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THREE HIGH SCHOOLS OPEN; ENROLL 110

Grade Schools Larger Than Boards Expected

WASCO HAS MOST WITH 77

Another Grade Teacher May Be Hired In Moro

School has started for 303 children in the three towns of Rufus, Wasco and Moro. Of these towns Wasco has the largest registration with 77 in the grade school and 44 in the high school. This is an increase of five in the grades over the registration on the first day of last year.

Moro had 108 pupils on hand for the first day there being 65 in the grade school and 43 in the high school. This is an increase of 12 over the first day of last year. A large part of them are in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades which were to have been presided over by one teacher. A larger entering class than expected has further complicated matters and it is thought that the board may consent to hiring another teacher for the grades. If this is done a teacher will be selected who is capable of teaching music to the high school in addition to teaching the fifth and sixth grades.

Rufus children returned to a school house completely refurnished during the summer. The janitor, Mr. Simmons, was retained for the summer months and he has varnished and polished the entire building until it shines like a harvest apple.

The Grass Valley school will begin the 18th. Instead of having two teachers in high school as was contemplated last spring the board re-

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Mildrad Ginn Writes From Far Off India To Parents Here

Thevally, Quilon, August 3, 1933

Dearest family:
Am beginning my letter early this week; have a little time now and the days since I last wrote (Sunday I believe) have been so full that it seems like more than a week since I wrote to you.

Monday was a day I shall never forget; it held a painful shock and a pleasant surprise by turn. The shock came first and made me realize what a weak hearted baby I am and that India is still India! Monday morning while Rachel was helping me dress a sore finger of Marie's. She and Marie were talking about the body of a baby Philomena had found. My mind was busy with other things and it didn't make much of an impression at the time. Later I sat down to study and a funeral dirge started up at the Catholic church across the way. I looked out to see the procession and was reminded of the conversation I had heard between Marie and Rachel so went to question them further. Rachel said it was in the water; I thought surely she must be mistaken so she said she would show me and I went to see! Well, I saw and have been seeing it every time I close my eyes or let my mind drift for a bit. The body of a newly born baby, terribly bloated by the water and greyish white in color. Where it had drifted from no one knew of course but the water had carried it in to the shore on our compound. Well, I didn't know what to do but I couldn't leave the body there, that was certain. Cherian (the cook, was sick in his room so I went down to talk to him and he advised me to send word to the police as it could not be buried without instruction from them. George had started my breakfast but I sent him off with a letter to the police inspector and finished preparing the meal but I can-

Discing Recommended For Contracted Acreage

There is some discussion about the best means of handling ground taken from production of wheat. Those who at first intended to sow crested wheat grass have become less enthusiastic about it since it was stated that land sown to permanent grass will not be considered as wheat land if the domestic allotment plan continues for another period after 1935.

Mr. Stephens, of the experiment station, has suggested that if possible farmers should designate the land they intend to leave out of production for the 1935 crop as well as that not to be seeded for a 1934 crop. This is for the reason that it may be advisable to disc the land next year instead of plow it if two year summer-fallow is to be made on this land. Discing, Mr. Stephens explains, will cause less erosion than will plowing. If land was plowed twice without cropping, especially hilly land, it might wash badly in case of rains.

Picture Shows Return To County Towns

Picture shows have become frequent in this county again. A show was given here Wednesday night and plans for regular shows are under way. A. S. Kohlsted, manager of the Hood River theatre, who also has a portable outfit with which he has been giving entertainment at the CCC camps throughout this area, was in Grass Valley Wednesday night and in Moro Thursday night. Mr. Kohlsted is going to bring shows to Sherman county towns each week.

His equipment consists of sound machines of a modern type, a loud speaker capable of attracting attention the length of the city. It is the latest R. C. A. Victor phonograph and he claims his loud speaking device to be the largest on the coast.

Mr. Kohlsted is confident that he has pictures and equipment that will attract audiences if only given a trial. A short dance will follow each show.

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STATION WHEAT YIELDS SHOW 21.7 BU. TOP

Hard Federation Selection High In Spring Wheat Yield

SMUT PROBLEM SERIOUS ONE

Turkey Wheats Lead In Winter Wheat Group

The job of cutting and threshing is over at the station and the little paper sacks of wheat have been weighed and the yield has been computed on an acre basis making it possible to compare the crop this year with that of other years.

Of the winter wheats grown on the station this year a turkey wheat, Cheyenne was the highest yielder with 20.4 bushels per acre. Kaarkoff was second with 20.2. Two other turkey wheats, a native variety and Oro followed with 20 even and Hybrid made the same bushelage. These wheats all had a 70 percent stand and were sown on the 11th of January after the effects of the first freeze were known.

Of the spring wheats, a selection of Hard Federation gave the best yield with 21.7 bushels per acre. Bant Federation crossed gave 20.6 bushels Onas 20.4 and Hard Federation and Fe deration made an even 20 bushels to get in the first five wheats from yield point of view.

The yields show that the spring wheats made about the same return as the winter wheats sown after the freeze. No check has been made in the county so far to learn what yields the farmers received who sowed winter wheat during the clear weather in January.

Usually it is the turkey wheats that give the best test weights, but this year the Hard Federation Selection 31, tested higher than any of the others with a even 60 pounds per bushel. The winter wheats sown in January tested between 53 and 57 pounds. This high yield and high test weight makes this selection of Hard Federation look like it might have possibilities for those who like to sow spring wheat.

Fall sown winter wheats that lived through the freeze show better tests than those sown in January.

Reports on the 1932-33 crop from the Portland graders give the smut percentage as 34.2. That is 34.2 percent of the wheat received there had smut in it. A smaller amount of the cars of wheat tested showed enough smut to be docked.

Tests conducted throughout the northwest for smut on wheat gave results that vary in a marked degree. Because of the fact of different types of smut are prevalent in different districts some wheats smutted badly at some stations and were comparatively free of smut at other stations. Ridit has been almost universal; free of smut heretofore, but smutted badly this year in one place. Oro, a locally developed wheat, and Turkey 1558A were among the best wheats in the smut tests.

Executive Committeemen Meet Wednesday Night

A meeting of the executive committee of the Moro Commercial Club was held Wednesday evening to discuss measures to be taken regarding a bank in this county. Portland bank officials were contacted several weeks ago, but the matter has been allowed to lapse since that time. The general opinion was that continued efforts should be made by every one in the county to interest the bank, erg, who may not be acquainted with the county's resources, to come to the county and see the need for and opportunities of a bank in this county.

Legionnaires Meeting Changed To Friday

Attention: Legionnaires. The county wide meeting scheduled for Monday evening September 18 at Moro has been reset for Friday evening September 15.

This has been done to make it possible for Legionnaires to attend who will be busy with other affairs on the other nights proposed.

The meeting has been called to see if it is not possible to rehabilitate the region in this county. This year there were no posts having the required number of members. This is situation that cannot be allowed to continue and therefore a general meeting of Sherman county Legionnaires is desired to propose ways and means of remedying the situation. It is also hoped that after this meeting has dropped back into history attendants may truthfully say, "A good time was had by all."

County Officials Going To Portland

Judge George Pottier, Commissioner Dunlap, Relief head George Wilcox and Engineer Wall will arise in the chilly morning air Saturday and head themselves to Portland to confer with the highway commission regarding road matters. The court members hope to impress upon the commission the need for Sherman county road work and Engineer Wall will go along to furnish the statistical evidence. Relief head Wilcox will explain the need for relief of unemployed in this county as someone has complained that the county is getting too much.

Teachers Institute Scheduled For Oct. 10

The Sherman county teachers institute will be held at the Moro school house on Tuesday October 10. Mr. C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction, will be here to lead the discussions and E. F. Carlton, of the Oregon State Teachers Association, will also be present.

It is probable that another speaker of state wide prominence will be invited to speak to the assembled teachers. Local instructors will be invited to present material of practical value to their comrades in the profession in addition to the outside speakers.

Merle Miller and Ruth Swendel Surprise Friends

Report has it that a marriage license was issued Monday in Vancouver to Miss Ruth Schwendel and Merle Miller. Miss Schwendel, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Schwendel of Wasco and Mr. Miller is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Miller of Moro. The young newly-weds are graduates of their respective high schools within the last few years, and are popular among the young people.

Call For Warrants

Outstanding Warrants No. 21 to 91 inclusive endorsed not paid for lack of funds will be paid by district clerk School District No. 17, Sherman County.

Interest will stop after this date. Dated at Moro, Oregon, this 15th day of September, 1933.

M. E. McKee, Clerk.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING SEPT. 13

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
SEPT. 7	68	42	.00
" 8	72	42	.00
" 9	70	48	.15
" 10	76	42	.00
" 11	74	51	.00
" 12	78	43	.00
" 13	81	46	.00
Total for week			.15

NON-HIGH SCHOOL MEN STAY BY OLD DECISION

Grange Petition Is Heard By Entire Board

PHILOSOPHIES FREELY GIVEN

Lengthy Meeting Lasts Until After Mid Night

The special meeting of the non-high school district board Wednesday night held for the purpose of receiving a petition from the Harlandview grange regarding tuition for pupils desiring to attend school outside the county resolved itself into a philosophical discussion of education. Four hours were spent in which the board members expressed their collective and individual opinions of schools, the grange committee men presented another group of opinions and even the visitors were allowed to give their personal educational philosophies.

Whether these differing theories of the meaning of an education had any bearing on the ultimate action of the board or not is not known. They ranged from the theory that education is an awakened mind to the theory that education is a trained body. Consolidation of some of the high schools of the county was suggested and received ready support—and hearty opposition.

The petition was read by the board secretary, Superintendent Knighten. It was supported by the members of the committee present: Wilford Belshe, Clide Fridley and Cass Adams. It was the contention of the grange, in both the petition and the talks of the representatives, that the board was designed for the purpose of giving the rural high school students the same schooling as town children are able to get. They contended that this was impossible in this county. Children who were adapted to mechanical work and children who wanted to take a complete commercial course were unable to get the studies required in this county at this time and it was the wish of the grange that the board allow them to attend schools elsewhere.

Members of the committee concurred with the theory that as far as possible Sherman county tax money should be spent in the county. They asked only for certain exceptions. The petition asked that children already started in courses outside the county be allowed to continue for one or two years, or until the high schools of the county were improved to meet the demands.

Principal Walker of the Moro high school, explained that county schools while unable to give all the courses desired, gave those courses desired, gave those courses that were asked by a majority of the pupils attending.

At the close of the meeting the non-high school board issued a statement stating its position in the controversy. It follows: The non-high school board has not made a decision that no child could be sent out of the county with tuition paid. The board asked for petitions from parents and none of these cases were considered justifiable. Such petitions were passed upon July 15th as the law states that contracts must be made by that date.

Upon investigation it was found that very little inconvenience in courses of study being pursued by students who were enrolled in high schools outside the county would be experienced by changing their registrations to Sherman county high schools.

"We are therefore of the opinion that the evidence presented in this resolution and by the committee is not of sufficient moment to change the previous action of the board."

A committee from the Klondike

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Sherman Countians Win State Fair Prizes

Sherman county young folks who went to the state fair after winning prizes in the Sherman county club fair were able to bring home some of the prizes even though the competition was strong in the club classes. Miss Lavon Sayre won third in the contest to determine the girl who could cook and serve the best dinner for four on one dollar.

The three Frazer boys, working as a judging team, won third place in crop judging. They also won on wheat Tommy claiming third prize. Paul fourth prize and Gordon fifth prize. Frank von Borstel Jr. won fifth place in the home beautification contest with his exhibit which won first place in the Sherman county fair.

Wasco Festival Plans Advancing

Plans for the Wasco festival go on apace and the program is nearly completed. The festivities will begin with a parade at 1:30, which will end in time for everyone to attend the football game on McPherson field.

September 30 has been definitely decided upon as the date for the festival. All the proceeds will go to the Wasco library, a local institution that does much to increase the enjoyment of life in the community.

Local Men See More Of Loan Plan

Claud J. Thompson and W. H. Ragsdale were in Spokane on business for the local farm loan association. They brought home information about the new arrangement that has been made regarding federal loans and commissioner's loans to farmers.

This has been done to simplify and speed up farm financing. Hereafter the land bank will accept the responsibility of making direct loans to farmers from the northwest's share of the \$200,000,000 fund made available to the land commissioner.

There have been 9782 applications for farm loans up to Sept. 11 which has made it necessary to increase the appraisal force from 20 to 125 so that all farm applicants may be examined by December 1. Farmers wishing to apply for both federal land loans and commissioner's loans may do so with one application.

Patronize Journal Advertisers.

Newspaper Files of Years Ago Tell of Early Day Happenings

From the Observer Sept. 20, 1894.

Referring to the building operations of E. O. McCoy at DesChutes city the Oregonian omits the capital C in DesChutes.

Wheat advanced to 36 cents in Salem recently, but fell with a dull sickening thud. On the same date in 1899 it was 67 cents; in 1891 it was 77 cents and in 1892 it was 63 cents per bushel.

The Moro public school will open Monday October 1 and parents will do the children much good by seeing that they are on time for the opening day.

The 15 horse traction engine and complete threshing outfit ordered by R. J. Ginn for Wm. and J. G. Walker last week arrived promptly and was put to work on the 17th.

From the Observer Sept. 16, 1904.

T. H. Fraser has bought property in Portland and there Christa, Mabel and Tommy have entered school. Mr. F. is much better than when he went below.

N. W. Thompson having graded the ground the C. S. Ry. will build a siding on his farm and the W. W. M. Co. will build a warehouse there which will be a great public convenience.

DEADLINE SET ON ALLOTMENT

Applications Will Not Be Received After Sept. 25

MEETING DATES CHANGED

All Hearings Will Be Held First Of Next Week

FEW COMPLETE FIGURES

Much Work and Thought Necessary To Obtain Past Production

Word came to Miss Marjorie Kunsman, office secretary of the Sherman county Wheat Control Association, Thursday morning that the "deadline" for wheat contracts has been set for September 25. This is just one week from next Monday. Applications will not be received after that date.

Because of this new information the schedule of meetings as announced last week will have to be changed. On Monday, September 18, meetings will be held in Moro and Harlandview at 8 a. m.; Tuesday, September 19, meetings will be held at Grass Valley beginning at 8 a. m.; On Wednesday and Locust Grove beginning at 8 a. m.; On Wednesday September 20, meetings will be held at Wasco and Kent beginning at 8 a. m.

There is always a few cars in front of the court house these days since interest is growing in finding out the amounts of wheat grown by each farmer for the past four years. The figures for 1931 and 1932 were taken from the Farmer's National books and are available to farmers at that office. The books of the Wasco Warehouse and Milling company and the Farmer's Elevator and Supply company are at the office of the Wheat Control Association at the courthouse.

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