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SCHOOL TEACHERS FOR NEXT YEAR CHOSEN

List Nearly Completed; Kent Is Only Town School Without All Teachers

TWO RURAL SCHOOLS OPEN

German Undecided About School And Fairview Is Wasting

Teachers for Sherman county schools have practically all been chosen for the year beginning in September. Two rural districts and one town district are not yet sure about their teaching force, but the remainder have settled the annual question finally, unless something unforeseen should happen to some of the teachers or they should be offered a better job.

German district, which expects but one pupil this year, has not yet hired a teacher and has not decided whether or not it will. Fairview, although having had a large school last year is still without a teacher for the 1933-34 term. Kent has hired a principal and has given a contract to an eighth grade teacher, but the remainder of the teaching force is an unknown quantity, at least, as far as actual contracts are concerned.

A list of the teachers of the county already hired for the year follows:

- District 3, Rufus:
Henry Tetz, principal
Gorgia Striker
Edythe Johnson,
Elizabeth Ashbaugh
Erma Duvall.
- District 7, Wasco:
Paul R. McColloch, principal.
Robert J. Manning
Elma L. Proffitt
Lorraine E. Darby
Ivalou Peugh
Leona Clothier
Marie June Andrews
- District 9, Kent:
L. H. Ayres, principal
Essie Wilson
- District 17, Moro:
John K. Walker, principal
Robert Cunliff
Faye Thompson
Elva Bryant
Cecil Cothran
Ione Miller
- District 23, Grass Valley:
Harold Hughes, principal
Gaylord Davies
Durward Helyer
Phyllis Rhinehart
Phyllis Smith

Native Grass Seed Gathered For Experimental Purposes

Bunch grass is bunch grass to most of the residents of this county who disregard the differences in the several varieties of the plant. To Mr. Stephens bunch grass is one of a number of forage grasses that have the habit of growing in bunches. The move toward reduction in acreage of wheat land has aroused interest in grasses and the local station is looking for a grass that may be used for forage on land which will be taken out of wheat production next year.

Crested wheat grass is the best looking forage crop found so far and it is very good. That does not prevent the experimenters from looking for a better one, however. Possibly by crossing the known grasses that are common to the wheat country with some of the Siberian grasses as Crested Wheat, a new and better grass may be developed that will permanently replace wheat on marginal lands.

Last week seeds from several varieties of bunch grass were gathered by Mr. Stephens, some from unused land on Gordon ridge where the soil

Sherman County Votes Cost 52 Cents Each

What does a vote cost? Not that there is any question of stabilizing the value of a vote for the sake of vote buyers, but after every election it is amusing to figure the average cost of votes to the county.

For the special election of last week the cost was between 52 and 53 cents in the county. Total costs as near as can be figured now are \$380.40 and there were 720 ballots cast.

Michigan precinct voters numbered 20 and the cost was over nineteen dollars making the voting there rather expensive from a unit basis. Moro precinct with a vote of 153 out of a total registration of 200 had the lowest cost per vote. It was less than thirty cents.

Crested Wheat Grass Unaffected By Heat

HEPPNER—The hot weather of the early summer which injured the wheat quite badly apparently had little effect on the crested wheat grass, reports C. W. Smith, county agent, who recently inspected the grass nurseries of the county. This grass was still green and growing nicely, as in fact, were all other varieties of grass in the nursery except the slender fescue. The failure of the latter grass Smith believes may be due to poor seed.

New Registrar Must Be Appointed

The death of J. H. Carsner last week in The Dalles brings to the front an appointment as registrar of the U. S. land office in that city. Mr. Carsner's term would not have expired for almost three years and he was expected to hold office until the end of his term.

Several candidates are in the field for the appointment. Among the leaders in the race is W. F. Jackson, of this county. It has been a long time since this county had a man in the land office and, as Mr. Jackson has been a party leader for years his chances are considered good.

- Lily Coon
District 16, Erskine:
Helen Osborn
District 20, Harmony:
Glenna D. Hansen
District 24, Rutledge:
Edna M. Purcell
District 25, Liberty:
Josephine Johnson
District 30, Klondike:
Margaret McKee
District 11, Gorman; not yet decided about school.

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Gains Made By Bank Liquidation

The report of the liquidator of the Moro State Bank has been filed for the period from November 15, 1932 to May 15, 1933.

It shows that progress is being made in collecting the loans although such progress has not been very fast for the past half year.

The bills payable have been reduced from \$102,107.00 to \$94,252.19 and the discounts have also been reduced to a small extent. The receipts include an item of \$6,911.92 from the loans and \$2,691.86 from interest payments. A few dollars have been collected on bonds and warrants.

The disbursements show that \$7,854.81 has been paid to the United States National Bank to clear the bank's paper held by that concern. Expenses for the half year total \$1,494.67. This is made up of salary, rent, office expense and travel expense and miscellaneous expenses. Salary for R. H. Coppock, the liquidator totals \$779.51, rent was \$207.50 and travel expenses were \$176.78. Mr. Coppock's pay has been decreasing since the first of the year.

Investment Company Elects Officers

Directors of the Moro Investment Company met Saturday night and elected officers for the year. D. E. Stephens was re-elected president, A. H. Barnum vice-president and M. E. McKee was made secretary-treasurer. George B. Bourhill was formerly treasurer of the company.

Allotment Plan Leader Not Yet Named

Up to date no appointment has been made for the position of temporary secretary for the to be formed Sherman county wheat reduction committee. It was thought at the time of the first meeting here that a man would be on the job in this county before this.

First Explanation Made Of New Plan

With preliminary county wheat meetings completed throughout the state, the next move in putting the wheat adjustment program into effect in Oregon will be to district each county into definite community units and build these into the permanent county wheat production associations according to officials of the state college extension service in charge of "Triple A" educational work in this state. Each county agent, with the help of a temporary committee, will start this local organization work.

Those who took part in the series of 29 educational meetings thruout the 22 leading wheat producing counties report keen and intelligent interest on the part of those to whom wheat is a principal source of livelihood. Among those the sentiment was overwhelmingly in favor of joining the wheat control plan despite the sensational advance in wheat prices while the meetings were being held.

Opinion prevails that present market boom, while highly beneficial for growers having wheat to sell this year, gives little promise for the future unless some form of acreage control is put into effect. The fact remains, according to those who have studied production and consumption statistics, that even the short crop this year, plus the abnormal carry-over, will probably leave the United States with twice the normal carry-over next July, and that given then

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SHERMAN COUNTY IN WET COLUMN BY 65

Wet Candidate Pickett Chosen Over Dry Candidate Bryant

SALES TAX IS BADLY BEATEN

Few Measures Withstand Avalanche of "Nocs"

Following the nation wide swing toward a liberalization of liquor laws, Oregon and Sherman county, heretofore considered dry, voted a substantial majority for the repeal of the 18th amendment last Friday in the special election.

Voters in this county gave varying majorities to the three wet plans on the ticket. E. Fred Pickett, candidate for the repeal forces, won over Mrs. Elva Bryant, dry, by 118 votes. The repeal of the 18th amendment won by 65 and the vote on the repeal of the state liquor laws gave a majority of 83 to the wets.

Total votes on this question were Pickett, 354, Bryant, 236; National repeal, 368; national retention, 303; State repeal 381; State retention 298.

Precinct giving a majority to the dry forces were: Monland, by a decided lead, Rutledge where Mrs. Bryant won and Kent which gave Mrs. Bryant the majority but voted even on repeal.

Except for the repeal measures few measures carried the county. The amendment to the state constitution that would curtail the length of time in which veterans may borrow from the state carried by a mere 85 votes. It lost in the state. It was designed to stop the cash payments of the veterans and reduce for loans, but voters evidently thought otherwise.

The bill to levy a tax on oleo-margarine carried in the county only to be defeated in the state. Every precinct except Rufus, Moro and Wasco gave the bill a majority although a small one. The county vote was 366 for and 298 against.

The sales tax went down to ignominious defeat in the county as well as in the state. The defeat of this measure has been a foregone conclusion for several weeks and it did not carry a single county. The vote in this county gave 480 against and 190 for, giving a majority of 290 against the new tax scheme. It did not carry a precinct. Erskine gave it a 22 to 20 vote which was closest.

The county manager plan has the distinction of receiving the poorest vote of any of the measures. It was defeated by a vote of 149 to 446 or by a majority of 297. The state also defeated the measure so no county will have the privilege of trying the scheme.

The grand jury amendment, which would have allowed prosecution by information instead of by indictment by a grand jury, failed of passage by a large vote, being beaten by 219 votes. The same fate was given the power bond bill although the vote was closer 201 voting for the bonds and 345 against.

The bill to make a two-thirds vote necessary before more bonds could be issued by a municipal corporation failed in the state and in the county. The vote was 256 for such limitation and 289 against.

There was a very fair vote out considering the time of year and the general lack of interest as displayed before the election. The county cast a vote of slightly over 50 per cent.

Martin Redding, examiner for prospective automobile drivers, will be in Moro August 2nd, at the court house. His hours will be from ten to five.

BARGE SHIPMENT OF WHEAT OFFERED FARMERS NOW

Completion of Celilo Canal Repairs Will Be Signal For Start

Developments in the plans of the Columbia Boat and Barge Company line within the past week have brought the realization of upper river boat service closer than it has been at any time for the last thirty years.

This company, which has been working on a system of tow-boat and barge transportation for the upper river for several months, has reached the stage of leasing loading sites at strategic points along the Columbia and is now ready to receive grain for barge shipment. Men are already hired to take charge of the wheat as it is received.

Actual shipment of the wheat will begin as soon as the break in the Celilo canal is repaired, and as the water in the river and canal is falling rapidly, that work may be finished in three weeks. The company has been working steadily since the break occurred to have it repaired and the fact that plans were made to use the upper river this year has been a decisive factor in getting the government to work on it speedily.

The company's supervisor in this district, L. R. French, has leased water frontage near the ferry landing at Grants for the storage of wheat. Other stations are under lease at Quintin, Arlington and Roosevelt.

Clarence Lindeman, an experienced warehouse man, will have charge of the wheat as it is stored. No charge will be made for the storage, the company's representatives state, as the only expense to the wheat growers will be the \$1.60 per ton charged for barging to Portland terminals. This is a little less than five cents per bushel.

Detailed information about the plans of the new boat and barge company may be had from the offices of J. C. McKean, at Moro, and from R. H. McKean at Wasco.

R. A. C. C. Loans Under \$250,000

Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation loans in this county for the production of the 1933 crop now total \$236,508.20. These loans have been made to 95 farmers a large part of whom live in the north end of the county. The recent rise in the price of wheat caused a flurry of selling among those who held their 1932 crop and a part of these loans have already been liquidated it is said.

Board of Equalization Meeting

Notice: There will be a meeting of the County Board of Equalization of Sherman County, Oregon, at the Court House on the second Monday in August, that being the 14th day of August, 1933, at Moro, Oregon, to publicly examine the Assessment Rolls, correct all errors in valuation, description of lands or other property assessed by me, and it shall be the duty of persons interested to appear at the time and place appointed. All petitions must be made in writing and verified by the oath of the applicant and filed with the Board within fifteen days from the time it is by law required to meet. 7-21-8-11 Margaret W. Peetz, County Assessor.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 26

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
JULY 20	85	56	.00
" 21	81	51	.00
" 22	87	48	.00
" 23	97	53	.00
" 24	96	64	.00
" 25	92	59	.00
" 26	90	54	.00
Total for week			.00

Drivers License Must Be Procured Next Month

Unless early action is taken, fully two thirds of the automobile drivers in this vicinity will be subject to arrest on the morning of September 1st for failure to obtain their new drivers licenses, according to information just received by this newspaper from Hal E. Hoss, Secretary of State. An official estimate discloses that barely one third of the drivers in this section are equipped with proper drivers' licenses.

Police officials state that no motorists will be granted a strict enforcement of the law will be observed in their check on all operators. With the "deadline" barely four weeks away, all persons still carrying cards issued before July 1, 1931 should obtain new cards at the first opportunity, Secretary of State Hoss warned.

Renewal permits are being granted without examination to all operators previously licensed in Oregon who are now under the age of 70, those with clean accident records and those without physical defects. All applications must be made on regular forms supplied by the Secretary of State and must be signed in the presence of a notary public, or other person authorized to administer oaths. Examiners will perform notarial duties for all applicants with out charge, it was pointed out.

Boy Scouts At Camp Learn To Swim

Several Sherman county boy scouts have been spending a vacation at the camp. David and Henry R. Cheldefer, Stephen O'Brien and Frank Sayrs won their swimming trials and are now real swimmers. Douglas Tuel and Carl Peetz were advanced to the first class of swimmers. Sixty one scouts were in camp last week.

Branch Bank Petition Being Circulated

Petitions asking that a branch bank be established in Sherman county are being circulated in every town and hamlet this week as a result of the Commercial Club meeting of last week. The petitions do not set forth the economic reasons why the county should be served with a bank but they will be accompanied by detailed information regarding the county's resources. Later a group of citizens will be selected to deliver the petitions and to make a strong appeal for banking facilities here.

Newspaper Files of Years Ago Tell of Early Day Happenings

From the Observer August 2, 1934.

H. S. McDaniel has accepted the deputy clerkship in Sherman county and while he is slightly underweight we predict that he and county clerk S. S. Hayes will get on well together.

Last week a four horse team belonging to J. W. VanWinkle of Grass Valley ran away near Goldendale. One horse was killed, one had a broken leg, one was lost and the driver suffered a broken leg in the melee.

D. E. Vintin filed notice of intention to prove up on a homestead soon before county clerk Hayes.

The water carriers of Moro will soon be out of luck as a supply of naphtha arrived for the pumping plant this week.

From the Observer, July 29, 1904. E. V. Littlefield writing from McMinnville reports that he will be in Moro this week to engage in the practice of law.

Brick is arriving from Wasco again and brick layers are busy putting up the Goffin building.

After arrival of the train each Thursday fresh fish will be on sale at the Cochran market.

L. L. Peetz will start his new Holt

COUNTY WHEAT CROP EXCEEDING ESTIMATES

Wheat Around Wasco Making Up To 35 Bu. To Acre

TEST WEIGHTS ARE 57 TO 60

Nearly Every Field Better Than Expected Month Ago

Sherman county has been getting along for so many years with sub normal crops that farmers apparently failed to recognize a reasonably good crop when it did arrive. From early returns of the threshing it appears that the 1933 wheat crop of the county will be better than any since 1928.

Harvesting of wheat has been going on within the county for several days, but it has not become general. Next week will see a majority of the machines at work in the north end of the county and even in the south end many farmers will be ready for threshing.

Yields have almost invariably been better than was expected before cutting began. Fields that were estimated at seven to eight sacks are turning out from ten to twelve sacks. One field near Wasco has been finished. The total yield was over eight sacks and without one piece the yield was ten sacks.

The Thornberry place below Wasco is reported to be making better than twelve sacks per acre and the test weight is 59 pounds. As a usual thing the test weights are much better than last year when 53 and 55 were common weights. A. C. Thompson, east of Moro, brought in some wheat that tested 60 pounds, which is considered excellent weight for Federation wheat.

Some of the wheat between Wasco and Rufus and also west of Wasco is reported to be making fifteen and sixteen sacks per acre although unfinished.

Anyway, enough wheat has been threshed of this years crop to make everyone optimistic over the prospects of a yield. The color of the wheat has improved within the past week or ten days and field after field is ripening with the dark brown tinge that indicates a good crop for

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combine on the home place Saturday. Louie has one of the best crops in the county this year, just the thing for a new combine.

J. W. Messenger has brought samples of some of the wheat raised at his farm this year. It is Minnesota Red, is six feet high and has a head several inches longer than bluestem, which it resembles.

From the Observer July 31, 1914.

A resume of the Sherman county school situation states that the indebtedness of all school districts in the county was \$15,278, of which \$6,416 was warrants. Last year there were 90 pupils in grades above the eighth.

Fire on the Deschutes river back of the Todd and Hansel farms destroyed over 2000 acres of grass. Many went from Moro to fight the flames.

County Superintendent Fagan announces that Misses Mary Elliot and Nellie Wheatly will be granted certificates to teach as they passed the recent examination.

Berries are \$1.75 per crate delivered in Moro.

G. W. Hansel has purchased the McDaniel homestead making him a farm of 760 acres.