

STATE CAPITAL NEWS

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SALEM—Governor Martin has returned to his office after a two-week's vacation in the Mt. Hood area and again aroused speculation as to whether or not he would attempt to find a way around a state law which forbids a primary candidate from running independently in the fall elections.

It was the governor's first vacation since the strenuous primary campaign. One of the first things he did was confer with his campaign manager, Edgar W. Smith, who recently returned from a tour of eastern Oregon, where it was presumed he was testing political winds. After the conference neither the governor nor Smith would admit or deny that the meeting, had any political significance. However, observers here still believe that Governor Martin will not be a candidate in November.

A former republican vice-president gave the governor a pat on the back this week. The "pat" was a wire from Charles G. Dawes, vice-president under the Coolidge administration and ambassador to England. His message read:

"I am at home and well again after seven weeks in the hospital at New York. I want to congratulate you upon your splendid courage and the great reputation you have made as a law enforcing governor of Oregon. You leave office decorated with universal public respect, without which public office means nothing."

Governor Martin issued a statement urging every person in the state to cooperate with the Stream Purification League of Oregon in observing "Help Clean Up Our Rivers" week which started Sunday.

"It is proper that we do this," the governor said, "because the rivers and streams of Oregon comprise one of the state's great assets, not only from the recreation and health standpoint but as avenues of commerce for our shipping, and as essential units in the successful propagation and preservation of our commercial fishing stock."

There were 455 fewer traffic accidents during May than during the same month last year, Secretary of State Snell reported this week. It was the best single month record in many years and brought the five-month totals for accidents, injuries and fatalities well below the figure for the same period in 1937.

Approximately 2500 electricity consumers in Clackamas and Yamhill counties will be able to save about \$13,000 annually as the result of rate reductions by the Portland General Electric Co.

The PGE Co. this week filed reductions in minimum monthly charges for customers formerly served by the Mololla Electric Co. and the Yamhill Electric Co. The two companies are now incorporated in the Portland General system.

The state hydro-electric commission was this week requested to investigate the advisability of creating a McKenzie River Peoples' Utility district. The district would include an area extending from a point one and a half miles east of Vida to about two miles above McKenzie bridge.

A new rule designed to simplify handling of unemployment claims has been made by the state unemployment compensation commission.

Beginning last Sunday the commission adopted the calendar week, ending each Saturday at midnight, as the claim week for benefits to covered jobless workers in the state. They previously designated an individual's claim week as the seven consecutive days following initiation of claim, but hereafter when a claimant files an original claim on any day of the week, the first week of such claim will be the calendar week in which the claim is filed.

Farm security loans totaling \$2,207,400 were made to 2900 Oregon farm families during April, according to a report filed with state officials

Fair-Sighted Fair Workers



Workers on the Palace of Foods and Beverages at California's Golden Gate International Exposition hail the arrival of Zoe Dell Lantis, "most photographed girl in the world," who climbed the scaffolding in front of the theme tower with a big pot of iced coffee to refresh the men in the midst of a heavy day's work.

by the Farm Security administration. The loans were made to farmers who were unable to secure adequate commercial credit for livestock, feed, seed and farm equipment.

Farmers dominate the list of 141 republican and democratic candidates who will battle for the 76 legislative positions to be filled this fall. An occupational survey reveals that 32 of the 141 candidates are farmers. Next high is the legal profession—with 29 lawyer-candidates. Three candidates are stockmen, two dairymen and two fruit growers. The candidates are engaged in 38 occupations. Others are brokers, physicians, automobile dealers, secretaries, clerks, real estate men and timber workers.

The Salem Linen Mills this week received a contract for supplying 15,000 pounds of flax twine to the United States navy through the efforts of Governor Martin. A Scotland firm had submitted a lower bid than did the Salem firm, but the governor telegraphed navy department officials that he believed the contract should go to a United States firm.

The state supreme court this week decided Henry Albrecht of Baker was entitled to \$29,000 damages for personal injuries received while riding in an automobile with his brother-in-law, H. M. Howard, district manager for Safeway Stores. The court upheld the opinion of a jury and Circuit Court Judge Calvin L. Sweek of Pendleton. Albrecht contended that he was not a "guest" in Howard's car, but had gone along to help his brother-in-law.

State officials who attended the state convention of Disabled American Veterans of the World War at Bend June 20-22, included Governor Martin and Secretary of State Earl Snell.

Following the 1936 riot at the state penitentiary, 16 men were placed in solitary confinement. The 16th was released this week as his sentence at the institution had expired.

Bids for paving and widening the North Summer street approach to the new state capitol will be opened at Portland June 30.

For Sale—Rumley 16-ft. cut combine, good shape. M. J. Devin, city.

Ballard Tells of Competition for Nation's Markets

No keener competition exists in any business than in the marketing of agricultural products, F. L. Ballard, vice-director of extension, told bankers of Oregon at their annual convention just held in Corvallis.

As an example, Ballard cited Washington and New York as the two top states in apple production. When both have a good crop there is the keenest competition, with New York usually winning because of nearness to markets.

While the marketing question is a vital one, no marketing procedures within present knowledge can bring prosperity to farmers unless based on sound management measures within the farmer's own line fences, the speaker continued.

"Recognizing good production character of Oregon lands and reasonably good management, as is the case, we must have wise marketing because this is a surplus shopping state," he pointed out. "Oregon is a surplus state both as to staples and the newer specialty crops such as bulbs, seed, cannery and frozen processed products."

The men out on Oregon farms are not unfamiliar with this competitive principle, the bankers were told. The different farm interests of the state are quite well organized. Current questions of industry direction have for more than 15 years been continually under consideration by various commodity groups.

A substantial start in production adjustment has been made which will of necessity be continued for a long time as still wider understanding develops.

Ballard cited the growth of the processed foods industries as a trend in the right direction. Oregon, Washington and California, he said, pack 55 percent of the nation's preserved foods, 64 percent of the frozen foods, 82 percent of the canned fruits and 30 percent of the canned vegetables. The score is mounting as rapidly in Oregon as in either of the other states. Two million cases of canned prunes packed in Oregon in 1936 were equivalent to 24 million pounds of dried prunes.

Gifts to OSC for Year Totaled Oregon State College—More than \$50,000 in gifts, donations and special grants was received by OSC during the past year, exclusive of aid through federal emergency pro-

grams. With federal grants added, the total was approximately \$117,000.

Special contributions to the school of agriculture for carrying on research accounted for the largest non-federal grants. Another large gift was an income of close to \$9000 from the Mary J. L. McDonald estate for the purchase of additional land in the McDonald experimental forest.

Among the gifts were hundreds of articles placed in the Horner museum of the Oregon Country.

State Retains Lead in Bangs Disease Testing

Oregon stands second on the list of states in the percentage of breeding cattle under official supervision for bangs disease and third on the list of total number of such cattle under such supervision, according to the latest summary of control work just issued at Washington, D. C.

Oregon with 75.5 percent under test is second only to Virginia, with 79.8 percent. In actual numbers, Virginia is fifth, with Wisconsin first. Wisconsin, which leads in total numbers, has only 32.9 percent of its total breeding cattle under supervision.

The advance work of the Oregon experiment station with bangs disease long before the federal program was inaugurated is credited with helping keep Oregon in the lead in bangs disease cleanup.

National reports show that the federal-state campaign to clean up bangs disease in cattle has made as much headway in less than four years as the bovine tuberculosis campaign did in its first 10 years. Bangs disease eradication has moved faster because the tuberculosis campaign revealed the possibilities of disease control and because more money has been available, the national officials say.

OSC Catalog for 1938-31 Ready

Oregon State College—The 1938-39 catalog containing the staff roster, institutional information and a list of all courses, has just been issued. The 429-page booklet also contains the calendar for the coming year, which shows September 19 to 24 as Freshman week, with registration for old students Saturday, September 24.

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