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SPORTSMEN OF COUNTY ORGANIZE GAME CLUB

Better Hunting and Fishing Conditions Aim of Association

H. O. SCOTT MADE PRESIDENT

Second Meeting Will Be Held Thursday Night June First

A new organization, formed to advance Sherman county's fish and game facilities, came into being Thursday night May 18th when a group of sportsmen met in Moro to talk over their problems.

The immediate aim of the new association will be to bring as many fish into the streams adjoining the county as the state will apportion to this county and to increase the supply of game birds within the limits of the county. Laws governing the shooting of geese from the bluff's along the north end of the county may be requested later. In short anything that pertains to the betterment of hunting and fishing conditions is to be within the province of the new organization.

The second meeting will be held in Moro on Thursday night, June 1, 2, which includes several districts when a set of by-laws will be adopted and new members will be received.

Officers elected by the sportsmen were: R. O. Scott, president; J. C. Freeman, secretary and W. Ray Blake treasurer. An executive committee composed of T. M. Garrett, Joe Truitt, M. G. Tuel, A. A. Dunlap was chosen with the understanding that a representative from Rufus would be elected later.

Twenty five cents was set as the dues for the year which begins June 1. This small fee was made because it is the desire of the organization to build up a large membership interested in fish and game conditions in the county instead of a small select group with selfish interests.

It was reported that it will be possible for the county to get 50,000 fish from the Oak Springs hatchery this spring if means are provided to take them to the river from the top of rattlesnake grade. It was suggested that the grade could be easily repaired if a crew of interested men were to spend a little time on it.

Other counties have similar associations that have been able to do a great deal for good game conditions and it was hoped that as much could be done for Sherman county. Any person interested in hunting or fishing or in the general welfare of these sports is eligible to join.

Mrs. John Dietjen Buried At Grass Valley Tuesday

Funeral services for Mrs. John Dietjen were held in The Dalles Tuesday afternoon at the Lutheran church and graveside services were held at the cemetery at Grass Valley later in the day.

Mrs. Dietjen, born Gesche Reckmann, was born in Germany and came to Oregon in 1886 with her parents who settled south of Grass Valley. She was married to John Dietjen in 1888 and lived east of Moro on the place that bears the name until she and her husband retired from actual farming several years ago. Since then they have lived in The Dalles.

She was a sister of Dick Reckmann, of Grass Valley. One daughter, Mrs. Jerry Hurley of Los Angeles survives her as does Mr. Dietjen. A large number of residents of the neighborhood near the Dietjen ranch attended the services at the cemetery Tuesday afternoon.

Non-High School District Candidates Announced

Petitions are being circulated in the school zones of the county in the interest of those who have signified a willingness to serve as directors of the new non-high school district for Sherman county. The new board will have charge of rural high school pupils in relation to their tuition and transportation.

In Zone 1 Harry Proudfoot has consented to serve if elected. In Zone 2, which includes several districts north and east of Moro, Harry Pinkerton is a candidate and friends are circulating a petition for him. The Zone composed of Harmony, Boardman and Erskine has a candidate in the person of Thomas Fraser, for years clerk of the Boardman district and the Zone around Grass Valley has petitions out asking Karl Eaton to serve. A. von Borstel was being backed as director from Zone 5 until it was discovered that he lived just outside of the district.

Petitions must be filed by June 3 and the election will be held on June 19 along with other school elections. Each candidate will be voted on by the entire district and the one having the largest vote will be elected although only one may be selected from each zone.

Training Camp Has Room For Sherman County Boy

Word from the headquarters of the Citizens Military Training Camp at Vancouver, Wash. is to the effect that Henry Richelderfer will not be able to attend the camp this summer and that there is an opportunity for some Sherman county lad to go in his stead. The date of the camp is from June 23 to July 22 this year.

Woman's Club Installs Officers At The Park

The annual picnic of The Moro Woman's Club was held in the Moro city park Friday, May 19th, with the families of the members and the teachers as guests.

A large number attended as the weather was very pleasant.

A short business session was held in the afternoon also installation of officers elect for the coming year. They are as follows: Mrs. A. Douma, President; Mrs. E. H. Moore, Vice President; Mrs. Willy Knighten, Secretary; Mrs. R. B. Hoskinson, Treasurer.

The retiring officers were Mrs. E. T. Strong, President; Mrs. Martha Cope, Vice President; Mrs. R. B. Hoskinson Secretary and Mrs. Joe Truitt, Treasurer.

This was the last meeting until September.

Warehouse Found Free Of Weevils

The letter printed herewith is largely self explanatory to those who have heard the rumors about the presence of weevils in one of the warehouses in Moro. Mr. Wright, the state inspector and Mr. Landers, the federal inspector, both made a trip to Moro and personally examined the house and have found it free of bugs of any kind.

May 17, 1933.
Mr. W. T. Balsiger, Moro, Oregon.
Dear Mr. Balsiger:

After our inspection of several lots of grain in your warehouse last week we were unable to find any beetles or weevils in any of the samples drawn and since returning to Portland it has been a mystery to us how there could be any bugs in the G. Johnson lot that was hauled by truck to the Balfour Guthrie Company's Irving Dock.

Yesterday I was informed that the G. Johnson lot in question was still in the warehouse and today we made a reinspection of the lot and found same to be free from bugs of any kind.

This wheat was hauled in over a period of a week or so, and the sample was held from each lot on the dock until the lot was completed.

It is possible that the weevils got into the sample while on the dock. We are today issuing a reinspection certificate on this lot showing same free from weevils or vermin of any kind.

I am writing you this letter because no doubt, people storing in your warehouse may become alarmed and be afraid to store grain in that particular warehouse, and I will assure anybody that may want to store there that upon our inspection of your warehouse we found everything in first class condition, and no evidence of any insects injurious to stored grain.

Very truly yours,
C. W. Wright,
Division Chief
DIVISION OF GRAIN INSPECTION

Wasco Institute Creates County Interest

While the educational institute sponsored by the Wasco Methodist church last Friday, Saturday and Sunday was not attended by a large number of people there was a good deal of interest manifested by those who did come to the meetings.

Music was furnished by the Moro High School girls glee club who sang two numbers and by the Rufus school choir, a group of youngsters whose voices blended pleasingly. The economic discussions were led by Prof. W. C. Jones, of Willamette University, who presented the point of view of the theoretical economist and held the group to its task of discussing the realities of the present situation instead of drifting into general talk about what should be. Speakers on economic subjects were: H. D. Proudfoot, Harry Pinkerton, J. W. Shepard, G. L. French and G. H. Wilcox.

J. J. Handsaker, of the national Continued to page four.

48 STUDENTS FINISHING HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

School Work Ends This Week For Majority of Schools

FIGHT GRADERS NUMBER 55

Rev. Hutchinson Making Talks in Many County Towns

Forty eight seniors of high school in Sherman county have finished their work or practically finished it and are eligible to receive the final blessing of the school boards and their teachers. Commencement exercises were held at Moro Wednesday night when the largest class of any school in the county graduated. Thursday night Kent held its commencement and Grass Valley is finishing its school Friday night. Wasco and Rufus will follow next week.

Four girls make up the class at Kent. They are Clarice Wilson, Alia Norton, Marguerite Mitchell and Rua Neyer.

Grass Valley has a class of eight members graduating out of the high school. Class night exercises were held Tuesday night at the school house and the baccalaureate sermon was given last Sunday by Rev. S. L. Keyce of the Baptist church. Those graduating are: Bruce Alley, Genevieve Beardley, Georgia Blaylock, Juanita Boyce, Mary Perrin Brown, Sylvia Coyle, Owen Eakin and Glendora Garrett.

Moro held commencement Wednesday night at the school house after a week of school activities in which the class held an important part. Monday night the senior banquet was held in the Community church with the parents of the class members, the teachers and townsmen present. Tommy Fraser acting president of the class acted as toastmaster and asked for responses from the elders. The class roll is as follows: Donald Burnett, Grace Cothran, Paul Fraser, Tommy Fraser, Dorothy McRea, Blaine Miller, Marjorie Nahouse, Elmer Nelson, Leora Peetz, Harry Ragsdale, Delbert Rice, Helen Searcy Ruggles, Janet Stephens, Harold Thogerson, Flora Williams and Lyle Woods.

Wasco will not graduate its class until June 2nd, being a week later in starting school last fall. Twelve young men and women will finish their scholastic work as far as Sherman county is concerned. They are: George Moon, John T. Johnson Jr., Arthur Spencer, Florence Young, Augusta Huelkin, Henry Richelderfer, Loren Hull, Chester Watkins, Mabel Thomas, Bertha J. White, Louis Walsh and Philip Andrews.

Rufus will graduate a good sized portion of its student body as the senior class containing eight members is larger than any other class but the freshmen. Ada Jones, Chester Coats, Jewel Herin, Mary Macnab, Ray Brown, Clinton Deyo, Jean Morris and Allen Tom are the seniors.

The Rev. R. A. Hutchinson, of The Dalles, might well be called the commencement orator for the county as he is to give the addresses of nearly every school this year, being scheduled for Grass Valley and Wasco and having spoken at Moro.

There are fifty-five pupils in the eighth grades of the county that have an opportunity to go into high school when next September comes. The following list includes all the eighth graders of the county.

Rufus: Georgianna Blackburne, Arden Simmons, Marie Mathieson, Dora Millard, Norma Blackburie, Anna Coats, Florence Thompson, Albert Thompson, Earl Barnett, Lynden Guilford, Catherine Tom, Joe Morris, and Robert Macnab.

Wasco: Dorothy Lamborn, Alberta Alley, Dessie Hearing, Jean Wall, Naomi Grady, Gordon Johnson, James Manning, Mary Thomas, Glenn Van

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HOLIDAY DECLARED

Moro business houses will remain closed from Saturday night until Wednesday morning according to an agreement between merchants Thursday morning. The only exceptions to this rule will be the confectioneries, the garages and the wheat buyers.

Making Monday, May 29, a holiday was decided upon in order to allow a longer vacation for those who wish to go to some distant point for Memorial day observance or for those who wish for a little extra-time in which to fish.

Councilmen Hope To Get Fund Out Of Debt

Council meeting of Tuesday night was brightened by prophesy that within another month it will be possible for the city to pay its water fund accounts in cash instead of warrants as it has had to do since the closing of the last banks. The remaining part of the year's payment to L. R. Conlee was paid and a majority of the outstanding warrants for pumping were ordered paid.

A petition of the Community church was presented by J. E. Coleman asking that the water account be remitted because the church is used by so many organizations in the community. The petition was refused by the council several members of which expressed themselves as opposed to any favoritism in water collections.

Declamatory Contest Won By South End

The county declamatory contest has changed somewhat since the old days when it drew crowds from all over the county and when it was sometimes necessary to hold it in a warehouse to hold the crowd. It still attracts considerable interest on the part of parents although the high school division has been eliminated and the grade schools have been divided into three sections instead of two.

Winners of the 1933 contest held at the Moro High School Auditorium Friday evening May 19 were as follows: Division I (children in the first three grades) Jackie von Borstel, Liberty, first; Lavelle Reynolds, Moro second, Robert Schilling, Grass Valley, third.

Division II (Fourth to the Sixth grades) Claudine Thompson, Moro, first; LaVonne Alsop, Grass Valley, second; Frank von Borstel, Liberty, third.

Division III (Seventh and Eighth grades) Marjorie Blake, Grass Valley, first; Maxine Pluemke, Kent, second; Naomi Grady, Wasco, third.

Mrs. Fred Stone and D. J. Butcher, both of The Dalles were judges. After the contest the Moro high school pupils gave a one act play.

New Law Changes Livestock Regulations

A new law passed by the 1933 legislature strengthens the brand inspection law and restricts the moving of live stock from one county to another to no small degree unless the stock is inspected.

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WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 24

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
MAY 18	55	34	.04
" 19	64	32	.04
" 20	63	42	.11
" 21	66	44	.00
" 22	61	38	.00
" 23	66	38	.00
" 24	74	50	.02
Total for week			.21

Sun Finally Shines On Sherman Countians

Jupiter Pluvius has successfully kept the beneficent rays of the sun from warming the earth for any long period of time so far this spring but even the most tyrannical of despots must some day succumb to popular demand for reform and the conditions of the last few days lead to the belief that Jupiter's rule is about ended.

It may be a little too early to state with assurance that the sun has come out to stay because almost daily rainfall has been the portion of the county for so long it may continue through the month—Wednesday broke the season's record for warmth when the thermometer climbed to 74 degrees and caused a shedding of coats and a parade of bright spring dresses on the streets.

Rainfall for the past week has been .21 a smaller amount of rain than we have had any week this month. Our total has been nearly an inch and a half. Risking the possible accusation of being called grasping and hard to satisfy wheat men are heard to hope for twice that much in June.

Pomona Grange Meets At Kent June 3rd

The Sherman County Pomona Grange will hold its quarterly meeting on Saturday June 3rd at Kent as guests of the Kent grange. The Pomona degree will be conferred in the afternoon.

The meeting will begin at 10:00 o'clock in the morning. As a feature of the forenoon session Senator James H. Hazlett of Hood River will speak in opposition to the sales tax. In the evening session Representative Earl S. Rice, speaker of the house, will talk giving some of the arguments for the sales tax.

Fred Pickett Files As Repeal Candidate

Last Saturday this county was visited by two men who have been touring the state in the interests of the Oregon league for the repeal of the 18th amendment. They were Al A. Price, chairman of the membership committee of the league and J. T. Summerville. Mr. Price is a member of the state legislature.

Fred Pickett has signified his willingness to run as a candidate for the state convention on the wet ticket and his candidacy was filed Saturday with the county clerk. Candidates must agree to vote the same as the county from which they are elected. Mrs. Elva Bryant is the candidate of the dries for Sherman county.

Other Days in Sherman County When Old-Timers Were Young

From the Observer May 29, 1914.
Dr. C. L. Poley assisted George Meloy Jr. in extracting the \$35 of gold wire that his fractured jaw together during the last seven weeks. George said the first thing he did was to eat half a dollars' worth of chocolate creams.

The field meet was won by Wasco in easy fashion and Wasco and Moro divided the medals in the declamatory contest.

A big farmers picnic is arranged for June 6 at Grass Valley and a special train will run from Wasco on that day.

J. C. Harper and Miss Marjorie Rose were married here on the morning of May 27 and left for their honeymoon on the early train.

From the Observer May 27, 1904.

Wasco will be a city comparatively free from dust as the local authorities are cultivating the business district with a disc and sprinkling the ground with crude oil at 3 cents per gallon.

Rev. Hall joined Miss Lottie Robinson and Tommy Lee in the holy bonds of matrimony at the home of

SALES TAX WOULD NOT REDUCE CITY TAX MUCH

Towns Have Too Large Amount of Personal Property

MORO RATE USED AS EXAMPLE

Real Property Rate Would Be Lowered One Half Mill

Any effort to determine what effect the passage of the sales tax bill will have on all parts of Sherman county must take into consideration the tax rate in the cities under the proposed law. Many cities of the state are opposing the bill because it will cause property taxes to increase in the city limits.

In this county the bill will not have that effect because there is not enough personal property to be removed from the tax rolls. The towns of Sherman county have approximately 15 percent of personal property within them and the sales tax nearly balances on that percentage.

For instance, in Moro there is \$27,880 worth of personal property out of a total of \$197,356.00. Based upon the present tax levy and the present valuation if the sales tax carries, real property will pay about half a mill less tax for each dollar's worth of valuation.

The present city levy is 19.7 mills and the city is raising \$3875 for the year. If the new tax passes and the city needs the same number of dollars in 1934 the tax will be 22.9 mills for city tax, an increase of 3.2 mills. However, the elimination of the state tax and the elementary school tax would reduce the other taxes by 3.74 mills giving a slight advantage toward reduction.

As there is going to be little tax saving on real property in the towns it is apparent that practically all of the saving the county is able to make in real property taxes will accrue to the county residents or property owners.

DeMoss Water Pure

Those who wish to go picnicing at DeMoss park need not be fearful of the water for according to a test made by the National Hospital Association the water is pure and uncontaminated and is safe for drinking purposes. For some time the spring has been posted, but this condition has been changed.

COURT NEWS

Claims Allowed at the May Term of County Court.

COUNT CHARGE:	
William Shiel	5.00
Mrs. S. L. Coats	15.00
Mrs. Peter Fleck	15.00
T. D. Hathaway	15.00
Charles R. Logan Balance due for Auditing	85.00
Dewey Thompson, Field assessor	100.00
West Coast Printing & B. Co., Expenses for Treasurer and Assessor	152.39
West Coast Printing & B. Co., Recording books and Clerk's Supplies	127.38
R. J. Ginn J. of P. fees in casestate vs Martin	3.90
Pac. Power & Light Co. Court House bill	7.50
Pac. Tel. & Tel. Com. Total telephone bills for court house	16.15
Dr. C. L. Poley Vital Statistics Report	1.75
W. E. Tate Vital Statistics Report	1.00

F. D. Antrim Sealer of Weights and Measures	4.53
Wasco County Indus. Farm care of Chas. Patterson	40.00
Walter A. May Court-house supplies	.83
The Dalles Typewriter Exch. Supt's office supplies	3.50
Hugh Chrisman three days board of prisoner	2.25
G. C. Vinton, County Clerk, Stamps for Clerk, Superintendent, Sheriff, Assessor and Treasurer	55.18
Noami Van Gilder Extra help in Clerk's office	2.80
Oregon State Board of Control care of 3 non-violent patients at \$20	60.00
A. M. Young, 1/2 telephone bills	9.95
Geo. G. Updegraff 1/2 district attorney's expenses	8.09
Geo. A. Potter County Judge expenses	8.45
Sherman County Journal County printing	\$11.60
Treasurer's printing \$2.00	13.60

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