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SCHOOL ELECTIONS MAKE FEW CHANGES

Many Officers Re-elected Without Opposition

NEW MEN CHOSEN IN MORO

Rufus and Kent Also Elect New Direc- tors For Old

School elections were held last Monday without very much excitement in any of the districts partly because the non-high school district election attracted most of the interest.

In Moro where there has been considerable speculation about who would be chosen to replace the members of the board who have been serving so many years the election drew a smaller crowd than it did in 1932. D. E. Stephens, the retiring member of the board, was not present, but a telegram from him was read. In it he stated that he did not care to serve longer, but would do whatever he could to help the school. John F. Foss, garage man with a son in high school and three daughters through school, was elected director for the three year term in a close race with E. R. Barzee, a younger man with a child in each the high school and the grade school. As J. E. Adams' resignation from the board was not considered effective at the time of the meeting no one was elected to fill his position. The electors recommended that the superintendent appoint Mr. Barzee when Mr. Adams resignation becomes effective. Marlon McKee was elected clerk.

Wasco re-elected Arthur J. Smith to succeed himself on the board and Mrs. M. G. Tuel was elected as clerk to succeed Mrs. Lydia Darby who has served several years.

Rufus, expecting excitement after some difficulties earlier in the spring, held a peaceable meeting which resulted in the election of Charles M. Cuyppers to succeed Ronald Macnab as director and H. H. Brackett to take the office of clerk vacated by Curt Tom.

Grass Valley school electors re-elected Mrs. C. L. Polay as a member of the board and also re-elected W. Ray Blake to serve as clerk.

At Kent several were nominated and the meeting was well attended due to the fact that Dobbie Point and Wilcox districts had recently been annexed by the Kent district. Amandus von Borstel was elected as director to take the post.

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Farmers National Pays Up

Under date of June 1, the Farm Credit Administration, of which Henry Morgenthau, Jr. is Chairman, issued a statement which clears the air of much of the propaganda that has been going about. It follows: "The Farmers National Grain Corporation yesterday paid to the Farm Credit Administration as successor to the Federal Farm Board \$276,459.69, thus completing all payments due up to May 31 under a funding agreement with the federal farm board. The total amount maturing on May 31 this year under the funding agreement was \$706,686.20, but installments provided over the last several months had reduced this to the amount paid yesterday. The outstanding debt of the Farmers National Grain Corporation to the Farm Credit Administration is \$15,139,066.48, on which no further payments are due until May 31, 1934."

4-H Clubbers Enjoying Selves In Corvallis

Oregon State College, Corvallis—Seven members of the 4-H clubs of Sherman county are among the 550 club boys and girls and 40 leaders completing a busy two weeks junior summer session here on this campus. Though the total enrollment is slightly lower than usual this year for obvious reasons, the program work and play is better than usual—following the club motto of always "making the best better."

For nearly two weeks now the delegates from Sherman county have been following a regular morning schedule of class work, going in sections from building to building on the campus, getting the latest instruction from the regular college faculty members on a score of subjects ranging from the fundamentals of livestock and crop management for the boys and home-making for the girls, to such interesting specialties as photography, radio, fire prevention, journalism, and music for all of them.

Once a day special speakers appear before the general assemblage, then there is an afternoon of sports and various kinds of recreation, followed by educational and entertaining movies or other programs in the evening. The group has a regularly organized system of self-government with Stonewall Jackson of Canby heading the boys council and Alice Welbes of Gresham the girls.

State officials of the club work, which is a part of the Oregon Extension service, are being assisted in conducting the school by many county extension and volunteer leaders. The session will end Saturday June 24.

Those attending the session from

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Legionnaires To Meet In Wasco Saturday

Attention! You Legionnaires and Auxiliaries with a taste for congenial company and a good time mixed in with a few well chosen stories about how the war was won. Front and center. You.

Frank Brown post of Wasco is playing host to the ex-service men and their ladies of the Tri-County Council and to the district conference of this district next Saturday night, June 24. District Commander Joffe from all over the district will be there and the orders are for the local posts to turn out the guard and come on the run.

Matters of considerable importance to ex-service men are to be under discussion, there is some food to be eaten and a general good time is in prospect.

Council Decides Interest Payment

The city council in its meeting of Tuesday night decided to pay interest on the water, street intersection and refunding bonds as far as the money on hand will permit. There is more delinquent interest than there is funds to pay with but the money available will be applied to that use.

An ordinance of years ago making it unlawful to shoot firearms in the city was looked up and the marshal was ordered to call a halt on shooting within the limits of the town.

Fraternal Picnic Arranged For De Moss

The Masons and Eastern Stars of Sherman county are giving a picnic at DeMoss next Sunday. Invited are Mason and Stars, their families and friends. There will be a basket dinner, games and general social good time.

The Thompson family will have their annual round-up on Sunday, June 25, at the same place. This event is usually celebrated in Sherman county some time in the spring. This year it will be at DeMoss park.

Two Deputy Brand Inspectors Named

County Stock and Brand Inspector James Stewart has appointed two deputies for the convenience of those shipping stock of any kind out of the county. Charles Everett of Wasco may be found at that town and W. A. Carlisle who runs the service station at Millers is another appointee who is easily found. Mr. Stewart announces that later other deputies will be appointed to serve other parts of the county or for those shipping in another direction.

Sherman County Co-ops In Spokane

Representatives of the cooperative movement in this county were in Spokane the fore part of the week to attend the annual meeting of the North Pacific Grain Growers which was held Monday. A. R. Shumway was re-elected as president and was also made one of the national delegates. E. M. Hulden of Arlington, was re-elected director.

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WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 21

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
JUNE 15	81	47	.00
" 16	74	49	.00
" 17	87	43	.00
" 18	72	46	.00
" 19	69	46	.00
" 20	81	41	.00
" 21	78	45	.00
Total for week			.00

MOISTURE CONTENT OF SOIL ABOUT NORMAL

Mid-June Condition As Good As In Other Years

WHEAT NOT SO FAR ALONG NOW

Grain on Good Fallow Has Chance To Make Crop

What of wheat? And of the chances for a crop? The answers depend upon the moisture in the ground now or that may fall within the next week or two. That much is a certainty in the minds of every one.

Something of the history of moisture content of the soil for several years back may throw some light on the mystery although nothing can foretell what may happen in the way of moisture before the wheat has turned to its final golden color and has received all the sustenance from the earth it is to get.

The year 1928 has come to be considered a good crop year in this county. The county raised 3,167,500 bushels or so above the average. In the first week of April there was 14.6 per cent of moisture in the good summerfallow fields at the station. The first week in May there was 10.5, June 1, 6.6 and June 22 there was 6.1. The yield of this particular plot was 36 bushels of winter wheat. The seasonal rainfall, from March 1 to July 31 was 3.2 inches. That for 1928.

Nineteen thirty is generally regarded as a particularly poor year for the county produced but little more than half the wheat it did in 1928. Good summerfallow plots contained 12.2 percent moisture in the last of March, 10.1 in May, 6.5 the first of June and 5.6 the 20th of June. The yield of that plot was 11.2 bushels. Seasonal rainfall was 1.32 inches.

Last year is still regarded with dismay by many farmers of the county because there was produced only about 1,500,000 bushels. Good plots early in the season had 12.2 percent moisture. In April they had 10.0 in May 8.1 the first week in June there was 7.11 and on June 23 the plots held 6.4 percent of moisture. This plot made a yield of 13.7 bushels. Last year our seasonal rainfall was 4.6 inches from March 1 to July 31.

Now in 1933 there was 12.9 percent of moisture in the soil early in the season. There was 11.6 percent in good summerfallow in April, 8.6 in May and on Monday June 19, there remained 6.7 percent of moisture. Our seasonal moisture so far has been 2.81 inches. The average for seasonal rainfall has been 2.81 inches. The average for seasonal rainfall has been 2.45 for twenty years. The yield, guess it yourself.

On the surface there does not appear to be much difference between the soil moisture of the good year of 1928 and the poor years following although everyone will agree that there must be such a difference. The good crop of 1928, being winter wheat, was farther along in the middle of June than is the spring wheat of this year and did not need additional moisture so bad. In May of 1928 the top three feet averaged a moisture content of 9.2 and the lower three feet averaged 11.8 percent. In 1931 in May the top three feet averaged 11.8 and the lower three feet averaged 8.2. Our moisture is close to the top where it can easily get away.

This year the conditions on good summerfallow are not so alarming from the present moisture standpoint. There is a greater difference between good and poor summerfallow this year than for several years past and it is still possible for

Fair Association Meets And Elects Officers

The Sherman County Fair Association held their regular annual meeting in Moro last Saturday afternoon. While the election of officers to serve for another year was the cause of the meeting the matter of financing a fair within a year or two was discussed. Preliminary reports as to the success of the parliamentary bill that is to return a part of the income to the county fair associations of the state were that there would be enough money available by next year to support a fair here.

It was reported that the 1930 fair returned \$5319.29 to the producers of the county whereas only \$3500.00 was the expense of the county. Officers elected to serve until June 1934 were: President, A. H. Barnum; Vice-president, George Wilkerson; Secretary, E. Fred Pickett; Treasurer, G. L. French.

Jesse Steele Buried In Wasco Tuesday

Jesse Steel, for years a resident of the Wasco neighborhood, died in that city Saturday from an illness that has kept him in poor health for several months.

Mr. Steele was born in Michigan in 1854 one of a family of 13 children. In middle life he came to Sherman county and worked on the Hilderbrand place for many years until in 1923 he moved with his wife to Lyle, Wash., remaining there until three or four years ago. After the death of Mrs. Steele he returned to this county and has been here since.

Funeral services were held in Wasco Tuesday afternoon under the supervision of Zells Fumer at Home. Rev. Walter Warner officiated.

Indian To Play Ball In Grass Valley Sunday

According to reports coming from the game at Antelope last Sunday the score was 6-5 in favor of the southerners. The smallness of the score may be somewhat of a shock to those accustomed to seeing the results of baseball games posted in more figures, but some of the boys attest to the correctness of the above count.

Disney and Fritts was the battery for Grass Valley and Troth and Reeder for Antelope.

Next Sunday the locals will tangle with the second team of the Toppenish chiefs and the Warm Spring Indians will play the Toppenish Braves on the local diamond in a double header.

Friday Picture Is Reported Good

The picture scheduled for Moro Friday night is one with considerable historical significance for it is supposedly written around the life of one Haw Taber whose antics made early day Denver the town it was. "Silver Dollar" is the name of the play and the leading role is played by Edward Robinson who has been successful in other pictures shown here.

The story is of an adventurer who becomes wealthy in silver, buys his way into the senate, badgers the president into coming to his wedding, built hotels and a great theater and then with the fall of silver dropped into bankruptcy and despair. It is a saga of the mining west.

wheat on good summerfallow to produce a reasonable good crop if weather conditions are favorable from now on. Grain on thin land or on land that has not been farmed well or where for some reason there is less deep moisture than the average throughout the county may not raise much of a crop unless a great and generous rain should fall.

Herald Todd Believed Drowned In Idaho

Authentic information about the probable drowning of William Herald Todd was received Tuesday night when his father, W. C. Todd, returned from Grangeville, Idaho, where he had been for ten days helping in the search for the young man or his body.

Herald was working in a C. C. C. camp situated near the south fork of the Clearwater river. On Saturday, June 3, he left the camp to walk to the home of a friend to spend the night with him. Sunday morning he started to return to the camp. It was raining and the rivers and creeks were up. It was necessary for Herald to walk down a creek for some distance and because of the rain, the roughness of the country and the brush this trip took from eight in the morning until four in the afternoon.

When he arrived at the river and asked for some one to bring over a boat and take him across he was motioned back as the river was too high and rapid to permit the use of a boat. He started to the crossing but within a few minutes turned back and walked up the John's creek where there was a foot log on which he might cross. He appeared tired. It is Mr. Todd's belief that when he came to the foot log he walked out on it to see if he could cross and slipped into the stream. He was wearing rubber soles and the log was under water at one end. Had he been able to cross at this place he would have been able to save an eight mile tramp and he was already weary, according to the story of those who saw him.

No trace of the body has been found and it is thought that some time may elapse before it is found as the rivers are very high in that country. He was 26 years old and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Todd, of Grass Valley. He is survived by his wife, two children his parents, two brothers and a sister. Mr. E. W. Mobley, father in law of the drowned man, remained at Grangeville to search for the body.

Owen Roberts was in this county Sunday inspecting farm tractors that are available for hire by the government in its forestry work. Machines owned by Vic Barr and Everett Hastings will probably be hired and taken to camps around Mt. Hood, according to Mr. Roberts.

Items That Were News Nineteen, Twentynine & Thirtynine Years Ago

From the Observer, June 28, 1894

Highwaymen in the Willamette Valley attempted to hold up Richard Bouton of Sherman county last week, but the bandits so frightened his horse that the animal carried its rider away so speedily that no shot took effect, though several were fired.

Jesse, a little son of W. J. Peddicord, was so badly injured on the 17th, while at play near a bard wire fence, that the services of a surgeon were needed to stitch his torn flesh. It was a very serious injury, but the little fellow is nicely improving under the careful attention of Dr. Smith.

J. B. Hosford will read the Declaration of Independence and N. B. Sinnott of The Dalles, one of the favorite sons of Oregon, will deliver the oration.

At the crossing of bats on the diamond at Antelope on the 16th, for the championship of Eastern Oregon, the Antelope nine won the laurels over Prineville, the score was 11 to 7. It was a remarkably fine game, and the score showed that these two teams are not so far behind the professional nines of the northwest.

From the Observer June 26, 1914

W. D. Wallan, K. A. McPherson and Judge Krusow are disciples of Isaac Walton at Odell Lake, luring the innocent, funny denizens of the

DIRECTORS ELECTED FOR NEW DISTRICT

Von Borsiel, Proudfoot, Fraser, Pinkerton and Eaton Winners

ZONE 4 PROVIDES CLOSE VOTE

Less Than 200 Votes Cast In Election of Directorate

Returns from every district in the county with the exception of Locust Grove and Webfoot apparently decide the election of directors for the newly created non-high school. Voters in sixteen of the eighteen districts voting on these directors gave Frank von Borstel of Kent the largest vote which, if his lead is sustained in the remaining districts will make him the five year member of the board. He received 178 votes. Harry Proudfoot of Wasco received 176 votes and will be the four year member unless the two above mentioned districts change the results.

These men were from zones 1 and five where there was no competition.

In zone 2 the candidates were Harry Pinkerton and A. G. Futter. Pinkerton received 127 votes in the 16 districts sending in their returns and Futter received 67 giving Pinkerton the election and naming him the fourth member on the board with a two year term.

Zone 3 had as candidates Tom Fraser and Homer Belshée. The vote as reported to date gives Fraser 156 votes and Belshée 41 which assures Fraser of the three year term.

The candidates in Zone 4 ran the closest race of any being close together all through the race. V. B. Eakin, of Rutledge district, has received 88 votes so far and O. K. Eaton, of Buckley district, has been voted for by 107 electors. There may be a mathematical possibility that Eakin will still overcome the 19 vote lead of his opponent but it is considered doubtful. Zone 4 will

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Wasco Celebration Draws Interest Of Entire Sherman County

Directors of the Wasco celebration of the Fourth of July are getting their arrangements made for that event as rapidly as possible. The rodeo is attracting the attention of many of the boys in the county who like to ride 'em rough and the rustlers of wild eyed and active horses are searching for animals that look askance at men and their advances.

For those who enjoy seeing physical combat between evenly matched men each intent on mayhem, the boxing contests will be a delight. Every one in the county who has ambitions to follow in the footsteps of Dempsey or the newer Maxie Baer will have an opportunity to get on the bill and exchange blows with some one of his size and ability. Already some of the best boys in the county who have had some impromptu and amateur experience have been billed to appear before the fans and show how good they are.

Another class of people who will be attracted to Wasco for the celebration are those who are given to the enjoyment of good things with which to replenish the inner man wearied though he might be from exciting sights. This is the barbecue. A whole steer will be roasted in the ancient and time-honored manner and one who derives pleasure from gustatory feasts will feel right at home when the call comes to "come and get it."

There will be speaking and a program for those who like a dash of patriotism with their annual celebration. There will be chances for those who want their exercise set to music. There is planned a parade for those who like to sit on the side lines and cheer. There will be ball games and races and really something for everyone if the present plans of the committees come to fruition. Wasco is inviting all the counties to spend the fourth there and a large crowd is expected.

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Mrs. J. N. Nichols is visiting in Moro from Los Angeles, California, at the home of her parents Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Adams.

Sherman county experiencing a general rain Tuesday evening, lasting all night and into Wednesday afternoon, instruments recorded .38 of an inch precipitation.

Vivian Strong and Marvin Miller, who have been visiting with their uncle at Hood River, are expected home this week.

C. C. Callaway has purchased, through Alex Hunter as agent, the A. R. Kessinger property of nine acres adjoining Boro.

From the Observer June 24, 1904

Guy Hulse, Claude Thompson, Roxie Kessinger and Marie Norcross were Dalles visitors this week.

Angus Kuks and wife had seats in the C. S. Ry. train Tuesday, bound for Walla Walla on a vacation.

Mrs. H. A. Thompson and son Clarence, are visiting at Collins with her daughter, Miss Clara; while H. A. is preparing for a trip to California.

The musicale for the benefit of the M. E. church bell in Grass Valley Saturday night was a great success.