

STATE CAPITAL NEWS

- Stamp Plan Talked
- New Hospital
- Little Civil War

By A. L. LINDBECK

Salem—Oregon may become the first state to adopt the stamp plan for the distribution of surplus farm commodities to persons on relief. The plan, already in operation in a number of cities throughout the country, was discussed at a conference with Governor Sprague here this week attended by Relief Administrator Elmer Goudy and members of the state relief committee.

Under the proposed plan public welfare clients may spend a portion of their relief checks for orange stamps which are exchangeable for supplies at all retail stores. With each \$1 orange stamp the relievers would be given a 50-cent blue stamp good only for surplus commodities as designated by the federal department of agriculture. These latter would also be distributed through regular relief channels.

Jonathan Garst of San Francisco, regional director of the Federal Surplus Commodities commission, was in Portland this week discussing the plan with members of the state relief commission. It is understood that it was his recommendation that the plan be first tried out in Multnomah county before being made state-wide.

This proposal has been submitted to the regional FSCC and the federal department of agriculture for approval before being made operative. Distribution of surplus commodities under the proposed plan would be in addition to regular supplies available to relief clients, it is explained.

Increased efficiency in the operation of liquor stores, with, incidentally, a reduction in the employed personnel, together with the increase in the retail price of liquor were credited by Governor Sprague this week for the increase in profits of the Liquor Control commission for September, 1939, over the same month a year ago as recorded in the commission's report released this week. A number of changes have been made in the liquor control personnel since the recent reorganization of the commission with a substantial reduction in the number of employees on the commission's payroll, Sprague said.

Members of the Board of Control participated in the dedication

of Oregon's new tuberculosis hospital at Portland last Wednesday. The hospital, constructed as a unit of the University of Oregon medical school, has accommodations for 40 patients with a waiting list far in excess of that number. This is the third state institution dedicated to the treatment of tuberculosis victims, the others being located in Salem and The Dalles. The state contributed \$110,000 toward the construction cost of the new institution with the Julius Meier estate contributing \$50,000 and the Public Works administration providing a grant of \$130,000.

The Salem American Legion post, weary of waiting for the state to provide a flag pole for the new capitol, has volunteered to underwrite the cost of at least one pole, estimated at from \$2,000 to \$2500. The state has a fund of \$794 available for this purpose, \$500 authorized by the State Emergency board and \$294 contained in a fund contributed by citizens following the destruction of the old capitol for the purpose of beautifying the new state house and which Governor Sprague has said might be applied toward purchase of a flag pole.

Western Lincoln county is the latest candidate for PUD honors. Sponsors of a proposed Peoples Utility district in that section have filed a preliminary petition with the Hydroelectric commission asking for a survey and report on the feasibility of the project which would cover an area of 175 square miles, including the cities of Waldport and Newport, with a population of 12,000 and an assessed valuation of \$4,000,000.

The Pacific Coast, it seems, has its own little diplomatic war. California and Oregon officials are engaged in a controversy over reciprocal privileges granted to certain classes of motor vehicle operators.

California officials have charged that Oregon has discontinued these privileges to motorists registered in the southern state and threatens to reciprocate in kind. Oregon's Secretary of State Earl Snell throws the charge right back into the teeth of the Californians with a charge that it was they who started the difficulty by annulling the understanding that has been in existence between the two states for the past several years. California's severance of diplomatic relations in the motor vehicle field occurred about two months ago according to Snell, since which time the Oregon official has been trying in vain to patch up the misunderstanding between the two states so that the arrangement might be con-

tinued. The Californians, however, Snell charges, have ignored his overtures and refuse even to arrange a meeting at which the differences, if any, can be threshed out.

Commercial vehicles operating from towns near the border will be hardest hit if the two states fail to get together, Snell said.

While the full cash valuation of Oregon utilities increased by \$3,186,356 during the past year the assessed valuation of these same utilities decreased by \$290,893, a report by the tax commission shows. This seeming inconsistency is explained by the fact that the assessed value of utilities is based upon the ratio of true value to assessed value in each county and this year the ratio was reduced in 21 of the 36 counties. The greatest increase in valuation was recorded by electric companies whose true cash value jumped from \$99,047,748.36 in 1938 to \$102,394,856.80 in 1939. Aircraft companies, express companies, steam railroads, tank car companies, telephone companies and water companies all recorded valuation gains, while valuation losses were recorded by electric railroads, gas companies and telegraph companies.

Clyde E. Hutchins has been appointed district representative of the state department of agriculture for Jefferson, Crook, Deschutes and Wheeler counties. Hutchins who succeeds E. L. Strack, transferred to McMinnville, will make his headquarters in Redmond. He has served

with the department in its federal-state shipping point service since 1936.

The Oregon highway commission has decided to spend \$100,000 in advertising Oregon's scenic and recreational advantages during 1940. Most of the money will be spent with eastern magazines and newspapers, according to Harold B. Say, head of the department's travel and information bureau.

Although the new capitol building has been occupied now for more than a year, Ross B. Hammond, the contractor, is still trying to collect a balance of \$40,000 which he claims is due him from the WPA. Hammond appeared before the board of control with his plaint this week and argued that the state should pay him interest on the delayed installment. While he found plenty of sympathy among the board members he found little encouragement for his claim. Only a legislative act could authorize payment of interest, Governor Sprague informed Hammond.

CENSUS MANAGER NAMED

Washington, D. C., Nov. 9—Despite vehement objections filed by State Chairman Tierney, the appointment is announced of Byron G. Carney, former state senator from Clackamas county, as census manager for Oregon. A. R. McCall, publisher of the Rainier Riview, has been named as assistant area manager.

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PINE CITY NEWS

Two Pine City Men Accident Victims

By BERNICE WATTENBURGER
Jasper Meyers dislocated a vertebra in his spine Monday.

Herman Epton, student at Alpine school, was thrown from a cart last week and suffered a broken rib.

Mrs. Neal Knighten and children and Miss Pat Bleakman spent two nights with Mrs. Knighten's mother, Mrs. Roy Neill.

A number attended the dance and carnival at Lena grange hall Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Knighten, Miss Pat Bleakman and Mrs. Dan Lindsay attended a concert at Vert Memorial building in Pendleton, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Finch, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shipley and Bert Wattenburger returned with a four-point elk Saturday night.

Roy Neill and his stepson, Guy Moore, attended a father and son banquet given by the Future Farmers of America in Heppner Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Neill and Chas. Bartholomew attended the grazing meeting in Heppner Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Neill were Sunday dinner guests at the Dee Neill home at Stanfield.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McGreer were Pendleton callers Tuesday.



Armistice Day Celebration

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