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SALEM—Probably no appointment made during the present administration has given Governor Martin more concern than the two he made last week in filling vacancies caused by the deaths of the county judges in Washington and Tillamook counties. Friends of the several candidates for the two positions thronged the executive department throughout the week, coming singly and in delegations of from five to fifteen members.

In Washington county where the sudden death of Judge Donald T. Templeton had left a vacancy the choice lay between the widow of Judge Templeton and the two candidates for the office, nominated at the May primaries, with the nod going to Mrs. Templeton who will serve out the unexpired term, ending in January, leaving the two candidates free to fight it out in November without either enjoying the advantage that might have gone with the appointment.

In Tillamook county there were also three candidates for the post—Harland Woods, head of the young Democratic club of the county; Geo. Reichers, a republican and prominent business man, and Jack Caulfield, active Democratic leader with a record of two terms in the state legislature. All three were strongly endorsed by influential citizens of the county and the choice of Woods is regarded here as due largely to the endorsement of the young Democrats.

The state's building program for 1939-40 will depend largely upon availability of revenues, according to Budget Director Wallace Wharton who explains that institution heads are already beginning to formulate their requests for improvements. Among those tentatively outlined are a new receiving hospital and nurses home for the eastern Oregon state hospital at Pendleton; enlargement of the receiving hospital at the Salem state hospital; a new cell block and new dining room for the state penitentiary; and a children's pavilion for the eastern Oregon tuberculosis hospital at The Dalles.

Failing in their attempt to initiate a measure providing for the issuance of revenue bonds by peoples' utility districts, sponsors of this program will carry their fight directly to the legislature, according to word reaching Salem. The measure is being sponsored by the Bonneville Federation of Oregon.

Seasonal work has taken up some of the slack in unemployment in Oregon. Figures released by the Unemployment Compensation commission show a drop of 11 per cent in the active file of job seekers registered with the state employment service last week.

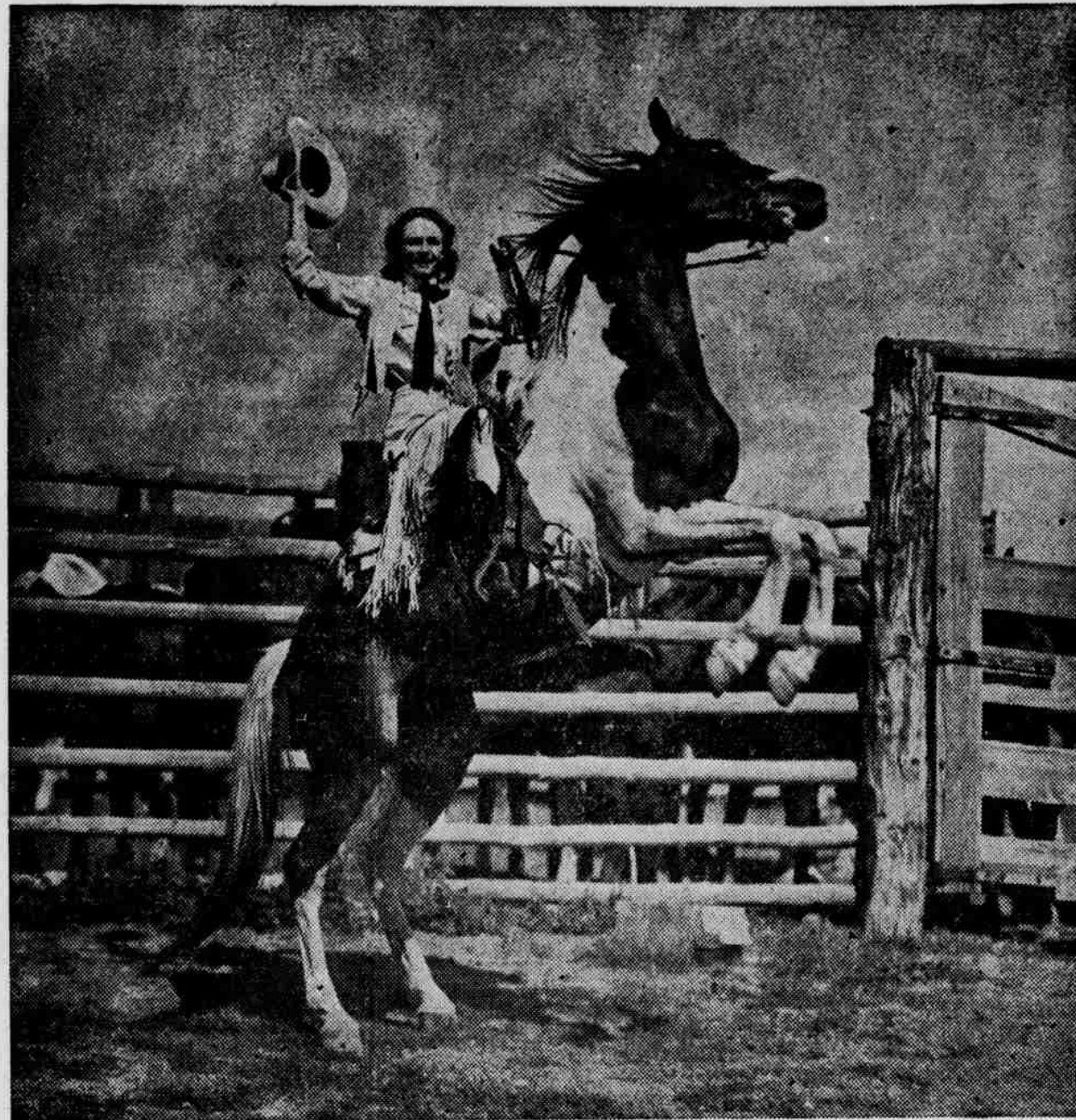
Statistics compiled by Secretary of State Snell reflect a continued improvement in traffic safety conditions in Oregon. Traffic fatalities for the first six months of the current year totalled only 126 compared to 150 for the same period in 1937. Twenty-nine persons lost their lives in traffic accidents on Oregon highways during June, this year, which was within one of the record for June, 1937.

Fewer than 100 persons are now employed by the State Unemployment commission in its Salem office as compared to a payroll of more than 200 at the first of the year when the commission began the payment of claims. Sixteen employees of the commission were released last week and further reductions in personnel are contemplated, members of the commission have indicated.

Analysis of the Repealing Double Liability of Bank Stockholders ballot measure shows this to be another proposed amendment to the state constitution which was referred to the voters by the legislative session of 1937.

As the short title indicates the amendment if adopted would relieve

Round-Up Queen Invites World



Pendleton, Ore., July 22.—From the saddle of a rearing bronc, Jean McCarty, queen of the 1938 Round-Up, invites the world to the twenty-ninth annual performance, at Pendleton, Oregon, Sept. 15, 16, 17.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie McCarty, Chugwater, Wyoming, Jean, now 20, has since childhood been trained to the saddle on her father's ranch. Mr. McCarty is a member of the firm of McCarty & Elliott, rodeo contractors, and he with his partner, Verne Elliott, brings stock to the Round-Up every year. Mr. McCarty first coming here for the 1913 show.

Jean, blonde, with hazel eyes, is of slight build; five feet four in height, she weighs 110 pounds. She has attended the University of Wyoming for two years and is a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. Her sister, Helen McCarty, will be queen of the Cheyenne Frontier Days show this year.

stockholders in state banks from the double liability now imposed in the event of a bank failure. Stockholders in national banks have already been relieved of this double liability (liability to the depositors in an amount equal to double their stock in the bank) and this proposed amendment would place stockholders in state banks on the same footing in this respect.

Governor Martin has promised to "look into" reports that the Democratic State Central committee is assessing state employees for support of the fall campaign. Veteran politicians point out that the practice is not new, explaining that political appointees have always been expected to contribute toward "the good of the cause," although as a rule this understanding is not put into writing in the form of an assessment. Careful inquiry among state employees in Salem revealed only two who admit to having received the assessment notice. Both of these were asked to contribute \$21 at the rate of \$3 a month for the next seven months. Both of these employees were appointees rather than employees. It is not believed that the reported assessment extended to the rank and file job holders.

Drunken driving is on the increase in Oregon, according to statistics compiled by Secretary of State Earl Snell. During the first five months of the current year 309 motorists in this state had their licenses revoked upon conviction of drunken driving. That was 54 more than the record for the same period in 1937 and 124 ahead of the 1936 record. Every month this year so far has shown an increase in license revocations for drunken driving over the same month last year.

If persistence counts Chas. H. Ager of Portland should get his home exemption tax bill on the state ballot in 1940. Having failed twice in his effort to secure the requisite number of signatures to place the measure on the ballot Ager this

week made another start when he filed preliminary petitions with Secretary of State Earl Snell. Ager's measure would exempt from taxation dwelling up to \$2000 in true cash value when occupied by the owner.

Oregon residents, with the aid of a few tourists, consumed slightly more intoxicating liquor in the fiscal year ending June 30—\$143,000 more than they did in the previous 12-month period according to a report by the Oregon Liquor Control commission. Gross sales of liquor by state stores and agencies during the last fiscal year totalled \$8,559,914.33 compared to \$7,913,077.41 for 1936-37. Net profits from the liquor business increased proportionately from \$1,678,302.14 in 1936-37 to \$1,830,006.74 in 1937-38.

Good Cows Bring Good Profit

Dallas—The advantage of keeping high producing cows is again seen in the annual report of the Polk County Dairy Herd Improvement association recently completed, which shows that the 10 highest producers brought an average return per cow of \$164.73 above feed costs, while the ten lowest producers averaged only \$48.46 above feed costs. The average production per cow for the 11 herds on test was more than 300 pounds of butterfat, with one herd averaging 392.7 pounds. Ninety-four cows produced over 350 pounds of butterfat each, with many of them in the 400 pound class.

Pasture Mixtures Worked Out

Klamath Falls—Pasture mixtures featuring brome grass, alsike clover, meadow fescue, western rye, white clover and some bent grass and bluegrass were worked out by County Agent C. A. Henderson's office recently for seven farms requesting this assistance. Recommendations were also made for use of yellow blossom sweet clover, alkali grass and strawberry clover in three other farms, and for seeding of both crested wheat grass and Ladak alfalfa on still other farms of the county.

Land Bank Finances Oregon Farm Buyers

In the first quarter of this year the Federal Land Bank of Spokane made 17 farm mortgage purchase loans in Oregon in the amount of \$42,023, which were designed to assist in the purchase of farm properties. Aside from that, the bank, through mortgage and contract terms, sold 70 of the farm properties temporarily in its possession for \$191,397. This total of \$233,420 for financing the purchase of 87 farms in the state compares with \$157,757 for the same period last year to assist in the purchase of 70 farms. Such is a statement made recently by the Farm Credit Administration of Spokane, which extends loans to livestock men and farmers in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

The statement continues to show that from May, 1933, when the Farm Credit administration was established, to the period covered by the last quarterly report of the Federal Land Bank (March 31, 1938), this institution made 3,711 long-term first mortgage loans to Oregon farmers for a total of \$15,206,000. Over the same period 5,600 Land Bank Commissioner loans in the sum of \$11,956,000 also were made. Outstanding on March 31 of this year were 8,365 Federal Land bank loans totaling \$27,456,000 and 5,122 Commissioner loans amounting to \$10,269,000. The total of these two types of loan, \$37,725,000, represents 31.5 per cent of the total farm mortgage debt of Oregon as computed by the census of 1935.

The fact that many drivers' licenses are lost, destroyed or mutilated is proved by the issuance of nearly four thousand duplicate operators' license cards in Oregon in the six months from January 1 to June 30, Secretary of State Earl Snell said recently. He advised drivers to keep their cards in wallets or special holders, rather than carrying them loose in their pockets.

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Various Groups Aid Rural Youth In New Movement

Success of the "South 40" young people's club in Union county the past two years has stimulated rural youth in other parts of the state to form organizations with a similar purpose, but framed in many cases along entirely different lines, reports Ralph Beck, extension rural service specialist at Oregon State college. Beck's work in assisting the organization of such groups followed a study he made of social conditions of rural youth in connection with Bernard Joy, member of the national extension service staff.

The second group organized in Oregon was in Tillamook county where one was formed in November, 1936. It has maintained a membership of about 40, composed of both men and women. The social side is emphasized though they carry on other activities such as producing plays, sponsoring community programs and arranging for tours to the Astoria branch experiment station.

In Hood River county a group of young orchardists at Pine Grove formed a definite organization with the assistance of Mr. Beck and County Agent A. L. Marble. The chief purpose there has been to carry on a study group in economics and production practices relating to fruit growing. Two similar groups have been planned at Parkdale and Odell.

Former 4-H club members in Washington county ranging in age from 20 to 21 years, have recently formed a discussion group under the leadership of Lawrence Francis, assistant county agent. Grange and farmers unions have taken up the movement and have been sponsoring related types of rural youth groups. In Klamath county the Pomona grange is sponsoring a group known as the "Young Grangers Auxiliary," which so impressed the state grange this summer that it has been turned into a state-wide movement. Ages for this type of group were set at 14 to 25 but those 18 years or older predominate.

Baker county has joined the list with a young farmers' group similar to the "South 40" club in nearby Union county. Fred Hill, assistant county agent, is sponsoring the work. Less formally organized groups have been started in Wasco, Deschutes and Jackson counties.

"We are following no set pattern with these organizations because we do not know yet which will prove most successful under given circumstances," says Mr. Beck. "We are working with any group under any sponsorship that is seriously trying to make progress in the field. We hope within a year or so to have assembled enough facts and gained enough experience so that we will be able to extend the program to a much larger proportion of the young people of Oregon."

Ample Water Helps Ewes, Lambs

Lakeview — Crampton Brothers, wool growers of Fort Rock, who find that their lambs take on greater weight with less damage to the range when supplied with ample drinking water, have completed the construction of a concrete cistern at their summer range headquarters at Cook well, reports County Agent Vic Johnson. The new storage reservoir has a capacity of 40,000 gallons. Crampton Brothers haul water to their ewes and lambs on the range by use of a truck mounted with a 435-gallon tank. Eleven galvanized iron troughs with a capacity of 900 gallons are used. The deep well at the Cook place is about 412 feet deep and the water is pumped with a 3 horsepower gasoline engine.

The average licensed driver in Oregon drove 3,000 miles during the first six months of this year, Secretary of State Earl Snell said recently. Reports from gasoline companies show that more than 100 million gallons of gasoline were sold between January 1 and June 30, sending the total gasoline tax paid during that period above five million dollars for the first time in the state's history.

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