the last session of congress. The chief executive stressed the point that if administrative cost of the new farm act should exceed budgetary allotment from the national treasury, the new legislation should contain provision for raising such additional funds as may be required from other sources. Indicated is a new processing tax which the president hopes may get past future ruling of the supreme court under liberal interpretation of the constitution.

Child and woman labor abuses are indicated as the chief points of attack on the labor legislation program. The reorganization program touches several phases of organization work, stressing enlargement of the merit system in filling government positions, but not touching the court reorganization problem threshed out at the last session. The recommendation on planning also touched a number of phases having to do with coordination of work in the executive branch. Both the reorganization and planning work, the president said, tend to establish within the government accepted practices of large business concerns which will make for efficiency and economy.

While predicting a balanced budget in the near future, the chief executive said the only hope for material reduction in the cost of government lies in curtailing functions of the government, and he asked as a general question where such curtailment might be expected to begin.

The president's program may not be all right, nor it may not be all wrong. He has again taken the re-

sponsibilities of leadership at a time when many complicated situations exist, however, and by holding steady to the helm on the course he wishes to follow is entitled to the respect and admiration of everyone.

The president and congress have no easy course before them. Measures employed to engender a degree of recovery in the last four years have drawn heavily upon the public credit. It is time now that private industry should have gathered the momentum to bring recovery to full realization and to be rehabilitating the public credit structure. But still there continues the clamor for successor from Washington, which can only be given by issuing more bonds, by cheapening the dollar the more. As the president said in his message, the present business slump has not the alarming features of that which started in 1929. We are on firmer ground. We have the genius and ability to emerge on still sounder ground. That should be the attitude of everyone. If each individual could find the solution of his own problems, then might congress declare a long holiday and at least one source of considerable drain on the public pocketbook would be plugged.

It Could've Happened Here—

GLEN CHANDLER, editor of the John Day Ranger, last Friday stood on the sidelines watching a football game in his town. As the play came his way, he was drawn into it; emerged from the bottom of the scrimmage pile with a dislocated knee cap and broken leg. With leg in cast, he is on the retired list for a few weeks, reports contemporary Blue Mountain Eagle.

Editor Chandler may have been on the sidelines from sense of professional duty. That we don't know. But we are surmising that in John Day town spectators are allowed to surge along the sidelines with the play as they once were at local games. That system is dangerous to spectators at times and it's bad for gate receipts.

Wisdom was displayed by local high school football managers this season by keeping spectators in the stands. From such position everyone can see the whole game better, and those who would be courteous or who are too gentle of disposition to battle for their rights are not being continually elbowed into the rear of the pack from where they can get but occasional glimpses of the game, and after it is over made to wonder if, after all, those fellows out on the field with the harness on aren't taking a lot less chance.

The local high school this year had one of the best paying seasons in several years. We believe that keeping the spectators in the stands was largely responsible, begging Editor Chandler's pardon for using his unfortunate incident as an example.

PINE CITY NEWS

Christmas Treat Benefit Slated

By BERNICE WATTENBURGER

A negro minstrel will be given by the people of the community December 10 followed by a basket social, to raise funds for the Christmas treats which will be given away at a Christmas program given later by the school children.

"The Ghost Chaser" will be given Tuesday, Nov. 23, by the high school pupils. Be sure and don't miss it!

Open house was held Wednesday at Pine City. Several mothers attended. Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, county school superintendent, was also present.

Mrs. Ray J. Pinson spent Armistice day in Pendleton.

Commissioner Roy Neill reported that in the spring the Butter creek road from Jarmon's corner to Pine City school will be oiled. The road is in very bad shape now and we will be glad to have it fixed.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Neill are spending a week in Salem with Mr. Neill's daughter, Mrs. Eldon Kinton.

A birthday dinner was given Sunday at the Clayton Ayers home in honor of his father, Jim Ayers. He is seventy-four years old. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Burl Coxen and children of Heppner, Mrs. Ruby Coxen and son, Gerry, of Hermiston, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Watten-

Health—His Heritage!



This little boy was flat on his back three years ago—he had tuberculosis of the spine. Today his rugged body and smiling face are a joy to see. Sunlight, or heliotherapy, fresh air and rest, under medical supervision, have given Tony back his heritage of health. Tuberculosis of the bones and joints is a form of disease more common among children than grownups. Thanks to science and to the public's increasing realization that tuberculosis, when taken in time, is curable there are thousands of other boys and girls being restored to health in tuberculosis hospitals throughout the country. Christmas Seals helped Tony and they are helping these other boys and girls.

burger and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Helms and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Healy were business visitors in Heppner Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wigglesworth of Echo were Sunday dinner guests at the E. B. Wattenburger home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Myers left for Portland Sunday to spend a few days.

Jimmy Higgins of Pendleton called at the James Daly home Friday.

Miss Cecelia Healy accompanied her brother Tom to Heppner Thursday and spent the week end visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Young were Echo callers Monday.

Bert Barnes was successful in getting his elk. It had five points.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rauch and family attended a dance given at the Henry Rauch home near Lexington Saturday evening.

OSC TO WELCOME GRADS

Corvallis—Plans are rapidly shaping up at Oregon State college to welcome old grads back to a "biggest and best homecoming," November 19 and 20. Students are busy preparing for the many entertainment features, among which are the noise parade, rally, bonfire, house sign contest, midnight matinee, football game between Oregon State and Washington State, alumni roundup and alumni dance. Alumni registration begins Friday morning and continues throughout the day.

HUNG UP ON HUNT

Report reached town Tuesday that Lawrence Matteson, Glen Hayes, Delwin Matteson and Bert Cason were hung up at Moo prairie with a broken down truck in the course of their elk hunt. A soft snow was falling and some fear was felt for getting the truck out.

HOME EC CLUB TO MEET

Willows grange Home Economics club will meet in Ione, Friday, Nov. 19, at the Legion hall. All members are asked to come prepared to work on bazaar material. Club officers for the coming year will be elected. It will be an all-day meeting with pot-luck dinner.

EXPERT TO SPEAK

Mildred Snyder, home lighting expert with Pacific Power and Light company, is appearing before the local high school today to speak on a subject relating to her work. She is also scheduled for an appearance before the Lexington school.

MAYTAG washers, new, used and rebuilt. Easy monthly payments. Pendleton Music House. 37-38.

Bargains in used pianos. Priced from \$30.00 and up. Pendleton Music House. 37-38.

Less Favorable Farm Market Seen

A somewhat less favorable farm market demand outlook for 1938 than in 1937 is the most outstanding factor of general significance in the voluminous report prepared by the recent National Agricultural Outlook conference held at Washington, D. C., according to L. R. Breithaupt, O. S. C. extension economist, who represented Oregon at the conference. This demand outlook is based principally upon an analysis of the general domestic economic situation and industrial activity. Foreign demand is expected to show little, if any, improvement, although exports may increase as a result of a necessity of finding outlets for a larger volume of farm products.

The report states that "both prices and buying power per unit of farm products are expected to be lower in 1938 than in 1937," and that cash farm income may be somewhat less than in 1937. On the other hand, farm wage rates and the cost of most of the commodities used by farmers for production are expected to be higher, except feed and some kinds of seed. The cost of family living items may not change greatly on the whole, but over the country generally there will probably be less money available per family for living and savings.

The report deals extensively with the market outlook for all of the major crops and animal products from a national viewpoint, showing considerable variation in the outlook for the different products. Each county agricultural agent in the United States has been supplied with a mimeographed copy so that farmers may have access to the information, even though it is too lengthy for publication in entirety. Parts of the national report will be localized and supplemented from time to time by Mr. Breithaupt and his conclusions published in the form of agricultural situation and outlook reports for more general distribution in Oregon.

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The Oregon reports will be released during the season of the year when the respective parts of the information will probably be the most useful. The first of these will be a brief mimeographed digest covering several of the major commodities, such as wheat, feed crops, poultry, dairy hogs, sheep and beef. A few copies of this have already been distributed to county agents. The county agents have also been supplied with one copy each of several handbooks of outlook charts and statistics.

The Oregon Agricultural Extension service publishes a monthly report on the agricultural situation and outlook which may be obtained by citizens of Oregon by mail without cost upon request to county agricultural agents or direct to the college. The outlook for wheat, eggs, dairy, hogs, sheep and beef cattle was reported in the August 1937 issue. The general farm outlook for 1938, including demand, income, costs and family living, is given in the November report; the outlook for tree fruits, nuts and berry crops in December; spring sown crops and vegetables in January, and potatoes, turkeys, horses and some other products in March. This method makes it possible to have the information localized and brought up to date for release at the season of the year when it is most valuable to farmers in Oregon.

Range Building Program Talked

Oregon practices under the national range conservation program for 1938 were discussed by the State Agricultural Conservation committee meeting in Corvallis November 16 and 17, according to N. C. Donaldson, executive secretary of the committee.

Several important changes have been made in the 1938 range program, as recently approved by Secretary Wallace. In general, however, it follows the outlines of the 1937 program to improve range conditions and prevent erosion.

The principal changes included in

the 1938 program are as follows:

Range Building Allowance: The range building allowance for 1938—the total amount of which may be earned on the ranch—is based upon a combination of the acreage and carrying capacity of the range. In previous programs this was based only on carrying capacity.

Natural Reseeding by Deferred Grazing: The payment for deferred grazing will be 60 per cent of the range building allowance, which represents an increase in most areas. Under this practice, livestock are kept off the range for specified periods so that native grasses can reseed.

Overgrazing: No payment will be made where a range has been damaged by overgrazing in 1938.

Of particular importance is the change in basing the range building allowance upon a combination of acreage and carrying capacity. This will provide a slightly greater allowance for the ranges of low carrying capacity where range improvement is most needed.

The specific range building practices to apply in Oregon will soon be announced. In general they will be the same as in 1937, and will include reseeding range land by deferred grazing, artificial reseeding, contour listing, furrowing or subsoiling, constructing spreader dams, terraces, earthen tanks, reservoirs and masonry dams, drilling or digging wells, developing springs and seeps, planting trees, cultivating and maintaining a stand of trees, establishing fire guards, and eliminating destructive plants. Aid in fencing is provided for by the increase in deferred grazing payments.

Tried Poultry Methods Best Until New Proved

A policy of sticking to sound established production methods until new proposals are thoroughly tried was urged upon Oregon poultrymen by staff members of the Oregon experiment station, even as they gave progress reports on numerous research projects to several hundred who attended the recent fourteenth annual poultrymen's convention at the state college.

Numerous interesting and potentially profitable practices are being investigated, although a number of new methods which have been reported from other regions have shown no advantage here as yet.

The use of fall-hatched pullets, in an attempt to bring about greater production during the seasons of better prices, has been investigated for the past six months, but no conclusive recommendations can be made until at least two more years' research is carried on, said H. E. Cosby, head of the poultry department. It is possible that this may be a profitable procedure, although observation already indicates that fall-hatched pullets make slightly smaller adult birds, and produce correspondingly smaller eggs, it was reported.

The feeding of dried yeast has not yet shown any advantage in egg production, nor has the use of battery housing proved as profitable as having the laying flock on regular floors.

Dance

HARDMAN
I. O. O. F. Hall

SATURDAY
NOV. 20

Good Music