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COUNTY BUDGET PASSES COMMITTEE

Few Objections Made To Estimated
Budget; None Sustained

SINKING FUND LEVY IS MADE

Explanations About Roads Made By
Roadmaster Wall

Saturday, the county court, the budget committee and about fifteen interested citizens passed their approval of the county budget as published. It is probable that the chilliness of the atmosphere kept others away from the meeting who were interested in some of the items, but it is doubted if the budget would have been materially changed had there been a larger crowd.

There were several questions asked by the taxpayers at the meeting particularly as to the road program expenses. It was asked that hereafter the court make a segregation of the expenses of the road master, workers and improvements now carried as one item in the budget. The court was also asked to publish more complete reports of the road expenditures of the road master.

It was reported that the engineering costs of the Shearers road last winter was 8 percent of the total. The rent of the office at Wasco is \$12 per month and the rent of the garage is \$6 per month according to a report made at the meeting. There is no lost time in moving the machinery out from the north end of the county stated Mr. Wall, because roads are worked from the time the machinery starts on its trip. The vault space at Wasco is a principal reason for keeping the office there according to a statement made.

Mr. Wall gave the figures on the bridge fund for the last two complete years showing that there has been \$9294.78 collected for that fund and \$9348.14 spent from that fund.

The elimination of the \$18,000 sinking fund was the desire of many men present who argued that with wheat at .25 cents per bushel farmers were forced to pay four bushels of their product for a sinking fund now and that if the proposed amount were

Community Christmas Gathering Planned

Moro will have a community Christmas tree this year according to plans that have been made within the past few days. This will be due to the cooperation between the Community church and the American Legion. The program will be given in the church at 7:30 on the night before Christmas which falls on Saturday.

The Legion will undertake the solicitation of funds to make it possible for Santa Claus to give each child a treat on the occasion.

put off until better years it would be less expensive for tax payers. Interest at 5 percent would be easier to pay than tax interest at 8 percent. It was stated that more taxes would be collected if they were made as low as possible.

The truth of these arguments was admitted by the court. The position taken by them was that in case the \$18,000 was not levied it would be possible for any bond holder to force them to put it in the levy anyway and that a larger levy might be forced on the people than by leaving the item out.

Upon a motion by J. B. Adams, seconded by E. D. McKee, it was moved to leave the fate of the sinking fund item to the discretion of the court. Therefore that item remains in the budget.

One change was proposed but was not acted upon. This was a suggestion that the sheriff, be placed on a mileage basis of a straight monthly allowance for traveling expenses. Sheriff Chrisman offered to make the change but it was not done.

The passage of this county budget which totals \$109,200.60 with no provision made for a state tax other than that for the elementary school fund, and the completion of the budget of the other levying bodies of the county make it possible to estimate with some degree of accuracy the total tax bill of the county for 1933.

Schools have already levied \$53,908.78 and two school districts have not made their levy. This assures taxpayers that there will be no cut amounting to over \$500 in school taxes throughout the county and there is a possibility that school taxes will aggregate higher than last year.

City levies are not all in yet. But it is presumed that they will be about the same as in 1932 as a large part of the expenses of the municipalities are for bonds and interest.

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Tax Meeting Scheduled For Saturday at Arlington

A tax meeting between the tax committees of the counties of Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Wheeler and Umatilla will be held in Arlington Saturday, December 17, at 10:30 a. m.

This meeting is strictly for the purpose of correlating the tax ideas of the tax minded citizens of this district and the program will be strictly designed toward that end. The meeting was proposed at Condon last week and was called because it was felt that time and place should be appointed for discussion of tax problems before the legislature met.

Several from this county expect to attend. All of the legislators of this district have been asked to be present so that they may be appraised at first hand of the wishes of the bonafide taxpayers of this area.

Two Small Fires Start In Kent

Quite a bit of excitement was caused in Kent last Friday afternoon when the alarm was given that the home of Mrs. Belle Hogue was on fire. The fire originated from a blow torch that was being used to thaw frozen water pipes. The damage to the building was slight. Just after the fire had been extinguished another alarm was given to rush to the home of Dick Abel as the roof of his house was all ablaze. After a few minutes the fire was brought under control and soon put out. The damage was slight.

Postoffices Will Be Closed Monday, Dec. 26

Except for the necessary handling of mail, dispatching and distributing, postmasters will have it easy from midnight December 24 to midnight December 26 according to an order sent out from the postmaster general's office.

There will be no deliveries, except the star routes and the window at the postoffice need not open and will not except as the Christmas spirit moves the postmaster.

Contemplating a much larger number of cards to be mailed this year the ruling has been made that persons can send cards in envelopes unsealed for one and one-half cents provided there is no salutation on the card with the exception of the seasons greeting and the name of the sender. Those cards that are sealed must carry three cents postage.

WINTER LIKE WEATHER CHILLS ENTIRE COUNTY

East Wind Brings Lowest Temperatures of Year

GROUND FROZEN 18 INCHES

Six Below Zero Coldest Registered At Station Here

Cold weather of the kind that causes old men to recall the winter of '84 and the blizzard of '93 has been the part of Sherman county during the last eight days.

The coldest weather registered at the station was 6 degrees below zero on the 11th, Sunday. On Friday and Saturday it dropped to 5 below and Monday it was 4 below. These are the only days when the mercury has fallen below the zero mark but at no time since the start of the storm has the temperature risen above 22 degrees.

It has been colder and remained colder for longer periods before in the history of the county, but this cold snap felt especially severe because it was preceded by two months of comparatively warm days and nights almost frostless.

There has not been a bit of precipitation during the storm and the fields are as bare as they were immediately after seeding. Wheat has had no protection whatever and the probability of its survival is a lively topic of conversation.

Pipes are frozen all over the county and as the frost has penetrated the ground to a depth of 18 inches in some places pipes buried in the earth are freezing as the frost goes down.

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WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING DEC. 14

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
DEC. 8	50	5	.00
" 9	14	-5	.00
" 10	15	-5	.00
" 11	15	-6	.00
" 12	15	-4	.00
" 13	17	1	.00
" 14	22	0	.00
Total for week			.00

Sherars Grange Elects New Officers for Year

At the December 2nd meeting of Sherars Grange at Grass Valley the following officers were elected: Master, T. M. Rolfe; Lecturer, Mrs. T. M. Rolfe; Secretary, E. E. Gervais; Ladies Ass't Steward, Mrs. Alva Stone; Overseer, A. Stone; Chaplain, Mrs. James Burton Ass't Steward, E. R. Blalock; Treasurer, James Burton; Steward, Roy Tiller; Gate Keeper, R. A. Stow; Ceres, Mrs. E. E. Gervais; Pomona, Mrs. E. E. Blalock; Flora, Mrs. Roy Tiller.

An executive committee consisting of J. S. Newcomb, Karl Eaton and Fred Krurow were elected.

These officers will be installed at a meeting to be held Saturday afternoon, December 17th to which every one is invited.

W. B. Johnston Buried In Salem Cemetery

The funeral of William B. Johnston who died at his home 1645 S. Liberty st. Salem, December 6 was held at the Clough Barrick funeral parlors in Salem December 9. Rev. Hansen of Independence, formerly of Moro had charge of the services. Interment was in the Bell Crest cemetery near Salem.

Mr. Johnston was born November 4, 1866 near Carlinville, Illinois. In 1889 he was united in marriage with Neva Mary Welton of Carlinville who survives him. To this union three children were born all of whom survive. They are Theodore of Moro, Perry N. of Condon and Luke M. of Salem. He is also survived by two brothers, Newton of Carlinville, Illinois, Wesley of Vancouver, Wash., and twin sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Robertson and Mrs. Nancy Barnes of Girard, Illinois, also one grand son.

In 1897 the family moved from Illinois to Moro, Oregon making their home here until 1923 at which time they moved to Salem.

In early manhood Mr. Johnston united with the Baptist church in Illinois. When the family moved to Moro he united with the Presbyterian church, later transferring his membership to the Presbyterian church in Salem. He was a member of the Modern Woodmen of Illinois and a charter member of the I. O. O. F. in Moro.

Mr. Johnston had been in poor health since last February at which time he had a paralytic stroke, after which he recovered sufficiently to take his usual walks in the neighborhood. Although he realized that he would soon be called he was cheerful and enjoyed visiting and joking with his many friends, which is a true christian attitude.

Santa Claus Provided For In Wasco

Santa Claus has assured the Wasco community that he will visit here at the big community tree December 23rd and that there will be popcorn and goodies for every child present.

Through the efforts of the American Legion this week as represented by Merit Tuel and Dr. Butler, sufficient funds were received by popular subscription from Wasco business men to guarantee Santa Claus's arrival.

Eastern Star Elect Officers For 1933

Bethlehem chapter, No. 78, O. E. S. elected their officers for 1933 at their meeting December 8th with the result that the following were chosen: Worthy Matron, Mrs. Walter Ruggies; Worthy Patron, C. V. Belknap; Associate Matron, Mrs. H. B. Pinkerton; Associate Patron, Roy Powell; Secretary, Mrs. E. E. Barze; Treasurer, Mrs. Truman Strong; Conductress, Mrs. Roy Powell; Associate Conductress, Mrs. Glen King.

State Legion Heads To Be Here Jan. 7th

Decision to invite the state officers of their organization here on January 7th was reached by the American Legion at a meeting held at the home of Commander Vernon Platt Wednesday night.

The officials of the state department have suggested that they would like to meet the members of the order in this county sometime this winter and the above date has been proposed. At that time, unless it has been done before the officers for the year 1933 will be installed with State Commander Jack Eakin filling the roll of installing officer.

All Legionnaires and Auxiliary members in the county are invited to be guests of the Moro post and unit on that date and meet the state heads of the Legion and Auxiliary.

Grass Valley Wins Title

The Grass Valley volleyball team succeeded in winning the county title in that sport last Friday night on the Wasco floor from the team of the Moro High School.

This was the third game and was the deciding one as each school had formerly won on their home floor. The score was 22 to 18.

News of Nineteen, Twentynine and Thirtynine Years Ago

From the Observer December 19 1913

Death has removed three prominent persons in the week preceding, Mrs. R. C. Byers, J. R. Martin and W. H. Moore. The Observer designated the latter as the best friend Moro has ever had as proven by his many services to the town and county.

L. L. Peetz, A. H. Barnum and Mr. Marlin while driving about twenty miles an hour Tuesday evening upset an auto when making a turn at the Rutledge school house. One wheel was broken and the passengers suffered minor injuries.

The fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. James Woods was celebrated at the home of their daughter, Mrs. N. K. Hansen last Tuesday.

Richard Dingle left last week for England to visit his old home which he has not seen for 34 years.

From the Observer December 18, 1903

W. F. Jackson got the best price for wheat last fall, 76 cents at Biggs and Deschutes.

For Sale: A farm of 151 acres, 130 on cultivation. Price \$10.00 per acre. See A. Nish, Monkland.

E. H. Moore has suspended work on his Moro improvements until more

POSSIBILITY OF WHEAT DAMAGE LIVELY TOPIC

Six Below Weather Without Snow
Serious For Spring Wheats

TURKEY THOUGHT OKAY YET

Damage Can Not Be Determined Until
Frost Goes Out

The hot stove leagues have had a topic for discussion the past week that cannot be settled for some time to come. Is the wheat frozen out or not? There are plenty of opinions pro and con.

There seems to be general agreement that the Federation wheat sown last fall is gone or at least thinned out so much as to need reseeding. Some believe the Turkey Red wheat is in the same condition while others point to the fact that Turkey will stand five below any time.

As in 1924 when the county's wheat was frozen everyone has a different opinion and many people have wheat dug up and in process of thawing to determine the eventual result of the cold snap.

Mr. Stephens thinks the Turkey Red wheat is still alive and will recover if the weather during the thawing out period is favorable. He is doubtful of the Federation.

In 1924 the thermometer dropped suddenly to 11 degrees below zero. This year with only a day or two for preparation the mercury dropped to 6 degrees below zero. Then the ground was comparatively dry and this year the east wind drew the moisture from the top four inches of earth to make it pretty dry as well.

There is an often expressed opinion that if a few inches of snow falls before the weather gets warm and if thawing out is a gradual process accompanied by sufficient moisture the wheat will come out alright.

Experiments conducted in Kansas with winterkilling show that when wheat is frozen out it is often several days before the damage can be determined. This coincides with experience in Sherman county.

At the experiment station different methods of handling the frozen wheat

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Wheat Recipes Prepared By Wasco Grain Growers Auxiliary

The following recipes were made up by the Auxiliary of the Sherman Cooperative Grain Growers at Wasco and are recommended by them. Any one desiring to serve a dish that is different, sustaining and economical should try any one of these.

CHILI WHEAT

Take a well cooked wheat (about 1 1/2 cups) and add 1/2 cup of onion, 1/2 cup of hamburger, 1/2 cup of celery, cooked and 1 can of tomato soup.

Simmer wheat for 24 hours. Cook in the boiler until well done, (about 1 1/2 hours). Fry out suet in skillet; add onion; add hamburger; fry until well apart or well done. Mix with wheat, add soup, season with salt and chesco sauce. Cover with buttered crumbs and bake in oven for one hour.

WHOLE WHEAT MUFFINS

One-half teaspoon of salt
One cup of sifted flour
Two teaspoons of baking powder
One cup whole cooked wheat
One egg
One-half cup of milk
One tablespoon of melted fat

Shift the dry ingredients together, add the wheat, and mix thoroughly. Beat the egg, add the milk, and stir into the dry ingredients with the fat.

Pour into greased muffin pans and bake in a modern oven about 30 minutes. Serve hot.

BEEF AND COOKED WHEAT

Two tablespoons of fat
One onion chopped
One pound of beef diced
Flour
Three cups of water
One-fourth of a chili pepper
Salt
Two cups of cooked wheat
Melt the fat and cook the onion a few minutes; then add the meat which has been lightly rolled in flour. When the meat has browned somewhat, add the water. Partially covered simmer until the meat is tender. Stir in the chili pepper and the wheat and add salt to taste.

WHOLE WHEAT, FISH, TOMATO

One-half pound of canned fish
One quart of canned tomatoes
One-half cup of chopped celery
One teaspoon of salt
One-eighth teaspoon of pepper
Two cups cooked whole wheat

Drain the fish, reserve the liquid and flake the fish into small pieces. Cook the tomatoes, celery and fish liquid until the mixture is fairly thick. Add the seasoning, wheat, fish, and cook a few minutes longer and stir to blend well. Serve on crisp toast.

Somebody Is Coming

