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HEAVY PROGRAM FACES WHEAT LEAGUE MEN

List of Speakers Includes Many Men
Well Known in State

MEETINGS OPEN TO EVERYONE

Scott, Snell, Howard, Schoenfeld and
Hyslop To Talk

Chas. W. Smith,

Condon will be the focal point of many Oregon interests on December 3, as farmers from eastern Oregon arriving in trucks and automobiles will live "army fashion" for two days while contributing their bit toward the solution of the state's problems in a tempting to lift the load from an over-burdened industry. The occasion is the annual meeting of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League.

Farmers from Sherman county plan to travel to Condon by truck and to "back" in quarters known as Hotel de Sherman. Bed rolls brought with them will be spread on army cots as a means of lowering living costs. Just how far this mode of living will be carried out has not been definitely determined, says Chas. W. Smith of Heppner, league secretary, but it is expected it will be quite general, evidencing the determination farmers of this section are displaying a fight to hold their farms.

With the burden of property taxes bearing heavily on the load that is breaking the farmer's backs, prime interest will focus on the messages of Leslie M. Scott, state highway commission chairman; Charles V. state tax commissioner, and C. A. Howard, state superintendent of Public Instruction, who will tell of measures for relief from property taxes, and other methods of financing state government.

Four major committees have been at work for several months assembling information which will go thru the conference mill and come out as a report in the form of recommendations from the farmers.

The limelight committee, that on taxation and legislation, will hold its final meeting of preparation at Hotel Condon the night of December 1, with Galloway and Howard present.

Oregon faces the necessity of returning to a state levy on real property in addition to county and local levies unless some relief is secured through other sources of taxation, comes word from the taxation committee. Sales taxes, spreading of income tax and an increased tax on gasoline have been proposed as means of averting such a recurrence.

George Gaunt, Mayor of Condon will welcome the wheat men at the opening of the conference at 9:30 Friday morning, with response by K. Hill of Pendleton, league president. Review of the work of the year by C. W. Smith, secretary, announcements and appointments of committees will carry the work to 11 o'clock. Addresses by Mark Schoenfeld, Hon. E. W. Snell and C. A. Howard will round out the morning program. Weatherford will discuss possibilities of the diesel engine in reducing production costs. Local legislation for the coming legislative session will be Snell's theme, and Galloway will review the possibilities of lifting the tax burden on the farmer.

Others in the purchasing of Gasoline will be Homer D. Young, representative of Kansas City cooperative, will open the Friday afternoon session at 1 o'clock, followed until 3:30 by addresses of C. A. Howard, Leslie M. Scott, D. E. Stephens and G. R. Hyslop, the latter two speakers being state college men. Howard will talk on proposals for reduction in elementary and high school costs by the "County Unit System." Scott will tell of the policy of the state

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McCulloch Leading Wasco Boy Scouts

Recently Mr. McCulloch has assumed the duties of Scout Master of the local troupe No. 26. Mr. McCulloch is a veteran scout having been in the work several years prior to coming to Wasco and he is now taking the place of Rev. Hawk, the former scout master.

At a meeting last Tuesday evening Francis Watkins an Eagle Scout was elected Senior Patrol leader, Eugene Spencer, Troup Scribe and Arthur Van Gilder Troup Quartermaster, and Troup Treasurer Donald Mc Dermid. Sargeant-at-Arms Leon Smith.

The patrols were reorganized with Robert Ferrel as leader of the Stag Patrol and James Manning leader of the Flying Eagle Patrol. Meetings will be held at the school building at the close of school hours which will enable several boys to take part in the work and join the troupe who live in the country and would not be able to belong otherwise. An active program of scouting is being outlined and the boys are looking forward to a busy winter.

Football Boys Banqueted By Parents And Friends

Parents and friends of the Moro football boys entertained them at a banquet Saturday night in the basement of the Presbyterian church. It was heralded as a pot-luck supper, but experience teaches that they are more often bona-fide banquets than otherwise.

John K. Walker acted as toastmaster for the occasion and from the security of his position, among the high school stalwarts called for a few impromptu speeches from members of the company. Mr. Stephens, chairman of the school board spoke congratulating the team for their season's record and Ted Guinan, the referee, spoke briefly on the sportsmanship displayed by the team this year.

Mr. Walker told about the team's performance on the field and gave a list of the boys who will graduate from the team next year. According to his list many of the outstanding players will be through tossing the pigskin after this fall.

While seated at the table the team balloted on their captain for 1933 with the result that Richard Barnes was elected. He will be a senior next year and has played at tackle and half since a member of the team. Lyle Woods, captain for 1932 and Barnes both talked thanking their comrades for their support.

After the program at the church the younger people adjourned to the high school auditorium, where dancing was in order for a few hours with the fairer contingent of the school as hostesses.

TEACHERS EXAMINATION

Notice is hereby given that the County School Superintendent of Sherman County, Oregon, will hold the regular examination of applicants for State teachers' certificates at Moro as follows:

Commencing Wednesday, Dec. 21, 1932 at 9 o'clock a. m. and continuing until Friday, Dec. 23, 1932, at 4 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday Forenoon—U. S. History, Writing (penmanship), Geometry Botany.

Wednesday Afternoon—Physiology, Reading, Composition, General History.

Thursday forenoon—Arithmetic, History of Education, Psychology, Thursday Afternoon—Grammar, Geography, American Literature, Physics.

Friday Forenoon—Theory and Practice, Orthography (Spelling), Physical Geography, English Literature.

Friday Afternoon—School Law, Algebra, Geology, Civil Government Bookkeeping.

Saturday Forenoon—Geometry, Botany.

Saturday Afternoon—General History.

WILEY W. KNIGHTEN
County School Superintendent.

CITIES MAKE UP THEIR ESTIMATES FOR 1933

Moro Cuts Expenses in Water Fund
and Passes Bonds

SALARIES GENERALLY LOWER

Wasco and Moro Bonds Provide Cause
For Worry

The Moro City budget made up Tuesday evening by the aid of an old fashioned coal oil lamp and no profanity occasioned by the need of using so old fashioned a lighting system. Trouble with the hotel lighting was the cause of the darkness.

The darkness of the room was similar to the darkness regarding the expenditures of the city for the past year. The only information available was that in the memory of J. C. Freeman as the recorder and the treasurer were both absent and their records were not on hand.

Th salaries of the recorder and treasurer were left the same as last year being \$15 per month for the former and \$10 for the latter. The marshal's salary was reduced to \$100 per month, a drop of \$300 below the 1931 estimate.

It is reported that the power bill of the city for pumping averaged \$82 per month and accordingly this item was reduced from \$1000 to \$400 and the payment for the well was placed at \$600 and an additional \$200 was allowed for supplies making a total of \$2400 for the water fund instead of \$3470 in last years budget. Marshalls salary is water fund.

The street lighting fund was reduced from \$815 to an even \$600 as the budgeting body felt that this was a sufficient sum to spend for street lighting. The tax for the Auditorium was removed entirely saving \$400.

Last year there was an appropriation of \$3000 for the payment of bonds but there was but one voice to speak for the inclusion of an item of that kind in the budget this year. There was a general disposition to pay the interest as \$3822 was placed in the budget for that purpose with W. H. Ragsdale dissenting from such a move.

Receipts from the water was estimated at \$400.

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Condon Meeting To Have Good Program

Interest in the Condon meeting of the wheat league is growing in this county as the program features are announced. Any program that has chairman of the state highway commission, Leslie Scott, the prospective speaker of the state house of representatives, Earl Snell, the director of the state extension service, Dean Schoefeld, the superintendent of public instruction, C. A. Howard, the chairman of the state tax commission, Charles V. Galloway, the secretary treasurer of the Oregon branch of the Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation, A. B. Robertson, the dry land wheat experiment station head, D. E. Stephens, the newly elected representative in congress, W. M. Pierce and many other well known men is bound to be interesting and highly instructive.

Farmers are coming to realize that their problems are not so much the raising of their crops as the marketing of them and the equalization of opportunity. Problems effecting these measures will be discussed thoroughly at Condon, and it will be to the interest of every farmer to attend the meeting.

Sherman county farmers are going "in the rough" as a means of seeing and hearing the meeting and yet doing so without expense. They will meet in Moro Saturday and make final plans for the trip.

Civil Suit Adjusted No Court Held

Well things are not quite so peaceful as was prophesied last week for there was almost a case for the jury after all. Judge Parker was here all day ready to take the bench in case the attorneys could not agree, but finally Attorney Updegraff for E. M. Alley and Attorney Baker for the stock holders of the Citizens Bank settled the matter and court adjourned until May unless a special term, should be called which is most unlikely. The jury was not called.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING NOV. 23

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
NOV. 17	63	51	.00
" 18	62	39	.00
" 19	64	43	.00
" 20	62	38	.00
" 21	63	30	.00
" 22	60	30	.00
" 23	44	26	.00
Total for week			.00

ASSESSMENT ROLL DECREASED AGAIN

Big Drop in Valuation Taken By All
Farm Machinery

HOGS; SHEEP MUCH LOWER

Total Is Far Below 1928 Figures For
County

The assessments for Sherman county as equalized by the board of equalization have been finished by the assessor, Mrs. Peetz, and the summary sheet was published in this paper last week.

As compared to last year there is little change in the unit value of the lands of the county or of the livestock. The greatest drop in values was taken last year. All lands both tilled and untitled average \$14.74 per acre almost the same as in 1931. Compared to 1928 these figures show how much has been taken from our assessment rolls. In that year our lands averaged \$18.88, our tilled acres were valued at \$29.51 and our rough land at \$2.98. Now the plowed land is worth an average of \$23.64 for assessment purposes and our untitled land at \$1.64.

Improvements on deeded land are worth \$6000 less this year, town and city lots have been decreased materially from \$115,690 last year to \$86,260 for this year and the improvements on them have been reduced another \$19,000.

Manufacturing machinery has dropped a half in value partially because some of it has been moved from the county and some not being used. The merchandise stocks are much lower being now \$64,300 instead of \$107,110 in 1931 and \$165,830 in 1928. The value of farming implements has also taken a big drop. Last year this class of chattels were valued at \$303,700. Now they are worth \$197,740 for assessment purposes. In 1928 they were worth \$387,220.

We have a hundred less horses and mules in the county than we had last year and the number is 1200 less than in 1928. The drop in value is greater, for four years ago 4,882 horses were called worth \$287,480, horses were called worth \$287,480 or an average valuation of \$58.88. This year 3,509 horses are worth \$82,090

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Woman's Club Meets With Mrs. Osborn

On November 18, the Woman's Club met with Mrs. Osborn at the home of Mrs. J. C. McKean. There were twenty members and two guests present.

At the conclusion of the business meeting the President, Mrs. Strong, turned the meeting over to Mrs. Avery Martin.

Mrs. Martin read a Thanksgiving poem from the November Good Housekeeping Magazine.

An interesting paper on the life of John Jacob Astor was prepared by Mrs. Leona Dohma, but because she was unable to be present, Mrs. Martin read the paper.

Mrs. Carol Sayrs in a most interesting way then told about Dr. McLaughlin.

Since the club plans to study international relations, Mrs. Osborn read the statement of Secretary of state Stimson of the U. S. policy regarding the Paris Pact.

The Club will hold its next meeting at the home of Mrs. C. L. Poley in Grass Valley. Members are asked to meet at Hotel Moro at two o'clock on December 2. Cars will be provided for the trip to Grass Valley.

News Of Olden Days Retold For Old Timers

Observer November 23, 1893.

The Holman Bros. completed their threshing for this season last Friday. A. D. McDonald finished the same day.

Miss Jennie Williams and Guy left for Hood River this week and will remain there this winter.

Linus Hubbard, formerly of The Dalles, died at Buffalo, N.Y. last Saturday. He was an earnest advocate for an open river.

J. J. Schaeffer disinterred a monster potato this week, that weighed six pounds.

M. D. Adams and bride gave the Moro band boys a reception last Saturday night, in accordance with the usual custom that when one joins the army of the benedicts he must give the others an oyster supper. Those present were R. Dingle and wife, the Misses Maggie Huff, Rosa Marie, Myrtle Brown, Ione and Luella Harris, Jennie Belshee, Mary Powell, Mrs. Lillian Van Pelt, and Messrs J. C. Burkes, Fred Meader, Walter Thompson, Hiram Powell, Clyde Williams, Willy Powell, E. Miller, Jos. Morrison, Elvin Barnum, Boone Wheat and Harry Brown.

November 27, 1903.

Taylor Burgin has purchased a suburban home in Portland, where he will live with his family and carry on his Sherman county farm operations with hired help.

E. H. Moore is getting material together for a new barn of modern style, on a lot north of Moro M. E. church, recently purchased from R. J. Ginn.

The ban has been placed on gasoline lamps and gasoline stoves, and insurance rates are soaring skyward where these utilities are used. The city council will have to increase the power at the plant so that we can all be supplied with electric lights, and thus be able to dispense with gasoline.

Ed Granhoy has taken a trip to his old home in Denmark.

November 28, 1913.

Tom E. Hulery has taken charge of the Moro Garage under a lease management that will be in force from and after the first of the week.

Wm. Morrison, accompanied by Mrs. Morrison and Miss Eliza are visiting in The Dalles where they expect to spend Thanksgiving with relatives.

The city has entered into a contract with W. A. Raymond for the construction of two concrete crossings on Main street, from the Hotel Moro to the bank and the other from the bank to the Commercial Company store corner.

SCHOOL BOARDS HAVE TROUBLE WITH BUDGETS

Poor Prospect For Taxes Balanced
Against Need of Schools

LOWER SUMS LEVIED FOR 1933

Grass Valley Budget Increases Because
of Losses

School boards are getting over the the budget hurdle somehow this fall but not with all the grace in the world and not with out some troubles. The budget for the Moro school district was all made up and published and agreed to when it was discovered that the receipts from the high school tuition fund would be over \$400 less than originally estimated.

At the budget meeting it was threshed out. It was argued that the \$400 could be removed from some valuable spots in the budget. It was argued that this was the budget for the school year and that the expenses were already contracted for. It was argued that wheat was too low. It was argued that taxes were too high. And in the final agreement it was decided to leave the budget just as it stood and if the lack of \$400 created a deficiency, there would be a deficiency. No one would argue many hours over \$400 that couldn't be collected anyway.

Grass Valley passed their budget also and it may be assumed that they did so with appropriate wordiness about the distastefulness of taxes in general and unpaid taxes in particular. They did one helpful thing, and that was to make arrangements for the extension of their bonds for another year. This was arranged directly with the bond holders and will make it possible for the taxpayers of the Grass Valley district to hold their taxes on a more even keel than if they had to pay a bond this year when they have lost so much in the banks.

The Moro budget called for \$6000 to be raised by taxation. It is a smaller budget than the district has had for many years and is a reduction of exactly \$2000 under the 1931-32 budget.

Wasco has reduced school expenses more than any other district in the county that has a high school. This has partly been possible because their expenses were extraordinarily high several years. Their budget meeting was held Wednesday. The board asked for \$9,600 in taxes this year which is the smallest budget asked for in a long time in that district.

It does not include the payment of a bond of \$3000 which may not be allowed or may not be paid anyway if the money is not forthcoming from taxes.

Kent Auxiliary Appoints

The Kent Auxiliary of George Bell Post No. 49 will postpone their regular business meeting as it falls on Thanksgiving and will be the day following the dance which they are sponsoring for the high school. All members are requested to be present at the next sewing meeting, the afternoon of December 14, especially the heads of the following committees:

Hospital and Child Welfare, Dorothy Dunlap.
Music, Alta Norton.
Membership, Mildred Norton.
National Defense, Laura Sather.
Constitution and Bylaws, Mildred von Borstel.
Americanism and Publicity, Floy von Borstel.
Community Service and Unit Activity, Flora Ayers.
Poppy and Poppy Poster, Bertha Dellinger.
Rehabilitation, Emma Pluemke.

Much to Be Thankful For

