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SCHOOLS WILL OPEN SEPTEMBER 11TH

All Town Schools But Grass Valley Have Agreed

FAIRVIEW ELECTS A TEACHER

Last Minute Changes Necessary In Two Schools

The opening date for schools in Sherman county is still somewhat a mystery. Four of the town schools have agreed to open the same day and September 11th has been set as that date. Grass Valley directors will know today whether they will co-operate with the other districts or whether they will adhere to their original agreement and wait until the 18th to call the children together.

None of the country schools have signified their opening date to the county school superintendent although Erskine district has written into its contract that school must begin the same day as does the Moro schools. It is presumed that a majority of them will begin the same time as the town schools.

Wasco has lost one teacher, Miss Elma Proffitt, high school English teacher, having accepted a contract to teach at Prosser, Washington. Several applicants are being interviewed so that an experienced teacher may be elected in time for the opening of school.

Fairview has elected a Miss Ethel Brown from Hermiston after a summer of waiting. The resignation of Mrs. Glenna Hansen from the Harmony district will make it necessary for that district to hire another instructor within a short time.

Mrs. Fred Pickett is in Seattle for a few days for a visit with her parents and to return her daughter, Patty, home before school starts.

Umatilla Land So Good No One Lives On It Anymore

"This is some of the best wheat land in the whole country right here" said Mr. Stephens as we climbed up on to the bench land from the railroad station of Havana.

"Where do the farmers live?" I inquired.

"Pendleton, Portland, California. Here's three or four sections owned by one man. All the farms are big."

And that is the most striking thing about the famous reservation country east of Pendleton. Broad, level acres that produce from forty to fifty bushels of wheat every crop year in fields so large the eye can barely see the opposite side, all farmed by one operator, managed by one man, many of them without a permanent resident are the peculiarity of the best wheat country in Oregon.

Later we drove over Cabbage hill, now called Emigrant hill since the lowly cabbage was deemed too plebeian a vegetable to give its name to so noble a hill—and stopped to view the checkerboard of wheat and fallow that is peculiar to the western wheat country.

But what we went to see was the Federal Field Station under the direction of George Mitchell with Foster Martin as assistant. It has been in operation but three years, but has already demonstrated that a Umatilla county wheat ranch can be made a very pleasant place to live if some one would only try it. Trees, planted since the station was begun already give excellent shade, water may be had in abundance. Things grow in that soil if given attention.

Mr. Mitchell's special field of endeavor is in developing crop rotations that will make the ground yield more

W. F. Jackson Favored For Land Office Post

According to news reports Thursday W. F. Jackson, of Moro, was recommended by Representative Walter M. Pierce and state chairman Carl Donough for the position of registrar of The Dalles land office. Mr. Jackson has been one of several candidates for this office since the death of R. J. Carsner several months ago.

The recommendation has been a resident of Sherman county for over thirty years, has been engaged in farming and has for several years been retired from active farming. He has served in four sessions of the Oregon legislature and was a candidate for senator at the last election. The recommendation is considered almost equal to appointment.

Twelve Thousand Fish Planted In John Day

Twelve thousand fish were liberated in the John Day river Tuesday evening by representatives of the state fish commission and H. S. Wall who directed them to the river. The fish were bass, catfish and crappies caught in the sloughs of the lower Columbia and brought here by the commission. They were from one to twelve inches long. Cottonwood bridge was the point where they were turned loose.

Elmer Hansen Transferred To Goldendale

Elmer Hansen has been transferred to Goldendale by the Pacific Light & Power company and will take up his new duties there on Friday, September 7. Between now and that time Mr. Hansen will be busy getting located in his new home. Mrs. Hansen, who has been teaching the Harmony school for several years will resign her position there and accompany her husband to Goldendale. Elmer will be line foreman in his new post and will be in charge of the lines of the company in the Goldendale district under the general supervision of Homer Beale, formerly of the Moro office.

FARMERS PROGRESSING WITH AAA ORGANIZATION

158,666 Acres Already Under New Government Act

OFFICERS ARE BEING ELECTED

First County Meeting Will Be Held In First September Week

With six of the community meetings for organization under the new agricultural adjustment act held in this county 158,666 acres of the county's total of 261,000 tillable acres have been brought under the operation of the new ruling. One hundred ninety eight farmers and land owners have signed the applications for contracts that show their willingness to co-operate with the government in an effort to reduce the amount of wheat raised.

This week meetings have been held at Kent where 14,850 acres of 1933 wheat land was signed showing that twice that number of acres will be under the act. Luther J. Davis was elected there as member of the county board of directors and Corliss B. Andrews and Wilbur Haggerty were elected as the other members of the community committee.

In the meeting at Harlandview grange hall Monday night 14,280 acres of wheat land producing a crop in 1933 were signed and Albert C. Kruger was elected as a member of the county board. O. L. Belshe and S. A. Hall were named as the community committeemen from that district.

Wasco district in a meeting Wednesday night elected Harry B. Pinkerton as their director on the county board and named C. M. Kuypers and David Reid as members of the community committee for that district. The Wasco meeting was the largest in point of attendance of any held so far in this district of four counties and produced the largest number of signers with the largest acreage of any of the meetings.

So far the records show that the communities in this county have signed 1933 wheat acreage as follows. In the first column is the name of the district, in the second the number of signers and in the third column is the number of acres in 1933 wheat.

Klondike	18	8,850
Moro	25	9,665
Locust Grove	27	12,192
Kent	34	14,850
Harlandview	36	14,280
Wasco	58	19,496
Total acreage		79,333

As farmers only sign for their acreage in wheat this year the total land brought under the agreement can be found by multiplying by two to account for the summerfallow. This makes the 158,666 acres.

The meetings of the past week have all been held by Perry N. Johnston assistant to C. W. Smith in handling the four counties of Morrow, Gilliam, Wheeler and Sherman, and D. E. Stephens, superintendent of the experiment station at Moro who is helping the extension service explain the plan in this county.

An office has been opened at the court house on the second floor and Miss Marjorie Kunsman is there throughout the day to explain details of the plan and to help farmers in determining what district their land is in and the methods of procedure. Several districts in the county have hired some one to take the records of wheat sales and storage off the the books of warehouse companies and this work will be finished in a few days. E. H. White is working at this at Wasco and Miss Opal Powell is getting the records for the Moro district.

The percentage of reduction has been set at 15 percent by the acre-

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Other Firms Sign N R A Agreement

Although Moro firms were slow in aligning themselves with the N.R.A. during the past week they have almost unanimously taken the vows that make them a part of the administration recovery program and the suddenly famous blue eagle decorates practically every merchant's window in the town.

The list at the postoffice as given by postmaster Boushill is as follows: Fred Pickett, Motor Co., Sherman County Journal, L. R. Conlee, grocer; May & Son, grocers; Moro Pharmacy, Main Street Barber Shop, Joe Truitt, Farmer's Elevator Co., McKean & Searcy, gasoline; Ginn Coleman & Co., hardware; Moro Hardware Co., Vernon Platt, woodcutting; J. C. Freeman, dry goods; Moro Meat Market, Foss and Co., garage; Bucholtz confectionery; C. W. Templeton, hotel; Moro confectionery, W. A. Ruggles; C. V. Belknap, barber.

OVER A HUNDRED SIGN FOR UN-EMPLOYMENT WORK

Victor D Carlson Finds Response Good In County

Victor D. Carlson of the United States Department of Labor made his first registration of the unemployed of the county last Monday when he visited all three towns for the purpose of meeting with those out of a job. Mr. Carlson is making a survey so that he will be able in his capacity as job hunter for the unemployed to provide the labor necessary to resurface the Columbia river highway from John Day river to Dinty's. The work is expected to begin within ten days or two weeks and the men will be chosen from this county as far as possible according to Mr. Carlson. Eighty men are to be hired.

Wages will be 55 cents per hour for common labor and 65 cents per hour for those able to do jobs requiring more ability or experience. Thirty hours per week will be the maximum allowed.

Thirty five were registered at Wasco, 28 at Moro and at Grass Valley it is estimated that there will be fifty although all were not registered because of a lack of blank forms.

The county committee handling the work is comprised of George Wilcox, chairman, of Grass Valley; Mrs. B. E. Halley, of Wasco; and J. C. Freeman, of Moro.

Ex-Soldiers Reunited By Chance

One night in the Argonne four tired and weary men were carrying a wounded comrade back from the front lines. The wounded one had lost both legs, but he was heavy to the others for they had been some time without food or rest. The wounded one complained that his legs were heavy and tired and he wanted to rest them. The party parted at the receiving station not to meet again in that war.

Last week one of the men who was working for Carl Everett dropped into the Bank of Commerce to talk over old times with another of them and Roy Bozarth met Estes Morton again after fifteen years. Bozarth brought news of the wounded comrade, now living in Canada legless, but alive.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING AUG. 30

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
AUG 24	92	57	.00
" 25	82	50	.00
" 26	83	45	.00
" 27	90	52	.00
" 28	87	49	.00
" 29	65	49	.02
" 30	64	45	.00
Total for week			.02

CLUB CHILDREN SHOW EXHIBITS AT ANNUAL FAIR

Varied Projects Carried To Success By Club Workers

W. WRAY LAWRENCE JUDGES

Housing of Fair Problem at Wrecked Fair Grounds

With the wind blowing with the fervor it often reserves for club fairs around the animal exhibits and over those put inside the buildings the annual children's fair was held at the fair grounds Monday. The early date was made necessary because the state fair date has been advanced.

A total of 128 exhibits were brought in by the club children of the county, 61 of which were live stock exhibits. The remainder were cooking, sewing and miscellaneous.

W. Wray Lawrence, county agent of Wasco county judged the live stock and the other exhibits were judged by Miss Helen Cowgill of the state college.

Through the results of the fair Misses Dorothy Fraser and Mary Pinkerton will go to the state fair as a canning demonstration team and as judging contestants in the Home Economics class. Misses Lavon Sayrs and Jean Powell will go to put on a cooking exhibition. Miss Sayrs will also enter the contest for the best dollar dinner. She prepared one on club day at which Miss Cowgill and guest and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence were diners.

The three Frase boys, Tommy, Gordon and Paul, will have many duties at the fair being entered in the crop judging contest, the live stock judging contest, the poultry judging contest and the crop demonstration contest. Those who are to attend the state fair will leave Sunday in order to be at the grounds on Monday morning.

The pleasure of the fair was badly marred by the windy weather and the lack of repair of the fair grounds. Because the water system was out of order that necessity was lacking for cleaning purposes and cleaning was badly needed as practically all the windows have been broken out of the building and the dust has blown for several months.

Prize winners in the several different contests were:

Garden: Helen Strong 1st; Tommy Fraser 2nd.
Potatoes: Lawrence Kenny 1st; Billy McNeal 2nd.

Wheat: Gordon Fraser 1st; Paul Fraser 2nd; Tommy Fraser 3rd.
Marketing: Tommy Fraser 1st.
Home Beautification: Frank von Borstel 1st.

Colt: Paul Fraser 1st; Tommy Fraser 2nd; Dorothy Fraser 3rd.
Calf: Helen Strong 1st; Tommy Fraser 2nd; Gordon Fraser 3rd.

Calf 2: Billy Alsup 1st; Robert King 2nd; Paul Fraser 3rd; Tommy Fraser 4rd; Frank Sayrs 5th.
Calf 3: Wayne Thompson 1st; Gordon Fraser 2nd; Paul Fraser 3rd; Robert Eaton 4th; Tommy Fraser 5th.
Calf 4: Robert King 1st; Paul Fraser 2nd; Gordon Fraser 3rd; Tommy Fraser 4th.

Calf 5: Robert King 1st.
Colt 1: Robert King 1st.
Pig 1: Robert King 1st.
Pig 2: Robert King 1st.
Pig 3: Robert King 1st; Kelly Tiller 2nd; Billy Alsup 3rd; Lawrence Kenny 4th.

Sheep 1: Donald von Borstel 1st; Robert Eaton 2nd; Robert King 3rd; Kelly Tiller 4th; Gordon Thompson 5th.

Sheep 2: Myrtle Helyer 1st; Max Barzee 2nd.
Sheep 3: Robert King 1st; Kelly Tiller 2nd.

Poultry 1: Gordon Fraser 1st; Tom-

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H. N. Stephens Now Assistant To Coppock

H. M. Stephens, formerly of The First National Bank of The Dalles, has been appointed as assistant to R. H. Coppock, liquidator of the Moro State Bank. Mr. Stephens started his duties last Friday.

The visit of A. A. Schramm, state bank examiner, last week caused the change for at that time the necessity of having a man here permanently was brought to his attention and as Mr. Coppock must spend a considerable of his time in Hood River where he is in charge of the Butler Bros. bank, Mr. Stephens was named to help him.

The new assistant will be in the bank all of the time and will be available to farmers having business to transact.

Sherman Countians Going To Insurance Convention

Three Sherman County agents of the Edgar W. Smith Agency of Oregon Mutual Life Insurance Company will be guests of the company at a business meeting to be held in Walla Walla, September 3 and 4. Mrs. B. Estelle Halley of Wasco, Harry Ragsdale of Moro, and A. A. Dunlap of Kent, all produced sufficient business to be included among the 50 agents from points throughout the Inland Empire who qualified for the trip as the result of their diligence during the Harvest Campaign which ended August 31.

Mrs. Halley made an outstanding showing in the Campaign. Although she only recently entered the life insurance business she early developed into one of the leading writers of the entire agency.

Officials of the company, the Home Office of which is in Portland, will be in attendance at the meeting, in addition to Edgar W. Smith, General Agent.

State Fair Admission Reduced To Two-Bits

The lowest admission price in history will be offered patrons at the State Fair opening on Labor Day. The reduction is from 50 to 25 cents, and the price will prevail for both the day and night.

Along with the reduced admission charge is the announcement of a "no pass" policy. And an appropriate slogan for the 1933 Fair might be

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NEARLY MILLION BUS. WHEAT NOW HAULED

Warehouses Half Full of Old; Jam- med With New

HAULING HALF DONE; ESTIMATE

Some Wheat Being Piled On Farms For Time Being

Wheat hauling is nearing the half done point in the north end of the county with 476,699 bushels in the houses last Friday night. This indicates a better crop than last year although the hauling appears to be a little slower this season probably because the harvest is later than usual.

In the Moro district, which includes warehouses and elevators from Hay Canyon to Erskine, the hauling is just getting nicely under way. There was a lot of wheat still in the elevator which made bulk hauling less than normal because there was no place to put it. Sack hauling is now going on at a rapid rate.

Around Grass Valley there has been a small amount of hauling done. Nearly all have started but a small part of the total crop is in the houses so far. At Grass Valley about 3000 sacks are coming in daily to which must be added quite a bit of bulk wheat.

Figures provided by the managers of the three districts into which the warehouses of the county are now divided show the following amounts of wheat in the county's elevators and warehouses:

district:	
Miller	115,133
Biggs	30,100
Rufus	43,500
Wasco	167,523
Klondike	120,433
Hay Canyon	79,059
Nish	11,669
DeMoss	15,439
Moro	109,877
Erskine	39,497
Grass Valley	105,400
Bourbon	16,267
Kent	64,500
Wilcox	19,000
Total	927,377

Thus nearly a million bushels of

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Newspaper Files of Years Ago Tell of Early Day Happenings

From the Observer September 6, 1894

At last the vexed question is settled: The ORN depot will remain at Grant and so will the Portland Milling and Distilling company. The flouring mill of the above company is now in operation and the distillery is expected to be in operation within 60 days.

Mr. John M. Parry is here to visit his son Harry and H. A. Page. He comes from Falls City.

That wool is a great factor in the resources of the northwest is shown by the fact that this year's clip estimated at the low price of six cents is worth \$1,080,000.

The finest peaches we have seen this year came from Mr. Harris' Free Bridge farm on the DesChutes river.

From the Observer September 2, 1904

E. V. Littlefield will soon have his law office in good condition. Judge Meader is doing the work.

The wheat crop in the Moro vicinity and Hay Canyon so far as we have information is averaging first rate with very little smut. This week Moro buyers are paying 66 and 67 cents.

Miss Orr, whose home has been Powell.

in Sherman county from girlhood, is leaving here this week and will hereafter be identified with Portland as a teacher in the public schools.

Telegrams tell of a wreck of another devil wagon and more deaths chargeable to recklessness of the fool Barney Oldfield in a St. Louis race last week.

Geo. A. Young has sold his 7000 acre sheep ranch to E. W. McLennon, consideration \$75,000. Included in the sale were 60,000 sheep and 100 cattle.

From the Observer September 4, 1914

Wm. Oehman was a visitor at the H. H. Brackett farm home, bringing Mr. Brackett Sr. up from Rufus in his new Case car. Mr. Oehman last week drove from Portland over the Barlow road in nine hours.

O. L. Belshe and family are touring Wallawa county in their new Cadillac car.

R. D. Jackson has purchased the J. M. Axtell residence at the corner of First and Court streets.

Henry Schadewitz was in town Monday from Kent well pleased with his harvest which he just finished.

Ben Tomlin has recovered from his foot injury and is working for Wm. Powell.