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CROP CONDITIONS IMPROVE IN COUNTY

Warm Days Aid Backward Wheat and Hasten Seeding

SOUTH END OF COUNTY SLOW

Late Rains Delay Seeding Operations Near Kent

The first warm days of April, coming as they did after a long cold spell of weather, made the wheat plants grow more than they have so far this year. Green fields are appearing where gray brown dirt has been the prevailing color so far this spring. This is especially true in the north end of the county where practically all of the wheat was sown last fall. In the Erakine country the wheat has been green all winter and the warm days have caused it to cover the ground like a mat.

In the south end of the county the farmers have been seeding all of this week. Due to heavy rains in March the ground there did not dry out enough to allow working of summer-fallowed fields until the first of April and work is backward. However, wheat is going into the ground very rapidly and most farmers will be through seeding next week.

The sunshine and winds have dried up the top of the ground until it is rather hard to break up into a good seed bed in some cases. A trip thru the Kent district shows a very few fields of spring wheat up so far. However, with the warm days and plenty of moisture it will be on its way to produce a crop within a week or so.

Summerfallowing has not commenced south of Grass Valley and the stubble fields look as they usually do in early March. Work will be slow there, but moisture is reported to be plentiful.

A good part of the plowing has been done in the north end of the county where an earlier spring allowed farm work to start. While some wheat fields are spotted in appearance due to washing a few more warm days will make it all look like a lawn.

Declamatory Contest Date Set Ahead

The county declamatory contest has been changed from May 13th to May 6th by the authorities in charge of that event. This move has been made because of other activities planned for the 13th and in order to have the declamatory contest out of the way before the school activities attendant to graduation are due.

New Ford Welcomed By Many Interested Potential Owners

There was a reception in town Tuesday which was attended by over three hundred persons who came to meet the honor guest and inquire about her history from the host, Fred Pickett. The guest was Victoria Ford and she was dressed demurely in black with trimmings of bright nickel. While she remained seated during the reception it was the consensus of opinion that had she cared to move about she would have done so in a manner both snappy and with quiet ease.

The curious wished to know the most intimate things about her and these things were explained by Bert Fallman her escort.

The new Fords, of which Victoria is an example, are plainly a product of the times. There is a wealth of power with enough cylinders to be almost vibrationless, there is good looks to attract the eye of the wary buyer and there is economy of space that seems wonderful to one accustomed to older

Grass Valley Organizing Better Fire Protection

Grass Valley is to have a fire department according to a decision made by the council of that town at the meeting last Monday night. It was voted by half a dozen men into a fire company and pay them a small salary to learn the business of combating fires and handling the equipment.

While it is not expected that any new equipment will be purchased immediately it is planned to mount the present machinery and chemical engine on a trailer with rubber tires so that it can be drawn to any fire behind an automobile or truck. This will permit a much greater range of fire prevention from the same equipment.

The council also condemned the old building that has stood opposite the Tum-alum company's plant and north of the section house on account of its dangerous condition and it will now be removed.

Boy Scouts Plan Court of Honor Next Week

A court of honor for Boy Scouts of this district will be held in the Legion hall on the evening of April 22nd. At this time two boys will begin their scout hood by being initiated as ten derfoot scouts. They are Carl Peetz and Gordon Thompson.

Other boys will be advanced to the rating of second class scouts and a program is being arranged by the boys for the entertainment of the visitors, who are expected to be present.

Registration Time Getting Short

For all those who have not voted for two years and all those who have moved from one part of the county to another registration is necessary before April 19th.

Registering can be done at any of the towns in the county and the books will close next Tuesday at five o'clock. It is now impossible to be sworn in on election day so those who have not had their names put on the poll books previous to April 19th will not vote at the primaries.

J. O. Bailey Visits In Sherman County

J. O. Bailey, candidate for position No. 3 on the supreme court, was a visitor in this county Thursday while on a tour of the state. Supreme court judges this year are to be chosen on a non-partisan basis without party support and strictly on their merit as lawyers and judges. Mr. Bailey has lived in Oregon since 1910 and has been assistant attorney general and a member of the state legislature since 1924.

Woman's Club Sponsors Essay Contest

A contest for school children who like to write essays is being sponsored by the Oregon State Clubwomen in their efforts to aid Oregon industry. Subjects may be about any product grown or manufactured in Oregon.

Essays written in this county will be judged separately and the best chosen. This one will compete with others in the fifth district and if adjudged best in that territory will go to the state contest. Prizes will be given for the best essay and some prize is to be given for the winner of the county contest. The rules of the competition as given by Mrs. Elva Bryant, president of the fifth district follows:

Essay Contest on Oregon-Made Goods conducted by Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. G. B. Benton, Chairman, Silverton, Oregon. INSTRUCTIONS:

Contest is open to every boy and girl in the 7th, 8th and 9th grades of the public schools.

Write an essay or story, of 350 words about any industry or manufacturing enterprise in your community.

Evidences of research work and investigation on your subject will be given credit by the judges. Accuracy, originality and advertising value to the community and to the Pacific Northwest in general will count in judging.

Write your essay in your own words. Sign your own name and age, and give the name of your school and grade.

Begin at once and have your essays in the hand of the judges Friday evening, April 29th, 1932.

Prizes will be offered to the writers of the best essay in each county, and the one receiving first place is entitled to compete with those sent in from other counties in the Fourth District, and the winner in the district contest is entitled to compete for the prize offered by the State Federation at the Biennial Convention in Portland, May 26th.

Send your essays to Mrs. Elva A. Bryant, Moro, Oregon.

New Cylinder At City Well Is Successful

The new cylinder was installed in the city well early this week and the machinery has started Wednesday morning. When it was tested this cylinder was delivering between 41 and 42 gallons of water per minute to the cistern and the council hope that this rate can be maintained constantly.

GRAIN GROWERS MAKE GOOD RECORD

Average Dividend Will Pay Stock Value in Five Years

INCOME STEADILY INCREASING

Growers Receive Enough Dividends To Pay For Stock

The three local grain growers organizations in the county have made their dividends for the year ending May 31st 1932 and the last of the checks are being sent out. The Moro and Grass Valley locals sent out their dividend to the stock holders during the winter and the Sherman local, of Wasco, is doing so now. The first two did not wait for the returns from the Regional to make their settlement with stockholders.

Because of the poor crop in this county during the time of starting these local grain handling companies dividends have been much smaller than may be expected when crops are normal. Grass Valley paid a dividend of 8 per cent on capital stock of \$8100 and also paid a patronage dividend of nearly one half a cent per bushel. Moro paid a dividend of 8 per cent of capital stock of \$10,360 and a patronage dividend of two tenths cents per bushel. Wasco paid a capital stock dividend of 6 per cent on their capital of \$18,030 and made a patronage dividend of six tenths cents per bushel.

These dividends were made before the locals had the advantage of owning their own warehouses through the National Warehousing Corporation and without the profits that may accrue from that source. More than ordinary costs were needed to start

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WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING APR. 13

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
Apr. 7	54	32	.00
" 8	55	31	.00
" 9	61	37	.00
" 10	67	35	.00
" 11	74	38	.00
" 12	70	50	.00
" 13	73	41	.00
Total for week			0.00

Fishermen Out After Big Ones Today

All fishermen, real or imaginary, who could possibly get away from the scene of daily toil are out after their first taste of trout for the season. Some left a day early to premeditated camp sites that have known them for years past and others left as soon as the sun began to light the earth on the great day.

Fishermen from this county will be found scattered all along the Deschutes river, along the creeks in Wasco county and some will be fishing in Crooked River, or other streams in central Oregon.

Moro Station Wheats Do Well Elsewhere

On a group of test nurseries scattered throughout the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Utah the government tried out twenty varieties of wheats in order to find out how they rated in production over a wide area. Nine of these wheats were developed at Moro station.

In the state the stations were divided into three groups; one was the section where turkey wheats predominate, one where the hybrid wheats usually yield best and another for miscellaneous wheats. The wheats from this station rated first, second and third in the hybrid growing districts; second third and fourth in the turkey area and second third and fifth in the districts called miscellaneous group.

This test will be tried for several years and successful wheats will be distributed to farmers who wish to try some of the best varieties.

Old-Timers To Meet In The Dalles May 5th

The annual meeting of the Old Wasco County Pioneer Association will be held in The Dalles on Thursday May 5 this year and as usual first settlers from all over eastern Oregon will gather there on that day. Old Wasco county was a territory of no mean size comprising parts of what is now three states and a pioneer of that region might come from afar for the reunion.

Registering of the old timers will begin at 10 in the morning and will continue throughout the day. A banquet will be served at noon and the business sessions will be held in the afternoon. In the evening a dance featuring the steps that were danced in the days of the pioneer's youth will be held. All meetings will be in the Civic Auditorium.

Legionnaires Meet Called For Monday Eve

Legionnaires all over the state will have a meeting to attend next Monday night for a special meeting has been called for that date, April 18th. Speakers from other posts will appear on the program and discuss some phase of legion activities and encourage all members to increase membership and aid the national convention in ever possible way.

Exchange speakers in this county will be Fred Pickett to Wasco, Earl Jones to Moro, J. W. Shepard to Kent and J. E. Norton to Grass Valley.

Later arrangements include a joint meeting between the Wasco and Moro posts with Earl Jones and George Updegraff speaking. Moro Legionnaires will meet at their hall at 7:30 and drive to Wasco in a body.

Local Girl Honored At Oregon State

Oregon State College, Corvallis, April 14, Emma Jean Stephens of Moro a junior in home economics has been elected president of the Home Economics club.

This organization, which consists of all students registered in the school of home economics, carries on numerous activities to promote interest in that field.

Miss Stephens has also been pledged to Omicron Nu, national honor society in home economics.

Omicron Nu has for its purpose the extension of science in all branches of home economics. Election is based on personality, scholarship and leadership.

County Court Actions For April Term

County Clerk instructed not to draw warrant for payment of taxes on Smythe Brothers' sheep in Union County until Sherman County taxes were paid.

County Clerk ordered to draw warrant to pay \$7.50 to G. A. Sargent as Sherman county's portion of indemnity for slaughtered cattle.

Assignment by Wm. Shiel of claim on funds in Moro State Bank to Sherman county was accepted by Court and claim ordered filed.

Sheriff's turnover report accepted.

Clerk ordered to draw warrant for the amount of \$48.66 to pay for care of non-violent inmates in Eastern Oregon Hospital at Pendleton.

Chattel Mortgage covering interest on Schadewitz Loan accepted by Court and ordered recorded.

County Treasurer instructed to reimburse Road Fund \$249.02 on account of cost of DeMoss Park in 1931.

County Treasurer instructed to transfer to Road Fund the sum of \$170.00 from fair ground maintenance.

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TWO BASEBALL GAMES ENTERTAIN FANS

Moro Defeats Rufus 8-4 on Local Diamond

KENT WINS OVER WASCO 12-6

Pitchers Make Good Strikeout Records At Expense of Feeble Hitters

Napoleon is supposed to have remarked that the way to win battles was to get on the scene first with the most men. Somewhat the same plan has been tried with success by the Moro ball team this year, not that they arrived first but they pile up a lead in the first inning that has lasted throughout the game in the two last encounters. They emerged from the Sunday encounter with 8 runs to four for Rufus.

When Rufus took the field for the local's part of the first it looked like it was to be easy pickings for Moro. The Rufus boys are all young with the exception of the veteran, Altee Wilson, and were slightly nervous. The lean, lanky Billy McNab who filled the box was dressed in a pair of baggy corduroys that did not make him appear any more graceful than he normally is; but after the first inning when he had been calmed by the soothing words of the veteran catcher he was plenty for the boys to handle. Ten of them didn't handle him at all. They just whiffed the cool spring breeze and went back to the bench for more rest.

Barzee started for Moro and lasted until the first of the sixth when with one man walked and another nearly passed he called for relief. Walker came into the box from first base but was ineffective and allowed three runs to score before getting three out. In the last of the sixth Moro was determined to extend their lead and added three scores to even things up. A home run by Moore after Osborn had been walked made two of these.

Next Sunday the local boys will play Wasco on the fair grounds.

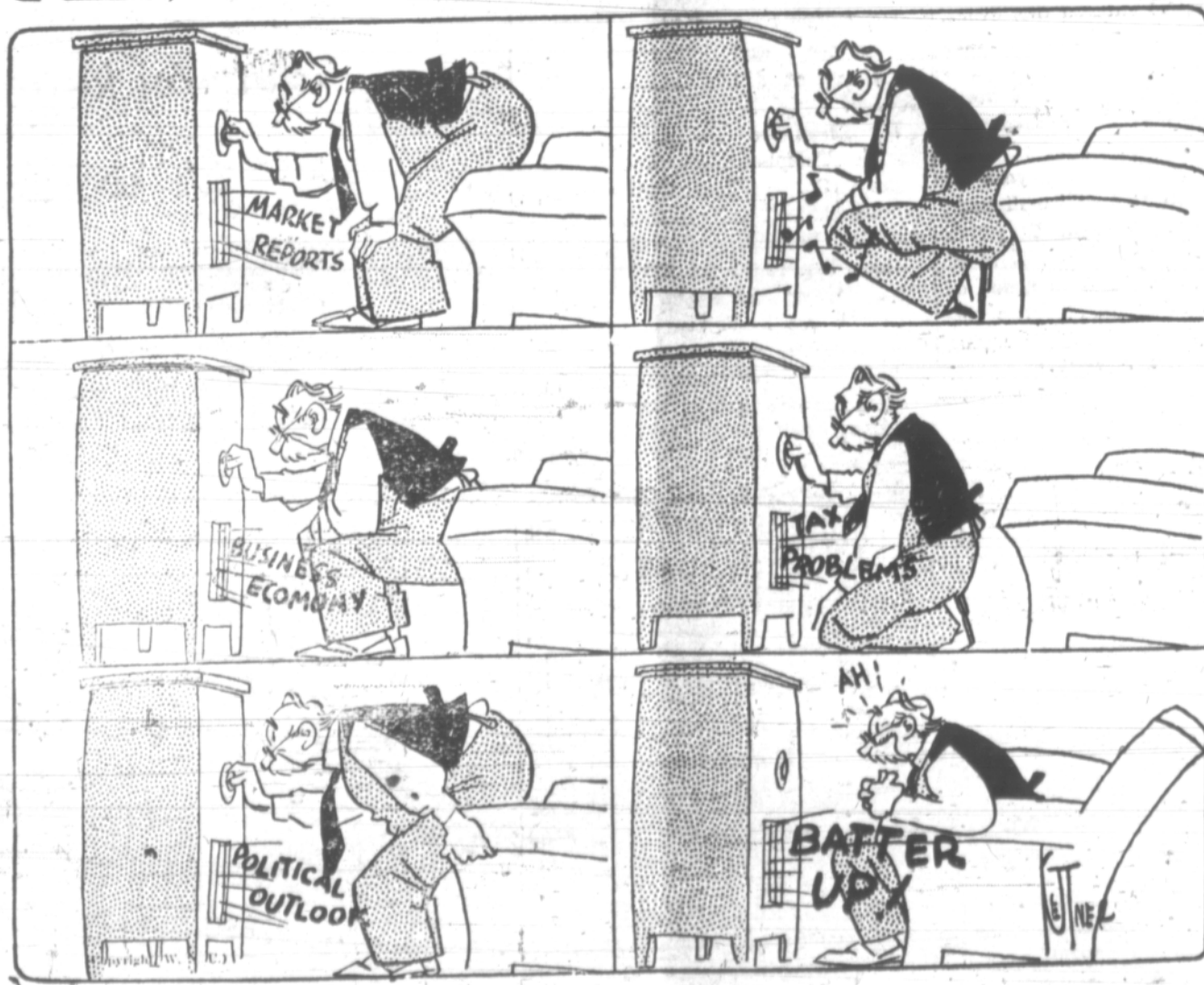
Lineups for the game: Moro: C. Searcy, m; Osborn, 2; Moore, ss; Moore, ss; Walker, 1st; Guinan, 3; Barzee, p; Rice, r; Bucholtz, 1; S. Searcy, c; McKinney, 1; Miller, m; Thogerson, r.

Rufus: Macnab, 1st; Medler, ss; W. Macnab, p; Wilson, c; Hill, 1; R. Chase, 3; B. Chase, 2; Fleck, r; Thompson, m; W. Brady, r; Lyda, m. Umpires, Simmons and Powell.

A team representing Kent and Grass Valley with a few players from

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Baseball Is in the Air



Old Time News Retold For Sherman County Old Timers

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C. E. Brown finished a successful term of school (6 months) at Grass Valley last Wednesday.

Dr. Franke, a physician of Antelope, who went to Portland about six weeks ago to purchase supplies for his drug store, has never been heard of since and it is feared he has met with foul play.

George Marks has sold his farm south of town to Hiram Powell.

Dr. I. M. Smith has been kept constantly going of late ministering to the sick.

Observer, April 17, 1903.

Wanted at Hotel Kent, an automatic bed spring that will toss two business men in time for breakfast at the first table instead of waiting to eat with the cooks.

A. C. Thompson of Portland is here with his brother N. W. and they are

building a harvester for the grain crop of 1903 after their own patent.

Shaniko has a real epidemic of small pox and the Moro city council quarantined against that town.

A baseball tournament between Wasco and Moro and a Whitman college team was held the past week. Observer April 17, 1913.

The farmers of Sherman county are receiving shipments of calves by express from a sort of calf clearing house in Tillamook county at the rate of five dollars a head all charges paid.

The Independent Warehouse Company of Wasco shipped two cars of wheat to the Astoria Milling Co., by means of transfer from rail to boat at Big Eddy all on account of the opening of the Cello canal.

In baseball Grass Valley defeated Moro 7 to 6 in a thirteen inning game at Grass Valley last Sunday.